

Council Resolution 06

Graduate Student Concerns on UC San Diego Policy and Procedure Manual Updates



WHEREAS, on May 18, 2017 an email was sent out UC San Diego constituents from the Office of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor (VC) and CFO, and VC Student Affairs announcing proposed revisions to Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) 510-1, Use of University Properties, Section IV Authorized Users;

WHEREAS, these proposed changes contain language updating the definitions and policies regarding Registered Student Organizations and Cooperative Registered Student Organizations (Subsection H);

WHEREAS, these proposed changes and many of the proposed changes to the 2017-2018 Student Conduct Standards (SCS) intend to eliminate redundancy and conflicts between SCS and other University policies, including UCSD PPM and UC Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students (PACAOS);

WHEREAS, the proposed language was settled upon by the SCS Group and opened for a public comment section in April of 2016 for addition into the SCS;

WHEREAS, the proposed language is being added to PPM 510-1-IV, not SCS, *which was not explicitly discussed and agreed upon by the SCS Group*;

WHEREAS, the PPM are often updated sparsely and sporadically, while SCS are regularly reviewed and updated;

WHEREAS, updates to PPM are issued by the offices of the VCs;

WHEREAS, student bodies do not have any direct oversight or early drafting involvement in the PPMs except for the open comment period;

WHEREAS, the "Policy on University Obligations and Student Rights" PACAOS 171.01 states: "As members of the University community students shall have the right: To participate in the governance of the University, consistent with the University's stated goal (see Section 120.00 of these Policies) of enhancing student participation in the governance process by seeking student opinions and viewpoints on matters affecting both their academic and non-academic experiences and especially those decisions that directly affect their welfare, through drawing upon official student representation, as well as additional means for seeking student input as appropriate";

WHEREAS, moving these decisions to the PPM from the SCS Group diminishes the opportunities for meaningful student input on matters affecting their experiences at UCSD, and thus, contradicts PACAOS 171.01;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Graduate Student Association of UC San Diego (GSAUCSD) explicitly disagrees with moving language of the SCS into PPM 510-1 Section IV Subsection H on Registered Student Organizations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the GSAUCSD supports the objective of promoting clarity in policies by eliminating redundancies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GSAUCSD asserts that in order to promote a student-centered university and support the ideals of shared government, students, via their representative governments, should be directly included in every stage of the development and implementation of policies (regardless of location) that affect students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the process of developing and updating PPM is deficient in providing the above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to sufficiently provide the above, the proposed revisions to PPM 510-1.IV.H not be implemented, but that the proposed language be returned to SCS;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GSAUCSD proposes alternative language for PPM 510-1.IV.H (Appendix II) to still support the goal of promoting clarity and eliminating redundancy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Offices of the VCs continue to improve the transparency and collaboration of developing and implementing PPM at all stages;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the UC San Diego Chancellor, VC and CFO, VC Student Affairs, AVC Student Life, the Office of Student Conduct, and the Associated Student Council.

APPENDIX I: Contents from the Administration Announcing Open Comment

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CAMPUS NOTICE

University of California San Diego

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR - STUDENT AFFAIRS

May 18, 2017

ALL ACADEMICS, STAFF AND STUDENTS AT UC SAN DIEGO

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision to Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) Section

510-1 IV Use of University Properties Section IV –

Authorized Users

The University invites comments on proposed revisions to the UC San Diego Use of University Properties Section IV – Authorized Users Policy (PPM510-1 IV). This proposed Interim policy was reviewed and revised at the request of the Office of the Vice Chancellor Student Affairs.

Proposed revisions are to the Registered Student Organization section of the policy and also include other technical edits. The proposed revisions also include language previously agreed upon by the Student Conduct Standards Group and reviewed by the campus through an open comment period in April 2016.

A summary of the major revisions and final draft of PPM510-1 IV are available at the following weblinks:

Revision Summary:

<http://adminrecords.ucsd.edu/PPM/docs/510-1-4Revision.pdf>

Draft Interim Policy (final copy):

<http://adminrecords.ucsd.edu/PPM/docs/510-1-4Clean.pdf>

Draft Interim Policy (redline copy):

<http://adminrecords.ucsd.edu/PPM/docs/510-1-4Redline.pdf>

APPENDIX II: Potential language for replacing the proposed changes to PPM 510-1.IV.H

H. Registered Student Organizations

1. A Registered Student Organization is an organization whose membership is predominantly comprised of UC San Diego students and is recognized as such by the UC San Diego, the process by which is codified in the UC San Diego Student Conduct Standards.
2. Registered Student Organizations are independent entities and are not official units of UC San Diego. As such, UC San Diego is not responsible for the acts or omissions of Registered Student Organizations and/or any members/persons acting on behalf of those student organizations.
3. In addition to applicable general sections of this PPM, the Student Conduct Standards implement the policies governing Registered Student Organizations. These include categories of Registered Student Organizations, registration procedures, definitions of membership, and policies regarding use of University Properties specific to only Registered Student Organizations.

Voted and Passed at Council Meeting #15, June 05, 2017.

Certified: Tatiana S. Zavodny, 06/06/17