90.00 POLICY ON THE CAMPUS ASSESSMENT OF VOLUNTARY STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT GOVERNMENTS AND REGISTERED CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

90.10 Campus Procedures

In furtherance of the University’s stated goal of actively encouraging voluntary student support for the programs and activities of student governments and registered campus organizations, and consistent with the University of California Guidelines for Implementing a Voluntary Student Fee Pledge System, Chancellors may establish procedures permitting the use of the student registration process or other formal campus assessment process to collect voluntary contributions from students in support of student governments and their related programs and activities when they serve the interests of students enrolled at the University. No program or activity of a student government or a registered campus organization may be supported by voluntary contributions collected through a formal campus assessment process unless that program or activity is also in compliance with all other applicable University policies and the law.

Campuses shall consult broadly with representatives of student government in the development of such assessment and collection procedures. Such procedures:

90.11 Shall require that any voluntary contribution assessed through the student registration process or other formal campus assessment process be collected only from those students who have affirmatively elected by means of a positive check-off mechanism to authorize such an assessment;

90.12 Shall require either a student referendum (conducted under the same criteria as for compulsory campus-based student fees as set forth in Section 84.00 of these Policies) or, subject to the concurrence of the Chancellor or Chancellor’s designee, a duly adopted resolution of student government, to authorize use (consistent with the University of California Guidelines for Implementing a Voluntary Student Fee Pledge System) of the student registration process or other formal campus assessment process for the collection of voluntary contributions;

90.13 Shall require that the actual costs (as defined in Section 8 of the University of California Guidelines for Implementing a Voluntary Student Fee Pledge System) of the collection of voluntary contributions to benefit a registered campus organization be borne by the registered campus organization (at the discretion of the Chancellor or Chancellor’s designee, all or a part of the actual costs of collection of voluntary contributions to benefit a student government may or may not be required to be borne by the student government); and

90.14 Shall require that a written disclaimer be incorporated into the ballot measure language (or the duly adopted resolution of student government) at the time of
authorization, and into the student registration or other formal campus assessment process at the time of collection. This disclaimer shall state that the collection of such voluntary contribution through the University’s agency for support of the programs and activities of student governments or registered campus organizations does not constitute sponsorship or endorsement by the University (or, in the case of the programs and activities of student governments, does not constitute sponsorship or endorsement by any entity of the University other than the student government).

90.20 Applicability

These Policies shall apply only to voluntary contributions collected from students as part of the student registration process or other formal campus assessment process and shall not apply to voluntary contribution solicited from students as part of the more general fund-raising activities of any University or University-affiliated entity. Student governments and registered campus organizations engaged in more general fund-raising activities are subject to all other applicable University policies relating to the fund-raising activities of University and University-affiliated entities.