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Tammi Benjamin
[Email redacted]

Dear Ms. Benjamin:

Thank you for your letter to President Napolitano requesting assurances that the University's Policy on Course Content will be followed by academic student employees (ASEs). Your concerns are based upon a July 29, 2014 letter from the leadership of UAW UC Student-Workers Union Local 2865 regarding a planned membership vote on a proposal to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, and references in the letter that you interpret as possibly encouraging ASEs to support the BDS movement in the classroom. The University's position as to the conduct of ASEs in the classroom is rooted in its academic policies, including the UC Regents Policy on Course Content, referenced in your letter. We will ask the campuses to remind all the ASEs about these policies and their obligation to adhere to them.

I would also like to reiterate what President Yudof wrote you in 2012 regarding the question of divestment, namely, that within the University of California any decision regarding divestment is the sole purview of the Board of Regents. I want to assure you that nothing has changed since President Yudof, Regent Gould, and Regent Lansing issued the attached May 2010 statement on divestment.

Thank you for your concern.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aimée Dorr".

Aimée Dorr, Provost
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Attachment

cc: President Napolitano
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