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Re: Cuts to SMI CalTeach program

Dear Larry and Russ:

At its May meeting, the Academic Council unanimously endorsed UCEP's letter (enclosed) expressing concern regarding the budget cuts to the UC Science and Mathematics Teacher Initiative (SMI CalTeach). We call on you "to carefully weigh the impact of the cuts on the SMI CalTeach program" and, if cuts are necessary, to ensure that they are "implemented in a measured way in order to allow the program to organize an orderly transition to a sustainable funding model."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Anderson".

Robert M. Anderson, Chair
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Cc: Academic Council
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May 14, 2012

Bob Anderson, CHAIR
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Re: UC Science and Mathematics Teacher Initiative

Dear Bob,

During its April meeting UCEP met with Jane Conoley, Chair of the UC Science and Mathematics Teacher Initiative (SMI CalTeach). The Committee learned of the successes of the program and found it distressing that the program should find itself in such a difficult funding situation, especially in view of its past successes and future promise. On the other hand UCEP is well aware of the dire financial situation the University finds itself in, and the additional changes necessitated by the changes in the manner the UC funds of programs.

The Committee suggests that the Senate urges the administration to carefully weigh the impact of the cuts on the SMI CalTeach program and, if cuts are inevitable, to insist that these be implemented in a measured way in order to allow the program to organize an orderly transition to a sustainable funding model.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jose Wudka'.

Jose Wudka, Chair
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