October 30, 2018

PRESIDENT JANET NAPOLITANO
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT MICHAEL T. BROWN
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Re: Academic freedom for non-faculty academic appointees

Dear President Napolitano and Provost Brown,

On behalf of the University of California (UC) Council of University Librarians (CoUL), I am writing to relay that CoUL unanimously endorses (11-0) the formation of a working group to develop clear university policies providing non-Academic Senate academic appointees with appropriate protections, responsibilities, and obligations for scholarship, research, and/or teaching conducted in the context of their appointments. The policies developed by the working group should be analogous to APM-010 (Academic Freedom) and APM-015 (Faculty Code of Conduct), although formulated independently.

CoUL strongly supports the academic freedom of non-faculty academic appointees, such as the university’s librarians, and feels that it is appropriate that there be librarian representation on the working group.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Presidential Chair
UC Santa Cruz & Chair of the UC Council of University Librarians, 2018-2019

cc: Vice Provost Carlson
Council of University Librarians