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**Jim Chalfant**

Chair, Academic Council

**RE:** Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin – G-28 Travel Regulations

Dear Jim:

The proposed revisions to G-28 Travel Regulations were distributed to all standing committees of the Davis Division. Two committees responded: Faculty Welfare and the Faculty Executive Committee of the College of Letters and Science.

Faculty Welfare recommends clarifying the policy's approval requirements. First, Faculty Welfare notes that "the regulation does not include a useful definition of the requirements for receiving approval for reimbursement of travel expenses of family"; and second, the "very broad chain of approval" outlined in the policy, particularly the category of "other senior University officer," is vague. In both cases, Faculty Welfare thinks the policy "leaves open the opportunity for proper requests to be denied and for improper requests to be approved."

In addition, Faculty Welfare thinks the regulations should explicitly state "the types of funds that can be used to cover 'family travel,' and whether this should restrict the use of certain funds for this purpose, such as student tuition and fees, donations, and/or unrestricted gift funds."

Finally, in the interest of making travel restrictions widely known to faculty (to prevent them from inadvertently purchasing non-reimbursable fares), the FEC of L&S wonders whether "there may be a place in this document for information on how faculty can access current UC restrictions on travel to certain states or countries."

The Davis Division appreciates the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachael E. Goodhue".

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Enclosed: Davis Division Committee Responses

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