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RE: Study Group on Accessibility and Affordability

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to invite your participation on the Study Group on Accessibility and Affordability. This study group will serve to help Chancellor Katehi and me identify and evaluate strategies for addressing the issues of accessibility and affordability for UC Davis students. The study group will meet regularly with the Provost and will begin by reviewing the capacity of our current financial aid resources and programs to meet the needs of students in today's economy.

I have attached a longer document which outlines both the need for and the purpose of this study group, which is to ultimately craft a first set of responses and programs, anticipating that in subsequent years evolving economic reality will require ever evolving responses and programs to keep up with future challenges in the areas of accessibility and affordability.

This study group will be chaired by Professor Ann Stevens, Department of Economics and Director at the UC Davis Center for Poverty Research. The Office of the Provost will provide staff support for the committee. Staff will contact you shortly to schedule the committee's first meeting. We envision the group meeting a couple of times before the end of the current academic year, and then bi-weekly starting in the fall quarter. You need not respond to this letter unless you are unable to serve.

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I very much appreciate your willingness to support this critical examination of the future of accessible and affordable public education here at UC Davis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph J. Hexter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ralph J. Hexter
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Attachment

c: Chancellor Katehi
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