Board of Directors
Chair: Refilwe Gqajela, chair@ucsa.org
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Saturday, October 14th, 2017
Meeting Location: Ackerman Union Viewpoint Conference Rooms 1&2 (A201 A&B)
10:00A - 12:00A

000min (10:09A) Convene Board of Directors

Refilwe Gqajela called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

005min (10:09A) Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Proxies

Present: Berkeley UG, Berkeley GA, Davis UG, Davis GSA, Irvine UG, Irvine AGS, LA UG, LA GSA, Merced UG, Riverside UG, San Diego UG, Santa Barbara UG, Santa Barbara GSA, Santa Cruz UG, Santa Cruz GSA

Adoption of Agenda*

Dominick Williams moved to adopt today’s agenda. Matthew Lewis seconded. There were no objections the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes*

Parshan Khosravi moved to approve the minutes. Matthew Lewis seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

005min (10:14A) Public Comment

David Burke (Founder, Citizens Take Action)
Shared information about their work in developing the Restore Democracy Amendment and asked the board about their interest in endorsing it. The amendment seeks to overturn Citizens United by achieving two goals: (1) By limiting the political influence of corporations and unions and (2) Paving the way for additional campaign finance reforms. The item on the agenda to discuss this tomorrow was moved to today.

Teresa Wachira (EVP, UC Merced)
Asked the board about their involvement in co-opt work and if anyone has experience with it could help. Merced just passed a resolution about it and they would like to know what other campuses are doing. Refilwe listed a few organizations. ASUC at UC Berkeley has also taken the necessary steps to bring in people who are doing the work.

005min (10:10A) Host Campus Welcome

Chloe Pan, the UG external vice president at UCLA, introduced Arielle Mokhtarzadeh. Arielle currently serving at the President of the Undergraduate Student Association at UCLA and took the opportunity to share the
work they have been doing. ASUCLA is very different from other campuses because they are a student run organization and their services are operated by the decisions they make as student leaders.

UC Regent George Kieffer, Chair of the Board

Regent Kieffer provided a report about his involvement with the UC Regents. He mentioned that he once served as an external vice president when he was a UC student. The work that he did was similar to what they do now but there are also a lot of things that are different. He plans to visit all UC campuses this academic year and hopes to visit with students, faculty, and the media. The following is a list of goals/concerns he shared with the board:

- Funding is critical, there have been cuts over the last 20 years
  - 40-50% in budget cuts to public higher education.
  - What has changed is who is paying for it (students not the state)
- Housing and food have become a larger issue
  - Well aware as a board, however not sure how to tackle this issue
  - Encourages the legislature to address these issues
- Worried about the fractured nature of discourse
  - Concern about how people are talking about opposing views
  - Sees it on campuses during discussions about free speech and ethnic differences
  - Issue of fake news draws out of that, and anti-populism coming from the left and right

The UCSA board asked UC Regent Kieffer the following questions:

Dominick: You mentioned divide in CA over issues and politics. Do you have any folks in mind who should target in the legislature to come from the student perspective.
Response: Students and regents should collaborate in more issues. Students have more power. Target the budget committee chairs.

Rigel: How do you plan to be more accessible to students outside of a space like this? Vast majority of the board is disconnected from students. How do you feel about making all Regents visit with students?
Response: Plans to strongly encourage and remind them to visit with as many students as possible. Continuing to visit is tough but he plans to help facilitate the process and help them find ways to stay involved while focusing on their areas of expertise.

Matthew: Can you make a pledge to come to all monthly UCSA meetings?
Response: Let me think about that. It may be tough. However, I can make a commitment to come as much as I can. Will see if he can switch with someone or ensure that there will at least be a Regent at every meeting.

Matthew: Would like to see the board remove Regent Pattiz from all committees because of his inappropriate behavior. Will the board take actions to show that what he did is unacceptable?
Response: The UC Regents has no ability to remove him. However, we plan to address this with him and develop policy to manage this moving forward. He can't take that
allegation and treat it differently than what is said.

Rigel: Seem to be dodging the question. There was a recording.

Matthew: Like Harvey Weinstein, he has the power to put someone in a vulnerable position. You are leaving him in a position where he can continue to abuse people. You are leaving an opportunity for a lawsuit.
Response: Appreciates the thoughts and will look into it.

Matthew Lewis moved to extend time by 20 minutes. Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Teresa: Why did the Chancellors receive pay increases? The budget allocations do not reflect the Regents commitment to focusing on housing and food security. And, how is it that the cost of education has not gone up and the people footing the bill has changed, when tuition is going up?
Response: There is a difference between the cost and who is paying for it. Students did not have to pay for most of the tuition in the past. The state was footing most of the bill. Although it feels like tuition is going up, the key difference is that the state is covering less of the cost. As for the questions about pay increases, 6 UC chancellors are a part of a national organization that represent the top universities in the country. In comparison to these other campuses, UC chancellors are the bottom when it comes to salary. The UC did not give pay increases for years and we chose to give a 3% pay increase last year for moral and motivation/retention.

Kristin: How do you envision the role of students and administration being in order to go back to collective funding of public higher education?
Response: Faculty and students need to work together to lobby the legislature with a unified message. When we are not in sync we can be used against each other.

Daniel: It should be a priority for all Regents to visit every campus and understand the campus culture for each campus. Students are often fulltime workers and fulltime students. Many of us make the time to serve as leaders despite those priorities. Also, need to stop saying that you know what it is like to pay more in tuition.

Teresa Wachira moved to cap stake, extend time to 24 minutes to leave 1 minute for questions, 2 minutes for responses. Kristin Hsu seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Nikki: Do you think that students will be able to give input in the process of developing a message for joint legislative meetings? As students, we have found that our strength lies in our testimonials. And, would you allow students to be involved with developing the itinerary for UC Regent campus visits?
Response: Students should push whatever agenda and we should work together in instances when our advocacy agendas align. I want to work with students when visiting campus. I try my best to reach out to those I believe will help with
student and faculty turn out.

Zoe: Why are the UC Regents opposed to oversight when UCOP is experiencing so many issues?  
Response: Not Recorded

Jonathan: Graduate students have a complex role in being students and workers. Can you address your plan to reach out to graduate students and can you commit to meeting with graduate students?  
Response: Yes and yes. Graduate students are often misunderstood in the legislature. They are critical to faculty hires. Faculty are their greatest advocates.

Justin: How do you plan to make students feel safe when there is a Regent who is making inappropriate comments?  
Response: We are trying to figure that out right now.

Sam: Sexual assault is not appropriate. It is violent. Do you have a clear understanding of that? We need an accountability mechanism and need for you to tell us what you are going to do about it.  
Response: Can we completely understand it? No. However, we are sticking to the Obama-era guidelines for Title IX.

Joseph: There are multiple incidents of outsourcing in the UC. UCLA valet workers are losing their jobs. Do you think that is acceptable?  
Response: Issue of contracting out is covered. AFSCME Agreement.

Regent Kieffer mentioned that he would be back and will report to follow up with a few of the concerns mentioned today.

030min (11:30A)  
**UC Budget Presentation**
Kieran Flaherty from UCOP Government Relations shared a presentation that included the list of UCSA priorities that were shared with him and discussed whether there were any that aligned with the President’s office. His presentation also featured information about how expenses in the UC are primarily driven by salaries and benefits. He also provided some information about how state educational appropriations are less than 10% of total revenue while student fees have grown to 13%. Over the past twenty-seven years, UC’s share of the state budget has declined dramatically. Moreover, state per-student funding has plunged dramatically, leaving UC spending on education per student to decline. This year, the UC received $4.3 Billion for operating costs and $5 million to enroll 500 more graduate students. Flaherty also shared what the next steps were for the budget development plan and their goal to continue consultation with key stakeholders in the UC. He will be giving a presentation to the UC Regents in November.

Dominick: Will a taskforce be created with the passage of SB307?  
Response: Can’t speak on it and not sure who is sitting on the committee. It is onetime funding to fund hunger in the UC. State provided funding on a per student basis.

Dominick: Why has UCOP not taken a stance on SB 307?
Response: Need to get back to see what analysis we have so far. It may just be that it is a two year bill.

Matthew: This item is about requests from UCSA? And, in terms of budget asks, how about debt limits and revenue bonds? 
Response: No, it is what UCSA wants us to prioritize and we have some common ground. SB 201, GSR Collecting Barganing, the primary argument is the relationship between faculty and students. Have worked with UAW and faculty have opposed it. The Academic Senate is where shared governance has teeth.

Spencer: -Question about housing-
Response: Big bond to housing 14,000 additional beds. On track. However, $3 billion dollars in deferred maintenance.

Rigel moved to extend time by 20 minutes, with 10 minutes for questions and the other for responses. Spencer seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Justin: Is there consideration to expand CAPS programs?
Response:

Dominick: McCarty and Ting are our priorities in the legislature. Should we target anyone else?
Response: Holly Mitchell and Anthony Portantino in the CA Senate. Anthony is more supportive of one time funding. We will have to work on how to advocate for this.

Teresa: Can you commit to share the information we have discussed today, particularly Justin’s note, by next month?
Response: Yes.

010min (12:26P) Citizens Take Action- Restore Democracy Amendment  
David Burke, founder of Citizens Take Action, took a few minutes to talk about an amendment he has worked on for a few years. As he mentioned in his report, he asked the board about their interest in endorsing it. The amendment seeks to overturn Citizens United by achieving two goals: (1) By limiting the political influence of corporations and unions and (2) Paving the way for additional campaign finance reforms. The item on the agenda to discuss this tomorrow was moved to today. He has been working with Congressman Ted Lieu.

Nikki Daulpang moved to have the GR committee review the amendment. Dominick Williams seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

030min (12:57P) Recess to Lunch

045min (1:07P) Reports  
President  
Board Chair  
Treasurer
Board Vice Chair
Staff

Student Regent, Student Regent Designate, Student Advisor
Devon Graves, Student Regent-Designate, and Rafi Sands, Student Advisor, provided an update. Rafi has been working on developing an online voter registration system at UCLA and hopes that it will serve as a template for a system that can work system-wide. It is similar to the same system used by Rock the Vote and it will be using housing data. He has a phone call scheduled with OP and Eric. Devon also shared that he has been involved with the creation of the Title IX advisory board.

Matthew Lewis moved to extend time by 10 minutes for reports. Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Zoe Broussard moved to extend time by 7 minutes. Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

UC Office of the President
Questions for UCOP:

Dominick: Recently, UCB has had to deal with heavy police presence. Can you clarify how the UCB is mechanized to having police while public safety decreases on other campuses?
Response: Recommends having Judith ask about this at the UCSA meeting with UCOP.

Matthew moved to extend reports by 5 minutes. Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Representatives from UC Unions
Joseph provided commentary about the UC Regent’s report and provided more clarification about the emergency “layoffs” that UC workers are experiencing at the moment.

120min (1:45P) Recess to Undergraduate/Grad Prof Committee
000min (4:00P) Reconvene from Undergraduate/Grad Prof Committee
000min (4:00P) Adjourn to Sunday, October 15th, 2017
000min (10:05A)  
*Convene Board of Directors*

005min (10:00A)  
*Roll Call*

Present: Berkeley UG, Davis UG, Irvine UG, Irvine AGS, LA UG, LA GSA, Merced UG, Riverside UG, San Diego UG, San Francisco Grads, Santa Barbara UG, Santa Barbara GSA, Santa Cruz UG, Santa Cruz GSA

005min (10:05A)  
*Public Comment*

Becky Hofstein Grady - Interim President of UCGPC

Offered an apology for the absence of UC grads at yesterday’s meeting. They did not mean to leave without notice and recognized that she should have informed everyone ahead of time. They needed to leave after lunch to make it to a meeting with other graduate students that were not here in person.

030min (10:10A)  
*UC Systemwide Title IX Coordinator - Kathleen Salvaty*

Patricia Arroyos, Statewide Organizing Director, introduced Kathleen Salvaty who provided an overview of UCOPs plans for Title IX implementation. The following is a list of information that she highlighted during her presentation:

- Salvaty was the UCLA Title IX coordinator and later became the system wide coordinator. Position created in UCOP and arrived in Feb 2017.
- Federal statute that prohibits sex discrimination in Higher education.
- The previous admin. made it clear to universities that they needed to own that obligation and fulfill it. It came in 2011. Since that time, all colleges and Universities stepped up.
- Napolitano had a task force that she formed in 2014. Became UC polices implemented in January 20...
- President also set forth framework about sexual harassment against students.
- More recently, the president convened, complaints involving faculty and staff, in place as of Sept. 1’...
- All campuses have a title IX officer.
- Goal is to educate students and faculty, what to do when reports are given. Prevention and respons...

TRUMP ADMIN.
- Betsy mentioned that system is not working, the 2011 guidance was pulled. Universities are no longer subject to it.
- Focus on accused not those who reported.

STATE LEVEL
- Governor has until today to VETO a law that would make the previous Obama admin. Title IX guidance law.
- K-12 advocates have objected to this law.

HERE AT THE UC
- Want to stay strong in this area. never really about the mandates.
- Policy remains unchanged.
QUESTIONS:

Spencer: SB 169, will it impact your day to day very much?
Response: I hope the governor signs the bill, and it wouldn’t change anything. It is important in terms of standards. Lawyers can come and say that what the uc is not fair. Need for state standards.

Spencer: I think that the experience of a lot of students, are murky and elusive to a lot people. Would students, could they use more publicity to understand if cases have been mishandled.
Response: Would love input on how to best educate students. I have always wanted to talk about the procedures. A one sheet would be very useful. We have a framework but is not easy to understand when you are a student. University process has been fairly legalized. I’m okay with that practiced law for 20 year

Domininick: What are the aspects in SB 169 that doesn’t encapsulate Obama admin. mandates?
Response: Does not include 60 day time frame. It does say that complaint and respondent have equal rights of appeal. Current admin does not have the right for accusers.

Abbi: Concerns of student advisory board, one grad and one undergraduate. Graduate student do not represent me. Ask to appoint more undergrad students. As a survivor of sexual assault.
Response: When I was at UCLA, it was important for me to be in touch with students, When at UCOP I requested I needed that same pipeline. Was told to work with student affairs. Trying to build a connection with you all. I did feel it was a little ad-hoc. Always open to students. Working on a way that students are a primary one selecting the students.

Justin: Can you speak on the objections of k-12 advocates?

Chloe: -Question about UC stance of affirmative consent-
Response: In our state we have affirmative consent laws. Will follow state law. This current admin have previously stated leave it to the states, so they will probably commit to that previous statement. In CA that’s going to be irritating for them.

Nikki: On the prevention side, the idea would be to target peer mentors or RA’s to give presentations. One pagers can be a bit disconnected. Possibly give them trainings.
Response: RA’s are first responders. Agree with you.

Matthew moved to extend time by 10 minutes, seconded by Teresa. No objections.

Teresa: Does UCOP also educate the UC Regents?
Response: We ask them I understand it, they are also subject to the online training. Would like to talk to the other regents.

Matthew: UC Admin is aware of UC Regent Pattiz’s actions. University has been involved with preventing student researchers to unionize. Unions can help them through this process.

Mauricio: We are overwhelmed and frustrated. We need for you to do a better job in addressing Regent Pattiz’s conduct.

Matthew Lewis moved to add 5 mins for discussion.

Vote: To extent time by 5 minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 3-7-4 (Fails)

020min (10:40A) Reclaim CA Higher Education Coalition Presentation
Two representatives from the Reclaim CA Higher Education Coalition shared information about the organization’s purpose and goals. Its purpose it to bring together all interest groups who believe that higher education is a right for all. UCSA is a founding member. Partnership in UC’s, CSU’s, and CC’s. Founded October 31, 2014. To resort the master plan. Lobby on bills relevant on education. Budget advocacy. 2017 is different, promoting the 48 dollar fix. Spoke on experience of working in coalitions. Power is very much their unity. Together are higher education’s power in terms of negotiations in contracts. Contract negotiations are contentious and difficult. Every month there is a strategy call for reps of each organization. Judith will be invited to our next meeting. Master plan is the proven model to higher education. Accessible and quality. A right. What happened to it? Prop 13 and Reagan. Gov. Arnold took more. The privatization of higher education has effected student debt. Tuition used to be 5% of family income, not it is 20% plus. 48 dollar fix to reclaim the master plan. As diversity went up, tuition went up. That’s not a coincidence. Macroeconomic transfer of wealth. CA democrats endorsed free tuition. No commitment from Gov. Gavin Newsom and Antonio Villaraigosa. Planning to present a bill in January.

020min (11:19A) SEARS Survey Input
Talar Alexanian, Government Relations Director, asked the board for input about the SEARS Survey. The SEARS Survey is a survey administered by the student aid commission for many years. But the past 10 years, has not happened because of budget cuts. Since, CCAS has used outdated data and compared to inflation. This survey impacts all higher education in CA. What the UC decided to do is have its own survey to administer cost of attendance survey. Not SEARS is the process of coming back. CSAC is planning to have it come back this year. Goal is to have it administered by next Spring. Their meetings are in Rancho Cordova once a month. Need feedback by Wednesday. Only initial process. Will take into consideration on why students are enrolled full time or part-time, how many people living in the house hold, estimate of basic utility costs, inconsistency of housing. Many questions on the food insecurity and transportation. Graduate-prof component will not be included.

Kristin: Important to include questions about quality in services paid for.

Spencer: Intervals were more in 2016 vs. this new one.
Rigel: Optional portion, how housing insecure students feel.

010min (11:35A)  Change to Appointed Officer Roster
Matthew Lewis, Basic Needs Officer, tabled this item for next month.

Matthew moved to move resolution to before committee ratification, seconded by Rigel. There were no objections and the motion carried.

020min (11:45A)  Establishing the UC Graduate-Professional Coalition and Maintaining Relationships with UCSA
Becky Grady, UCGPC President, provided an overview of the creation of UCGPC and asked the board to consider options for graduate students to maintain a relationship with UCSA. The purpose is to augment awareness of graduate student needs at a system-wide level.

Dominick: Thank you. Would not like to spend too much time on this. Can you elaborate on the aspects grads and undergrads do not have commonality in?

Teresa: What will this collaboration look like?
Response: Do not want to impose in what that will look like. I can foresee having a representative that can sit on each other’s boards, a monthly phone call with executives sharing agenda. Pipeline to make sure that board is notified of UCGPC action.

Daniel: It is too soon for relationship to work. Unfair to mention that conversation. Unfair to ask for help. Not enough time to discuss what this relationship would look like.

Matthew: Speaking for myself, I put in so much energy and time. Grad students who worked in bad faith and voted they found it acceptable in Sept.

Teresa: Language for the MOU, do you have language you want to send to us about the staff involvement?

Dominick: I want to reiterate that we should stray away from getting too emotional. Time to move on to do work. Ask clarifying questions. Who has expressed wanting to stay?

Rora: UC Santa Cruz have benefited a lot of working with UCSA. Recommend we stay.

Spencer: Focus on why we are here is the first place.

090min (11:57P)  Recess to Committees
000min (1:35P)  Reconvene from Committees
030min (1:35P)  Recess to Lunch
000min (02:05P)  Reconvene from Lunch
010min (2:24P) Resolution calling for Regent Pattiz's Removal, etc.
Matthew Lewis, Basic Needs Officer, presented a resolution for UCSA to endorse the removal of Regent Pattiz.

Matthew Lewis moved to adopt this resolution. Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and motion carried.

020min (2:35P) Ratification of Committees

- **Campus Action Chair**
  Mauricio Trejo was elected vice chair. Discussed how organizing been neglected on our campus and focused on how we are moving forward with organizing that week. The student labor organizing conference is next week. integrated the goals of SOS into the SLOC. Identified campaign leads for each.

  Moved to ratify Justin as chair and Mauricio as vice chair. Rigel Robinson seconded. So moved.

- **Government Relations Chair**
  Elections took the majority of the time. Nikki was elected chair and Edmundo was elected vice chair.

  Moved to ratify Nikki and Edmundo as the aforementioned officers. Parshan seconded. So moved.

- **University Affairs Chair**
  Talked about Napolitano meeting, Regent Pattiz, and the constitutional amendment. How UA will function moving forward. Nothing to ratify.

- **Grad Prof Chair**
  N/A

- **Undergrad Chair**
  Changed grad chair to campaigns chair. No reelects will happen. Need changed within our charter. Caucus chairs. Approved budget cuts. Teresa elected campaigns chair, we discussed the Fund the UC bylaw amendment to lobby, and campaign break outs.

  Teresa moved to elect here self as UG chair. There were no objections.

000min (2:48P) Consideration To Reverse Septembers Structural Changes

Matthew Lewis moved to reverse the votes for the bylaw revision last month and adopt new bylaws. There were no objections.
Miguel (UCSD) moves to create and chair an ad-hoc committee for AS independence. There were no objections.

000min (2:50P) Adjourn to November 5, UC Irvine

Dominick Williams moved to adjourn. Teresa Wachira seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.