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MARK YUDOF, PRESIDENT
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Re: BOARS Resolution on the Evaluation of Residents and Nonresidents

Dear Mark:

I have enclosed a resolution passed by BOARS regarding the evaluation of resident and nonresident applicants for admission to the University. The resolution outlines procedures for campuses to follow to ensure that nonresident domestic and international students admitted to a campus compare favorably to California residents admitted at that campus. I request that you forward this resolution to the Chancellors to make them aware of BOARS' intentions as their campuses begin reviewing applications for Fall 2012.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance. If you or any of the Chancellors have any questions about this resolution, please do not hesitate to call me or BOARS Chair Bill Jacob.

Sincerely,

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

Robert M. Anderson, Chair
Academic Council

Cc: Lawrence Pitts, Provost & Executive Vice President
Judy Sakaki, Vice President, Student Affairs
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Encl.

BOARS Resolution on the Evaluation of Residents and Nonresidents December 2011

Whereas

1. BOARS believes that recruiting and enrolling high quality nonresident undergraduates is in the interest of the University of California;
2. In 2009, BOARS adopted seven principles for Nonresident Undergraduate Enrollment that were endorsed by the Academic Council;¹
3. BOARS resolved in those principles that nonresident enrollment should not be used exclusively as a revenue-producing strategy to the detriment of resident access, and that fiscal considerations should not be a factor guiding the review of files or admissions decisions;
4. In June 2011, BOARS resolved, and the Academic Council agreed, that nonresident domestic and international students admitted to a campus should compare favorably to California residents admitted at that campus;²
5. BOARS believes it is essential to convey to the California public that admitted non-resident students “compare favorably” to admitted California students.

Be it Resolved that

1. To the fullest extent possible, campuses should evaluate and select resident and nonresident applicants according to the same criteria and cutoff scores.
2. Enrollment targets for nonresident undergraduates should be set by taking into account the academic qualifications of both the resident and nonresident applicant pools, such that the admitted nonresidents will compare favorably to admitted California residents at each campus.
3. Administrators should establish and meet nonresident enrollment targets in a way that preserves the integrity of the admissions process and the role of faculty in determining the conditions for admission to the University.
4. Campus Senate admissions committees should work with local campus administration and, if needed, BOARS and systemwide administration, to ensure that the BOARS principles on non-resident undergraduate enrollment are being met.
5. At the close of the annual admissions cycle, each campus will provide BOARS with an assessment of the extent to which the compare favorably rule is being met. This assessment should include descriptions of campus evaluation and selection criteria, measures, and supporting data. In lieu of campus-generated data, each campus may comment on the results of a campus-specific nonresident comparability report prepared annually by UCOP.

¹ http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/reports/MG2Yudof_BOARS%20Non-Resident%20Principles_082109.pdf

² http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/senate/reports/DS_MGY_LPBOARSNRPrinciple6.pdf