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Dear Colleagues:

In response to inquiries from several campuses, I am writing to clarify the treatment of Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) in the Policy and Procedures Concerning Part-Time Study in the University of California.

The Policy and Procedures Concerning Part-Time Study in the University of California is Presidential policy. Per the policy, "the University should be open to qualified students who for reasons of occupation, family responsibility, or health, are not able to attend full-time." Students who qualify under this policy pay reduced tuition: one-half of base Tuition (previously known as the Educational Fee) and, as appropriate, one-half of Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST).

The systemwide part-time policy does not specifically reference PDST, which was introduced after the policy was established in 1981. I am writing to clarify that the policy should be interpreted to apply to PDST as well: PDST should be reduced by half for students in PDST programs who qualify for reduced fees under the systemwide part-time policy. This clarification is consistent with guidance that staff at the UC Office of the President have previously given to campuses that have requested clarification on this point.

Please relay this information as appropriate to others on your campus. If you have any questions, please contact Associate Vice President David Alcocer of the Office of Budget Analysis and Planning. He can be reached by telephone at (510) 987-9113 or by e-mail at [David.Alcocer@ucop.edu](mailto:David.Alcocer@ucop.edu).

Sincerely,

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