

UC Graduate and Professional Council
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2018
9:00am – 3:00pm

* Denotes Voting Action

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am by the Chair.

Attendees: Jonathan Morris (UCB), Carlos Algara (UCD – proxy for Jeremy Prim), (Becky Grady (UCI), Richard Pryor (UCI), Stephanie King (UCR – proxy for Maïko Le Lay and Vice-Chair), Anupam Garg – (UCSD and Treasurer) Erin Adamson (UCSB), Rebecca Ora (UCSC).

Public Speakers/Guests David Stamps (UCSB), John McCoy (UCSB), Hayden Jackson (UCR), Jessica Xu (UCSC), Eric Harg (UCOP). No comments

Consented Calendar* Approval of March 10th Agenda and Minutes from January 28, 2018

Action 1: *Becky moved to approve minutes and seconded by Erin. No objections, motion carries.*

Action 2: *Richard moved to approved the agenda and seconded by Erin.*

Welcome from host campus (UCSB) - David Stamp and Erin Adamson. Welcome everyone to UCSB, we are very happy to have you here, and thank you for all of your work. Hope to see everyone again at the Campus Climate Conference.

Executive Committee Reports

President (Becky) – Attended panel at UCOP Campus Climate conference (for staff members), encouraged to be more involved in the student perspective. Not sure how productive the conference was, a number of undergraduate students were unhappy with the meeting – tried to address these but seemed to be brushed off. Executive committee meeting to discuss a number of items, these will be scheduled further in advance from now on. Rebecca – what were the conclusions/outcomes of the meeting since it seemed more focused on preventing protests on campus (based on the roster)? Becky – students not invited because the focus was on staff and their feelings on campus protests, will be looking for students for steering committee. First there were panels on experiences then working groups for what should change/what are the themes, working groups are supposed to submit a report on their discussions.

Chair (Reza) – Student Regent will be at our next meeting in April, prepared agenda and logistics for this meeting, Employment Identification Number processing.

Treasurer (Anupam) – Officially incorporated with State of CA (and allowed us to obtain EIN), heard back from half of campuses about dues payment, will invoice campuses and ask those who are unable to pay to simply respond to the invoice so we have a paper trail. Hayden – UCSA dues being diverted directly to UCGPC? This is campus dependent, for example UCR will need a referendum. Vice-chair (Stephanie) – website, application for appointed officer positions, meeting with Regents Keiffer and Perez at UCR.

Appointed Officers Reports

Kim/Jhia – Not present, Kim has been contributing to executive committee tasks.

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

UCGPC/UCSA communications – received document from Becky with ideas for collaboration and have prepared comments, Parshan has not informed if board members have been assigned to the committee – he has been waiting for ideas before selecting committee. Erin volunteered to be part of this committee, how are campuses relationships with their undergraduate counterparts? Don't think things Rebecca – perhaps we should revisit re-incorporating back into UCSA (this will be addressed during a later agenda item).

MOCA/Grad/Prof Parents – Extra pressure on UC Davis to fill out google form, MOCA is planning a demonstration on March 14th at Regents meeting (cost of dependent and % based on TA salary per campus), break down of which entity (upper admin) to contact for demands, testimonials (paid). Reza – UCSF has online sitters program, will try to contact director of parent resources. Erin – ask about number of parents from housing. Stephanie – UCR parent priorities are childcare, healthcare and availability of resources. Rebecca – facilitate a committee of reps from each campus? Ask UCOP for survey (include in cost of attendance). Erin – setting up weekly meetings with MOCA for data collection. UCGPC Advocacy Day – Holiday Inn pricing for block rooms (need feedback), waiting to hear from other committee members. Becky – Will this committee have bills to support/oppose? Anupam – Created a tracking sheet with bills, up to individual campus on which ones they want to vocally advocate (as long as they are not at odds with UCGPC stance). Write-up to leave with staff on bills there isn't enough time to discuss.

UCGPC Campus Climate Conference – sent out form for presentations, asking for predicted number of attendees (hoping for 10 minimum from each campus), reach out to student leaders specifically to ask them to attend (especially from certain student groups – parents, diversity, veterans, etc.). Also hoping to recruit 2 admin from each campus. David – working group – all attending. Erin – form is for presenters and attendees. David – ask union for support and to send reps as well.

Campus Updates

UCB (Jonathan Morris) – City council trying to outlaw housing, first approval of SB35 coming up next month (for 30-40% of current?/planned? Housing)
UCD (Carlos Algara) – nothing to report.

UCI (Becky Grady) – students in DC lobbying with NAGPS on PROSPER Act and budget, also planning other trip in April. Approved resolution and created letter (linked in exec report).

UCLA (absent) – not present

UCM (absent) – not present

UCR (Stephanie King) – Grad parents taskforce, Referendum, Regents visit, sustainability project, DIAL (Diversity and Inclusion Liaison) officer fully funded.

UCSD (Anupam Garg) – NAGPS in DC this weekend, also going with SAGE next month, also 2 trips to Sacramento (April and May), hosting Scott Peters (US Rep.) on campus, local meetings with legislators

UCSF (Reza Khorasani) – student fee advisory committee met and passed budget recommendations, referendum for mandatory fee for students (student services supports this), GSA had llamas brought to campus for therapy. Working on food insecurity, can send out best practices.

UCSB (Erin Adamson) – Working on campus climate, meeting with union and grad parents

UCSC (Rebecca Ora) – subcommittee for housing, please email issues to bring up at the Regents meetings. Idea to create committee with Provost to make a presentation. New transportation fee (\$3 million in debt) proposed (graduated) to pay off debt. Athletics fee that only passed with undergraduates, but graduate students are still being assessed the fee. Head of Grad Division taking a job at UCI. Becky – discussed committee idea with Provost Brown. Rebecca – Chancellor approached her to advocate for this as well. Becky and Rebecca will write request for this.

Council on Student Fees Report

Hayden Jackson (UCR) – Passed letter to oppose increase in NRST (non-resident supplemental tuition, budget committee said this will only apply to undergraduates) after long debate, and this was sent to the Regents. Meeting first week of April (also with UCOP). List of PDST proposals that will be voted on – will email this. Rebecca – PDST increases did not have student government consultation (required). Becky – CoP updates about PDST? With respect to consultation, may be required to do student consultation on individual campuses, is there a minimum level of consultation? Hayden – multi-year plans must solicit student and faculty input, one-year plans must have grad division dean. Rebecca – return to aid, can we see where this money goes? Grad students are not receiving this. Hayden – Will look into this.

Policy on open access of Theses and Dissertations

Hayden Jackson (UCR) – Academic committee, proposing policy to allow open-access for theses and dissertations on eScholarship website with optional 2-year embargo. Faculty publish their final publications on these sites. Concern is for humanities and social sciences students who may convert their dissertation/thesis to monograph (book). Letter that grad students were not consulted. Faculty are not required to put monograph and there is no limit to embargo. All campuses except SB, D, B do not have open access. Jonathan – publicized this widely for comment, open-access is important since we are public institutions in the long run, inequity between

faculty and student research is problematic, if this is going to be adopted then policies on dissertations should also be reviewed at the same time. Becky – Why are they doing this, is this similar to federally funded study requirements for open-access? Hayden – This is up to the individual graduate student, can always upload work to eScholarship unless forbidden by publisher (which is rare). This is to address hard copies on shelves, the problem is difference in publisher perspective on it being on a shelf in one place vs. an open-access online repository with a professional look, etc. To make a comment send an email: adv-vpcarlson-sa@ucop.edu. Suggest we write a letter to submit. Richard – what group is supporting this? Hayden – There is one working group, System-wide library and scholarly information advisory committee (SLASIAC).

Action 3: Erin moved to create a letter to publicly oppose [issue] and seconded by Richard.

Adopt resolution to support SB-827 & SB-828

Jonathan (UCB) – Resolution is not completed, would like a motion of support with the intention. Louis Miramte, Greg Magofna (co-executive of GIMBY) sponsors of SB 827 and support SB 828 (not employed by the legislator offices). Buses that stop every 15 min. Anupam – what do you think about the bill basically relaxing the regulations? Greg – may relax too much from what currently exists, however the current regulations are too strict. Louis - The bill does not affect local ordinances (for example for affordable housing). SB 828 is a bill of intent to address the goals to outlined by SB 35 for affordable housing.

Action 4: Richard moved to adopt a position of support SB 827 and have the legislative director outline and plan of action. Seconded by Jonathan. Becky amended the motion to include a Letter of Support presented to UCGPC by March 31st. The amendment was accepted. There were no objections and the motion carried.

UCGAB Advocacy email list

Reza (UCSF) – Recommendation from the executive committee to limit inclusion based on referral by EVPs. This is to address requests from people to join the list when we are unable to identify them. Becky – clarification that this email list which is for advocacy in general, and not restricted by organization. Stephanie – suggestion to ask for identification.

Debrief of UCR meeting with Regents Kieffer & Perez

Stephanie (UCR) – Hosted meeting with Chair Kieffer and Vice-Chair Perez.

UCGPC List of Demands from UCOP

Becky (UCI) – Response back from UCOP Student affairs, asking for timeline and update. Primary contact and timely response to emails, representative from UCOP during UCGPC meeting, looking to regent/UCOP access. Others are being asked of the president for consideration (system-wide appointments, etc.) or they are asking us to work with UCSA for this. Eric – Meeting with , waiting to hear back from Kieffer's secretary, Regents are wanting to review student

involvement at meetings (STaRs, student observers and advisors to committees). Becky – taskforce on graduate student issues, talking to Provost Brown. Do you know if that's still happening/if progress has been made? Eric – haven't heard anything, will follow-up with Robin about this. Rebecca – We discussed this at length at a UCSA meeting. Eric – Will look back at the minutes to confirm this. Becky – outcomes of staff campus climate meeting? Eric – working groups were supposed to go back their campus and inform leadership about action items. These were due yesterday and we expect to share them in the next 1-2 weeks. Thinking about when to meet to discuss this with students (either late April or early May). Becky can share the email response to the list of requests. Working with student regents for more discussion regarding budget process, hoping to have more public town halls by chancellors for this. We have put together conversation with Nathan (CFO) and chancellors to be live-streamed this week (information is on advocacy network site).

Lunch *Chair adjourned for lunch at 12:15pm until 1pm.*

Applications for Appointed Officer Positions Update

Stephanie (UCR) – Application form is complete, need approval to open for submission.

Action 5: Becky moved to open the application form for submission and seconded by Erin

Future of UCGPC

Erin (UCSB) – Reflecting back on the last UCSA meeting, I'd like to hear if there is anything we have accomplished this year that would not have been possible as part of UCSA? Do you know who will be in this position next year for continuity? Is there a way of re-organizing to ensure that more than a small number of people are doing work for the organization? First question responses: Jonathan – we adopted position of support on SB 827 (not possible based on who is Chair of the basic needs committee at UCSA), would not be able to participate in virtual meetings. Becky – difficult to say as it depends on what we would have spent time on with the full board (more advocacy) but there also would have been more issues, bicameral could have been more effective. Rebecca – tend to be the only graduate student at UCOP meetings, this space is productive and the grad/prof space at UCSA is also productive with a staff member, I believe it could have been done within UCSA, Stephanie – we're not, Anupam – even under a two-part structure we would have to negotiate opposing stances, much of this year has been administrative but this is normal in a new organization and we should have this conversation again after our two conferences scheduled this year which would not have been possibly with UCSA, Reza – we have achieved efficiency, professionalism and graduate student visibility. Even though we don't have a bank account, we have still been able to advocate for graduate students. Timewise, we have really only been an organization since January so this is something we should revisit later this year.

Richard – nice to meet for a day and be able to walk away with something constructive. Second question: Jonathan – nominations open for elections, several people running for EVP and asking relevant questions. Confident that they will have staff support. Jonathan will also move into a position that is more focused on local advocacy to free up time for the next EVP. Becky – not planning on taking a role in student government next year. UCI is slightly behind due to changing election procedures. Richard – I will be involved next year and have a few people to nudge for next year as well. Rebecca – current solidarity officer is interested in EVP position. Concerned about continuity with no staff member. Anupam – will be involved in external office next year, UCSD is largely supportive of UCGPC so there will be representation. Reza – not sure due to career application, planning on either running for this position or for president. One professional student has reached out about EVP, so someone will be here. Rebecca – in terms of access and resources, UCSA has been more beneficial for my campus despite the drawbacks. Just want to make sure voices are heard. Becky – it's very relevant to discuss staff/continuity, it's possible there could be 100% turnover sometime in the future. Anupam – I don't think a staff person always guarantees continuity since we were repeating conversations this past year that were going on three months prior. With respect to leadership, we would also have the same question within UCSA. We should give it a chance and re-assess transitions next year for improvement. 3rd question: Jonathan – Part of it is making sure that the requirements for each term are known to get staff onboarded earlier, hopeful that people will step into leadership positions to do this. Rebecca – staff person specific for graduate students would address continuity. Anupam – last year it seemed like there wasn't transition when we met for the summit. Stephanie – time-commitment/appointed positions. Anupam – revisit each position at the end of the year to re-organize responsibilities.

Action 6: Becky moved to add Over-enrollment to the agenda for 10 minutes, seconded by Anupam.

Over-enrollment letter

Jessica Xu (VPAA of UCSC) – All UCs with exception of UC Merced required to maintain 2:1 Freshman:transfer student acceptance ratio. UCSC and UCR are the only two campuses who did not meet this requirement. Admissions director was fired, most likely based on this. Petition on change.org for stop over-enrollment at The UC. Becky – supportive of the idea of the petition, but no mention of graduate students. Is the petition specific for undergraduates? Jessica – Intended for undergraduate over-enrollment. Rebecca – language in the petition needs to be specific about undergraduates vs. graduate students. Jonathan – If you look at the governor budget request, they dropped the enrollment line item. We need to take the time to properly format a response to this. Rebecca – who are the allies for this petition? Jessica – EVC, chancellor and everyone listed in undergraduate education.

Ad-Hoc Breakout Session

*Chair adjourned for breakout at 2:45pm, will reconvene at 2:30pm.
Chair reconvened at 2:31pm.*

Ad-Hoc Conference Committee Reports to the Council

Campus Climate – reach out to student groups either directly or through student group office, advertising the conference is to be in a room to discuss issues with other students. Reza – what are the abstract supposed to be? Erin – research – relate it to campus/implications on graduate students and college campuses, workshops (training on implicit bias, starting your own student group for example). There will be time for goal-setting and hope is to leave with an action plan. Organizers can work with presenters to tailor their presentations/workshops for the conference. Send report on March 22nd, hard deadline for registration is April 1st.

Advocacy – Reminder it will be May 13th-14th, work is split up as follows: Richard – speakers, Stephanie/Jonathan – training documents, Anupam – logistical information. Will reserve Holiday Inn next week once we have the bank account. Will have a block of 25 rooms (2 beds per room) - ~\$150 per room (including fees and tax), up to each campus to reserve their own rooms. Training documents will be provided by early April. Each campus sets up their meeting for Monday. Anupam will schedule meetings for UCGPC Exec officers. Providing dinner on Sunday after training at a restaurant, still need suggestions for Keynote speaker. Lunch on Sunday and breakfast on Monday hopefully provided based on conference reg. fees or sponsored by UCGPC (if not it will be on your own). Richard – can ask graphic designer to make one-page leave-behinds. Anupam will send out list of bills 2 weeks before next meeting, then we will have breakouts to form decisions to support/oppose. Rebecca – include history of UC/state budget

Bylaw Amendments

Reza (UCSF) – Added two amendments. Will present the original and amended version at next meeting to be voted on.

Final comments

Attachments – send these before the meeting please
Agenda item requests – send these before the meeting please
Speakers – please coordinate beforehand
Action Items after meeting will be circulated
Send housing requests for Regents meeting to Rebecca

Adjourned by the Chair at 3:04pm.