June 3, 2021

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Dear Colleagues:

Consistent with my delegated authority, I am rescinding the temporary amendments issued on October 7, 2020 to the University’s guidelines on establishing residency in the context of systemwide COVID-19 mitigation efforts effective immediately.

The University plans to conduct instruction primarily in person for 2021-22. As such, it is important for the University to return to its regular definitions of residency, both for fidelity to its own policies and to reflect the intent of the State of California in providing tuition benefits to its residents. In order to receive in-state status, as specified under Regents Policy 3105, a student must demonstrate: (1) physical presence in California for more than one year and (2) intent to make a primary and permanent home in California. (Regents Policy 3105 I.B.1-2.).

This letter rescinds the 2020 temporary amendment and provides guidance to students and campuses on policy implementation for Fall 2021.

RESCINDING TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO UC RESIDENCY POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The UC Residency Policy and Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) currently provide that students must be physically present within California for a year prior to the Residency Determination Date (RDD) and that absences of six weeks or more in a one-year period disqualify a student from receiving in-state status.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guidelines were temporarily amended to allow students entering during the 2020-21 academic year to use remote instruction to stand in for physical presence. Students who studied remotely during 2020-21 may now qualify for residency in 2021-22 during terms in which they reside in California. Consistent with the amendment, these students will be asked to provide legal indicia demonstrating their intent to stay in California as soon as is practicable.

Also consistent with the Temporary Amendment, all new students commencing enrollment in 2021-22 will be held to the standards and deadlines in the Guidelines.
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All stipulations in the Temporary Amendment issued in October 2020 are rescinded as of the date of this letter.

Campuses may consider providing scholarships or fellowships to offset Nonresident Supplemental Tuition (NRST) to continuing students who remain out-of-state for compelling circumstances related to the pandemic. However, such students will remain nonresidents for reporting purposes to the State and may not be exempted from NRST.

Further questions regarding the implementation of this rescission from campus administrators can be directed to Executive Director of Student Financial Support Brick at shawn.brick@ucop.edu or 510.987.9530. Students and academic departments should contact campus residence deputies for questions or assistance on individual student cases.

Sincerely,

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