



# **Davis Division Academic Senate**

## **Request for Consultation Responses**

### **Review of Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin - G-28 Travel Regulations**

**February 6, 2017**

The University invites comments on revisions to Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin (BFB) – G-28, Travel Regulations.

Proposed revisions allow reimbursement, in limited circumstances, for travel (including childcare) expenses for spouses, domestic partners, dependent-care providers, and dependents of employees traveling on University business and candidates for employment at the University of California traveling to UC locations for recruitment purposes.

# **Faculty Welfare**

**February 13, 2017 8:27 AM**

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**RFC: Review of Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin - G-28 Travel Regulations**

The committee on Faculty Welfare reviewed the revised G-28 Travel Regulations and feel that although the change is useful in many situations, there are some concerns that should be addressed. Please see the bullet points below for the concerns of the committee.

- The regulation does not include a useful definition of the requirements for receiving approval for reimbursement of travel expenses of family. Without this definition, the policy leaves open the opportunity for proper requests to be denied and for improper requests to be approved.
- The document should be explicit regarding 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.
- The revision states that travel reimbursements can be approved by “the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellor/provost, Dean, Director, Department Chair, or other senior University Officer, as designated.” The committee suggests that this very broad chain of approval is likely to invite improper approval, particularly lack of specificity invited by “other senior University Officer”.

## **FEC: College of Letters and Science**

**February 7, 2017 1:36 PM**

The L & S FEC discussed the Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin - G-28 Travel Regulations on February 6, 2017. Members questioned 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 (i.e., this is a type of travel regulation). If faculty purchase tickets without knowing the travel restrictions, fares may be non-refundable and non-reimbursable.

## **FEC: School of Medicine**

**January 10, 2017 1:19 PM**

*No response at this time.*