



Hoverboard Policy

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I. POLICY SUMMARY

The Hoverboard policy is being rescinded. The policy was envisioned as a temporary emergency policy issued in 2016 when there were limited industry standards and guidelines related to the safe storage and charging of lithium-ion battery mobility devices. With the proliferation of battery-operated micro-mobility devices, the California Office of the State Fire Marshall released a guidance document ([23-003](#)) related to storage and charging of these types of devices and the UC Council of Campus Fire Marshals also released guidance specific to this type of equipment and its use at the University Of California.

Please see the attached issuance letter signed by the President, which formally rescinds the policy.

If you have a question or comment, please contact the Systemwide Policy Office at PolicyOffice@ucop.edu.



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President

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RE: Rescission of Business and Finance Bulletin G-40: University Patent Program and Hoverboard Policy

Dear Colleagues:

Enclosed is the Business and Finance Bulletin G-40: University Patent Program and the Hoverboard Policy that are being rescinded.

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) approved BFB-G-40 and the Hoverboard Policy to be rescinded as a Presidential Policies.

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In 1994, BFB-G-40 established administrative procedures for implementing the UC Patent Policy of 1985. The UC Patent Policy has since undergone two revisions, one in 1997 and a substantive revision in 2024. Because BFB-G-40 has not been revised since 1994, the content in BFB-G-40 was either outdated or has become available in more recent and more detailed guidance. The [Research Policy Library](#) contains links to guidance related to patents and innovation transfer.

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The rescission of these Presidential Policies is effective as of the date of this letter and will no longer be available online. This letter will replace these policies and will be posted online at <http://policy.ucop.edu/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael V. Drake MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "D".

Michael V. Drake, MD
President

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