May 9, 2023

Susan Cochran, Chair, Academic Council
1111 Franklin Street, 12th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607-5200

RE: [Systemwide Review] Proposed Presidential Policy regarding Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

Dear Susan,

The Riverside Executive Council discussed the subject proposed policy during their May 8, 2023 meeting and had no additional comments to add to those attached from local committees that responded to the call for comments.

Sincerely yours,

Sang-Hee Lee
Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Riverside Division

CC: Monica Lin, Executive Director of the Academic Senate
    Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of UCR Academic Senate Office
April 21, 2023

TO: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

FROM: John Kim, Chair
CHASS Executive Committee

RE: Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

Having reviewed the memo and related documents regarding the Proposed Presidential Policy Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities, we had the following questions and concerns:

**What responsibility does UC Health have to its patients who are being sought out by immigration enforcement agents?** There is no mention in the responsive actions to an immigration enforcement inquiry that UC Health will notify the patient that is central to the inquiry. Rather, the only notifications required are (1) the health administrator (or their designee) handling immigration issues, and (2) legal counsel. Particularly given the research linking immigration enforcement to poor health outcomes (see citations below), it is important that UC Health facilities protect the health and rights of its patients by providing them this essential information. Doing so would also promote greater trust of health officials and practitioners among patients from marginalized communities, which the citations below also link as having declined in this era of increased immigration enforcement.

**What responsibility does UC Health, as a public medical facility, have to protect the right of vulnerable patients to access safe and secure healthcare free from the threat of police and immigration enforcement?** While the 2018 California Values Act requires state public health facilities to limit compliance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible in accordance with state and federal law, we remain gravely concerned that the current UC policy as written does not require adherence to the Attorney General’s model policies in UC health facilities. Rather, UC Health facilities may in fact “evaluate whether or not to adopt the Attorney General’s policy recommendations in their locally-established implementation policies and procedures” (see Policy Summary, emphasis added). We demand, in the strongest terms possible
and in the spirit of maintaining the safest environment possible for all persons in need of medical care, that the policy not only require adoption of the recommendations but go beyond compliance to also declare all UC health facilities as “sanctuary clinics.” This designation would allow healthcare workers to maintain patient confidentiality while providing high quality medical care to patients in need regardless of immigration status to prevent the threat of deportation and separation of families.

Last, regarding the redline revision on page 5 under C5: we feel that "no document accompanying the request" is vague because (as the rest of the policy rightly notes) immigration officers often present documents that are not actually legal requests to try to convince people to comply. We encourage clarification about what documents would properly authorize a request.

**Relevant citations:**


April 10, 2023

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
   Riverside Division

From: Denver Graninger, Chair
       Committee on International Education

Re: Systemwide Review: Presidential Policy re: Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

The Committee on International Education (CIE) reviewed the Systemwide Review of the Presidential Policy re: Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities at their April 6, 2023 meeting, and are supportive of the policy.
March 23, 2023

TO: Sang-Hee Lee, Ph.D., Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division

FROM: Bahram Mobasher, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences


Dear Sang-Hee,

The CNAS Faculty Executive Committee reviewed the Proposed Presidential Policy at March 7, 2023, meeting and has no suggestions for changes or additional comments.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Bahram Mobasher, Ph.D
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
FACULTY WELFARE

March 16, 2023

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Robert Clare, Chair
Committee on Faculty Welfare


At our March 14, 2023 meeting, the Committee on Faculty Welfare (FW) discussed the proposed Presidential Policy on Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities. FW appreciates the opportunity to examine this systemwide review item but feels there is no need to opine, as UC Riverside itself does not have a health facility and the issues addressed in the proposed policy may fall outside FW’s jurisdiction.
April 22, 2023

To: Sang-Hee Lee, Division Chair of the UCR Division of the Academic Senate &
Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of the UCR Academic Senate

From: Raquel M. Rall, Ph.D., Faculty Chair of the School of Education Executive Committee

Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

The members of the SOE Executive Committee reviewed the [Systemwide Review] Proposed
Policy: Presidential Policy re: Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health
Facilities Comments were provided at our monthly meeting and via email. Our feedback is below.

We find the indicated edits appropriate. We wonder, however, if there is an accompanying
document that speaks to how to interact with the patient whose immigration status might be
called into question? The policy clearly outlines what questions to ask and procedures to follow
of law enforcement, etc. but it was not clear what the policies are surrounding ensuring the
safety of the actual patient, particularly if that patient is not in the designated “off limits” area. Do
UC affiliates have any obligations to the physical and emotional safety of patients during these
scenarios in addition to their legal protections? We appreciate the official overview but do not
want to lose sight of the people involved in these situations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,

Raquel M. Rall, Ph.D.
Faculty Executive Committee Chair 2022-2025
School of Education
University of California, Riverside
April 21, 2023

TO: Sang-Hee Lee, Ph.D., Chair, Academic Senate, UCR Division
FROM: Marcus Kaul, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, UCR School of Medicine

Dear Sang-Hee,

The SOM Faculty Executive Committee has reviewed the proposed Presidential Policy regarding Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities. The Committee approved making this policy permanent and has no further comments or suggestions for edits.

Yours sincerely,

Marcus Kaul, Ph.D.
Chair, Faculty Executive Committee School of Medicine
TO: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
Riverside Division

FR: Richard M. Carpiano, Chair
Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: Proposed Policy [System-wide]: Presidential Policy re: Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

Date: April 24, 2023

The Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy reviewed the documents for “Proposed Policy [System-wide]: Presidential Policy re: Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities.” We have no comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Carpiano, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Professor of Public Policy