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## **UC Student Association (UCSA) To Conduct Advocacy Day & Press Conference In State's Capitol**

*UCSA to meet with State's leaders to demand increased state funding, resources*

(Sacramento, CA) - On Monday March 26, nearly 400 University of California students will join together at UC Lobby Day to encourage state legislators toward increasing support for UC students and their communities. This advocacy effort comes in the midst of another proposed tuition increase and hostile political climates for many UC students.

**WHAT:** UC Student Press Conference

**WHEN:** Monday March 26, 12pm

**WHERE:** North Steps of the State Capitol building

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:** UCSA President Judith Gutierrez; Kuvimbanashe Edwin Chikukwa from the Coalition for a Better UC; Teresa Wachira, External Vice President UC Merced; Salvador Sarmiento of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network; representatives from AFSCME 3299; and students from the University of California.

Students hope to convince legislators of the increasing need to make the University of California affordable, accessible, and equitable. This year, UCSA's legislative advocacy agenda focuses on increasing higher education funding, supporting the mental health and basic necessities of students, and the prioritization of education over incarceration. Students will be advocating for legislation that mirrors student-led grassroots efforts statewide, including increased financial aid programs, supporting non-tuition costs, mental health services, and Safe Access to Courts for immigrants.

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About the UC Student Association: The University of California Student Association is the official voice of 275,000 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