

Office of the General Counsel

TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of March 28, 2012

**REPORT ON REVIEW OF POLICIES AND BEST PRACTICES IN RESPONSE TO
CAMPUS PROTESTS**

BACKGROUND

Following the incidents at the Berkeley and Davis campuses in November, the President directed Vice President and General Counsel Robinson and Dean Christopher Edley of the Berkeley Law School to conduct a systemwide review of campus policies and practices in responding to protests. This review differs from the other reviews currently under way in that it is not focused on the November incidents but rather is forward-looking, with the objective of developing systemwide recommendations regarding best practices.

General Counsel Robinson and Dean Edley and their team have reviewed relevant policies at each of the ten campuses, interviewed the leadership of key internal constituencies, including administrators, faculty, students and police, and sought additional input through a series of town hall meetings. In addition, the Robinson/Edley team has interviewed a number of external experts regarding campus policing and protests and reviewed relevant literature on this subject. Areas of focus include recognizing First Amendment rights and the tradition of civil disobedience on campus; coordination and communication between administrators, students, and police; de-escalation techniques; use of force; hiring and training; mutual aid from outside agencies; documentation of events; and post-event review.