

UCSA Board Meeting August 2019
Westin Pasadena - 6:30 PM

Session I

6:49: Meeting Called to Order

Davon: Introductions, take seats, start

Public Comment:

Eleanor: UCSD President- CA Higher Edu basic needs alliance conference- any questions, feel free to ask!

Valerie: Sent email to all EVPs requesting appointment of transfer reps

UCSA Board Disclosure Forms:

Anais: Forms from Davis and Merced can still send them, waiting on appointed officers, I need Julian, Asia, Simran. You can't vote without the form- you can give it to me before a vote, if that's impossible let me know, the rest of board can vote to give you one more month to allow you to vote this meeting, and would require $\frac{2}{3}$ to overturn the bylaws.

Adam: Request board permission to suspend bylaws to allow extension to gain voting rights

MERCED EVP: Waiting for internet to load will send forms within the next few mins

Varsha: Suspend bylaws to allow three appointed officers to vote at this meeting

Dominick: Second

Roll Call: Completed by Chair Thomas

Review Last Meeting Action Items

Anais: UCSD agreed to go over UCSD's dues, UCD presenting resolution on fees, EVPs agreed to appoint 2 undocu reps and bring them to conference + meeting

Adoption of the Agenda, Approval of the Minutes for July:

Dominick: Motion to Adopt

Lauren: Second

Davon: Objections? None seen. Motions for minutes from July

Adam: Motion to adopt

Ilman: Second

Davon: Objections? None seen.

Guest Reports:

Student Regent and Student Regent Designate:

Hayley: Updates from July- Jamal will kick it off!

Jamaal: Introductions, 9/17 going to LA HS to do community outreach, wants to ensure dialogue between members of the community and Regents. In October same event in Riverside, date TBD. See regents minutes for details on financial committee on UCD, UCI building renovation approvals.

Hayley: Other updates: I chair basic needs regents committee- shout out to people on this committee who helped secure further funding for basic needs. Part of my role was the find a way to allocate these funds- I helped come up w/ a proposal to give a portion of these funds equally to campuses, followed by proportions per amount of students per campus that might use these funds. Regents were very open to these ideas. Your campuses are responsible to create a plan to allocate this money. I added to a letter to campuses that they should work with their basic needs committees to allocate the funding. I encourage reaching out so you know where these funds are going. We are also meeting again concerning housing insecurity and rapid rehousing. There's a lot of diverse ideas concerning this so I encourage y'all to listen in or give public comment. We also spoke on cohort based tuition- the idea is that tuition would be held constant for a particular cohort of students and people typically like that part. The rest of the idea is that there would be increases from cohort to cohort. Aidan and I are both on this committee to make sure there is a united student voice in that room. The current proposal is confidential, but I want to let y'all know what I have been voicing. We want them to know the impact on diversity and other areas on a cohort based model. I also advocate for more time, so postponing the vote from this September to later on. I am also on an air quality work group, this would concern fires and air conditions and protocols concerning that. I want to thank y'all on your feedback on what should be included in these guidelines. Feedback includes having a plan especially for those disproportionately affected, and how masks are given out depending on certain air qualities. Once these are finalized, we should be sending it out. I am also on SVSH Disciplinary Standards Task Force- we are speaking on things such as how faculty should be affected when implicated in issues to provide a sense of uniformity. UC Merced Chancellor search body should meet soon. Student Regent Selection Process- I am happy to serve as a bridge back to the Regents as to creating policies to selecting Regents. Janet Reilly was appointed to the Regents. She has a journalism background, and is a board member for the dignity health foundation. In my opinion, this might have a negative impact on rights such as abortions, etc. Davon was selected to sit on an advisory committee to choose the regent, but the committee was not brought together, so I think y'all should have a conversation on that, but it's already on your agenda! I am happy to have any conversations on questions or ideas.

Davon: Before we move on how much time left on this agenda item?

Anais: 14 mins

Davon: Anyone from UCOP or student engagement? If not, any questions regarding this agenda item/report back?

Johana: Rapid rehousing- for undocumented community our homes may not be safe in these situations- could you potentially bring up issues such as those

Hayley: Yes, that's an amazing point, now that we're seeing more funds and structures built, it's important to hold people accountable, I encourage to make similar points of tailor or scale up programs to be as inclusive as possible.

Davon: If there are any questions for the student regents please email them as we are out of time on this item

Council on Student Fees

Lennin: Chair of Council on Student Fees, we are a body comprised of SFACs and how distribution looks like/how it's differentiated from campus to campus. Next meeting at UCD on September 5-6, please contact me if you have any questions, etc. Concerns a conversation about UCOP, allocations of funds, etc. CSF appreciates partnership w/UCSA. We had great conversations about tuition models and student service fees, how tuition doesn't take into account the full scope of student fees. Stance on cohort tuition model, partnership w/ UCSA is helpful for those opinions. Honored to stand in support w/UCSA w/CA Governors basic needs funding proposal. Now it's a matter of how these fees are coming into the campuses. SFACs can dictate how funding might be allocated- I encourage y'all to get in contact with your SFACs, and I attached docs on info concerning funding etc. If there are any questions, please let me know.

Davon: If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email Lenni, email should be on the doc.

Representatives from UC Unions (AFSCME and UAW)

Rafilwe: student External organizer w/ AFSCME 3299, represents service care, patient workers, nurses, etc... members are 80% POC & 60% immigrants, have been without a contract for 2+ years. Works with each campuses student intern, let them know if you don't know who your interns are for your campus. Will be available all day tomorrow. Build relationships with community members and other unions. SLOC will be hosted at UCM 9/14+15. Bring 20-30 people from your campus to attend since board meeting will be taking place at that time and place anyway.

Davon: Questions? None

UC Student Development and Engagement:

n/a

Staff Reports:

Executive Director Update

Anais: Introduction. We opened expansion to hire a policy director based on Sac. Long term goal to close Oakland office to have an office in Sac. We have extended the deadline for hiring for a wider and more diverse pool. Facilitating appointments for system wide committees etc. Due on Monday, share those opportunities to fill positions, it allows us to ask for more student representation from UCOP. Ongoing project w/coalition partners- event in October called Hear the Students- Our Voices on Educational Equity. We are at the table to plan it, and have set aside half of tickets for students. Last thing- if you owe UCSA money, A/R Aging Summary, check

that. If the amount is in current, you still have some time. This will be on my staff report every time so you can track.

Davon: Questions

Statewide Organizing Director Update

Salih: Stuff I've worked on over the past month, programming and content development. Panels, workshops, trainings for SOS. Created funding proposal for 8,000 budget w/ Anais Reached out to community members and coalition leaders to ensure everyone who isn't here is able to connect. MSA West: Non profit, working for Muslim students, hyperlink on agenda shows. Student development & organizing: over summer to check in w/ EVP & ODs for summer work, will reach out to attend each campus senate meetings to conduct trainings

Government Relations Director Update

Parshan: Summer is out of recess from State side, so it is much busier. Taking place, final stages of legislative cycle, most bills close to end. Will need help to push those bills. We will introduce some tomorrow, and especially in GR. Newsom- council on secondary education to help students complete HS and bachelors in 6 years. Right now, it will be at Merced. Officially joined College for All Commission. Congrats to Caroline on CA Student Aid Commission. Working on basic needs on federal level, bills up by July. Advocacy Report is out, shows the work done last year and where we are today, as well as next steps. This is public to share as much as you want. Internal doc will be shared out later.

Davon: Questions?

Executive Officer Reports:

President:

Caroline: Apologies for missing retreat. Since 5/5 have been working w/ Hayley to reform student regent appointment process, Board & EVPs should be talking about it during sept meeting. Non-resident tuition hike for out of state students at the May Meeting. Undocumented students who don't qualify for AB 940. Signed into law when budget was, so undocumented students shouldn't be paying non resident tuition effective immediately, must coordinate with financial aid office at each campus to ensure enforcement. July regents meeting highlights are pretty much only cohort tuition model, encourages all to look at it. Decentivize student advocacy is the primary purpose of it, to lessen student voice. Encourages criticism of the proposal. 3% tuition increase is Janet's primary plan that she has been successful in achieving. Pushes student voice at regents meetings, op-eds, put pressure on UCOP.

Work w/ Gavin, emphasis on basic needs funding & making funds more easily accessible.

Davon: Questions? None

Chair:

Davon: Disappointment in process of student regent selection- emailed UCOP a couple weeks ago checking in. After UCSA and Council of Presidents gets their leadership, we'll have a call to make improvements to student regent appointment. Serve on committee that was supposed to be convened for regent selection but it was unfortunate CA did not follow the constitution. This opens them up for a lawsuit. We should hold them accountable. Any ties to dignity health is not a good one.

CFO:

Ashraf: Parhshan, UAW, Varsha had a phone call asking how to better the relationship between non-resident folx. Want to build relationship & get support from UAW on

Student observer as health services regents committee: Pushed for mental health on agenda and it came up. Assess where mental health needs are and where they stem from. Official report came out regarding financial asks needed to secure mental health funding for students. Addresses tier 1 mental health issues such as CAPS ineffectiveness, as well as needs tier 2 & 3, mental health services for more vulnerable communities as well as prevention outreach to have better campus health. This was not necessarily mental health alone, but a funding issue that leads to mental health. Address why we have so many offices on campus that serve underrepresented communities are more vulnerable because of lack of investment in resources for them

Encourages Board to look at report and study it, esp budget to help with retention and support for underrepresented communities. Second agenda item on CA and how health professions have had underrepresented communities. Hispanic folx represents 40% of CA pop, 14% of UC health schools application. Work to recruit more minorities for health schools.

Cohort tuition model: If Hayley says we only have 1-2 months to mobilize campuses to protest then we need to act now, we cannot spend 3-4 months to organize like we usually do, must be proactive due to sped up timeline

Campaign Chair:

Dominick: Most reports later in agenda. If anyone has any questions about roles, feel free to reach out

GR Chair:

Varsha: Excited for new leadership, [rest unheard]

Davon: 60% of redistricting commission members are white men so we need more diversity to ensure fairly drawn district lines, target more Latinx folx to apply

Summer Cal Grants: Next Steps:

Daevionne: [See Presentation on agenda]

Dominick: Money to expand summer financial aid- expanding classes students can take, or amount of students for aid?

Daevionne: Trying to get money brought out as soon as possible, faster to run out= faster we can argue for more. School's discretion as to how to spend the money.

[Additional question, name card not visible, not heard]

Johana: Funding for summer for financial aid is out now?

Daevionne: Money already given out, we want it dispersed and used as fast as possible

Caroline: CSU chose to not use money this year, as most are on semester. UC will administer for summer session 2.

Adam: Is money in the senate? [yes] Is there discussion to make it a two year bill?

Parshan: In the second year, there will be another bill

Liz: Can you clarify- Merced is a summer trailer school? What is that?

Daevionne: Flipped, as a result of semester system.

Davon: More questions? None seen

UCSA Board Meeting Schedule:

Varsha: Want to switch UCSC and UCI board retreats to allow some to attend a conference on basic needs. Up to campuses, but wants to open this up to the board.

Lauren: Good with it

Dashay: Same

Adam: Move to chance board retreat dates

Dashay: Second.

Davon: These have been switched.

Dashay: Add action item at the end to ensure this happens

Johana: What was the switch?

Davon: Board Meetings switch UCSC and UCI

Dashay: Motion to task myself and Lauren to reach out to student center to effectively change the space.

Varsha: Second.

Davon: Move UC Regent Accountability to bring it before AFSCME agenda item

Varsha [?]: Second

UC Regent Appointment Accountability:

Davon: Lack if accountability to convene committee to have student voice on new regent appointment, which is unconstitutional reached out to UCGPC President, rep for grad and professional school students, Connor, has already written a letter (shared w/ Varsha & Davon). EVPs should collab and sign on to letter.

Varsha: Will circulate draft letter of condemnation to everyone to sign on to and put input o

Davon: Task Varsha as point person for letter

Marissa: Second

Davon: Objections? None seen. Motion to move letter about AFSCME line item.

Varsha: Second

No Objections

UCSA Mauna Kea Letter:

Teddy: Letter campus drafted about a resolution passed last year. Not indigenous or native, check my privilege. Work has been done with those communities hand in hand. 30 meter telescope. Valued at 1.4bil. Championed by CalTech and UC. 5000 acres. Largest structure on Hawaii if built. Sight of structure is built on Mauna Kea, most sacred mountain there. Deeply spiritual and very significant. Home to shrines that would be destroyed if telescope built. Environmental impact, habitat destruction, mountain protects some islands from storms, etc. Just starting to pick up mainstream coverage. Has been fought for years. Wanted to bring it to y'all to get students and leaders involved in the fight.

Mark: Echo Teddy's points on consultation and checking privilege. UC legacy of exploiting indigenous land. Project has been heavily protested by indigenous people. Necessary that UCSA speaks out. We have a letter speaking towards context of the build, as well as objections. 3 asks: language published on UCSA stationary. We distribute these at our campuses. Deliver this to key stakeholders- Nathan Brostrom, Michael Bolty.

Teddy: Try to get in contact with those at your campus such as Indigenous Native coalition. Don't just champion them

Johana: UCLA is down and we are in contact with that community

Liz: Where would be come back in terms of your asks and where we are at.

Teddy: I will be here the next board meeting- we could also set up a group chat. It'd be cool to connect the UC orgs together also

Mark: Use the optimum strategy

Liz: Motion to follow the three tasks

Varsha: Second

Davon: Motion for 5 minute recess

Liz: Second

AFSCME 3299 Contract and Outsourcing Fight: [moved to 8:36]

Ashraff: Motion- move agenda item from 8:15 to 9.

Varsha: Second

Rafilwe: Introductions.

Maria: Custodian at UCI- 7 years. Sharing her story. Worked there for 18 years. Subcontracted out to outside companies for 11 years. Big difference working for university vs outside company.

Making min. Wage- \$9. Organized themselves and launched campaign to be in university. University opposed to being in-sourced- that way uni doesn't pay benefits, etc. Took them 3.5 years to become in-sourced to university- long pain. Uni tried to stop them from continuing campaign by increasing pay by \$3, but in return for ending campaign. They accepted but did not stop campaign. Kid who is 11 who she brought along to campaign. They didn't give up, eventually uni gave in and in-sourced workers. When she was outsourced, she couldn't make a living, she had to work other jobs. She always continued fighting- she was younger so she could endure it. Being in-sourced is better, she doesn't have to work other jobs, she makes the money from being in-sourced. She will continue fighting for what is her right. Thank you.

Monica: Ronald Reagan medical center. Helps nurse take care of patients on basic levels. Also part of negotiating team at UCLA, part of exec board for AFSCME 3299. Maria's story is a success, wish that everything was a success. Contracting however has actually increased. Creates unsteady labor. No job security. Creates a lot of inequality, in gender and financially. Women of color has gone down. Very important we close inequality gap. ACA 14- constitutional amendment. Takes away financial incentive to outsource. If emergency, then you can still outsource. Please help and support.

Rafilwe: Many say the bill is too costly. However, our workers are part of our community. They think of raising tuition and have multiple models, that do not include these workers. Already budget of \$523mil for outsourcing. Cost UC \$172 mil to close gap, and UC is pocketing over 2mil. Thank you for your time.

Davon: Questions?

Caroline: What should we do if we're on campus and we're talking w/students and they bring up certain talking points

Rafilwe: Pioneering Inequality- study at UC w/pages of info. State auditor found Napolitano's slush fund.

Davon: out of time- thank you!

RJN: A Thorough Campaign Review:

Dominick: Kyndall out for now. [See attached presentation]

Davon: Questions? None seen.

SOCC Location and Funding:

Salih: No campus volunteered- therefore UC Berkeley by default. Funding: typically, hosting campus raises funds. Share weight- each campus do an equal stake in putting on SOCC- base rate of \$5000. In addition, reg fee per person= \$25. Work w/Berkeley's campus to go to VC's, grants, spaces, to get additional spaces. We already voted on alphabetical order, but we do need your agreement/feedback as to move forward.

Varsha: Thanks for proposal, happy to host. Couple things as concerns: Berkeley has a policy against event sizes exceeding 300 people. I would not feel great making people deal with the

policies against that. Furthermore, free event spaces that allow food can be very difficult to find. My suggestion is to reduce numbers to under 300, and broaden the spaces allowed.

Anais: We aren't necessarily committed to 500. Historically, SOCC had about 1000 so we figured we should scale back.

Salih: Maybe we can explore if 500 is a possibility, or a target.

Varsha: Right I just believe we should speak on feasibility

Tiger: About \$5000 base contribution, I have been researching, and UCDS will not be allowed to contribute at all as a result of certain UCOP policies.

Anais: That is UCSD specific, other schools do not interpret it the same way. We could change your reg fee per person to allow that.

Tiger: Also, it would not be feasible to bring the suggested number of people. I agree w/Varsha that seeing that we are redoing this and so it should be smaller

Lauren: UCSC will not have the capacity to fund this at \$5000

Salih: I see the energy of the space and SOCC is required- it might be better to just say that we do not have the capacity to do this. We do not want to put on a bad conference, it might be better to just wait

Anais: I would open our imagination in the budgets and possibly ask others such as Vice Chancellors, etc.

Davon: Is it feasible to push the conference?

Varsha: We did vote on it

Adam: I explored the EVC option, and it looks like their discretionary funds were cut- we are not able to ask for funds from them. Furthermore, we do not have any budget to take from.

Johana: Speaking preliminarily, UCLA might have the capacity to hold a 500 student conference in terms of room availability, experience, etc.

Davon: Before we move on, definitely think about it if we are going to keep the November date.

Ashraff: How have funding and transportation worked in bringing 1000 students to SOCC

Anais: the VC has historically been very useful at campuses in funding

Davon: After 2016, at least at UCSC cut funding for SOCC as minimum wage was raised, etc.

Salih: Was that a senate decision?

Davon: Yes

Varsha: I would recommend moving it to UCLA if possible. I want to flag for EVPs that your contribution is not including travel, hotels, food- I definitely cannot support that large of a group to SOCC. I encourage folx to go back to their budgets and reviewing tonight, maybe evaluate our different options.

Liz: Our SOCC budget was also cut for new line items. I know UCOP funded the Undocumented Student Summit

Anais: We can look into that

Davon: We only have 30 seconds left- Motion to close stack

Lauren: second

Dominick: I would implore y'all to think of the importance of this conference, especially for those who might not be in this space. Also, the possible political ramifications of not holding SOCC, but then funding SLOC.

Ashraff: The conversation is truly heartbreaking, how can we possibly re-envision a conference if we are closing ourselves off to this. This UCSA board should be doing better for students of color across the UC. This should be a consistent campaign for students across the UC.

Salih: Please be quick with your decisions for my own health as we need to start planning if we are going to do this.

Daevionne: We might have the capacity to hold the conference. I also want to mirror how important it is we have this conference, and UCSB's budget is slightly larger than we expected so if the campuses who previously spoke really need the money, we might be able to help

Johana: Similar to UCSB, not that we have a large budget, we do have facilities covered.

However, we do have some surplus, so we might be able to help. I think it would be hard for stakeholders to say no to a Students of Color Conference. The last thing I want the board to think about is a decision on the hosting campus.

Davon: Stack is closed. I echo previous points- experiences weren't the best, but I do miss a lot of that. Students of color do benefit from this. Varsha I saw what you were saying. I was gonna motion to task the next chair to deal with this in the next two weeks. Also, check in with community leaders. When is the next board meeting? Special meeting soon

Varsha: Amend: task chair to have meeting in the next week- 08/23 that the meeting occurs.

Task all EVPs to revisit budgets to figure out how much you need or how much you can drop.

Varsha: Second.

UC Davis Fee Waiver Request Form:

Adam: Budget extremely constrained. Total income: 14.7mil. Expenses: 15.3mil. Deficit: \$500,000. Reason= coffee house, biggest unit, owned/operated by ASUCD. Fires closed campus 2 weeks one day after another. Coffee house bought material every day. Staff came every day. Each day for 2 weeks was closed. That unit resulted in \$240,000 loss. UCSA fee would be \$42,000, we have \$19,000. This has happened the past few years. I understand that it looks like a pattern. 2 years ago, we had a portion to pay but they didn't a reason I don't know. This past year and this year we do not. A lot of our money comes from businesses, buses, etc. We are working right now on a fee referendum and a 10 year plan to ensure this doesn't have to happen again. At the moment, without those things, it is projected that ASUCD will go bankrupt and disappear in the next 2-3 years. At the moment, we have \$42000 to pay for the UCSA fee. If we pay 10% of the fee, we cannot participate in conferences, we cannot travel to UCSA events, and we cannot participate essentially at all. Please allow us to pay 5% of fee or less.

Anais: 5% would be around \$2400.

Davon: How do you fund your office now?

Adam: Right now, its funded from base fee and some reserves. We pulled our reserves as much as we could as of now. We had to split that between many units.

Davon: Have you gone to admin to get funding

Adam: Went to AVC and VC. We have a binding MOU to built as many spaces as they have admitted. They had to move money to development projects. Discretionary funds apparently have been cut substantially. Their money has been promised to other units. ASUCD has an unspoken policy not to ask for operational grants from admin with an advocacy unit, as we do not want to lose our independence.

Davon: Extend time by 10 minutes

Deshay: Second

Davon: Conferences got expensive. Went to Chancellor, EVC, GR team, VC of business, and some others and that eventually added up. I just copy-pasted emails so I recommend that goes out to as many places as possible. I will say that it is imperative that you try as hard as you can. I would like to see y'all pay, I'm thinking of the health of this organization, paying staff, putting on conferences, etc. There's definitely an answer more than \$4200.

Adam: I would like to add. If we don't get grants, and lose voting rights in UCSA, we automatically leave UCSA per our constitution. I personally don't want to leave UCSA, but that is what will happen. To come back in, our constitution requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of our senate.

Marissa: Clarification: The 10% is specifically for dues?

Adam: Based on old dues, yes.

Marissa: You're asking to only pay 5%. What would you do with the rest of that?

Adam: For lodging, etc. We are here with a 6 person delegation, as we do not have the funds. We do have other projects to which other funds have been dedicated

Aidan: Thank you for your presentation. I appreciate your situation, as our board went through similar issues in the 90's. We are also facing difficult financial troubles, we would love to see all avenues pursued. I know UCLA went through UCLA's treasurer for a line of credit- essentially a loan. Another option is having some money in the referendum going directly to UCSA.

Adam: That is something I have brought up and am trying to get in the referendum. I've spoken to some people and they will not agree to a line of credit or adding in the referendum. At this point, it is between our being granted a fee waiver, or having us leave. I have been pursuing other VC's, but it looks like I shouldn't rely on that

Kaelen: Specific institutional changes to ensure that this doesn't happen again

Adam: We lost so much to a part was that our unit did not foresee closing down. We want to hire more staff to oversee accountability. Include UCSA dues in fees, smoother operations, changing business practices, etc. Details will be shared as we solidify them.

Davon: We have 5 people on stack. Anyone? Motion to close stack after Varsha

Lauren: Second

Ashraff: Objection- I would like to see where the questions lead to.

Davon: That is fine. Quit the side talking. We have 20 minutes left

Tiger: I think there is a lot of frustration towards Adam- it is not his fault, and to present this with such clear detail is admirable. We don't want Davis to leave, which leaves us with one option. If we were to agree with 5%, I would like to see that you still seek additional funding. If you found that, can you retrospectively give that to UCSA.

Adam: I am not positive. I think there is. If we get additional funding, I will try to see that we can either do that, or pay UCSA in other ways. I can commit to continuing to seek funding to pay more for UCSA. I just want to ensure that if worst comes to worst, we do not get kicked out.

Luis: What is the increase for the referendum. Furthermore, when is the last time one passed?

Adam: Last year the buses ran one that passed. Increase would put the total somewhere between \$34-40. Finalized by August.

Luis: I recommend the board understand where Adam is coming from, it would be counterintuitive for Davis to go.

Varsha: Maybe we do 5% this quarter, or you can come back and get an update to see what you have been doing. If we aren't prioritizing increased student awareness, then

Liz: Our campus constitution can be amended at the end of the year.

Adam: Any constitutional amendment passed in Fall or Spring wouldn't go into effect until next year. Which means if we amend the constitution, that wouldn't help now. He was the one who proposed this, and there has never been a failed constitutional amendment. I am looking at changing that so we don't find ourselves in this situation.

Ashraff: Waive 95% until November and put in place criteria for waiving- recommend that you try to eliminate the portion of the constitution that would kick you out, and set in the referendum. Also, key number that can show that you can cover fees and send students to conferences. We want to see future improvements, which is why its important that you amend the constitution.

Motion: waive all but \$2100 of annual fees for UCD until November, where there will be reassessments of intentional efforts, by paying membership dues and participating in conferences- elimination of amendment and reinstitution of referendum.

Varsha: Second

Davon: Objections? None seen.

Nominations for Executive Office:

Davon: Nominations do not close until beginning of tomorrow's meeting. There must be a nomination, a second, and the person accepts/declines the role.

Deshay: Step down from RJN VC.

Anais: You can just take yourself down.

Johana: What do we do for empty ones?

Anais: I would hope that you all fill your positions, as it will create a lot of work for others. Also if you lose, you are eligible later to run for things. If no more run, do the whole election, see who loses, then do it all again.

Davon: If the issue now is you don't want to nominate yourself, be a real one and do it

Dashay: Nominate myself for Campaign Chair and UA Chair

Kayla: Second

Marissa: Tiger for Chief Financial Officer

Dashay: Second

Tiger: Accept

Daevionne: Kalen for Chief Financial officer

Wendy: second.

Kalen: Yes

Adam: Adam for Campaign Chair

Tiger: Second

Adam: Accept

Davon: Any others? None seen.

10:22: Adjournment

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Session II

6:52 Meeting Called to Order

Davon: Introductions, take seats, start

Public Comment

Shirleen: Undocu students-- upcoming freshman class- most don't have DACA status which allows you to work, therefore no professional development opportunities. They created fellowship for undocu students- push UCOP to make UC Systemwide policy. This allows them to feel competitive enough for grad school. Many who don't have DACA don't apply- therefore we should create fellowships, set aside funds, allow TA'ing. Asking support to push UCOP to do this- it is possible as UCI did this in Fall. This should be UC-wide, as many incoming don't have DACA status. Be prepared if that happens. In caucus spaces, make sure those facilitating are a part of those communities, if they aren't it might not be appropriate. Therefore, vet those applying.

Davon: Motion to task the Executive Director and incoming Policy Director to research incoming freshmen who are affected by DACA

Rojina: Second

Davon: Objections? None seen.

Salih: I wanted to encourage the board to attend the training aspects at conferences at large and members of the board are not attending such trainings as of now. I want the board to lead by example and it is a bad impression if such board members are not present.

Roll Call

Davon: [Roll Call]

Close Nominations for Executive Office

Kaelen: Daevionne: fund the UC chair

Dashay: Second

Daevionne: Accepted

Kaelen: Withdraw CFO

Kimberely: Withdraw GR Chair

Roman: Withdraw Campus Action Chair

Adam: Withdraw Fund the UC

Davon: Motion to close nominations

Rojina: Second

No objections seen.

Adopt Election Protocol

Anais: Prescribed schools review- be thorough in adoption so there is no change half way through the process. Once nominations closed- candidates give remarks for determined amount of time. Opportunity to ask the same questions of candidates running for same position. After initial remarks, board agrees on questions. Elections require majority of present and voting. Rank choice on the ballot. Counted and announced and verified. Typically past Chair verifies. Option to re-open if no candidate receives needed number of votes.

Wendy: How does this work when there is only one or no people running for a position?

Anais: Board can adopt certain procedure if no candidates/only one candidate. But all need to cast an affirmative vote. No matter what we have to collect ballots but no necessary full speech/question/discussion process.

Adam: If you're going to motion to vote like this?

Anais: Anything not specific can be made a motion for.

Adam: Motion to adopt a new procedure for someone who is running unopposed.

Davon: What would this entail?

Adam: Essentially, when there is only one person who is running for a position, the vote would be immediate. No speech, no questions.

Davon: I would advise against initial speech. Instead give 1 min opening remarks for those unopposed. I would still like to know if that person is qualified.

Kaelen: Second. Also, motion 2 min speaking time w/ no period of questions and answers for those contested

Adam: Motion to adopt a new procedure for someone who is running unopposed, 2 min for those who are contested and 1 min for those who are contested.

Ashraff: I think 2 minutes is too short

Davon: I think the time is appropriate and two minutes will be fine for any position. The point is to eventually ask questions, however, the board will vote as it does.

Varsha: Confused- please clarify

Davon: 2 min opening remarks if contested, 1 if unopposed

Varsha: Would those running unopposed would have to answer questions.

Davon: That would have to be part of the motion.

Varsha: Change 3 min opposed, 2 unopposed

Adam: Rescinds motion

Varsha: Motions to have a three minute speaking time for each position, and two minutes for those who are uncontested with no questions.

Rojina: Second

Davon: No objections seen. Anymore election protocol?

Anais: I forgot to say that the order is how it is listed in the agenda. It involves leaving to elect GR and other chairs and going back to breakouts for committee vice chairs. Last year, they decided to change order to not break out into committees twice.

Adam: Motion to make Breakout elections at the end, after breaking out, for committee chair and VC

Dominick: Amend to all at the same time

Varsha: Second

Anais: In committee breakouts we would elect chairs/vice chairs

Davon: Any more? Are we also creating questions now?

Anais: Hear opening statements, have candidates leave room, come up with questions, and then have them come back. Have to ask the same things of all candidates.

Kaelen: Motion for period spent deciding on questions to last no longer than 2 minutes

Davon: Seconds? None seen

Adam: Amend and extend to three minutes

Anais: this is my fifth time doing this, I don't think this will happen in 3 minutes, I think it should take 5

Davon: Pleased listen to Anais.

Kaelen: Amend to 5 minutes.

Dashay: Second

No seen objections.

Varsha: Do we step out for other candidates statements?

Anais: No prescription either way.

Davon: Motion to step out during opposing candidates

Rojina: Seconds

Ratification of Election Results

President:

Varsha: Current EVP of UC Berkeley and is proud to run. Didn't think she was capable of being a student leader. Over the years, I have dedicated myself to this work. Organized a protest a sexual assault protest, GR Chair, budget and tuition advocacy, etc. The work empowers her to be the person who she is and acting collectively is the best way to advocate. We need to keep tuition flat and reinvest in our students. Has years of experience in doing this. We need equity and sustainability. We cannot just think of funding the UC. We are increasingly struggling financially. We need a robust conversation on how to fund our organizations. Lastly, it is incredibly important that we are not just an ally but an accomplice. I recognize the privilege I hold, but I am always willing to listen to self-reflect and engage on how to be better. I am looking forward to questions.

Johana: Organization needs change in strategy to impact as many students as possible. Reminded of peers that quit along the way. There is a lot of toxicity. Experience as a community organizer. Stepped onto campus ready to take action, didn't want to be victim of their reality. Phone banked, raised \$10,000, gone to court for a bail hearing, and come back the next day to go to SLC. Have lobbied, stalled tuition hikes, worked with admin to provide resources, dared to step into spaces such as these. Take every step possible to bring back grassroots organizing. Think creatively, don't fall to regents shenanigans. Grow with and by our peers to sit in these chairs. Thank you.

Discussion:

Davon: We are going to create questions now, and we will project them?

Anais: Typically we have the person asking the questions take the notes so they have them in front of them.

Davon: Any questions they would like to ask?

Ashraff: 3 priorities you would have in your term as president, and how would you implement?

Davon: Also whoever would like to ask the questions, please do as I do not want to

Lauren: How would you represent students of identities you do not represent with?

Adam: As finances will be difficult, what is your plan and background in dealing with finances, and how would you work with the CFO to address this?

Aidan: How will you respond if your own personal opinion is different than the board?

Dominick: What is your vision for UCSA and the UC's and how will you implement?

Vincent: What do you anticipate your relationship to be like with the entire UCSA board and Exec Committee and how will you build unity to internal issues we face?

Liz: I would like to add- what have they already started to implement?

Tiger: How would you advocate for graduates in this space?

Anais: We need to decide answer length.

Kaelen: Motion- answer period to be 30 seconds per question

Luis: Seconds

Davon: Objections?

Luis: Objection- I seconded for 2 minutes per question, not for 30 seconds.

Kaelen: I did not propose 2 minutes.

Luis: Amendment for 2 minutes.

Kaelen: Not friendly

Dashay: Second

Caroline: Object.

Davon: Vote- Davis: Abstain, Irvine:

Kaelen: Rescind motion

Dashay: Motion answer time 1min 15.

Kaelen: Second

Davon: Objections? None seen. Passed.

Davon: Go through the eight questions? [Done] Any objections to said questions? None seen.

Please bring back Varsha.

*** Responses to questions confidential**

Davon: Motion to limit deliberation to 5 minutes

Lauren: Second

Davon: No objections seen. Comments?

Comments kept confidential

President: 8-1: Varsha wins UCSA President

Chair:

Adam: UCD EAVP. Running- spoken to Davon, believes he can perform well. Priorities- stronger constant communication w/board members and including non board members. Toxicity in board space- wants to combat to provide space for people to voice concerns, mediate conflicts. Make priority to work w/President, CFO, and board to create long term plan. Talk of cancelling SOCC, policy director hired, long term plans allows foresee issues as they come up in future shows importance and need for one. Thank you.

Dashay: I really want to focus on not making the same mistakes of the past. There have been a lot of bad petty shit within the office and my main focus would be to avoid that type of behavior within the board. We need to be a united force. I hate confrontation but I would naturally make sure that all conversations would stay civil. This is my second year coming back to this space and have the experience to be the chair position. I would also really focus on making agendas

available very far in advance. This way we can plan discussions way in advance. I want to make sure that all campuses are supported and are resources for each other. This is the area that we need to focus on and we need to do all the work we have to.

Davon: Questions?

Ashraff: Suspend rules to ask same questions of both candidates? I want to ask Adam his participation on board- how would we deal with that?

Anais: it would require $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to suspend bylaws. I don't know if that's the best thing to do for documentation.

Caroline: Point of Info- can we phrase the question to apply to both candidates

Aidan: How will you run our meetings to be on time while still crafting an agenda while supporting groups that are not on the board?

Davon: How will you build relationships between pro staff and the rest of the board.

Ashraff: How do you handle the duality of being the chair holistically and at the same time serve in your capacity as a member of your campus delegation?

Kaelen: How would you go about resolving differences between two members of the board when they have legitimate grievances against each other regarding board affairs?

Varsha: Considering both candidates are male-identifying, what would you do to ensure that women/fem-identifying folks are adequately heard and listened to?

Caroline: Just so we're all aware, the chair handles legality so: How would you maintain confidentiality, and professionalism when discussing personnel matters regarding our professional staff?

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Chair: 8-1 Dashay Wins

CFO:

Tiger: Brought resume- wanted to be environmentally friendly so will have to share.

UCSA=advocacy to students. Only been able to succeed because of resources we have. Each year, less money. Money needed to operate. This is what motivated him. Surrounded by business and finance. Parents=int'l company. First freshman to be elected into business council. Interned for corporations. Pursued entrepreneurship. Chinese Student Union-largest group, \$50,000 in sponsorships secured. Confident in abilities to supply even more funding. Break presidency to hire for office- more people to apply to grants. More sponsorships from companies that align with our values. Systemwide fees proposals. Work w EVP's and their budget.

CFO: 8-0 Tiger (One stepped out)

Vice Chair:

Lauren: My experience in this position is I work as a research assistant and transcribe information, as well as vice chair for SUA and other student orgs. This position is important because it increases transparency and accessibility within the space.

Vice Chair: 8-0 (one stepped out) Lauren

Campaign Committee Chair:

Adam: As campaign committee chair, I have extensive background in legislative work. I want to focus on communication between the four different campaigns and that we are utilizing our resources throughout the UC system. I want to be here to support the campaign vice chairs themselves. I have worked with organizing + admin and as such I am qualified for such a position.

Campaign Committee Chair: 27-2-2 Adam

UA

UA Chair: Unanimous, Liz

Luis nominates self for UA VC

Lauren Seconds

UA Vice Chair: 10-1 Luis

GR

Chair: Aiden

VC: Kimberly

CAC

Chair: Wendy

VC: Nina (?)

Campaigns VC's:

Fund the UC:

Daevionne: Coalition for better UC, UCSA past few years. Take to the next level. Summer CalGrant, tuition, etc. remedied. Thank you.

Fund the UC Chair: 30-1-1 Daevionne

UCWeVote:

Rojina: I love voter reg, trained by YOLO, Monterey, and SC in procedures. Ran HS voter reg on my own when school admin refused me. I grew up in countries where you don't have the right to vote, so I've always had a passion for it. I worked with UC we Vote last year, got 1000

people to vote on last day, and worked as elections commissioner for SUA, got 41% voter turnout. Thank you!

UCWeVote Chair: 31-1-1 Rojina

Racial Justice Now:

Kyndall: African American and Legal Studies major at Cal. RJN is the only reason I'm still here, it's what I truly care about. Deeply invested in my community outside of UCSA so this campaign means a lot to me. I related to what it seeks to carry out. I sent out comprehensive email as last year's RJN coordinator for Berkeley I feel unsupported by the campaign and I would like more internal/external support. After 1 year of experience, I feel like there's a lot more to learn. Thank you.

RJN Chair: Unanimous Vote Kyndall

ACQUIRE:

Asia: Basic Needs Officer. Senator w/Campus gov't. Strong communication/collaboration skills. 4th year at SOS, learned how to navigate/learn in these spaces. Seen how we've evolved. Mindful of those outside this board. Want to strategize/prioritize goals later. Advocate for basic necessity. Thank you

Acquire Chair: 32-1 Asia

Action Item Check-In

Anais: [Action Items Read- see Agenda]

Davon: Questions? Comments?

9:40pm Adjourn

Davon Motions to Adjourn

Second by whole board.