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July 24, 2026

Paul Williams,
Associate Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer

Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43

Dear Associate Vice President Williams:

As requested, I distributed for systemwide Academic Senate review the proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 (Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management). Four Senate divisions and one systemwide Senate committee ([UCPB](#)) submitted comments. These were discussed at the Academic Council's July 22, 2026 meeting, and the compiled feedback is attached for your reference.

The comments received were generally supportive. Reviewers noted that the revisions clarify policy requirements, align the policy with current Presidential Policy Guidelines and legal requirements, and reflect UC procurement practices.

The main substantive concerns came from the Merced Division's Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication. Their comments largely echoed concerns raised in the Academic Council's [2023 response](#) to BUS-43 about the potential for Small Business First requirements and associated waiver processes to create unnecessary administrative burdens, delay purchases, and limit flexibility when specialized goods or services are available only from particular vendors. The committee noted that libraries may be required to obtain alternative quotes when no comparable publisher exists and expressed concern that procurement decisions could limit a library's discretion to support smaller or innovative scholarly publishers. More broadly, it urged UC to streamline procurement processes and preserve sufficient flexibility to support teaching, research, and public service while maintaining fiscal accountability.

This relatively limited Senate response reflects the timing of the review period, which began at the end of May 2026 when many Senate committees were concluding their work for the academic year. Several divisions informed the systemwide Senate Office that the timeline did not allow them to follow their standard review processes.

The review materials also made it difficult for reviewers to identify the complete set of revisions. The tracked-changes version did not show the full changes incorporated following the 2023 systemwide review. In particular, that version did not display the more substantial 2024–25 revisions concerning supplier diversity and Economic and Community Impact terminology, federal contracting requirements, the Small Business First waiver process, and related procurement provisions described in the cover letter. Instead, the redlines showed only the changes made after the policy was issued on an interim basis in January 2026.

We understand that the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) determined that a cumulative redlining showing all changes since the 2023 review would be overly complicated. Because the earlier revisions had already been incorporated into the interim policy, the PAC limited the tracked-changes document to revisions made since the interim issuance. Although understandable as a practical matter, this approach ultimately restricted the Senate’s ability to evaluate the entire scope and significance of the changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Ahmet Palazoglu
Chair, Academic Council

cc: Academic Council
Associate Director Roots
Senate Division Executive Directors
Senate Executive Director Lin

July 13, 2026

Ahmet Palazoglu
Chair, Academic Council

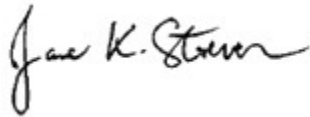
Re: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43

The timing of the request and the deadline to submit feedback on the proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 did not provide sufficient time for the Irvine Division to follow its review practice. To accommodate the feedback deadline, I asked the Cabinet and the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) specifically to review the revisions electronically.

CPB did not observe any significant budgetary or planning implications from the changes, and the Cabinet had no additional feedback. CPB's feedback, which was not substantive and noted that the proposed revisions clarify policy requirements and bring the policy in line with current Presidential Policy Guidelines, UC best practices, and changes in law, is attached for your information.

The Irvine Division appreciates the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Jane Stoever, Chair
Academic Senate, Irvine Division

Cc: Lisa Grant Ludwig, Chair Elect-Secretary
Jisoo Kim, Executive Director
Gina Anzivino, Associate Director

July 2, 2026

JANE STOEVER, CHAIR
ACADEMIC SENATE, IRVINE DIVISION

RE: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43

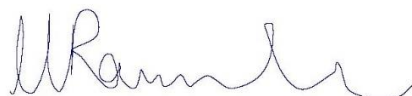
The Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) conducted an electronic review of the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43: Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management.

The proposed revisions clarify policy requirements and bring the policy in line with current Presidential Policy Guidelines, UC best practices, and changes in law.

CPB did not find any significant budgetary or planning implications. The Council was pleased to note that all necessary UC stakeholders have been consulted and have reviewed this current version of the policy including the following: Campus Policy Managers, Procurement Policies and Legal Documents, Chief Procurement Officers from all Locations, Procurement Card Program administrators, Policy Advisory Committee, and UC Legal.

CPB appreciates the opportunity to comment.

On behalf of the Council,



Maria Pantelia, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

CC: Jisoo Kim, Executive Director
Gina Anzivino, Associate Director
Michelle Chen, CPB Analyst





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July 9, 2026

To: Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair, Academic Council

From: Kevin Mitchell, Chair, UC Merced Divisional Council (DivCo)

Re: [Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43-Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management](#)

The proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management, were distributed to the Merced Division Senate Committees and the School Executive Committees for review. Two committees submitted comments. The feedback acknowledged that the proposed revisions are largely technical and non-substantive while identifying opportunities to reduce administrative burden and preserve appropriate flexibility in procurement processes that support the University's teaching, research, and public service missions. Committee comments are summarized below and appended beginning on page 3.

- Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)
- Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (LASC)

CRE found the proposed revisions to be minor and reasonable and expressed no objections to the proposed changes.

LASC likewise did not identify any substantive revisions that would significantly affect library operations. However, the committee reiterated concerns raised during its previous review regarding the administrative burden the policy places on the Library. In particular, LASC highlighted ongoing concerns about the waiver process associated with the Small Business First Program, noting its potential to increase administrative workload, limit the Library's discretion in supporting the scholarly publishing ecosystem, and inadvertently disadvantage smaller, innovative publishers. More broadly, LASC encouraged policies and practices that balance the University's fiscal stewardship responsibilities with its educational, research, and service missions by minimizing unnecessary administrative burdens while preserving appropriate flexibility in procurement processes.

The Divisional Council reviewed the policy revisions and the accompanying committee feedback via email. DivCo supports transmitting the committee comments for consideration by Academic Council and appreciates the thoughtful and constructive review provided by participating committees. The Council encourages continued attention to opportunities for streamlining

procurement processes while maintaining accountability and ensuring that University policies effectively support the diverse operational needs of campuses.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed revisions to this Presidential policy. We appreciate the collaborative consultation process and look forward to continued engagement as the policy is finalized.

Cc: DivCo Members
School Executive Committee Chairs
UCM Senate Office
UCOP Senate Office

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ACADEMIC SENATE, MERCED DIVISION
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS (CRE)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

June 23, 2026

To: Kevin Mitchell, Chair, Divisional Council (DivCo)

From: Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)

Re: [BFB-BUS-43 - Purchases of Goods and Services, Supply Chain Management](#)

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) reviewed the BFB-BUS-43 - Purchases of Goods and Services, Supply Chain Management and finds that the 2026 revisions are minor and reasonable. CRE has no objections to any of the proposed revisions.

We thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

CC: CRE Members
Senate Office

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ACADEMIC SENATE, MERCED DIVISION
COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION (LASC)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

June 29, 2026

To: Kevin Mitchell, Chair, Divisional Council (DivCo)

From: Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (LASC)

Re: [Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43, Purchases of Goods and Services, Supply Chain Management](#)

LASC has reviewed the Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43, Purchases of Goods and Services, Supply Chain Management and offers the following comments.

The proposed revisions do not appear to introduce substantive changes that would significantly affect library operations. However, LASC continues to have several concerns.

First, a concern raised in our previous review remains: the policy places a substantial administrative burden on the Library.

Second, regarding the waiver option associated with the Small Business First Program (SBFP; III, Part 3.C.2), we previously noted that the waiver (1) could contribute to administrative burden by requiring the library to secure quotes from alternative publishers that may not exist and (2) procurement's ability to deny a waiver technically allows them to override a choice made by the library to support key aspects of the research publishing ecosystem, both of which speak to removing the waiver option. We now add a concern that speaks to an important role for the SBFP, i.e. (3) that supporting a diverse publishing ecosystem is important, particularly for the few smaller publishers who may be doing innovative work. The tension between these concerns thus speaks to the need for optimizing the flexibility and burden in purchasing processes.

Thus, third, we encourage policies and practices that appropriately weigh the financial operations of the UC while adopting practices that support the educational, research, and service missions of the university by reducing the administrative burden for staff, faculty, and others employed to implement the education, research, and service missions of the university.

Thank you for the opportunity to opine.

CC: LASC Members
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July 14, 2026

Professor Ahmet Palazoglu
Chair, Academic Senate
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Divisional Review of Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43

Dear Chair Palazoglu,

The proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management was distributed to the San Diego Divisional Committee on Planning and Budget. Senate Council supported CPB's recommendation and had no objections to the proposed updates.

The response from the Divisional Committee on Planning and Budget is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca Jo Plant".

Rebecca Jo Plant
Chair
San Diego Divisional Academic Senate

Attachment

cc: Akos Rona-Tas, Vice Chair, San Diego Divisional Academic Senate
Lori Hullings, Executive Director, San Diego Divisional Academic Senate
Monica Lin, Executive Director, UC Systemwide Academic Senate

June 23, 2026

PROFESSOR REBECCA JO PLANT, Chair
Academic Senate, San Diego Division

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services
Supply Chain Management

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) discussed the Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services Supply Chain Management at its June 16, 2026 meeting. The Committee had no objections to the proposed updates.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver Schmidt, Chair
Committee on Planning and Budget

cc: Sharona Ben-Haim, Vice Chair, Committee on Planning and Budget
Merelyn Ceden, Senate Executive Assistant
Lori Hullings, Senate Executive Director
Akos Rona-Tas, Senate Vice Chair



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June 12, 2026

To: Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair
Academic Senate

From: Rita Raley, Divisional Chair
Academic Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Raley", positioned to the right of the "From:" line.

Re: Proposed Revisions to BRB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management

The Santa Barbara Division will review the Proposed Revisions to BRB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management in fall 2026. By the time the issue was received, the impending summer adjournment left insufficient time for a thoughtful review.

CC: Monica Lin, Executive Director, Systemwide Academic Senate
Shasta Delp, Executive Director
Kelly Rivera, Associate Director



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Chair, Academic Council

RE: Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43

Dear Ahmet,

The University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB) discussed the Proposed Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43. Committee members agreed unanimously that they were in support of the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Robert Brosnan
Chair

cc: UCPB