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UCSA Calls for a New Master Plan for Higher Education

UC Students Urge Legislators to Renew its Vision for California Higher Education

Oakland, CA - During its February Board of Directors Meeting, the University of California Student Association (UCSA) passed a resolution urging the California Legislature to renew its Master Plan for Higher Education. Originally created in 1960, the Master Plan set the high standard for access, affordability and quality that the University of California has strived to maintain.

Originally created in 1960, the Master Plan has not been updated since 1987 and the vision it had originally created has not been upheld. Through its resolution in support of a new California Master Plan for Higher Education, UCSA urges the Legislature to create a survey committee to begin the research and drafting of a new Master Plan. The proposed survey committee would consist of a cohesive group of students, faculty, alumni, and administration across California K-12 and higher education systems, as well as California legislators and taxpayers. The committee would serve to garner the information necessary to create a new Master Plan that not only upholds the criteria of access, affordability and quality, but also looks at additional issues affecting higher education, including the lack of diversity on UC campuses.

"UC Students have shown a great interest in revitalizing the California Master Plan for Higher Education, and therefore UCSA stands in support of making this renewed plan a reality," says UCSA President, Kareem Aref, in regard to the passing of this resolution. "UCSA will provide its support to making sure that the California Legislature is aware of how vital this new Master Plan would be to not only higher education, but the well-being of our state."

This resolution passed by UCSA is part of a wave of support for a new Master Plan that has swept through many UC student associations and originated with the University of California, Santa Barbara Associated Students. UCSA will be working to obtain critical support for this initiative from UC President Janet Napolitano, the UC Regents, the Office of Governor Brown, and key legislators in efforts to make this new Master Plan a reality.

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About the University of California Student Association

The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 230,000 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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