



## Graduate Assembly Standing Policies

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## **Standing Policy to Increase Underrepresented Minority Enrollment in the UC System and to Support the BOARS Admissions Proposal**

Adopted March 6, 2008

WHEREAS throughout its history, the Graduate Assembly has supported affirmative action and integration in the University of California. The Graduate Assembly raised its voice along with thousands of students in calling on the UC Regents to reverse their ban on affirmative action in the UC system, an effort which led to the Regents' unanimous reversal of the ban on May 16, 2001; and

WHEREAS the UC faculty committee BOARS (Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools) has proposed a new UC eligibility policy that includes eliminating the SAT II subject test requirement and the rigid use of other admissions criteria. The aim of the BOARS proposal is to increase the opportunities of Latina/o, black, Native American, Filipina/o, rural, and low-income students of all races to attend UC-Berkeley and other UCs. If passed and correctly implemented, this proposal could represent a step forward towards restoring the mission of the UC system to provide a first-class education to all of California's most promising young people, including those who have been denied equal educational opportunities because of institutional racism, segregation, and poverty; and

WHEREAS a solid and growing body of research demonstrates that the SAT adds little value to the admissions process, while unfairly denying opportunities to underrepresented minority and poor students. The BOARS proposal states: "In quantitative studies, BOARS has repeatedly found that, while the predictive power of all standardized admissions test is quite modest, scores on [the SAT II] elective subject tests make a negligible contribution to predictions of initial academic performance at the University" (BOARS, "Proposal to Reform UC's Freshman Eligibility Policy"). An October 2001 quantitative study by the UC Office of the President found the SAT I to be an even less important indicator of college success than the SAT II (Saul Geiser, "UC and the SAT: Predictive Validity and Differential Impact of the SAT I and SAT II at the University of California"); and

WHEREAS UCLA's Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies and the UC Latino Eligibility Task Force have called for elimination of the SAT in UC admissions. In 2001, a large number of faculty called for elimination of the SAT (see attached declaration); and

WHEREAS in its current form, the BOARS proposal eliminates the guarantee of UC admission to the top 12.5% of California's high school graduates. The BOARS proposal must be amended to restore the 12.5% because the guarantee is a democratic gain that can be implemented to benefit all California students including its rapidly increasing Latina/o student population; and

WHEREAS the BOARS proposal would be strengthened greatly, and more likely to achieve substantial rather than token increases in underrepresented student enrollment, if it is amended to eliminate the use of the SAT I and all standardized tests in the admissions process. The SAT and other standardized tests do not measure intellectual ability or potential. They do, however stigmatize minority and poor students and provide an unfair advantage to white students and students from privileged backgrounds. Eliminating use of the SAT is necessary to protect meaningful gains in underrepresented student enrollment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Graduate Assembly supports the BOARS proposal to reform the UC admissions system;
2. The Graduate Assembly supports amending the BOARS proposal to maintain the guarantee of admission to the top 12.5% of California's high school graduates;
3. The Graduate Assembly supports amending the BOARS proposal to also eliminate the SAT I requirement to further increase underrepresented student enrollment;
4. The Graduate Assembly will send this resolution to BOARS, the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Academic Council, and the UC Regents; and
5. The Graduate Assembly endorses the March 13, 2008 rally to increase underrepresented minority student enrollment in the UC system.

## **Directed Action and Standing Policy Regarding Commercial Activity Revenue Sharing Between the ASUC and the GA**

Adopted May 7, 2009

WHEREAS the Graduate Assembly (GA) President has written the appended bill in support of the fair and equitable sharing of commercial activities revenue between the GA and the ASUC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GA makes it a standing policy to support the bill;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the GA President is directed to continue pursuit of passage of bill and, with the approval of the executive board, to make any necessary changes to the bill in order to secure approval by the ASUC Senate, the Chancellor and the Stores Operation Board.

Spring 2009

A Bill in Support of Shared Commercial Activities Revenue between the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly (GA)

Authored by Miguel Daal, GA President 2008-09

Sponsored by President Roxanne Winston, Executive Vice President Krystle Pasco, Senator Saira Hussain, Senator Oscar Mairena, Senator Tara Raffi, Senator Tu Tran, Senator Yishi Zuo

WHEREAS, when graduate and undergraduate students work collaboratively on a project in the pursuit of a mutual goal, the success of that project is all the more likely;

WHEREAS, graduate students comprise approximately one-third of the student population on the Berkeley campus;

WHEREAS, ASUC commercial activities revenue has been relatively flat for the past ten years, which is inconsistent with inflation, since if the revenue had kept up with inflation, the total revenue would have been \$1,000,000 more than it is today;

WHEREAS, the residual commercial activities revenue returned to the ASUC student government was \$0 for fiscal year 2007-2008 and is projected to be \$0 for fiscal year 2008-2009;

WHEREAS, it is fiscally beneficial to develop ASUC businesses that are attractive to graduate students;

WHEREAS, it is fiscally sensible to encourage greater patronage of existing and future ASUC commercial business in general;

WHEREAS, it is important and necessary to create incentives for graduate students to invest time and money in order to ensure the present and future profitability of student government commercial activities;

WHEREAS, an agreement to share commercial activities revenue would make it worthwhile for the GA proceed with its plans to make available the Anthony Hall patio as rental space and to pursue the idea situating a coffee vendor cart in front of Anthony Hall;

WHEREAS, an agreement to share commercial activities revenue would make it worthwhile for the GA to promote graduate student patronage of the Lower Sproul businesses.

WHEREAS, graduate students are at Berkeley for longer periods of time, and consequently have a more expansive

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institutional memory, which is crucial for successfully managed business;

WHEREAS, it would bring about fiscal equity and financial responsibility for commercial activities revenue to be shared as equally and as fairly as student fees currently are;

WHEREAS, in their document titled Graduate Provisions Regarding Lower Sproul Redevelopment, graduate students indicated that GA investment in a Lower Sproul campaign should be consistent with returns graduate students could see on that investment;

WHEREAS, a plan to share only those revenues generated by graduate student patronage would be inconsistent with the goal of maximally increasing revenue because it would only yield revenue generated by a subset of students;

WHEREAS, a plan to share only those revenues generated by graduate student patronage would be intractable to implement;

WHEREAS, a revenue sharing agreement aimed at increasing overall ASUC commercial activities revenue would be an appropriate action to attempt to jumpstart revenue growth after ten years of essentially constant revenue;

WHEREAS, revenue received by the GA from student government commercial activities would enable it to better serve its constituency by increasing its capacity to fund student groups, and advocacy, and to adequately support a wide range of programming aimed at improving student life and services;

WHEREAS, the proposed sharing agreement seeks to enlarge revenue rather than divide up an already small residual, given the \$274,000 minimum sharing threshold;

WHEREAS, the \$274,000 minimum sharing threshold corresponds to slightly more than the maximum residual revenue ever returned to student government (in Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000);

WHEREAS, a residual revenue return in excess of the \$274,000 minimum sharing threshold would benchmark the accomplishment of the GA and the ASUC collaboratively working toward a more successful commercial activities enterprise;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Commercial Activities Agreement are consistent with the intent to share revenue and to encourage greater graduate student involvement in commercial activities for the purpose of establishing financial equity and optimizing fiscal returns; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sharing agreement is responsible since 115 it is accompanied by a proposal to share expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC and the Graduate Assembly agree to recommend amendments to the Commercial Activities Agreement as follows (altered/added text appears in all caps):

L. The ASUC Senate and the Graduate Assembly approved a resolution recommending amendments to the Commercial Activities Agreement which create a greater stake for the Graduate Assembly in the success of ASUC commercial activities. Both parties agree that increasing the Graduate Assembly's stake is fair and creates incentive for the Graduate Assembly to work with the ASUC toward successful commercial activities. This resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit H and made a part hereof.

1.2.3 The PRESIDENT OF THE ASUC, THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY, OR THEIR DESIGNATES shall be ex officio voting members of the Board.

#### 4.1 ASUC and GA Accounts.

A. STUDENT GOVERNMENT FEES AND REVENUE. TWO SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, ONE DESIGNATED AS THE ASUC STUDENT FEE ACCOUNT AND ONE DESIGNATED AS THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY STUDENT FEE ACCOUNT. STUDENT REGISTRATION FEES AND OTHER NON-

COMMERCIAL FUNDS GENERATED BY THE RESPECTIVE BRANCHES OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHALL BE DEPOSITED AS APPROPRIATE INTO EACH OF THE AFORESAID ACCOUNTS. STUDENT FEES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO EACH ACCOUNT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.1.1, BELOW.

B. COMMERCIAL REVENUE. TWO SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED, ONE DESIGNATED AS THE ASUC COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT AND ONE DESIGNATED AS THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT. REVENUE FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO EACH ACCOUNT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5.3, 5.3.1 AND 5.3.2.

4.1.1. FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE. THE ASUC FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE IS THE NUMBER OF ENROLLED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR (SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY). THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) LESS THE ASUC FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE.

4.2 Accounting. The Auxiliary shall provide accounting services for the ASUC and ASUC Commercial Activities. Both the Student Fee Account(s) and the Commercial Revenue Account(s) shall be established and maintained with two groups of signatories. The signatories of Group "A" shall be the President and Executive Vice President of the ASUC. The signatories of Group "B" shall be the Director of the Auxiliary and his/her designee(s). Checks drawn in the amount of \$1,000 or more shall require two signatures, at least one of which shall be from Group "A". A stop payment order with respect to checks of \$1,000 or more shall require two signatures, at least one of which shall be from Group "A". The bank(s) at which these accounts are maintained shall issue duplicate monthly statements to both the ASUC and the Auxiliary. FOR PURPOSES OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY STUDENT FEE ACCOUNT AND THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT, THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT SHALL BE A SIGNATORY OF GROUP "A".

4.3.1 Any official of the ASUC, ANY DELEGATE, CHAIR, OR OFFICER OF GA and any member of the Board may at all reasonable times during regular business hours inspect the books and records of the Auxiliary and make copies and extracts therefrom and may discuss the affairs, accounts and finances of the Auxiliary with its managers and employees, and the University will furnish to the ASUC, GRADUATE ASSEMBLY, and the Board statements which are accurate in all material respects regarding the operations of the Auxiliary, its rental income, its Operating Expenses, and, to the extent known to the University, the operations of third party providers of ASUC Campus Commercial Activities, all at such times and as often as shall be reasonably requested.

5.1 In order to control Operating Expenses, the Auxiliary's budget for any fiscal year shall not, without the express, prior written consent of the Chancellor, THE ASUC SENATE AND THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY, exceed the budget for the preceding fiscal year plus an amount equal to the product of the budget for the preceding fiscal year multiplied by the sum of five percent plus the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (I 982-84=1 00) of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (or any comparable successor thereto) for such fiscal year.

5.3 ASUC Commercial Activities Income After Repayment of ASUC Debt. After the ASUC Debt is fully repaid, all income received by the University or the ASUC from third parties conducting ASUC Commercial Activities shall be paid as follows:

5.3.1 such third parties shall make periodic payments to the University sufficient in the aggregate to cover the estimated Operating Expenses for the then current fiscal year of the Auxiliary; and

5.3.2 SUCH THIRD PARTIES SHALL PAY THE BALANCE OF THEIR CONTRACTUAL PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS ("STUDENT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS") DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. IF THE TOTAL ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS ARE \$274,000 OR LESS, THEN THEY SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE ASUC COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT.

B. IF THE TOTAL ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS ARE GREATER THAN \$274,000, AND LESS THE \$600,000, THEN THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTAL ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS AND \$274,000 SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT, WITH THE REMAINDER BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE ASUC COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT.

C. IF THE TOTAL ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS ARE GREATER THAN \$690,000, THEN THE ASUC FAIR SHARE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE ASUC COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT, WITH THE REMAINDER BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY COMMERCIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT.

The Director of the Auxiliary may propose for the Board's approval that one or more of the third party providers of ASUC Commercial Activities divide payments between the ASUC and the University so as to effect the intent of this Section 5.3, based on the Auxiliary's budget.

11.2 Appeal to the Chancellor. If resolution of a dispute cannot be achieved through the measures described in Section 11.1, above, the President of the ASUC AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE ASSEMBLY may appeal directly to the Chancellor whose decision shall be final. Any such appeal shall be in writing, setting forth the basis for the appeal. The Chancellor may, but shall not be obligated to, meet and confer with the President of the ASUC regarding such appeal. Any decision of the Chancellor hereunder shall be in writing, shall be delivered to the President of the ASUC and to the Board, and shall be accompanied by a written statement of the basis for such decision.

15 All notices, requests, demands and other communications given or required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, delivered personally, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or via overnight commercial courier services as follows:

University:  
Office of the Vice Chancellor Business and Administrative Services  
California Hall  
University of California Berkeley, CA 94720

ASUC:  
Office of the President Associated Students of the University of  
California 200 Eshleman Hall  
University of California, Berkeley  
Berkeley, CA 94720

ASUC Senate:  
200 Eshleman Hall  
University of California, Berkeley  
Berkeley, CA 94720  
Attention: Executive Vice President

GRADUATE ASSEMBLY:  
ANTHONY HALL MC 4500  
UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY  
BERKELEY, CA 94720  
ATTENTION: GRADUATE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Any such notice sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, shall be deemed to have been duly given and received two (2) business days after it is mailed with postage prepaid. Notice sent in any other manner shall be effective upon actual receipt thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approval of this bill shall neither imply nor engender changes to current revenue or expense allocation agreements or practices except where specifically defined in this or future agreements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if approved, this bill will be forwarded to the Stores Operation Board for approval and, with the approval of the board, shall be forwarded to the UC Berkeley Chancellor for final approval and contract amendment execution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a committee whose name shall be called the Revenue Sharing Committee be created under Title III of the ASUC Financial Bylaws consisting of the President, the GA President, one Senator, and one graduate student member of the Stores Operation Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenue Sharing Committee shall be charged with producing a Report on Commercial Activity Revenue Sharing due on February 29th (every four years) to both the ASUC Senate and the GA Delegate Assembly, which analyzes relevant changes in circumstances since the last report and which makes recommendations regarding how to continue progress toward the goals of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in years when the Report on Commercial Activity Revenue Sharing is not due, the committee is charged with monitoring progress toward the goals of this resolution and, if the committee decides it is necessary, may issue an interim Report on Commercial Activity Revenue Sharing due on or before February 28th of the current academic year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the prevue of the Revenue Sharing Committee and subject of the Report on Commercial Activity Revenue Sharing may encompass consideration of any sharing of ASUC and GA expenses insofar as such sharing is related to the goals of this resolution and the financial circumstances of the time; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate delegates all necessary authority to the ASUC President to make any necessary change to agreement in order to secure approval by the Chancellor and the Stores Operation Board.

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**Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of the 6th Public Hearing on Campus Climate: “Make the New Vision of Hope Real at UC-Berkeley: Make UCB a Diverse, Integrated, and Affordable Sanctuary Campus”**

Adopted May 7, 2009

WHEREAS, to maintain its long tradition of being California’s flagship public university, a world-class research institution, and a diverse campus, UC Berkeley must respond to the changing racial and ethnic demographics of California; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of underrepresented minority students (black, Latina/o, and Native American students) enrolled at UC-Berkeley have been abysmally low. In 2008, underrepresented minority students comprised about 16.1% of UC-Berkeley’s 2008 freshman class, while making up about 42% of California’s high school graduates. (UC Office of the President, California Department of Education); and

WHEREAS, these underrepresented minority students experience everyday acts of isolation, discrimination, and prejudice on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrant students face a situation where, due to circumstances that were and are out of their control, they are stigmatized and denied financial aid and an opportunity to pursue their dream of a higher education; and

WHEREAS, the election of Barack Obama as this nation’s first black president opens a new period of hope, and the possibility of removing the barriers to higher education for black, Latina/o, Native American, other underrepresented minority, and undocumented immigrant students, as well as the possibility of expanding educational opportunities for all ; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Dream Act would allow undocumented immigrant students to be eligible for federal financial aid and open a pathway to citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reported in its November 24, 2008 issue ("Immigration in the First 100 Days?") that Senate majority leader Harry Reid (D-NV) said, "On [the Federal Dream Act], there's been an agreement between [President-elect] Obama and [Senator] McCain to move forward on that." President-elect Obama and a large bipartisan majority of Congress have repeatedly declared their support for the passage of the Federal Dream Act. Among previous co-sponsors of the Dream Act have been Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT). On November 5, 2008, Chancellor Robert Birgeneau called on Obama to enact the Federal Dream Act as soon as he assumes office; and

**STANDING POLICY:**

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly calls on President Barack Obama and the Democrat-controlled Congress to pass the Federal Dream Act.

**DIRECTED ACTION:**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the President or the External Affairs Vice President of the Graduate Assembly shall send a letter appended with a copy of this bill to the Obama administration, and send a copy of this letter to BAMN so that they may help publicize the Graduate Assembly's position.

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**Standing Policy and Directed Action to Support Further Study of Bus Rapid Transit in Berkeley**

Adopted December 3, 2009

WHEREAS AC Transit is currently proposing an East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route between downtown Berkeley and San Leandro along much of the existing 1/1R route, one of the busiest transit corridors in the entire Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley staff recently released a proposed Locally Preferred Alternative for public comment and eventual City Council consideration; and

WHEREAS the proposed BRT route would run along the border of campus along Shattuck and Bancroft/Durant before continuing down Telegraph; and

WHEREAS the University of California, Berkeley, with over 35,000 students and 20,000 faculty and staff members is a major constituent on the proposed BRT route; and

WHEREAS students have repeatedly voted to approve the Class Pass, a mandatory fee which allows all students to ride free of charge on all AC Transit buses including the existing 1/1R; and

WHEREAS UC Berkeley's "2020 Long Range Development Plan" calls for a transit plan in which no more than 10% of students and 50% of staff drive alone to campus; and lists convenience and travel times as the most often cited reasons by faculty and staff for not taking transit or other modes of transportation; and predicts a 10% improvement in estimated drive-alone rates with the implementation of BRT along Telegraph Ave and other transit incentives; and

WHEREAS with proposed 5 minute headways and dedicated lanes would operate more quickly and reliably than current service, which often suffers from bus bunching; and

WHEREAS a major problem with the existing 1/1R service is the separated Bancroft/Durant and Telegraph/Dana 'couplet' which makes wayfinding unnecessarily difficult, and a unified station on the corner of Telegraph & Bancroft would create a better transit interface with campus and would be more convenient for students and staff; and

WHEREAS the proposed BRT route would replace existing local service but has no stops between Kittridge & Shattuck and Bancroft & Telegraph, the longest distance between any two proposed stops in Berkeley, and hence the addition of a stop at Bancroft & Ellsworth merits further study; therefore be it

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RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly supports further study of a full-build Bus Rapid Transit in Berkeley, including the potential removal of both Bancroft/Durant and Telegraph/Dana couplets as well as the addition of 1 a stop at Bancroft & Ellsworth; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly President will send a letter in support of the foregoing to the City of Berkeley Planning Department.

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### **Standing Policy and Directed Action for United Lobbying for Public Funding**

Adopted on February 4, 2010

WHEREAS University of California (UC) students have been recently hit with fee increases, reduced admission of California residents, and reduced student services due to staff layoffs; and

WHEREAS UC President Mark Yudof has publicly stated that the cuts in state funding to the UC system is the primary reason for these fee increases, enrollment cuts and layoffs; and

WHEREAS UC Berkeley and UC Office of the President (UCOP) administrators have called for united lobbying efforts aimed at re-establishing adequate public funding; and

WHEREAS California students, their parents, and the general public should be confident that increased funding for the UC will result in improved access and services to students; therefore be it

#### **Standing Policy**

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly supports an increase in and restored state funding of California public education in general, and of the UC system in particular; and be it further

RESOLVED that the GA is of the opinion that new state funds the use of restored and new UC Public funding should be prioritized to reverse the fee increases, enrollment cuts and layoffs that have been adopted since 2007; and be it further

#### **Directed Action**

RESOLVED that the GA will encourage the participation of its members in demonstrations on March 1 and 4, with the goal to advocate 1 for the funding of CA public education in the general, and the UC in particular; and be it further

RESOLVED that the GA Executive will send a letter to the UCB Chancellor and to the UC President and Provost, asking for a pledge to prioritize the reversal of fee increases, enrollment cuts and layoff in the eventually of increased state funding.

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### **Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of a Representative Student Fee Advisory Committee**

Adopted on December 2, 2010

WHEREAS the Student Services Fee (formerly the University Registration Fee) is governed by the University of California Student Fee Policy (the "Policy"), last revised by the UC Regents in May 2010; and

WHEREAS the UC Office of the President also adopted Guidelines for Implementing the Student Services Fee Portion of the Policy (the "Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS the Policy states that Student Services Fee revenues "shall be used to support services and programs that directly benefit students and that are complementary to, but not part of, the core instructional programs"; and

WHEREAS the Student Services Fee provides around \$30 million in revenues to the Berkeley campus and constitute a major revenue source for key student services such as the Tang Center, the Career Center and the Recreational Sports Facility; and

WHEREAS the revised Policy specifies how each campus' Chancellor shall consult students on the use of Student Services Fee revenues:

*At each campus, the Chancellor or his/her designee annually shall solicit and actively consider student recommendations, with the intent of honoring as much as possible student recommendations on the following: the use of Student Services Fee revenue; and the annual Student Services Fee to be set by the Regents. Student recommendations shall be provided by each campus' Student Fee Advisory Committee recognized by the systemwide Council on Student Fees.*

WHEREAS the Guidelines specify that the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) “should be comprised of a majority of students who represent graduate, professional, and undergraduate students, and to the extent feasible, should reflect the relative populations of these students on each campus”, and that the SFAC “should maintain an official working relationship with undergraduate and graduate/professional student governments; and

WHEREAS a 2003 Memorandum of Understanding between the ASUC and the UC Berkeley administration states that:

Furthermore, it is recognized that the ASUC Academic Affairs Officer makes all appointments of undergraduate student representatives to campus and Administrative committees, while the GA Academic Affairs Officer makes all appointments of graduate student representatives on campus and Administrative committees, unless otherwise stated in the by-laws of the ASUC and GA, respectively.

WHEREAS the Committee on Student Fees (CSF), which currently plays the role of SFAC on the Berkeley campus:

- (1) is composed of self-appointed students (i.e. new members are appointed by returning members of the committee);
  - (2) has failed to include graduate and professional students in proportion to their population on campus;
  - (3) is not accountable to students but rather reports to the UC Berkeley Executive Vice-Chancellor and Provost (EVCP) ;
- and

WHEREAS this structure of the CSF doesn't comply with either the Guidelines or the 2003 ASUC UCB MOU cited above; and

WHEREAS on eight (8) out of the nine (9) other UC campuses, the undergraduate and graduate student governments appoint representatives on their campus SFAC; and

WHEREAS after months of discussions with ASUC and GA officers, the CSF has refused to reform itself to be more representative of, and accountable to, UC Berkeley students; and

WHEREAS the Chair of the CSF, who is currently the only student on the workgroup responsible to bring UC Berkeley in compliance with the Student Services Fee Policy and Guidelines, has advocated against ASUC and GA participation in this workgroup, therefore be it

### **Standing Policy**

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly does not recognize the CSF as representatives of UC Berkeley graduate and professional students; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly supports a Student Fee Advisory Committee:

1. that is composed of a majority of students;
2. where the distribution of student seats reflects the relative proportion of undergraduate, graduate and professional students on the UC Berkeley campus;
3. for which all graduate and professional student representatives are nominated by the Graduate Assembly;
4. that is charged with serving student needs and representing student opinions; and be it further

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## **Directed Action**

RESOLVED that the GA president shall request that the Chancellor, or his designee, immediately address the issue of compliance with the Student Services Fee Policy and Guidelines, in consultation with the ASUC and GA student government;

RESOLVED that the GA External Affairs VP is directed to communicate this resolution to the University of California Student Association (UCSA) and the student members of the UC Board of Regents, and request their support for this resolution.

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## **Standing Policy and Directed Action to Implement a UC Berkeley Campus Energy Efficiency Target**

Adopted on March 3, 2011

WHEREAS UC Berkeley does not have a stated target for campus-wide energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS the Cal Climate Action Partnership (CalCAP) has set a 2014 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target for the campus (i.e. reduce total campus GHG emissions to 1990 levels = 166,600 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2014 versus 201,110 in 2009); and

WHEREAS according to the 2010 UC Berkeley Sustainability Report, campus-wide energy use included 157,105,948 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity, 156,301 million British thermal units (MMBtu) of natural gas, and 844,972 MMBtu of steam in 1990 versus 218,515,767 kWh of electricity, 219,401 MMBtu of natural gas, and 1,075,197 MMBtu of steam in 2009; and

WHEREAS the close interrelationship between energy consumption and GHG emissions make it prudent to establish a campus-wide energy efficiency target that compliments CalCAP's existing GHG emissions reduction target; and

WHEREAS reducing energy consumption saves money and reduces pollution, which is in the interest of all UC Berkeley students; and

WHEREAS getting more students involved will provide additional guidance and support for administrative efforts to improve campus resource efficiency and conservation; and

WHEREAS it is important for UC Berkeley to maintain its role as the environmental and resource efficiency leader within the UC system; and

WHEREAS John Mikulin is the Coordinator for this GA Action Agenda Item; therefore be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to Action Agenda Item Resolutions 1002d (March 4, 2010) and 1009e (October 7, 2010):

## **Standing Policy**

1) Goal - The GA supports the implementation of a campus-wide energy efficiency target for UC Berkeley that reduces energy consumption across all campus buildings to 20% below 2009 levels by 2014.

a. Metrics for CalCAP Consistency - In 1990, total GHG emissions for the UC Berkeley campus were 166,600 tons, of which 69% was from purchased electricity, steam, and natural gas. In 2009, campus GHG emissions were 201,110 tons, of which 78% was from purchased electricity, steam, and natural gas. Hence, the campus needs to reduce its emissions by 17% in order to meet the 2014 CalCAP target. The GA recommends reducing campus electricity, steam, and natural gas consumption to 1990 levels by 2014 in order to help achieve the CalCAP target. If campus square footage increases at 1.95%/year (the 2008-09 growth rate), then electricity consumption in existing buildings would have to fall by 40% and

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steam and natural gas consumption by 30% in 2020 (assuming new buildings are built to achieve the same energy consumption per square foot as existing buildings in 2009). Thus, absolute energy consumption in existing buildings should be reduced by 20-30% below 2009 levels by 2014 to comply with the existing CalCAP target.

2) Implementation - The GA encourages the CalCAP Steering Committee, the Operational Excellence (OE) Initiative, as well as UC Berkeley students, faculty, and staff members to collaboratively implement the GA's adopted campus-wide energy efficiency target in a cost effective, technologically feasible, and timely manner. In service of this objective, the GA offers the following guidance, which will help reduce energy consumption throughout the campus:

a. Comprehensive Approach – Successful implementation of a campus-wide energy efficiency target will require a combination of organizational incentives, staffing, training, and stakeholder buy in as well as technology procurement, installation, configuration, and maintenance.

b. Stakeholder Outreach – Outreach to campus staff, departments, faculty, and students to obtain their perspectives and buy in for more inclusive efficiency programs (e.g., through the OE Initiative).

i. Consumer Education – Inform all building occupants of behavior changes that they can implement to reduce campus energy consumption (e.g., lighting & climate control adjustments, computer equipment shut downs, etc.).

ii. Lab Outreach – Laboratory buildings are the biggest energy consumers on campus (per square foot) and consistently populate the top ten buildings in terms of absolute energy use. Because much of the load in lab buildings is directly or indirectly driven by laboratory equipment, addressing these loads must be a priority. This will require working with lab groups (as the Office of Sustainability has begun) to change behavior patterns and investigate opportunities for sharing lab equipment or decommissioning equipment like fume hoods and freezers that are redundant or not in use.

c. Staff Training & Performance – Proactively find and correct wasteful operational practices through a continuous process of identifying, applying, and replicating best practices. Update staff job descriptions and evaluation criteria to include resource efficiency metrics (e.g., through the OE Initiative).

d. Expand the Strategic Energy Plan (SEP) – Currently the SEP only applies to buildings larger than 50,000 square feet, which comprise 57% of campus square footage and 74% of campus electricity consumption. The SEP should be expanded to cover all campus buildings and lab plug loads.

e. Accelerate Commissioning – Thus far, monitoring-based commissioning projects at UC Berkeley have achieved ~10% energy savings per building. However, specific examples have shown that the commissioning process can do better than 10% when building occupants have a stake in the outcome (e.g., Wurster Hall and Tang Health Center). Monitoring-based and continuous commissioning projects should be accelerated and expanded in order to identify near-term, cost-effective options for improving campus energy efficiency.

i. Technical Assistance – Utilize faculty and student experts to assist with commissioning and facility optimization processes.

ii. Phase II Upgrades – Apply the systems and operational insights gained through commissioning projects to implement phase II upgrades, and to redesign building systems. Commissioning is focused mainly on tuning existing systems, replacing worn or malfunctioning parts, and double-checking control set points and schedules. However, even more savings can be achieved by applying the data and insights that come out of the commissioning process to the design of inherently more efficient systems.

iii. Real-Time Energy Information – Real-time metering systems contribute to better diagnostics of building energy consumption and continuous commissioning. In addition, these systems serve as a platform for providing feedback to building occupants. These systems could lead to energy savings of up to 20% per building.

f. Expand Lighting Retrofits – Lighting retrofit projects could achieve savings in lighting electricity consumption of 35-60% by taking advantage of more sophisticated time of use and daylight responsive controls, and by eliminating over illumination of hallways. Lighting accounts for approximately 30% of UC Berkeley's electricity consumption, which implies a potential electricity savings of 10-20% through lighting retrofits alone.

g. Learn from Other Schools – Apply lessons learned from other universities that have achieved similar energy efficiency goals by upgrading building automation and control systems, installing energy sub-meters, implementing unoccupied

setbacks of heating ventilating & air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, implementing campus-wide temperature standards, issuing departmental energy bills, etc. (e.g., Stanford, University of British Columbia, and Texas A&M).

i. Departmental Energy Statements – Provide administrators with information on their department’s actual and desired energy consumption trends to prepare them for future efficiency measures.

ii. Departmental Energy Rebates & Fees – Establish a departmental energy tariff system using each department’s 2009 consumption as the baseline for assessing rebates for those that reduce consumption, and fees for those that increase consumption (e.g., rebate & fee rates = \$0.14/kWh for electricity, and \$8.44/MMBtu for natural gas). Stanford found that charging departments for their electricity consumption led to electricity savings of over 3%.

3) Sunset & Outreach Assistance – This resolution effectively sunsets the GA Campus Energy Efficiency Action Agenda Item initiated by Resolution 1002d (March 4, 2010).

### **Directed Action**

The GA will assist campus administrators with outreach to the UC Berkeley graduate student community when and where appropriate to implement the GA’s recommended campus-wide energy efficiency target.

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## **Standing Policy and Directed Action to Approve the UCSA Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities**

Adopted on October 6, 2011

WHEREAS the University of California Student Association (UCSA) is the recognized voice of all UC students; and

WHEREAS the UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly is a member of UCSA; and

WHEREAS the 2010-2011 Graduate Student Campaign was to create a UC-wide document that outlined the rights of graduate students with the purpose of creating UC policy that guaranteed these rights; and

WHEREAS in the 2010-2011 academic year, UC Berkeley’s GA in collaboration with all the other member graduate student governments of UCSA gathered the opinion and concerns of graduate students through the system through a UC-wide survey and personal student outreach to inform the creation of the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities; and

WHEREAS after multiple drafts and input from all the UC Graduate Student Governments, the UCSA Graduate and Professional Student Committee unanimously approved a final draft of the Graduate Students Bill of Rights and Responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the UCSA board approved the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities; and

WHEREAS UCSA’s member Graduate Student Associations need to approve the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to be officially recognized as an all UC graduate student document; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the UC Berkeley Graduate Assembly approves the Graduate Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities; and be it further

RESOLVED that the External Affairs VP is directed to communicate this resolution to UCSA.

## **Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of Senate Bill 185**

Adopted on October 6, 2011

WHEREAS underprivileged and historically excluded groups, such as people of color, women and queer people, are underrepresented in higher education and in the workplace, resulting in class stratification by gender, race, and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS prior to the 1960s and the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case, institutions such as the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) had admissions policies that blatantly excluded people of color, women, and discriminated based on religious affiliation; and

WHEREAS such history created a need for policies that take into account factors such as, race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin, in order to benefit an underrepresented group; and

WHEREAS affirmative action fulfills the state's promise to make higher education accessible to students from diverse backgrounds by ensuring that diversity on CSU and UC campuses is representative of the diversity of the state of California; and

WHEREAS when California passed the anti-affirmative action initiative, Proposition 209, in 1996, the following freshmen class of 1998 at University of California, Berkeley saw a 50% decline in African American, Latino, and Pilipino students compared to the prior year, according to the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS without the ability to consider all relevant 37 factors in admission policies, underrepresented groups will continue to gain admission at rates that are disparate from the demographics of the state; and

WHEREAS SB 185, authored by California State Senator Hernandez, allows CSU and UC schools to consider "race, gender, ethnicity, and national origin, along with other relevant factors, in undergraduate and graduate admissions, to the maximum extent permitted by the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, Section 31 of Article I of the California Constitution, and relevant case law; and

WHEREAS SB 185 authorizes UC and CSU institutions to consider the previously stated factors, it does not mandate such considerations; and

WHEREAS SB 185 has passed in both the California State Assembly and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature; and

WHEREAS SB 185 encourages similar policies of comprehensive review, by promoting a more complete and informed experience of an applicant; and

WHEREAS SB 185 would allow the university to "consider the use of criteria and procedures that allow students to enroll who are otherwise fully eligible and admissible"; and

WHEREAS SB 185 states "the University of California and California State University... seek to enroll a student body that meets high academic standards and reflects the cultural, racial, geographic, economic, and social diversity of California"; and

WHEREAS the passage of SB 185 will increase access to higher education for those who have been historically excluded, therefore ensuring individual autonomy, enfranchisement in society, and promoting institutions where innovation, creativity, and heterogeneity are valued; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Graduate Assembly stands in support SB 185; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the GA Executive Officers are directed to raise this issue with Chancellor Birgeneau, asking him to publicly support SB 185 and write a letter to Governor Brown urging him to sign the bill into law.

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**Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of the ReFund California Campaign, the UCSA Budget Campaign, and the November 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Week of Action**

Adopted on November 3, 2011

WHEREAS, in recent years, declining State revenues have been driving budget cuts to all levels of public education in California, as well as fee increases in colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not realize revenue levels projected under the June 2011 budget deal, the University of California (UC) will face an additional \$100 million cut that would result in a 5.9% tuition increase in the spring, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the ReFund California campaign was created by a Statewide coalition of student and labor organizations, including the UC GSI union (UAW 2865), with the goal of increasing State funding to essential services and public education; and

WHEREAS, the ReFund California campaign is asking higher education leaders to “publicly support forthcoming ballot initiatives and legislation to increase taxes on Wall Street corporations and California’s super rich in 2012,” and “reverse the tuition hikes, layoffs, and cuts.” (Source: [makebankspaycalifornia.com](http://makebankspaycalifornia.com)); and

WHEREAS, the ReFund California campaign is organizing a week of action, set to coincide with the November meetings of the Community College Governors, CSU Trustees, and UC Regents, that would include campus rallies on November 9<sup>th</sup>, as well as a rally at the UC Regents meeting on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the University of California Student Association (UCSA), of which the GA is a member, is calling on Governor Brown to “include progressive taxes in his 2012 budget,” and calling for the Governor, the Legislature, and the UC Regents to support a reform of Proposition 13 to make corporations pay a fair share of property taxes (Source: [ucsa.org](http://ucsa.org)); and

WHEREAS, the UCSA has launched a postcard campaign to raise support for its budget advocacy goals; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly supports the goals of restoring State revenue to public education through progressive tax measures and a reform of corporate property tax; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the GA directs its Officers to ask the Berkeley campus Administration, the UC Office of the President, and the UC Regents, to publicly support this same goal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the GA supports the peaceful demonstrations that will occur during the November 9-16 Week of Action; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the GA President be directed to send an e-mail to all graduate students informing them of the November 9-16 Week of Action and their specific rights to engage in these activities.

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**Standing Policy in Support of Expression, Assembly, and the Occupy Wall Street Demonstrations**

Adopted on November 3, 2011

WHEREAS, we believe in the rights of expression and assembly as confirmed by the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Human Rights, and Standing Policy of the University of California; and

WHEREAS, the struggle of people of modest means and the most susceptible to exploitation should occupy a central role in the national discourse; and

WHEREAS, nonviolent demonstration and peaceful resistance have proven the most effective strategies for achieving positive social change; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Assembly has consistently voted to uphold decent labor practices, responsible management, and accountability from government; and

WHEREAS, distinguished faculty members, including Robert Reich, Emmanuel Saez, and George Akerlof have studied the positive role of government, optimal level of taxation, and the efficiency of high wages for labor. Their work forms an intellectually rigorous basis for rejecting conservative policies in national and global economic affairs; and

WHEREAS, the occupations taking place in New York, Oakland, Berkeley, and numerous other cities demonstrate the harm done to our communities by unemployment, foreclosures, and ineffective policy, in many cases written and executed by members of the same businesses the laws intend to regulate; and

WHEREAS, the role of corporations in society and corporate personhood as viewed in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission is a matter of concern and the accession of unlimited corporate political contributions impinges on the rights and influence of natural individuals; and

WHEREAS, the demonstrators protesting the growth of money in politics, corporate power, and government corruption reflect the ideals enshrined in all our guiding documents; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly expresses its support for peaceful assembly, free speech, and democratic principles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly expresses its support for the Occupy Wall Street Movement, limits on corporate influence, and policy measures to ensure economic and environmental justice for our students, their families, and society at large.

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### **Standing Policy and Directed Action in Support of SB 259**

Adopted on December 1, 2011

WHEREAS, thousands of PhD and professional students at the University of California (UC) will, at some point in their graduate careers, work as Graduate Student Researchers (GSRs) for members of the faculty; and

WHEREAS, GSRs are currently prohibited from joining a union under the California Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA); and

WHEREAS, Academic Student Employees (ASEs) such as Graduate Student Instructors (GSIs), teaching assistants (TAs), readers and tutors are currently unionized across the UC System; and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining has provided graduate students who work as GSIs additional benefits (such as childcare subsidies) and protections (such as independent binding arbitration of grievances) compared to those who work as GSRs; and

WHEREAS, California State Senator Loni Hancock (D-Oakland) has introduced a bill, SB 259, that would amend HEERA to make it legal for any category of student employees, including GSRs, to unionize; and

WHEREAS, passage of SB 259 would allow GSRs at the UC to discuss the costs and benefits of unionization and make a collective, democratic decision that best serves their interests; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly stands in support of SB 259; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly Executive Officers are directed to join the ASE Union (UAW 2865) and other interested parties in calling for Chancellor Birgeneau, President Yudof, and the UC Regents to withdraw their objections to SB 259 and allow for its swift passage.

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### **Standing Policy and Directed Action for Three Student Regents**

Adopted on December 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the University of California is a is one of the three systems of public higher education of the State of California, designated as the State's primary research institution; and

WHEREAS, the University of California "is governed by The Regents, which under Article IX, Section 9 of the California Constitution, has 'full powers of organization and governance' subject only to very specific areas of legislative control. The article states that 'the university shall be entirely independent of all political and sectarian influence and kept free therefrom in the appointment of its Regents and in the administration of its affairs'"; and

WHEREAS, The Regents board membership "consists of 26 members:

- 18 regents are appointed by the governor for 12-year terms;
- One is a student appointed by The Regents to a one-year term;
- Seven are ex officio members -- the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Superintendent of Public Instruction, president and vice president of the Alumni Associations of UC and the UC president;
- In addition, two faculty members -- the chair and vice chair of the Academic Council -- sit on the board as non-voting members"; and

WHEREAS, "the student Regent is a voting member of The Regents of the University of California, attending all meetings of the Board and its Committees and serving a one-year term commencing July 1"; and

WHEREAS, the Student Regent Designate is a non-voting member of The Regents of the University of California, attending all meetings of the Board and its Committees and serving a one-year term commencing July 1, one year prior to becoming the voting Student Regent; and

WHEREAS, the Board makes policy and budgetary decisions directly affecting students at the University of California; and

WHEREAS, students are contributing 40% of the UC General funds, more than the State of California, but only have 4% of the vote on the Board; and

WHEREAS, as major shareholders of the UC, UC Students believe that they have the right to more student representation on the Board; and

WHEREAS, UC students believe that they should have representation on the Board based on all segments of the student population, including undergraduates, graduate academic students and graduate professional students; and

WHEREAS, UC students only have one Student Regent and one Student Regent-designate in any given year on the Board of Regents, who are vastly outnumbered by the appointed and ex-officio regents; and

WHEREAS, the composition of the board or regents has been historically non-representative of the student body and disconnected from the needs and experience of present day students; and

WHEREAS, many of The Regents have not attended a UC institution; and

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WHEREAS, asking a single student to represent the full population of UC students is difficult, and The Regents' Board as a whole would benefit from having the variety of viewpoints that comes from undergraduate, graduate academic, and graduate professional students; and

WHEREAS, having multiple Student Regents will assist in reaching out to the full student population in having a connection between The Regents and the students; and

WHEREAS, the University of California Student Association (UCSA) "is a coalition of UC students and student governments aimed at increasing the accessibility, affordability and quality of the UC system through advocacy and direct action organizing"; and

WHEREAS, UCSA is the recognized student voice for all 230,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students in the University of California; and

WHEREAS, every year, UCSA hosts a system-wide student conference, UCSA Congress, where students from across all campuses chose the priorities UCSA will lead on behalf of the UC student body; and

WHEREAS, during the summer 2011 UCSA Congress for academic year 2011-2012 the graduate and professional students chose as their campaign the modification of The Regents board structure to have three voting student regents and three corresponding student regent designates such that every year there would be one student regent selected from and representative of each of the undergraduate, academic, and graduate professional student bodies; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the University of California Berkeley (UCB) Graduate Assembly (GA) takes a stance in full support of the UCSA Graduate and Professional Student Campaign; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the GA directs the GA President and External Affairs Vice President to advocate for three student regents with the Chancellor and other UCB administrators.

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### **Standing Policy and Directed Action Regarding Non-Violent Protests on the University of California campuses** Adopted December 1, 2011

WHEREAS, the Graduate Assembly expressed support for peaceful demonstrations during the November 9th Day of Action to ReFund Public Education (Resolution 1110c); and

WHEREAS, on November 9th, after thousands of members of the campus community participated in a rally and march organized for the Day of Action, nearly 500 of them voted as a General Assembly to set up tents under the banner of "Occupy Cal"; and

WHEREAS, in the afternoon and evening of November 9th, campus police officers (UCPD), along with officers from the Oakland PD and Alameda County Sheriff Dept., used baton strikes against, and forcefully removed, protesters who were forming a human chain around the tents; and

WHEREAS, among the 38 protesters arrested on November 9th, 32 were UC Berkeley students, and one was a faculty member; and

WHEREAS, the GA Executive Board released a statement on November 12th condemning the unprovoked use of police force on November 9th; and

WHEREAS, the November 9th events at Berkeley, as well as the use of pepper spray by UCPD against peaceful protesters at UC Davis, generated national attention and led both UC President Mark Yudof and California State Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez to launch investigations in the use of force against campus protests; and

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WHEREAS, on November 28th, the Academic Senate will be considering a motion expressing loss of confidence in the UC Berkeley's senior administration's ability to respond to non-violent demonstrations on campus; and

WHEREAS, while the campus Police Review Board made several recommendations on addressing acts of civil disobedience following a building occupation in November 2009 ([http://administration.berkeley.edu/prb/6-14-10\\_prb-report.pdf](http://administration.berkeley.edu/prb/6-14-10_prb-report.pdf)), it is unclear how many of these recommendations have actually been implemented by campus officials; and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Assembly should promote policies that protect the basic civil rights, as well as the health and safety, of all students; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly condemns the initiation of force by UCPD against non-violent protesters at UC Berkeley and UC Davis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Graduate Assembly supports policies that would restrict the use of police force on campus (including batons and pepper spray) to that which is necessary to defend against immediate and substantial threats to the safety of campus community members; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the GA President communicates the content of this Resolution to Chancellor Birgeneau and UC President Yudof, as well as all bodies investigating the police response to recent protests on UC campuses.

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### **Standing Policy and Directed Against the Proposed UC Berkeley Honor Code**

Adopted April 5, 2012

WHEREAS certain members of campus want to institute an Honor Code at UC Berkeley that would read to the effect of “As a member of the Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others”; and

WHEREAS the Honor Code would be placed on exams, asking students to sign a statement such as “On my honor, I have neither given nor received assistance in the taking of this exam.”; and

WHEREAS the aim of the proposed Honor Code is to strengthen the culture of honesty, integrity, and mutual respect among students; making it more a part of the social consciousness on campus; and

WHEREAS the Honor Code would be voluntary for both instructors and students, would not be integrated into the Student Code of Conduct, and there would be no consequences for violation of the Honor Code; and

WHEREAS there has been informal conversation about implementing an educational component to teach students about plagiarism, and other issues related to integrity. No concrete plans exist, however, for implementing this educational component; and

WHEREAS the tenets of the proposed Honor Code are already present in the existing UCB “Principles of Community”; and

WHEREAS the majority of GA delegates surveyed last December raised concerns or objections to the Honor Code; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly supports the intention behind the Honor Code and believes in creating a culture of integrity, mutual respect, and honesty on campus; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly believes that implementation of the honor code as it currently stands, without a clear program and plan for establishing the knowledge base and values required to make an honor code successful, will serve to trivialize the proposed honor code; and be it further

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RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly is in support of establishing a collaborative team of undergraduates (appointed by the ASUC), graduate students (appointed by the GA President), and faculty members (appointed by the Academic Senate) to develop a full educational plan and more comprehensive honor code that can truly achieve the aims outlined above; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Graduate Assembly President is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the ASUC Senate and to the Chair of the Academic Senate.