

# EDUCATION FOR ALL COALITION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Education For All Coalition  
San Diego, CA

President Weber,

An introduction is appropriate. Education For All is a county-wide coalition comprised of numerous campus and community organizations in San Diego, California. Credit is due to the responsive mobilization efforts of San Diego students and communities, and groups such as FUEL and MEChA; for bringing to our attention, in the fall of last year, the changes you have implemented to the In-Service Area Admissions and TAG Program policies; policies in place prior to your appointment as President of SDSU.

We recognize the economic crisis has resulted in an overall admissions reduction to the CSU institutions of approximately 40,000 students, SDSU's portion of which is 4,600. However, your particular methodology for aligning with this requirement has resulted in a disproportionate impact on lower income communities, especially communities of color. Therefore, this is an issue of civil rights; and in short; the policy changes maintain racist and classist implications, an invention of your direct manipulation of existing public university policies.

This is not only illegal but antithetical to the mission of the CSU as outlined in its mission statement. It clearly states that in order for the University to accomplish its mission of "providing public services that enrich the university and *its communities*", it is to "serve communities as educational, public service, cultural, and artistic centers *in ways appropriate to individual campus locations and emphases*". You have dedicated your life to education; shall your legacy be ruined by a succession of poor policy decisions as you approach retirement?

Therefore, we demand that the University rescind all changes to the In-Service Area Admissions and TAG program policies. We demand that all 1,740 in service area students who met the CSU requirement for admission, thus qualified for admission into SDSU, be admitted. Additionally, we demand that, effective immediately, the University properly alert members of the community for the purpose of obtaining community consultation as it relates to policy changes which impact SDSU's In-Service areas.

We demand an immediate public statement explaining the steps you will take towards curing the material and physiological harm you are currently causing the communities of which SDSU is subject to serve as expressed in the responsibilities outlined in *The Mission of the California State University* doctrine. A growing audience is awaiting your response.

Respectfully Submitted,

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