

March 25, 2019

Dear Members of the University Senate,

I am pleased to accept the following actions passed by the University Senate in January and February of 2019:

- US18/19-03: Addendum to the Spring 2018 Curriculum Report
- US18/19-05: Changes in Department Honors Process
- US18/19-06: New Program Proposal: Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies
- US18/19-07: Conflicts of Interest and Abuses of Power: Sexual, Physically Intimate, or Romantic Relationship with Students
- US18/19-08: Approval of new Teaching Evaluation Disclaimer Language
- US18/19-09: Process of Undergraduate and Graduate Council approval when courses are not finalized

In particular, I would like to acknowledge the thoughtfulness that went into the creation of the new Conflict of Interest/Romantic Relations policy, and its passing senate vote on January 30th. As discussed at that Senate meeting, the administration worked with the CSGBV chairs and Senate leadership to add this clarifying language to point II (2) on the final policy:

“(2) students known to the faculty member to have an interest in an academic area within the faculty member’s research and teaching units (department, research center, institute, academic program, or equivalent organizational structure), or”

Sincerely,



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President and Professor of Law

