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March 30, 2026

Deena Shin McRae, MD  
Associate Vice President, Academic Health Sciences

Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical  
Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

Dear Associate Vice President McRae:

As requested, I distributed for systemwide Academic Senate review the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials. Nine Academic Senate divisions and one systemwide Senate committee ([UCORP](#)) submitted comments. These were discussed at the Academic Council's March 25, 2026 meeting, and the compiled feedback is attached for your reference.

In general, reviewers expressed broad support for the proposed revisions. Many noted that they improve clarity, align with existing practices, and strengthen ethical standards. They also made several recommendations for further clarifying and improving the policy, which are summarized below.

**Clarity of Scope, Definitions, and Policy Language:** A primary concern was the need for clearer scope and more precise, internally consistent language. Several reviewers requested explicit confirmation that the policy applies only to human anatomical materials. Reviewers also called for clearer definitions of key terms, including “anatomical materials” (e.g., whether partial organs or post-mortem samples are included) and “acquired specimens,” noting that the expanded definition may unintentionally broaden the policy’s scope. Reviewers also identified ambiguities and inconsistencies, including unclear or potentially contradictory language (e.g., around prohibitions vs. permissions), undefined or removed acronyms (e.g., EH&S), inconsistent terminology (e.g., “End User”), and unclear phrases (e.g., “sufficient assets”). They also requested clarification regarding whether materials obtained from other institutions fall within scope.

**Unclaimed Remains and Ethical Considerations:** Reviewers broadly supported the explicit prohibition on the use of unclaimed human remains

and viewed it as an important ethical safeguard. However, several noted that policy language on this issue is unclear or potentially contradictory and should be revised to clearly state whether such materials are categorically prohibited or conditionally permitted. Reviewers encouraged continued attention to ethical stewardship, including respect for Indigenous remains and repatriation practices.

**Governance, Roles, and Implementation:** Several reviewers requested clarification of roles, responsibilities, and processes, including the authority of the UC Health executive director, requirements and procedures for inter-campus transfers, criteria for becoming an approved “End User” authorized to access and use anatomical materials, and the extent of campus discretion in approving external access to materials. Reviewers also emphasized the importance of preserving campus discretion in granting or denying access to external entities, particularly in cases involving prior compliance concerns.

**Training Requirements:** Reviewers supported the addition of training requirements but emphasized the need for clarity and feasibility. They recommended specifying whether training is required, who must complete it (including students and trainees), and whether it is one-time or recurring.

**Acquisition, Use, and Allocation of Materials:** Reviewers generally supported requirements that anatomical materials be obtained through or coordinated with UC Anatomical Donation Programs and the revised allocation hierarchy prioritizing UC and California public institutions. However, reviewers requested clarification on whether these requirements are mandatory or conditional and noted potential operational impacts, including increased workload.

**Institutional Representation and Applicability:** UC Merced recommended explicitly including campuses without their own Anatomical Donation Programs (e.g., UCM) in relevant policy sections to ensure appropriate representation in governance and program participation.

**Technical and Editorial Revisions:** Finally, other comments focused on technical improvements, including refining definitions, clarifying procedural language, capitalization and terminology, and improving readability in specific sections.

Thank you for the opportunity to opine.

Sincerely,

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Ahmet Palazoglu  
Chair, Academic Council

cc: Academic Council  
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Senate Executive Director Lin



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**Ahmet Palazoglu**  
Chair, Academic Council

**RE:** Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

Dear Ahmet,

The proposed revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials were distributed to all standing committees of the Academic Senate. Four committees responded: Research (COR), and the Faculty Executive Committees of the College of Biological Sciences (CBS), the College of Letters and Science (L&S), and the School of Medicine (SOM).

Committees express no objection to the proposed revisions. However, COR provides a number of comments and suggestions that I hope UCOP will consider to facilitate the policy's clarity, in particular its scope. These include clarifying the following:

- Whether the policy applies to non-human (animal) anatomical materials, or only human anatomical materials (please consider an explicit statement to clarify).
- Whether the policy acts as a set of guidelines or not, either by including a permissibility framework and conditions or stating what is not permitted at the University.
- Ensuring the expanded definition of acquired specimens does not unintentionally broaden the scope of the policy beyond what's intended—one way to do so would be by confirming that anatomical materials include human body parts but not bodily fluids in Section II.
- Requirements and process in Section II's definition of Inter-Campus Transfers (ICT) and the role and authority of the Systemwide Executive Director in practice where applicable.
- Whether Section III's statement that "Anatomical Materials used to support UC teaching and research activities at any UC location may only be obtained from or in coordination with one of the" Anatomical Donation Programs (ADP) is a requirement, preference, or applicable to only certain material types.
- Whether unclaimed human remains are within the scope of the policy or not (please consider an explicit statement to clarify).

COR points out one additional area that would benefit from clarification. They report that the statement "UC ADPs must not accept unclaimed human remains for use in education and research (as permitted by HSC Chapter 4, Section 7200-7208)" is confusing and reads as contradictory (Section V. Procedures, "Acquisition and Management of Donated Materials"). COR suggests revising "as

permitted” to “as specified” or otherwise restructuring this statement to clarify whether the acceptance of unclaimed human remains is never allowed or allowed only under defined conditions.

The Davis Division appreciates the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Katheryn Niles Russ, Ph.D.  
Chair, Davis Division of the Academic Senate  
Professor of Economics  
University of California, Davis

Enclosed: Davis Division Committee Responses

c: Monica Lin, Executive Director, Systemwide Academic Senate  
Michael LaBriola, Assistant Director, Systemwide Academic Senate  
Edwin M. Arevalo, Executive Director, Davis Division of the Academic Senate

March 5, 2026

**Kadee Russ**

Chair, Davis Division of the Academic Senate

**RE:** Request for Consultation on the Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

Dear Kadee:

The Committee on Research (COR) has reviewed the RFC on the Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials. This policy is written to ensure human anatomical materials are acquired, handled, transferred, and managed effectively and consistently across the UC, with systemwide oversight for development and implementation. It defines “anatomical materials” primarily as human body parts (explicitly excluding bodily fluids), broadens the definition of “acquired specimen,” and addresses scenarios such as intercampus transfers and acquisition pathways for materials used to support UC teaching needs (noting reliance on UC donation programs). The document would benefit from clearer scope statements (especially stating that it applies only to human—not non-human/animal—materials) and from resolving potentially confusing or contradictory language in the prohibitions/permissions section.

Recommended edits and clarifications:

- Scope clarity (human vs non-human): Because the header and framing reference anatomical materials in a way that implies *human* materials, explicitly state whether the policy does not apply to non-human (animal) anatomical materials.
- Definitions:
  - Confirm and keep clear that “anatomical materials” includes human body parts but not bodily fluids.
  - Ensure the expanded definition of “acquired specimen” is precise and doesn’t unintentionally broaden scope beyond what’s intended.
- Intercampus transfers: Expand or clarify the requirements/process for intercampus transfers (e.g., approvals, documentation, chain of custody, receiving campus responsibilities).
- Teaching-use acquisition pathway: Clarify the statement that anatomical materials to support UC teaching needs must be acquired from UC donation programs (e.g., is this a requirement, a preference, or applicable only to certain material types?).
- Governance/ownership: Clarify what “Systemwide ED will manage development and implementation” means in practice (role, authority, what local units must do, and how updates will be communicated).
- Page 10, Section 5 wording is confusing (“UC ADMP must not...”):
  - The “must not” language reads as contradictory when paired with permissive phrases like “as permitted.”
  - Consider revising to “as specified” (or otherwise restructuring) so it is clear whether the materials/practices are never allowed or allowed only under defined conditions.
- Unclaimed remains ambiguity: If the plan is not to include unclaimed remains, state that explicitly; as written, it sounds unclear whether they are in scope.
- Guidelines vs practice tension: If the intent is “there are guidelines for when something is permissible, but we are not going to do that,” clarify the policy stance—either:

- include the permissibility framework and conditions, or
- state it is not permitted at UC (and remove conditional language that implies it could be).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Bliss-Moreau". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Eliza Bliss-Moreau  
Chair, Committee on Research

# **Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

## **FEC: School of Medicine Committee Response**

**March 6, 2026**

FEC asked the Director of the UC Davis Body Donation Program to review the proposed changes to the policy. The Director was involved in the proposed changes and stated they streamline and provide clarity to the document. FEC had no objections to the proposed updates.

**March 17, 2026**

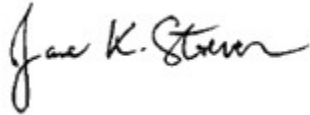
**Ahmet Palazoglu**  
**Chair, Academic Council**

**Re: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

The Irvine Division Cabinet discussed the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials at its meeting on March 17, 2026. The Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL) also reviewed the proposal. The council's feedback is attached for your review.

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

February 25, 2026

**JANE STOEVER, CHAIR**  
**ACADEMIC SENATE, IRVINE DIVISION**

**RE: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

At its February 19, 2026 meeting, the Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL) discussed the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials.

The proposed revisions intend to address the following key issues:

- Specifying California State Universities and Community Colleges within the allocation hierarchy
- Clarifying language to reflect the existing practice whereby UC Anatomical Donation Programs (ADP) do not accept unclaimed human remains or unrepresented donors for use in education and research
- Implementing new training for approved requestors, along with updates to definitions, links and personnel designations.

Overall, CORCL observed that the proposed revisions clearly define the scope, policy, responsibilities, and procedures, which all appear reasonable.

The Council offers the following minor comments for consideration:

- In Section III. Policy Text, the proposal indicates the following:

*“ADPs are required to distribute a human anatomical specimen educational training to all approved End Users. Educational training is available to all clinicians, faculty and staff that participate in research and education where Anatomical Materials from any source are used. This ensures that applicable University policies and procedures about the acquisition and management of human anatomical specimens are widely distributed.”*

CORCL suggests the following refined version for clarity:

*ADPs are responsible for ensuring that educational training on the use of human anatomical specimens is provided to all approved End Users. This training is available to clinicians, faculty, and staff involved in research or education activities that use Anatomical Materials from any source. The purpose of this training is to ensure broad awareness and compliance with University policies and procedures governing the acquisition, handling, and management of human anatomical specimens.*

- In section IV. Compliance and Responsibility, the proposal indicates that "On a periodic basis, the Systemwide Executive Director receives and manages reviews of campus and Program regarding all donations."

CORCL suggests the following for clarity: On a periodic basis, the Systemwide Executive Director receives and manages reviews of campus and Program reports regarding all donations.

- In V. Procedures. Anatomical Material Request and Fulfillment, the proposal indicates that "All Anatomical Materials donated to the University may only be transferred directly from UC as the provider to an approved End User for purposes of teaching or research."

CORCL suggests the following for consistency with established policy terminology, the term "End-User" should be used uniformly throughout the document.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to comment.

On behalf of the Council,

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Mike Fortun, Chair



March 9, 2026

Ahmet Palazoglu  
Chair, UC Systemwide Academic Senate

**Re: (Systemwide Senate Review) Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Dear Chair Palazoglu,

The UCLA divisional Executive Board (EB) reviewed the Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials and the committee/council feedback at their meeting on March 5, 2026. EB members agreed to share the enclosed comments from the divisional councils and committees for systemwide consideration.

One member asked about the relevance of the phrase “sufficient funds” on page 14.

Sincerely,



Megan McEvoy  
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Encl.

Cc: Kathy Bawn, Immediate Past Chair, UCLA Academic Senate  
April de Stefano, Executive Director, UCLA Academic Senate  
Tim Groeling, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, UCLA Academic Senate

February 18, 2026

To: Megan McEvoy  
Chair, Academic Senate

From: Dimitri Shlyakhtenko  
Chair, Council on Research

**Re: Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

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At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the Council on Research (COR) discussed the proposed presidential policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials. Members agreed with the proposed policy and offered no additional comments.

If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at [shlyakht@ipam.ucla.edu](mailto:shlyakht@ipam.ucla.edu) or via the Council's analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at [efeller@senate.ucla.edu](mailto:efeller@senate.ucla.edu).

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**March 17, 2026**

**To: Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair, Academic Council**

**From: Kevin Mitchell, Chair, UCM Divisional Council (DivCo)**

**Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

The proposed revisions to **the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials** were distributed to the Merced Division Senate Committees and the School Executive Committees for review. The following committees submitted comments, which are appended to this memo for reference and summarized below.

- Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)
- Committee on Research (CoR)
- Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)
- Natural Sciences Executive Committees (NSEC)

On March 13, the Divisional Council (DivCo) reviewed the feedback submitted by these committees and supports their various points and suggestions.

**Summary of Committee Comments**

**CAPRA** notes that while UC Merced does not operate its own Anatomical Donation Program (ADP), its new medical education program will obtain donors through the UCSF ADP and, if necessary, the UC Davis ADP. Because UC Riverside School of Medicine is included in the policy despite also lacking an on-site ADP, CAPRA recommends adding UC Merced's medical education program to ensure representation. Specifically, UC Merced should be included in the sections on procurement of anatomical materials (p.7), membership on the Systemwide Anatomical Materials Review Committee (p.8), and participation in systemwide ADP activities and policies (p.9).

**CoR** offers the following comments:

#### Definitions:

- The definition of “acquired specimen” is expanded to include anatomical material lacking documentation or provenance; CoR notes that specialized staff may be needed to categorize such specimens for appropriate research use.
- Inter-campus transfer of anatomical is now limited to AMRC-approved users. While appropriate oversight is supported, CoR recommends clarifying the requirements for becoming an approved user.
- The definition of Systemwide Executive Director is clarified to specify leadership of the ADP office at UCOP.
- Several definitions are removed (e.g., anatomical services, EH&S, facility, reports); CoR suggest retaining or clarifying “anatomical services.”

#### Policy Text:

- The revision requires that anatomical materials used for UC teaching and research be obtained through or coordinated with a UC ADP.
- ADPs must provide educational training for approved end users; CoR recommends explicitly including students and postdoctoral scholars for consistency with other sections.
- A new hierarchy prioritizes specimen allocation to UC campus users, followed by other UC campuses, CA educational partners, external non-commercial organizations, and commercial programs.

#### Procedures:

- ADPs may not accept unclaimed human remains; CoR notes potential confusion with the expanded definition of “acquired specimen.”

#### Financial Management:

- CoR supports the clearer fee-for-service language replacing “loan” terminology and the inclusion of updated contact information.

#### CRE’s comments:

#### Definitions:

- Clarify “community” in the Anatomical Advisory Board definition; lowercase “biorepositories” unless formally defined; spell out “School of Medicine” (SOM) for clarity; capitalize “End User” consistently with other sections.

#### Policy & Procedures:

- Capitalize “Policy” in the Policy Text section; ensure consistent capitalization of “End User” in Procedures.

NSEC has no major concerns with the policy. Key changes emphasize (1) ADPs’ responsibility to provide training for all approved end users, including UC Merced researchers, likely via UCSF ADP, and (2) clearer guidelines on approved alternate sources, including limits on conservators/public administrators and the continued prohibition on unclaimed remains. Storage, security, and EH&S requirements remain unchanged.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these proposed policy revisions.

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



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**February 20, 2026**

**To:** Kevin Mitchell, Senate Chair

**From:** Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA)

**Re:** Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Programs and Anatomical Materials

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CAPRA reviewed the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Programs and Anatomical Materials and offers the following comments.

UC Merced's new medical education program will be acquiring its donors from UCSF's Anatomical Donation Program (ADP) and sometimes UC Davis's ADP if the need arises. UC Merced does not have an on-site ADP; however, we note that UC Riverside is included in the Presidential Policy despite also not having an ADP. CAPRA suggests that UC Merced Medical Education Program be added to the policy to ensure that Merced's interests are represented.

The instances where UC Riverside is mentioned (policy sentence in italics), and where UC Merced should be added are as follows:

Page 7 - Use of Human Anatomical Material

*For purposes of this Policy and the medical education and research activities at Riverside, the University's sixth school of medicine, Anatomical Materials will be procured through the existing five Program(s).*

**CAPRA's recommended revision:** For purposes of this Policy and the medical education and research activities at Riverside and Merced, the University's sixth school of medicine and its new medical education program respectively, Anatomical Materials will be procured through the existing five Program(s).

Page 8 - Systemwide Anatomical Materials Review Committee (SAMRC)

*The UC Riverside SOM Dean or their designee is also a member.*

**CAPRA's recommended revision:** The UC Riverside SOM Dean and the UC Merced Medical Education Program's Assistant Dean or their designees are also members.

Page 9 - UC Schools of Medicine

*The five medical schools authorized to operate Programs (Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco) and the medical school at UC Riverside will participate in systemwide activities and be subject to systemwide policies applicable to all ADPs.*

**CAPRA's recommended revision:** The five medical schools authorized to operate Programs (Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco), the medical school at UC Riverside, and the medical education program at UC Merced will participate in systemwide activities and be subject to systemwide policies applicable to all ADPs.

We appreciate the opportunity to opine.

cc: Senate Office



ACADEMIC SENATE, MERCED DIVISION  
COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)

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**February 20, 2026**

**To:** Kevin Mitchell, Senate Chair

**From:** Committee on Research (CoR)

**Re:** Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

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CoR reviewed the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials. We offer the following comments.

About the policy/program:

1. Purpose of the Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials:

To “ensure that Anatomical Materials are effectively managed and that the anatomical donation programs maintain public confidence in meeting the needs of donors and their families and advancing the health sciences education and research enterprise.”

2. Relevant to UC medical school campuses.

Anatomical donation programs are based at UC medical school campuses regarding the acquisition, use, and disposition of Anatomical Materials used for education and research at all UC campuses.

3. Objective of the program:

It is a public service that enables people to donate their bodies to the UC. This policy applies to Anatomical Materials donated to UC for use in education and research activities, as well as those acquired by UC from an Approved Alternate Source for these purposes.

Purpose of the revision:

Key issues addressed include:

1. Specifying California State Universities and Community Colleges in the allocation hierarchy.

2. Clarifying the language to address the existing practice whereby UC Anatomical Donation Programs do not accept unclaimed human remains or unrepresented donors for use in education and research.
3. Implementing new training for approved requestors, along with updates to definitions, links, and personnel designations.

### Specific Revisions Suggested by CoR:

#### Definitions:

1. The definition of “acquired specimen” is extended to human anatomical material without associated documentation or source of provenance.

CoR comment: When specimens are lacking documentation of the source, efforts from specialized staff might be required to categorize the specimens for optimal use in research.

2. Inter-campus transfer of anatomical materials is restricted, from a broader use by UC faculty, student or researchers, to AMRC (Anatomical Materials Review Committee) approved users.

CoR comment: It makes sense that specialized personnel are responsible for inter-campus transfers. However, this might imply a significant restriction of use; thus, the requirements to become AMRC-approved users should be specified.

3. The definition of “Systemwide Executive Director” is more specific in the revision by including “The Systemwide Executive Director leads the Anatomical Donation Program office at UCOP.”

4. Definitions that are removed:

- 4.1. Anatomical services

CoR comment: The policy could benefit from including specific information on what anatomical services entail.

- 4.2. EH&S
- 4.3. Facility
- 4.4. Reports

#### Policy Text:

1. The revision now includes: “Anatomical Materials used to support UC teaching and research activities at any UC location may only be obtained from or in coordination with one of the ADPs.” (ADP = UC Anatomical Donation Program).
2. The revision now includes: “ADPs are required to distribute a human anatomical specimen educational training to all approved End Users.”
3. New sentence added: “Educational training is available to all clinicians, faculty, and staff who participate in research and education.”

CoR comment:

Students and postdoctoral scholars might need to be mentioned in this section to keep consistency with the section “Use of Human Anatomical Material,’ where they are included. Suggested language: “The University supports appropriate use of Anatomical Materials by faculty, **students**, and residents in training...”

The new hierarchy is as follows:

“Specimen allocation by each ADP will follow the hierarchy outlined below:

1. UC students and researchers enrolled at or working for the campus at which a Program is based
2. UC students and researchers at other UC campuses
3. California educational partners (California State Universities and California Community Colleges)
4. External non-commercial research and education organizations
5. Commercial research programs and commercially sponsored educational programs

Procedures:

“UC ADPs must not accept unclaimed human remains for use in education and research (as permitted by HSC Chapter 4, Section 7200-7208).”

CoR comment: This language might be confusing with the previous extended definition of “acquired specimen,” including human anatomical material without associated documentation or source of provenance.

Financial Management:

CoR supports the clearer language of the fee for services with the replacing of the word “loan” for fee and that new contact information is included to facilitate access.

We appreciate the opportunity to opine.

cc: Senate Office



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

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

**February 20, 2026**

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

**From: Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE)**

**Re: Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

The Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) reviewed the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials and offers the following comments.

## II. DEFINITIONS

- **Anatomical Advisory Board (AAB):** An advisory board that provides broad input from the community by advising the campuses on policy and making recommendations regarding program activities (page 3 of the Policy).

The term "community" could be defined within this definition. Depending on the intended use, suggestions might include, "the medical community" or "the community where the medical school is located."

- **Approved Alternate Sources:** Resources for Anatomical Materials approved by the SAMRC that may include non-UC anatomical donation programs; organ procurement organizations; licensed or unlicensed tissue banks; UC or non-UC departments of pathology, surgery or others; Biorepositories; medical examiners or coroners' offices. Approved alternate sources must comply with all applicable laws, national best practices and published standards for non-transplant anatomical donations (page 3 of the Policy).

CRE believes that "Biorepositories" does not need to be capitalized unless it is formally defined in the document or intended as a proper name for something.

- **Responsible Executive Officer (REO):** Provides management oversight of the respective ADP, and is responsible for the accountability of all administrative and operational responsibilities, including campus director evaluations. A senior member of the SOM leadership team who reports to and is accountable to the medical school dean and serves as chair of the AMRC (page 5 of the Policy).

CRE notes that "SOM" likely refers to "School of Medicine," and believes it would be clearer to spell out the full term as it appears spelled out elsewhere in this document.

- **Tracking Form:** A required Standard Form that documents the chain of custody between a Program and an end user, vendor or third party service provider (page 6 of the Policy).

CRE recommends capitalizing “End User,” as the term is capitalized elsewhere in the document and refers to a defined term in Section II.

**III. POLICY TEXT** (page 6 of the Policy)

For consistency with other usage in document, CRE suggests capitalizing "Policy" in this section.

**V. PROCEDURES** (page 10 of the Policy)

CRE suggests capitalizing “End User” as per previous comment.

We thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

CC: CRE Members  
Senate Office

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**Subject:** RE: [Systemwide Review Item] Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials (Due by 2/20/26)

Dear Fatima and Kevin:

NSEC has no major concerns regarding the revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials.

The most significant revisions fall into two primary areas. First, the policy places increased emphasis on the responsibility of Anatomical Donation Programs (ADPs) that supply materials to ensure adequate training for approved end users. This includes not only Department of Medical Education faculty, but also any UC Merced researchers who utilize donated materials. These trainings will most likely be delivered by the UCSF ADP.

Second, the policy strengthens guidelines related to approved alternate sources of anatomical materials, specifically by clarifying limits on receipt from conservators or public administrators and reinforcing the prohibition on the acceptance of unclaimed remains.

The guidelines concerning storage, security, and environmental health and safety (including those applicable to the new Medical Education Building) remain unchanged from previous versions of the policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

Jennifer O. Manilay, PhD (pronounced.mah\_NEE\_lie?sounds.like.»money\_lie< )

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**RE: [Systemwide Review] Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Dear Ahmet,

The Executive Council of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate included the subject proposal on the agenda for our March 9, 2026 meeting.

Council had no comments to add to those provided by tasked committees. Most local committees either had no comment or were supportive of the proposed policy. While the UCR School of Medicine Faculty Executive Committee wrote as part of their response that the school does not operate its own anatomical body donation program as it receives donations via programs with UCLA and UCI.

The detailed memos are attached.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth Barish".

Kenneth Barish  
Professor of Physics and Astronomy and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Monica Lin, Executive Director of the Academic Senate  
Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of UCR Academic Senate Office



February 20, 2026

TO: Ken Barish, PhD, Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Adam Godzik, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine


SUBJECT: **[Systemwide Review] Proposal: Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Dear Ken,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the *Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials*.

After consulting with our anatomy team, the FEC was informed that UCR-SOM does not operate its own anatomical body donation program. Instead, we receive donated bodies and organs through the anatomical donation programs at UCLA and UCI. These programs are overseen by their respective committees and operate under the direct supervision of the UC President's Office, ensuring full compliance with state regulations and University of California policies. Therefore, UCR-SOM remains fully compliant with all applicable policies and will not be affected by the proposed policy.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Faculty Executive Committee School of Medicine



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Professor Ahmet Palazoglu  
Chair, Academic Senate  
University of California  
VIA EMAIL

Re: Divisional Review of Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

Dear Chair Palazoglu,

The proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials were distributed to San Diego Divisional Senate standing committees and discussed at the March 9, 2026 Divisional Senate Council meeting. Senate Council endorsed the proposal and offered the following comments for consideration.

- Reviewers recommend that the definition of anatomical materials clarify that both full and partial organs (e.g. brain slices) are covered by the policy.
- With respect to the approval process for permitting the use of UC-donated anatomical materials, reviewers recommend that campuses be allowed to maintain a degree of local discretion in decisions regarding access by external entities. UC campuses should be allowed to decline to share anatomical specimens if there are individuals or institutions who have a track record of poor stewardship on previous occasions — for instance, by failing to maintain UC standards for cleanliness or security.

The Divisional Committee on Research and Health Sciences Faculty Council responses are attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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

February 27, 2026

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

SUBJECT: Review of Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

The Committee on Research (COR) discussed the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials at their February 9, 2026 meeting. The Committee had no objections to the proposed revisions, but offer the following comments for consideration:

*Definition of anatomical materials*

The policy lists a number of items that are not considered anatomical materials (blood, urine, feces, semen, or other bodily fluids, non-organic tissue types, tissue samples, human cells, hair, nails, teeth, paraffin blocks, or tissue slides), but it was unclear to the Committee whether a brain (either partial or full) is included in the policy.

*Acquired specimens*

It was unclear to the Committee whether anatomical materials donated by other universities would fall under this policy.

Sincerely yours,

Ramesh Rao, Chair  
Committee on Research

cc: J. Coomer  
O. George  
L. Hullings  
A. Rona-Tas



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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

February 3, 2026

Rebecca Jo Plant, Ph.D.  
Chair, Academic Senate  
San Diego Division

**SUBJECT: Review of Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

The Health Sciences Faculty Council appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials, as presented by Associate Vice President of Academic Health Sciences Deena Shin McRae. This policy was discussed at our meeting of February 3, 2026

Overall, the Council views the proposed changes favorably. In particular, we support the explicit exclusion of human remains or materials from unrepresented donors, or from donors represented not by themselves or appropriate family members but instead by a conservator or a public administrator under specific circumstances. We also applaud the increased transparency afforded to donors regarding the potential users and uses of donated materials.

We further support the elimination of the requirement that University of California faculty obtain permission from their home campus before attending external courses that use non–University of California anatomical materials in teaching. This requirement has been difficult to enforce and publicize, and we agree that providing appropriate educational materials regarding the suitable use of anatomical specimens is a more effective and practical approach.

With regard to the revised priority system for sharing donated anatomical materials, we agree that it is reasonable to formally include the California State University system and community colleges among the priority recipients, and thus prioritize the use of materials donated to the UC program within California rather than placing certain in-state and out-of-state programs on equal footing. At the same time, appropriately staffing UC campus programs remains a high priority in light of these changes, as they may result in increased workload due to

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the need to inspect additional facilities and to deliver and collect anatomical materials more broadly.

Finally, with respect to the approval process for permitting the use of University of California–donated anatomical materials, the Council believes it is important to maintain a degree of local discretion in decisions regarding access by external entities. For example, if an outside institution were found not to be maintaining teaching facilities that meet UC standards for cleanliness or security, the campus should retain the authority to suspend further use of anatomical specimens at the local level until all deficiencies are remedied.

In summary, the Health Sciences Faculty Council supports the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials, and we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jess Mandel, M.D.  
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**Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Dear Chair Palazoglu:

The San Francisco Division of the Academic Senate is pleased to provide comments on the Systemwide Review of the Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials. All reviewing bodies expressed overall support for the proposed policy. The School of Medicine Faculty Council (SOMFC), in coordination with the School of Medicine's Vice Dean for Education and education team, did not identify any concerns and supports the proposed changes.

The Committee on Research (COR) and the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J) also support the proposed revisions and offer the following suggestions for clarification:

- (1) **Required Training:** COR recommends that training requirements be designed to minimize administrative burden and remain straightforward. The policy should specify whether the training is one-time or recurring and, if recurring, the expected frequency (e.g., annually or biennially). Additionally, the policy should specify whether learners are required to participate.
- (2) **Definition of Anatomical Material:** COR recommends that the definition of anatomical material be made more precise to ensure that faculty understand exactly which materials are covered by the policy. In particular, additional guidance and examples (e.g., rapid autopsy programs involving post-mortem tissue collection) would help clarify whether the policy applies in cases where samples are collected from a deceased individual, but tissue samples themselves are excluded from the definition.
- (3) **Procedures, Acquisition and Management of Donated Materials:** R&J found the language in Section V, particularly the paragraph addressing third-party donations, to be difficult to interpret. Specifically, it is unclear how the statutory exclusions under California Health and Safety Code Section 7100(a)(7)–(9) relate to campus discretion and Systemwide Executive Director approval. R&J recommends clarifying the intent and scope of these exclusions, how “sufficient assets” are determined and by whom, and how these limitations interface with the approval process for third-party donations.
- (4) **EH&S Definitions Section:** COR and R&J note that EH&S was removed from the definitions section; however, the acronym remains in use. These committees recommend either restoring the definition, defining the term where it appears, or removing its use to ensure consistency and clarity.

- (5) **“End User” Inconsistency in Style:** The term “End User” is used differently throughout the policy between “End User” and “end-user”. COR does not have a stylistic preference but recommends that the policy would be clearer if a consistent style is used.

Thank you for considering our comments. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or the UCSF Executive Director, Todd Giedt ([todd.giedt@ucsf.edu](mailto:todd.giedt@ucsf.edu)).

Sincerely,

Errol Lobo, MD, PhD, 2025-27 Chair  
UCSF Academic Senate

Enclosures (3)

Cc: Irum Khan, Chair, School of Medicine Faculty Council (SOMFC)  
Melissa Medvedev, Chair, Committee on Research (COR)  
Irfan Kathiriya, Chair, Committee on Rules & Jurisdiction (R&J)

**School of Medicine Faculty Council**  
**Irum Khan, MBBS, PhD, Chair**

February 20, 2026

Errol Lobo, MD, PhD  
Division Chair  
UCSF Academic Senate

*Sent via email.*

**Re: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical  
Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Chair Lobo:

The School of Medicine Faculty Council (SOMFC) writes to offer its support for the Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials that is out for systemwide review. The SOMFC reviewed the proposed policy in coordination with the School of Medicine's Vice Dean for Education and their education team. We did not identify any concerns and support the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Irum Khan, MBBS, PhD  
School of Medicine Faculty Council Chair

cc: Cynthia Gasper, UCSF School of Medicine Faculty Council Vice Chair  
Todd Giedt, UCSF Academic Senate Executive Director  
Sophia Bahar Root, UCSF Academic Senate Analyst

**Communication from the Committee on Research  
Melissa Medvedev, MD, PhD, Chair, Committee on Research**

March 5, 2026

TO: Errol Lobo, Chair of the UCSF Division of the Academic Senate  
FROM: Melissa Medvedev, Chair, Committee on Research  
CC: Todd Giedt, Executive Director of the UCSF Academic Senate Office  
RE: Systemwide Senate Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

Dear Chair Lobo:

The Committee on Research (COR) write to comment on the Systemwide Senate Review of the Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials.

COR is largely supportive of the proposed revisions. COR agrees with the proposed placement of California State Universities and Community Colleges in the allocation hierarchy, and COR supports the revisions that bring the policy into alignment with existing practices.

COR feels that requiring training for approved requestors is appropriate, but the committee urges the developers of the training to be mindful of the existing administrative burden placed on research faculty and keep the requirements simple and straightforward. It would be helpful to specify in the policy whether the training is intended as a one-time training or if it will need to be refreshed. If the latter, the policy should also state the frequency at which the training will be refreshed (e.g., annually, every two years, etc.). Additionally, the description of the training on page 7 states, "Educational training is available to all clinicians, faculty and staff that participate in research and education where Anatomical Materials from any source are used." COR suggests that if learners are also expected to participate in the training, the policy should read "Educational training is available to all clinicians, faculty, staff, and learners who participate in research and education where Anatomical Materials from any source are used."

In addition to the proposed revisions, COR recommends that the definition of anatomical material be made more precise to ensure that faculty understand exactly which materials are covered by the policy. Specifically, COR members have identified some ambiguity related to the collection of samples at autopsy or the use of samples after a patient's death, as in the case of rapid autopsy programs. Many cancer centers use rapid autopsy programs to collect specific tissue samples for research. For example, a study of heterogeneity in metastatic cancer may include single cell sequencing that requires fresh tissue from multiple metastatic sites within the same individual. In these instances, the patient or the family may consent to allow a streamlined autopsy shortly after death to collect the desired research tissue samples within the necessary timeline. In such cases, it may be that consent is obtained before the patient's death, but samples are collected after the patient's death. Although tissue samples are excluded from the definition of anatomical material, it is not clear if the anatomical donation policy still applies in this situation because the samples are being collected from a deceased body. Thus, faculty would find it helpful to clarify with strict definitions and examples what this policy does and does not cover.

Finally, COR noted the following two minor copy issues in the revised policy:

1. Although the definition of EH&S was removed from the Definitions section, the acronym remains in use at the top of page 7 (“Facilities that accommodate uses of Anatomical Materials must be laboratories or EH&S approved venues...”). COR recommends adding EH&S back to the definitions or defining the term where it is used on page 7.
2. The term “End User” is not consistently styled in the same way. For example, on page 12, it appears as “End User” in the third bullet point but as “end-user” in the fourth bullet point. COR does not have a stylistic preference but recommends that the policy will be clearer if a consistent style is used.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important policy. If you have any questions on these comments, please contact me or Academic Senate Analyst Liz Greenwood ([liz.greenwood@ucsf.edu](mailto:liz.greenwood@ucsf.edu)).

Sincerely,

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Melissa Medvedev, MD, PhD  
Chair, Committee on Research

# Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

## Irfan Kathiriya, MD, PhD, Chair

March 18, 2026

Errol Lobo, MD, PhD  
Division Chair  
UCSF Academic Senate

### **Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Dear Chair Lobo:

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J) writes to comment on the [Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials](#) that is out for review. R&J had a few points of feedback to convey.

#### **1. Section V – Procedures, Acquisition and Management of Donated Materials**

R&J found the language in Section V, particularly the paragraph addressing third-party donations, to be difficult to interpret. The provision states:

*“As determined by the local campus, and with approval of the Systemwide Executive Director, third party donations may also be accepted upon completion of required documentation. UC ADPs do not accept donations from individuals identified in Health and Safety Code Section 7100 (a)(7)-(9), which specifically include:*

- *A conservator of the person appointed under Part 3 (commencing with Section 1800) of Division 4 of the Probate Code when the decedent has sufficient assets.*
- *A conservator of the estate appointed under Part 3 (commencing with Section 1800) of Division 4 of the Probate Code when the decedent has sufficient assets.*
- *The public administrator when the deceased has sufficient assets.”*

R&J members expressed concern that the relationship between permissible third-party donations and the statutory exclusions is not clearly articulated. Specifically, it is unclear whether the prohibition applies categorically in all circumstances, how “sufficient assets” is determined, and how this limitation interacts with campus-level discretion and Systemwide Executive Director approval.

R&J recommends adding clarifying language to explain:

- The intent and scope of the exclusion under California Code, Health and Safety Code Section 7100(a)(7)-(9);
- How determinations regarding “sufficient assets” are made and by whom; and
- How these statutory limitations interface with the approval process for third-party donations.

Providing additional explanatory text would improve interpretability and reduce the risk of inconsistent implementation across campuses.

## 2. Definition and Use of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)

R&J also noted that the definition of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) was removed from Section II (Definitions). However, EH&S is referenced later in the policy text, specifically:

*“Facilities that accommodate uses of Anatomical Materials must be laboratories or EH&S approved venues...”*

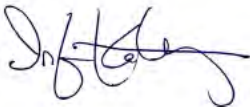
To maintain internal consistency and avoid ambiguity, R&J recommends either:

- Restoring the definition of EH&S in Section II; or
- Removing or revising the reference to EH&S in the policy text if a formal definition is no longer intended.

Ensuring definitional clarity is particularly important given EH&S’s operational role in approving facilities that handle anatomical materials.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed policy. Please contact me or our committee analysts Sophia Root ([sophia.root@ucsf.edu](mailto:sophia.root@ucsf.edu)) and Kristie Tappan ([kristie.tappan@ucsf.edu](mailto:kristie.tappan@ucsf.edu)) if there are questions about R&J’s comments.

Sincerely,



Irfan Kathiriya, MD, PhD  
Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction Chair

cc Todd Giedt, UCSF Academic Senate Executive Director  
Kristie Tappan, UCSF Academic Senate Senior Public Policy Analyst  
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March 16, 2026

To: Ahmet Palazoglu, Chair  
Academic Senate

From: Rita Raley, Divisional Chair  
Academic Senate

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Re: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and  
Anatomical Materials

The Santa Barbara Division distributed the Proposed Presidential Policy on Education Loan Practices to the Undergraduate Council (UgC), the Graduate Council (GC), the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB), and the Faculty Executive Committees (FECs) for the College of Letters and Science (L&S), the College of Engineering (COE), the College of Creative Studies (CCS), the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education (EDUC), and the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management (BREN). GC, CPB, and the L&S, CCS, EDUC, and BREN FECs elected not to opine.

The responses from the COE and EDUC FECs are enclosed for your review and consideration. Both reviewing groups responded positively to the policy revisions. The COE FEC regards the policy revisions as reasonable and clarifying.

The EDUC FEC supports these policy revisions as a critical step toward ethical stewardship, recognizing the University of California's responsibility to address historical inequities in its care of Indigenous remains. The FEC recommends that the UC advance this commitment by reviewing existing holdings, strengthening consultation and repatriation processes, and establishing clear accountability measures to ensure lasting respect for Indigenous communities.

February 25, 2026

TO: Rita Raley  
Divisional Chair, Academic Senate

Signed by:

*Dahlia Malkhi*

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FROM: Dahlia Malkhi, Chair  
College of Engineering, Faculty Executive Committee

RE: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and  
Anatomical Materials

The College of Engineering FEC met on February 24<sup>th</sup> and discussed the proposed policy revisions. The committee agreed that the policy revisions are reasonable and clarify points of possible ambiguity. The committee did not raise any concerns.

March 11, 2026

To: Rita Raley  
Chair, Executive Council

From: Tim Dewar  
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, GGSE

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Re: Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

To whom it may concern,

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed revisions to the University of California's Anatomical Donation Program. Although no faculty within the School work directly with anatomical materials, the Committee strongly supports a policy that clearly affirms that the University does not accept unclaimed human remains.

The FEC recognizes that research and education involving human remains can, and often must, be conducted in ways that respect both the deceased and the living communities connected to them. At the same time, we are mindful of the long and troubling history in which universities and museums have asserted scientific necessity as justification for studying, cataloging, housing, and displaying the remains of Indigenous peoples in ways that failed to respect either the individuals themselves or their descendant communities.

For this reason, we view the clarification contained in the proposed policy revisions as an important step toward ensuring that the University's practices align with contemporary ethical standards and with the values of dignity and respect that should guide academic institutions.

As we express our support for these revisions, the FEC also hopes that this policy review will encourage the University to continue examining its existing holdings of Indigenous remains and to strengthen processes for consultation, repatriation, and accountability where appropriate. Such efforts would further demonstrate the University's commitment to ethical stewardship and respect for Indigenous communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposed policy changes.



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RE: Proposed Revisions to UC Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials

Dear Chair Palazoglu,

UCORP members discussed the UC Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials at its March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. While members did not raise significant concerns regarding the specific revisions to the policy, some noted that the existing policy is ambiguous with regard to whether certain types of tissue samples are covered by the policy. Additional clarification would be helpful for some situations. One example that was raised concerned slices of brain tissue, which are not whole organs, but which do not obviously fall under the noted exceptions in the definition of Anatomical Materials.

Additional feedback from divisional Committees on Research was also discussed, but that will be transmitted from the divisions in their policy reviews.

Sincerely,

James Weatherall  
Chair, University Committee on Research Policy