

Resolution in Support of Equity for Domestic Partners under Standing Order 110.2

WHEREAS the University of California Student Association is strongly committed to the principle of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and to the fair and equitable treatment of all students, and

WHEREAS tens of thousands of residents of the state of California, some of whom are students of the University of California, have built strong, lasting, loving relationships that are nonetheless unrecognized by state marriage law, and

WHEREAS the state of California has recognized the value of these mutually committed relationships through the creation of a Domestic Partner Registry, and

WHEREAS the California legislature is currently considering a bill, AB 205 (Goldberg), that would grant couples in registered domestic partnerships nearly all state benefits currently provided exclusively to married couples, and

WHEREAS the University of California Board of Regents Standing Order 110.2 Matters Relating to Residency currently outlines the following four provisions:

- a) A nonresident student who is also “a spouse of a member of the University faculty who is a member of the Academic Senate” may have his or her nonresident tuition waived.
- b) A student who is also “a spouse or child of a resident law enforcement officer or fire fighter killed on active duty” is exempt from nonresident tuition and all mandatory systemwide fees.
- c) A student who is “the surviving spouse who has not remarried of any member of the California National Guard who was killed or permanently disabled while in active service” may be exempted from mandatory systemwide fees but not nonresident tuition.
- d) A student who “is married ... and will not be claimed as an income tax deduction by his or her parents or any other individual for the tax year immediately preceding the request for residence classification” is granted financial independence, allowing the student to more easily claim California residency and avoid nonresident tuition.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of California Student Association wholeheartedly supports the immediate revision of all relevant portions of Regents Standing Order 110.2 to provide the same benefits for students with domestic partners as are currently granted to married students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of California Student Association supports the revision of all university policies to provide for equal treatment of domestic partners and spouses, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the University of California to express the University of California Student Association’s desire to see this issue dealt with promptly.