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**JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

Re: Academic Council Resolution on In-State Tuition

Dear Janet:

At its December 19, 2016 meeting, the Academic Council considered a possible 2.5% increase in in-state undergraduate tuition and passed the following motion by unanimous vote:

Whereas

The University's mission as a public system of higher education emphasizes not only access and affordability, but also quality;

Years of cuts have already reduced UC's quality from its historical standard;

The University's budget-framework agreement with the Governor, approved by the Regents and publicized by the University for more than a year, provides for a modest tuition increase—tied to the rate of inflation;

The University has not raised tuition for six years, in spite of numerous mandatory cost increases, reducing the real purchasing power of the operating budget and harming UC's ability to serve students;

Fully one-third of the revenues from any tuition increase (\$26M systemwide for a 2.5% increase) add to the funding available for California resident financial aid, meaning that in combination with CalGrants, such a tuition increase actually benefits California residents in the highest-need categories;

UC's return-to-aid system ensures that no California resident with a family income below \$165,000 will pay the full portion of the increase in in-state tuition, and no student with a family income below \$150,000 will pay *any* of the increase;

Forgoing the tuition adjustment would be equivalent to cancelling approximately half of the anticipated 4% increase in State general funds for the University's budget, slightly more than the \$50M earmarked in the proposed budget for "re-investment in quality";

Modest and predictable tuition increases are better for students and their families than alternating years of no change followed by large and irregular increases when it is necessary to catch up to the University's funding requirements; therefore,

Be it resolved that,

The Academic Council supports the tuition increase proposed by the UC Office of the President, finding it fully appropriate as part of a prudent overall budget strategy that meets the University's needs and best protects the interests of students. The new revenues that will result are a critical part of restoring and maintaining UC's quality.

Please feel free to use or distribute the resolution in any way you believe is appropriate, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Chalfant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Chalfant, Chair
Academic Council

Cc: Academic Council
Senate Director Baxter
Senate Executive Directors