

# Dynes leaving as UC leader

Interviews for  
UCSC chancellor  
to start today

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SAN FRANCISCO — University of California President Robert C. Dynes announced plans Monday to step down, ending a tenure in which he overcame budget troubles but also endured criticism for millions of dollars in perks given to administrators while student fees were being raised.



DYNES

Plans to step down in June

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Dynes said his tenure as head of the renowned public university system, which began in October 2003, will end in June 2008. His decision was motivated by a desire to spend time with his wife, whom he married in March, and by a feeling he'd accomplished what he could in the five-year time span he set for himself when he took the job, Dynes said at a press conference Monday.

He was not pressured to leave because of the controversy over executive pay that clouded the last year of his tenure, he said.

"I chose not to leave in the middle of that until we got it resolved," he said. "I feel we've come through that."

A well-known physicist before

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heading up the 10-campus system, Dynes plans to renew his focus on superconductivity research.

Under Dynes' leadership, the university system overcame budget troubles and ensured future state funding by forging a deal with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, university officials said.

"We were very pleased to stop the bleeding and put the compact in place," he said. "The state has put much more money into the University of California than the compact envisioned."

But it's still not enough, and funding will certainly be a significant challenge facing his successor, he said.

Dynes also oversaw the inauguration of a new research campus in Merced, and the university system's sweeping of three Department of Energy national laboratory management competitions.

The governor praised Dynes' dedication.

"Bob has been a great partner in working with my administration to ensure educational excellence for our students," said Schwarzenegger. "He enhanced the prestige of California's world-renowned UC system."

Thinking back on his contributions, Dynes said one of the areas in which he wished he'd accomplish more was in diversifying the university system's student and faculty bodies.

"We've tried a variety of things, some of which worked, some didn't work, but my successor will have to work very hard on that," he said.

Criticism of Dynes began after it was learned that top administrators in the system were given millions in perks such as bonuses and housing allowances without proper disclosure to the public or to regents. The perks came at the same time student fees were raised significantly to offset state budget cuts.

Audits of executive compensation practices at the university system found scores of abuses over the years. One audit found 113 cases where senior managers were given pay or benefits beyond those established in university policies.

University officials countered that their executives were paid less than their counterparts elsewhere, and the disparity made it hard to compete for top talent. Still, they acknowledged pay rules had been bent without authorization.

Dynes accepted responsibility for the irregularities and, following the controversy, voluntarily gave up a raise saying "the buck stops on my desk."

But three lawmakers called for his resignation, including Republican state Sen. Abel Maldonado.

"The Board of Regents now has an opportunity to appoint somebody who will be accountable to the taxpayer," he said upon hearing of



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University of California President Robert Dynes invests Denice Denton as UCSC's chancellor in November 2005. Denton committed suicide in June 2006. Dynes announced his resignation Monday. He will formally leave his post in June.

## Dynes: UCSC chancellor interviews on tap today

SENTINEL STAFF REPORT

SANTA CRUZ — Interviews for a permanent chancellor at UC Santa Cruz will take place tonight, and departing UC President Robert Dynes said he expects to be part of those discussions.

Dynes said he would retain his role in the selection process because the president is required to bring a recommendation to the UC Board of Regents.

Dynes announced Monday he would step down as president next June, and for the rest of this academic year turn over day-to-day responsibilities to Provost Wyatt "Rory" Hume, who was given a permanent appointment about a year ago.

A native of Australia, Hume joined the UCLA School of Dentistry in 1977, and became executive vice chancellor at UCLA from 1998 to 2002. Then he returned to his homeland until former pro-

vost M.R.C. Greenwood unexpectedly resigned in November 2005. Hume filled her spot as acting provost.

Greenwood had been chancellor at UCSC. She was succeeded on an interim basis by Martin Chemers, then by Denice Denton. After Denton committed suicide in June 2006, George Blumenthal was named acting chancellor.

The search for a permanent chancellor got under way when an advisory committee was formed in March. That group has met several times.

UC spokesman Paul Schwartz said Dynes is "still hoping to bring a recommendation to the board sometime within the next few months."

Dynes said he had given Hume advice for his new role, but declined to share any of it.

"If I make it public, he won't follow it," Dynes quipped.

Dynes' decision to step down.

Maldonado became one of Dynes' most vocal critics after the pay discrepancies became public. Last year, he charged the regents with "sending a message that breaking rules is acceptable behavior at the University of California."

Dynes will spend his last few months as president pushing forward the university system's partnerships with industry in research and development, and will bolster UC's international presence by strengthening connections with universities in China, India, Mexico and Canada.

A consumer watchdog group spoke against Dynes' effort to straighten ties with industry, say-

ing this results in the commercialization of the educational system.

"Under the Dynes watch, we've already seen UC Berkeley transformed into 'UC-BP' with the planned \$500 million research deal with oil giant BP," said John M. Simpson, consumer advocate with the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights. "We've already got Big Oil U. What's next? Tobacco U and UC Pharma?"

Before he steps down, he also will tour campuses around the state, as he did when he first took office, with the goal of discussing how the system can meet the state's needs, he said.

"During his time of leadership, the UC community has continued

the journey to an even better University," said Board of Regents Chairman Richard C. Blum.

Provost and Executive Vice President Wyatt R. Hume will add to his duties those of the University's Chief Operating Officer, a position created to allow Hume to take care of daily matters and let Dynes focus on long-term strategic planning until a new president is chosen.

## What they're saying about Dynes

### UC SANTA CRUZ ACTING CHANCELLOR GEORGE R.

**BLUMENTHAL:** "When Bob Dynes was named president of the University of California more than four years ago, he pledged to sustain UC's well-deserved reputation for both quality and access. He kept his promise with both vision and action. Whether it was launching a science-math teacher-training program for California, a long-range planning blueprint for UC, or an international research collaboration, he has advanced our thinking about the critical role that the university plays in the development of society. During often-challenging budget discussions and deliberations, he

has reminded California's legislative leaders of the relationship between investing in UC now and forging a better tomorrow, and he negotiated an agreement with the governor that both stabilized and improved UC's budget. And he's been particularly effective in demonstrating to the state's educational and business leaders that the University of California is a valuable asset, owned by each and every Californian. I consider it both a privilege and an honor to know and work with President Dynes."

**DON ROTHMAN, LONGTIME LECTURER IN WRITING AT UC SANTA CRUZ:** "I certainly hope that the University of California makes a serious effort to find a

new president whose scholarly accomplishments are enhanced by her/his ability to articulate an imaginative vision of education that balances teaching, service and research. We all have a great deal to learn about the role of education in a democracy, and the UC President ought to be at the forefront of a national dialogue about this issue."

**STATE SEN. ABEL MALDONADO, R-SANTA BARBARA:** "I wish him well. Now is an opportunity for the Board of Regents to appoint someone who will give full disclosure on compensation for UC executives. Taxpayers demand accountability and expect trust. And we shouldn't forget about the students. They are paying higher fees."