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### UCSA President Statement on SB 376

SACRAMENTO, CA - Kevin Sabo, President of the University of California Student Association, made the following comments about SB 376 (Lara) on Thursday:

"The University of California Student Association proudly stands in support of its campus workforce. However, at this time, UCSA has no official position on Senate Bill 376 (Lara).

Students are generally uncomfortable with the lack of public information regarding the implementation of the mandates of this bill. Students understand that it is in the best interests of the University to project costs at the high end (between \$48 and \$61 million), while the legislation's supporters predict lower costs. Students are somewhere in the middle - we want the UC to be more affordable, but believe in fairly compensating the people who keep our universities running every day.

I believe that the narrative around SB 376 has unfairly pitted students against UC workers. It has been implied that the unfunded mandate would fall on students to pay through increases in student fees. If increased compensation for the lowest paid workers on UC campuses were a priority, administrators could make it happen without using revenue from student fees.

Every day, University administrators make fiscal priorities about UC operations. According to the UC's compensation databases, in fiscal 2013 796 UC employees earned \$400,000 or more. We challenge UC administration to find it in their budgets to support everyday UC workers, and not just the high salaries of those at the top."

UCSA is the official voice of over 240,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten UC campuses. It is UCSA's mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the UC system.

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