



Resolution in Response to the Events at UC Davis on November 18, 2011

Adopted by the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees on December 1, 2011

- WHEREAS universities are places of aspiration, education, skepticism, dissent, discovery, and growth – both personal and societal. The rights to peacefully assemble and protest are fundamental to these missions and to American democracy itself; and
- WHEREAS historically UC Davis has cultivated and earned a reputation for being a safe place to exercise intellectual freedoms, and a place where students, alumni, faculty, and administrators work toward collaboration and understanding; and
- WHEREAS the UC Davis community, and, indeed, the world at large, were shocked by the images of University police pepper spraying peacefully assembled students; and
- WHEREAS we lament the continued underfunding of state support toward UC student education and implore the California State Legislature and the Governor to restore adequate state funding to higher education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by action of the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees:

- The Board condemns the excessive use of force to which the students were subjected. This conduct is absolutely contrary to the culture and values of the UC Davis community. It was wrong and should never occur again; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board respects the Chancellor's leadership, courage and accountability since the events of November 18 and supports her efforts to restore a sense of trust and community on the UC Davis campus.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board supports Chancellor Katehi's request for and President Yudof's prompt initiation of an investigation into the events of November 18, and looks forward to rapid action to correct the problems identified; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board supports the rights of students and other members of the UC Davis community to peacefully exercise their right to free speech while respecting the rights of other members of the community to pursue their studies and work; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board recommit itself to work to generate increased governmental and philanthropic support for public education in order to provide a quality education to all our students.

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We direct the staff to publish this resolution widely and transmit as appropriate to all members and friends of the University, the Legislature, Governor, Board of Regents and our extended community.

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