Convene Board of Directors

Meeting called to order: 7:26 p.m.

Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Proxies

Roll Call

Berkeley Undergraduates
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Davis Undergraduates
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Irvine Undergraduates
LA Undergraduates
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Merced Undergraduates
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Riverside Undergraduates
Riverside Graduates
San Diego Undergraduates
Santa Barbara Undergraduates
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Santa Cruz Undergraduates
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Adoption of Agenda*
Motion: Nima
Second: Ralph

Approval of Minutes*
Motion: Ralph
Second: Alma

Public Comment

Bruin Consent Coalition: We are part of an organization advocating for policies benefitting survivors and resources. Our organization is concerned about maintaining the integrity of Title IX with a Republican administration. We hosted a statewide day of action and hope...
Benyamin: I am a Senator at UC Berkeley. No one has defined what sanctuary campuses are. We need to expand beyond the UC wide sanctuary campuses. This impacts me even after I graduate and I hope AS' and the UC take the initiative to take a hard stance on Sanctuary Campuses.

MTET 5 mins

Joseph Williams, Student Organizer: I want to build on what was said previously. We need to force the UC to make real commitments to its workers and its students. If you're interested in developing that platform please reach out to me. There are students who are under direct attack. Racism is emboldened by this administration. We want to formulate a rapid response team ready to activate around issues around the state.

MTET 5 mins

Mohamed Hussein:
1. There was an action at UCSF. I was wondering why some campuses did not attend? I don't want to call anyone out but you have a responsibility to take part in UCSA's actions...
2. Hosting a conference is difficult. Let's give hand to UCI. We've seen some issues time and time again. UCSA should address many of these recurrent problems. I recommend to the board that we institutionalize SOCC and come up with a textbook for this conference.
3. Reignite is fragmented. We'd like to see more action from these campuses: UCLA, UCM, UCB, and UCSC. Reignite is about addressing those issues concerning our most marginalized communities.

Agenda amended to allow the Regent to speak prior to others.

005min (07:10P)    Host Campus Welcome

045min (07:15P)    Reports
President

I am more satisfied with what I've gotten done. I did 6 campus visits within a week. Let me know if you would like me to communicate with you other than text. We will have a workgroup to look at revenue sources for discussions regarding tuition. One of the requests from the UCOP meeting was a housing workgroup-- I will be working with Tracy to do this. Plusses: I was able to do numerous visits but not every campus. Delta: I need to get more sleep. I feel it would be beneficial to update the board more often about particular conversations.

Board Chair
Between last month and this month a lot has taken place on a State and Federal level especially after the election. My written report will be forthcoming. There have been a few calls talking about sanctuary UC's. I completed the agenda and met with Ralph a number of times.

Treasurer

Board Vice Chair
This month was very much dedicated to planning for SoCC. This was especially difficult because we were trying to bring 100 students to this conference. I also completed the minutes and will facilitate a call with the new Appointed Officers in the coming weeks. Finally, I also attended the Janet Napolitano Meeting

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Michael: One of the issues we are working on is the revision for the supplemental tuition increase policy. We are trying to get capital development projects focused on and done. We want funding to go to solving Housing and Food Insecurity.

Tracy: Thank you for allowing us into your space. We are working on our letter to Governor Brown... We are working toward sanctuary campuses. We are also working on strengthening sexual assault policies.

California Student Aid Commission  
Student Senate for California Community Colleges/California State Student Association  

010min (08:00P) Cultivating a Healthy Board Space #02  
Ralph Washington, Jr., UCSA President  

It’s difficult to have a healthy board space when we’re all tired. I want to talk about interpersonal issue and the way we communicate. I think it would be useful if we pay attention to how much time we are speaking. I think this is connective but we need to offer constructive criticism and avoid ad hominem attacks.

010min (08:10P) #FTUC  
Ralph Washington, Jr., UCSA President  

Fund the UC. I thought the action was very effective. I want to refer to my own presence. I heard positive comments regarding the actions

Erika: I thought the action went really well. Shout out to folks who did the banner drop, and thank you to Berkeley for working overnight to make this happen.

Thank you to Patty and professional staff for working with the police for really pulling through and making the action happen. The action was highly effective. There were many positive comments made.

Gio: I want to thank Rachel for her involvement. Follow through throughout the system was lacking but I want to thank staff for their hard work despite this. There were some issues regarding de escalation with police-- I can to console some folks who had negative interactions with police. We need to discuss the most pressing concerns of health and safety in our actions.

Rachel Grad OD UCD: Post election a lot of our work has been called into question. We need to have a conversation about maintaining the health and safety regarding the students we represent. It is my goal to continue this dialogue throughout the year.

Ralph: It may be a good time to talk in committees about how we want our campaigns to work during our December Board Meeting. This of course is up to the chairs of the committees.

Marcella: Paul and I are pushing for Regents to be transparent with their cost of living surveys, both for undergraduates and graduates. Regents are divided on this.

010min (08:20P) SAGE Visits  
Parshon Khosravi, UCSA Treasurer  

*Absent*
010min (08:30P)  Introduction of Appointed Officers
Carlos Guadarrama, UCSA Vice Chair

010min (08:40P)  Books not Bombs: UC Involvement in the IIEE Syrian Consortium
Hearts of Mercy @ UCI

We want to propose this resolution and be a voice for the voiceless. *Presentation and Resolution*

Ralph: Motion to adopt Resolution as presented

Omer: Second

Andre: What is the process by which refugees apply for these funds? What about other refugees from war?

This Consortium works for anyone displaced by war but is specific to helping Syrian refugees.

Vlad: Should this be reflected in the language?

We want to make this available to Syrians as they are highly displaced but we would want to make it open to everyone

Andre: At Berkeley we are working with Vice Chancellors to make this an identifying factor  UC Applications

010min (08:50P)  Academic Senate Reform
Angeline Phan and Danny Eun, ASUCI Academic Senate Commissioners

*Presentation*

We want UCSA to start a conversation about having student representation on the Academic Senate.

Grad SD: Students don't have a role in the Academic Senate.

MTET 5 mins.

Andre: How do you plan to incentivise this? We brought this up to Napolitano and we shrugged off.

We need to understand why we were shut down and combat those particular concerns first.

Whitney: Do grads have representation? Do you not have voting power anywhere?

To both questions: Neither the Graduate nor the Undergraduates have voting power.

Vladimir: I don't think this can happen. Academic Senate has more sway with Administration.

We have various issue that affect students

Amory: I'm more sympathetic to this issue. Academic Senate does not represent students, they represent faculty. This is separate from the student body. We should however have representation because of how drastically affects students.

Jonathan: My Comments have been echoed. If the question is why don't you have representation? Its because you're not faculty.
Ralph: I want to move that the Board directs the President to initiate conversations with the head of the Academic Senate and ask of yourselves to make an explicit ask to help with these presentations.

Omer: I want to echo support and the President's proposal.

Michelle: I want also to echo support, and ask that grads be included. I believe the ethnics portion can be meaningful or tokenized if its not intentional.

Michael: UCLA does have thorough representation and we can vote. A couple committees do not. I would us to not be the exception but the norm.

Georgia: Thank you for the presentation. I think its disrespectful if you're simply there as ex officio.

Whittney: We should shift the conversation to being about shared governance and not simply having a vote. Oftentimes these are advisory committees. This might help with furthering conversations.

Brennan: At community colleges we have a functioning shared governance system and the UC's in comparison is a joke.

010min (09:00P)  
Support of Reclaim CA Position Paper
Ralph Washington, Jr., UCSA President

Move to Endorse. Approved.

010min (09:10P)  
Anti-White-Supremacy Resolution
Omer Sohail, UCSA Ethical Investments Appointed Officer

Omer: I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge what it means to be at the table. This resolution was worked on by students across the state. *Read Resolution*

Motion to Amend: that the Resolution be amended to represent a consistent use of UCSA and University of California Student Association

Motion to amend:

Objection: recommend that we ad clarifying clause that Trump supporters support these values

Jonathan: Move to table this discussion

Michelle: I object to stalling process

Ralph: Move to table until we discuss following resolution

Georgia: I would appreciate trigger warnings if we're going to talk about sexual violence.

Whittney: Can we include Trump appointments?

Ralph: I propose and changes be brought up following the tabling of this resolution.
We edited “Trump Presidency” and “Sanctuary Campuses”. We also modified the values consistent of the Trump Presidency. We also got rid of another problematic line.

Move to adopt
Second
Approved.

015min (09:20P) Resolution to Stand in Solidarity with Sioux Tribe In Opposition to Dakota Access Pipeline
Francisco Ferreyra, UCSA Environmental Sustainability Appointed Officer

Francisco: This is an issue near and dear to my heart. Latinx community is no stranger to environmental racism.

*Read resolution*

This is so important because the UC has pledged to go carbon neutral.

Ralph: Move to adopt the resolution with the amendment noting you as a sponsor

No Objections. Approved.

010min (09:35P) Resolution Opposing the Outsourcing of IT Workers at UCSF
Nima Ostowari, UCSA Labor Relations Officer

Toward the end of February UCSF IT workers are facing layoffs. The contract that was made outsources these jobs. The visas for the folks replacing these jobs is unethical.

*Read Resolution*

Discussion:

Ralph: Move that we adopt the resolution as presented.

Amory: This has come up twice at meetings at Davis and we’re all very concerned by it.

Adopted as Presented.

Motion to amend the agenda to include discussion regarding the Board’s positionality toward a Trump Presidency.

Seconded.

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Ralph: We need to address how we are going to collectively address how we are going to address our hurt feelings. I think the focus should be how we will move forward.

Rachel: What is the purpose of this agenda amendment?

Clara: I think the focus should be how in relation to the action there was a shift in the issues we want to address and how we want to apply that to our campaigns.

Rachel: Yes, Ralph I do acknowledge there were a lot of hurt feelings my initial comment came from a space post-election while we had setup very understandable and well-researched platforms. I think we owe our students a conversation about shifting the scope of our campaigns.

Ralph: Do you mean the platforms of our campaign or the general advocacy we take part in?

Rachel: Both, how do we see ourselves representing our campus?

Suher: I think we need to prioritize ourselves in a different way than we have been. I've been talking to various communities, reading posts on facebook so I can't really focus if I can't address the basics security on our campuses. We can talk about our campaign but there are more dire issues centered on our lives.

Maiko: Simply by offering ourselves to our communities we can engage in an advocacy role on our campuses. A main suggestion in my workshop was to create a google doc detailing your rights by existing in this country as undocumented. This can help students in their pursuit to excise the full use of their rights.

Jorge: Something our students are struggling with is the boundaries by which they can work. Something tangible might help.

Jonathan: We're thinking about adding to our work when we are already struggling to move our own campaigns forward, perhaps we should consider depending on other infrastructures.

Clara: we have to ground ourselves in that Merced is not evolved so much as other campuses. We need to take care of our students--especially their immediate needs. I think we can focus on building coalitions so that we are as impactful as possible.

Gio: I agree that we are at capacity with the numerous campaigns we have. At the end of the day we need to recognize our limits, and talk about restructuring our campaigns. We cannot ignore our campaigns but perhaps we can realign them to what is happening in our country.

Neha: The focus has been damage control on our campus.

Omer: We should bring the Ant White Supremacy resolution to all our campuses
Nima: Critically analyzing our campaign, we can modify them to address the issues we're facing.

Ralph:
- We need to protect basic security
- Sanctuary campuses and security because people need to be safe and feel safe
- As a TA we can provide useful information for students, based on nationality
- Self care resources are necessary—as UCSA we can compile this, perhaps Grad Committee can disperse
- Folks need important legal resources

Gio: We need to be mindful of delineating state and campus campaigns and issues. Briefing people on their rights is a first step to then meaningful and direct action. We need something more substantive than this.

Jonathan: What other groups are doing this form of advocacy? Can we spend time identifying these groups and having them come to our board meeting

Jorge: Can we invite the ACLU, who has many resources?

Clara: We should talk about touching base with our communities to give them autonomy over our work. We should allow undocumented folx to decide how we move forward with sanctuary campuses. There are structural changes we can make

Gio: MOU's and resolutions only do so much--organizing and mobilizing is the real work.

Whittney: We don't know where this is going but we should move forward in acting as facilitators for providing information.

While there is so much uncertainty, that fear is very real for these folx.

Jorge: I want to frame our thought process.

Suher: Legislatively we can do a lot of work in moving our actions forward.

Maiko: SLC is an important opportunity to educate future leaders in this political environment. We should consider expanding our audience to high school students. We should not forget the international ramifications and our international students and the lived experiences they can share.

Ralph: I have an idea:
- We want to amplify efforts
- We want to identify potential partners which we can distribute
- Anything we do with these partners we're doing it to support our communities
- We find partners who we can invite to the space in January
- We need to make sure we're forming excellent relationships with our elected officials

Paty: I will hit up ACLU

Omer: I can talk to CARE
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