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Cal State Chancellor Resigns Over Allegations He Mishandled Harassment Complaints

Late Thursday evening, Castro issued a prepared statement. “I have been honored to serve the California State University for more than eight years, including as its eighth chancellor, and the decision to resign is the most difficult of my professional life,” he said. “While I disagree with many aspects of recent media reports and the promise of a glowing recommendation, and no public acknowledgment of the settlement when the board was considering him for the job.

Castro had drawn increasing criticism from students and faculty over the past several months for his handling of complaints of sexual harassment and bullying over six years. Castro recruited and hired Lamas in 2015 as the vice president for student affairs, who had been the subject of a dozen complaints of sexual harassment and bullying over six years. Castro recruited and hired Lamas in 2015 as the vice president for student affairs, who had been the subject of a dozen complaints of sexual harassment and bullying over six years.

Cathy Sandeen, president of the university’s East Bay campus, said late Thursday that she was “extremely grateful that the board has taken a strong and decisive action against gender-based harassment and misconduct through their action against and the chancellor’s conduct. The board voted to accept Castro’s resignation and to proceed with plans for an outside review of the system’s sexual-harassment policies and procedures.

Mba continues actively to fulfill his duties as interim chancellor until an interim chancellor has been named.

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