



## University of California Student Association

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Saturday, September 9th, 2017  
Meeting Location: UC Merced  
10:00A - 01:00P; 02:00 - 3:25P; 03:45P - 5:10P

#### **000min (10:30A) Convene Board of Directors**

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

#### **005min (10:30A) 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, Merced GSA, Riverside UG, Riverside GSA, San Diego UG, San Francisco Grads, San Francisco Professionals, Santa Barbara UG, Santa Barbara GSA, Santa Cruz UG, Santa Cruz GSA

#### **Adoption of Agenda\***

*Parshan Khosravi moved to move nominations for elected offices to today's meeting. Matthew Lewis seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Becky Hofstein Grady moved to add 15 minutes of discussion for a presentation by the Undocumented Student Coalition before nominations, Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*The agenda was adopted with the aforementioned changes. There were no objections.*

#### **Approval of Minutes\***

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

#### **005min (10:35A) Public Comment**

Bertha (UC Merced Custodians)

Asked the board to support their bargaining efforts. UC Merced is not community based and workers are exploited at a large level throughout the state. There is a need for students to support unions.

Jose (Living Stone Community Group)

Starting a committee organization to education students and their parents. They are looking for students to help get these students college ready and would like participation in a committee.

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Ruby (Student from UCR)

Asked the board to amend the agenda to allow students a part of the Undocumented Students Coalition to speak before the board.

**005min (10:10A)**

### Host Campus Welcome

Teresa Wachira, UC Merced EVP, welcomed everyone and introduced GSA President, Sabah UI-Hasan. They asked that the board consider what an American looks like. Their GSA is empowered to have two muslim women of color in leadership and are excited to collaborate with UCSA. They want to make sure the central valley is represented, and asked UCSA to consider what we can do better as an organization.

**045min (10:15A)**

### Reports

#### President

Judith Gutierrez began her report by asking everyone to take a 30 second moment of silence to remember a UC Merced student who had passed in a car accident. She also shared a brief statement addressing a rumor shared about her after elections last month. Since our last meeting, she attended a meeting regarding the state budget, participated in the structural change ad-hoc committee, and participated in an interview with the Sacramento Bee. In regards to the state budget, UCSA has continued to advocate to keep tuition flat. Additionally, UCSA has partnered to participate in federal advocacy. However, that was briefly put on hold to advocate for DACA students. She will be at the UC Regents meeting next week.

#### Board Chair

Reflwe Gqajela mentioned that she has spent the last few weeks addressing projects and concerns about UCSA, and getting aquatinted with the organization.

#### Treasurer

Parshan Khorsravi provided a brief update about the ad-hoc committee for structural changes. He is excited for their work to be done and looks forward to many projects that will be happening this year. Additionally, he has been involved in conversations about making REIGNITE a permanent campaign.

#### Board Vice Chair

Michelle Viorato mentioned that she hosted the Appointed Officer orientation that week. Among other things, she had been a member of the ad-hoc committee and shared that she believed that many concerns were addressed in the process.

#### Staff

Anaïs LaVoie introduced Daniel Cano as a new member of the team. Daniel will be serving as the University Affairs Director for UCSA. Talar Alexanian and Patricia Arroyos also provided a report.

#### Student Regent, Student Regent Designate

Student regent Paul Monge and Student Regent-designate Devon Graves were both present to provide a report. Paul shared that he recently met with President Napolitano. He addressed the

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memorandum of understanding about voter registration on UC campuses. He will be presenting a resolution later today to see more movement for this campaign and will present information about a potential gubernatorial candidate debate. Additionally, there is interest in creating a basic needs committee system wide to address the need for temporary housing. He will also be monitoring how the UC responds to the DACA decision.

Devon provided an overview of the system wide call regarding Title IX implementation. There are talks to have two representatives from each campus join a Title IX committee. Encouraged everyone to attend the UC Regents meeting next week.

*Becky Hofstein Grady moved to extend time by 10 minutes. Parshan Khorsravi seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

### [UC Office of the President](#)

George Zamora provided a report on behalf of UCOP. He offered an overview of their work in support of undocumented students, the Global Food Initiative, and the UC Systemwide Committees.

*Teresa Wachira moved to extend time by 10 minutes. Parshan Khorsravi seconded. Objection by Becky Hofstein Grady.*

Vote 1: *To extend time by 10 mins.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-5-0 Passed*

*Matthew Lewis moved to extend time by 10 minutes. Seconded. Objection by Jonathan Morris.*

Vote 2: *To extend time by 10 mins.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 9-6-0 Passed*

*Becky Hofstein Grady moved to start lunch at 12:34 p.m. and shorten it to 30 minutes. Dominick Williams seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

### **030min (12:34P)**

#### **Lunch**

*Teresa Wachira moved to move the SOCC Update to after the budget expenditure request. Becky Hofstein Grady seconded. There were no objections, and the motion carried.*

### **020min (1:05A)**

#### **Request for Budget Expenditure: [Pre-SOCC Delegation Training](#)** (will require two-thirds vote)

Anais LaVoie, UCSA Operations & Development Director, requested that we higher two consultants for a training program. Each consultant would be paid \$1,500 each and the request is to move \$1,000 from last year's budget so that we can afford that cost.

*Jonathan Morris moved to allot \$1,000 from last year's budget to cover the cost of paying for the two*

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*consultants. Jeremy Prim seconded. Becky Hofstein Grady Objected.*

*Becky Hofstein Grady rescinded her objection. There were no additional objections and the motion carried.*

**015min (1:20P)**

**SOCC Update**

Omer Sohail, UCR Organizing Director, shared a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the work the Associated Students at UCR have done in preparation for the Students of Color Conference.

Over the past month, they have been internalizing the issues UC Merced provided at the last meeting. Got a logo started, met with all ethnic Cosco Hall Directors, and have reached a soft deadline for SOCC Steering Committee applications. As for the steering committee, 71 participants have applied (met soft deadline), many grad students applied too. It is a great way to build organizational capacity. Their first meeting will be on OCT 5th (will be confirmed). The Chicano SP coordinator will be hosting a training, and there will be bi-weekly meetings moving forward. Currently, they are working on finalizing education materials, finding community partners, developing a first year outreach plan, and finding additional funding. ASUCR will be providing \$25,000, which leaves about \$10,000 to get from admin, community groups, and others.

Sohail asked campuses to reach out to their own cultural centers and to give him an idea of how many students will be attending from each campus by October. If there are any students interested in helping, he asked that we forward his contact information.

**015min (1:35A)**

**UCSOS- Black Caucus**

Teresa Wachira, UCM EVP, presented a listed of concerns regarding the Student Organizing Summit on behalf of the Black Caucus. They felt that it was important for UCSA to disseminate information as to why there was a speaker missing for the Policing The Police workshop. Moreover, they were concerned that the AntiBlackness workshop was not centered on AntiBlackness and that there was talking during Anthony Williams' keynote address.

**015min (1:50A)**

**Budget Update**

Anais LaVoie provided a summary of status and unpaid receivables. When viewing the budget, the last three tabs only consists of information about the numbers. There is a surplus in dues and other income. The organization took a slight loss in SOS. It is only a couple thousand under. Under expenses there currently is a deficit. We did save by not having a media intern for two months and for not having a UA staff member. The \$1,000 for SOCC will come out of the \$12,000 surplus from the previous year. As for the rainy day fund, it is currently low because we did not have a big enough surplus to cover a 6 month plan just yet. The second tab specifies which campuses still owe the organization. Please take note if SOS registration fees are still owed.

**015min (02:05P)**

***15 minute Break***

**000min (02:30P)**

***Reconvene Board of Directors***

**045min (02:30P)**

**Ad-Hoc Updates and Structures Proposal**



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Parshan Khosravi, UCLA GSA EVP, and Matthew Lewis presented the structural changes proposed by the ad-hoc committee. They noted that the major concerns were centered on the budget, the legislative process, and the settlements committee. However, in the end, the majority voted similarly. Differences in opinion had been hashed out throughout the process. They also discussed what the UCSA budget could look like in a divisional structure and clarified that the transitions committee will be responsible with hashing out specifics about implementation.

### Questions:

Spencer: Is the budget referred to in the bylaws or is it a policy that will be in development?

- Response: Policy

Becky: In the policy, some organizations may be giving more, will contribution ratio be based on minimum fee or total contribution?

- Response: Language that we took was from old bylaws. Some other schools pay more. Ours would be, if everyone pays dues, if some pay more, ratio is based on whether everyone pays based on the minimum dues based on UCSA or their own campus referendums. At the end of the day that same ratios will be given to the divisions.

Becky: With regards to the settlements committee, the grads want to be able to take own stance should there be a division. Better than zero advocacy. I have an amendment to keep the settlements committee but to have it allow separate stances. Release a joint statement that acknowledges that differences in opinion between groups.

Dominick: Requested to have the ad-hoc committee share the opinions who have some concern.

### Comments from Ad-hoc committee members:

Refilwe: Issue of representations was primary concerns. Having conflicting statements doesn't make sense to me. Struggle with UCSA not having principles is something I have an issue with, Individual divisions, opposing statements, not representing that, retained access, shared among grads and undergrads.

Jeremy: At first concerned about the communication of the co-presidents. There shouldn't be a communication gap. Understands having a President who can sit in the middle to facilitate conversation between VPs. One big thing, we have been very thorough in going through these issues. Pleased with the process.

Reza: On the other side of the spectrum, actually thought co-presidents would be best for shared governance, shift of power structure. One opposition even if majority. Settlements committee issue, will hash out.

*Sam Chiang moved for the remainder for the remainder of discussion on this topic to go into closed session with UCSA Staff present. Seconded. There was an objection by Jonathan Morris.*

*Sam Chiang rescinded her motion.*

Jonathan: What takes precedent bylaws or policy for the last section that says policies? What kind of vote is required for the bylaws? What would happen if the bylaws and policies conflict?

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- Response: Reason is vague is because there is still a transition committee. They are going to decide and make those policies.

Jonathan: The four items are left to policy so I would suggest policies require a 2/3rds vote to amend the policies.

- Response: Not enough time to have the committee to decide to finalize polices. As Chair and Vice chair did not want to make a unilateral decision.

Omer: Are be voting to adopt the bylaws presented?

- Response: Today we are voting to pass the structure changes in Bylaws, not policies because another committee will develop those and they will figure out how we will transition moving forward.

Suher: Two q's (1) Staff Divisions. How would that work? The they put in 50/50 work for each division? (2) Would the staff be expected to do double the travel cost for meetings with bot divisions?

- Response: No changing what they do know, will weed out later. Will follow up with staff to see what they determine what works best. Logistically, there are things that will work. Left those for the transition committee to answer.

Suher: Not okay with the proposed structure, because people will be siloing off. Think it is going to cause more problems in the future. My recommendation is to not silo off, and stay as a single org.

*Teresa Wachira moved to extend time by ten minutes and limit answers to questions to one minute, seconded by Rigel Robinson. No opposed and the motion carried.*

*Becky Hofstein Grady moved to [amend Article 3](#) of the proposed by-laws with changes to the settlements committee, Reza Khorasani seconded. Matthew Lewis offered an objection to the motion.*

Parshan: Three scenarios that could happen with the settlements committee. Joint statement is the one being proposed.

Becky: Acknowledges that this is a complex issue as opposed to taking one stance that does not reflect everyone's issue.

Spencer: Favors idea that we are in conflict but finds it hard to see how we can have a joint statement.

Becky: Throwing it out is worse than making a stance. Even if its nuanced. Can help universities to work through a proposal that works for everyone.

Spencer: Difficult, how do we track out outcomes if there is a greyish area.

Teresa: I see it. I don't see it as a greyish, I see it as more defined. Can use this opportunity to uplift graduates and undergrads. We can advocate to change a certain bill.

*Teresa Wachira moved to cap stack, to add 5 minutes to the agenda, and to cap those left to speak to at 1*

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*minute each, Becky Hofstein Grady seconds. Jonathan Morris objects.*

*Teresa Wachira rescinded her motion.*

*Becky moves to add 20 minutes to this item of the agenda and removed 10 minutes from transitions, Teresa seconded. No opposition and the motion carried.*

*Matthew Lewis moved to suspend the rules to place us in the situation where we will act as if someone had moved to call to question to Becky's proposal, extend time to Teresa's previous motion, and will go back to overall motion to approve by-law changes, Teresa Wachira seconded.*

Matthew: Explained examples of nuances.

Reza: Why not make the settlements committee be more powerful? Their decision would be more powerful if they made decisions on behalf of the body.

Vote 3: *Becky's motion to amend Article 3.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-2-3 (Passed)*

*Jonathan Morris moved to amend Article 1, Section 4, Subsection 1 and Article 8 with [his suggestions](#), seconded by Reza. There was an objection to consider this motion.*

Vote 4: *To consider amendments proposed by Jonathan Morris.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-7-1 (Fails)*

*Jonathan Morris moved to [Article I, Section 1, Subsection 1, and Article VII](#) of the proposed bylaws. seconded. Parshan objected to consider the changes.*

*Teresa Wachira objected to Jonathan Morris' motion.*

*Teresa Wachira moved to add 20 minutes for discussion. Reza Khorasani seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

Jonathan: Offering this amendment to avoid there being too many people to debate, the board's purpose is to facilitate those conversations at the division level. UCOP only pays for one rep to go to UCSA meetings which gives schools with more funding more opportunities to attend these meetings.

Parshan: Objected because the committee discussed this, need to have the voices and discussed a mechanism to have them attend via conference call.

Jonathan: The other issue is that most grads do not have the funding to do this sort of work. It's not just the travel.

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Teresa: Too represent the students from my campus I need them here. They provide a very viable resource. Not other voices, they are my voices.

Jonathan: LDs and ODs would just need to have the EVP yield the floor to them.

Rora: People are speaking emotionally, part of this request, is about redefining what the board space is. Process of decision making, how to make it more efficient, and recognition to acknowledge that most grads do not have them as a resource.

Spencer: I struggle with this and I do not know why we are still discussing this. The Ad-hoc worked on this and tried to build so much consensus as much as possible and kind of insulting as a non-board member.

Sam: The whole process of the democracies is to silence a voice and silence the voiced of ODs. Already hard for them to come and funding to come is not only a grad student issue.

Suher: This is insulting.

*Teresa Motions to extend time by 20 minutes. Dominick Williams seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

Dominick: I don't think changing the space on how to advocate is smart, considering how they take over the majority of UC Population.

Reza: Not relevant use ad-hoc comments as god, purpose of meeting is to discuss changes.

*Miguel moved to cap discussion, Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Parshan Khosravi moved to have this motion considered. Dominick Williams seconded, There were no objections*

*Jonathan moved to strike "at minimum" from Article I Section 2 Subsection 3. Reza Khorasani seconded. Matthew Lewis objected to consider the motion.*

Matthew: You are destroying the trust of this process and it is not a secret that undergrads will not be willing. Just trying to tear this apart. Nit picking in order to cause divisions.

Vote 5: *Vote to Stop Consideration*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 10-7-1 (Passes)*

Becky: This board space should welcome amendments.

Jeremy: Question to the chair, for the sake of peoples time, how can we be more efficient.

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Refilwe: Folks will have one minute to speak.

Reza: Jonathan can you restate the reasoning of your amendments.

Jonathan: Idea to change the at minimum to shall occur will allow the divisions to meet more often, the board would meet every other month.

*Teresa Wachira moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Parshan Khosravi Seconded. Jose Luis Susa Rincon objected.*

Vote 6: *To amend Article I Section 2 Subsection 3*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-10-3 (Fails)*

Vote 7: *To accept bylaw changes with the approved amendments*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-1-4 (Passes)*

### 045min (4:20P)

#### Structures Transition

Parshan Khosravi, UCLA GSA EVP, asked the board to select the chair for the transitions committee. Teresa was selected as chair of the transitions committee without opposition. She will be sending out an email later that day to see who is interested in joining the committee.

Becky Hofstein Grady moved to establish that the transitions committee would consist of an equal number of graduate and undergraduate representatives. Teresa Wachira seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

*Jonathan moved to recess for 20 minutes, Reza Khorasani seconded. There were no objections, and the motion carried.*

### 020min (04:55P)

*Break*

### 020min (05:15P)

#### **Resolution to Support Full Implementation of the MOU Committing UC and the Secretary of State to Increase Student Voter Engagement**

Paul Monge, Student Regent, Devon Graves, Student Regent-Designate, and Paty Arroyos, UCSA Statewide Organizing Director, presented a resolution for approval by the board.

Questions:

Matthew: Will this MOU be pushing for the next primary election? Students at Berkeley have a ton of people being elected.

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- Response: Exactly the motive why we are putting this forward. Want to make sure everything is in place by the primary, by June, and before, we needed it yesterday. Will only be successful if everyone in this room takes this back home and appoints someone on their campuses to deal with this issue.

*Dominick Williams moved to adopt this resolution. Seconded. Objection by Matthew Lewis.*

Matthew Lewis moved to amend the resolution to include "let it further be resolved, that nothing in this resolution indicate that nothing in this MOU shall be sufficient or construed as insufficient". Seconded. Objection by Becky Hofstein Grady.

Becky: Might imply that we do not agree with the MOU.

*Dominick accepted Matthew's motion as a friendly amendment.*

*With no further objections, the resolution was approved by the board.*

### 020min (05:35P)

#### **Appointing a Steering Committee for the 2018 [CA Gubernatorial Candidate Forum](#)**

Rigel Robinson, UC Berkeley ASUC EAVP, Devon Graves, Student Regent-Designate, and Paul Monge, Student Regent, requested that UCSA establish an ad-hoc committee to kickstart planning for a 2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Forum. The idea is not to bring political representatives into the committee. CSU's and CC's will be encouraged to form their own committees and have them send representatives to join a formal steering committee. The initial group will be fluid and will start with a conversation on how to self structure. The ad-hoc will only consist of UCSA representatives and the steering committee will consist of other stakeholders. Rigel Robinson offered to serve as the chair of the ad-hoc committee to get this going.

*Parshan Khosravi moved to create an ad-hoc committee to start conversations about a 2018 Gubernatorial Campaign and elect Rigel Robinson as chair. Nikki seconded. Objection by Becky Hofstein Grady.*

*Jonathan moved to form the ad-hoc committee, endorse the coalition, and direct the committee to investigate with the constitutional officer to protect UCSA's 501©3 status. Becky Hofstein Grady seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Parshan moved to select Rigel Robinson as the chair of the ad-hoc committee. Matthew Lewis seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

### 015min (5:54P)

#### **[A Resolution](#) in Solidarity with the UCLA Medical Center Valet Workers**

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Parshan Khosravi, UCLA GSA EVP, presented a resolution to stand in solidarity with the valet workers who have lost their jobs at UCLA. These workers were fulltime employees, only 8 of them remain (out of 70), and it was noted that funding these workers would not affect patients. After some discussion, it was proposed that he reintroduce the resolution the next day with citations.

Parshan Khosravi moved to table this item to tomorrow. Dominick Williams seconded. There were no objections, and the motion carried.

**015min (6:07P)**

**Academic Council Statements on the Free Exchange of Information and ACR 21**

Violet Barton, UC Merced was joined by UCSA board member Suher Adi to share a presentation regarding academic freedom. They proposed that UCSA establish an ad-hoc committee to write a letter to present to the UC Regents next week allowing students to protest hate speech.

- Becky: Mentioned that she has spoken to her campus' admin and they mentioned that they are legally binded to accept hate speech as free speech. And, asked if the purpose is to request that they adopt policies that go against federal law?
- Violet: Suggested the importance of differentiating free speech and speech that incites violence.
- Becky: But are they wrong to protect those laws? Are they interpreting the law wrong?
- Suher: Difference between hate speech and speech that incites violence. I do think they are interpreting the laws wrong, however am not a lawyer
- Violet: The problem is Neo-liberalism. Their logic is to say "I care about you but let me stab you."

*Marjan Kris moved to extend time by 10 min minutes. Parshan Khoravi seconded. Objection by Jonathan Morris.*

*Vote 8: To extend time by 10 minutes*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0-6 (Passed)*

- Nikki: Recommends adding a line on how to separate that fine line, increase discussion on how to state that.
- Miguel: If it doesn't incite violence, it is not against the law. Need to recognize the Supreme Court when that passed was mostly white men. Need for this letter to change and offers services as a resource.
- Dominick: Yielded time to Ella:  
 Allocation of resources is disproportional on our campuses, our administration look at two different things: (1) not being sued and (2) fiscal priorities. Doesn't make sense where fiscal responsibility of administration is right.
- Parshan: In 1919, Justice Oliver stated that even the most stringent free speech would not protect



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them if they shout fire because of the violence it may cause. There is actual precedence to say that it could be restricted. Arguably, UCSA could take action and set a precedent, a risk the UC doesn't want to take.

Omer: Legality doesn't really cover morality. Need the letter to give us the freedom to decide that white supremacy is not covered by free speech.

Marjan: Is there a definition of what incites violence?

Violet: The only look at the penal code but it doesn't get consideration in everyday life.

Daniel: Can we actually just ban people? Since its public institution we cant. Is that accurate? What can we do when admin say that? Is there a way we can limit them?

Violet: It is important, we are creative.

Paul: All speech is not free speech, have ability to define parallels to speech that is regulated like sexual harassment. Need to draw arguments that draw the same parallels.

Sabah Ul-Hasan moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Marjan Kris seconded. Objection by Jonathan Morris.

Vote 9: *To extend time by 5 minutes*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 13-2-3 (Passes)*

Sabah: Agrees with what has been said today. High minority tension on our campus. Be very careful just saying that it is only a white male issue. Need to ensure there is accountability.

*Teresa moved to have Suher Adi chair an ad-hoc committee that will write a letter to present before the UC Regents meeting next week. Dominick Williams seconded. Objection by Jonathan Morris.*

*Teresa Wachira rescinded her motion.*

**015min (06:37P)**

### [Changes to the Roster of Appointed Officers](#)

Matthew Lewis, Basic Needs Security Officer, presented a proposal to remove Ethical Investments and Student Engagement officers from the Appointed Officers program.

Dominick: Can last year's Ethical Investments officer share whether their position was necessary?

Omer: Not a position that needs to be there.

*Dominick Williams moved to adopt the proposal presented by Matthew Lewis. Parshan Khosravi seconded. Objection by Teresa Wachira.*

*Dominick Williams rescinded his motion.*

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Teresa: Needs to understand the difference with campus climate and diversity affairs.

*Parshan Khosravi moved to table to tomorrow, seconded by Teresa Wachira. Objection by Becky Hofstein Grady.*

*Becky rescinded her objection. Motion to table has been rescinded.*

Parshan: Yields to Clara: What would distinguish the two?

Clara: Doesn't see much of a difference.

*Parshan moved to table this item to next month, Reza seconds, no objections.*

*Reza Khorasani moved adjourn.*

*Jonathan challenged the decision of the chair.*

Vote 10: Vote to challenge the decision of the chair

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 8-9-1 (Fails)*

*Reza Khorasani moved to table the last item of the agenda to tomorrow. Seconded. Teresa Wachira objected.*

*Dominick Williams moved to adjourn. Jonathan Morris seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

**000min (07:05P)** Adjourn to Sunday, September 10th, 2017

### **Board of Directors**

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Sunday, September 10th, 2017

Meeting Location:

10:00A - 12:15P, 1:15P-3:20P

**000min (10:05A)** **Convene Board of Directors**

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

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

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

**Public Comment**

*Teresa motions to add an agenda item about the cultural committee for 30 minutes after grad prof and cut lunch by 30 minutes, second by ..., no objections, so moved.*

**005min (10:10P)**

**A Resolution in Solidarity with the UCLA Medical Center Valet Workers**

Parshan Khosravi, UCLA GSA EVP, presented the resolution he shared with the board yesterday with the citations he was asked to include. The board approved to adopt the resolution now that the appropriate articles and documents were included.

*Dominick Williams moved to adopt the resolution to stand in solidarity with the UCLA Medical Center Valet Workers. Matthew Lewis seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

**015min (10:15A)**

**Discussion of Undocumented Student Statement**

Talar Alexanian, UCSA Government Relations Director, started the conversation with information about the statement UCSA released earlier this week in support of advocating for DACA students. Campus Climate officer, Clara Medina Maya, then introduced members of the UC Undocumented Student Coalition. Together they presented a list of requests to ensure that UCSA is representing and supporting all undocumented students and families a part of the UC system. There requests are linked in the agenda, however a few of them are summarized below:

- o Shared some feelings, for future instances.
- o If you have undocumented guests, please invite them to join in on conversations you are having about undocumented students.
- o Reach out to the organizations representing undocumented students on campuses.
- o The coalition has decided not to take a stance on legislation to make sure they are not misrepresented.
- o All campuses should have reps or honorary reps on the coalition.
- o Asked UCSA stay away from the Dreamer narrative because DACA recipients do not represent all undocumented students.

*Mauricio Trejo moved to extend time by 15 minutes. Seconded. There was an objection by Becky Hofstein Grady.*

*Vote 1: To extend time by 15 mins.*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 11-2-5 (Passes)*

*Miguel (UCSD) moves to create an AD-hoc committee for the student (DACA). Seconded. Miguel rescinded his motion.*

There was a comment about the statement that was released from UCSA. Had asked Talar to consider editing that document.



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*Teresa Wachira moved to ensure that the Executive committee to develop an action plan to meet the demands of the UC Undocumented Students Coalition. Seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Maurico Trejo moved to remove the DACA statement released by UCSA, that UCSA release a statement saying that the original statement was released without of proper procedure, and that all media that focuses on a dreamer narrative be removed from all UCSA social media. Marjan Kris seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Teresa Wachira moved to add 30 more second. Seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Teresa Wachira moved to add more time for her to speak. Seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

Becky: Cannot adopt a resolution until it is approved by the UCSA board.

*Rigel Robinson moved to add an agenda item to create an ad-hoc committee (next) that will be tasked with writing a letter addressing academic freedom and hate speech in the UC. Seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

**005min (10:25A)**

**Establishing an Ad-hoc Committee on Academic Freedom**

*Rigel Robinson moved to appoint Suher Adi as the chair of the ad-hoc committee. Seconded. There was an objection by Jonathan Morris.*

Vote 2: *To appoint Suher Adi as the chair*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-1-4 (Passes)

**005min (10:30A)**

**Close [Nominations for Vacant Committee Chair & Vice Chair Positions](#) (Voting in Committees)**

**110min (10:35A)**

***Recess to Undergraduate/Grad Prof Committee***

**030min (1:00P)**

**[UC Merced Cultural Center Presentation](#)**

Representatives of the UC Merced’s Cultural center shared a power point presentation about their center and the struggles they have faced to have a safe space on their campus. They also took an opportunity to introduce the UCSA board to their temporary space in the library. The following is a list of a few points of information they shared:

- UC Merced claims to be the most diverse, 52 % Hispanics, 80% are POC individuals.
- 32% other (non-confirming/Trans), however the campus does not offer support
- 600 undocumented, 70% 1<sup>st</sup> gen, 61% under pell grant, 80% of color, 4.6% Black
- Historically (central valley) is a “sun down town” , food desert, health concerns, few psychologists of

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- color, prison valley, Merced got an F+ in UCSA mental health survey
- Have no sexual assault rape kits in city, have to go to Fresno
- No trans health facilities, have to go to SF/bay area
- Housing (less than 1% vacancy in the city)
- Buses don't go into south Merced, trapping students.
- If students experience sexual assault, they have to go to Fresno or Modesto
- District attorney corrupt/sexual assault cases usually are not reviewed
- Story of the Intercultural HUB at UC Merced (Started in 2015); started social justice initiative department (Provided timeline in presentation)
- Change 2020 or bust campaign to #Huborbust campaign
- Now have a space that only fits 15 people and too small, budget is too small and need to collaborate with other campus organizations to host the events they want every time.
- Mentioned the creation of UPRISE:
  - a. Targeted 2020 groundbreaking ceremony.
  - b. First university to be created in the age of neo-liberism.
  - c. Put action before UC regents & UCOP.
  - d. Made demands for more resources on campus.
  - e. Freeze enrollment until basic needs are met. All they ask is for dignity and respect.
- Oxygen for culture protest about current space.
- Unfunded mandate by Chancellor to support DACA recipients after Trump decision.
- Temporary space only fits 10 people, lack professional staff to support students.

*Omer Sohail moves to extend time by 5 minutes. Parshan Khorasvi seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Dominick Williams moved to extend time by 2 minutes. Seconded. There was an objection by Becky Hofstein Grady. Dominick rescinded his motion.*

*Marjan Kris moved to break for lunch. Dominick Williams seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

**060min (1:35P)**

**Recess to Lunch**

**000min (2:09P)**

**Reconvene from Lunch**

*Marjan Kris moved to make committee meetings conference calls. Zoe Broussard seconded. There was an objection by Matthew Lewis.*

Vote 3:

*To make GR and UA committee meetings conference calls*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8-0-5 (Passes)

**030min (02:09P)**

**Back to UC Merced Cultural Center Presentation**

*Representatives of the UC Merced Cultural Center gave the UCSA board a tour of their old center location,*

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*their current space, and temporary space in the library.*

**015min (02:55P)**

### **Reenvisioning reIGNITE: Creating a Standing Diversity Campaign**

Nushi Berry, UCSA Campus Climate Officer (Via Conference Call), and Dominick Williams (UC Berkeley UG) presented a resolution before the UCSA board to establish reIGNITE as a permanent campaign. They had consulted with Parshan Khorsravi to ensure that the organization had the funds to do so.

Jonathan: Only EVPs can vote. Isn't adding caucus chairs to vote to the board. It would be a charter change to add the voting part of the caucus chairs.

Rigel: Would you be okay with nixing voting of caucus chairs?

*Dominick moved to strike that portion of the resolution. Rigel Robinson seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

Becky: Are we establishing the campaign, the ad-hoc meets and plans, and then adopts it? Or is it coming back to the board?

Dominick: UCSA will have an ad-hoc committee that will make recommendations to the board.

*Dominick moved to add 5 mins to this item of the agenda. Spencer Brandt seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Marjan Kris moved to amend Becky Hofstein Grady's recommendation by adding a portion to the resolution that states that "The ad hoc committee will consist of 6 folx of color including potential non-voting, non-Board members, who are not required to be part of UCSA's board of directors." Seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Omer Sohail moved to extend time by 5 minutes. Spencer Brandt seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Marjan Kris moved to include the following (2) statements to the resolution as a charges for the ad-hoc committee:*

*"Whereas, although bringing caucus chairs to UCSA board meetings would require significant capital, chairs could (a) utilize Zoom to attend meetings and vote digitally or (b) utilize UCSA's Discretionary Funding line item to fund their attendance (roughly \$3,000); AND,*

*Whereas, the caucus chairs could be utilized to flesh out, deepen, and expand the Cultural Competency Training that last year's UCSA President, Ralph Washington Jr., established through UCOP as one of the reIGNITE campaign's long term goals; AND,"*

*Spencer Brandt seconded Marjan's motion. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Dominick Williams moved to include the following statement to the resolution: "Let it be resolved that*

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*an ad hoc committee will be established dedicated to fleshing out the campaign with regards to the final name of this campaign, its official mission statement, long and short-term goals, budget, action plan." Teresa seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.*

*Dominick Williams moved to adopt the resolution establishing ReIGNITE as a permanent campaign in UCSA. Zoe Broussard seconded. There were no objections, and the motion carried.*

### 010min (03:10P)

#### Ratification of Committees

- [Grad Prof Chair](#)
- Undergrad Chair
- Campus Action Chair
- Government Relations Chair
- University Affairs Chair

*Jonathan Morris moved to ratify the reports. Teresa Wachira seconded. There was an objection by Matthew Lewis.*

Vote: 4      *To Ratify Committee Reports*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 12-0-3 (Passes)

*Jonathan Morris moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. There was an objection by Teresa Wachira.*

Vote 5:      *Motion to Adjourn*

ROLL CALL VOTE: 1-10-3 (Fails)

### 010min (03:20P)

#### I Like, I Wish, I Wonder: May Board Meeting

Refilwe Gqajela, UCSA Chair, asked members of the board to provide some feedback by writing down their thoughts about what they likes about this weekend and what they would like for us to improve on.

*Refilwe Gqajela adjourned the meeting at 3:39 pm*

### 000min (03:30P)

*Adjourn to October 14-15, UCLA*

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