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Susan Cochran, Chair, Academic Council
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Re: Systemwide Review of Presidential Policy on Developing and Maintaining Presidential Policies

Dear Susan,

The Riverside Division’s Executive Council discussed the subject proposed revisions and observed that the document read too much like bureaucracy and was not easy to follow for readers who are not familiar with languages used in the policy world. For example, there are many abbreviations that are hard to keep up with, and sometimes they are not defined the first time they appear in the document. However, it is understandable that compliance and efficiency are valued, and that the first tenet is that “Presidential Policies must be written in plain language.”

The Council also noted redundancy and overlap in the scope of the listed committees, but allowed for the possibility that the redundancy is intended for checks and balances across different bodies at UCOP. The Council noted that it was not clear how appointments are made, whether at UCOP or at campus level.

A flowchart would be helpful to understand the whole process, and an organization chart to clarify relationships between committees and roles.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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