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Professor John Oakley  
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**In Re: Proposal to Amend Senate Bylaw 16—Executive Director**

Dear John:

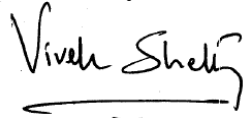
Please extend my gratitude to the faculty and staff who have no doubt given the proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 16 much consideration, planning, and effort. Upon receipt of the request for review, I invited all standing committees of the Academic Senate to opine. Additionally, I specifically requested that our Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction and Executive Board respond. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction found no objections to the proposal, as the Executive Director remained a non-member of the Academic Senate (and held no rights to vote).

The Executive Board was not opposed to the notion of making the Executive Director a non-Senate, non-voting officer of the Senate. However, it is greatly concerned that the Executive Director would ultimately report to the President, not the Chair of the Council. Placing the Senate Executive Director under the authority of the President represents, in the Board's view, an inherent conflict of interest. At a minimum, it places the Executive Director in the unfair position of pleasing two supervisors who at times hold differing priorities—if not diametrically opposed views.

As such, the UCLA Division—through its Executive Board—opposes the Amendment of Senate Bylaw 16 as currently proposed. In order to make the proposal more palatable to the UCLA Division, we would like to see a proposed organizational structure that does not create a conflict of interest for the Executive Director, and which retains Senate supervision over the position.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vivek Shetty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Vivek Shetty  
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Cc: Maria Bertero-Barcelo, Executive Director of the Systemwide Senate  
Jaime R. Balboa, Chief Administrative Officer of the UCLA Academic Senate



# MEMORANDUM

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October 25, 2006

To: Vivek Shetty, Chair  
UCLA Academic Senate

From: Robin Fisher, Chair  
UCLA Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction

Re: Item for Review: Academic Council Subcommittee on the Systemwide Senate Leadership and Office Structure: Bylaw 16 – Executive Director

The Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction reviewed the proposed addition of bylaw 16 at its meeting on October 24, 2006. Being that the appointment of the Academic Senate Executive Director would be a non-voting member, the committee has no objections.

Cc: Jaime Balboa, Chief Administrative Officer, Academic Senate  
Boni Mendez, Senior Analyst, Rules & Jurisdiction