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UC Berkeley Campaign to Stop the Proposed Agreement with British  
Petroleum Launches Poster Campaign

Link To High Resolution Version Of First Poster:  
[http://www.stopbp-berkeley.org/posters/STOP\\_BP\\_poster.pdf](http://www.stopbp-berkeley.org/posters/STOP_BP_poster.pdf)

The University of California, Berkeley based campaign to halt the \$500 million worth agreement between the university and British Petroleum announces the launch of a poster campaign targeting at educating the campus and building opposition to the agreement.

The first of a series of posters, it features the UC Berkeley Chancellor, Robert Birgeneau, with BP logos for eyes and crude oil dripping from his hands. The Chancellor stands in front of a podium with the logo of British Petroleum. This alludes to the Feb. 1, 2007 press conference where the Chancellor in fact spoke in front of such a podium on Berkeley campus. Images available here:  
[http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2007/02/01\\_EBI\\_press.shtml](http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2007/02/01_EBI_press.shtml)

The quote above the image reads: "If BP hadn't come along we would have pursued an alternative strategy, whether it was with another Oil Company errr... Energy Company or what have you." This quote is verbatim from Chancellor Robert Birgeneau who said these words at the March 8th, Academic Senate Forum.

Video of Faculty Forum on the Energy Biosciences Institute:  
[http://webcast.berkeley.edu/event\\_details.php?webcastid=19207&p=1&ipp=15&category=](http://webcast.berkeley.edu/event_details.php?webcastid=19207&p=1&ipp=15&category=)

The quote is at 1hr and 3min into the webcast.

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Stop BP-Berkeley is a UC Berkeley-based student campaign formed to oppose the formation of the proposed joint BP-Berkeley research institute. This campaign insists that UC Berkeley must commit itself to responsible, accountable research in the interest of social

justice and sustainability. There are three major problems with the proposal: the undemocratic process by which it has been struck; the social and environmental consequences of research in biofuels, genetic modification, and fossil fuel extraction; and the dangers of unchecked corporate privatization of the public university. Stop BP-Berkeley is involved in making information available about the BP-Berkeley proposal, calling demonstrations, and hosting public forums about the proposal. It is sponsoring a petition calling on the university not to sign the deal without major modifications to the terms and the process.