CHANCELLOR LINDA P.B. KATEHI PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR RALPH J. HEXTER

Re: Representative Assembly Academic Freedom Resolutions

On June 8, 2012, the Representative Assembly considered a report from the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility accompanied by a series of resolutions. The report raised serious concerns regarding academic freedom and a lengthy discussion ensued. The Assembly unanimously approved, with amendment, the resolutions submitted in advance of the meeting. Further, the Assembly passed an additional resolution concerning the role of legal counsel in this issue. I have enclosed the final resolutions. These resolutions will be made public later today.

Sincerely,

Linda F. Bisson, Chair

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Davis Division of the Academic Senate Professor: Viticulture and Enology

Enclosure

c: Davis Division of the Academic Senate Membership (w/enclosure)

CAFR Resolutions

June 8, 2012, Representative Assembly Meeting Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction

Note: Final Version including changes made by the Assembly

The following resolutions are based on the report of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility to the Representative Assembly on June 8, 2012. Any or all of them might be moved by the Chair or representative of the committee, or from the floor. They might be moved and debated in any order.

Resolution, specific to Professor Wilkes.

Resolved, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate affirms the right of academic freedom of Professor Michael Wilkes and all other faculty to publish scholarly articles and professional expert commentaries that address ethics and societally relevant critiques.

Resolved, That the Representative Assembly calls upon the Dean, Executive Associate Dean, and the Health System Counsel of the School of Medicine of the University of California, Davis, all to:

- 1. Accept promptly and publicly responsibility for serious errors in judgment;
- 2. Write individual letters of apology to Professor Wilkes;
- 3. Rescind in writing all disciplinary actions that have been stated, proposed, or taken against Professor Wilkes.

Resolution, potential legal actions

Resolved, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate expresses severe disapproval of the notion that the University of California may take legal action against professors whose scholarly publications or professional expert commentaries may be perceived by University administrators to be injurious to University interests.

Resolution,

Resolved, That the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate calls upon the Chancellor of the University of California, Davis, within six months to:

- 1. Take concrete steps to prevent future violations of rights of academic freedom and report to the Davis Division the steps that have been taken to this end.
- 2. Have the Dean of the School of Medicine take appropriate training to prevent academic freedom violations.

ACTION: Approved VOTE: Yes=52 No=0

Resolution added by the Assembly:

Resolved, That the Representative Assembly condemns Health System and Campus Legal Counsels for drafting inappropriate and apparently threatening letters that violated a faculty member's right to academic freedom.

ACTION: Approved VOTE: Yes=50 No=0