

## UCSD to conduct support group review

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A team of University of California, San Diego staff members has been directed to conduct an in-depth analysis of all UCSD support groups and foundations as part of a systemwide review of support group activities at all nine University of California campuses.

The action is in response to a July 28 request from UC President Jack Peltason that all campuses evaluate their affiliated support groups and ensure their full compliance with UC policies and procedures.

UCSD Chancellor Richard Atkinson noted in his preliminary report to the Office of the President that 89 organizations which might be considered support groups have been identified at UCSD, and a staff team has been designated to conduct a thorough review of these organizations. An action plan outlined in the report includes analysis of each organization's operations and development of a program of support group registration and monitoring.

"We expect that the majority of our campus-based support groups are in compliance with University policy and guidelines," said Chancellor Atkinson. "I have made it a top priority for my staff to provide appropriate direction and assistance to any groups that are not in full compliance, and take any other action necessary to ensure that all associated groups are acting within the policies and procedures of the University of California."

Chancellor Atkinson noted that a key element of the report to the Office of the President is the recommended revision of University policy and guidelines for support groups.

"The current rules and guidelines have evolved over a long history, and we feel they no longer are adequate in the current environment," he said. "The modifications we are recommending will enable us to give the organizations that provide invaluable support to our campus clear and relevant direction, and ensure that their activities are fully compliant with University policy."

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