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**ROBERT C. DYNES**  
**PRESIDENT**

**Re: Notice of Assembly Action: Concurrent Resolution on Graduate Education**

Dear Bob:

At its March 9, 2005 meeting, the Assembly of Academic Senate approved a resolution that calls upon the Chair of the Academic Senate and the President of the University to take whatever actions are needed to have the Senate's Concurrent Resolution on Graduate Education introduced in, and passed by both houses of the Legislature during the 2005-06 Legislative Session. The resolution reads as follows:

"This resolution requests that the Chair of the Academic Senate and the President of the University take whatever steps are needed to ensure that the Senate's resolution on graduate education is introduced in, and passed by the 2005-06 Legislature."

In the same action, the Assembly approved a draft of a joint UC-CSU Resolution on Graduate Education, which was written in consultation with the CSU Academic Senate Chair, who expressed his interest on behalf of the CSU Senate in joining with UC in this effort. You will find the resulting joint UC-CSU Resolution on Graduate Education enclosed with this letter.

The UC and CSU Senate leadership took the opportunity to present the joint resolution to Senator Scott and Assembly member Liu during our recent visit in Sacramento on the occasion of ICAS Day. Both Senator Scott and Assembly member Liu understand the key role that graduate education plays in the state's economy. I am currently in the process of pursuing their possible sponsorship, with the hope that we will receive a commitment from them within the next few weeks.

Any help that you can offer us as we move forward with this endeavor would be welcomed.

Best regards,

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

George Blumenthal, Chair  
Academic Senate

Encl.: Joint UC-CSU Resolution on Graduate Education

Copy: Academic Council

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**Assembly Concurrent Resolution Relative to Graduate Education at The  
University of California and The California State University**

This measure would request that the Legislature of the State of California and the Governor join together with the University of California's Regents, President, and Faculty; the California State University's Board of Trustees, Chancellor, and Faculty; and California's business and industry leaders to acknowledge the critical importance of graduate education to California's economy and to support policies to ensure that California's graduate education programs remain competitive for the very best students.

WHEREAS, California's future economic strength and cultural vitality depend fundamentally on a workforce with advanced training; and

WHEREAS, the state of California faces an increasing challenge in its ability to meet this need in the areas of biotechnology, telecommunications, engineering, computer science, multimedia and the digital arts, education, management, health care, microelectronics and in many other professions that require advanced degrees; and

WHEREAS, University of California graduates with advanced degrees have founded one third of California's biotechnology companies, one sixth of the communications and networking firms, and are on the leading edge of advances in the sciences, engineering, medicine, agriculture, the arts and entertainment; and will become the next generation of faculty for California's colleges and universities, which will need 40,000 new professors/instructors by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, California State University awards one third of all masters degrees awarded in the state in 162 fields that prepare degree holders for careers in computer science, education, nursing, business administration, public administration, social work, health care, communications and the media, civil engineering, and many more; and produces approximately sixty percent of all K-12 teachers and teacher-administrators; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of the world-class scholars who are attracted to California by the outstanding graduate degree programs of the University of California and California State University remain in the state to work after receiving their degrees; and

WHEREAS, graduate degree programs at the University of California and California State University both enhance the educational experience of our undergraduates, to whom we are committed, and are welcoming to and supportive of the diverse population within California; now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California and the Governor join together with the University of California's Regents, President, and Faculty; the California State University's Board of Trustees, Chancellor and Faculty; and California's business and industry leaders to acknowledge that California's future economic strength depends on investing in graduate education today, and to support policies to ensure that California's public graduate education programs retain the excellence they have achieved over the past half century and remain competitive in their ability to attract the very best students from within California, across the nation and around the world.*