The General Assembly of the Graduate Student Association censures Linda P.B. Katehi, Chancellor of the University and non-voting member of the Association, for her part in events related to the incident on November 18th, 2011. The GSA is concerned with potential failures on the part of the administration and the Chancellor in responding to student protesters in the Quad. Alternative methods of addressing safety and security concerns that might have averted the tragedy did not receive sufficient consideration. The authorization of a large police presence in riot gear represented an over-display of force. Given the events at other UC Campuses, the likelihood of subsequent escalation should have been considered by authorities making decisions.

Leadership is ultimately the responsibility of the Chancellor and the Assembly pointed to deficiencies in this regard. At several points during the incident, leaders did not exert sufficient control over the situation. Once the situation had deteriorated, the Chancellor did not seem to give it her immediate and full attention. The first two statements made in the aftermath demonstrated a lack of attention and awareness and the deflection of responsibility onto the police and victims is unacceptable.

The General Assembly has approved a series of statements and calls for action from the university administration, including a significant and permanent increase of communication between the Chancellor and graduate students. The Graduate Student Association expects the administration to give each of these serious attention and consideration.

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