Report on fall 2013 freshman and transfer intent to register outcomes

*Note: The Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) is an interim step in the overall admission and enrollment cycle. An admitted student submits an SIR following admission to signal his or her intent to accept the admission offer and enroll at a UC campus. Final enrollment figures for the fall term are typically available in January of the following year.*

This year, the university once again maintained its commitment under the California Master Plan for Higher Education to offer a place at UC to all freshman California-resident applicants meeting the requirements for the guarantee. Nearly 36,000 residents have returned positive SIRs, comprising almost 82 percent of total freshman SIRs. California resident admits submitted a slightly lower number of SIRs this year compared to last year.

The university continues to give California-resident students the highest priority in admissions and enrollment. As with the last several years, after admitting California-resident students to fill every seat for which campuses received funding from the state (in fact, far more California residents are enrolled than the State has provided funding to support), UC offered admission to and expects to enroll a greater number of nonresident students. Nonresidents represent a total of 18.3 percent of all freshman SIRs, as compared to 15.5 percent in fall 2012. Nonresidents pay higher tuition, thus self-funding the cost of their education, and helping support increases in course offerings and faculty hiring, which benefit all students.

Consistent with the Master Plan, the University of California places a very high priority on admitting and enrolling transfer students from the California Community Colleges. More than 17,000 students from the California Community College accepted an offer of transfer admission in 2013. The total represents a slight increase over last year.

Systemwide, the university once again saw an increase in the total number of freshman and transfer students accepting an offer of admission.

Table 1.1 presents the total admitted freshman SIRs and SIR rates by campus. Most noteworthy is the percentage increase in SIRs at UC Merced and San Diego over the past two years.

Table 1.2 presents total admitted transfer students, SIRs and SIR rates by campus. Universitywide, transfer SIRs were up 1.2% from last year and, as in past years, more than 4 in 5 students offered transfer admission to the University of California accepted an offer from a UC campus.

Table 2.1 summarizes the distribution of freshman and transfer SIRs by California residents, out-of-state and international students. Nonresident SIRs have increased at both the freshman and transfer levels.

Table 2.2 displays freshman SIRs by campus and residency. There were increases in the number of California residents at every campus except Davis, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

Table 2.3 displays transfer SIRs by campus and residency. San Diego saw the biggest change, with an increase of 536 transfer SIRs from the previous year.
Table 3.1 displays California resident freshman SIRs by campus and race/ethnicity. Systemwide, among California residents, the racial/ethnic distribution shifted slightly with a decline in African Americans, whites, and Asian Americans and an increase in Hispanic/Latinos.

Table 3.2 displays California Community College transfer SIRs by campus and race/ethnicity. Systemwide, there were numeric and proportional increases in African Americans and Chicano/Latino students and decreases in Asian Americans and whites.