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MEMBERS, UC DAVIS NOVEMBER 18 REVIEW TASK FORCE

Dear Colleagues:

I want to thank you all for your agreeing to serve on the task force I have assembled to review the events of November 18 on our Davis campus and make recommendations to Chancellor Katehi and me on steps that should be taken to ensure the safety of peaceful protesters on campus. You were chosen to represent the Davis community and, most appropriately, the majority of you were nominated directly by UC Davis faculty, staff, and students.

My charge to the Task Force is:

- Receive and review the fact-finding report I have commissioned of the November 18th incident in which demonstrators on the UC Davis campus were pepper-sprayed by campus police. This report will be prepared by Kroll Consulting, international experts in police procedures.
- Based on that review, and subject to available information, issue findings regarding responsibility for the events of November 18.
- Provide recommendations to Chancellor Katehi and me on improvements to police procedures, command protocols, and campus policies and oversight structures that will help ensure the rights and safety of nonviolent protesters and the entire campus community are protected.

I would like the Task Force to hold its first meeting this month. My expectation is that the Kroll report will be completed by the end of December and that the Task Force will complete its work in January 2012.

Enclosed for your information are a copy of the press release my office will be issuing and the Task Force roster.

I deeply appreciate your taking time from your busy schedules to assist us in this important effort. Your service to the University is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mark G. Yudof
President

Enclosures

cc: Chancellor Katehi

UC Davis November 18 Review Task Force Members Announced

(Monday, Dec. 5, 2011)

University of California President Mark G. Yudof today appointed 12 students, faculty, alumni, and staff members to serve on a task force formed to investigate the Nov. 18 pepper-spraying incident at the University of California, Davis.

As previously announced, the task force will be headed by former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, a professor emeritus at the UC Davis School of Law.

Most task force members are affiliated with UC Davis and were nominated by relevant campus organizations.

Yudof commissioned the task force as part of a response to a request from UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi that the UC Office of the President investigate the Nov. 18 incident, in which campus demonstrators were pepper-sprayed by campus police.

Two officers and the campus chief of police have been placed on administrative leave in wake of the incident.

“My intent in forming this task force is to allow the UC Davis community to take a fair and uncompromising look at what happened on Nov. 18,” Yudof said, “and also to make any recommendations it deems appropriate in light of its independent review of the facts.”

The work of the task force will begin upon delivery of a fact-finding report of the incident that is being developed by outside investigators from Kroll Consulting, a firm internationally renowned for its expertise in police procedures.

The Kroll report is expected to be delivered to Yudof, Katehi and the task force in early January at the latest.

The task force will review the findings and, based on available information, assign responsibility for the events of Nov. 18.

Yudof said the task force also is expected to make “recommendations to me and to Chancellor Katehi regarding improvements to police procedures, command

protocols and campus policies and oversight structures that will help ensure that the rights and safety of nonviolent protestors and the entire campus community are protected.”

In addition to Justice Reynoso, Yudof identified members of the task force as follows:

Patrick Blacklock, Yolo County Administrator and immediate past-Chair, Cal Aggie Alumni Association.

Peter Blando, Business Services Manager, Office of the Vice Provost—Information and Educational Technology, UC Davis, and past Chair, UC Davis Staff Assembly (nominated by the UC Davis Staff Assembly).

Alan Brownstein, Professor, School of Law, UC Davis (nominated by the Academic Senate).

Tatiana Bush, Undergraduate Student and former Associated Students Senator (nominated by the Associated Students of UC Davis).

Daniel M. Dooley, Senior Vice President, External Relations, UC Office of the President and Designated Systemwide Administrator for Whistleblower Complaints; Alumnus, UC Davis.

Penny Herbert, Manager, Department of Clinical Operations, UC Davis, and Staff Advisor to the UC Board of Regents.

Kathryn Kolesar, Chair, UC Davis Graduate Student Association (nominated by the Graduate Student Association).

William McKenna, Law Student, UC Davis (nominated by the Law Students Association).

Carolyn Penny, Director in International Law Programs and Principal and Mediator, Common Ground Center for Cooperative Solutions, UC Davis Extension (nominated by the UC Davis Academic Federation).

Eric Rauchway, Professor, Department of History, UC Davis (nominated by the Academic Senate).

Judy Sakaki, Vice President, Student Affairs, UC Office of the President and former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UC Davis.

Rebecca Sterling, Undergraduate Student and former Associated Students Senator (nominated by the Associated Students of UC Davis).