ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER EDUCATION

Oversight Hearing

The University of California at Berkeley's
"Bring Your Genes to Cal" Freshman Orientation Project

Tuesday, August 10, 2010
1:30 p.m.
California State Capitol, Room 437

I. Introductions and Opening Comments

II. Overview of the "Bring Your Genes to Cal" Freshman Orientation Project

- Dr. Mark Schlissel, Dean of Biological Sciences, UC Berkeley
- Dr. Jasper Rine, Howard Hughes Professor and Professor of Genetics, Genomics and Development, UC Berkeley

III. Issues and Concerns

- What is genetic testing and how are genetic tests generally used?
- Is this an educational exercise or research?
- Have students been provided adequate information regarding the project and was legal informed consent obtained from students?
- What are California's laboratory requirements for this type of genetic testing and why are these requirements in place?
- What are the privacy risks to students posed by this project?
- How do students perceive privacy and the sharing of personal information?

- Dr. Hank Greeley, Director, Center for Law and the Biosciences, Stanford University
- Jeremy Gruber, President, Council for Responsible Genetics
- Beatrice O'Keefe, Chief of Laboratory Field Services, California Department of Public Health
- Lee Tien, Senior Staff Attorney, Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Dr. Nancy Scheper-Hughes, Chancellor's Professor in Medical Anthropology and Head of the Doctoral Program in Medical Anthropology, Critical Studies in Medicine, Science and the Body, UC Berkeley

IV. Questions and Answers

- Dr. Mark Schlissel, Dean of Biological Sciences, UC Berkeley
- Dr. Jasper Rine, Howard Hughes Professor and Professor of Genetics, Genomics and Development, UC Berkeley

V. Public Comment