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**SENATE DIVISION AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS
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Re: Review of Revisions to the *Compendium*

Dear Colleagues:

As you may be aware, a joint Senate-Administration Task Force has been working since the last academic year to review and propose revisions to the *Compendium: Universitywide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, & Research Units* (the *Compendium*). The Task Force has now completed its work and submitted a Report and a revised *Compendium* to the Academic Council and the Provost and Senior Vice President – Academic Affairs. At its February 26 meeting, the Academic Council approved sending both the *Compendium* and the final report for systemwide Senate review. This letter initiates that review by the Senate Divisions and systemwide standing committees. The Provost is initiating a parallel review through administrative channels.

Over the past year, the Task Force has worked diligently to revise the *Compendium* after ten years during which it had not been updated. The Task Force shared draft versions of its revisions with the Academic Council at monthly meetings in December, January, and February. Over that time period, Council members made a number of informal suggestions and comments on the proposed revisions to the *Compendium*. Where appropriate, these suggestions were incorporated into the document.

I now share with you two documents, each of which is contained in a single PDF file:

- (a) The proposed updated, clarified and modified *Compendium*;
- (b) The final report of the Task Force, which summarizes (in general terms) and explains the changes that the Task Force made to the *Compendium*.

As you review these documents, please note that the Task Force recommended additional work on three *Compendium* topics: systemwide entities; multicampus research units/multicampus research programs and initiatives; and reconstitution of academic units. Additional recommendations for revisions in these areas would be subject to a separate review and approval process like the current one for revisions proposed in the current *Compendium* draft. Pending approval of revisions, the

current Compendium remains the University's official guidance on the procedures required to establish, disestablish, and reconstitute academic programs.

Please submit formal comments to senatereview@ucop.edu by Friday, May 28. Please note that all Senate committees are invited to opine but that individual committees may determine that this review lies outside their jurisdiction. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry C. Powell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Henry C. Powell, Chair
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Copy: Martha Winnacker, Academic Senate Executive Director