

March 25th, 2018

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Note 1: This meeting was formally designated as the annual UCSA "Congress" for legal purposes. Member association cerifications are contained at the end of the document.

Note 2: As of April 15, 2018, these minutes do not contain the roll calls and roll call votes the vice chair has been unable to obtain those records from the chair.

**Board Meeting** 

Started 7:23PM

#### Roll Call

Agenda approved by UC

Public comment

Undocumented student coalition

We wanna make sure you follow through about supporting our undocumented student caucus; want you to put more pressure on UCOP to fund. Because of financial concerns have had to cut it down to one day. We want you to have more communications with the rep to the coalition from your campus. Not on us to educate you on our experiences and issues. Cannot be any conversations behind closed doors on stuff like bills without us. Want to hold you more accountable to travel concerns. A lot of students couldn't come to this meeting; some schools came by plane, but flying requires showing ID, which we can't do. We'd prefer to go on a bus for instance. We don't want you to just, for instance, say you support one bill on behalf of undocumented students. Don't just advocate for us when it's popular. Don't be like politicians.

Lack of funding for non-DACA undocumented students. We can't even work. Folks have had to drop out when DACA expired for instance. UCSB and UCSC have systems in place? I want to a medical student, but I can't even volunteer in a hospital because of my status. Our DREAM Center at UCI is funded by UCOP and gonna run out. We want UCSA to push them to fund us. A lot of students can't pursue opportunities if we don't have services.

Mau: Shoutout to these folks for speaking here. We need to move away from the Latinx viewpoint. Not everyone who is undocumented is Latinx. There are black undocumented folks, for instance. You could be driving home from work, and if you see a checkpoint, you're only other option might be to crash.

Carolyn. From UC Irvine. Please if you can send a delegation to our mental health conference on May 5-6. Examples of past workshops have included islamophobia & mental health. This year's conference includes a workshop on the intersection of mental health & sex work. Also talking about where UC mental health funding comes from. Shout out to UCSB who always send a big delation. LA, SC, Riversides, SD sent delegations last year. Food provided. Please come to conference.

#### **Budget Update**

Only first look at budget. Will be passed in April. This year had huge losses because of many grads withdrawing. We've budgeted for a surplus to cover the loss from this year and fewer dues to fewer associations. Never assume that member associations will get dues waivers renewed. Staff cut everything they could from programming. Looking at a \$3100 surplus which will probably be eaten up by those things.

Major changes: Lost \$31000 from grads leaving. CSF which we staff wants a bigger budget next year, which they self fund (is only a change on paper). More spending on elections because election year. Small stipends for campaign leads which are new. Grants for outside groups. CUt executive officer travel in half. Built in \$1000 to sustain pre conference training that we've done. Eliminated unused line items that were unused for many years. Reduced campaign funds to what's really being spent. Permignite scholarship. Community specific grants. Reduced travel costs for staff. Reduced intern hours for all saff. \$3500 for statewide organizing training for OD's. Addition of long term budget computer repairs for staff (\$1000/computer). Addition of Staff Performance Incentive to be distributed at discretion of Executive Board during review periods (\$4000 maximum pool).

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Dominick: The allocation of \$5000 for the black community, is that in this?

Anais: That was for the current fiscal year. The budget we're discussing doesn't start till July 1, so we don't need to worry about that in the budget we're currently discussing.

Viggy: For joint advocacy and community-based efforts, can those be reflected in the current year's budget?

Anais: Those are reflected in the proposed budget for next fiscal year, but for this fiscal year, that would be a conversation for Talar and the Government Relations Committee.

Rigel: How are convos about this impacted by charter?

Anais and Matthew: Not at all.

Matthew: Is this time to talk about dues increases?

Anais: No. Though we don't currently index to inflation. And even notwithstanding even that, hotel costs increase every year too, which shrinks our buying power.

#### PermIGNITE Bylaws

Proposal as introduced

To amend the UCSA bylaws, Article VI to include Section 4. PermIGNITE, to read as follows:

#### Subsection 1. Purpose

The fight for collective liberation is one that takes the acknowledgment of our differences before we move forward as one. This acknowledgment is crucial in order to prevent the erasure of our most marginalized communities, and therefore we must recognize that this ultimate goal is not something that can be achieved overnight. We must be intentional in our deliberate prudence towards our goals as we build community. The PermIGNITE campaign strives to uplift the personhood and concerns of marginalized UC students to ensure their needs are met and their existence respected by the UCSA (and its individual board of directors), UCOP, the UC Regents, and the University of California via concrete policy changes. Our goal is to elevate students belonging to historically marginalized communities so that they are able to make the most of their education and graduate with their personhood(s) in tact. Additionally central to this goal will be continued advocacy towards eradicating the school-to-prison-pipeline and supporting the formerly incarcerated in their path towards education. The PermIGNITE Campaign works to further end the disproportionate exposure of marginalized students, specifically black and brown students, to the criminal justice system, recognizing that these efforts are integral in the efforts of our collective liberation.

#### Subsection 2. Goals

The Program shall be responsible for:

- 1. A long term, annual Scholarship application for marginalized student community organizations
- 2. Distributed education Pamphlets/disorientation guides written by students/marginalized community members
- 3. Retaining PermIGNITE Coordinators at every campus
- 4. K-12 outreach

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- 5. Greater community presence on Board/Community Caucuses
- 6. Greater retention and recruitment efforts for marginalized/underrepresented students
- 7. Student-led Police oversight efforts
- 8. Student Bill of Rights
- 9. Maintaining accurate and purposeful cultural awareness trainings for UCSA at minimum
- 10. Ensuring that this list of goals is not to be understood as exhaustive, and does not exclude other goals from being included in the responsibility of this program.

#### Amended his original proposal to add

11. ensuring the facilitation of deliberate and constructive conversation, education, and action around the topic of anti-Blackness in university, community, and social spaces.

Dom/Rigel to accept the amendment to his proposal; UC Rigel/Davon to adopt it the amendments to the bylaws

#### PermIGNITE Scholarship Rules

Proposal as introduced

Dominick proceeds to read an analytical essay called <u>"Code Black: Sounding the Alarm"</u> by Jabril Muhammad about what happened at SOCC/the January Board meeting.

Listened to feedback from last board meeting. For instance, making it a grant, not a scholarship.

Kristin: For the May board meeting, we're picking 4 applicants?

Dom: For this year, yes.

Teresa: Why is there a 5 day gap?

Anais: We wanted to be able to put out information about the grant at this conference before

Vignesh: With the amount and four possible recipients, could they all be allocated \$2000?\

Dom: They could all be allocated \$500 because there's \$2000 total allocated (or more to less applicants).

Anais: I recommend to make it a simple majority instead of % because it'll be easier

Dom moves to do that; Mau; UC

Judith: When it will be awarded and when be able to use it?

Dom: We vote at last board meeting,

Matthew: Are we doing a reimbursement model?

Refilwe: I'd recommend not doing that; Refilwe/??? to move

Matthew objects: I'm worried not monitoring could violate our 501c3 status if we don't monitor to make sure grant recipients

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to spend it within 501c3 rules.

Parshan says that

Rebecca says you can do cash advances with reporting; recommends allowing both as options

[Highlighted portion could not be reviewed due to the lack of a livestream at the time]

Refilwe takes that as a friendly amendment

Matthew removes objection

Passes w/ unanimous consent

Rigel to pass as amended; Spencer; UC

Kristin/ Parshanto amend agenda to add 3 minutes public comment so Coalition for a Better UC can garner support for AB 3153

Coalition for Better UC public comment

We know have our summer Cal Grants bill. But now that we do, we need to pass it. We need to build pressure. We had a petition to pass AB 3153. Now we want folks to be contacting their campus financial aid offices about it.

Teresa: Can you send us language for the email you want?

We have the template written already. We wanted to let you know about it.

Teresa: That UCSA President email all the financial aid offices about this, and every individual board member to email their financial aid office about the bill; seconded by Parshan; UC

On behalf of International Students

Parshan yields to a bunch of folks to present a resolution on this

Wanted to come here and talk to you about international student issues. Culmination of different student issues Despite what Regents and admin claim, we're not how they paint us.

Because we're on a visa, we tend to not be very vocal community. We don't voice concerns about things that have affected us.

Had a lot of convos about what international students go through. Many are things residents face too like food insecurity.

Non-California resident fee is \$28,000 on top of tuition. But our needs aren't focused on.

We need your help with the momentum we've built at UCLA and a few other campuses.

We cannot do this on our own. We've drafted six page resolution listing our grievances.

I don't paid for doing more than 20 hours work/week in ASUCI because of my status. A resident would be eligible to get paid \$1000.

The presenters proceeds to read the <u>resolution</u>.

Kristin: Discussion about getting this to campus newspapers and other publicity?

Haven't set it to any. Written some editorials at ucla.

Parshan/Vignesh: Add to second-to-last resolved clause that we'll send it to all the campus newspapers which exist; UC

Dom: Have y'all talked to undocumented coalition group yet about this? We haven't yet.

Chole: I want to reiterate the importance to reach out to undocumented coalition and that not all of them are AB 540 eligible. Also, the language refers to checkins be done with authors, but this appointed officer position doesn't take effect till next year.

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Parshan moves that we change second to last clause on page 5 to change it from authors to respective campus's international student communities; Rebecca; UC

Teresa: On page 5 last clause, refers to "another board member?" What does that mean? Pick someone from this year's board to talk to the International Affairs Officer for next year.

Parshan moves to make an amendment to instead say that until the new officer takes office, the formal sponsors of this resolution shall work with CAC, UA, and GR committees; Vignesh; IC

Extended time by 5; Parshan/Rebecca; UC

Rebecca: Thanks for doing this. Very robust. Should we add undocumented students to this. Should we add language that we won't sell out international students? I also have a question about graduate students: There's not language around things like how you have to live leave the country if you're in bad standing. Right now, UCSA is mostly undergrads. How will consult with undergraduate student about this? Eg will you go to UCGPC?

We hope to go to the UCGPC conference in April and make a similar request.

Rigel: Can we table it for a few weeks?

Concern expressed by the presenters that we shouldn't wait.

Parshan: They've agreed to table it to next month. Motion was made to table it to next month by Parshan.

Justin: I object they've

Refilwe to move it to later tonight till we get a response from undocumented coalition right before campaigns for ten minutes.

Vignesh; UC

Charter amendment discussion [presented by the notetaker; could not retroactively proscribe due to lack of livestream coverage]

Parshan announces that undocumented [could not retroactively proscribe due to lack of livestream coverage]
Parshan moves to table to next board meeting; Mauricio seconds; UC

Discourses to be Addressed

Refilwe proceeds to explain how this portion will work

Folks talk to their neighbor for 5 minutes each

Praxis essentially means practice in theory. It's about what you're doing with the knowledge and position you have.

We've passed many resolution. In 1/2015, we voted no confidence in Janet Napolitano and the BoR and there was also a vote on divestment from the Israeli occupation of Palestine. That passed three years ago, but right now SJP is pushing on this. How do we follow through on these two and other items that we've said are priorities (this is not a shaming moment)?

Justin: I think on divestment we should work with the Palestinian student associations. Requiring EVP's to work with/outreach to them on it.

Refilwe: Can I take that as tasking UA making that an agenda item for themselves? Seconded by Dom

Refilwe provides background education about how Palestine student advocacy works: At campuses, there'll be an organization called Students for Justice in Palestine (perhaps sometimes called something different on certain campuses). They lead the work to try to get the UC to divest from its investments in the Israeli occupation. We've already passed a resolution in support of these demands.

The motion to task UA with this passes with unanimous consent.

Dominick: Maybe we can educate the board at the annual July retreat on these various resolutions we pass but don't implement?

Dom/Teresa to task UA with creating something like the UCOP commitment tracker; UC

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Nikki: I think with resolutions we've presented to the board, we should have like monthly conference calls about that.

Do we should send it to Vice Chair? Matthew says that accountability reports is a role of the vice chair in the bylaws, though it's not actually defined what that is. He's personally interpreted that to mean he's in charge of the midyear and end of year audit/performance review. So if anything, it would fall under the position of vice chair. He states, however, that if it is tasked to him personally, he won't be able to implement it, at least for the next month. That doesn't mean it shouldn't go to the vice chair position though.

Dom states that we shouldn't just limit to one person in one committee (that committee being executive committee), it should be open to everyone on the board.

Nikki accepts such a friendly amendment from Dominick.

Language: Like final language: To task the board (we don't know how it'll be institutionalized yet) to pick one board member to each resolution passed by UCSA

Refilwe calls the question

[Rebecca Ora says something which was incomprehensible on the livestream]

Roll call vote on calling the question: unanimous (9 in favor and 1 abstention)

Teresa moves that Anais or whoever plays the July board retreat also send a link with all of the UCSA resolutions to the new board at the beginning of summer so they can read it. Anais says she'll just do it and it's rescinded.

How do we s

Teresa: I chose campaigns chair in part because one of my tasks was to write a report about everything we've done over the past year.

We're in the position in between UCOP/Regents and the student body. How do we navigate this while staying accountable to students?

Dom: I think a big way we do that is how we do our budget asks. We're often asking the Legislature for what UCOP is asking for. When UCOP asks for \$140 Million, we should be asking for twice that. We need to be more intentional around how we craft our budget asks. After all, we have a whole conference planned around it. We should have something before UCOP releases its budgets. Or we could just, say, double the number. Right after this, we should go ask communities how much they want next year?

Rebecca: UCOP's strategy is to ask for tuition increases and then ask the University to cover it. If UCOP really loved students like they claimed, they'd be asking for the state to cover all students with food stamps.

Refilwe: Graduate students was the next agenda item, but we only have three minutes to talk about it and that's not enough so we need to talk about it at our next board meeting instead.

Mau: What does UCSA look like with organizers in this space? CAC and organizers have always been the meat of UCSA, but how do we better use that? How do we really incorporate grassroots organizing into lobbying for instance?

Spencer: I think it would be helpful for this board if we had a better understanding of the levels of coalition and collaboration we enter into.

Refilwe: Maybe we can down an agenda to the next board?

We eliminate all oral reports except AFSCME and have them done by email instead; Teresa; UC

Campaigns will meet for 60 minutes and then the Class B committee will meet for 30; Refilwe/Parshan; UC

Recessed to Campaigns Committee at 10:24

Campaigns Committee Minutes

Campaigns Committee adjourned/Class B committees reconvened at 11:35

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<u>University Affairs Committee Minutes</u> <u>Government Relations Committee Minutes</u>

Note: The linked GR minutes document contains an inaccuracy as of April 14, 2018. The adopted motion was actually to endorse Costa Hawkins ballot measure and encourage member associations to collect signatures.

Campus Action Committee Minutes

Reconvened at 11:57PM

#### Roll call

Note: Did not ratify any committee recommendations during the board meeting. Instead, they will be ratified over email.

Joseph's report (AFSCME)

50th anniversary of MLK's Anniversary on April 4; we have an event. He was supporting workers when he was Actions at UCLA and Berkeley

We'll be sending buses from all the other campuses to those two campuses. Room for students in those buses. Please help publicize that information

Adjourned 12:01am

Certifications By Member Associations of their Boardmember(s) are found on subsequent pages







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## UCRIVERSIDE

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify, on behalf of the undergraduate students of the Riverside campus, that the following individuals represent the true and proper representatives of ASUCR.

Vice President of External Affairs: Kin Long Johnathan Li Legislative Director: Emelia Martinez Organizing Director: Justin Domecillo

This notice supersedes any previous action taken to certify representatives of ASUCR and will remain in effect until another notice replaces it or until June 19, 2018, whichever comes first.

Please contact our office directly through Hayden Jackson (hjackoon@ucr.edu) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: UCSA Boardmember Verification

To the University of California Student Association:

This letter is to certify that ASUC External Affairs Vice President Rigel Robinson is the true and proper representative of the ASUC to the UC Student Association.

Rigel is accompanied to the UC Student Association by fellow boardmembers co-Legislative Directors Suher Adi and Dominick Williams as well as Campus Organizing Director Bryan Osorio.

Please let us know if you have any further questions. Thank you for your work on behalf of students across the UC. When time permits, please, however, ask yourself if this letter is really necessary.

Sincerely

ASUC Executive Vice President



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the Campus Action Committee, the Chair of the University Affairs Committee, and the International Student Affairs Officer for the next academic year as the existing UCSA Board of Directors terms out; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UCSA tasks the International Student Affairs Officer to provide monthly detailed reports to UCSA and an annual report to UCSA and UCOP; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the International Student Affairs Officer and the authors of this legislation hold UCSA accountable for addressing the issues that are listed on this legislation.

Parshon Khosravi is the External Vice President of the ASULLA GSA. VCLA GSA.

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Spring 2018 Session Wednesday, February 8th, 2018

Dear UCSA Vice Chair Matthew Lewis,

I am Benjamin Juarez, the Internal Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of California Merced (ASUCM). At ASUCM, I preside as the Chair of the Legislative branch. I would like to give my personal and professional certification that the following students are true and proper representatives of the student body at the University of California Merced.

External Vice President: Teresa Wachira Organizing Director: Mauricio Y. Trejo Najera Legislative Director: Berenice Ballinas

In the case that either of the representative above are not able to cast a vote, the following students also have my personal and professional certification to serve as proxies in order to carry out the voices of our campus' students.

Proxy: Jemena Jade Proxy: Brittney Mendez Proxy: Lindsey Huizar

As I have interacted with the students mentioned above personally and professionally, I wholeheartedly feel that they are effectively able to represent our student body.

Please let me know if you have any inquiries in regard to my certifications.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Juarez

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4/15/2018

University of California Student Association Mail - Letter designating representation



Matthew Lewis <vicechair@ucsa.org>

#### Letter designating representation

Nicole VanderMeer <vandermeernc@gmail.com>

Sat, Feb 10, 2018 at 9:24 AM

To: rebecca ora <ora.rebecca@gmail.com>
Co: Adrienne Ricker <aricker@ucsc.edu>, Matthew Lewis <mrlev/is125@gmail.com>, Carlos Guadarrama <vicechair@ucsa.org>

Hi, Rebecca,

Yes, as the UCSC Graduate Student Association co-President, I authorize and endorse your representation, and acknowledge that you have been officially chosen by our organization for this position.

(If you need me to print, sign, and scan the form, it will have to happen next week. Alternatively, you could bring a hard copy to our board meeting this weekend and I will happily sign it then.)

Hope that suffices.

Best wishes,

On Fri, Feb 9, 2018 at 10:54 PM, rebecca ora <ora.rebecca@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Adrienne and Nicole!

As it turns out, there was never a letter of representation signed for me this year, which has been done in years prior. Would one of you please reply-all either with a signature on one of the attached forms (I enclosed a pdf and doc) or just an email saying "yeah, what that letter says" so that this form is on record? Thank you so so much!

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