

WHEREAS “The distinctive mission of the University is to serve society as a center of higher learning, providing long-term societal benefits through transmitting advanced knowledge, discovering new knowledge, and functioning as an active working repository of organized knowledge. That obligation, more specifically, includes undergraduate education, graduate and professional education, research, and other kinds of public service, which are shaped and bounded by the central pervasive mission of discovering and advancing knowledge.” (<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/aboutuc/missionstatement.html>); and

WHEREAS, since at least 1954, the tobacco industry has engaged in a systematic strategy of using the funding of research in universities as a way to slow the transmission and discovery of new knowledge as a way to create controversy about the effects of smoking and secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, scholars, led by faculty at the University of California, have used 40 million pages of previously secret tobacco industry documents to explain and expose this systematic manipulation and distortion of the scientific process; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry’s previous entities that were used to finance academic research—the Council for Tobacco Research and the Center for Indoor Air Research—were dissolved in 1998 by the State Attorneys General, including the Attorney General of California, through the Master Settlement Agreement, under allegations of fraud; and

WHEREAS, despite this action, at least some of these agencies have been reconstituted under the individual tobacco companies; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence, based on research conducted at the University of California, that past practices of using funding of academic researchers in order to slow public and professional understanding of the dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke continues after 1998; and

WHEREAS, based on this understanding, faculty and administrations at major universities throughout the United States and the world have made the decision to eschew funding from the tobacco industry; and

WHEREAS, based on this understanding, faculty from seven academic units on four University of California campuses, have adopted policies to decline funding from the tobacco industry in order to protect the integrity of their academic mission; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Academic Senate, after extensive consultation with its Systemwide Committees and the Senate Divisions on the campuses, ruled that it was inappropriate for individual academic units to make such policies because “the authority to set such policy rests with the UC Board of Regents”; and

WHEREAS, the Regents have divested their investments in the tobacco industry in part due to recognition that the tobacco industry’s practices are inconsistent with the fundamental mission of the University;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, effective (DATE), the University of California will neither solicit nor accept any new funding from the tobacco industry, whether in the form of grants, contracts, or gifts.

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as limiting in any way the academic freedom of faculty, students, and staff to express their views on issues related to tobacco and the tobacco industry as specified under current University policy as embodied in APM 010.

The definition of “tobacco industry” for purposes of implementing this policy includes the companies used by the Regents in the implementation of the policy of not investing in the tobacco industry as well as foundations and other organizations that are substantially controlled by those companies.

(Currently funded projects may be completed, but not renewed beyond the currently approved award period.)