Minutes from December 2018 UCSA Board Meeting
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December 1:

10:19am Guest Reports
Student Regents:
Davon- Regents met at UCSF, action items were approved that directly impact UCSA
-timelined Student Regents to 2 interviews,
Application process will start mid january to mid march, giving more students ability to apply
Basic Needs Committee: established, addressing basic needs on 10 campuses
-Davon, Perez, Oakley, Butler, Cohen, Haley, etc.
First committee meeting in January, late jan in UC Davis (tour basic needs center and understanding its history)
Meeting every other month, what also works our logistically
Conversations with UCSA, folks from UC System wide basic needs committee, CCSA, CSU
-Dec 19th, advocacy strategies once budget is proposed
2019-2020: money for basic needs 7.5 million is requested → $ is not certain but will be determined in the state budget next year
Title 9: Haley, UCOP is taking steps to get student positions filled, UCSB (grad and under), UCR (grad)
Switch in hearing model, investigator model is current process, the federal changes would have adjudication hearing model: respondents representatives could now interview
UC: “Sexual harassment” Severe or pervasive
-new policy is severe AND pervasive
Office of Civil Rights: deliberate indifference, in order for office of civil rights to take on case
Open Comment period open until Jan 28th
UC: will be sending in UC statement by getting students feedback via survey
How long the dept of education is taking the comment period in order to create the final policy for who knows how long.

George: Student Development and Engagement Staff
Student Recommendations :
Improving outreach to student veterans and student career centers
Diversity and Engagement:
Latinx Summit: recommendations of improving % of staff for latino students, graduation rates, retention rate
UCSA staff for UC Transfer task-force
Jerlina will be visiting with answers on undocu services and MOCA
Jazz-Council of Student Fees
Nov 18th last call of CSF
-not enough service revenue to sustain the student services (such as mental health)
CSF; confirmation for advocacy work in the 2019 State Budget
Miguel: Proposed solutions/mechanism to target funding for these student services

CSF does not have a proposed plan to try and find a sustainable model to fund these student services, understanding that each campus has different necessities + there will not be funding model that could work for all 10 UC’s

Alex Bustamante
The use of force is being categorized by race, gender, and age, then given to the department of justice for the state of California

Once janet reads and adoptions, then it goes into implementation, and stakeholders are allowed to send in policy recommendations

Independent Advisory Board: would work with campus stakeholders + audits, reports, surveys
-other areas that have previously been examined but need more scrutiny
-Ex-officio member from the local police department, that works to update the board with information about the efforts the police is working on but is not a voting member

Board is also required to provide a body of work that shows its efforts for each semester as representatives of the community.

The model now is that when a complaint is brought forward to the police department, the chief is allowed to decide if they want to investigate on the matter (whether it’s unconstitutional), but with the new policy, a third party investigator will be allowed to take measures in their own hand to oversee the complaints from the community.

Chancellor’s designate and student leadership will be required to fill the board up, understanding that there is no guideline in the policy, each campus has a different population and dexterity, that this policy would not be able to cover.

Use of force implications in the data showed very low numbers; questions rise - Is this something that is even happening on campuses?
-A conversation to have about whether or not the police departments are doing right procedures to file complaints? Is this something that needs to be covered more?

December 2:

Public Comment:

Dom
Petition to protect a black business on campus that is housed in the MLK student union on campus. A student group wants that space they are housed on. The business was not given proper notice. Threatened with eviction two weeks earlier than they need to leave their business. BSU started a petition. Please share with student groups across the UC.
UCLA Org- Cinemotography (Ask for Org Name)
Videotaping for a documentary on student advocacy. Accessibility of Advocacy in higher education. Need for students to participate more on their campuses. Students are in the most intense financial struggles. Please sign the release form. Write email for forward for information about the documentary.

SOCC Update:

**SOCC**

Graduate Students

Structure of the event

- Cross community learning segments
- Significant portion of selfcare
- In conversation with folks about what SLC will look like next year

- EVPS will look out for leaders of communities of color and targeting SIOPs
- EVPS are paying and are selecting who will comprise your delegation.

Students who are doing work for communities of color

What do we need from EVPS,

Folks should already have a soft invite to these communities. Salid will drop by these campuses himself

Salid will send a timeline for things we. Need to get down.

Conversation needs to be had about how to fund, so one campus is not taking on the full burden

Budget draft by this week.

At Merced, universal app – salid will have app out by the fourth of Jan.

Planning Committee
- Merced and Berkely students (team of 5 maybe 6)

**University Affairs Timeline**
- December Priorities
- EVP assignments
- January Regents Meeting
- Federal Advocacy Efforts
  o Main issue if for Higher Education Act
  o Immigration
  o Title IX
- UC Hill Day March/April
- SOCC Timelines
  o Registration
  o Delegations chosen
  o Applications Closed
- Upcoming Opportunities
  o Basic Needs RoundTable on Dec 19th – BE A PART OF THIS – LET CAROLINE KNOW
  o Reach out to a reps working on this issue on your campus
  o Sacramento

**Title IX**
- 167 comments that were put out so far, not enough
- One of the things we want to do is draft some analysis on this issue, if board is interested, we can host a webinar
- Want enough students to vocalize concerns on these policies
- Take a look of Parshan’s email

**UC International Student Affairs - UCLA**

- Political Rhetoric
  o California first sounds the same as America First
  o Marginalizes everyone who feel like their roots are not from the United States
  o Antagonization of the Muslim community
- University of California
- International Student Demographics
  o Only recruiting the wealthiest students with our current model
- State of California
  o Declining state funding have left the financial burden on non-residents
- How does this affect the UC?
  o Rankings go down when international students do not want to come here.
    - Tuition has risen to an excruciating level
  o Diversity Drops and world representation drops
  o International students expand on the enrichment of American college experiences
  o Acknowledge how these students generate businesses and revenue for the USA
  o International students help build a global brand
  o International students help champion social justice
- UCLA International Student Movement
  o International Student Leadership Coalition
  o Ambassador Program
• **International Student Rep Campaign**

  • **Academic**
    - **International Baccalaureate Examinations**
      - IB - a two year college prep program
      - Two levels
        - Standard (Equivalent to the AP exams)
        - Higher level (HL)
      - Course translations not there and not considered equivalents at all
        - Only a couple of HL
        - This delays their graduation while they have to pay more for tuition.
        - Some students may not be able to afford all four years of education
    - **Resources not offered to International Students**
      - Academic Advancement Program (AAP)
        - International Students are ineligible for these students
      - Services for first-gen college students ineligible too
        - 25% are first gen

• **Information Dissemination**
  - **Employment**
    - OPT and CPT
    - Career Fairs - Faced with disappointment and hard to navigate thousands of rejection
  - **Career Planning**
    - CC’s are unaware of the legal restrictions for international students

• **International Student Centers**
  - **Underfunded**
  - **Understaffed**
    - At UCLA there are over 6,000 and only 6 counselors
  - **Divide in connecting with community**
    - Seen as a legal office, not a community space
    - Doesn’t reflect the international narrative, employees are domestic not international
  - **Lack of Outreach**

• **Lack of Cultural Awareness**
  - **Orientations for domestic students**
  - **Inappropriate comments**

• **Lack of Mental Health Services**
  - **Counselor disconnection, unrealistic expectations**
    - Student told to be more indep. From your family, NO not how it works.
    - $43,000 by himself

• **Lack of Scholarships**
  - **No financial aid and scholarships to international students**
  - **Very rare.**
    - There are over 1 million international students in US colleges and universities for the 2017-2018 Academic Year (Indiana University)
● Contributed $39 Billion to the UC Economy
● Supported 455,000 jobs
● UC System still does not give any Financial Aid or Scholarships to International Students

• Housing
  ● At UCLA, students must pay a $75 stay over fee if they need to stay in housing the last night of finals week.

• Common Misconceptions
  ● Lack of information to new admits regarding scholarships
  ● Private schools offer scholarships and offer cheaper options for students
    ▪ UCLA vs. Rice University
    ▪ Can be offered full rides at private schools
  ● Resident Tuition
    ▪ International students have to go to school in CA are not eligible for this, because student visas are ineligible
    ▪ Only an extremely hard petition process

• Financial Issues and Financial Wellness
  ● Currency fluctuations between countries
  ● Making choices between going back to their country or staying in school
  ● Nothing to fall back to

UA Committee
  ● Thursday, The student aid commission approved a couple of motions that is going to outline what reform looks like.
    ● Reform cal grant
      ▪ Remove eligibility and access barriers
        • Transfer students and student parents
        • Penalizes people for aging out or taking a year off after high school
        • Depth → increases in the amount by folks who already have access to it.
        ▪ Full coverage of tuition
        ▪ Reinstate a formula for annual adjust me
        ▪ Coverage of a summer cal grant

• UC Path
  ● Connect UC Merced with Rep and UCSB rep with their GSA
  ● Roundtable among campuses

• Basic Needs
  ● Global Food Initiative - Food Insecurity
  ● Make sure to continue to have funding
  ● Addressing accessibility of these resources on campus
  ● Accessible to all student identities
  ● WORK WITH OFFICES TO FILL OUT A ONE PAGER