

UCLA *Undergraduate Council, Academic Senate*

January 27, 2009

To: Michael Goldstein, Chair
Academic Senate

From: Dorothy Wiley, Chair
Undergraduate Council



Re: UC Financial Aid Proposal for The Regents

At its January 9, 2009 meeting, the Undergraduate Council (UgC) considered the UC Financial Aid *Proposed Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan* proposed by President Yudof. The proposal was endorsed by the Council, and was broadly supported by students, faculty members, and the ex-officio members alike.

All members of the UgC are deeply committed to promoting programs that support undergraduate education; recruit, retain, and empower our students; while enhancing the community's positive regard for the University. Council members applauded the President's commitment to increase confidence among families and students that access to the UC will be enhanced. In troubled economic times, gestures to sustain student participation in higher education can only benefit our state and its many and varied communities. The committee appreciates the additional gift assistance this plan will provide for as many as 1,100 undergraduates. We are hopeful this and other programs will encourage students to view the University of California as their first and best choice.

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