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Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Education Loan Practices

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed for systemwide review are proposed revisions to Presidential Policy on Education Loan Practices.

The federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) issued guidance on § 1026.46(b)(5) Regulation Z clarifying that their supervisory authority extends to school entities when they offer private education loans as defined in section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. 1650. While the regulation's definition of private education loan has included loans, Income Share Agreements, billing plans, and other agreements; the update on CFPB's authority newly acknowledged inclusion of institutions of higher education. As a result, legal counsel recommended that UC's current Education Loan Practices Policy be updated to include programs that provide extension of credit, namely deferred tuition plans. At present, UC has one deferred tuition plan, a pilot program at UC Davis, that meets the definition of a private educational loan.

The purpose of UC's Educational Loan Practices policy is to ensure the protection of students through our systemwide assessment of educational loans. Policy revisions were drafted by legal counsel in consultation with Student Financial Support, Budget Analysis and Planning, and Institutional Advancement. The key issue is the inclusion of Deferred Tuition Plans, plans covered under the existing federal regulation on private education loans and which must conform to federal rules. The inclusion of these plans in the policy ensures the protection of students through a systemwide assessment of educational loans.

Systemwide Review

Systemwide review is a public review distributed to the Chancellors, the Chair of the Academic Council, the Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources requesting that they inform the general University community, especially affected employees, about policy proposals. Systemwide review also includes a mandatory, 90-day full Senate review.

Employees should be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the draft policy. Attached is a Model Communication which may be used to inform non-exclusively represented employees about these

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proposals. Systemwide Labor Relations at the Office of the President is responsible for informing the bargaining units representing union membership about policy proposals.

We would appreciate receiving your comments no later than **January 30, 2026**. Please submit your comments to <u>Shawn.Brick@ucop.edu</u>.If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Brick at <u>Shawn.Brick@ucop.edu</u>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- 1) Draft Presidential Policy on Education Loan Practices (clean copy)
- 2) Draft Presidential Policy on Education Loan Practices (tracked-changes copy)
- 3) Model Communication

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