# STUDENTS of the University of West Los Angeles

c/o Marc L. McCulloch 21300 Oxnard St. Woodland Hills, CA 91367

April 22, 2005

## **Board of Trustees of the University of West Los Angeles**

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

In concern for our ongoing investment in a legal education, as well as concern for the long-term viability of the University, <u>192 students of the University of West Los Angeles</u> hereby submit our petition to the UWLA Board of Trustees for:

- a) Rescission of the announced 9.4% increase in tuition.
- b) The immediate resignations of President Robert W. Brown and CFO David Wolff.
- c) Abandonment of unrealistic plans to expand operations.
- d) Immediate steps to eliminate deficits and stabilize the University via aggressive consolidation and cost-cutting measures, including reduction or elimination of salaries that are not commensurate with the University's current fiscal condition and enrollment.

Time is of the essence and we require the Board's definitive answer to items "a " and "b" not later than close of business Thursday, May 5, 2005. Concurrent with definitive answers to "a" and "b", we will accept the Board's action with regard to "c" and "d" in the appointment of an Emergency Committee to include six (6) selected Board members, two (2) representatives selected by and from the Faculty Senate, two (2) representatives selected by and from the Administrative Staff, and two (2) representatives selected by and from the Student Body.

The Board of Trustees is already well-aware of the dire financial condition of the University caused by Brown and Wolff's mismanagement.

If the Board equivocates, delays, or otherwise continues to abrogate its fiduciary duties, we will proceed with any and all actions necessary to secure our investment to date and the future viability of the University. The Board of Trustees should consider this its final opportunity to deal with these urgent issues appropriately and privately.

In addition to the attached signed petitions, I refer you to the attached UWLA 990 Trend Analysis and cover notes which corroborate Robert W. Brown's and David Wolff's utter failure to manage the University in anything resembling a fiscally responsible manner. We, the students, have standing to seek redress and we intend to do so without hesitation.

The Board's written response should be tendered via U.S. Mail or courier to:

Students of the University of West Los Angles c/o Marc McCulloch 21300 Oxnard St. Woodland Hills, CA 91367

With instructions that I am to be notified via telephone immediately upon delivery.

Sincerely,

Marc L. McCulloch On Behalf of the Students of UWLA

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### Attachments:

15 Petition Sheets

1998-2003 UWLA Form 990 Trend Analysis (2 pages)

As University of West Los Angeles President Robert W. Brown announced a 9.4% tuition increase on February 28, 2005 under claims of current inability to meet expenses, and . . .

As this announced tuition increase brings the total tuition increase within the past two years to 27%, and . . .

As the combined compensation of President Robert W. Brown and five (5) other non-teaching, administrative staff accounts for 21% of the University of West Los Angeles Tuition and Fee Revenue as evidenced by UWLA's Form 990 for the year ended June 30, 2003, and . . .

Concurrent with President Brown's announcement of the 9.4% tuition increase and acknowledgement that expenses outstrip revenue, he confirmed plans to open an additional "state of the art" facility in a yet-to-be-determined location on Los Angeles' west side, and . . .

As we are the prime stakeholders of UWLA and concerned with the diversion of scarce funds away from the quality of our legal education into an unsustainable and capricious second campus location, and . . .

As we are concerned about the long-term viability of the University of West Los Angeles under President Brown's continued mismanagement ...

#### We, the undersigned students of the UWLA hereby petition the UWLA Board of Trustees to:

- 1) Rescind the announced 9.4% increase in tuition.
- 2) Abandon plans to relocate a second campus and consolidate all resources in ONE CAMPUS.
- 3) Seek the immediate resignations of President Robert W. Brown and CFO David Wolff.

Signature / Date	Zip Code	Signature / Date	Zip Code