

## **Resolution on Administrative Authorization and Justification of Police Violence Against Non-Violent Campus Protestors**

*Whereas*, Non-violent political protest engages fundamental rights of free assembly and free speech, and

*Whereas*, November 9<sup>th</sup> efforts by protestors to set up and remain in a temporary encampment near Sproul Hall constitutes non-violent political protest, and

*Whereas*, These non-violent actions were met with a brutal and dangerous police response (see, e.g., <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buovLQ9qyWQ&feature=share>), a response authorized in advance as well as retroactively justified by Chancellor Birgeneau, Executive Vice Chancellor Breslauer and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs LeGrande, and

*Whereas*, This is the third time in two years that such police violence has been unleashed upon protesters at Berkeley, with resulting bodily injuries to protestors, student and faculty outrage, a series of expensive lawsuits against the university, a tarnished university image, and a severely compromised climate for free expression on campus;

*Therefore be it resolved that the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate:*

1. Opposes all violent police responses to non-violent protest, whether that protest is lawful or not.
2. Condemns the UC Berkeley administration's authorization of violent responses to non-violent protests over the past two years.
3. Demands that Chancellor Birgeneau, Executive Vice Chancellor Breslauer, and Vice Chancellor LeGrande take responsibility for and repudiate such policing as it occurred over the past two years.
4. Demands that these administrators develop, follow and enforce university policy to respond non-violently to non-violent protests, to secure student welfare amidst these protests, and to minimize the deployment of force and foster free expression and assembly on campus.