



## Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2018; The Greenlining Institute, Oakland

Started at approximately 1:30

### Public Comment

Mauricio talked about the importance of UCSA centering UCM. Among other reasons to do so, UCM students don't have a lot of the resources that other campuses do/we resulting assume UCM does.

Kristin Hsu spoke in support of UCSA reexamining UCSA's funding model

### Collection of Board Member Disclosure Forms

Anais collected the board disclosure forms. Told board members to speak to her if they failed to bring their form with them.

### Roll Call; Adoption of the Agenda; Approval of Previous Minutes, Ad Hoc Committees

Matthew mentioned that if a board member misses two consecutive board meetings (even if they proxied), that the UCSA bylaws require us to let their campus know

Refilwe conducted the [roll call](#)

No objections to the adoption of the agenda

We're still trying to collect the minutes from the previous month from the person who took them

Mau moves to postpone everything but AS autonomy/independence subcommittee to August ; seconded by dominick; UC

Caroline/Edgar to postpone that one to August too; UC

### Guest Reports

- Student Regent, Student Regent Designate, Student Advisor
  - All three introduce themselves
  - Devon: Regents meeting this week. 5 regent vacancies on the board.
  - Matthew makes the request that they attend every meeting
    - Devon recommits to attending every board meeting, but not to attending the whole board meeting. Notes he has many competing responsibilities, eg.g UCGPC (which met Friday), Council of Student Body Presidents, CSF.
    - Hayley makes the same, though notes we don't even the schedule.
    - Edward makes the same, though also notes he doesn't even have the schedule yet
  - Sage: What inspired you to arrive at your position, most challenging, what's your vision for your position?
    - Devon: I got involved in student gov when Prop 30 was on the ballot.
    - Hayley: My motivation was from working with undergrad leaders for 4 years as a staff member. Students have more power than staff. I saw administrators blocking change I wanted to make. When I became a grad student, I thought it was important to become a student leader. I share Devon's thoughts that it's important for students to have access to decision making channels.
    - Edward: My desire comes from desire to make change on a large scale. As student advisor in a pilot role, I'd like to help define what this position means.
- Representatives from UC Unions
  - Joseph Williams (AFSCME 3299)

- **[Secretary's Note: Please be advised that this section of the minutes refers to sexual violence.]** AFSCME trike happened in May. UPTe and CNA went on a sympathy strike. UAW 2865 (academic student employees) have their contract expire in September(?). For the past few years, the board has been a strong ally to unions when they've fought against outsourcing. Undocumented outsourced workers at UCB were repeatedly being raped and sexually assaulted on the job and didn't have any recourse. Two of UC's biggest contractors are AVM(?) and Maxim, who also contract with ICE. AFSCME 3299's membership is overwhelmingly POC. These folks love working at UC, and hope to see their kids attend UC. But UC doesn't treat them well. Reviewed what Janus v AFSCME is. UC responds differently when student raise mistreatment of service workers than when the workers do. So thank you for your assistance
- UC Office of the President (George Zamora)
  - Three things to talk to you about.
    - 1. What I do: I focus on marginalized populations in UC , e.g. undocumented students, lgbt faculty and staff. This involves me working with groups like UCSA, CoSBP
    - 2. What is student affairs. All that work is part of student affairs. The three parts of Student Affairs are undergraduate admissions (policies & programs , e.g. partnering with K-12 schools to create a pipeline), student financial support, and student development and engagement (George's division). In our division, we try to work on issues like campus climate and engaging students in university governance.
    - 3. Clarify what my role in this space is: I'm primarily hear to listen. Being here allows me to amplify your voice. It helps for us to know why you want what you want. I'm also hear to give brief updates. I'm not here as a representative of UCOP as a whole, or even Student Affairs as a whole. Just our tiny sliver. But I am also a bridge. When I don't know the answers to questions, I can connect you to those who do. This is also true of Eric King from UCOP.

## New Business

- **Action Item:** Co-sponsor Campaign for College Opportunity Lt. Gov. Forum  
Judith Gutierrez, President
  - As mentioned yesterday, we've been invited to cosponsor this forum. CSSA has since agreed to come on waiting to hear back from CSSA. If we agree to cohost it, our responsibility is to develop the UC-related questions. No financial commitment from us. We also get things like a meet and greet opportunity with the candidates. I highly encourage it.
  - Dominick/Nuha to cosponsor; UC

## Presentations

Executive Officer Reports: President, Chair, Treasurer, Vice Chair

Judith (President)

Been working on the summer CalGrants bill (currently in appropriations Senate). Regents meeting this week; I'll be there. It's my last one. Mostly wrapping up stuff now.

Refilwe (Chair)

Says she's really just here to be a resource.

Parshan (Treasurer)

Our budget is available if you haven't seen it yet. I've worked very closely with Council on Student Fees. I encourage all of you to do so too.

Matthew (Vice Chair)

Appointed officers the biggest thing I've been working on, including onboarding them. Nine positions, but two officers - labor relations and academic affairs resigned on Wednesday/Thursday. We're gonna aim to fill those as soon as we can in order to have them attend UCSOS and also be onboarded before then too.

Also working on wrapping up my last bits of internal governance reforms.

Questions

Question about when appointed officers apps will be out for vacancies. Matthew says TBD by ExCom, but soon so we can have them attend August UCSOS/Board meeting, and also onboard them in time before that,

#### Jonathan Abboud, Reclaim CA Higher Education Coalition

Jonathan introduces himself. Goal is to bring together a coalition of unions, faculty, students, from all three systems, as well as community groups. Never done a coalition like this before. Goal is tuition-free higher education. Jonathan congratulates us on a tuition rollback, the first time in 20 years. Lists the values of the coalition, e.g. education is a right, must be free for all, treat workers well, address things like cost of living.

As higher ed became less white, funding began to disappear, and the state created tuition to keep education out of the hands of the many

"High Fee, High Aid Model"

Sounds nice, actually evil

Supported by TICAS and Campaign for College Opportunity

Neoliberal and privatization based model

Negatively affects low income and middle income students

Tuition is not the only part of the equation, cost of living too for instance

The result: Student Debt Crisis: \$1.5T in student debt in US

Tuition free for all will cost only \$5 billion

Restoring quality and expanding access for all another \$5 billion

Cost of Living Aid for those who need it \$4 - \$5 billion

Can be funded by repurposing CalGrant + Pell Grant + new funding

Variety of funding sources available, a blend would be most feasible

#### **\$66 Fix**

(50% of Californians would only need to pay \$66 or less in additional taxes)

Estate Tax

Sports betting tax

Oil severance tax

Reform Prop 13

Stripping prison funding

Went over the success so far

The plan to win

Pressure candidates in the 2018 election to support our vision

Convene statewide meetings in November to build consensus on a bill

Work with our legislators to introduce a bill in 2019

Get on the 2020 ballot

GET OUT VOTE and WIN

What we can do starting TODAY

Keep this in the ears of everyone, especially your local State Assemblymembers and Senator reps

Meet with them in the summer and again in the fall - mention it each time

Brian Moon: Who's included in this e.g. just in-state?

Jonathan: I'm gonna UC numbers right now. It eliminates the \$11,000 paid by everyone. So, in-state students would reach \$0, and out of state would also see that same \$11,000 charge eliminated. I don't think where your parents are from should affect what your charge is

Brittney: But what are you doing to stop tuition hikes for international students, undocumented students.

Jonathan: We lobby three times a year

Refilwe/Devon to add 5 minutes; UC

Refilwe to close speakers list with four people already on it; Devon; UC

???: High fee, high aid, can talk a bit more about that

Jonathan: The idea is that we can charge a high . But the biggest issue is sticker shock. A poor family is gonna see \$11,000 and not bother applying. We don't see this in K-12. In high school for instance there's no financial aid to cover senior year tuition.

Martin/???; to extend time by five minutes; UC

Dom: ...Your slide also had multiple components of funding models. Are you doing \$66 fix+, or what are you asking from us.

J: Unfortunately, last time our lobby day was the same days as the regents meeting. As director, I'm gonna work to make sure that doesn't happen again for instance. It's not just \$66 fix; we're gonna figure this out/determine it at our November convening.

J gives his contact info to Anais.

#### **Personnel Update (*closed session, Board members only*)**

*Redacted/Minutes not taken*

#### **Changes to Sacramento Office (*closed session, Board members and Staff only*)**

*Redacted/Minutes not taken*

While is closed session the board voted to add an item on discussing about whether or not to keep cosponsoring the Lt. Gov forum. Subsequently, Edgar made a motion (seconded by Davon) to leave closed session. Both motions received unanimous consent.

#### **Discussion about whether or not to keep cosponsoring the Lt. Gov forum**

Context: JA told us that Campaign for College Opportunity supports High Fee, High Aid model.

Multiple people speak in support of continuing to do the forum, including because they're a major coalition partner; even though they're debt free (which isn't as good as tuition free model), that's still better than what we have currently; allows us to hold the candidates accountable (and they're gonna be an ex-officio regent). However, other folks raised concerns such as that this would still leave out marginalized groups like undocumented students. There was also questions about how we would make sure there was adequate representation of marginalized groups, such as ensuring that an undocumented student is able to speak at the forum.

Note: Multiple time extensions were made during this item, which were regrettably not recorded in between the discussion above.

Davon/Melony to cap stack and individually at one minute each; UC

Matthew recommends that we ???

Dominick suggests that a condition we make be that UCSA/CSSA/SSCCC make a majority of the questions.

Salih says that from organizer perspective, we should view this as we're working in a common goal/direction.

Alison asks if would be possible to do just this one event with them and then reevaluate whether or not to stay in coalition with them.

Judith says she's more than happy to take more conditions, including later. But she also points out that only Delaine Eastin showed up when we tried to do a gov forum at SLC. But this coalition will allow us to do the Lt

gov forum. But also that we can reevaluate. Also, it was already a standing condition that we ask a majority of the questions.

??? to attach conditions for Campaign for College Opportunity that we set an expectation they work with local coalition partners (local meaning within California), that they they revisit their mission statement [to become Tuition Free for All], that we examine their mission statement; and that we get a list of who their coalition partners are prior to the meeting; seconded by ???

Jamie raises concerns about how it will look if we just demand an organization reexamine their mission statement. It sounds concerning.

Discussion around the issue continued

Sage: Their mission statement says all Californians, including undocumented students. It's a bit ambiguous, but it's including them. And it also talks about working with a lot of coalition partners.

An omnibus friendly amendment of what the conditions are was adopted:

Co-host Lt. Gov. Forum if the following are met conditions:

1. Representation from undocumented and low income students
2. Students write the majority of conversations that are asked
3. Set an expectation to work with local coalition partners
4. Revisit their advocacy efforts and consider including tuition-free
5. Provide a list of who else is working together prior to event

Representative from UCM will work with President on questions to submit and logistics for forum

???/Dominick; to adopt those conditions as friendly amended; UC

New Business continued (no item to exceed 25 minutes)

- **Discussion:** [Overview of UCSA Budget & Reserves](#) (Anais Lieu, Executive Director)
  - Anais explains how the budget works, and lets the board know that they can amend it if they want, and pauses regularly to let folks ask questions.
  - [During this time, Vice Chair Lewis chaired part of the meeting]
  - (Missed a question by Dominick)
  - Caroline: What bill tracking system do we use?
  - Anais: GovBuddy
  - Caroline: Is it necessary for us to have both that and (other thing)
  - Anais explains how those two are very different
- **Discussion:** [SOCC Summit Changes and Bids](#) (Anais Lieu, Executive Director)
  - Anais gives an overview of SOC historically, what we're trying to change to make it work better, planning structure, requested action items, etc.
- **Action Item:** Approval of 2018-19 Board Meeting [Dates](#) (Anais Lieu, Executive Director)
  - Lot of amendments made without formal process
  - Nasim/Brittney to adopt it as amended; UC
- **Action Item:** Open [Nominations](#) for UCSA Executive Officers (Anais Lieu, Executive Director)
  - Anais formally opens the nominations and explains the process
  - Nominations made during the board meeting (Note: All nominations below were accepted unless listed otherwise)
    - ???/Brettney to nominate Dom for president
    - Matthew/Aidn to nominate Jamie for UCWeVote Vice Chair
    - Devon/Nasim Caroline for President
    - Edgar/??? Martin for Treasurer
    - Mau/?? Prajay for CAC Chair
    - Caroline/?? Liz for GR Chair

- Sarah/Judith Varsha for GR VC
- Dom/Edgar Davon for Chair
- Davon/Judith Edgar ACQUIRE Chair
- Dominick/??? Lindsey for UA Chair
- Judith/Sage Davon for UA Chair
- Varsha/Davon Caroline for UA Chair
- ???/??? Allondra for Board Vice Chair
- Edgar/Varsha Sage FundUC Vice Chair
- Sage/Devon Nasim CAC VC
- Sarah/Devon Nuha for UA Chair
- ???/??? Luis for CAC VC
- ???/??? Brettney Racial Justice Now VC
- Dom/??? Amelia Martinez GR Chair
- Refilwe/??? Dominick for Chair
- Refilwe Davon for President
- Lindsey Chair
- Dominick VC
- Davon VC
- Davon rejects VC nomination
- Caroline rejects VC nomination
- Refilwe Liz VC
- Nuha rejects Treasurer
- Refilwe Brian Campaigns Chair
- Refilwe Asha Campaigns Chair; rejected
- Refilwe Asha Campaigns CAC Chair; rejected
- Dom Asha Racial Justice Now Chair; ACCEPTED
- Matthew Vicky GR VC; pending acceptance
- Sage/??? Prajay Campaigns Chair

#### Reflections from July Board Retreat

Refilwe had the non-outgoing board members reflect on what they learned from the retreat

Refilwe led a bonding exercise of the non-outgoing board members

#### Adjourned at approximately ???

#### This Meeting's Action Items

The action item(s) below were discussed and ratified at this meeting. This Action Item Checklist is for UCSA board members and staff. Please complete every action item as listed below prior to attending to the next UCSA Board of Directors Meeting: **August 2-3, 2018.**

Action Item	Assigned To	Date Due
Postpone renewal of Ad Hoc Committees to August meeting	Board	Aug. 2
Co-host Lt. Gov. Forum if the following are met conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Representation from undocumented and low income students</li> <li>2. Students write the majority of conversations that are asked</li> <li>3. Set an expectation to work with local coalition partners</li> <li>4. Revisit their advocacy efforts and consider including tuition-free</li> <li>5. Provide a list of who else is working together prior to event</li> </ol> Representative from UCM will work with President on questions to submit and logistics for forum	Judith (lead)	ASAP