Dear Chancellor Katehi,

The University of California, Davis, Graduate Student Association represents the interests of graduate students. It serves as an open forum to discuss graduate student concerns and University policy. In the days after the events of November 18, 2011, a special meeting of GSA representatives was called. Representatives presented and discussed concerns, comments, and calls for action. These actions span a range of topics from those directly related to the police incidence to broader concerns about state funding and shared governance at UC Davis. The representatives of the Graduate Student Assembly approved the following:

**GSA general resolutions in response to police action & tuition hikes:**

- a) The GSA calls for censure of Chancellor Katehi.
- b) The GSA condemns the excessive use of force by police on November 18th at UC Davis and on November 9th at UC Berkeley. We support the protesters whose dedication to the cause of affordable education put them in harm’s way. The GSA stands in solidarity with those on the Quad, Nov 18th.
- c) The GSA supports the first amendment rights of all university groups. We stand in support of all who condemn the events that occurred on the Quad as well as hate crimes that occurred on campus.
- d) The GSA requests that Chancellor Katehi amend the promise to pay for hospital bills of injured students out of university funds to paying them out of her own salary (or those of others found responsible).
- e) The GSA supports the campus general strike, which occurred on Monday Nov 28th.
- f) We support this non-violent student movement aimed at preventing tuition and fee hikes. As such, we encourage all concerned parties to come out and participate.
- g) The GSA calls upon the California State Legislature to commit to no further cuts to education funding.
- h) GSA calls on the Chancellor to commit in writing that she opposes 81% fee hike & supports a moratorium on all fee hikes.
- i) We encourage the university to work with students to amend Prop 13 in ways to increase funding to higher education.
- j) And finally, we invite graduate students to participate in GSA and other collective governance structures to address the issues highlighted in recent weeks. We invite all voices to be heard regarding the future of the UC.

**GSA on Campus Policing & Protest**

The GSA is concerned about the role of police, their carrying of weapons, nature of policing and the community’s involvement in such issues. The GSA recommends the following:

The creation of a UCD committee to investigate the role of police and equipment used on university property. This is not to investigate the incidents of November 18th, but to look at long-term issues of policing on campus. This committee must be composed of at least 35% students and these students must have voting privileges. This committee will form in early January and deliver recommendations to the Chancellor; the UC President; the Academic Senate; the Academic Federation; the chief (or acting chief) of the UC Davis Police Department; the Graduate Student Association; the Associated Students of the University of California, Davis;
and the Law Student Association by the end of March that address the following concerns (and others that are deemed relevant by the committee):

1. The role of police on Campus and alternative models of campus security
2. The appropriate size of the UC Davis Police Department
3. The restriction of lethal force (firearms) of officers
4. The use of pepper spray and other non-lethal options

b) The creation of a permanent police commission (5-7 members) to advise and monitor the efforts of the campus police force. This commission will be composed of representatives from the students, faculty, staff, and administrative communities and will:

1. Play an active role in determining strategies for deploying police in non-emergency situations (so that before any police are deployed for peaceful protests the commission, the chancellor, and the police chief will all be clear on what is to happen).
2. Play an important part in selecting the chief of police.
3. Review the investigations of high-profile events (e.g., hate crimes) to make certain the police force is serving the community.
4. Serve as a collection point for community concerns over police procedures and actions (similar to New York’s Civilian Complaint Review Board).
5. Review and recommend improvements in training and procedures for police action tailored for the campus community.
6. Work with police leadership to implement policy and procedural changes for the police force.

c) The creation and implementation of an immediate directive from the Chancellor that the Chancellor or a Vice-Chancellor (not Associate or Assistant) will visit peaceful protest sites before and when police are requested. A member of the proposed police commission should also be present at that time.

d) GSA calls for release of a special budget supplement detailing the costs of protest enforcement

GSA calls to the Administration
GSA members voiced concerns about the transparency of university planning and a desire for further shared governance and means for participatory democracy. The GSA recommends the following:

a) The expansion of student participation on administration-created campus committees by increasing seats and granting students voting privileges where they do not currently have any. For example and including:

1. The 2020 initiatives should have twice the student participation; especially graduate student participation because of our dual role as students and employees.
2. Appoint several graduate student advisors to the budget task force looking at incentive-based budgeting.
b) The adoption of a new guidelines for communication between the Chancellor and the graduate and professional students committing the Chancellor to:

1. meet fortnightly with the Graduate Student Assistant to the Dean and the Chancellor (excluding holidays).
2. meet monthly with the Chancellor’s Graduate and Professional Student Advisory Board.
3. meet monthly with the GSA Chair.
4. meet quarterly with the Executive Committee of the Graduate Student Association.
5. meet annually in a Town Hall meeting for graduate and professional students.
6. meet annually with the GSA General Assembly.

c) GSA calls for release of a detailed list (including costs) of the efforts of both the Office of the Chancellor and the entire campus to restoring state funding to higher education by the end of 2011 and the costs for efforts to secure other forms of revenue generation (including private and corporate donations) by the end of 2011.

d) The GSA calls for creation of a task force, composed primarily of students that will work with senior administrators to develop recommendations for students to actively interact with voters in the state of California to convince them that funding higher education is good for everyone. This task force will be given access to the information that is used to explain the economic impact on voting districts so that students can submit it directly to the voters. This task force will also investigate Prop 13 and ways to amend it in order to help the UC system.