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On Thursday, October 8, 2009, a Divisional Meeting of the Academic Senate at the University of California, Santa Barbara, passed a resolution censuring UC President Mark Yudof and the Board of Regents of the University of California. A text of the proposed resolution follows:

#### **For Consideration of the Academic Senate**

- 1) UCOP has misrepresented the real nature of the University's financial situation. The options with which we were presented in June were not the only ones available, but were calculated to coerce us into accepting measures that UCOP and the Regents wanted to enact. The state cutbacks, though significant, are being used as an excuse to proceed aggressively with further steps toward transforming the University from a public resource, dedicated to the education of the people of California and the pursuit of knowledge, into a profit-making enterprise, a research facility of benefit primarily to industry and beholden primarily to commercial interests.**
- 2) The "emergency powers" declaration, approved in July, was unnecessary, an effort to give the budget measures an air of urgency and inevitability that they do not in fact possess. The specific purpose of the emergency powers is to free UCOP's hand to undermine longstanding institutional structures, like faculty governance, and to circumvent financial obligations to faculty, staff, and students.**
- 3) The decision of UCOP (as communicated in the memo of Provost Pitts) to override the expressed will of the Senate by demanding that faculty furloughs be taken on non-teaching days is a direct assault on the principle of faculty governance, a deliberate and offensive effort to undermine and degrade the institutional culture of the UC system.**
- 4) President Yudof's recent interview in the NY Times was an embarrassment. His statements showed him to be a cynical opportunist with no commitment to education. He called his own entry into the field of education an "accident;" he claimed that the "shine" had gone off education, and he likened the UC system to a cemetery. Such remarks are an insult to the UC community he is well paid to serve and lead; they are unbecoming to the president of the nation's leading public University. They call his fitness for his position into question.**

**In view of these considerations, we propose the following resolution:**

**The UC Santa Barbara Division of the Academic Senate censures the actions of President Yudof as well as the Regents' support of those actions.**