



## Statement by UC Student Association on Sunsetting of Student Advisor to the Regents

To the Members of the University of California Community:

After a consultation process including Student Regent Devon Graves, Student Advisor Edward Huang, and other members of the UC community, it is the position of the UC Student Association (UCSA) to support the sunsetting of the Student Advisor pilot program in 2019. Since its inception two years ago, this position has lacked adequate consultation of students in the selection process and, resources to succeed in this role, which has led to a lack of accountability to the student community. UCSA believes that instead of renewing a position with limited success so far, the UC Board of Regents can instead increase genuine and effective communication with student representatives by expanding positions that have been more beneficial to students, including roles such as Committee Observers and Student Advocate to the Regents (StARs).

We hope that the UC Board of Regents will consider the following alternative to the Student Advisor role. We hope the new option will allow for more meaningful student engagement. By having more students included in the creation of university policy, the UC can continue to reflect the diverse needs of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students at the University of California.

In place of the Student Advisor, UCSA recommends the following increases in student representation:

- Appointment of the UCSA President as a permanent StAR, so they no longer must occupy one StAR seat available to other students, plus opening of an additional StAR seat
- The ability to appoint Student Observers to every regental committee, instead of the current limitation of three committees

This will help solidify the student voice on the Board of Regents and ensure that proper consultation takes place during major decisions at the University. These two roles have historically led to more accountable representation of student stances, as they receive far more applicants and are recommended for appointment by student leaders from every campus. These decisions will also not deter us from our ultimate goal of increasing the number of student regents that sit on the Board of Regents as well.

We see the sunsetting of this role as an opportunity to empower greater and more effective student leadership, which will be beneficial for all UC students.

Respectfully,

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