



Jesse M. Bernal
Student Regent

Jesse M. Bernal is the student Regent for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2009. A first generation college student, Mr. Bernal received his bachelor's degree in political science from Westmont College in Santa Barbara. He is a graduate student at the Gevirtz School of Education at UCSB working on his Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Cultural Perspectives including underrepresented students in higher education. As an undergraduate, he was active in several community service projects which included serving as site coordinator for a Santa Barbara Endowment for Youth after-school program and a tutor and college adviser with the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP). As a graduate student, he has served as University Affairs Chair and Executive Board Member of the UC Students Association and External Vice President for Statewide Affairs for the UCSB Graduate Students Association. He also served as the student representative on the UCSB Chancellor's Coordinating Committee on Budget Strategy and the UCSB Academic Senate committees on Planning and Budget and Diversity and Equity. Mr. Bernal is currently special programs manager in the UCSB summer sessions office, where he coordinates academic arrangements for the Early Start Program, a high school outreach program, and the Freshman Summer Start Program, a bridge program for incoming UCSB first-year students.