

October 3, 2025

To: The 2025-26 Academic Senate Chair, Distinguished Professor Ahmet Palazoglu

Dear Ahmet,

We, voting members of the Academic Senate and members of the Assembly of the Academic Senate, pursuant to UC Academic Senate Bylaws §110.A.3.c, respectfully petition for a special meeting of the Representative Assembly to discuss and vote on the resolution below.

Resolution

Whereas on December 18, 2024, the [University of California voluntarily offered to enter in an agreement with the Department of Education](#) to provide the Office of Civil Rights with “an electronic sortable spreadsheet or other file of the responses by the University or the individual campus to all complaints and reports alleging discrimination, including harassment and disparate treatment, on the basis of actual or perceived national origin, including shared Jewish, Palestinian, Muslim, and/or Arab ancestry, or association with these national origins/ancestries, during the preceding academic year at UCLA, UCSB, UCSD, UCD, and UCSC.”

Whereas the University voluntarily agreed to share with the Office of Civil Rights the names of faculty members, students, staff, and others who reported (“the reporter”), the individual allegedly subjected to discrimination or harassment (“the complainant”), the individuals who (have been allegedly) engaged in discrimination/harassment (“the respondent(s)”), and any witnesses to the alleged incidents, regardless of the outcome of the cases.

Whereas there have been credible allegations that the current U.S. Presidential Administration has attempted to deport noncitizens, including scholars and students, who have been lawfully admitted to the United States, based on First Amendment-protected speech and advocacy with which the Administration disagrees.

Be it therefore resolved that the Assembly of the Academic Senate of the University of California unequivocally condemns and censures the Office of the President (UCOP) for voluntarily failing to protect the privacy of faculty, students, and staff, or for not offering an explanation of why those actions were necessary and appropriate, thereby exposing members of the community to potential consequences, particularly non-US citizens, including those accused against whom allegations were not sustained.

Be it further resolved that the Assembly of the Academic Senate of the University of California urges President James B. Milliken and the Chancellors of all ten campuses to resist and legally challenge any federal mandates that violate the First Amendment, academic freedom, or other applicable state and federal laws.

Be it further resolved that the Assembly of the Academic Senate of the University of California calls on President James B. Milliken to protect the privacy of faculty members, students, and staff members until all legal processes have run their course.

Be it further resolved that the Assembly of the Academic Senate of the University of California urges President James B. Milliken to strongly oppose using faculty, students, and staff information as leverage in negotiations over federal investigations.

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