

Hi Forum-

The following letter is pretty much self explanatory. The section here is the feedback from the UCOP. Please let me know if you have any feedback.

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The feedback was oral from UCOP. They said that it is highly unlikely that bundling plans across campuses could work, but they are considering regionally bundling plans and bundling UG&Grad plans on campuses. They are also looking for more student involvement at UCOP with this process and they want to know what our recommendations are for the students. i.e. how many, from where, what will they be charged with. It seems like a stupid question because we included this in the letter, but apparently they didn't get it. So if your council has some more feedback, that would be good.- from Paul Whitford VPEX UCSD

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President Robert Dynes  
UC Office of the President  
1111 Franklin St.  
Oakland, CA 94607

**RE: Establishment of a graduate student subcommittee of the Committee on Health Advisors**

Dear President Dynes,

The University of California Student Association is the official voice for the approximately 200,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students of the University of California. One of our top priorities is the health and well being of the students. Without the peace of mind and good health that comes from having quality health insurance, students will not be able to learn or research effectively and thus further the distinguished academic tradition of our university. In addition, the increasing cost of health care nation-wide has been accompanied by a growing concern from students regarding health insurance. For these reasons we request greater student involvement in the assessment of student health insurance.

In conjunction with the recent recommendations by the committee on Health Advisors regarding graduate student health plans, we propose the establishment of a subcommittee of the Committee of Health Advisors comprised of a GSA appointed graduate student from each campus (nine total) and a member of the main committee, and staffed by two or more analysts. This sub-committee would be charged with:

- 1) Participation in the annual review of graduate health plans and the formulation of revisions based on feedback received.
- 2) Execution of a system-wide study, together with UCOP, that assesses the benefits and drawbacks of a system-wide graduate health care plan.

- 3) Oversight of graduate health care implementation. Variation between campuses in the health insurance selection process suggests the need for oversight, and it is important that graduate students participate in this process for their needs to best be met. If a system-wide plan were ultimately adopted, monitoring by this group would ensure that the plans selected continue to meet the needs of graduate students.

We encourage the establishment of this subcommittee, as it would allow much-needed student participation in the health insurance selection process. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration; we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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