ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY DIRECTORS

Dear Colleagues:

Notification of Campus Building Official

Attached, for your information, is a copy of the letter I sent to the Facilities Managers about campus "building official" responsibilities. A campus building official is responsible to ensure that all campus design and construction projects comply with state building code requirements for fire and life safety, and requirements of general state-wide concern, such as energy conservation and disabled access.

The University is subject to general police power regulations enacted by the Legislature, including fire and life safety standards. Because of its autonomy, the University is not subject to local building codes. The University has chosen to comply with the California amendments to the Uniform Building Code, Fire Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing Code, Energy Code, and the California Elevator Safety Construction Code.

There is also an attached list of campus building officials for your reference. Please call me if you have any questions about this issue.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory L. Carr
Director
Facilities and Environmental Management

Attachments

cc: Manager Belk
Manager Ross
Dear Colleagues:

Clarification of Campus Building Official Responsibility

Some of you have recently asked for clarification about who, if anyone, on a campus is the "building official", and what are the attendant responsibilities. This issue is confusing, because of the University's constitutional autonomy under Article IX, Section 9, of the California Constitution. That autonomy gives the University different responsibilities from state agencies, cities, or counties.

The University is subject to general police power regulations enacted by the Legislature, including fire and life safety standards. The University is not subject to some other building standards. However, the University has chosen to comply with the California amendments to the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Fire Code.

The University, because of its constitutional autonomy, acts as its own "building official." Each campus, as a part of the University's decentralized structure, has a building official. On the campus, the manager of the design and construction organization is the building official. The manager's responsibility is to ensure that all campus design and construction projects comply with state building code requirements for fire and life safety, and requirements of general statewide concern, e.g., disabled access standards and energy conservation.

The attached list of managers is our understanding of who are the campus building officials. Please review the list and notify me by November 15 if there are any changes. We maintain this list on file and provide these names to state agencies when requested.

The University formed the University Code Advisory Committee (UCAC) in order to become active in code development and procedural matters. UCAC acts as the technical advisory body for these issues within the University. UCAC has representatives from campuses, the Office of the President, and the Office of the General Counsel. Senior Architect Ellie Ross, the chairperson of UCAC, acts as a liaison to state and regulatory agencies on code issues. UCAC is the University's forum for all code issues and proposed code changes, and we encourage you and your staff to participate in this formal, unified process.
Please call me if you have any questions about these issues.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory L. Carr
Director
Facilities and Environmental Management

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cc: Assistant Vice President Bocchicchio
Deputy General Counsel Morrison
Acting Director Zimmerman
Senior Architect Ross
LETTER SENT TO FACILITIES MANAGERS:

BERKELEY: Assistant Vice Chancellor Bean
           Director Torrez

DANR:    Director Myers

DAVIS:   Associate Vice Chancellor Ralls
           Assistant Vice Chancellor and Manager Taylor

IRVINE:  Assistant Vice Chancellor Givens
           Acting Vice Chancellor Gladson

LOS ANGELES: Vice Chancellor Blackman
             Assistant Vice Chancellor Solomon
             Director Oakley
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