



UC Graduate and Professional Council

Council Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2020

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** Denotes voting action*

Saturday, July 11, 2020

1. Consent Calendar (10:00am-10:03am, Council Chair)

a. Roll Call

- i. UC Berkeley - not present
- ii. UC Davis - present
- iii. UC Irvine - present
- iv. UC Los Angeles - present
- v. UC Merced -present
- vi. UC Riverside -present
- vii. UC San Diego - present
- viii. UC San Francisco -present
- ix. UC Santa Barbara -present
- x. UC Santa Cruz - not present

b. **Approval of June meeting minutes*

i. [June meeting minutes](#)

1. Motion to approve, seconded

2. no objections and motion passes.

2. Executive Reports (10:03am-10:10am)

- a. President
 - i. Written a letter to all members of California delegation on SEVP decision, meeting with federal relations team, spoke in favor of ACA5 in SAC committee meetings
- b. Council Chair
 - i. Getting contact info together, building contacts, system-wide fee, agenda
- c. Vice Chair
 - i. Running the website and social media, getting the word out on applications
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Single sign on, non-profit status

3. Campus EVP Introduction and Updates, if any (10:10am-10:30am)

- a. UC Berkeley
- b. UC Davis
 - i. Gwen, (she/her) voting member for Davis, local housing issues, moving GSA office, COVID related issues
- c. UC Irvine
 - i. Tom, working on getting access to housing, react to ICE SEVP one unit class
- d. UC Los Angeles
 - i. Neda, Get rid of PDST fee on regents agenda
- e. UC Merced
 - i. Alexandria, undocu grad conference, opened first building after covid
- f. UC Riverside
 - i. Valeria (she/hers), transitional, meeting with campus leadership
- g. UC San Diego
 - i. Julia (she/hers), on an F1 visa
- h. UC San Francisco
 - i. Miriam (she/hers), most students are covered, UCSF petition, wrote a statement against ICE, protecting students under COVID
- i. UC Santa Barbara
 - i. Felicity (she/hers) one unit might not be enough, defund UCPD
- j. UC Santa Cruz

4. Systemwide Updates (10:30am-11:20am)

- a. UCSA President Varsha Sarveshwar (10:30am-10:45am)
 - i. Outgoing UCSA president

- ii. Critically look at UCPD, UCOP budget, organizing around recent ICE rule, more relief for students if more COVID stimulus ever happens, system wide fee
- iii. Q: What are the undergrad opinions of Dr. Drake?
 - 1. Let's wait and see
 - 2. Frustration around salary
 - 3. Muslim student union got suspended
 - 4. And excitement!
- iv. Q: Critical look at UCPD what does that look like right now?
 - 1. Meeting with BSUs and asking for more information from UCPD
 - 2. Encourage the regents to form a task force
 - 3. Ask a lot of questions to the regents, depends on how Dr. Drake comes in
 - 4. Regents item looks at practices in policing
 - a. Policing needs to be reformed
 - b. Police union contract negotiations
- v. Q: In the last year what has UCSA worked on and what has worked?
 - 1. What's been affected- having a good relationship with the board of regents
 - 2. Public comment letters broadly read
- b. UC Student Regent Jamaal Muwwakkil and Student Regent-designate Alexis Zaragoza (10:45am-11:00am)
 - i. [Slides](#)
 - 1. May regents meeting
 - a. Basic needs committee:
 - i. Focusing in on admissions letter with financial aid declarations
 - b. Governance Committee:
 - i. Financial support for student regent position
 - c. Plan to eliminate SAT/ACT focused on non-holistic review schools
 - 2. Advocacy Updates
 - a. Title IX: serving on work group
 - b. Police accountability is a line item on the next meeting
 - c. Regents innovations workgroup
 - i. Regents to students connections
 - 3. New student regent delegate Alexis Zaragoza from UC Berkeley
 - a. July meeting
 - i. COVID19 and plans for Fall
 - ii. Dignity health
 - iii. TMT project
 - iv. ICE SEVP
 - 4. Questions

- a. Q: Title IX standard of evidence has to be the same across all levels, how will that change?
 - i. The faculty wanted their standard while everyone else wanted student standard
 - ii. Revision 111.2
 - 1. Revisit the policy so regents are in line with UC policy, not quite where it should but but improved
 - 2. Finalized?
 - a. Yes
 - iii. Q: which regent committees are you interested in serving on?
 - 1. Finance, title IX, UCPD, Basic needs, Foster youth and incarcerated students group
 - 2. Audit and compliance, student and academic affairs, Basic needs
 - iv. Q: Why was the new president making more?
 - 1. Keeping us updated
- c. UAW 2865 President Kavitha Iyengar (11:00am-11:20am)
 - i. Union is a statewide organization, all UC campuses besides UCSF, represent TAs, readers, and tutors. Campus unit leadership as well as joint leadership and executive board that implement policy directives.
 - ii. Unfair labor practices against university- University filed charges against union in february, that the union had organized the wildcat strike in santa cruz, union filed against university for bypassing the union in cost of living. Settled the first charge, resulted in discipline charge being resolved. Two charges remain outstanding going to trial at the end of august through settlement. Unfair labor practice charges were supposed to be heard next week, but were extended. Defer to the organization that is most able to get the legally binding results we need as students.
 - iii. What are we working on more broadly?
 - 1. Reopenings are a big concern, Enforceable health and safety requirements
 - 2. Trump's ICE and H1-B orders, working with the university on the lawsuit, inform and enforce rights where the union can
 - 3. Political organizing committee, ACA5/Prop16, Rent affordability, schools and committees first, felons right to vote, uber and lyft treating employees right
 - 4. Policing issues
 - 5. Questions:
 - a. Q: in the event the university does not succeed can the union sue?

- i. Give university alternative means to help students should students fail
- b. Q: What is the union doing in order to offset the cuts the UC will be implementing?
 - i. Union coalition is introducing a bill around requirements to keep people employed
- c. Q: When does your term end?
 - i. April 2021

5. *UCGPC 2020-2021 Calendar (11:20am-11:40am)

[Calendar Spreadsheet for planning](#)

- a. Number of meetings
- b. Number of virtual vs in-person meetings
- c. Locations of in-person meetings
 - i. Just focus on dates right now
 - ii. April and May not set yet since some meetings have not been set yet
 - iii. Refer to spreadsheet
 - iv. Motion to approve all but january, April, May, and June's date
 - 1. 7 vote to approve
 - 2. The motion passes

6. *UCGPC Grad Summit (11:40am-12:00pm)

- i. Usually held in in early september, exec team working on way to not be on zoom for hours, full weekend
- ii. Identify major advocacy campaigns
- iii. More towards long term planning, writing a platform, where we stand on legislation and issues
- iv. Benefit of platform we could move forward faster
- v. Restarting campaigns every year, fixing this, longer term, shorter term?
- vi. Advocacy can be anywhere from statewide to federal to UC specific, Last year: Basic needs, Mental health, professional development \
- b. *Location (in-person or virtual) and date
 - i. Motion to vote on grad summit during UCGPC meeting in august
 - 1. Motion passes 8
 - ii. Motion to make a virtual meeting
 - 1. 8 in favor, motion passes
- c. Brainstorm advocacy topics to bring to Summit
 - i. Policing
 - ii. Diversity and equity on campus
 - iii. Long term and short term goals for advocacy
 - iv. Online vs in-person tuition restitution of tuition
 - v. Financial resources for internal students to come back

- vi. Basic needs
- vii. Mentorship standards
- viii. Cal budget allocation funding for higher education
- ix. Mental health
- x. ACA 5 to pass in november election
- xi. Title IX
- xii. Platform

7. Recess for Lunch (12:00pm-1:00pm)

8. *UCGPC Budget (1:00pm-1:43pm)

- a. Please view updated 2019-2020 budget [here](#)
- b. Transition pay
- c. Travel budget line
- d. Online accounting budget line
- e. Website fee
- f. Proposed 2020-2021 budget [here](#)
 - i. Amy does overview of budget
 - ii. Well under budget for 2019-2020
 - iii. Approved a transition month of service for officers
 - iv. We haven't collected any dues in the past dues
 - v. Should there be an open add to conference amount or add a new line item?
 - vi. Rainy day fund?
 - 1. No less than 80,000 once dues come in
 - vii. Victor to work with Amy on securing checks
 - viii. Motion to add conference grants- support for 1000 dollars
 - 1. Motion to discuss next meeting
 - 2. passed

9. Systemwide Advocacy Fee Update (1:43pm-2:00pm) - closed session

10. *StAR Selection (2:00pm-2:10pm) - closed session

- a. [Drive folder with Applications](#)
- b. Motion to select Alton and Tianna as stars
 - i. Motion passed

11. *Finalize call for remaining appointed positions (2:10pm-2:20pm)

- a. Link to the calls [here](#)
 - i. Motion to approve and publicize
 - 1. passed

12. Overview of UCGPC Resources/Expectations for Communications (2:20pm-2:45pm)

- a. [Google Drive Folder](#)

- b. Google Group [Email List](#) (check the sheet for accuracy)
- c. Slack: [ucgpc.slack.com](#)

13. *Freeze on PDST Increases (2:45pm-3:00pm)

- a. [Statement](#)
 - i. Motion to sign on to the letter
 - 1. Motion passes
 - ii. Motion to find someone to write a comment on the letter and UCGPCs position on PDST
 - 1. Is this necessary?
 - 2. Might be helpful in building a platform
 - 3. Tweet a short thing on twitter being for it
 - 4. Not at the exclusion of writing something more formal to the regents
 - 5. 6-1-0 motion passes
 - 6. Find someone to write letter

14. *Resolution on Former Student Regent Hayley Weddle (3:00pm-3:05pm)

- a. [Resolution](#)
 - i. About institutional memory
 - ii. Why do we need to honor someone?
 - iii. Motion to table, pending revisions
 - 1. Motion passes

15. Current Advocacy Efforts (3:05pm-3:30pm)

- a. RISE Act (HR7308)
 - i. Starting point for next COVID stimulus package
- b. ACA-5/prop16
 - i. Reverse prop 209, previous board support
 - ii. Motion to support
 - 1. Motion passes
 - iii. Working with other on this issue, things that can be shared on campus
- c. [UCSF petition](#)
 - i. Motion to ask the author of the petition UC Merced Piece
 - 1. Motion passes
 - ii. Motion to ask the authors to include UC Santa cruz
 - 1. Motion Passes
 - iii. Motion to sign the statement right now
 - 1. Motion passes
 - iv. Motion to distribute to member campuses
 - 1. Motion passes

16. Public Comment (3:30pm-4:10pm)

- a. Policing and graduate students

- i. Kerby Lynch, UC Berkeley EAVP Recommendations and Berkeley UCPD Independent Advisory Board Report
 - 1. Davis has had a police advisory board since 2016, task force on next gen campus safety [UCD Police Advisory Board](#)
 - 2. SD: Crime reports emailed to students, not using racially targeted wording
 - 3. UCSB: We need more transparency
 - 4. The UCPD hasn't been releasing records at all
 - 5. Can we make records requests?
 - 6. Alex Bustamante, he says campus police aren't police, talk to him next maybe
 - 7. When we learn more from different groups we put it in one place, try to connect groups.
- b. COVID and graduate students
 - i. UCSD: students being denied testing
 - ii. Merced: opened first buildings
 - iii. UCD: increase in cases, but not had the direction to go back
 - iv. A lot of the decisions are being made for academic senate
 - v. Are there going to be more as ungrads?
 - 1. Merced has a decline in enrollment and more ta slots (in some departments)
 - 2. UCSB: been ok with testing, if theres a risk they will test you, Ta classes will be bigger
 - 3. Irvine: drive through testing sites; 18.8% international students
 - 4. Tracking close to steady, taships increase in numbers, diverting people to the union for time tracking
 - 5. SD: same number of grad students, 17.6% international, 46% of graduate students international, Undocumented students are able to have access to aid and basic need
 - vi. 15 million dollars is fixed basic needs folks are worried if they dont spend down the money
 - vii. How much have grad students been involved with conversations?
 - 1. Lobbied department chairs to say that you cant make students teach
 - 2. UC: by program basis
 - 3. UCSF: not involved in research ramp up, lobbying for transportation and we are supposed to be in the area by september
 - 4. Davis: not involved in research ramp up, what support staff is needed, working with environmental health and safety
 - 5. UCSD: they have been asked to be on multiple committees, ask to be in on the meetings, the worst that can happen is they say no

17. Open Call for Agenda items
 - a. UCGPC 2020-2021 Budget

Action items following meeting:

1. For ALL, mark Calendars for UCGPC board meetings on Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5, Feb 6, Mar 6.
2. For ALL, in advance of Grad Summit, plan actionable items on the topics in item 6.c. that you are interested in.
3. For CHAIR, check on the checks received at UCSD and pass them on to the treasurer.
4. For EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, prepare Alton and Tianna as StARs for the July 2020 Regents meeting.
5. For VICE CHAIR and ALL, widely publicize calls for appointed officer positions.
6. For EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, write follow up letter on UCGPC's general position on PDST.
7. For EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, rework resolution regarding Hayley Weddle to address council concerns.
8. For EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, ask UCSF petition authors to revise petition according to UCGPC's asks.
9. For ALL, distribute UCSF petition to our member campuses.
10. For EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, get meeting with Alex Bustamante and learn more about UCPD structure.
11. For ALL, connect student policing advocacy groups at each member campuses. Collect contact information [here](#) and share with all UCGPC members to share with member campuses.