

UC Graduate and Professional Council
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2018
9:00am – 3:00pm

* Denotes Voting Action

The meeting was called to order at 9:11am by the Chair.

Attendees: Jonathan Morris (UCB), Jeremy Prim (UCD), Kim McCabe (UCSD), Anupam Garg (UCSD and Treasurer), Becky Grady (UCI), Maiko Le Lay (UCR), Stephanie King (UCR and Vice-Chair), Jhia Jackson (UCSF), Erin Adamson (UCSB), Elisabet Perez (UCM), Rebecca Ora (UCSC).

Public Speakers/Guests Sanjeevi Nagalingam (UCI), John McCoy (UCSB), Hayden Jackson (UCR), LeighAnna Hidalgo (UCLA), Parshan Khorasani (UCLA). No comments

Consented Calendar* Approval of January 28th Agenda and Minutes from January 12, 2018

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

Action 2: *Motion to amend agenda to add item for Mothers of color in academia at 10am. Seconded and approved without objection.*

Welcome from UCR

Executive Committee Reports

President (Becky) – no much to report, helping to prepare for SOCC, attended UCSA 1/26, attended CSF meeting, want to have point person at UCI for climate conference and was appointed by UCI AGS, protests/free speech on campus, student regent designate and housing – suggested testimonials from students esp. grad students. Ensure consistent presence at UC regents meetings.

Working on final version of logo. Student Regent applications open, due February – part of process is UCSA interviewing finalists, UCSA is welcoming UCGPC to take part (will happen in Spring). Please advertise the application.

Reza – Can we have an MOU written for communication with UCSA?

Chair (Reza) – setting up meetings, making sure Zoom works, put agenda together, Corporate California Agents (Legal filings) set up mailing address and paperwork is completed, need to make payment to begin filing proceedings.

Treasurer – getting into contact with Agent to submit fee for filing

Vice- chair – nothing to report

Campus updates

UCB (Jonathan Morris) – focused on housing issues at local and state levels, PROSPER, environmental conference coming up in April earthactioninitiative.org

UCD (Jeremy Prim) – Lincoln 40 supposed to be affordable housing for grad students, other housing created, Walker Hall for graduate student space, Graduate standard of living document specific for UCD in collaboration with vice-chancellor and Global food initiative.

UCI (Becky Grady) - working with undergrad external office to set-up shared resources and lobby together (ex. PROSPER Act), campus climate conference, housing and housing numbers/enrollment (hoping to decrease enrollment)

UCLA (absent)

UCM (Elisabet Perez) – nothing to report

UCR (Maiko Le Lay) – SOCC, logistics of fee referendum for UCGPC instead of UCSA, safety issues on campus (lighting) and UCPD is coming to next gen council meeting, UCR Advocacy and Research Day in Sacramento, Sustainability certificate, R’Pantry Pop-up event increased in attendance dramatically (10-15 to 70) need permanent solution. DIAL funded but MOU needs to be renewed but we are meeting resistance. Would like to hear more about lobbying for housing from other campuses (will create google doc for this), family housing was moved and increased in price. UCI- grad students camped out in middle of campus to protest change in housing policy in the past.

UCSD (Kim McCabe) – fee referendum to increase GSA fees from \$12 to \$30 for inflation, permanent staff position, and to contribute to food bank. SAGE Day on the Hill advocacy trip in DC on April 8-11 (PROSPER, DACA, Higher Education Act). Meeting with state legislators to discuss budget proposal which is underfunding UC and net neutrality -> bring this up to the Chancellor level and hopefully up to UC to guide contacts, etc.. Policy platform for GSA to help guide stances in the future and avoid looking too political. Systemwide committee on Title IX student advisory board – picked grad and undergrad for each campus.

UCSF (Jhia Jackson) – Offices not funding programs, housing, parking – structure built but student pushed out, interprofessional collaboration, close majority of library to public – discussions of students vs. public in light of assaults and inappropriate behavior at Parnassus campus which is closer to Golden Gate Park. UCB - Bed bugs? – maybe deal with problem individuals. UCSF- some school have student-specific lounges but not all. Mixed feelings about it.

UCSB (Erin Adamson) – Housing for grad students usually guaranteed but now pushing 3rd years and up, hosting housing fair for grad students (speaking with landlords for subsidized housing), mental health room for CAPS in GSA office, making workflow plan (document) for grievances (Title IX, advisor relations). UCB – we can put our CAPS in touch. Students not paid due to 9 week Fall quarter because of fires.

UCSC (absent)

Action 3: Motion to table Mothers of Color agenda item until they arrive, seconded and approved without objection.

Council on Student Fees Report

Hayden Jackson (UCSF). Reports sent out every quarter, send monthly letter when unable to attend meetings. CSF established by Regents to establish voice

for each campus – each campus pays tuition and student service fee. UCSF – can you raise them for mental health? Hayden – Most of recent increases have been for mental health and a portion of the fees goes to this as well. Represent each campus' student advisory committee on fees. Some committees can advise or act on referenda. Recently, campuses received funding to expand mental health services. Campuses can also request SSF to stop covering expenses, recently UCSC and UCI asked to fund commencement and CSF passed resolution opposing this. Council of VCAs asked questions, as a result UCSC, UCI and UCD SSFs are not funding it this year. SSF = half a billion system-wide. Passed budget recently. Two campaigns – referendum campaign (to assist campuses in passing referenda, for grad students main limitation is voter turnout) and best practices campaign. Next meeting is April 6-7 (one with UCOP). Submitted letter to Regents about tuition increase, did not solicit opinions with adequate time before vote scheduled – Regents postponed and CSF will put out opinion hopefully by the end of the month. Adopted technical amendments to charter. Proposed presidential policy for open-access to theses and dissertations. Can I hear more about UCSA/UCGPC fee referenda and can we ask for *ex-officio* status? *Questions:* We've heard chancellors can lower limit for voter turnout to pass referenda that affects only one student group and is non-capitol (not for building purposes). Can we get more and accurate information on this? Also, what about students who are abroad during elections? Issues at UCI with getting fees to programs, some departments didn't receive emails for elections and that affected voter turnout.

Motion to extend time for 5 min, seconded and approved without objection.

GSR Unionization*

Can I hear what other campuses are doing with respect to GSR unionization in terms of communication, involvement of your student government/TA union? UCSD – we should provide information from third-party rather than university admin and TA union. UCB – issues with “unbiased” information being viewed as biased. UCD – GSA acts as mediator between union and students. UCI – TA union does not need to lead but think it will not happen organically. UCSF – ASGD govt is taking lead, split between stem and social sciences due to incomes (stems get more, worried about getting less). UCSD – maybe there's a way of putting this information out there – for example, benefits between GSRs and TAs. UCB – can only be part of one local union at a time, UAW GSI doesn't want to do anything until after negotiations this year, if/when GSRs unionize the composition will change and may look more like postdoc. UCI – issues about contracts based on field, when you unionize you're subject to the contract rather than being able to do this yourself individually. UCSD – what would UCGPC's role be in unionization? Pittsburgh had a pamphlet of information put out by the union. UCI – Do you want ad hoc committee? UCR – Open to the idea, but want to hear if other campuses think UCGPC should be the body putting information out there.

Motion to extend time by 3 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 4: Motion to remove the terms discussion and action item from the agenda, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 5: Motion to table ad hoc committee creation for GSR unionization until EVPs can receive feedback from their GSAs, seconded and approved without objection.

Mothers of Color in Academia*

Over 15% students are parents. They have a list of demands they submitted to UCLA and would like to expand this to all UCs. Lactation rooms not readily available on all campuses causing financial and health burden for student mothers. Child care on-campus has long waitlist and Title X mothers cannot use campus childcare. Student child care facilities are not equal to faculty child care facilities. List of demands: family center, reproductive specialist on campus, carpool, priority registration, legally abiding lactation sites and map of sites on campus, lactation rooms in all areas of campus, orientation program for parents, affordable insurance for dependents, adjustment of financial aid packages, early-care facilities for evening and weekends, selection of early care facilities on campus. Questions: What actionable items do you have, information, etc.? Is MOCA a system-wide organization? 4 chapters of MOCA, have tool kit for other campuses to start their own chapters. UCSD – GSA voted to increase student health insurance premiums to lower dependent premiums. OR work with state since Medi-Cal is more expensive than covering dependents with SHIP. Basic needs coordinator with weekly workshops for CalFresh. Personally commit to get information from UCSD and to communicate this to MOCA. UCB – GA has Grad Student Parent Advocate position, can connect you. Ideally want to create committee/task force under UCOP for student parents.

Motion to extend by 10 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Motion to extend by 10 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 6: Motion to create ad hoc committee to conduct research and recommend action on student parents co-chaired by Erin and Maiko, consisting of Kim, Jeremy, Jhia, seconded. Motion was amended to certify members who are currently parents. The amendment was seconded and approved without objection. The amended motion was approved without objection.

Resolution of the PROSPER Act*

The PROSPER Act removes student loan forgiveness for graduate who work in public service for 10 years – most of whom are graduate students. Also places a cap on federal loans for professional students, however this does not restrict private loans. We predict that with increasing tuition, professional students will

rely more on private loans. Removing graduate students from federal work-study. Would like to take a stance against this Act and then decide what actions we would like to take. UCSD – revise WHEREAS clause to emphasize increasing reliance on private loans and prohibitive effects of applications from low-income students. UCB – act also establishes public, private and for-profit institutions as the same which we should oppose.

Motion to extend by 10 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 7: Motion to revise the second to last WHEREAS clause as written by Kim, seconded. Motion was amended to include revision by Jonathan Morris, seconded and approved without objection. Motion was approved without objection.

Action 8: Motion to revise the last RESOLVE clause as written by Jonathan, seconded, and approved without objection.

Action 9: Motion to revise first RESOLVE clause as written by Becky, seconded and approved without objection.

Motion to move to committee-as-whole, seconded and approved without objection.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 10: Motion to leave committee-as-whole, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 11: Motion to adopt the revised Resolution of the PROSPER Act, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 12: Motion to move Ad-Hoc Breakout Sessions to after lunch, seconded and approved without objection.

Future In-person meeting dates

Still need to confirm campus for March In-person meeting. UCI is able to host, but perhaps people are opposed to meeting at the same campus two months in a row. Suggestion for a northern CA campus to host or move to a long virtual meeting. UCD is not able to host. UCB can provide space but not meals. UCSF can provide funds for meals but space is an issue. Perhaps UCGPC can pay for meals since we are not hiring staff this year. UCSB may be able to host.

Motion to extend time by 2 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 13: Motion to establish UCSB as host campus for March 10, 2018 In-person meeting, seconded and approved without objection.

Applications for Appointed Officer Positions

Is anyone interested in these positions or does anyone want to nominate anyone? Vice-Chair will create application forms and flyer to send to EVPs.

Action 14: *Motion to nominate Kim McCabe as interim Director of Legislative Affairs, seconded and approved without objection.*

Action 15: *Motion to nominate Jhia Jackson as interim Director of Communications, seconded and approved without objection.*

Action 16: *Motion to nominate Jeremy Prim as interim Director of University Affairs, seconded. Jeremy declined the nomination.*

Action 17: *Motion to nominate Jonathan Morris as interim Director of University Affairs, seconded. Jonathan declined the nomination.*

Motion to have lunch until 12:40pm, seconded and approved without objection.

Ad-Hoc Breakout Sessions – Campus Climate and Advocacy Day Conferences

Group divided into two groups to discuss Campus climate/Advocacy conferences will reconvene at 1:15pm

Reconvened by the Chair at 1:18pm

Ad-Hoc Breakout Session Reports

Campus Climate Conference – GoogleDoc, tentative date April 28, 2018 (UCGPC meeting on April 29, 2018). Draft forms for workshops/abstract (deadline March 1st) and registration (April 1st). Agenda: Ice breaker, Keynote speaker, Rapid-fire campus climate update (identify opportunities), short talks, 3 tracks of workshops (advocacy, healing, strategy), re-combine as a group at the end to leave with actionable items. Staff participation? Consider inviting two per campus and/or direct to specific workshops to avoid detracting from student experiences. Please approach upper administration from your campus to help fund the conference. UCSB – Hoping to bring reps from student orgs to ensure voices from different groups are heard. Caps for delegations, not including presenters. Will send out document of asks for each campus, please return by February 1st.

Advocacy Day Conference – May 13-14, 2018. 8-10am UCGPC board meeting, 10:30am programming (training on UCGPC bills) until end of day and keynote during dinner (cost permitting). 14th – meetings with legislators. Registration fee \$100 per student for member institutions, \$200 for non-member institutions due April 14th. Up to campuses to decide how to collect payment. Discussed meeting space in hotel or at UC Davis (20 min away, will need to arrange travel for lobbying). Each campus please recommends ideas for speakers, especially keynote speakers and send training packet from campus government relation by

end of February. The training packet should cover basic information and will be covered by the delegation before the conference. Two set of meetings – one with local legislators for system-wide and local stances, secondly the UCGPC executive committee to lobby for UCGPC stances. Suggestion of Holiday Inn, which UCSA has used in the past. Anupam will get quotes and then estimate registration fee and will create Google Doc for bill tracking and positions. Help for setting up meetings with legislators? Work with your Government relations office. Campuses can advocate for other issues as long as they don't conflict with UCGPC stances. Schedule call with UCGPC afterwards for debrief. Have a room to use at Capitol to store stuff, etc. during lobby day.

Motion to extend time by 2 minutes, seconded and approved without opposition.

Action 18: Motion to add Nory Kaplan-Kelly to Campus Climate ad hoc committee as logistics director, seconded and approved without objection.

Bylaws

Action 19: Motion to table until next meeting, seconded and approved without objection.

Proposal for UCSA Communication

Would like to draft and MOU to pass by March. UCSA created an ad hoc committee to this end. For clarification, each organization would have their own committee to negotiate on their behalf. Committees with first draft proposals and present them to each other. These should include participation in selecting Student Regents. Jonathan and Reza volunteered for the committee and suggested to appoint third-party mediator such as Member from Council of Presidents or Student Regent.

Discussion to include UCSC and UCLA on internal listserv. We do want to keep communication open, however they chose not to officially join and there should be a benefit to membership. Since so many other groups are included in public listserv, would like to limit discussion regarding advocacy, etc. to the internal listserv. UCSA immediately removed UCGPC campuses from their listservs.

Motion to extend time by 7 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 20: Motion to add UCSC and UCLA to UCGPC internal listserv, seconded. The motion failed. See attachment A.

Motion to extend time by 5 minutes, seconded and approved without objection.

Action 21: Motion to create Grad advocacy listserv separate from UCGPC, seconded. Objection on the grounds it's easier to add them to the current internal listserv rather than have to maintain three listservs. One benefit to a Grad advocacy listserv would be

to include constituents in this listserv and keep organizational information for UCGPC on internal listserv separate.

Returned to voting on Action #20. The motion failed to carry.

Returned to voting on Action #21. The motion carried unanimously.

Action 22: Motion to create ad hoc committee for UCSA communication chaired by Reza and consisting of John McCoy and Jonathan Morris. Approved without objection.

Plans for future UCOP/Regents/Admin Interactions

Need to create strategy for communication with Regents/UCOP/Napolitano. Hoping to have University Affairs help with this. First thing we need are specific, actionable asks to get their attention. Perhaps we can create a committee for this or have volunteers take on tasks, such as writing an op-ed if they refuse to meet with us. Agreed to discuss this informally after meeting and virtually to create a Resolution.

Action 23: Move to adjourn, seconded and approved without objection. Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:03pm.

Attachment A

Action 20: Motion to add UCSC and UCLA to internal UCGPC listerv, seconded. Votes cast as follows: D-Y, I-Y, M-N, R-N, SD-N, SF-N, SB-Y.

UC Davis – Yes

UC Irvine – Yes

UC Merced – No

UC Riverside – No

UC San Diego – No

UC San Francisco – No

UC Santa Barbara – Yes