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**REGENT RUSSELL GOULD
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Re: UC Commission on the Future

Dear Russ and Mark:

The Academic Council discussed the UC Commission on the Future and the associated working groups at our July 29, 2009 meeting. As you know, concerns have been expressed regarding the composition of the Commission. In an effort to address these concerns, the Academic Council would like to strongly urge you to add three faculty members to the Commission. These three faculty should represent the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical Sciences; come from general campuses; and have experience in undergraduate education.

In addition, the Academic Council respectfully requests that Daniel Simmons, the incoming Academic Senate Vice Chair, be added to the Commission as an *ex officio* member to ensure that the current Senate leadership is fully represented during the upcoming academic year, as well as to foster continuity when recommendations are implemented in the next academic year.

If you agree to the above requests, I will be happy to forward a request to our University Committee on Committees to obtain a slate of potential faculty from whom you can choose the final Commission members. In making the request of UCOC, it would be extremely helpful if I could be provided with further details regarding the frequency and timeline for Commission meetings.

Overall, the Academic Council would like to thank you for addressing the future vision of the University of California, and we are honored to work with you on the Commission and in the Working Groups. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding Council's requests.

Sincerely,



Mary Croughan

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