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Speaker Perez Listens to UC Students Voice their Concerns at LA Meeting

Los Angeles, CA- The UC Student Association held a meeting today with Speaker John Perez to discuss the challenges facing the University of California system, UC police brutality, and the UC Student Association's campaign to reform raise government revenues to fully fund higher education.

After the rescheduled UC Regents meeting on November 28th and current inquiries into UC Police brutality, students from throughout the UC are excited today to have this open forum with the Speaker.

"The meeting with Speaker Perez was very productive. The Speaker listened carefully to our issues and it is good to know that UC students have such a strong ally in the legislature", says Joelle Gamble UCSA Board Member and UCLA External Vice President. This meeting also focused on the December 14th Joint Information hearing on UC and CSU campus police policies and procedures.

"We also let the Speaker know that over 13,000 UC students have signed postcards in support of our campaign for new revenue to fund higher education, He was strongly supportive of our efforts" says Claudia Magana UCSA President .

Along with coalition partners such as the Courage Campaign, California Federation of Teachers and California Calls, UC students have helped to lead the fight to increase revenue in California. Students look to the Speaker to stand with them and support the movement to protect the affordability, accessibility and quality of the UC system.

In the meeting Speaker Perez iterated, "I will continue to engage in an open dialogue with students from our university systems," Pérez said. "California's future depends on having an exceptionally well educated workforce, and our UC, CSU and Community Colleges are dynamic economic engines for the state. We must find solutions that do right by students, parents and the people of California."

The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 220,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from the eleven 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.

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