

**CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET CRISIS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
(Approved May 12, 2004)**

WHEREAS California's economy, health, and quality of life are largely dependent upon the teaching, research, and public service activities of the University of California (UC); and

WHEREAS for the benefit of California, UC must continue to provide higher education of high quality that is both accessible and affordable to qualified students; and

WHEREAS graduate education in teaching and research is essential to UC's mission and California's economic wellbeing but is threatened by unprecedented and unrealistic graduate fee increases caused by California's budgetary crisis; and

WHEREAS access to a UC undergraduate education for some of California's qualified high school graduates is becoming prohibitively expensive due to markedly increased fees over the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS in order for students to be able to plan realistically for education costs, future fee increases must be gradual, fair and predictable; and

WHEREAS UC faculty are committed to educating students from the broad spectrum of California's citizens, but reduced allocations for student aid will deny a UC education to some deserving students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds; and

WHEREAS about 10% of UC's entering freshman enrollment is being cut because of California's budgetary crisis; and

WHEREAS UC faculty salaries have increased minimally over the past 3 years and are nearly 10% below those of our comparison public and private research universities; and

WHEREAS low salaries are beginning to hinder the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty; and

WHEREAS an outstanding UC faculty is fundamental to the quality of teaching and research at UC but is becoming difficult to maintain in the face of salary and research restrictions; and

WHEREAS State support for UC research has fallen by 25% over the past 3 years, thereby diminishing the contribution that UC research makes to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS severe erosion of funding for libraries and facilities is hampering student learning and faculty scholarship; and

WHEREAS the California State University and the California Community Colleges, our sister segments in higher education, also are being harmed by severely reduced budgets; and

WHEREAS the Faculty and the Administration of the University of California reaffirm our commitment to maintain the Master Plan for Higher Education insofar as resources are available; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty are committed to assisting the Governor in his plan to "expand the dream of college" to California high school graduates; and be it further

RESOLVED that the UC faculty and administration will continue to seek support from private and public sources for teaching, including graduate education, and research; and be it further

RESOLVED that faculty will work eagerly with UC administration, alumni, staff and students to educate Californians about UC's unique and critical role in shaping California's economic future; and be it further

RESOLVED that faculty will work with these groups to educate State legislators and executive officers about the irreparable harm that will befall the University unless these unsustainable budgetary restrictions are promptly reversed.

Resources on Topics Relating to the Academic Council Resolution

President Dynes' March 8, 2004 [*Testimony before the State Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee*](#) (for each topic refer to the page or appendix noted):

- Cost of education and fee increases (A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9)
- Reduced allocation for student financial aid (pp. 13-14, A-10 -- A-12)
- Reduced enrollment (p.12)
- Lag in UC faculty salaries (A-18-- A-19)
- Cuts to research (pp. 15-16)
 - California's economy linked to an educated populace (pp. 5-7)

Further Resources:

Governor's Proposed 2004-05 UC Budget

- Overview of the Governor's Budget Items Relating to UC:
<http://www.ucop.edu/news/archives/2004/jan09a.htm>
- Department of Finance Budget Summary: http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm
- UCOP Budget Updates: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/budget/>

Public Advocacy Campaigns

- UC for California: <http://www.ucforcalifornia.org/campaign/calaction/edesuerqjxetd>
- Keep California's Promise, an independent citizens alliance for higher education in California:
<http://keepcaliforniaspromise.org/site/> (site is under construction)

UC Mission Statement: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/aboutuc/mission.html>

California Master Plan: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/aboutuc/masterplan.html>

Graduate Education

- Graduate Education at UC (short statement on Grad support w/ links):
<http://www.ucop.edu/services/gradeduc.html>
- "Innovation and Prosperity at Risk: Investing in Graduate Education to Sustain California's Future," Report of the Commission on the Growth and Support of Graduate Education, 2001:

<http://www.ucop.edu/services/innovation.pdf>

Cost of UG Education and Fee Increases

- Fact Sheet on 2003-04 Student fees: http://www.ucop.edu/news/factsheets/2003/student_fees.pdf
- 2003-04 Undergraduate Resident Budgets:
http://www.ucop.edu/sas/sfs/reports_and_data/other/UGBdgs0304.pdf

UC Faculty Salaries

- Regents 2004-05 Budget Principles and Priorities:
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/regmeet/mar04/502.pdf>
- Average Salaries for Full-Time Faculty Members, 2002-03; Chronicle of Higher Education, 4/18/2003:
<http://chronicle.com/prm/weekly/v49/i32/32a01501.htm>
- UCOP survey of academic job candidates: “reasons first-offer candidates declined appointments 1995-96 – 1999-2000” : <http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/acadpers/table8.pdf>; “reasons tenured faculty cited for leaving UC 1982-83 – 1998-99”: <http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/acadpers/table10.pdf>

Funding for Libraries

- UC Libraries Budget Page: http://libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/library_budgets.html

California State University and California Community College Budget Issues

- Testimony of CCC Chancellor Drummond before the budget subcommittee:
http://www.cccco.edu/news/press/press_2004/press_march/press_031004.htm
- CSU “Budget Central” (Budget Summit presentations, budget fact sheets, etc.):
<http://www.calstate.edu/BudgetCentral/index.shtml>

Impact of UC research on State’s Economy

- UC Fact Sheets on each campus, including economic impacts:
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses/welcome.html>

IU Cooperative Research Program – links between UC research and the California economy:
<http://uc-industry.berkeley.edu/about/economic.htm>