UC Student Association President Judith Gutierrez's Statement on University of California Tuition Decision

(Sacramento, CA) - I am glad to see President Napolitano, Chair Kieffer and the Board of Regents remove the item on an in-state tuition increase from their May meeting agenda. Our university leadership should never resort to a tuition increase in order to fund its operations. We look to the California State Legislature and Governor Brown to make higher education a priority in this year's budget cycle and fully fund the University of California.

Our message stands that it is not the students' responsibility, but the state's, to foster a public higher education landscape that is accessible and affordable for all. State disinvestment from public higher education threatens the long-term stability, accessibility, affordability, and quality of the UC system. If state investment does not keep up with enrollment, students will continue to be the ones who suffer. We will continue to advocate for the needs of our students, as this generation of currently enrolled students and the next generation are worthy of the same quality education as past generations.

Our advocacy efforts in Sacramento and across the state remain strong. Thank you to those individuals who have and will continue to support full funding to the University of California.

UC Statement:
https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/uc-will-continue-advocating-more-state-funding-puts-tuition-vote

About the University of California Student Association

The University of California Student Association is the official voice of the 275,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students across the 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.