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AIMÉE DORR
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Dear Aimée:

At its meeting on February 27, the Academic Council unanimously endorsed UCFW's enclosed recommendation that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Academic Senate and the Chair of the University Committee on Planning and Budget represent the Senate on the newly reconstituted Executive Budget Committee. As you know, the Senate was represented on previous iterations of the Executive Budget Committee. Given the academic implications of the recent significant changes to UC's budgeting process, Council believes that Senate representation on this committee is critical to shared governance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this request in greater depth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.L. Powell".

Robert L. Powell, Chair
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Cc: Academic Council
Martha Winnacker, Senate Executive Director



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February 14, 2013

**ROBERT POWELL, CHAIR
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RE: Shared Governance and the Executive Budget Committee

Dear Bob,

A relatively new budgeting process for the UC system has resulted from the 'Funding Streams' proposal.¹ This proposal was designed to incentivize campuses by allowing them to keep over 98% of funds that they raise on the campuses and reduce the functions administered from UCOP. The newly-reconstituted Executive Budget Committee, which is comprised of campus Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors of Planning and Budget, now guides the process to determine the budget for the UC Office of the President (UCOP).²

Recently a decision to defund the Health Care Facilitator program had to be reversed and central funding restored after the value of this program became known. UCFW argues that with more inclusive shared governance this situation could have been averted. Academic Senate leaders, through the appropriate Senate committees, could have quickly provided the Executive Budget Committee useful information about the importance of the program and its utilization on the campuses. UCFW believes that the Executive Budget Committee could benefit from input from the Academic Senate on many other issues as well.

The Academic Senate was represented on previous versions of the Executive Budget Committee by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Academic Senate and the Chair of UC Planning and Budget. In the interest of shared governance and improved decision-making, UCFW recommends that membership of these three Academic Senate members on the Executive Budget Committee be restored immediately. UCFW asks that the Academic Council endorse this recommendation to the Provost.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

J. Daniel Hare, UCFW Chair

¹ <http://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/underreview/fundingstreams.systemwidereview.12.21.10.pdf>

² <http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/jul12/f4.pdf> page 3

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