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JANET NAPOLITANO, PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Re: Academic Council Resolution on Nonresident Enrollment

Dear Janet:

At its December 19, 2016 meeting, the Academic Council discussed the possibility that nonresident students would be limited to 20% of individual campuses' undergraduate enrollments. Based on analysis and recommendations from the University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB), the Council passed the following resolution by unanimous vote:

Whereas

The University of California is the world's top public university system;

The University helps create an educated workforce that keeps the California economy competitive by meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse state and society;

Maintaining excellence requires both funding and an admissions policy that supports the University's mission to enroll academically strong students who contribute a diversity of perspectives to their UC campuses;

The budget agreement with the state does not call for an arbitrary cap on nonresidents, only a policy;

Any limit on nonresident enrollment ignores existing admissions policy that has served us well, and represents a quota on nonresidents that benefits no one;

Nonresident students contribute to the diversity of points of view, experiences, and ideas that enhance the University experience for all;

No justification has been presented for the proposed 20% cap on nonresident enrollment, a fixed percentage that appears arbitrary;

A policy to limit nonresident enrollment to 20% would cost the system nearly \$56M if imposed in

the current year, at a time when campuses already are struggling to cover their costs;

An additional \$14M would be lost from the share of nonresident tuition that would have been available as return-to-aid, thereby creating additional hindrances for lower-income California resident students on every campus;

Limiting nonresidents does not increase the enrollment of California resident students, in the absence of new funding for that purpose;

The State's contribution to the marginal cost of additional enrollment has fallen short of its historical share for two consecutive years;

The funding provided by nonresident tuition significantly exceeds the marginal cost of enrollment and helps campuses meet other needs, many of which directly enhance the quality of the education provided to California resident students;

The campuses cannot simply find alternative revenue sources sufficient to replace these funds and keep the University on a sustainable financial path;

Debates about the best path to a long-range enrollment policy that limits nonresidents have not been helpful because they simply describe alternatives to the same harmful, self-imposed budget cut;

Regardless of the adjustment path, an arbitrary enrollment cap is ill-advised; therefore,

Be it resolved that,

The Academic Council urges the Regents to reject any policy expressed as a fixed limit on the percentage of nonresident undergraduates, and respectfully requests that the Regents condition any policy limiting nonresident enrollment on first securing a budget with revenues sufficient to maintain UC's three goals of access, affordability, and 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,



Jim Chalfant, Chair
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Cc: Academic Council
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