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**JOHN OAKLEY, CHAIR
ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**RE: UCP&T Review of Regents Proposed RE-89: Restricting University Acceptance of
Funding from the Tobacco Industry**

Dear Chair Oakley:

The University Committee on Privilege and Tenure (UCP&T) concurs with the Academic Assembly's October 11, 2006, resolution disapproving of placing any restrictions on the ability of individual faculty members to accept research funding based solely on the source of that funding; and therefore, the committee recommends that the Academic Senate oppose the proposed Regental policy, RE-89.

In particular, UCP&T members reflect their divisions' concerns that the proposed policy might lead to the politicization of the university research process by outside groups, interfering with faculty research and the development of new knowledge.

Moreover, existing protocols for peer review assure the integrity of the research endeavor. Should the Regents perceive that these guidelines provide inadequate safeguards, such concerns are best addressed through proposed changes to the UC policies on research integrity, without targeting specific sources of funding.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Montgomery, Chair
UCP&T

cc: Maria Bertero-Barcelo, Executive Director
UCP&T

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