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PRESIDENT ROBERT C. DYNES

Re: Graduate Student Support

Dear Bob:

Following our discussion with you at the July 27 Academic Council meeting, the Academic Council enthusiastically endorsed your suggestion to earmark for graduate student support the savings that comes to the General Fund through the University's Strategic Sourcing Initiative. This represents a new funding source, with a potential for significant growth during the near term, which could help UC compete with other U.S. and international universities for the most talented graduate students and thereby strengthen our graduate programs.

The deteriorating state of graduate education has been a matter of intense concern to the UC faculty, and over the past year the Academic Council has been actively engaged in thinking about strategies for how this problem might be remedied. As part of that effort, the Council is currently considering two proposals on out-of-state tuition remission, which have been submitted to the University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB) for cost analysis and feasibility review. For UCPB to make any meaningful assessments of the two proposals, it needs some specific financial data from both systemwide and the individual campuses. UCPB Chair Michael Parrish and I have therefore written a joint letter to Vice President Hershman to request these data. I ask for your support in obtaining this information for UCPB within the timeframe specified in the letter, which I have enclosed.

The Academic Council looks forward to continuing to work with you and your administration in order to address this most serious issue.

Best regards,

George Blumenthal, Chair
Academic Council

Encl.: 8/2/05 Letter to VP Hershman

Copy: Michael E. Parrish, UCPB Chair
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**LAWRENCE HERSHMAN
VICE PRESIDENT-BUDGET**

Re: Request for Graduate Student Financial Data

Dear Larry,

As part of our continuing effort to offer recommendations on graduate student financial support, the Academic Council and the University Committee on Planning and Budget find ourselves in need of solid financial data concerning both the UC system and the individual campuses. We hope that your staff can assist us by collecting the information outlined below and that we can receive it by mid-September prior to our fall budget discussions.

- How much revenue did each campus collect from non-resident tuition and fees in 2003-04 and 2004-05? It would be helpful to break this down into domestic non-residents and foreign non-residents. This data should include, of course, those who paid full tuition and fees as well as those advanced to candidacy who paid somewhat less.
- Does the university treat non-resident tuition as a source of revenue for our General Funds, thereby losing its identity once collected? If not, then how much non-resident revenue was allocated back to each campus in 2003-04 and 2004-05 in the form of general funds and as block grant funds specifically targeted to graduate student support?
- By campus, how much block grant money was finally allocated to non-resident graduate students, both domestic and foreign in those years?

If there are difficulties in providing all or portions of this information, we would appreciate hearing back from you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Handwritten signature of George Blumenthal in cursive.

George Blumenthal, Chair
Academic Council

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