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UCSA Statement Regarding UC Tuition Plan and Alternative Funding Proposals
UC Students Ready to Analyze Alternatives to UC Tuition Plan

Oakland, CA - On Thursday, November 20, the UC Regents voted to approve the UC Office of the President's (UCOP) proposed "five-year stability plan," which could establish annual tuition and student fee increases of up to 5% for UC students based on future state funding. The University of California Student Association (UCSA) continues to reject this plan, as it calls on students to bear the burden of ensuring the future of their education. UCSA recognizes that there are alternative solutions to correct the UC budget and the State's desire to recommit, but they will demand bold leadership and decisive, timely action.

Prior to the Regents' vote, Governor Jerry Brown and Speaker of the Assembly Toni Atkins proposed alternative plans to solve the UC's funding gap and to examine options for long-term, sustainable revenue that do not include tuition hikes as the primary solution. Today, Senate leaders introduced a proposal to counter UC tuition increases and provide additional funding to financial aid. While preliminary, these proposals demonstrate that raising tuition is not the only option. These plans call for discussion and collaboration among the UC, the State, and California's students to produce a sustainable path for the UC that benefits all stakeholders.

"No single plan put forward has all the elements students seek; the recommendations from Governor Jerry Brown, Speaker of the Assembly Toni Atkins, and those in Senate Bill 15 (Block) will require due diligence from UC students and the UCSA Board of Directors before we can endorse any course of action," said UCSA President Jefferson Kuoch-Seng. "That there are three separate plans to date shows that the State does not have a clear vision for the University. We encourage legislative leadership to ask the tough questions and propose practical solutions that consider different perspectives and honor the promise of an affordable, accessible, and quality education."

UCSA believes that the UC prematurely approved the new Stability Plan without exhausting all other options and is taking the easier route to solve its budget mismanagement and State disinvestment. The vote to approve the UC tuition plan by the Regents marks not the end, but the beginning of a conversation between the UC, the State Legislature, and the people of California regarding not the most convenient, but rather, the smartest fiscal solution for the future of the University of California.

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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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