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TRAGIC LOSS OF CHANCELLOR DENICE D. DENTON STUDENTS REMEMBER A WOMAN WHO DEDICATED HER LIFE TO BENEFITING THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

Raymond Austin, Student Union Assembly Chair; Berra Yazar, Graduate Student Association Chair, and Anu Joshi, UC Student Association President released the following statement:

"The Student Union Assembly of the undergraduate student body and the Graduate Student Association at UC Santa Cruz grieve for the loss of Chancellor Denton. She broke new ground as the first openly gay Chancellor, was at the forefront of the UC Sweatshop Free Campaign, and showed her commitment to diversity by providing funding for student initiated outreach programs which target students from underprivileged communities. The Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association appreciate and recognize all of her work with and for students."

Anu Joshi, President of the UC Student Association stated: "Although some will only remember her small role in the controversy of a system wide problem, the students will remember her as a pioneer fighting for the rights of the underrepresented. As the first openly gay chancellor in the UC system she provided inspiration and leadership in making the UC system accessible and welcoming to all Californians."

Berra Yazar, President of the Graduate Student Association at UC Santa Cruz, stated that: "Chancellor Denton will be remembered for fearlessly standing up for marginalized groups throughout her career. Her defense of women in science after former Harvard President Larry Summer's demeaning remarks has pitted her against high level administrators, but she recognized that the impact of her advocacy was greater than her position."

The Vice-Chair of Internal Affairs at Santa Cruz, Eric R. Street, Jr. stated: "Chancellor Denton prevailed against institutional barriers to become the Chancellor of my University. The Board of Regents will have a difficult job in selecting someone who can continue her strong legacy."

"Our Chancellor was a valued member of the UC Santa Cruz community and we can only hope that the next Chancellor will be as supportive and committed to students. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of our dedicated chancellor, and we wish to lend our support in their time of need."

The Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association are the official voices of the 15,000 UC Santa Cruz Students. The University of California Student Association is the official voice of the over 210,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten UC campuses.

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