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Re: Academic Senate Communication Protocols

Dear Colleagues:

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Following the orientation sessions that the systemwide Senate hosted last month, I would like to point you to a guidance document recently uploaded to the UC Academic Senate website regarding *Academic Senate Communication Protocols*: <u>https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/resources/academic-senate-communication-protocols.pdf</u>.

This new resource reiterates the importance of maintaining clear communication channels that follow Senate principles and protocols within our complex system of shared governance. These include abiding by the notion of "no surprises" and keeping relevant parties informed about new and/or ongoing Senate business, especially for matters that may involve systemwide review or discussion and approval by the Assembly of the Academic Senate.

As we embark on another year of advancing the Senate's priorities, I thank you for your contributions and look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

James Steintrager, Chair Academic Council

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