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Statement Regarding Appointment of UC Student Regent-Designate

UCSA Continues to Advocate for Systemwide Campaign Reform and Student Leader Transparency

Oakland, CA - The UC Regents have voted yesterday to confirm the appointment of Student Regent-Designate Avi Oved. After nearly three weeks of conversation between UCSA and its constituents, direct correspondence with UC Regents George Kieffer and Bruce Varner, and campus and statewide news and opinion pieces, the UC Regents have decided to reject UCSA's request to delay the confirmation of the Student Regent-Designate appointment.

Student Regent Sadia Saifuddin was the only UC Regent who opposed the confirmation in support of student concern around the appointment. In her public statement, Saifuddin states that her vote is "a reflection of the feelings of a large part of the student community that requests clarity and transparency of their student leader." Saifuddin also speaks to the UC Regents' dismissal of UCSA's stance, and comments that "it is greatly troubling that student concerns about their representative are being dismissed, rather than recognized, in a time when the community should stand united to enhance and improve the public character of the University of California."

UCSA commends Student Regent Saifuddin for her vote in support of UC students and shares her concern regarding the UC Regents' dismissal of the large student voice that has asked for further consideration of its student leader. UCSA hopes that the UC Regents will not dismiss student concern moving forward, and will grant students the transparency and due diligence behind Regental decisions that they deserve.

UCSA will use today's decision as an opportunity to look deeper into the issue of student election funding and campaign transparency. "Students have begun to voice their opinion on what they wish to see in student leaders, and it is UCSA's duty to identify opportunities to improve our election processes systemwide so that we have the best possible student leaders on campus and on the Board of Regents," says UCSA President Kareem Aref.

UCSA welcomes and encourages input from students on what they'd like to see in future campus election reform.

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About the University of California Student Association

The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 240,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from the eleven UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.

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