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**KATHERINE N. LAPP, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
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Re: Academic Council Comments on the Draft Report of the Campus Security Task Force

Dear Katie:

At its November 28, 2007 meeting, the Academic Council provided comments on the draft Report of the University of California Campus Security Task Force. Though members expressed concern over mental health issues they also applauded the report and its recommendations. Among the first of the concerns relates to the funding of campus student mental health needs. The Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs have estimated that \$41 million in permanent new funds is needed to implement the most critical components of the report; the Council questions whether an ultimate 25% increase in the system-wide student registration fee is the best way to achieve this, posing a substantial burden on students and further threatening to limit UC's accessibility to students from less-affluent backgrounds.

Council also suggest that clarity is needed regarding the role of faculty in making referrals of students, faculty, and staff to campus mental health professionals, addressing specifically the issues of legal liability and privacy. With respect to referring staff to mental health services, it is not clear how faculty should interact with the Office of Human Resources.

From the recommendations, it is unclear how differences in mental health needs by student constituency would be identified and addressed. For example, graduate students and post-docs would benefit from mental health facilities that remain open year-round, rather than only during the regular academic year. Finally, one member remarked that the authors of the report may want to reconsider using the term "active shooter" training plan," as it could be misconstrued.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding Council's comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

Michael T. Brown, Chair
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