UCSA July Board Meeting
Minutes

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Roll call

Public Comment
Julia Schemmer (UC Riverside) requested submissions for the newspaper, State Of

President’s report
  - Will provide a written report
  - SSCCC had new officer elections, invited to Student Congress next month
  - Speaking at Goldman conference about student loan debt
  - Speaking at the Capitol for Appropriations Committee on August 1st, ten of our bills will be there
  - 6 page memo with UCOP regarding recommendations on student engagement
    - We need to be recognized as an official student government before SAGE can be passed

Chair’s report
  - Got meeting minutes together for July
  - Provided quotes for La Opinion
  - Agendas will be sent out a week before the meeting

Staff Report
Peter’s report
  - Here for any support if any Board of Director needs it
  - Visited UC Riverside to hear what they’ve been up to
  - Went to White House for lobbying

Anais’s report
  - State of UC news site is released! Goal: write one article throughout the year about what’s happening on your campus
  - Coordinating weekly steering committee calls
  - Visited the hotel for tour and tasting
  - Prepared talking point and logistics for the STARs
  - Attended Netroot Nation (St Louis) to build national coalitions

Paty
  - Voter registration trainings to outgoing Board
  - Attended Reclaim Mental Health conference at UCI
  - Began brainstorming about collective bargaining program
  - Had two summer interns, Gio and Winston
    - Worked on power mapping projects
  - Revamped organizing trainings for SOS in collaboration with Toni
  - Created organizing cyclographic
- Attended steering committee calls
- Was a speaker and panelist for organizing conference
- Worked to plan the retreat

Toni
- May: attended annual economic summit by Greenlining Institute
  - Did progressive city planning activity
- Put together student stories project -> conducted 11 interviews with students, used 9 stories
- Worked with Paty on SOS trainings
  - There will be student trainers
- Attended SOS steering committee calls
- CSF is having summer retreat at UCSB
- Working with Reuben for CSF on talking points

Campus Reports

Berkeley Undergrads
- #HowAreYou: will be working on CAPS and social services advertised in syllabi and getting university hires
  - Specifically formerly incarcerated services
  - Working with multicultural centers

Santa Cruz Undergrads
- Preparing for SOS
- Voter registration drive: early housing (20-25 student volunteers) to do dorm storming
- #HowAreYou campaign: working with CAPS to advertise resources already here

San Diego Undergrads
- Students can sit on the hiring committee for new counselors
- Political pipeline program: after school program about voter disenfranchisement
- Achieve UCSD as a sanctuary campus, ideally the entire UC
- MOU with dorm storming for UCSD for the summer

Berkeley Grads
- Working on getting LDs and ODs hired
- Housing: can get transition housing money

Riverside Grads
- Referendum in April passed for the first time in 7 years to down the percentage of voters in elections
- Dean of Graduate Division waived nonresident tuition for year
- September there will be a Diversity Liaison and Sustainability Liaison in each department
  - first nationwide to do that

Santa Barbara Grads
- Learning from last year to be stronger this year as an Association
- Michelle is working as editor-in-chief of the policy journal, will be releasing soon
- Working to hire an LD

Davis Grads
- Focus on student welfare and wellbeing, particularly sexual assault and
- Big push on graduate student mentorship. Had a lot of success working with the academic senate
- Want to restructure how graduate education looks at UCD, this will require more money.

Merced GSA
- Need more space for graduate students, especially office space
- CAPS: more privacy with CAPS and the food pantry, doesn’t want to run into undergraduate students

Riverside Undergrads
- Filled out entire EVP staff
- Met with the UCSA Organizing Director to talk about #HowAreYou
- Focusing on presenting the demolition of family housing
- Campus resources are now publicized on police reports
- Hiring committee for new counselors

Irvine Undergrads
- Hosted second mental health conference and had a great turnout. UCOP attended too and is talking about a statewide conference, the only issue is funding
- Lack of space for mental health counselors - have the funds for the staff - but not the space
- Focusing on voter education. Mocking up pamphlets for ballot initiatives. Will produce a pamphlet focused on the prison industrial complex, as well as others

Santa Barbara Undergrads
- Working on the #HowAreYou Campaign and considering next steps, such as establish a steering committee of students to select counselors
- Working with RHA on creating a mental health coordinator for each hall council
- Also want to look into food and housing insecurity

Los Angeles Undergrads
- Working on voter registration - the Organizing Director provided a training. Working with Vote for Our Future
- Trying to reverse a decision to move the pharmacy from the medical center to the student union.

Merced Undergrads
- Getting ready for voter registration. Want to look closely at the local level to see what impact can be made.
- Working to provide safe places (cultural center) on campus
- Want to ensure that students are safe and comfortable in new off campus housing

UC We Vote
- June primary: registered 6,000 students statewide
- Successfully gained access to res halls at UCLA and UCSD
- Goal: register 65,000 students to vote this year, turnout goal of 63%, distribute 45,000 nonpartisan voting guides, 30 voter education events
- UCSB grads: Concern was raised about grad student engagement was raised regarding registration, Paty suggested collaborating with GA and AS
- UC Berkeley grads: wanted to know about students already registered in professional program requirements, have to change documents
- UCSB hires separate coordinator for voter registration
- Recommendations: identify voter director apart from ODs, before move-in weekend be talking about backwards planning sessions, scheduling meetings with res hall deans, begin recruitment of volunteers for voter registration, identify coalition partners for voter registrations
- Training resources are available on the website :))
- Guide is not created yet, we are waiting in terms of ballot measures and props

SOCC 2016 Bids
- ucsa.org/soccbid
- Bids are now open
- Send your intent to submit, August 11, or notice the Board
- Need to present written proposal and presentation, 15 minutes or less
  - Include budget, registration fees, dates
- Will be voted on the second day of Congress
- Association can submit a bid, will be considered. Has to have the support of the AS or GA external office
- UCSA will offer a $2,000 need based grant
- UCI intends to submit a bid for SOCC next year

Board Meeting Schedule (August-December)
- September meeting we will commit to January-June calendar
- UCSF July, Pomona August, UCSB September, Santa Cruz October
- We try to make it to each campus
- Responsibility of vice chair a month in advance about hosting for campuses
- GSA hosts breakfast, AS hosts lunch, host campus provides list of recommendations
- We don’t meet in December
- Paty: staff office hours the day before/day after, UCSA blitz
- Motion by Lauren to adopt calendar, Michelle suggested change
- San Diego first option, Santa Cruz second option, Merced third option, Berkeley fourth option
- First campus to get back with an actual plan will be picked - you will need a boardroom and two breakout rooms, wi-fi
- Motion is approved with no objections

Basic Needs Student Project Update
- “A Plate At The Table”
- Statistics about completion rates for students of color, global food initiative, statement about UCSA’s commitment to help students
- Student stories, highlighting quotes and including policy recommendations
- Summary of recommendations is at the end

**Resolution in Support of the Establishment of a UC Gun Violence Prevention Center and System-wide Action Toward Campus Violence**

- Clerical change from UCSD: changing “work” to “work”
- Davis GSA: “Prestige” to “prestigious”, making parenthesis consistent for the UCs
- Chair question: what is the president’s position on the center? She affirmed that the center was available already, and that the $5 million would not be enough for the center
- How would the protocols be funded: not a plan yet in place for the $5 million dollars
- Footnote 9 hyperlink doesn’t work (most of them weren’t working)
- UCSD AS moved to approve with amendments forthcoming
- UC Merced AS: second whereas was not accurate, had to be edited
- Final therefore: suggested to change the word ‘stronger’ instead of ‘effective’
- First therefore should indicate we want a new gun violence prevention center

**Committees - Introductions to each committee**

**Resolution to Create a Housing Affairs Officer**
- Left for the next board

**Michael, UCLA Graduate Student Body President**
- Strong tendency for graduate students to be forgotten in decisionmaking
- Increased enrollment and the need for TAs
- UCLA survey 6x students for TAs, not enough opportunities for students to have a TA

**Nominations for Executive Office Positions**

* = member of the executive committee
- No turnover in the executive committee - same people who are elected are the same people today
- If someone nominates you: accept, if you nominate yourself you need a second
- If you nominate yourself by you, you need an emailed second and it needs to be sent to the entire board
- There will be a google doc with all current nomineees

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