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## **UCSA President Responds to July 2015 Board of Regents Meeting**

Critical Decisions Made Addressing Sexual Assault and Executive Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The University of California Board of Regents met July 21-23, 2015 at UCSF Mission Bay. Students in attendance were especially concerned during discussions on student mental health, increases to Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition, campus sexual assault, and considerations to raise compensation packages of senior-level executives.

The UC President's Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault presented recommendations on policy changes UCSA has advocated for over the last year as a part of its systemwide UConsent campaign.

"The Task Force has responded to our demand for mandatory, in-person training to be incorporated into the varied sexual violence curriculum UC campuses provide to students," responded Kevin Sabo, UCSA Board Chair and Acting President, on Thursday. "As faculty and staff requirements continue to be developed, we urge in-person training as the primary goal and a necessary cost. Addressing our university's troubled history with responding to sexual assault will require no small degree of resources."

During his address to the Regents, Sabo expressed concern over agenda items that would increase executive pay for senior-level management. Following the vote approving the proposed increases, he made the following remarks:

"Students fought hard over the last year to have college affordability be a priority for the UC and the State. Now that the State has invested in a tuition freeze, it is shameful to see the UC allocate raises for executives making upwards of \$200,000 per year. This is a betrayal of families across California and a crisis of priorities that will affect much-needed funding for enrollment growth and deferred maintenance."

**Sabo** welcomed President Janet Napolitano's announcement of a minimum wage increase to \$15 over 3 years, commenting that "Because campuses aren't bound by increases adopted by cities in which they operate, a systemwide commitment to provide fair wages is long overdue."

# **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 all ten 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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