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CHANCELLORS

Dear Colleagues:

The enclosed revised *Policy on Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees* (Section 80.00 of the *University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students*) incorporates a change to Section 84.12 of that Policy, and is effective immediately.

Section 84.12, originally issued to campuses on April 14, 2006 as part of new systemwide procedural standards for student fee referenda, established a minimum voting pool requirement of at least 20% of all students eligible to vote in a particular election at a campus. It also made provision for the Chancellor to petition the President for an exception to the 20% systemwide minimum voting pool standard in advance of a particular election, on a case-by-case basis. (Prior to April 14, 2006, the minimum voting pool for all categories of student fee referenda was set locally by each Chancellor in accordance with campus-based criteria.)

Since implementation of the new procedural standards last year, it has become increasingly apparent to my Office that the 20% minimum voting pool requirement may put an unreasonable burden on some campuses for one category of fee referenda in particular—those where voter eligibility is limited to graduate and/or professional students, for support of programs intended exclusively to benefit that population of students. Historically at some campuses the voter turnout for referenda limited to graduate and/or professional students has only infrequently, if ever, attained the current required systemwide minimum of 20% of students eligible to vote in a particular election. Therefore, rather than requiring the Chancellor at these campuses to petition the President for an exception to policy in advance of every such referendum, as required by current policy, revised Section 84.12 would restore the Chancellor's pre-2006 authority to set the minimum voting pool locally (based on historical turnouts for the campus for graduate/professional student populations) for this category of referendum, without the additional requirement for approval by the President. Please note that this change applies only to referenda where voter eligibility is limited to graduate and/or professional students, and where the fee is for support of campus programs, not for support of capital projects.


Revised Section 84.12 has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel, and has also been broadly circulated in draft form by my Office to staff, students, and faculty of each campus for comment.

The revised *Policy* incorporating the change to Section 84.12 can be accessed on-line at the following web address:

<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/ucpolicies/aos/uc80.html>

A paper copy of the revised *Policy* is enclosed for your convenience, but the *Policy* as it appears on-line should always be considered by campuses as the official record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Dynes" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert C. Dynes

Enclosure

cc: Members, President's Cabinet
Academic Council Chair Oakley
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Universitywide Policy Coordinator Capell