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UCB ACADEMIC SENATE CHAIR POWELL

Dear Bob:

Following Chancellor Dirks's announcement that he is resigning from his position as chancellor once a successor is named and in place, I immediately commenced the process to search for the next Berkeley chancellor. As I said yesterday, my commitment is to conduct a global search to find an individual of the highest caliber to lead Berkeley. I wanted to provide you an update on the steps we have already taken and our expected timeline for the search.

Today, we are sending letters to you, as the chair of the Berkeley Academic Senate; the chair of the systemwide Academic Senate; the leaders of the undergraduate and graduate student governments; the heads of the alumni and staff associations; and the leader of the UC Berkeley Foundation to solicit their nominations to serve on the search committee for the next chancellor. We requested nominations be submitted by September 6. Monica Lozano, chair of the Board of Regents, will select the Regents to serve on the search committee. This follows Regents Policy 7102, which sets forth clear requirements for how a UC chancellor search is conducted. That policy can be accessed at: http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/governance/policies/7102.html. A search firm, Isaacson Miller, will support the search committee.

We plan to select and announce the members of the search committee by September 12. The first meeting of the search committee will be a visit in early October to the Berkeley campus to hear from faculty, students, staff, administration, alumni, supporters, and other stakeholders about what qualities and characteristics they recommend for the next chancellor. Following that initial meeting, the faculty subcommittee of the search committee will meet for the first time. Pursuant to Regents policy, the faculty subcommittee – made up of multiple Berkeley faculty members, a faculty member from another campus, and the chair or vice chair of the systemwide Academic Senate – will conduct detailed evaluations of the background of nominees and applicants for the chancellor position. The faculty subcommittee will then submit the names of candidates they recommend be considered to the full committee, who reviews them and ultimately decides who is interviewed. Typically five

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to eight candidates are interviewed by the full committee. Based on the interviews, the committee will provide their feedback on the finalists to me, and I, after conducting additional diligence, will make a selection and submit it to the Regents for their consideration and approval. We expect that search committee members will consult widely during the search process.

The full committee and the faculty subcommittee will meet throughout the fall and the first part of 2017 to undertake these responsibilities. Our goal is to request the Regents approve the new chancellor by their March meeting, which will be held March 15-16, 2017.

I look forward to working closely with you and other members of the Berkeley community to select an individual who will excel at leading Berkeley, the nation's finest public research university. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

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President