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## CHANCELLORS

### **Fee Policy for Graduate Student *In Absentia* Registration**

Dear Colleagues,

Consistent with the proposal endorsed by the Academic Council, I am approving the establishment of the [University of California Fee Policy for Graduate Student \*In Absentia\* Registration](#) (attached). The *Policy* is effective as of the Fall 2009 academic term.

The *University of California Fee Policy for Graduate Student *In Absentia* Registration* allows graduate students to take research or coursework leaves outside of California and remain enrolled in the University while paying 15 percent of the combined Educational and Registration Fees. (These fee levels were approved by the Regents at the July 2009 Regents Meeting.) As students registered *in absentia* will pay 15 percent of the Educational and Registration Fees, the University will receive comparable State support for these students.

The *Policy* should help ensure that graduate students who study or conduct research outside of California make normal progress towards degree conferment and get access to University programs and services such as health insurance. Please note that as a means to enforce existing policy on continuous enrollment, the *Policy* requires UC campuses to eliminate the provision for research leaves currently granted to some doctoral students.

After the first three years of implementation, the Office of the President will assess the fiscal impact of the *Policy* and provide a full report to the Chancellors, with interim reports provided to the Graduate Deans each year prior to that. Authority for implementation of this policy and for granting exceptions rests with the Graduate Deans unless campus authority for a degree program has been delegated to a professional school dean.

Sincerely,

[original signed]

Mark G. Yudof

### Attachment

cc:      Members, President's Cabinet                      Council of Vice Chancellors  
            Vice Provost Greenstein                              Council of Graduate Deans  
            Vice President Lenz                                      Campus Planning & Budget Officers  
            Associate Vice President Obley                      Universitywide Policy Office