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## UC Student Association President's Statement on UC Audit and Fall 2016 Admissions

Representatives of the UC Student Association participated in a press conference Tuesday concerning the recent findings of the State Auditor on the University of California's out-of-state admission practices and transparency of budgeting and finance. Students have highlighted three major issues: affordability despite the UC's skyrocketed executive compensation practices; physical capacity of classrooms, housing, and health centers; and the denial of admission of in-state students at the campuses of their choice, a practice which imports students who pay more for the same degree while exporting California's diverse student body to other states and less-notable institutions in California.

Kevin Sabo, President of the UC Student Association, made the following comments in light of UC's announcement Monday that there was a significant boost in admitted California students, particularly Latinos and African Americans, for fall 2016:

"UC's efforts to increase the admission of California students, particularly students of color, should be commended. Every student in California deserves the world-class education that UC has the potential to provide. Lawmakers, students, and their families will continue to scrutinize UC's out-of-state admission practices, and rightly so. But I am heartened by this progress.

Admissions are only the first step. I call on UC to do everything in its power to make sure admitted students of color see the UC as a place where they can thrive. Admissions numbers must be validated by the demographics of students who actually enroll. We must also continue to work with the Governor and Legislature to ensure that every student who is admitted can afford the price of attendance.

The audit made Californians question if UC cares to fulfill the promise of the Master Plan, and UC should acknowledge mistakes brought forward by the audit. UCSA and the 240,000 UC students remains committed to working with President Napolitano, Governor Brown, and the Legislature to invest in California's future and keep UC accessible and affordable to all."

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