

Office of the President

**TO MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND
THE FINANCE AND CAPITAL STRATEGIES COMMITTEE:**

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of January 18, 2023

OVERVIEW OF THE MULTI-YEAR COMPACT BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May 2022, the Governor and the University of California announced a new multi-year compact to advance several shared, student-focused goals. Under the terms of the compact, the Governor will propose annual base budget adjustments of five percent for the University in 2023-24 through 2026-27 and will consider annual requests for additional support in certain areas. The University, in turn, has committed to ambitious goals related to increasing access to the University; expanding student success and advancing equity; increasing the affordability of a UC education; increasing intersegmental collaboration; supporting workforce preparedness and high-demand career pipelines; and providing access to online course offerings.

The University has developed a multifaceted strategy for advancing these goals. The strategy leverages efforts that are already underway while also including new initiatives at the University-wide and campus levels. Components of the strategy, along with their associated timelines and metrics, are described in the University's first annual progress report to the Governor and the Legislature. That report is included as an attachment to this item.

BACKGROUND

The Governor and the University of California announced a new multi-year compact in May 2022 that combines predictable increases in State support for the University with a commitment to advance multiple student-focused goals shared by the Governor and the University.

Under the compact, the Governor will propose annual base budget adjustments of five percent for the University in 2023-24 through 2026-27. In addition, the Governor will consider annual requests for one-time funding for the University, particularly to support capital projects in energy efficiency, seismic renewal, and deferred maintenance. The Governor will also consider ongoing additions to the University's funding, including resources to support (a) California resident undergraduate enrollment growth above the targets described in the compact, and (b) graduate

health science programs designed to improve healthcare access for medically underserved populations.

The University, in turn, has committed to specific, ambitious goals in six broad policy categories:

- increasing access to the University of California, including annual increases to both undergraduate and graduate enrollment;
- improving student success and advancing equity, including increasing graduation rates and eliminating gaps in graduation rates between different student populations consistent with the University's own multi-year framework, UC 2030;
- increasing the affordability of a UC education by continuing to expand debt-free pathways for undergraduate students and reducing non-tuition student expenses such as textbooks, housing, food, and transportation;
- increasing intersegmental collaboration to benefit students, including redesigned data-sharing agreements and common technology platforms;
- supporting workforce preparedness and high-demand career pipelines, including prioritizing enrollment growth and increasing the number of degrees awarded in certain disciplines; and
- providing access to online course offerings, with the goal of doubling the number of student credit hours generated through undergraduate online courses by 2029-30 compared to 2019-20.

The compact also calls upon the University to provide an annual progress report to the Governor and the Legislature by November 30 of each year. Annual reports from 2023 to 2026 will describe actions taken, quantify progress towards the goals, and describe planned actions for the following year.

For the 2022 report, the University was asked to describe specific actions that were planned to achieve each goal. Staff at the Office of the President worked with campus colleagues to develop strategies and identify relevant metrics for each element of the compact. The strategies include new or expanded efforts, along with actions that are already underway at the systemwide and campus levels to advance these shared goals. The University's 2022 report is included as Attachment 1 to this item.

The annual reporting framework included in the compact will provide regular opportunities to assess the University's progress in achieving these ambitious goals and to adjust its strategies to improve their effectiveness and/or address changing circumstances.

[Attachment 1: University of California 2022 Multi-Year Compact Annual Report](#)