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CHANCELLORS

Dear Colleagues:

In the wake of the presidential election, many of our students, faculty, and staff have expressed deep concern that UC's core commitments to inclusion and non-discrimination may be severely tested by policies adopted by the incoming administration.

While we still do not know what policies the President-elect will adopt, our undocumented students in particular are anxious that possible changes in federal immigration law and enforcement priorities may interrupt their studies and jeopardize their safety and that of their families. As such, earlier this month I convened a UC task force to study the most effective ways to protect our undocumented students and other undocumented members of the UC community.

Today, after meeting with our undocumented student coordinators from the ten campuses, as well as reviewing the initial recommendations of the task force, I write to inform you of the release of the University of California Statement of Principles in Support of Undocumented Members of the UC Community.

A copy of the Statement of Principles is attached.

The principles are to be implemented through policies and procedures at all UC campuses and medical facilities. They include the following:

- The University will continue to admit students consistent with its non-discrimination policies so that undocumented students will be considered for admission under the same criteria as U.S. citizens or other applicants.
- No immigration status or related information in confidential student records will be released without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law.

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- No UC campus police department will undertake joint efforts with local, State or federal law enforcement agencies to investigate, detain, or arrest individuals for violation of federal immigration law.
- Campus police officers will not contact, detain, question, or arrest any individual solely on the basis of suspected undocumented immigration status.
- The University will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation.
- UC medical centers will treat all patients without regard to race, religion, national origin, citizenship, or other protected characteristics and will vigorously enforce non-discrimination and privacy laws and policies.

Thank you for your support of these principles that reaffirm the core values of the University of California.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano

Attachment