



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NELSON PEACOCK

Senior Vice President – Government Relations

Office of State Governmental Relations

1130 K Street, Suite 340

Sacramento, California 95814

(916) 445-9924

Steve Juarez, Associate Vice President and Director

August 10, 2016

The Honorable Carol Liu
Chair, Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 2083
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1711 (McCarty and Medina), as amended August 9, 2016
Scheduled for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on August 11, 2016
Position: OPPOSE

Dear Chair Liu:

The University of California (UC) must respectfully continue to oppose AB 1711. While we are appreciative of the efforts of the Chair and Senate Education Committee staff in proposing the recent amendments, which are consistent with our existing policies, we remain deeply concerned that this bill ties our entire state budget allocation to our compliance with this measure. Moreover, the Legislature has historically recognized the importance of keeping admissions policies in the hands of faculty both at UC and CSU. This bill deviates from this practice and we are concerned it will set a precedent for controlling admissions policy going forward.

The Board of Regents will be considering adoption of a regental policy on nonresident admissions. UC, like the Legislature, is fully committed to ensuring that nonresidents are meeting the academic admission standards established in our policies and in the Master Plan. President Napolitano already has asked the Academic Senate to review current Senate policy with respect to nonresident admission, focusing on compliance with the Master Plan and consistency with the University's overall undergraduate admission goals, comprehensive review admission policy, and the holistic review process in place on most UC campuses. In addition, UC has committed to reporting annually on the relative qualifications of admitted residents and nonresidents, providing full transparency regarding our compliance with policy. Finally, UC's Academic Senate—which has delegated authority by The Regents to determine undergraduate admissions requirements—has agreed to provide additional public information concerning the academic qualifications of nonresident students. For these reasons, we believe that AB 1711 is not necessary given UC's voluntary compliance with requests by members of the Legislature and the State Auditor for information regarding the academic qualifications of residents as compared to nonresident students, and that it is both bad policy and bad precedent.

The Honorable Carol Liu
Page 2
August 10, 2016

As always, thank you for your consideration of our views and your commitment to higher education. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924 if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadia Leal-Carrillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nadia" being the most prominent.

Nadia Leal-Carrillo
Legislative Director

cc: Assembly Member Kevin McCarty
Assembly Member Jose Medina
Vice Chair and Members, Senate Education Committee
President Janet Napolitano
Executive Vice President and CFO Nathan Brostrom
Senior Vice President Nelson Peacock
Associate Vice President and Director Steve Juarez