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June 30, 2011

Mark Yudof
President
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RE: Council Resolution on Tuition and Fees

Dear Mark:

I enclose a resolution adopted by the Academic Council at a special meeting today. Acting under the Academic Senate's delegated authority to advise the President on the budget and the Regents' direction to the Senate to address issues to the Regents through the President, the Council resolution advises you to "request that the Regents increase mandatory systemwide charges effective in Fall term 2011 in an amount sufficient to offset the additional \$150 million reduction in State funding contained in the State 2011-2012 budget."

The Council is dismayed by the State's continuing disinvestment in higher education. Our advice to request an additional fee increase is based on Council's recognition that the University cannot maintain its excellence with the State's budgeted funding and must find additional revenue. Council also recognizes that the State's disinvestment in higher education imposes burdens on students and their families. These State cutbacks threaten the University's diversity and its ability to enhance the economic potential and contributions of all sectors of California's population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel L. Simmons".

Daniel L. Simmons

Copy: Academic Council
Council Vice-Chair Anderson
Provost and EVC Pitts
Vice President Lenz
Associate Vice President Obley

RESOLUTION OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
IN SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 30, 2011

RECITALS:

1. The Governor of the State of California proposed in his January budget a \$500 million reduction in State funding to the University of California.
2. The budget adopted by the State Legislature on June 28, 2011, reduces the State funding to the University by an additional \$150 million resulting in an overall reduction in State support to the University of \$650 million, a 21.3 percent decrease in the State support from 2010-2011.
3. The University also must absorb \$362.5 million of unfunded mandatory cost increases.
4. The \$500 million reduction initially proposed and increased costs are being absorbed by campuses and the Office of the President in multiple ways, many of which threaten the excellence of the teaching and research mission of the University.
5. The Regents have approved an 8 percent increase in mandatory systemwide charges effective for the Fall 2011 term that partially mitigates reductions of State funding predating the Governor's budget, replacing \$115.8 million of over \$300 million of State funds reductions from the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 budget years.
6. Unless optimistic revenue projections are realized, the budget adopted by the State Legislature on June 28, 2011 provides an additional reduction in funding to the University of up to \$100 million that will be triggered if State revenues do not increase by at least \$3 billion. The University will be notified of this trigger reduction no sooner than November 2011.
7. President Yudof has testified before Legislative committees, and has otherwise publicly stated, that "only a dire course of action" remains open in the face of funding reductions beyond the \$500 million originally proposed in the Governor's budget and that in the short term fees "will rise dollar for dollar for what Sacramento cuts."
8. Failure to respond immediately to the additional \$150 million reduction in State funding will exacerbate the University's budget shortfall for the 2012-2013 academic year requiring imposition of even greater costs to future students.
9. Available bridging strategies for adjusting to budget cuts, other than fees, are largely exhausted in response to previous State fund reductions.
10. The Council registers dismay at the State's continuing disinvestment in higher education, which imposes additional burdens on California students and their families and threatens the University's excellence.

RESOLUTION:

The Academic Council advises President Yudof to request that the Regents increase mandatory systemwide charges effective in Fall term 2011 in an amount sufficient to offset the \$150 million reduction in State funding contained in the State 2011-2012 budget.