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## UCSA President's Statement Regarding Student Regent Nomination UC Student Association Excited to Work Together to Advocate for Students

Oakland, CA - On Tuesday, June 2, the University of California announced its nomination of UC Riverside graduate student Marcela Ramirez as the student regent-designate nominee. The Student Regent position was created as the result of a successful **UC Student Association** (UCSA) campaign to increase student representation on the UC governing Board of Regents. The working relationship between the Student Regent and UCSA typically has, and continues to be, a close and powerful one.

"We welcome Marcela to join us in our work to advocate for quality, affordability, and accessibility for UC students," said **Jefferson Kuoch-Seng, UCSA President** on Tuesday. "Student Regents are a crucial voice during key decisions on student fees, financial aid, and admission, among other student priorities. We look forward to working closely over the next two years."

The Board of Regents will vote on Ramirez's nomination at its July meeting at UC San Francisco Mission Bay. If confirmed, she will hold the title "Regent-designate" for one year before becoming a full voting member of the Board of Regents in 2016.

Sadia Saifuddin is the 2014-15 Student Regent and will be completing her term on June 30th. Avi Oved is the 2014-15 Student Regent Designate and will assume the role as the 2015-16 Student Regent on July 1.

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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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