MISSION STATEMENT

• The University of California Student Association (UCSA) is a coalition of students and student governments that aims to provide a collective voice for all students through advocacy and direct action.

• UCSA participates in the shared governance of the University of California system, and seeks to advance higher education by empowering current and future students to advocate on their own behalf for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.
MAJOR VICTORIES

• 1979: Guaranteed students third party participant status in UC collective bargaining negotiations

• 1994-2001: Won fee freezes for undergraduate and graduate student for 8 consecutive school years; 3 of which included fee rollbacks.

• 2003: 2 UCSA Board members sued the Regents (and won!) for raising professional fees

• 2005: Successfully raised the Return-to-Aid Financial Aid Program from 25% to 33%.

• 2006: Won a fee freeze, saving each student $500 for school.

• 2010: Secured system-wide health care for graduate and professional students.
**Major Victories**

- **2011:** Mobilized thousands of students to help pass the California DREAM Act, ensuring that all eligible students have access to financial aid.

- **2012:** Successfully advocated to include a 125 million "tuition buyout" in the 2012-2013 state budget that ensured no tuition increase for all UC Students, as well as the rejection of all cuts and changes to the Cal Grant program.

- **2012:** Introduced, sponsored, and passed into law AB 970, which ensured a student voice in the fee increase process and set up a clear timetable that the Regents must abide by if they plan to increase fees.

- **2012:** Registered 53,846 voters, the most in the history of our association and the most of any student association nationwide, and made over 80,000 voter contacts for turnout and education.
UCSA’s Authority

- Representation from all campuses through both undergraduate and graduate/professional levels
- Funded by campus associations
- Binding Agreements with the UC
- Including the right to be “the Official Voice of the UC Students”
- UC is autonomous from the State, UCSA is fairly autonomous from the UC
- UCSA is recognized by the California State Constitution
**Internal UCSA Structure**

- Each association has three student positions:
  - **Voting Board Member (EVP)**: elected in a campus wide election
  - **Campus Organizing Director (COD)**: appointed
  - **Legislative Liaison (LL)**: appointed

- Each association receives one vote
UCSA Standing Committees

- **Campus Action**: Campus Organizing Directors
- **Government Relations**: Legislative Directors
- **University Affairs**: Voting Board Members (EVPS)
UCSA Executive Structure

- Executive Leadership Officers
  - UCSA President
  - Board Chair
  - Board Vice Chair
  - Chief Financial Officer

- Executive Member Chairs and Vice-Chairs
  - Campus Action
  - Campaigns
  - Government Relations
  - University Affairs
UCSA Staff

- Offices in both Sacramento and Oakland
- Executive Director
- Government Relations Director
- University Affairs Director
- Statewide Organizing Director
BOARD OF REGENTS

- 18 members appointed by the Governor to serve a 12 year term
- President and VP of Alumni Association
- 1 voting Student Regent
- 1 non-voting Student Regent-designate
- Ex officio members:
  - Governor
  - Lieutenant Governor
  - State Superintendent of Schools
  - Speaker of the Assembly
  - University of California, President
STUDENT REGENTS

• The UCSA Board of Directors, the Council of Presidents and the Regent’s Special Committee to Select a Student Regent select a UC student to serve as a Regent of the University of California. This year the policy was changed to have a shortened timeline.

• The position was created as a result of a UCSA’s campaign to have a student vote on the Board of Regents

• The Student Regent serves their first year as a Regent-designate without a vote. The second year, they serve a one-year term as a full voting member of the Regents.

• Student Regents provide a crucial voice for decisions on student fees, financial aid, admissions and eligibility, and budget priorities, among others.
UC Office of the President

- UC's system wide activities and programs are administered by the Office of the President, located in downtown Oakland.
- The position was redefined as a sort of CEO which only managed long term administration.
- Day to Day administration of the UC Campuses was given to Chancellors:
  - Therefore, Chancellors report as equals to the UC President.
ACADEMIC SENATE

- The Academic Senate is the representative body of the University faculty.
- Direct control over academic matters: authorizes, approves, and supervises all courses.
- Determines UC's conditions for admissions, certificates and degrees.
- Members of the Academic Senate include the faculty of all the UCs, who sit on different committees.
- Two members sit as Chairs for the Academic Senate and work fulltime in the UC Office of the President in Oakland, California.
CHANCELLORS

- Oversee day-to-day operations of their own campus.

- Report as equals to the UC President.

- Act as the CEO for their respective campus.

- Delegate authority and power to Vice Chancellors and other administrators.
**Student Fee Advisory Committees**

- The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) are campus committees comprised of students, faculty and staff reporting to the Chancellor:
  - Evaluate how the student body and faculty feel on issues around Student Fees.
  - Monitor Student Services on their campus.
  - Make recommendations on Student Services Fee (SSF) funding allocations.
  - Review Student Services Fee budget changes
  - Recommend changes to the campus Student Services Fee levels.
COUNCIL ON STUDENT FEES

- The Council on Student Fees (CSF) is an advisory committee to UCSA.
- Comprised of the student chairs of the SFAC at each of the 10 UC campuses.
- CSF serves as the board on system-wide matters concerning Student Services Fees (SSF).
- CSF is an independently funded program of UCSA.
- Select yearly campaigns.
- Meet quarterly.
- The UCSA University Affairs Director is the staff member in the meeting.
COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

- The Council of President (CP), is made up of the Presidents of the Associated Students and Graduate Student Associations on each campus.
- CP serves as an advisory council to UCSA on campus-based issues.
- CP once served as the systemwide voice of UC students as the Student Body Presidents Council (SBPC) until the body realized UC students needed a permanent organization to fight for students on a systemwide level, while they focused on campus issues. SBPC then created the UC Student Lobby, which later became UCSA.
- Today, the Council of Presidents meets at least three times per year to discuss issues facing students on the campus level, including campus budget cuts, housing costs, and student government autonomy.
STUDENT TURNOVER

- The Board of Directors Retreat in June trains the new student representatives for each campus
- Governing Documents
- UCSA Staff
UCSA and Administration

- Student Advocates to the Regents (StAR’s)
- Student Representatives on System-wide Committees
- Collective Bargaining Program
- Student Regents
- UCSA Leadership meetings with Administration
- Comments on all new UC Policy
Advocacy Agenda

- Title IX policies at UC and federal
- Faculty Diversity and retention/recruitment of URM students at the UC
- Services and protections for Undocumented students
- Payment issues with UCPath implementation.
- Basic Needs Security Services
- Intersegmental Advocacy with CSU, and CCC
- Increased transparency regarding tuition/PDST
- 2020 Bond measure for deferred maintenance
- Reform of the CalGrant program
- HEA Reauthorization with NY, CA, and FL
- Automatic Voter Registration at UC