

December 7, 2007

Scott Waugh
Acting Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost
UCLA

In Re: UCLA Mission Statement

Dear Scott,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Mission Statement for UCLA, which was prepared as a part of the WASC accreditation process. The Executive Board reviewed the draft at its regular meeting on November 14, 2007. Given the Board's understanding that this statement will be limited to the WASC process, it raised no objections to the proposed language.

Should, however, the statement be proposed to represent the mission of the campus beyond the WASC process, the Board believes the statement, which currently seems to focus on undergraduate education, would also need to recognize the high value of graduate education at UCLA. Additionally, while agreeing with the importance of civic engagement, members of the Board expressed concerns related to the lack of articulation of the value of professional service and service within the university.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Ligon Bjork
Academic Senate Chair

Cc: Maryann Gray, Assistant Provost
Jaime Balboa, Academic Senate CAO