



University of California

August 31, 2009

Dear UC Colleagues:

We are writing as individuals with leadership positions within the University of California to let you know that several employee groups have begun circulating a petition that asks members to cast a vote of no confidence in President Yudof. A copy of their petition is attached here.

We are deeply disappointed that these employees have chosen to blame President Yudof for the University's economic troubles, rather than recognizing all that he has done to help us overcome them. These troubles are due to a national economic recession coupled with state budget cutbacks of unprecedented severity.

In the fifteen months that he's been with UC, President Yudof has worked tirelessly to protect the University from a deep recession and sharp declines in state support.

He has been an outspoken advocate for the University of California in Sacramento and Washington, making clear to lawmakers that a strong UC is necessary for a strong, resilient California.

He has worked closely with faculty, staff, students, and the Regents to resolve our budget deficit in a way that minimizes harm to our academic enterprise. To name just a few of his successes:

- President Yudof listened to faculty and staff suggestions in crafting a furlough plan built on fairness and shared sacrifice;
- He mobilized business leaders, lawmakers, alumni and staff in an advocacy campaign to restore state support for UC;
- He moved quickly to cut spending and overhaul operations in the Office of the President, making it more transparent, accountable and responsive.

We are distressed that some employees are attempting to personalize the University's predicament by blaming the President. These truly difficult times that we are all facing are due to the ineffective leadership and investment by the Governor and the Legislature, not Mark Yudof. We hope you will express your thoughts regarding President Yudof's leadership in the face of extremely difficult circumstances.

Sincerely,


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Chair, Academic Senate



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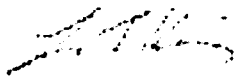
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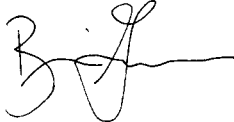
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