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UCSA Calls for UC Regents to Postpone Confirmation of Student Regent Designate Nominee
*Systemwide Student Leadership Calls for More Time to Further Investigate Lack of Transparency
Regarding Previous Ties to Outside Funding*

Oakland, CA - The University of California Student Association (UCSA) has called for a delay in confirming Student Regent Designate Nominee Avi Oved's appointment to the Board of Regents. Student concern around Oved's appointment has recently risen due to alleged evidence that Oved may have received outside funding from Adam Milstein, co-founder of the Adam and Gila Milstein Family Foundation, during his election for Internal Vice President of UCLA's Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC).

After receiving public comment during the June Board of Directors meeting at UC Riverside proposing these allegations, the UCSA Board of Directors held a public call on Tuesday, July 1 to discuss allegations of conflict of interest and potential outside influence in campus elections that received over 200 public comment submissions via electronic form. The UCSA Board then convened a meeting of the Systemwide Affairs Committee, comprised of the voting External Vice Presidents, on Thursday, July 3 to discuss public sentiment and look further into these claims. Committee meetings are closed sessions as per the UCSA bylaws. Both the Student Regent Designate and the Student Regent were given the opportunity to have a dialogue with the board and answer questions.

After reviewing student input and relevant information presented to UCSA, there remains a lack of transparency from Oved and the Milstein Family Foundation in addressing the presented evidence. UCSA has called for further investigation, as there is still a crucial need for additional scrutiny, fact-finding, and validation of the presented evidence and claims. Just after the Board of Directors call on July 3, The Daily Californian released further potential evidence of funding not only to Oved, but to additional students who ran for election at UCLA under the Bruins United slate, further making the case for due diligence.

"As UCSA, we have a duty to ensure that our students' concerns are being met," says UCSA President Kareem Aref. "While the process for student regent is not perfect, it has not failed us in the past. This new information just requires that we take a closer look to ensure Avi is the candidate we believe him to be."

With utmost respect to Student Regent Designate Nominee Avi Oved, and to the Student Regent selection process that UCSA itself is a part of, UCSA calls for the UC Board of Regents to postpone the confirmation of Oved's appointment until the September Regents Meeting on September 17-18. Between now and the September Meeting, UCSA will identify the best means of proceeding with a fair, civil, and respectful investigation, while allowing for the proper time to gather factual information and a better understanding of the allegations.

UCSA asks for the UC Board of Regents to grant its request to provide its constituents with the true knowledge and transparency regarding its student leadership that all students deserve.

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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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