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**MARK YUDOF, PRESIDENT
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Re: Draft Regents' resolution on holistic review

Dear Mark:

I am happy to report that, following endorsement by BOARS, the Academic Council, at its December 15, 2010 meeting, endorsed the draft resolution on admissions to be considered by the Regents in January.

The discussion at Council raised several key issues. Members of the Council stressed the need to maintain flexibility in campus admissions policies, as several campuses have developed policies that work well in the context of the character of their campuses, particularly with respect to increasing the diversity of their student bodies. The Council also reflected my concern that in expanding the use of single score holistic review we risk creating an expectation that the approach will result in an increase in the enrollment of under-represented minorities. This issue is complex and cannot be resolved by simply using one score as opposed to multiple scores in assessing admissions applications. We stress that outreach and the ability to provide scholarships are far more significant in increasing the enrollment of under-represented minorities, a goal that Council shares with you.

Council also stresses three aspects of implementation: 1) the need to provide adequate funding on each of the campuses to support trained readers as we expand single score holistic review; 2) the need to ensure that every application is read by a trained reader; and 3) the need to move toward the enhanced Entitled To Review standards to be implemented in the next academic year.

I look forward to supporting your presentation of this resolution to the Regents in January.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel L. Simmons".

Daniel L. Simmons, Chair, Academic Council

Copy: Academic Council
Martha Winnacker, Academic Senate Executive Director