How have **fee hikes** and **Financial Aid cuts** affected **YOU**?

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Name:_____ Year: _____

Major: _____ Class of: _____

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Over the past three years, undergraduate student fees have increased over 62%. *Historically, UC has maintained a policy that financial aid funds would keep pace with increases in fees, and has returned 33% of fees collected to financial aid. In 2004-2005, the UC Regents reduced the Return to Aid to only 20%, and to 25% for 2005-2006.* ***Over the past two years, the net cuts to Return to Financial Aid total over $12 million.***

In order to convince the Regents to ***restore the 33% Return to Aid*** *UCSA needs* ***students like you*** *to* ***tell your story*** *about how* ***the Regents are pricing you out of a UC education.*** *Your answers to the questions below will have a big impact on the Regents budget decisions in November.*

1 Does your financial aid package meet your financial needs? If not, how much unmet need do you have each year? How much has your financial aid package been reduced over the course of your education? How have you coped with this?

2 How has your family coped with the fee hikes and financial aid cuts? Have you or your family had to take out additional loans in order to pay for school? Do you have other family members in higher education? What sacrifices have you and your family had to make to be able to pay for your education?

- ❑ Yes! I am interested in attending a UC Regents meeting to tell my story in person.
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3 How have the student fee hikes affected you? How have you found the money to pay for school?

4 How much loan debt (approximately) will you have when you graduate? What are your plans after graduation (graduate school, entering the workforce, etc)? How does your loan debt affect your plans for the future?

5 How many hours do you work per week? How many of these hours are funded by work-study? What kinds of jobs have you worked to pay for your education? How has your workload impacted your grades, your participation in internships, or preparing for your future?

6 Is there anything else you would like to tell the Regents about how fee hikes and financial aid cuts have personally affected you?

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