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JOSEPH P. MULLINIX, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
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Re: Electronic Communications Policy (ECP) Update dated June 17, 2005

Dear M.R.C. and Joe:

The Academic Council considered the June 17, 2005 revision of the Electronic Communications Policy Update at its July 27, 2005 meeting, and is satisfied that the chief concerns that were expressed by Council members in their review of the initial draft have been addressed in this revised version. The Academic Council is particularly pleased that the policy has now been designated as a Presidential Policy, which will serve to elevate its prominence within the University community and make computer users aware that UC has a policy governing electronic communications with which they are expected to comply.

The one issue remaining is that of faculty's role in the oversight of campus implementation. Following its review of the initial draft policy, Council recommended in its May 10, 2005 letter that there be a centralized workgroup with Senate representation to monitor the implementation of these policies. Apparently IR&C has no plans to form a new oversight group, but has proposed instead to include faculty representatives in an existing systemwide workgroup comprised of the campus ECP coordinators. The Academic Council finds this to be a reasonable suggestion, and would like to work with you in securing the appointments of several Senate representatives to serve on that workgroup as soon as the policy is implemented.

On behalf of the Academic Council and the ITTP and UCFW committees, I want to express our appreciation of the willingness of the IR&C staff to work with us on developing a policy that we believe will benefit and protect all computer users in the UC community.

Best regards,

George Blumenthal, Chair
Academic Council

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