

April Board Meeting Agenda

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April 4th, 2020

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This Meeting's Action Items

[Minutes taken by Kamron]:

Host Campus Welcome

Public Comment

Roll Call; Adoption of the Agenda; Approval of Previous Minutes Review Previous Meeting Action Items;

Motion to Adopt Agenda by Botao Second by Vincent *Passes*

Review of Action Items

- All have been done
- Outreach Front on Tuition has been worked on
- Circle COVID-19 Peition has been shared
- List of Demands to be sent to UCOP
- Have public on COVID-19 Calls
- Joshua has written letters and endorsement of HR 6275 was endorsed
- Draft of support letter for the bills has been sent to board
- Rojina: Campuses who haven't filled in UCWeVote Information will be chevcked
- Dashay: more regular meetings at this time for next few weeks
- If there are issues message Dashay

Guest Reports (if present)

- Student Regent, Student Regent Designate
- Report is attached

- Council on Student Fees
- Meeting right now, report is attached

- Representatives from UC Unions
- No Representatives

- UC Office of the President
- No Representatives

Executive Officer Reports:

President

- Varsha: we sent out and received response to UCOP and received a response for UAW 2865
- Has been trying to gauge COVID-19 effect on the UCs
- Legislature is going to pass last years budget by the constitutional requirement
 - Re-pass the budget based on economy in August
 - Advocate against budget cuts during summer

Chair

- Dashay: Potential Restructure information: made draft of how a restructure would look
 - Is sending it out later
- Thinks that it would be really helpful to have the restructure, seeing repercussions on lack of continuity and engagement
 - If theres any proposals feel free to look out

CFO

- Botao: Budget will be postponed to a later meeting
 - Has been working with New Zealand as an essential worker
 - Haven't made as much progress, but intends to get into the routine
 - Has a lot of contacts for COVID-19 PPT gear

Campaign Chair

- Not here

UA Chair

- Had meeting with UCOP and went over COVID 19 response
 - Met with UC President
 - Talked budget and next president
 - Talked Mauna Kea Project

GR Chair

-Not here

CAC Chair

-Not here

Staff Reports:

Government Relations Director

-Update is over email, quick budget update: the state legislature is officially going with a new plan

- Workload budget: the state is going to pass a similar version of last year's budget and reevaluate later.
- Email them and ask not to send anything other than COVID items
- The legislature will likely not start on April 15 but be moved further back
- There is a new way for y'all to schedule meetings with me--see email

Statewide Organizing Director

-OD has been staffing ACA 5 calls which will repeal Proposition 209

- Working with them to get a digital advocacy day
- Push in light of COVID 19
 - Need equity in contracts and hiring and historically marginalized groups who are going to be affected by COVID 19
- Hosted anti-blackness training with Berkeley RAs
- Having fundraiser for local hospitals
- Action Item

Policy Director

- Consolidating all the policy priorities that we have without Coalition partners
- Advocating for Undocustudents with Napolitano and the budget
- Made sure DRC centers are reaching out to students
- Support for students employed by non-UC employers
 - Not positive support
- Advocated for canceling tests required for entry for grads/undergrads
- Very little cost-savings and greater costs because housing cancelations
- Asked how federal stimulus packages and the UC

COVID-19 UCSA Response and action Census

- Actions that we want to take
 - Kaelen: Shift to online schooling and the protection of student data during that shift
 - The UCSB Faculty Association urged the UC to not use Proctor U and requested it not being used because Proctor U sells data
 - Proctor U threatened law suits in the meantime
 - Divest from Proctor U
 - You cannot un-microphone and we should start action to try and divest from them
 - Make action items
 - Specifically making schools specific resolutions ushering their schools to divest
 - Similar to COLA, have a solidarity movement because teachers and students are at risk
 - Make a digital campaign about it, make UCSA resolution as well
 - Rojina: Question for Kaelen could you put out text for resolution modeling so we could draft similar resolutions?
 - Kaelen: Will work on immediately

- Rojina: Touching on housing, students are annoyed at how the University handled housing, they're moving all students to one side of campus and are making it incredibly difficult to move stuff out on time and cannot get housing refund. They aren't providing enough resources for student needs. How are other campuses handling that?

- Valerie: Berkeley students are not being moved around as of now, but there is a plan to move students to one area to make overflow territory to health care needs. They have partnered with a moving agency to get your stuff out. It is around 400 dollars to have moving company do this. Most students do not have a spare 400 dollars to move their stuff out + liability aspect.

-Dashay: Most campuses have been unable to handle it well. On his campus, housing has been the major issue that his campus faces. In the first few days, they insinuated at they we had to leave and there is really no other option. They are not providing basic needs and they aren't protecting off campus students. Renters are charging ridiculous rates in regards to lease breaking.

-Joshua: We can have tangible progress with basic needs, ODs are working to have campus not collect rent/encourage other areas around campus to stop requiring rent during the crisis. Specifically, asking UC to stop collecting rent.

-Valerie/Rojina: This is feasible and something you could actually do.

-Dashay: Josh could you spearhead this letter?

-Josh: I wanna be really careful not to step on the toes of other people, but he can also work on it.

-Valerie: What is everyone thinking about tuition? Does this merit a change?

-Rojina: Representatives from SFAC are doing an assessment on student fees for specific areas being maintained. There is an overall assessment, tuition is going to remained untouched.

-Varsha: How feasible would it be for those to be used for emergency grants in aid? As opposed to a small fee being refunded to everyone. Those dollars could be helpful in creating grants. Congress enacted the federal stimulus and the UC's are receiving 265 million dollars that half goes to students. The campus has to make a decision on how students receive this aid.

-Ashraf: We can anticipate around 265 million dollars from the Gov. this is calculated by pell grant recipients and totality. This is going to be evaluated by x person and discussed in terms of financial aid. $\frac{2}{3}$ of our budget is directed at personal. UCOP has released an announcement that UCOP will not lay anyone off until June 30th. We do have to meet financial obligations to buildings that have debt.

-Parshan: This is a conversation that I've heard from various student groups, in the budget consultation call and there was no area where there is a reduction of costs (i.e. net savings) from going online. There is not determined savings from going online. We need to be champions for student voices and often these student fees are paying student workers. That is one thing we need to be careful about and think critically about.

-Ashraf: Part of some student fees goes back to financial aid packages of students.

-Julian: They put a hold on our student portal that says that you are responsible for student fees regardless? This is causing a hold on their enrollement?

-Dashay: Not at UCI

-Valerie: That is super concerning

-Roman: They also sent an email that said they do not reimburse for study abroad or other student fees.

-Joanna: This has not happened at UCLA but this could be happening, it generally does. It's not outside the norm.

-Salih Students studying abroad: Are they still incurring the cost of their study abroad that is more expensive than a typical financial aid?

-Vincent: Roman was referring that UCDC has to pay the campus fees + same with study abroad. If you want to complain--you still have to pay fees. It's going to be the same in this case as well. One thing I've noticed is that UC Grad students who have been organizing for COLA have been adamant about informing students about a responsibility agreement. It's a placeholder but it doesn't actually impact your ability to add/drop classes. It's an administrative scare tactic.

-These students would have not been expected to pay these fees if they were abroad?

-Vincent: They were always responsible for the fees. Also: status of each campus has been different. How have you all been organizing with different leaders from different sections of campus and different campus leaders? Ashraf has made a spreadsheet that tracks all the different capabilities of the campuses. Need more understanding of what our campus is going through. We need to talk to student workers, undocumented, identity orgs, parent students, etc.

-Rojina: When did the letter from UCOP come out that said they would not be laying anyone off?

-Rojina: Our GSA president got fired on Monday for participating because of the COLA strike. That's a bit hypocritical to happen directly after they fired our GSA president.

-Chris: UCI might have said something because we have a lot of private companies that employ student workers.

-Dashay: In terms of student fees and tuition, are there any action items from that portion? I feel as though UC Riverside does not have the authority to do that on a large scale. Would folks be comfortable if we created a guide on COVID 19 and asking what housing options students have as well as basic needs met. Would folks be okay with a general guide?

-Vincent: I was gonna ask about what varsha was doing how are admin going to utilize such fees? How would we go about that?

-Julian: SFAC was more receptive to look over fees? Now, they're trying to change the whole application process for getting on SFAC?

-Dashay: Make an action items.

-Salih: We are making donation drives for hospitals that are on campus and choosing campuses in the intercity? See if there is anyone on campus that can support hospitals in the area?

-Action Item

-Dashay: How are different campuses doing with the transition to Zoom? I know our campus has been experiencing zoom bombing.

-UCI admin is aware and trying to stop zoom bombing, especially because the zoom bombing include racial discrimination. They set up a reporting service.

-We had a UC Covid-19 priority policy document and we need your feedback by Monday.

-Roman: Make sure that we are adequately addressing the needs of student workers and advocacy for them?

-Rojina: Going back to this point, I was wondering what we could possibly do to help the GSA president especially during the pandemic?

-Ashraf: I'll look into it please send me their name.

-Vicent: make campus specific action items in terms of how to respond to zoom bombing. Especially considering most of the actions are anti-black. If we could consolidate that and send it out to campus communities that would be helpful.

-Dashay: Maybe a UCSA google form? So we can gather responses in regard to the transition?

-Valerie: Good way to go about it but make sure people are specifying which campuses they are experiencing this at.

-Dashay: We can do a general survey: it can be mixed method like student fees, and zoom, and other problems at hand

Census:

- Valerie: Presents on the Census
- Chris: is there any information coming from the census on how to respond?
- Valerie: Usually campuses will submit that data for those living on campus, the answers to these questions are what I hope we can facilitate.
- Valerie asks to create action Items: designate a census coordinator
 - Rojina moves for this
 - Vincent seconds
- Roman motions to verify action Items
 - Rojina seconds
- Rojina Motions to Adjourn
- Julian Seconds
- **Action Items List:**
 - Salih created an action item to have a hospital fundraising and volunteer drive at each UC to target on campus hospitals and off campus hospitals
 - Kaelen created an action item to have each EVP reach out and have the respective student bodies encourage the UC's individually to divest in proctor U
 - Dashay makes an action item for each SFAC body to assess the current student fees and whether they are applicable.
 - Valerie makes an action item to see how each campus is responding to zoom bombing

Ratification of Action Items
[Action items reviewed]

Action Item Check-In
[Action items reviewed]

Adjourn when concluded

Roll Call I

Position	Present?	Position	Present?	Position	Present?
UC Berkeley EVP	Y	UC Merced EVP	Y Proxy	UC Santa Cruz EVP	Y proxy
UC Berkeley LD	N	UC Merced LD	Y	UC Santa Cruz LD	Y proxy
UC Berkeley OD	N	UC Merced OD	N	UC Santa Cruz OD	N
UC Davis EVP	N	UC Riverside EVP	Y	Academic Affairs Officer	N
UC Davis LD	N	UC Riverside LD	Y	Alumni Relations Officer	N
UC Davis OD	N	UC Riverside OD	Y	Basic Needs Officer	N
UC Irvine EVP	Y	UC San Diego EVP	Y	Campus Climate Officer	N
UC Irvine LD	Y	UC San Diego LD	N	Environmental Sustainability Officer	N
UC Irvine OD	Y	UC San Diego OD	Y	Financial Aid Advocacy Officer	N
UCLA Undergrad EVP	N	UC Santa Barbara Undergrad EVP	Y	International Students Affairs Officer	Y
UCLA Undergrad LD	Y	UC Santa Barbara Undergrad LD	Y Proxy	Labor Relations Officer	Y
UCLA Undergrad OD	N	UC Santa Barbara Undergrad OD	N	Underrepresented Students Officer	N
UCLA Grad EVP	N	UC Santa Barbara Grad EVP	N	Transfer Student Affairs Officer	Y
UCLA Grad LD	Y	UC Santa Barbara Grad LD	N	CFO	Y
UCLA Grad OD	N	UC Santa Barbara Grad OD	N		