Communication from the Committee on Education Policy
Joan Etzell, MD, Chair

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David Gardner, MD
Chair, UCSF Academic Senate
500 Parnassus Avenue, Box 0764

Re: Review of the Proposed Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) Principles for Non-resident Enrollment

Dear Chair Gardner,

As requested, the Committee on Education Policy reviewed the Proposed BOARS Principles for Non-resident Enrollment submitted to the San Francisco Division for review and comment. The committee is in support of the principles. However, it has concerns regarding enrollment matching available resources and the practical and discretionary application of such policies. The following questions also arose:

1. These new guidelines should not be applied to or affect graduate programs at UCSF or other campuses where foreign input and students are both valued and sought-after. For example, would UCSF then limit the number of international students to 4%, of the 10% non-resident population, when the aim of the university is to have an international impact on health?

2. The guidelines pose a secondary (potential) impact on UCSF graduate school education. There is a long-standing counter-proposal to reduce the non-resident tuition for international students for their full-time at UCSF. BOARS could be misread as a precedent in re to that.

3. What are the outside political implications to this? How will this be viewed by the larger audience?

4. There seems to be wide discretion to the application – done by campus-by-campus level. What will be the qualifying benchmarks?

5. CEP advised that the intention of UC is to serve California-residents with the available resources. There should be some maximum number of non-residents—such that the university retains its public institution bearing v. becoming a private one (where many applicants are non-residents).

Sincerely,

The Committee on Education Policy

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