



University of California Student Association

November 4th & 5th, 2017
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Board of Directors

Chair: Refilwe Gqajela, chair@ucsa.org
Vice Chair: Michelle Viorato, vicechair@ucsa.org
Saturday, November 4th, 2017
Meeting Location:
10:00A - 12:25P ; 2:55P - 5:40P

000min (10:17A) Convene Board of Directors

005min (10:17A) Roll Call and Acknowledgement of Proxies

Attendees: Berkeley Undergrads, Davis Undergrads, Irvine Undergrads, LA Grads, Merced Undergrads, Riverside Undergrads, San Diego Undergrads, Santa Barbara Undergrads, Santa Barbara Grads, Santa Cruz Undergrads, Santa Cruz Grads

Adoption of Agenda*

Parshan moved to cut the 45 minutes from the agenda by removing the last two items and for the board to eat lunch during committees. Omer seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Matthew moved to add vice chair nominations to today's agenda and vice chair elections to tomorrow's agenda. Parshan seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Matthew moved to suspend bylaws for tomorrow's election of the vice chair and to ratify the elections of the GR committee chair and vice chair because they were not open for a week. Parshan seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes*

There were no objections to the approval of the minutes.

005min (10:25A)

Public Comment

Parshan, EVP for UCLA GSA, shared that the majority of the UCLA valet workers were fired and asked everyone to join him at an action in Central LA to support them. He hopes that the board will be able to get through the agenda by 4:30 p.m. to give everyone time to get there.

005min (10:30A)

Host Campus Welcome

Zoë Broussard, EVP for ASUCI, welcomed everyone to UC Irvine.

060min (10:35A)

Reports

President

Follow up on conversation, Focus as UCSC's EVP, talking points with Regent Keeper, include any information. Finalizing a speech right now. Launched a letter about critical funding,. Meeting with the UC Financial aid committee.

Board Chair

Will be reporting in different parts of the agenda

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Treasurer

Finding different sources of funding for the organization. Left over money that many associations owe and will be making follow up calls.

Board Vice Chair

Staff

Council on Student Fees Chair

Passed a resolution regarding the funding for the commencement. Should be coming out of general fund money. On the agenda of the vice chancellor of student affairs meeting. Curious to see that development. Money is off by 90% in study about how each campus pays their fees. Working on a campaign to determine what we are doing on each campus. A job the vice chancellors are undertaking themselves. The unexpected dismissal of an admission officer is highly concerning. Have to maintain a unique relationship with administration.

Student Regent, Student Regent Designate, Student Advisor

Devon was present to report that they have a phone call scheduled with Regent Keffer. Did discuss the resolution about Regent Pattiz. Have been able get the chair open to having a sexual assault training at the April regent meeting. Applications to join the UC Title XI sexual student advisory board will open this Monday. The board wants to wait to see what the governor is going to propose for the budget in January. We have also discussed the email sent to graduate students about unionizing. If any issues arise please let us know.

Sacramento Visits:

Met with assembly budget committee members, the Higher Ed. committee, and learned about how to get students engaged. The Nov. Regents meeting is in a couple of weeks. Please reach out if you need help figuring out what to speak on.

UC Office of the President

Interested in supporting campuses with facilitating process of getting more information about the basic needs document. Judith and Daniel have received a document with services to undocumented students and a summary of actions the UC has taken to support undocumented students. SB 68 blurb about how AB 540 will be aligned.

Representatives from UC Unions

Thanked members of the board who participated in SLOC. This year we had a great turn out. In bargaining with the UC and currently in impasse. Rejecting all of our demands for sanctuary and going to continue to work for support. At UCI, there are issues in the housing community, management not addressing issues of workers. Particularly harassment. Meetings have been cancelled because they do not want students present. Student workers get at least the same minimum wage as part-time workers doing the same work.

015min (11:21P)

[Bylaws Timeline & Committee Check-In](#)

Teresa Wachira, UC Merced EVP and UG Chair, shared that the committee has discussed changing the UG

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chair to campaign chair. The committee will be attempting to get input from grads who may be staying and they will be considering structural bylaw changes next week. They will be making calls to gather additional input.

010min (11:25P)

Monthly Budget Update: [Unpaid receivables](#), SOCC initiative update

Anais Lieu, Operations & Development Director, mentioned that there are still a few campuses who still owes dues and asked each campus to check if they still owe money. The second document is a summary of the budget. Does not include grads who are leaving. Not guaranteed that we will have a \$40,000 surplus. Not what we are expecting.

010min (11:26P)

[A Resolution Regarding Membership of the University of California, Los Angeles Graduate Student Association for the 2017-18 Academic Year](#)

Parshan Khosravi, UC Los Angeles EVP and Treasurer, shared that this resolution is happening again. It is the same as last year and asked for this year's dues to be waived for UCLA.

Parshan moved to waive the UCLA GSA fees and adopt this resolution, Matthew seconded. Motion passes and there were new objections.

120min (11:31P)

Recess to Undergraduate/Grad Prof Committee & Lunch

000min (2:35P)

Reconvene from Undergraduate/Grad Prof Committee

005min (2:35P)

Board Vice Chair Nominations

Matthew Lewis accepts his nomination to run for the position.

Miguel moved to add 5 minutes to make board vice chair nominations. Mauricio seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Teresa moved to move Max Lubin's presentation to 3:50 PM.

Parshan moved to move the Fund the UC presentation to tomorrow. There were no objections and the motion carried.

030min (2:38P)

[Moving Forward with UC Irvine's Demands to UCSA Link to Original Demands](#)

Taylor Chanes, UC Irvine EVP Alumni, and Zoe Broussard, UC Irvine EVP and UA Chair, shared a presentation that summarized a list of demands that UCI presented before the board last year. UC Irvine's demands were created by several students on campus. These requests exist as a way to remedy everything that had happened in the past. There were several reasons why UCI chose to leave the UCSA space in 2014 including toxic environments, influence from the executive director, and disregard for taking a stance on UCOP decisions.

Some of the issues have been addressed like their concerns about insufficient support to students of color and cultural consciousness before coming to the space. However, they believe there is still opportunity for UCSA to create a line item to fund travel for non-board members and to increase support to Black and Non-black students of color. There was discussion about how to move forward with these suggestions. Most of the progress has happened this year.

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Omer: Funding for non-board members could may be difficult. Especially now that our budget isn't as large as before.

Refilwe: How do you feel like having an ad-hoc committee?

Response: It may be a good way of addressing the rest of these concerns.

Daniel: Does UCI support SAGE to handle budget issue?

Response: Well last year the EVP was opposed to it but sure about whether UCI feels the same this year.

Refilwe: Is anyone interested in joining an ad-hoc committee to figure out how to solve the issues on the demands?

Teresa: It would make sense to nominate a UCI rep. to chair.

Teresa nominated Zoe to serve as the chair of an ad-hoc committee to address UCI's concerns and Refilwe as vice chair.

Rora: I am not sure if an ad-hoc is the best way to get this done. Maybe we should direct the staff members who can handle each issue?

Response: Maybe the adhoc can determine assignments.

Anais: Directing to committees lacked accountability that an ad-hoc committee could do.

Omer moved to develop an ad-hoc chaired by Zoe and have Refilwe serve as the vice chair. The ad-hoc will delegate assignments based on the concerns proposed by UCI and will make each delegate accountable. Rigel seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

030min (3:05P)

SLOC Report/Reflections

Refilwe Gqajela, UC San Diego EVP and Board Chair, asked members of the board to use this time to share their experience at SLOC.

Teresa: Shared the impact of having a delegation go and how the event inspired her to have a rep for labor issues.

Justin: Also enjoyed the conference. Appreciated getting to hear stories from laborers and UC workers about the urgency and immediacy of these issues.

Martin: Loved it and really enjoyed the fact that it kept it real. Noticed that there was a lack of involvement of this board.

Rigel: Mentioned that it would be more helpful if the timelines and planning info. as early as possible.

Miguel: Had a great time and also agreed it wasn't romanticized. The delegation loved it, a political die hard

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realized he would prefer to organize students than be a legislative intern by counting book markers. UCSD's labor commission office was created to address this issues discussed at this conference.

Zoe and UCI labor Union Commissioner office:

UAW 2865 contract negotiations start in January. Want to see how UCSA can help unionize student workers. Ask board members to contact undergraduate student workers on each campus and to connect with Undergraduate peer tutors so that they can know their rights. Can we get a rep from the UAW?

Rora: Agreed that UC Santa Cruz has a rep. and can contact someone.

Mauricio: Excited that this conference happened. Is there a way to adopt this as a UCSA conference? How can we institutionalize it to have more EVPs to give students access to a conference like this?

Anais: Would need to see if AFSME would want us to do that.

Rigel: Were CSU and CC student at this conference?

Anais: Just UC.

UCI Labor Commisioner: We need for a labor force to help Josh plan this conference in the future.

Refliwe: So you think making an MOU is feasible?

Teresa moved to have Daniel create a labor coalition of students who represent work on these issues. The coalition would consist of representatives of each member association. Seconded by Rigel. No objections and the motion carried.

025min (3:30P)

Working with Undocumented Students

Refilwe Gqajela, UC San Diego EVP and Board Chair, mentioned that members of the student coalition are not having amicable relationship with members of the board. This is a reminder that UCSA is an ally and they deserve for us to treat them with respect.

Daniel moved to have this discussion to later on the agenda so that members of the coalition can be present to address their concerns. Rigel seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

010min (4:25P)

[Presentation on A Mock Regents Report Card and Timeline](#)

Daniel Cano, University Affairs Director & Anais Lieu, Operations & Development Director, shared an overview of the timeline for the Regents report card. Grades will be calculated through a formula from 0-100. For accessibility, scores are based on a full year of service.

Devon: Is it possible to add whether they meet with non-student leaders?

Anais: Open to meeting with both?

Miguel: We need language about seeing both.

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Teresa: How about meeting with community leaders?

Refilwe: Need for student organizational leadership.

Caroline: We need to be clear about we mean.

Anais: We're getting in a weird place to determine what orgs are valid and what aren't.

Christine: Does this represent cumulative grades at the end?
Response: yes

030min (3:55P)

[Partnering to Fund the UC and Promote Students' Civic Engagement](#)

Max Lubin, a graduate student of UC Berkeley, gave an overview of an organization he founded and their interest in collaborating with UCSA's Fund the UC campaign. *Rise* is a student led non-profit organization. Being a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization enables them to take larger stances and lobby. Many students have tuition paid for, however they have trouble figuring out how to pay for those extra costs. The vast majority of Americans support free tuition. No student should be homeless, starving, and tens of thousands dollars of debt. Shared polling from the public policy institute proved that there is political support for free tuition. All gubernatorial candidates don't have plans to tackle funding for higher education. We need to advocate together. They share a student story on their social media every day. Lubin also shared their plans for 2018 and to collaborate with UCSA. He mentioned that UCSA should partner with RISE because they can do extensive lobbying and fundraise. Rise plans to present a resolution soon to establish an ongoing partnership with UCSA.

Kristin: Is Rise planning to endorse a candidate?

Response: Yes, we plan to use all resources to get them elected. 2018 election is the biggest opportunity to change funding in CA. We want the new governor's budget to address the funding issue in the UC.

Omer: What do you need from us?

Response: We are a 5 person team so we need capacity. Your energy effort and ideas. Partnering to grow our scale. We also could use help to engage in pre-registration of potential voters younger than 18.

Rigel: Do you all plan to be involved with the budget advocacy cycle?

Response: Absolutely want help.

Kristin: I know you said you have 5 people? What is Rise's current structure?

Response: Interns from CSU Long Beach, UCI, UCR, Moreno Valley high school, and we collaborate with a law firm.

Miguel moved to be in a closed session with undocumented students coalition, and staff.

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Working with Undocumented Students

Matthew Lewis moved to suspend the bylaws to allow coalition members to join the board at the table.

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Refilwe shared information about learning that the UCOP committee is not doing work and the information received by the Undocumented services coordinators system wide. Every UC campus should have the same UC immigration policy verbatim. Shared the UCSD one, asked that everyone check if their campuses have different information. SB 54 is going to change AB 540 in January.

The following is a list of recommendations by members of the coalition:

- Need to find any avenue to have their students here.
- Need for constructive dialogue. UC Merced is not here because they do not have an opportunity to get reimbursed for travel.
- Check in with them if you are meeting with Napolitano to get feedback or an update about that meeting.
- Asked about discussion about the UC Undocumented Summit and if we have a process for that to happen.

Miguel moved to started an ad-hoc committee to address the creation of the UC Undocumented Student Summit and create a MOU to address the relationship of between the Undocumented Student Coalition and UCSA. There were objections and the motion carried.

Omer was selected as the vice chair.

Kristin moved to adjourn. Miguel seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

000min (4:35P)

Adjourn to Sunday, November 5th, 2017

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Chair: Refilwe Gqajela, chair@ucsa.org

Vice Chair: Michelle Viorato, vicechair@ucsa.org

Sunday, November 5th, 2017

Meeting Location:

10:00A - 11:45A, 2:45P-3:40P

000min (10:06A)

Convene Board of Directors

Caroline moved to have the Vice Chair elections after the Fund the UC presentation.

Parshan moved to add a 10 minute agenda item after voting about the Congressional Tax plan resolution, Rora seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

005min (10:00A)

Roll Call

Attendees: Berkeley Undergrads, Davis Undergrads, Irvine Undergrads, LA Grads, Merced Undergrads, Riverside Undergrads, San Diego Undergrads, Santa Barbara Undergrads, Santa Barbara Grads, Santa Cruz Undergrads, Santa Cruz Grads

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005min (10:05A)

Public Comment
NONE

030min (10:10A)

UC Regent Pérez

UC Regent John A. Pérez was present to address the board. He shared that he was an undergraduate at Cal in the late 80s and early 90s and also participated in UCSA. At the time their goal was to also strive in expanding accessibility and affordability for higher education. When he was sworn in as speaker of the CA Assembly, his first meeting was with UCSA officers of the board. Left the legislature and was appointed to the UC Regents. Often a lone or lonely voice on the board. However, he never feels alone when students are present.

Questions:

Matthew: Thank you one of things you discussed is the privatization of housing. This issue has affected us at CAL. Berkeley has hit its debt limit. The administration is only engaging in private partnerships and the university is no longer able to control the rents. I am interested on getting that debt limit raised. Want to go back to revenue bonds. Would you be able to support this possibility?

Response: Saw Nathan at a Cal game, will call him to have a meeting with you about that. Public private partnerships, not a fan. It is not a work around of prevailing wage. Not a legal work around. Where they do try to execute them, we have to hold them accountable. In terms of rent control, I have the same criticisms. In terms of the debt limit, this is where the legislature is going to be helpful. The chair of the assembly budget committee is looking to work on that.

Parshan: Right now each campus has a CARE office. This was a part of a four year plan to fully fund, follow up years was supposed to be covered by campuses. However, some campuses do not have the funding to survive. What can be done to support these offices?

Response: Here is the problem, if you look at the last audit. Allegations of interference were kept. There is a black hole with lack of oversight by Regents of initiatives started by UCOP. If you came to petition us to tell us which initiatives you care about, would be helpful especially at the November meeting. Hearing from students in an organized way can definitely help. I cannot commit to anything until I read about it.

Abbi: After title IX, UCOP said that no changes would happen to implementation and there was a demand to increase responsibilities of CARE offices. Will there be more resources allocated for them to do so?

Response: I do not know.

Parshan: We are fighting for student workers to be added to that list. Would you to commit for that to be updated to include UC student workers.?

Response: Yes, the internal audit found that we have horrible inconsistencies of the implementation of the \$15 an hour policy. I challenged the internal audit folks for a report back about. Will amend the report to ask for where we are with student workers. Need to demonstrate the logic if excluding students makes sense.

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- Rora: The new tax bill has been proposed. It is really bad for students. Taxing student waivers. It makes us vulnerable to be taxed on double our income. Have there been conversations to ensure that we are not vulnerable?
Response: No there has not been a conversation. The specifics of this tax plan can encourage this conversation to happen. Issues are how we pay students. UC opposed legislation that would give more grads students more collective bargaining rights. Overt anti-union language, would undermine the relationship. Standard bullshit. In favor of expanded collective bargain rights. I was a part of the first movement for more rights for student in the 80s. I will probably be the only appointed regent that feels this way. I do not think this new government will sign it. I think three gov. candidates would sign it. Gavin Newsom unsure other three yes. Other piece in the tax code that is problem is the tax deductibility of student loans. Student debt is too high. Problematics to go without it.
- Brian: At the last meeting, Regent Kieffer was asked to stand with students, would you stand with us to ask Regent Pattiz to resign.
Response: No, I do not think that we have enough information to decide. Issue in litigation. For us to get in the middle of this without the facts. If there was a motion for his resignation, I would evaluate what we have and try to make the best decision with what we have.
- Spencer: I think the relationship with regents and student is adversarial. The UC has not been properly funded by the legislature. What areas do you think that we as students can collaborate with folks like yourself to advocate for increased funding?
Response: Be careful not to be taken advantage of by the board. Do not let that undermine your voice at UCSA. Don't be in into us versus them conversation.

Rora moved to extend time by 10 minutes, second by Matthew, objection by Miguel.

Vote:

*ROLL CALL VOTE
8-2-1*

- Matthew: We have a preponderance of evidence of Pattiz's action. I think it is reasonable for you to endorse the removal of Regent Pattiz. It sends a signal to any would be harasser.
Response: It is a very fair ask, however I view this differently. I do think it is appropriate for him to resign over this. But it is very different for me to call for his resignation. During a closed meeting we made policy in a prospective basis. It is not easy for me to tell you that I am not going to do it. For me to call for the question is a different thing.
- Parshan: Would you foresee the board of regents declare the UC a Sanctuary organization.
Response: I wonder what you mean about the term sanctuary. I think the word is problematic. I would feel more comfortable with a list of things to do.
- Parshan: I am referring to the policy proposed by AFSME.
Response: I would be happy to lead the conversation at the next meeting and have a conversation with Tim white if you can give me more information. I am more responsive to phone

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calls. 213-452-6553 (OFFICE number).

015min (10:40A)

[Fund the UC](#)

Caroline Siegel Singh, Financial Aid Advocacy Officer, shared a powerpoint presentation highlighting initiatives and programs that UCSA should participate in to promote additional funding to the UC. Currently, the UC has experience a 9,000 increase in enrollment. Since 2006, the UC has been using High Fee High Aid Model and there has been a decrease in applications of instate students. As a research institution, the UC has depended on admitting international students to fit the bill. It is recommended that UCSA organize to develop shared goals between UC campuses, that we host a Fund the UC Day, and work with each of our respective Lobby Corps. A single day of campus advocacy can go a long way. If your campus is interested in getting a UC Regent member to visit your campus, it is recommended that you contact Ann Shaw from UCOP. She is very helpful with facilitating that process. Government Relations committee agreed to ballpark dates for a Fund the UC Day.

010min (10:55A)

Vice Chair Elections

Matthew Lewis was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Matthew moved to suspend the bylaws to allow Michelle to serve as vice chair until the end of November. Parshan seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

010 min (11:05A)

Discussion of Tax Bill

Parshan presented a resolution to oppose the current tax bill before Congress.

Parshan moved to adopt this resolution. Spencer seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Teresa moved to have a working lunch. Matthew seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

060min (11:15A)

[Presentation/Discussion on antiBlackness](#)

Jose Santacruz, UC Irvine EVP Chief of Staff and PermIGNITE Coordinator, and Zoe Broussard, UC Irvine EVP and UCSA UA Chair, addressed the board to talk about anti-blackness and gave everyone an opportunity to share their own experiences on the issue. They asked how people have been affected by white supremacy, how colorism is a form of anti-blackness, how important it is not to tokenize people, and issues with colorblindness. The board also discussed experiences of how we have addressed our parents on this issue, and how we have reacted when someone has used a racial slur.

035min (12:03P)

[California College For All Ballot Initiative](#)

Angad Singh Bhalla, a parent and community member, shared a ballot initiative that would use Estate taxes To subsidize the cost of expanding Cal Grant eligibility to working class students, aid to previously incarcerated students, and undocumented students. The initiative would also serve to develop a grant to cover all four years of undergraduate tuition for those attending CC's, CSU's, and UC's.

Spencer: How much money do you anticipate this tax will generate?
-approx 4 billion dollars

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- 3.5 billion dollars to higher ed
- This doesn't address per student funding.

Miguel: (yields to Becky) How do you think this compares to other proposals like the 48 dollar fix. Prop 13 reform?

- It doesn't dedicate more money for higher ed.

Spencer: Which unions are involved? Have you been involved with faculty unions?

- AFSME. CFT locals in San Francisco. CSU Faculty.

Teresa moved to add this to GR's agenda for next month, Rigel seconded, passed.

60min (12:50P)

Recess to Committees & Lunch

000min (2:50P)

Reconvene from Committees

005min (2:50P)

Bylaws Amendments

Matthew Lewis, Basic Needs Officer, presented the following bylaw amendments:

[Amendment Set 1/2](#)

[Amendment Set 2/2](#)

Matthew Lewis moved to adopt his proposed bylaw changes. Parshan seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

020min (3:25P)

Ratification of Committees

- **Campus Action Chair**

Justin shared that the committee is planning a mock game show outside of the Regent's meeting to serve as an action that raises awareness of sexual assault.

- **Government Relations Chair**

Nikki shared that the committee has voted to take a few stances on several bills. They are also in communication with CSSA. They also voted that they will only support the Restore Democracy Amendment if they amend it to include protections for unions.

Miguel moved to support the bills GR supported. Mauricio seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

- **University Affairs Chair**

The committee elected Rigel to serve as the Vice Chair.

Miguel moved to ratify UA's decisions. Mauricio seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

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- **Undergrad Chair**

The committee elected Ana to serve as the vice chair.

Miguel moved to ratify UG committee business. Mauricio seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Miguel moved to adjourn the meeting. Judith seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

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Adjourn to December 2, 2017 UC Berkeley

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