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Dear UC Friend:

I am very pleased to send you this newsletter – the first issue of what will be a quarterly communication to members of the Legislature and other members of the extended UC family. We developed this communication because many of you have asked to be kept informed about the ongoing issues, activities and contributions of the University of California.

The name of this communication is not accidental. UC belongs to, and is committed to serving the needs of the people of California. UC is the state's university and I want to be sure you know what is going on at *your* university, so that working together we can help California meet its challenges and realize its opportunities. Likewise, if you have thoughts or questions about specific issues at the University, please feel free to call on our State Government Relations Office in Sacramento at: (916) 445-9924.

Within this issue you will read about a variety of important and exciting things taking place at UC, a few of which I'd like to highlight here.

The 2005-06 state budget signed by Gov. Schwarzenegger on July 11 is overall very good news for the University and includes funding for faculty and staff salary increases, student enrollment growth, and the opening of the new UC Merced campus this fall. The budget also sustains support for our academic preparation programs, which was a personal priority of mine during this process. I wish to thank the Legislature and the Governor for demonstrating tremendous support for UC through this budget – and to all members of the UC family for persevering through the budget uncertainties of the last several years. Their dedication and hard work continue to be the best arguments for public investment in the University.

In May, the University, in collaboration with CSU and over 15 corporate donors, launched an exciting new initiative to expand the supply of high-quality science and math teachers for California's schools.

And I am thrilled to report that a record number of students were admitted for fall 2005 freshman and transfer admission to UC campuses, including at UC Merced.

Throughout the year I have continued touring communities throughout the state to better understand the contributions of the University. During recent visits to the Imperial Valley, Los Angeles County and Salinas, I toured UC water conservation projects which are helping to preserve the Salton Sea, visited UC's bilingual nutritional education classes aimed at combating childhood obesity at a Long Beach public housing project, met with Salinas Valley growers who rely on UC research, and joined a UC after-school science education class at Middleton Street Elementary School in Huntington Park. During all of these visits, I continue to be staggered by the breadth and depth of UC's impact on the citizens of California.

I hope these informational updates will be of interest to you and your staff. Your partnership and input are critical in ensuring the University's service to all Californians, now and in the future, and I want to thank you for your ongoing support.

Even as I work on issues of the moment, I am constantly reminded that UC is an institution without peer in terms of its excellence and public impact, and that is due not only to the tremendous contributions of all the people here at UC, but also the support from all the people within UC's extended family, such as yourself.

Again, please do not hesitate to be in touch on any matter. I'll be in touch soon.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Dynes
President of the University of California



State budget signed

The Legislature and Gov. Schwarzenegger approved a state budget for UC that ends four years of cuts and includes increases for student enrollment growth, faculty and staff compensation, the opening of UC Merced, and an initiative to expand the training of K-12 science and math teachers. The budget also preserves funding on a one-time basis for UC's academic preparation programs, which work to improve academic achievement and college preparation for students in disadvantaged K-12 schools. For more on the new budget: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/jul11.html>

Legislation

The University of California is sponsoring four bills in the 2005-06 legislative session. These bills are very important to the University. You can view this legislation at: <http://www.ucop.edu/state/legislation/2005/> If you have questions, contact UC's Sacramento office at: (916) 445-9924.

Senators Scott and Speier convene hearings on future of higher education

On May 11, at the invitation of Senators Scott and Speier, President Dynes and five UC Nobel Laureates testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education about the unique role UC has played in building California's knowledge-based economy and quality of life. Read President Dynes' testimony at: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/president/speeches.html> In addition to the May 11 hearing, four more public hearings will take place at UCLA, UC Riverside, UC Merced, and UC Berkeley.



Dynes joins UC Nobel Laureates at a press event in the capitol prior to the hearing.

SB 724 compromise

UC reached a compromise on Senate Bill 724 that preserves the major elements of the Master Plan for Higher Education. The compromise allows CSU to independently award a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) designed to meet the state's needs for training K-12 and community college administrators. UC and CSU will also work to expand joint doctoral programs in audiology to meet California's workforce needs.

Alumni, business leaders talk to legislators about UC's economic impacts

On April 12, UCLA and UC Irvine brought a delegation of some of California's top business leaders to Sacramento to discuss with legislators the interdependent relationship between UC and California's unparalleled economic growth, research and development infrastructure, and skilled workforce. The delegation included Henry Samueli, Chairman of Broadcom, Ed Catmull, President of Pixar Animation, Richard Ziman, CEO, Arden Realty, and Mike Mussallem, CEO, Edwards Lifesciences.

On April 27-28, UCOP, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz participated in the Silicon Valley Leadership Group's (SVLG) annual lobbying event in Sacramento, where over 100 CEOs and staff visited legislators to convey their support for the state investments needed to sustain California's high-tech economy. UC representatives joined the SVLG delegation in meetings with several legislators, including Senator Richard Ackerman, Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy and Assemblyman Fabian Núñez. For more about UC's advocacy efforts, visit: www.ucforcalifornia.org



Members of UC's CEO delegation with Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez

UC HONORS AND AWARDS

- Twelve UC researchers were elected to the National Academy of Sciences for their research: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/may3.html>
- For the 11th straight year, UC led the nation's universities in developing new patents: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/mar22.html>
- Eight UC researchers received Guggenheim fellowships for 2005: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/apr13.html>
- Twenty-four UC scholars elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/apr28.html>

Class of '05

A record number of California residents have received freshman admission from UC for Fall 2005. 50,017 California freshman applicants were offered admission – an increase of 10.8 percent from 2004. UC's newest campus, UC Merced, will open in Fall 2005 with close to 1,000 total students in its first freshman class. For more on the new admits visit: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/apr19.html>



UC at Work in California's Communities: Long Beach, East LA and Salinas

President Dynes is continuing to tour communities throughout California in order to better understand and improve upon UC's contributions to the state. In the spring and early summer, Dynes visited East Los Angeles County, the Imperial Valley and Salinas. Highlights from the visits included a lunch with legislative staff and agribusiness leaders at UC's Desert Research & Extension Center in El Centro; meetings with Imperial high school students, parents and K-12 and college leaders, who are partnering with UC to improve college-going rates in the region; an address to the State Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on the link between higher education and the economy; an editorial board meeting with *La Opinión*, the nation's largest Spanish-language paper; and visits with Salinas area growers who rely on UC research and advisors. For video and speeches from the visits: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/president/photos.html>



President Dynes visits a UC science education program at a Huntington Park elementary school.

UCLA Anderson Forecast

In June, UCLA's Anderson Forecast hosted an Economic Outlook Conference for the Los Angeles community focusing on the current real estate boom and its effects on the economy. In his California forecast, UCLA Anderson Senior Economist Christopher Thornberg asserts that California's economy is fragile due to employment growth driven by consumer demand and an inflated real estate market. The UCLA Anderson Forecast is one of the most often-cited economic outlooks for California and the nation. For more information visit: <http://www.uclaforecast.com>

New UC Regent Appointed

On June 6, 2005 Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Eddie Island to the UC Board of Regents. Mr. Island, 61, is a retired vice president and associate general counsel for McDonnell-Douglas Corp., and former employee of the energy company Pacific Enterprises. He was appointed to complete the 12-year term on the University of California Board of Regents vacated by Haim Saban three years into his term.

Regents appoint new UC Irvine chancellor



At its May 2005 meeting, the UC Board of Regents appointed longtime UC faculty member and administrator Michael Drake as chancellor of UC Irvine. Drake, who most recently served as vice president for health affairs for the UC system, succeeds departing chancellor Ralph Cicerone. Cicerone is leaving UC to assume the presidency of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. Drake's appointment as

chancellor is effective as of July 1. More information at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2005/may26.html

Employee and labor news

UC signs new contract agreements for lecturers and service workers: http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/employees/policies/labor_relations/index.html

UC regents affirm academic preparation as fundamental to UC mission

Earlier this year, the UC Board of Regents affirmed its commitment to academic preparation ("outreach") programs, in recognition of the critical role these programs play in helping California's youth have the opportunity to attend college.

President Dynes sponsors new institute to promote workplace best practices

350 UC managers from across the system attended the first UC Leadership Institute (UCLI), sponsored by President Dynes, May 15-17 in San Diego. The institute's curriculum was focused on promoting a healthy, productive, and motivating workplace; building a diverse workplace and creating model employment practices. More about the institute is available at: <http://www.ucop.edu/ucli/>

UC Research Discoveries

An innovative protein analysis center at the Los Alamos National Laboratory...Research at UC Santa Cruz reveals an antibiotic shows promise in fighting Parkinson's disease...and a nutrition expert at UC Berkeley says schools may be the best place to focus on childhood obesity. For more on these breakthroughs, visit: www.ucop.edu/sciencetoday

UC launches initiative to increase number of K-12 science and math teachers

On May 31, the California Teach program, also known as the Math and Science Initiative, was launched in cooperation with CSU and the support of corporate donors who made founding pledges, including a \$1 million gift from SBC and a \$2 million gift from the Intel Corporation. California Teach is aimed at increasing the supply of qualified math and science teachers needed in California's public schools. For more on the program, including clips from corporate supporters like SBC CEO Chuck Smith, visit: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/academics/1000teachers/>

President Dynes and CSU Chancellor Charlie Reed (far right) accept gift from the Intel Corporation.



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