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**ROBERT DYNES**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Re: Safeguarding the University's Future: A Resolution of the Academic Council on Returning UC to a Sound Fiscal Basis**

Dear Bob,

On behalf of the Academic Council, I submit for your consideration the enclosed document entitled *Safeguarding the University's Future: A Resolution of the Academic Council on Returning UC to a Sound Fiscal Basis*. This Resolution, the substance of which the Academic Council has discussed over the course of the last two months, has the unanimous support of the Council.

The Resolution conveys our belief, based on the analysis and findings of the Academic Council's "Futures Report," that the University's current budget trajectory can neither achieve the Regents' budget priorities nor maintain UC's historic quality and scope of mission. The Resolution requests that specific first steps be taken for restoring UC's financial base and establishing a shared basis of understanding among the Regents, the Administration and the Senate for attaining immediate and long-term budget goals.

I respectfully request that this Resolution of the Academic Council be shared with the Board of Regents, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "John Oakley".

John Oakley, Chair  
Academic Council

Copy: Academic Council  
María Bertero-Barceló, Executive Director

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**SAFEGUARDING THE UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE:  
A RESOLUTION OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL ON RETURNING UC TO A  
SOUND FISCAL BASE**

The Academic Council fully supports The Regents' declared budget priorities of restoring adequate funding for graduate and undergraduate education, for competitive salaries, and for core academic support. The Council also is fully aware of the state's financial restrictions and their negative impact on the essential operations of the University of California.

Out of concern for the University of California's acute and continuing fiscal crisis, the Academic Council has conducted a careful analysis of the University's revenue picture, focusing on the core funds that support the University's essential missions of instruction and research.<sup>1</sup> The Council has concluded that if the University continues on the current budgetary trajectory, it will be impossible to achieve The Regents' budget priorities for the foreseeable future. It has further concluded that if the current budgetary trajectory is continued, the University will lose the ability to play its historic role as a world-class, accessible, and affordable public university serving the people of California.

As a result of these conclusions, the Academic Council respectfully requests that the President:

1. Provide to The Regents detailed projections of the full costs involved in achieving each of The Regents' budget priorities;
2. Present to The Regents the budget-trends analysis adopted by the Academic Council ("Current Budget Trends and the Future of the University of California");
3. Communicate to The Regents the Academic Council's strongly held views that:
  - a. every year's delay in increasing the University's revenues by approximately \$1.1 billion in General Fund monies (or their equivalent) will make achieving The Regents' priorities ever more costly and difficult; and
  - b. the urgency of the current situation requires that a multi-year plan of General Fund augmentation be established, beginning in 2007-08 with at least \$700 million beyond the Proposed Budget that was presented to The Regents in November 2006.

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<sup>1</sup>"Current Budget Trends and the Future of the University of California," University Committee for Planning and Budget, May 2006; endorsed by the Academic Council, December 2006.