April 25, 2017

To: Susan Cochran, Chair
   Academic Senate

From: Jessica Cattelino, Chair
   Graduate Council

Re: Proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls

At its meeting on April 14, 2017, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls. Members would encourage proposers to consider adding an introductory statement to the proposed policy in order to provide more context, as faculty, staff, and students may not be familiar with federal export control laws and regulations or the ways they affect the work of the university. Members would also encourage proposers to communicate how the proposed policy would impact other research areas that are not explicitly identified: currently, the policy is somewhat narrowly focused on science, leaving unclear how forms of research like ethnography (e.g., political or legal anthropology with implications for national security) or other social science and humanities research would be treated under this policy. Members also emphasized the importance of appropriate and transparent administration of the adopted policy given the impact of variable enforcement on faculty and student research activities. Some graduate students have been negatively impacted by existing policy. For example, students have expressed frustration and trouble with the information and guidance provided by local officials with respect to traveling with survey instruments. Therefore, members would urge proposers to work closely with Local Export Control Officers to establish practices and procedures for effective implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

cc: Estrella Arciba, Graduate Council Analyst, Academic Senate
   Linda Mohr, CAO, Academic Senate
April 20, 2017

Susan Cochran
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Re: Systemwide Review: Proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls

Dear Professor Cochran,

Thank you for providing the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) with an opportunity to review the Proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls. CPB members discussed the policy at its meeting on April 10, 2017 and expressed a few concerns.

First, it is necessary to evaluate this new policy together with the Openness in Research policy—not drafted yet— which would allow to determine consequences.

Second, members acknowledge that this policy would place UC in compliance with US law, thus getting institutional protection in case there is a claim. UC is establishing procedure to comport with government measures.

Finally, members also noted their bewilderment at the lack of Senate consultation in the policy’s development phase. It was suggested that systemwide committees such as UCOLASC and UCAC should be consulted, given their greater expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this policy. If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at fchiappelli@dentistry.ucla.edu or via the Council’s analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu or x62470.

Sincerely,

Francesco Chiappelli, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

cc: Leobardo Estrada, Past Chair, Academic Senate
    Elizabeth Feller, Analyst, Council on Planning and Budget
    Sandra Graham, Vice Chair, Academic Senate
    Linda Mohr, Chief Administrative Officer, Academic Senate
    Members of the Council on Planning and Budget
April 24, 2017

To: Susan Cochran  
    Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Ertugrul Taciroglu  
    Chair, Undergraduate Council

Re: Proposed Systemwide Export Control Policy

At its April 21, 2017 meeting, the Undergraduate Council discussed the Proposed Systemwide Policy on Export Controls.

The Council discussed the proposed policy, but it was uncertain as to the purpose of the policy, whose content and largely appears to be already covered by existing federal ITAR and EAR policies. However, as this policy is not explicitly related to undergraduate education, the Undergraduate Council elects not to opine and defers instead to our colleagues on the Council on Research, and the Academic Freedom and Faculty Welfare Committees.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Eric Wells, the Undergraduate Council Analyst (ewells@senate.ucla.edu; x51194).

cc: Eric Wells, Committee Analyst, Academic Senate