Dear Colleagues:

Every five or so years after the initial appointment of a Chancellor, the Academic Senate conducts a “stewardship” review. The review is an evaluation of the Chancellor’s leadership qualities as we have perceived them during the preceding period. UC President Janet Napolitano has asked me to initiate Chancellor Block’s second stewardship review. I am enclosing a letter from President Napolitano inviting your participation in the review process.

The stewardship review supplements the performance reviews that the President conducts annually for each Chancellor. These five-year reviews provide the President and the Chancellor with important feedback from a wide range of Senate members on the Chancellor’s leadership and decision-making abilities, his administrative and managerial skills, and his ability to represent the campus. The review is intended to identify both strengths and areas for improvement.

I invite all members of the UCLA Academic Senate to submit confidential letters for consideration by the ad hoc committee that will conduct the stewardship review. You may email your comments to UCLA.Chan.Review@ucop.edu, a private mailbox for the exclusive use of the review committee. If you prefer, you may submit letters to the Systemwide Senate office (c/o Hilary Baxter, Academic Senate Executive Director, 1111 Franklin St., 12th floor, Oakland, CA 94607). Letters should be received no later than Friday, February 1, 2019. Although all letters are confidential, the Chancellor may request copies that have been redacted to remove identifying information such as letterhead or signature block. The text of the letters will not be revised to remove other identifying information.

For your convenience, we have created a stewardship review section on the UCLA Senate homepage that you may access by clicking here. On this site, you can find the Criteria to Guide Chancellor Review Committees. We also have posted a self-statement from Chancellor Block including his reflections on the past five years, the current state of the campus, and his vision for the future.

The system of shared governance gives faculty, through the Academic Senate, a strong voice in the operation of the University. I urge you to participate in shared governance by providing your assessment of Chancellor Block’s leadership. If you have any questions about the review process, please do not hesitate to contact UC Senate Executive Director Hilary Baxter at Hilary.Baxter@ucop.edu.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important review.

Sincerely,

Joseph Bristow
UCLA Academic Senate Chair