

# Executive Council Report - UCSF Senate

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## **ITEM ONE. Academic Council.**

Council discussed the Assembly budget bill that extends more detailed control for various aspects of the UCOP budget over previous. New language requires UC to demonstrate a “good faith effort” to meet a 2:1 freshman to transfer student enrollment ratio. UCSF’s Henry Sanchez chairs the Board on Admissions and Relations with Schools, and is a good source of information on this. Undergraduates who transfer from Community Colleges provide economic and ethnic diversity into the UC population, though some challenges remain, including a tendency of Community College students to seek continuation of studies close to their homes.

Open Access publication policies have been discussed in the Academic Planning Council and the Academic Council. One issue is that graduate student theses and dissertations may need some time protection to enable these students to formally publish their work before providing open access (or they may lose the ability to publish, which is a career need). Another concern is the cost of open access publication, which in some fields can be as high as \$5000 per paper.

An active discussion took place concerning potential conflict between the Federal Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, and Academic Freedom. The group presented a range of opinions about invitations to speakers who elaborate controversial ideas; on one hand campuses should support an open dialog regarding ideas, on the other hand some speech may be of a hateful nature, and have repercussions for the climate of tolerance on campuses. The discussion was good, not sure if the issue was resolved.

There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed change of the appointment “Lecturer with Security of Employment” to Teaching Professors, who will conduct pedagogical research as their creative effort. This is not to be a tenured position. Discussion concerned whether the limited focus on pedagogical research could be maintained, whether incumbents should have sabbatical rights and whether this might turn into a series in which women and URM are highly represented. Debate concerned whether the Council should support the idea at all. In the more development of this idea was encouraged.

Council also discussed the recommendation from UCFW and health care task force to strongly oppose the Regent’s proposal to remove the 70% contribution floor for Post-Employment benefits, including health care.



**ITEM TWO. Joint Senate-Admin Review Committee on Campus Affiliation Policy.** This committee followed the previous Task Force on Clinical Affiliations. We will discuss this item Thursday. In short, the committee found that existing policy does not address affiliation agreements driven by ACOs, and is not easily

adapted to the current health care landscape [*my note, seismic instability*]. Some affiliations must be fast tracked. They noted that for smaller affiliations, there may be no review process at all. Some benefit is seen for programs for which UCSFMC does not have adequate patient volume to meet residency training requirements, but for others, faculty may be overburdened. They note that the health system may not be aware of academic implications of business decisions. Consultation with the Senate may be seen as temporally impractical, and there is no process for resolution of admin and faculty disagreements. They recommended a central affiliations office, and a standing affiliation review committee including senate members, UCSF health and campus leaders. Additionally, they recommended updating existing policy to harmonize it with UCSF values and to clarify relation to teaching programs. We should consider endorsing this report, Thursday or at the Senate Leadership Retreat in September.



**ITEM THREE. Public release of pension info.** It should be noted that a request for public access to UC pension data has been requested, but is limited to pensions exceeding \$299K.



**ITEM FOUR. Export Controls.** Be aware that UCOP has proposed a new Presidential Policy on Export Controls that is described as creating parameters for compliance with Federal regulations. These concern release of data or technology to foreign persons. There are some exclusions for research use, but concern remains about the potential impact of these regulations on teaching and research. Many campuses, including UCSF submitted comments on this, and final policy has not been determined.