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Berkeley, California -- A group of students, faculty, and other Berkeley residents rallied and marched in continuing opposition to the proposed creation of an Energy Biosciences Institute at Berkeley with \$500 million from BP. The UC Berkeley administration has attempted to claim that all concerns about the deal have been dealt with as a result of the limited and divisive vote at UC Berkeley's Academic Senate meeting on April 19.

The group rallied with banners, signs, and costumes to make it clear that the Academic Senate vote did not quiet the concerns of even the faculty, let alone the other groups opposed to the deal.

The rally drew attention to the April 25 resolution by the governing student body association, the ASUC, calling for an external review of the BP deal before it is signed, a request that UC Berkeley's administration has so far ignored. The administration has stated that the deal will be in negotiation until July.

The group delivered to UC Berkeley's chancellor, Robert Birgeneau, several petitions against the BP deal signed by UC Berkeley students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider community; copies of the resolutions passed by the Graduate Assembly and the Associated Students of the University of California requesting some student input into the deal; a list of concerns raised by attendees at various public events; and a collection of op-eds and editorials outlining criticisms.

The group demanded that the UC Berkeley administration not sign the deal with BP, and to create explicit policies and structures of accountability to govern large funding deals in the future.