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To: George Blumenthal, Chancellor

Subject: Take the Side of the Students You Are Supposed to Serve

The Student Union Assembly of the University of California, Santa Cruz calls on you, in your capacity as Chancellor, to take the side of the students you are supposed to serve, and publicly denounce any increases to tuition.

While tuition has grown exponentially in recent decades, the quality of UC education has gone down. It is the imperative of a public university to provide to its students a quality, affordable, and accessible higher education, and the duty of the chancellor of such an institution to tirelessly advocate on behalf of students.

The Student Union Assembly, in the accompanying letter, also calls on President Napolitano and the Regents of the University of California to rescind all proposed tuition increases.

The proposed tuition increases will only hurt, not help students, and the Student Union Assembly asserts that the Regents have the resources at their disposal to maintain the University of California as a world-class educational institution, without increasing tuition.

Sincerely,  
Justin Lardinois  
Chair, Student Union Assembly