UC Student Association Board of Directors
August meeting minutes - Thursday, August 11, 2016
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UCSA August Meeting Minutes
- Kevin: will save the specifics of the report for the State of the UC address on Saturday, went to COP meeting
- Guillermo: lots of momentum, MOU with UCOP, developed agenda, checked in with personnel, facilitated with SOS trainings, helped with nominations for executive cabinet
- Peter: Congress is a mind blowing experience
- Anais: Congress planning, grad policy journal just released, slayed at basically everything
- Paty: Went to Council of Presidents retreat, UC WeVote having conversations with housing admin and MOUs, visiting campuses, visiting Merced on Monday and Berkeley on Tuesday to continue working on voter registration
- Toni: Staffed the council on student fees retreat at UCSB, helping Anais with SOS

Campus Reports will occur in September
Student Regents are not here

UCOP Eric Heng: three units in Student Affairs: admissions, student financial support, and student services. Primarily liaison to UCSA and COP Committees: veteran students, undocumented, LGBTQ
Working with Reuben on food security work
Secretary of State on voter registration: hoping to get an MOU signed with them
VP Judy: went to become president of Somona State, now doing search for the new Vice President. Latest will be by the September Regents meeting. There are no student representatives on the selection committee. Student Regent is on the committee.
George Zamora: thank you to the staff of UCSA. Nominate students to systemwide committees which is a way of collaborating with UCSA.
Office met with Muslim students to discuss bias and Islamophobia
Teisha mental health program coordinator: crafting a proposal and wanting to work with more students on what they want to see

SSCCC: adopted a new constitution, three directors, finally stages with MOU so they can get nonprofit status. AB 1995 and AB 2822 have been going well in passing. Expansion of Cal Grants and support services, on the federal level of simplifying it. Stressing systemwide partnerships. Set dates for fall GA November 12-13 in Sacramento
Cal State Student Association: none
California Student Aid Commission: agency that handles state financial aid. Appointed by the governor

Council of President: had retreat two week ago
Second meeting will be this Saturday
Further establishing the UC Womens’ Caucus
COP council-wide campaigns, will present it to UCSA for concrete things to work on

Sustainability Liaison
- Sustainability at UC
  o Carbon neutral
- How we are doing this at UCR?
  o Two-tier hierarchy -> GSA committee
§ General council linked to the office of sustainability
- Budget created for grants to graduate students to apply to and making graduate student life more sustainability
- Sustainability training
- Multi-collaborative groups
- Specific events and initiatives
  o Carbon slam and advocacy day
  o Recruitment for sustainability initiatives
- Each board meeting, briefing each board member about the sustainability initiatives
- Guillermo: working with sustainability appointed officer and UCSA vice chair

Global Food Intitative Ruben
- More graduate specific data is given
- Julia: How can we publicize better the role of surveys in policymaking processes?
- UCSD is the first committee to change from a food security committee to a basic needs security
- Basic needs security is not a circumstance just for low income students
- Every campus now has a committee on food access and food security
- Operationalized emergency relief resources and support services for students in need
- All systemwide wellbeing cost of living surveys were updated
- Housing trainings will be developed, financial aid counselors, etc. Developed by Eric in UCOP Student Affairs
- Each campus has the data -> policy analyst has the information
Resolution on Day of Solidarity for Survivors of Sexual Violence on College Campuses – passed

SOCC Bid ASUCI
Proposed Dates: November 19-20
- Basics Clinic
- Open Workshop Session
- Knowledge Blogger
- Decolonizing sustainability as a possible presentation
- Time for graduate students to come together
- SOCC 2016 will be at Irvine

Membership fee waivers
UCLA Grads – first time since 2008, 100% fee waiver
Davis Graduate students – referendum missed by 80 votes, 100% waiver
Davis Undergraduate students
Irvine undergraduates – 54% fee waiver
Motion is approved

SAGE and Kevin
Graduate Professional Summit would be so cool
Empowering women of color conference
UCSA endorses!

Recommendation: new standing policy that formally recognizes UCSA, policy 13.2 asks for STARs to be given a public comment guaranteed. Official recognition by the President. Policy 60 would recognize a multi-campus association.
Mechanisms of transparency and accountability on each committee – telling us if committee reps don’t show
Student Observers – no process in removing the Student Observers. Student Observer is still technically a trial, so it has no permanent security

Board voted against adding non-members to the nominations, closed nominations for the night

August meeting minutes - Friday, August 12, 2016
Ralph Washington Jr (UC Davis Grad) was elected as UCSA President.
Brenda Gutierrez (UC Merced Undergrad) was elected as UCSA Chair
Parhan Khosravi (UCLA Grad) was elected as UCSA Treasurer
Carlos Guadarrama (UC Merced Undergrad) was elected as UCSA Vice Chair
Taylor Chanes (UCI Undergrad) was elected as Undergraduate Affairs Chair
Michelle Oyewole (UCSB Grad) was elected as Grad and Professional Chair
Lauren Roberts (UCSD Undergrad) was elected as University Affairs Chair