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March 8, 2009

**PRESIDENT MARK YUDOF  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

**Re: Support for enrollment cuts**

Dear Mark:

At its meeting on February 25, Council approved forwarding a letter from the University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) in support of the Regents' recent decision to limit enrollment for the 2009-10 academic year. The large number of unfunded students at UC has led to rising student-to-faculty ratios and the associated erosion in the quality of education. However, Council is concerned about the possible effects of curtailing enrollment on the diversity of the student body and urges you to take measures to minimize any such negative effects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding UCEP's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Croughan".

Mary Croughan, Chair  
Academic Council

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February 4, 2009

MARY CROUGHAN, CHAIR  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

**Re: Enrollment limits for 2009-10**

Dear Mary,

The Committee on Educational Policy would like to express our support for the reduction in enrollment of Freshmen and an increase of 500 transfer students for the 2009-10 academic year with very mixed emotions. Last year UC served about 11,000 unfunded students. Over the past several difficult budget years we have seen the student-to-faculty ratio increase, more temporary lecturers hired and an increase in the numbers of students being turned away from required classes that are over-subscribed. Thus the quality of education that UC is able to provide has begun to deteriorate.

This can not continue indefinitely without the University of California losing its preeminent reputation as an affordable, world-class research institution that provides undergraduate education of the highest caliber. While an enrollment reduction obviously means that some able and worthy students will not be granted admission to the university, and unfortunately a disproportionately high percentage may come from underrepresented minorities, we must address the rising student-to-faculty ratios and the associated erosion in the quality of education. We request that everything possible be done to minimize the negative effect that the enrollment limit may have on the diversity of our student population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. R. McLean".

Stephen R. McLean, Chair  
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