Communication from the Graduate Council  
Jeff Lansman, PhD, Chair  

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

Re: Review of the Proposed BOARS Principles for Non-resident Enrollment  

Dear Chair Gardner,  

As requested, on Graduate Council Committee reviewed the Proposed Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) Principles for Non-Resident Enrollment submitted to the San Francisco Division for review and comment.  

Graduate Council members reviewed the "Principles for Non-Resident Enrollment" submitted by BOARS. In general, Graduate Council supported the intentions of the principles. Some members thought the proposal rather lengthy and not very well focused. Some of the principles - accessibility of UC education to California residents and maintenance of ethnic/cultural/socio-economic diversity are already well-embedded in the UC Master Plan and BOARS system-wide admissions policy.  

The BOARS document does not make clear exactly how campuses should determine the percentage of non-resident students accepted and it is likely such a determination can not easily be made at a system-wide level, as each campus has unique budgetary needs. Campuses should have some flexibility in setting undergraduate non-resident admissions as a source of generating revenue during times of extreme financial strain. Some members also noted that these principles do not apply to non-resident graduate admissions, where the goal is recruitment of the most exceptional students from a global pool of applicants and as an additional mechanism for contributing to the diversity of the graduate student body. Nonetheless, Graduate Council supports the principles as general considerations for guiding local campus admissions committees in setting undergraduate non-resident admissions policy.  

Sincerely,  

The Committee on Academic Personnel  

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