

Press Statement

August 9, 2016

President Janet Napolitano today accepted Linda Katehi's resignation as chancellor of UC Davis, effective immediately. The move follows an independent investigation that found the chancellor had exercised poor judgment, not been candid with University leadership, and violated multiple University policies. A search for Katehi's successor will begin immediately. Ralph Hexter will continue to serve as the acting chancellor. Katehi will return to her position on the UC Davis faculty, in accordance with the terms of her contract.

A copy of President Napolitano's message to the UC Davis community is attached.

Message to the UC Davis Community from President Janet Napolitano

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On April 25, 2016, I met privately with Linda Katehi to discuss a series of misjudgments and policy violations of such a serious nature that she should resign her position as chancellor of UC Davis. Regrettably, Chancellor Katehi refused to resign and made public statements to campus leadership and others that she intended to remain as chancellor. I then placed Chancellor Katehi on immediate administrative leave and authorized the hiring of an outside firm to investigate a number of concerns.

The investigation is now concluded, and it found numerous instances where Chancellor Katehi was not candid, either with me, the press, or the public, that she exercised poor judgment, and violated multiple University policies. In these circumstances, Chancellor Katehi has now offered to resign, and I have accepted that resignation. These past three months and the events leading up to them have been an unhappy chapter in the life of UC Davis. I believe it is in the best interest of the campus, the Davis community, and the University of California that we move forward.

Chancellor Katehi will transition to becoming a full-time faculty member in accordance with the terms of her pre-existing contract. We will immediately form a search committee and conduct a national search for a new chancellor to lead this extraordinary campus. Ralph Hexter will continue in his role leading the campus during the pendency of the search. The Office of the President will support and work with Davis's faculty, students, staff, and community, to ensure the campus continues its impressive upward trajectory.