

Resolution in Support of the September 24th UC-Wide Walkout

September 13, 2009

WHEREAS, In an effort to close the budget gap, the University of California Regents in July declared a state of fiscal emergency, afforded UC President Yudof emergency powers and approved his furlough plan and extraordinary budgetary revision.

WHEREAS, The existing budget plan will institute mandatory and elected furlough days for all workers, staff and faculty, pay cut reductions between 4 and 10 percent, major cuts to programs and student services, major cuts to in-state enrollment, layoffs, the elimination of positions, workload increases, increased class sizes, tutoring reductions, and library closures; in addition to multiple and catastrophic increases in student fees, continuing to diverge from the principles of the California Master Plan for Public Education.

WHEREAS, UC President Yudof's budget plan will perpetuate the privatization of the UC system and neglect its' goals of educational access, affordability and shared governance. Thus, counter to the ideals of transparency and accountability of decision-making for the community it strives to serve, it has increasingly placed the burden on this community of students, workers, graduate student employees (GSE's), staff, and faculty.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the University of California Student Association is of the opinion that

- Furlough days are detrimental to the educational experience and overall mission of the University of California.
- No furloughs or salary reductions should be imposed on staff that makes less than \$40,000.
- The 9.3% fee increase imposed for the 2009-2010 academic year is highly objectionable and the proposed mid-year fee increase is contradictory to the UC's dedication to accessibility.
- The UC budget needs to be fully disclosed and there needs to be transparency in the decisionmaking process.
- Shared governance and the democratic process should be respected.
- The University should return to the Master Plan.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the aforementioned reasons the University of California Student Association will participate in the UC system-wide Walkout on September 24th.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the University of California Student Association stands in solidarity with workers, GSE's, staff and faculty and will actively build coalitions with these groups for the purpose of the UC system-wide Walkout on September 24th and the continued defense of the future of public education in California.

