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Re: Proposed Amendments to the General Rules, Article II, Sections 4, 5, and 6 (USC GR-45)

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, the University Senates Conference received proposed changes to the General Rules that would modernize the University’s process for executing contracts and reduce the layers of approval required for routine contracts. Before providing advice to the Board of Trustees on proposed changes to the General Rules, the President shall consult with the University Senates Conference.

Even though consultation with the senates is not required, I believe it is important to offer the senates the opportunity to comment and provide advice on these significant proposed changes in whatever manner you, as senate chairs, deem appropriate. You are not required to take this item to your senate or to senate committee(s).

The USC subcommittee that is reviewing the proposed changes will report to Senates Conference at our meeting on April 29. If you plan to comment and/or provide advice, please do so as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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