

Minutes of Special Teleconference Meeting**November, 2017****I. Discussion of Regents' Special Meeting of November 16, 2017**

The Academic Council met to discuss the action by the Board of Regents at their November 16, 2017 special meeting pertaining to President Napolitano's conduct in response to a recent State Audit.

The University of California through its century and a half history has been extraordinarily successful in serving the people of California. In recent years, however, the relationship between the State government and the President of the University has become strained. These strains, for which the State government is not blameless, threaten the effectiveness of the University in its ability to carry out our mission of teaching, research, and service to the State, Nation and World. To be effective in that integrated mission, The University of California, as one of the preeminent institutions of higher learning in the United States, must maintain and uphold standards of the highest integrity.

The Academic Council is deeply concerned by the recently released report commissioned by the UC Regents: "Independent Fact-Finding Review for the Board of Regents of the University of California: Summary of Findings" (<http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov17/b2attach3.pdf>). This report indicates a lack of such high standards in the conduct of the President in the University's response to a State audit of UCOP. The Board of Regents has admonished President Napolitano (<http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov17/b2attach1.pdf>). President Napolitano has apologized (<http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov17/b2attach2.pdf>).

In the coming weeks, the Academic Senate will review these and all other available materials relating to this issue judiciously. The Academic Senate will carefully consider all courses towards improvement in University governance.

The current controversy must not distract the University of California or the State from the remarkable work and achievements of the University, its 260,000 students, and its 200,000 employees, including those at the University of California's Office of the President. The University must continue to advance and serve the people of California with dedication and integrity.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

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