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STEVEN CHEUNG  
Chair, Academic Council

**RE: Systemwide Review of Proposed Revisions to Program Attachments #3–7 to the Policy on Vaccination Programs**

Dear Steven,

The Santa Cruz Academic Senate has reviewed the Proposed Revisions to Program Attachments #3–7 to the Policy on Vaccination Programs with Graduate Council (GC) responding. The UCSC Division found it difficult to assess the materials fully, as a redline version of the vaccination policy was not provided.

Main comments regard clarifying who specifically is impacted by these policies. We noted that the proposed policy uses the terms “student” and “students” without specifying if they apply to both undergraduate and graduate students. Would these policies also apply to graduate students and/or postdocs? Clarifying language would be helpful in a finalized version of the program attachments. GC was also concerned about what these policies would mean for international graduate students. While we assume the programs apply to them as well, there may be equity issues around access to vaccines as well as the evidence that is required for a vaccine exemption.

Finally, given policies specific to many diseases, we were curious why there wasn’t a specific policy for flu and especially COVID-19 vaccines included.

The UCSC Senate thanks you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew McCarthy".

Matthew McCarthy, Chair  
Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

cc: Chad Saltikov, Chair, Graduate Council  
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