

To: Timothy P. White, Chancellor

From: Alejandro Cortez, Chair, Registration Fee Advisory Committee 2008-2009

Re: RFAC Recommendations on Student Mental Health Fund for 2008/09

Date: December 18, 2008

Esteemed Chancellor White:

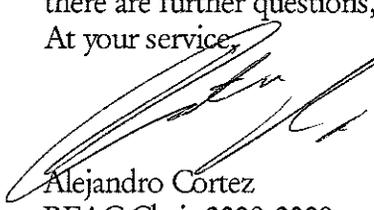
For the second consecutive fiscal year, the Chancellor's Registration Fee Advisory Committee has effected the following recommendations for the allocation of the Student Mental Health (SMH) Fund for 2008/09. It is my understanding that this fund is derived from part of the 7% increase to the Registration Fee that the UC Regents passed in 2007. Given the nature of the fund's source, student fee committees on each of the UC campuses have been asked to make their allocation recommendations as they would with the normal Registration Fee allocation process.

A summary of the specifics of the process is provided in the appendices enclosed with the present letter. The enclosed materials also include the Mental Health Addenda Request Form (that was provided by the Dean of Students), annotated with the Committee's recommendations in the far right column. A Student Mental Health Sub-Committee (SMHsc) was commissioned to provide the RFAC with specific recommendations. The subcommittee worked in close consultation with the Dean of Students to prioritize the requests.

From our projected available funds for 2008/09 of \$650,000, we recommend a total **temporary** allocation of \$553,824. Our committee opines that the remaining \$96,176 temporary balance serve as a "reserves" for mid year SMH requests. As to the **permanent** funds, RFAC recommends a total allocation of \$448,591 effective July 1, 2009, with a remainder of \$201,409 in permanent funds for reserve SMH. Given the current state financial uncertainty, our committee decided to leave some money in reserves to provide some flexibility in the process and provide the various units that can benefit from Student Mental Health funds with the opportunity to revisit this committee with further requests.

I respectfully submit the present letter and the following documents with the detailed requests and recommendations for your consideration. Feel free to follow up with me if there are further questions, thank you!

At your service,



Alejandro Cortez
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