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**Re: Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on  
Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials**

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed for systemwide review are proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials.

The Systemwide Anatomical Materials Review Committee (SAMRC) identified updates and revisions for this policy during the regular policy review cycle. Key issues addressed include specifying California State Universities and Community Colleges in the allocation hierarchy, clarifying language to address the existing practice whereby UC Anatomical Donation Programs do not accept unclaimed human remains or unrepresented donors for use in education and research, and implementing new training for approved requestors, along with updates to definitions, links and personnel designations.

**Systemwide Review**

Systemwide review is a public review distributed to the Chancellors, the Chair of the Academic Council, the Director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources requesting that they inform the general University community, especially affected employees, about policy proposals. Systemwide review also includes a mandatory full Senate review.

Employees should be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the draft policy. Attached is a Model Communication which may be used

to inform non-exclusively represented employees about these proposals. Systemwide Labor Relations at the Office of the President is responsible for informing the bargaining units representing union membership about policy proposals.

We would appreciate receiving your comments on this expedited review no later than **March 27, 2026**. Please submit your comments or questions to Brandi Schmitt, Executive Director of Anatomical Services [Brandi.Schmitt@ucop.edu](mailto:Brandi.Schmitt@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- 1) Draft Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials (clean copy)
- 2) Draft Presidential Policy on Anatomical Donation Program and Anatomical Materials (tracked-changes copy)
- 3) Model Communication

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