

Position on the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee

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The Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the Associated Students, University of California, Davis (ASUCD) have voiced concerns about the transparency of the search for our new Chancellor. Both constituency groups have authorized their committee representatives to resign from the UC Davis Chancellor Search Advisory Committee. The ASUCD has asked that Staff Assembly join them in rejecting Regents Policy 7102, which outlines the process by which a Chancellor search is conducted, as well as the make-up of the search committee.

Staff Assembly members hold positions throughout campus where they dedicate themselves to supporting all UC Davis students. However, Staff Assembly will not authorize its representative, Jessica Potts, to resign from the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee. Her resignation would not halt the search for a new Chancellor, but it would remove the staff voice from the process.

Staff Assembly appreciates the necessity of candidate anonymity during the search process as it may yield a broader applicant pool. Further, we find the additional steps taken by President Napolitano to improve inclusivity and transparency, as outlined on the [Chancellor Search webpage](#), to be adequate. This includes releasing non-identifying demographic information about the candidates. With that said, Staff Assembly agrees that Regents Policy 7102 can be improved. We welcome the opportunity to partner with fellow constituent groups to discuss ways to increase transparency in future Chancellor searches and to take the required steps to revise the policy.

The model of shared governance at UC Davis is incredibly important and we will initiate steps to come together in an organized way so we can more effectively address challenging issues.