



## Letter to File

December 19, 2003

**LAWRENCE PITTS, CHAIR  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**Re: Proposed Amendments to SBL 335.b to comply with Whistleblower Policies**

Council Chair Pitts:

In response to Administration's request, the University Committee on Privilege and Tenure (UCP&T) drafted a proposed amendment to Senate Bylaw 335.b governing grievance cases that will enable the University to fulfill its reporting obligations under the Whistleblower Policy and the Whistleblower Protection Policy. To comply with state law, the University adopted these policies last year to deal with "whistleblower" allegations of improper conduct by public agencies and officials, and for protecting whistleblowers from retaliation.

UCFW, UCPB, UCORP, UCAP and the Berkeley, Irvine and Davis Divisions reviewed the proposed amendments. Other than a question raised by the Davis Division about why the Locally Designated Official needs to be distinct from the Committee on Privilege and Tenure, the respondents had no substantive concerns. The Academic Council therefore endorses the proposed amendments to SBL 335.b, and recommends that the Council Chair take them to the Assembly meeting in March, with a request that they be adopted.

Members of the Academic Council