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Mary Croughan
Chair of the Academic Council

In Re: Proposed Amendments to Senate Regulations to Reflect Eligibility Reform

Dear Mary,

As UCLA Academic Senate Chair Michael Goldstein is away from campus for the remainder of the week, the responsibility of responding to your request for review falls to me, as Academic Senate Vice Chair. When Michael received your request to opine, he specifically requested that the Undergraduate Council (UgC), the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS), and the Executive Board review the amendments. All other standing committees of the Senate were invited to opine as they saw fit. All three bodies reviewed the proposals and raised no objections. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that the UCLA Academic Senate supports the proposed revisions. I am attaching the responses from the UgC and CUARS for your information.

Please note that while endorsing the proposal, CUARS stated its concern that eliminating the subject test requirement might negatively impact the admissions process in UCLA's Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science (HSSEAS). The Executive Board, which speaks for the Division, concurred with CUARS that HSSEAS be allowed to continue to recommend that its applicants take the Math II achievement examination. Along with achievement tests in physics and chemistry, this exam has been interpreted as evidence of interest in and preparation for the physical sciences and engineering. Historically, applicants without this exam have been less likely to be admitted, as their records provided insufficient evidence of preparation for engineering curricula.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and opine on this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin L. Garrell".

Robin L. Garrell
Vice Chair
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