

March 7, 2017

**Ermias Kebreab**

Associate Vice Provost, Academic Programs, Global Affairs

**RE:** UC Davis International Agreements

Dear Ermias:

The proposed procedures for international agreements were forwarded to all standing committees of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. Six committees responded: Academic Freedom and Responsibility, Faculty Welfare, International Education, Research (COR), the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) of the College of Letters and Science, and the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Committees recognize the benefit of utilizing frameworks for international agreements, but suggest clarifying several areas. Namely, committees recommend clarifying when approval on items must be sought from Global Affairs versus the Sponsored Programs Office (or other entities); in the interest of faculty time, they advise against instituting any double reporting burdens. Similarly, the FEC of L&S recommends including “a more detailed definition of what constitutes an international agreement,” and COR “highly recommend[s] that the introduction to the proposal make clear which kinds of agreements this process will impact and explain the benefits of this new process to faculty and the university.” The FEC of L&S also wonders what “outreach/information channels will be used” to inform faculty about when they are required to work with Global Affairs, and recommends clarifying whether existing international collaborations will need to file with Global Affairs.

In its response, the FEC of CAES listed several recommendations on specific sections of the proposed process. We recommend you read through them, as well as the other committee responses (all enclosed).

The Davis Division appreciates the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Davis Division of the Academic Senate  
Professor and Chair, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Enclosed: Davis Division Committee Responses

c: Joanna Regulska, Vice Provost and Associate Chancellor, Global Affairs  
Kirsten Stevenson, Associate Campus Counsel  
Edwin M. Arevalo, Executive Director, Davis Division of the Academic Senate