

EDUCATION FOR ALL COALITION, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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Education For All Coalition
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President Weber,

Education For All is a county-wide coalition comprised of campus and community organizations forwarding educational rights in San Diego, California. Due to the progressive mobilization of San Diego's students and community members throughout the county, it has come to our attention that changes are being implemented to the In-Service Area Admissions and the TAG Program at SDSU.

We recognize the economic crisis has resulted in an overall admissions reduction to CSU institutions by 40,000 students, 4,600 of which are estimated from SDSU. Education for All is concerned that your particular strategy for fulfilling this requirement has resulted in a *disproportionate* impact on lower income communities, especially communities of color who are still struggling for social equality. Therefore, such restructuring has become an issue of civil rights and it is urged that you seek out alternatives to meet budget needs as this change will have devastating effects on future generations seeking the right to learn in San Diego.

The CSU mission statement is being seriously questioned by citizens of San Diego County. 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 must "**serve communities** as educational, public service, cultural, and artistic centers *in ways appropriate to individual campus locations*." Destabilizing policies that protect underrepresented students in their search for educational justice is both illegal and morally questionable. You have dedicated your life to education; we ask that you reflect upon your legacy as president of SDSU during these critical times.

We call on the University to 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, and thus qualify for admission to SDSU, be admitted to the campus. Additionally, we request that the University consult with community educational groups before consenting to structural reforms that affect us all, in an effort to share ideas and develop solutions to our collective challenges.

Furthermore, we request an immediate public statement explaining the measures you will be taking to resolve the matters being presented by the people of San Diego. A growing audience is awaiting your response and we are eager to discuss this matter with you further.

Sincerely,

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