UC Graduate and Professional Council

Council Meeting Agenda

October 2, 2021

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Saturday, October 2, 2021

1. Consent Calendar (9:30am - 9:35am, 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 - NOT 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 September meeting minutes*
      -Motion to approve September meeting minutes - seconded - approved
   c. **Approval of Agenda*

2. Executive Reports (9:35am-9:45am, written)
   a. President
      i. Onboarding new board members
      ii. Met with systemwide basic needs coordinator Ruben Canedo - discussed plans for joint advocacy

      iii. Regents meeting! Address on Thursday morning, also helped prep panelists for basic needs item

      iv. Working with Valeria on updated budget

      v. Emails with IRAP regarding mental health data

      vi. Met with Council of Presidents to introduce UCGPC

      vii. Organizing a meeting with UCSD GND Coalition and UCOP Office of Sustainability

      viii.   On a personal note: I am recovering from surgery and am really behind on my email

b. Council Chair-
   i. Met with Heather Belk (UCSD) to learn about standard components of hiring practices to prepare for UCGPC hiring its first professional staff
   ii. Onboarding of new EVPs
   iii. Onboarding of appointed UCGPC officers and making sure they have access to their electronic accounts
   iv. Drafting plans for Grad Summit, see below
   v. Usual agenda setting, and activities related to making the agenda;

c. Vice Chair-
   i. Reappointed to the UC Trademark and Licensees Steering Committee
   ii. Webinar on UC undocumented students at UC, free speech, civic and political engagement through the UC National Center for Free Speech
   iii. Created graphics for directors positions.
   iv. Using social media (twitter, instagram, facebook) to reach out to applicants for directors positions and STARS.
   v. Post about Student Borrower Protection Center's campaign on debt relief (debt relief for teachers, nurses, veterans, among other constituencies).
   Vi. Post about UC Advocacy Network's campaign on Double the Pell.

d. Treasurer-
   i. Banking account update:
      1. Working to bring banking accounts up-to-date. This means depositing some checks from last year that did not get processed. If your campus finance chair sees a 2019-2020 UCGPC check being processed, this is because we are barely getting access to the UCGPC mailbox. There may be campuses that need to re-send their payment to UCGPC because some checks have expired. If this is the case, I will contact the EVPs and send a new invoice to the affected campuses.
   ii. 501c3 updates:
      1. Working with our accountant to process any outstanding invoices and legal fees so we can move forward with 501c3 change.
   iii. Funding changes:

1. Working with Gwen to update a new budget that includes 1 personnel addition to UCGPC staff. Meeting monthly with UCOP during the transitional funding process to ensure we have the necessary resources to have a successful transition.
            iv. For UCGPC exec board members:
                1. Please contact me with your payment information so I can set up your stipends. We use Venmo or Paypal to get monthly stipends to officers, just let me know your preference and how to find you.
        e. Legislative Director-
            i. Will continue discussions with UC Federal Government Relations
            ii. Seeking a regular meeting time with UC State Government Relations
            iii. Determining if LD involvement in regular budget meetings with UCOP are necessary as Gwen is already on those calls
            iv. Already talking with Asm. Blanca Rubio's office about ASUC Davis-sponsored AB 1277, potentially getting it submitted to the UC to get its support
        f. Campaigns Director-
        g. Outreach Director-

3. Campus Updates and Introductions (written)
        a. UC Berkeley-
        b. UC Davis-
            i. Reopening is going ok-ish? Really waiting to see what campus rates look like in the next week. But we're disappointed because no one is actively checking daily symptom surveys
            ii. Planning for how to use mental health funds from the state - $15 million ongoing funding split between campus (we're getting 1.7 million). Supposed to be focused on something new rather than expanding existing services - make sure that grad students are at the table!
            iii. Scheduling monthly GSA-UAW-Grad Studies meetings
            iv. Opening applications for Leg Director position this week - hopefully will have someone on for next board meeting, but will invite all candidates to grad summit
            v.
        c. UC Irvine-
        d. UC Los Angeles- Ernesto and Neda will be working to push for AB-369: This bill would authorize an enrolled Medi-Cal provider to make a presumptive eligibility determination for a person experiencing homelessness. The bill would require the department to reimburse an enrolled Medi-Cal provider who bills the Medi-Cal program for Medi-Cal services provided off the premises to a person experiencing homelessness, as specified.
        e. UC Merced-

f.　UC Riverside-
　　g.　UC San Diego-Campus is starting to enforce vaccine mandates; External team is working with the city planner to inform students about the city plan update, which will shape what the area around UCSD will look like over the next 10 years or so. We'll be advocating for more high density, affordable housing near campus.
　　h.　UC San Francisco-
　　i.　UC Santa Barbara- **Ongoing Student housing crisis**: most (all?) grads who reached out to GSA and/or Housing with housing concerns have been offered temporary housing through UCSB- the offers are not ideal. Are they acceptable? **COVID reopening concerns:** vaccination compliance high at UCSB; mask mandates; unanswered questions about enforcement of policies and protocols for if/when COVID cases increase. **Graduate right-sizing committee ongoing**: moving towards mandating departments to offer 5 years of funding. **Pushing for re-allocation of block grant funding:** to better support humanities and social sciences. **Remote work option for grads:** UCSB GSA submitted a proposal to Executive Council/Academic Senate to speak at the Faculty Legislature meeting late October. **Summer stipends for grads:** working with alumni association to fundraise for grad student summer stipends. **GSA/UAW collaboration:** ongoing conversations with UAW about collaboration re: campus safety.
　　j.　UC Santa Cruz-

4.　Systemwide Updates (9:45am-10:10am)
　　a.　UC Student Regent Alexis Zaragoza (9:45am-9:55am)
　　　　i.　[Slides](#)
　　b.　UAW 2865 President Rafael Jaime (9:55am-10:10am)
-　Motion to pause recording, seconded, no objections

5.　UCGPC Governing Documents (10:10am-10:20am, Chair)
　　a.　[Charter](#)
　　b.　[Bylaws](#)
　　c.　[Robert's Rules of Order](#)
　　d.　*[Proposed Bylaw Changes](#)*
-　Differentes changes made within the descriptions of directors' positions.
-　Also, section 2 for the annual budget process, so new incoming EVPs have a voice and vote in the decision making in the new cycle.
-　Chairs recommends that the board take action on the item.
-　Motion to approve Bylaw changes, seconded, 7 approve, MOTION PASSES.

6.　UCGPC Appointed Officers (10:20am-10:30am, ~~closed~~ open session)
　　a.　Motion to amend agenda item to open session, seconded
　　b.　Applications

　　c.　Motion to move to closed session, seconded

7. UCOP Meeting (10:30am-11:30am)
    a. Overview of meeting format

-Meetings with President Drake will be remote.
-Pre-meeting, first hour we met with Student and Equity Affairs (2PM-3PM)
-Meeting with President Drake (3PM-4PM)
-Post-meeting, the third hour we met with Student and Equity Affairs again (4PM-5PM)
-Invitation is only for board members, there is no proxy. Exec board members are included in the invitation.

    B. Planning Agenda

-UCGPC is having the first President Drake meeting out of the UCGPC-UCSA-CoP trio
-Chair recommends take some time to create the agenda before this upcoming Monday 4th
-President recommends 3-4 main points, choose speaker(s) for each item, each speaker gives context and ask questions.
-President: how is UC going to be spending the money that we received from the state and federal government.

PROPOSED ITEMS FOR UCOP AGENDA:

-Housing: Heather and Hayden
-Policing: Gwen, Francois
-Climate change: Hayden, Francois, Victor
-Return to campus, COVID-19 risk mitigation for students, systemwide guidances rather than campus-based guidances: Ernesto and Valeria

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8. UC Green New Deal Coalition (11:30am-11:50am)
    a. Slides
    b. Platform
    c. One-Page Summary
    d. Social Media WG and Policy WG are potential areas of collaboration

9. Fall Reopening Check In (11:50pm-12:10pm)
    a. Davis: has massive COVID testing capacity. Req vax folx to test every other wk, req unvax folx to test every 4 days. Waiting to see COVID rates in the next few weeks. Students have asked that teaching folx are not the ones responsible for checking symptom survey. Potential exposure emails are not very descriptive. Vax rate is >99% among folx coming to campus. Union is filing grievance for the folx who were denied remote teaching ops.

  b. Irvine: higher approval rate for being on campus. Online symptom checker is lax. Will be in touch with Eadie

  c. Los Angeles: will be in touch with Neda

  d. Riverside: not present

  e. San Diego: testing req for 4 weeks upon return to campus. Testing req for unvax. Admin is taking actions against those who are not compliant. 90% vax rate.

  f. San Francisco: mandatory vax, esp for students involved with patient care. City provides testing centers that are accessible to students, as well as UCSF's medical facilities

  g. Santa Barbara: vax is 98% for students, ~90% for staff. Waiting to see how cases will develop with students back on campus. Testing is no req for vax folx, up to students. Testing req 1/wk for unvax (mostly on religious grounds, some medical). Daily symptom screening is also online, has the right to see results of screening, but individual also has right to not show it; is confusing. Masking has been compliant and no issues yet. Housing is still an issue, students are temporarily housed at the moment.

  h. Santa Cruz: has self-reporting symptom checker; teaching can ask to see the results of the symptom checker, but little support from campus in terms of enforcement. Vax rate 89% for staff and 90+% for students. Testing is available. Working to ensure depts will allow grad students to chose their modality of teaching. Housing is difficult in Santa Cruz. Students feel disempowered.

  i. Has your campus been sending out information on what to do in case your class has positive COVID cases?

10. StAR Discussion (12:10pm-12:30pm)

  a. UCGPC should develop a pool of folx on specific topics who are ready to speak at-notice when their topic is scheduled on the Regent meeting agenda.

  b. Ask UG/G Equity and Student Affairs meeting to invite relevant admin to the pre-meeting to overcome their refusal to discuss things not on the Regents agenda

11. Grad Summit Preparations (12:30-12:40pm)

  a. Oct 16, 2021 - Virtual

  b. Schedule outline

  c. https://www.sopact.com/theory-of-change

12. Public Comment (12:40pm)

  a.

13. Call for November Agenda Items

  a.

Grad Summit Potential Topics
Climate Change, Housing Affordability/Security, Cybersecurity/Personal Privacy Protections, Childcare, Civic Engagement, Food Security, Return to Campus safety, Transportation, Policing

Action Items:
1. ALL BOARD MEMBERS - invite student leaders at your campus to Grad Summit.
2. Board members: forward any concerns and things your campus would like to see with campus reopenings to Alexis and Marlenee.
3. Board Members: let Gwen know if you will be able to attend the UCOP meeting on Oct 15. If able to attend, fill out the attendee spreadsheet (ask Gwen for link).
4. Collate all campus reopening plans. Ask all Board members to gather information at their campus for this document. Collaborate on this with UCSA and CoP?.
5. Board members: think of at least 3 students at your campus who would be able to speak "expertly" at future Regents meetings. Add their info to the contact sheet (ask Gwen for link).
6. Ernesto will create flyer and graphics for Grad Summitt.