

**Resolution Expressing No Confidence in Governor Jerry Brown and his ability to maintain affordability and quality of education for the University of California**

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**WHEREAS**, Over the past 24 years, state funding per student in the University of California has declined by 53%. Since 2011, and despite inflation, the State of California's investment, per student is at an all-time low<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, current yearly tuition for in-state undergraduates is \$12,192 — twice the 2006 price<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the state reduced support to the UC by \$750 million in 2011-2012;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, The governor plans to allocate only 4.5% of total revenues generated from the provisions of Proposition 30, the passing of which relied heavily on student support, campaigning, and voting, towards the UC, equaling to approximately \$120 million<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, The governor maintains that the \$120 million funding increase is contingent upon the condition that tuition may not be raised<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor line-item vetoed \$100 million towards aging infrastructure for the University of California and California State Universities in 2014<sup>6</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents of the University of California has approved a plan to increase UC tuition by as much as 5% each year for five years<sup>7</sup> unless increased state funding is released to the UC;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents of the University of California has approved a 20% increase effective 2015-16 for Nursing graduate professional degree programs offered on four campuses (Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, and San Francisco) and new Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition effective 2015-16 for five graduate professional degree programs: Journalism at Berkeley, Leadership Education at

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.cbp.org/pdfs/2014/140506\\_From\\_State\\_to\\_Student\\_BB.pdf](http://www.cbp.org/pdfs/2014/140506_From_State_to_Student_BB.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/UC-to-consider-5-percent-tuition-hikes-for-5-years-5875748.php>

<sup>3</sup> <http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov13/f6attach.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article7904931.html>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article7904931.html>

<sup>6</sup> <http://voiceofsandiego.org/2014/10/03/sacramento-report-atkins-first-big-defeat/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/21/us/university-of-california-to-raise-tuition-despite-protests.html>

Berkeley, Public Policy at Riverside, Teacher Education at Berkeley, and Technology Management at Santa Barbara<sup>8</sup>;

**WHEREAS** California's middle class household income has shrunk by 6.9% between 2009 and 2013 to \$60,143, making California the state with the fastest-disappearing middle class in the union,<sup>9</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the average student debt in the State of California, held by 55% of the population, is \$20,340 as of 2013,<sup>10</sup> and,

**WHEREAS**, according to recent studies on the long-term economic effects of student debt, this debt will hamper UC graduates from starting small businesses, becoming homeowners, and making intentional career choices;<sup>11</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's plan to reduce costs at the UC include increasing online education, which Undergraduate students and Graduate Students/Teaching Assistants have firmly opposed, and reducing the UC Bachelor's Degree to a three-year education--both of which would undermine the quality and prestige behind the UC education;

**WHEREAS**, Graduate Students, despite comprising only 14% of the student population, owe 40% of the total amount of student loans<sup>12</sup>

**WHEREAS**, the University of California employs 200,091 people in the State of California, whose livelihood depends upon the continued function, funding and health of the UC system;

**WHEREAS** the University of California Student Association represents 238,686 students<sup>13</sup> and voters in the State of California;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association expresses no confidence in the Governor Jerry Brown and his vision of reducing quality and affordability in the University of California;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association condemns the plan that seeks to reduce costs by increasing online education, substituting work-study for classes, and having shorter degree programs, thereby compromising the charge of the University of California to provide *quality* education

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<sup>8</sup> <http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov14/l4.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <http://247wallst.com/special-report/2015/01/22/states-where-the-middle-class-is-dying/5/>

<sup>10</sup> [http://projectonstudentdebt.org/state\\_by\\_state-data.php](http://projectonstudentdebt.org/state_by_state-data.php)

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/25/business/the-ripple-effects-of-rising-student-debt.html>

<sup>12</sup> <http://time.com/3544912/graduate-school-loans-debt/>

<sup>13</sup> <http://legacy-its.ucop.edu/uwnews/stat/statsum/fall2012/statsumm2012.pdf>

as outlined in the California Master Plan for Higher Education as established under Governor Pat Brown.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association condemns Governor Brown's refusal to release funds to the University of California, even at the risk of forcing students into higher student debt, thereby compromising the charge of the University of California to provide affordable education as outlined in the California Master Plan for Higher Education as established under Governor Pat Brown.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University of California Student Association will continue to enlist its student constituents and all members of the University of California community to use their rights to enfranchisement and free speech to oppose Governor Brown's systematic erosion of Higher Education in the State of California as outlined in the California Master Plan--a project destroying the legacy of his father, Governor Pat Brown.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Board of Directors of the University of California Student Association demand that Governor Brown pass a Budget Plan that "buys out" the tuition increase passed by the University of California Board of Regents.