



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANIEL M. DOOLEY
Senior Vice President – External Relations

Office of State Governmental Relations
1130 K Street, Suite 340
Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 445-9924
Steve Juarez, Associate Vice President and Director

June 22, 2010

The Honorable Robert Blumenfield
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6011
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2382 (Blumenfield), as amended April 12, 2010
Scheduled for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on June 23, 2010
Position: AMEND

Dear Assembly Member Blumenfield:

The University of California would like to request an amendment to AB 2382, regarding the establishment of a Doctorate of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) at California State University (CSU). While UC is not opposed to AB 2382, we believe it is important that this legislation reflect the fact that the proposed D.P.T. program at CSU would constitute an exception to California's Master Plan for Higher Education, which assigns sole authority for awarding doctoral degrees independently to the University of California.

We appreciate the amendments of April 12, which move the bill in this direction. However, we believe that Article 4.7, as proposed to be added to the Education Code, should be modeled on Article 4.5, which authorizes CSU to award the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree.

In place of the uncodified findings and declarations, we respectfully request the addition of the following amendment:

Add SEC.XXXXXX *Legislative Findings*
The Legislature finds and declares both of the following:

- (a) Since its adoption in 1960, the Master Plan for Higher Education has served the state well, allowing California to create the largest and most distinguished higher education system in the nation. A key component of the Master Plan is the differentiation of mission and function, whereby doctoral and identified professional programs are limited to the University of California, with the provision that the California State University can provide doctoral education in joint doctoral degree programs with the University of California and independent California colleges and universities. This differentiation of function has allowed California to provide universal access to postsecondary education while preserving quality.

(b) Because of the need to prepare and educate increased numbers of physical therapists, the State of California is granting the California State University authority to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree as an exception to the differentiation of function in graduate education that assigns sole authority among the California higher education segments to the University of California for awarding doctoral degrees independently. This exception to the Master Plan for Higher Education recognizes the distinctive strengths and respective missions of the California State University and the University of California.

We would also request that this codified section be referenced in the first operative section of the current version of the bill, so that it reads:

“Pursuant to Section XXXXX, and notwithstanding Section 66010.4, in order to meet specific physical therapy education needs in California, the California State University may award the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) degree.”

The University appreciates your attention to our concerns. If you have any questions regarding our position on this bill, please contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Juarez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Juarez
Associate Vice President and Director
State Governmental Relations

cc: Chair and Members, Senate Education Committee
President Mark G. Yudof
Provost Lawrence Pitts
Executive Vice President Nathan Brostrom
Senior Vice President Daniel Dooley