

UC Graduate and Professional Council
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2018
6:00pm – 8:00pm

* Denotes Voting Action

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by the Chair.

Attendees: Jonathan Morris (UC Berkeley), Jeremy Prim (UC Davis), Becky Hofstein Grady (UC Irvine and President), Jose Luis Susa Rincon (UC Merced), Maïko Le Lay (UC Riverside), Anupam Garg (UC San Diego and Treasurer), Greyson Lewis (UC San Francisco), Erin Adamson (UC Santa Barbara), Rebecca Ora (UC Santa Cruz), Reza Khorasani (Chair and UCSF), Stephanie King (Vice-Chair and UCR)

Public Speakers/Guests None

Consented Calendar* Approval of January 12th Agenda and Minutes from December 2, 2017

Action 1: *Motion and seconded to approve minutes. No objections, motion carries*

Action 2: *Motion and seconded to approve minutes. Motion was amended to move UC SOCC discussion and In-person meeting dates after Campus Updates with no objections. The motion carried.*

Public Comment None

Executive Committee Reports

President - Currently working on logo design, hoping to finish by end of month. Hoping to attend Regents meeting, still trying to obtain our own StaR spots. Need agendas for Regents meetings to guide conversation. VC from UCI agreed to fund climate conference. Will be attending SOCC.

Chair – Created formalized agenda, position descriptions for potential appointed positions, UCSD providing physical address to file articles of incorporation.

Treasurer – Legislative lobbying conference, will create bank account once articles of incorporation are filed to collect dues

Vice Chair – Contributed to logo design and descriptions of appointed positions

Questions for EC:

How can we best support EC?

Please make suggestions for advocacy, volunteer for conferences, etc.

Campus updates

UCB – applied to be StaR

UCD – Focusing on affordable housing, initiatives for mental health

UCI – Resolution on Prosper Act – student loan forgiveness, climate conference
UCLA – *Not present*
UCM – No updates
UCR – SOCC planning, fee referendum for UCGPC or equivalent with lowering it by \$.30 as incentive along with lowering other fees to support conference travel grants
UCSD – planning lobbying trips to Sacramento and D.C.
UCSF – No updates
UCSB – Skip
UCSC – Housing forum, Title IX, fee referendum to increase GSA fees by \$6, SVAC push for GradLab – funding for grad programs and travel grants, UCOP budget meeting (cost of living stipends for incoming grad students)

UC SOCC*

Grad program schedule is approved and ready, majority of presenters are from UCR, please check google sheet to confirm registration information, will provide information for payment, asked UCGPC board members to chair sessions, will send out parking information from ASUCR, informal UCGPC social after SOCC? Sponsor bus ticket for UCSC student travelling with emotional support animal? We are working on program documents and will be sending them soon.

Action 3: Motion to end this agenda item early, seconded and approved without objection

Future In-person meetings*

Members discussed the importance of in-person meetings coinciding with UC Regents meetings and suggested in-person meetings can be scheduled during upcoming conferences. Due to disruptions when UCSA and UCGPC in-person meetings are held simultaneously, members who are part of UCSA will need to decide which in-person meeting they would prefer to attend. Members may still attend in-person meetings virtually, if needed. Members suggested creating a calendar with meeting and conference dates, including UC Regents meetings. Confirmed meeting dates available in Attachment A.

Action 4: Motion to schedule in-person March meeting for the 10th and 11th, seconded and the motion was amended to meet on the 10th only, seconded and approved without objection. The amended motion carried without objection.

Action 5: Move to schedule in-person May meeting for the 13th, seconded and approved without objection.

UCGPC Advocacy Day*

Action 6: Move to extend time by 5min, seconded and approved without objection.

More formal presentation later this month. This will be a 2-day conference from May 13-14th in Sacramento, with lobby/advocacy training on the 13th followed by meetings with legislators on Monday the 14th. Each GSA is responsible for holding some form of training prior to the conference about their platform and their constituents. Have heard back from half of campuses, please respond with estimate of how many people they can send. The purpose of this conference will be to advocate on UC-wide issues however GSAs have the freedom to advocate on their issues with their district legislators.

Action 7: Motion to create an ad hoc committee to plan Advocacy conference chaired by Anupam and consisting of Jeremy (UCD) and Stephanie (UCR), seconded and approved without objection.

Campus Climate Conference

Scheduled for Spring (late April/early May) will address community, behavioral changes, etc. Vice Chancellor from UCI suggested asking for funding from VCs at each campus as well as private institutions. Registration fee per student to be determined at a later date based on funding from other sources. We anticipate food will be provided and EVPs will need to pay for travel. Currently planning on a one-day conference to reduce costs and in consideration of other conferences requiring lodging.

Appointed officers*

EC is considering creating appointed officer positions to support the organization and each position is described in Attachment B. Committees based on these positions to be created based on need. The positions will not receive stipends.

Action 8: Motion to approve these position descriptions as a draft document. The motion was amended to declare start date of February 1, 2018, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 9: Motion to change language to Office of the President, seconded and approved without objection.

Meeting adjourned 8:01pm by the Chair.

Attachment A:

UC Regents Meeting schedule for 2018:

January 24-25 - UCSF Mission Bay

March 14-15 - UCLA

May 23-24 - UCSF Mission Bay

July 18-19 - UCSF Mission Bay

UCSA Meeting Schedules:

Jan 27-28 SOCC conference

Feb 10-11 Santa Barbara

March 24-25 Student Lobby conference

April 14-15 San Diego

May 4-6 Santa Cruz

Proposed UCGPC In Person Meeting Schedules:

February : Virtual Meeting

March : 10th , 2018 (Host School?) Approved

April: Virtual Meeting

May : 13th, 2018 (Sacramento) Approved

June (Transition Meeting) : 23rd to 24th, 2018 (Host School?)

Attachment B:

Director of University Affairs (If want to include in excomm then should be V.P of UA Affairs)

Shall:

Oversee the establishment and implementation of the University Affairs policy agenda.

provide updates and recommendations to the council on all matters pertaining to university affairs

Communicate best practices, resources and initiatives of UCGPC to students.

Attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Regents on behalf of UCGPC.

Create and maintain a database for Regents and chancellors including contact information, background, voting record, key stances, corporate interests, and education.

Establish contact with the Academic Senate and update the council regularly on its activities.

Coordinate meetings with the Office of the President of the University of California and creating agendas for those meetings in consultation with attendees.

Establish talking points for Regents meetings for the Student Advocates to the Regents and the President.

Develop and track university policies that affect students' access to the university, quality of education, and retention rates, specifically with attention to underrepresented students.

Develop stances regarding university policy, programs, and actions administration.

Director of Legislative Affairs

Shall:

Oversee the establishment and implementation of the Legislative Affairs policy agenda

Hold regular meetings with the appropriate staff in order to advance the goals and initiatives of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Provide updates and recommendations to the Council on all legislative developments.

Provide, in January, a mid-year update on the state of the policy agenda and other legislative affairs priorities.

Oversee the planning and implementation of legislative advocacy efforts

Attend appropriate legislative meetings and or hearings, as needed.

Communications Director Shall:

- Manage and maintain the UCGPC website and social media, including notification of upcoming events and meetings in accordance with by-laws

- Attend UCGPC meetings to identify information to independently curate content for the website and social media.

- Manage and maintain the UCGPC public listserv

- Compose and review emails to UCGPC public listserv when directed by the UCGPC Board

- Direct communications through website and social media to relevant UCGPC officers and Board

- Develop strategies to increase communication and engagement with UC graduate and professional students

- Oversee design of graphics and promotional material (e.g. banners, t-shirts, event flyers, etc.)