**UC Graduate and Professional Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

June 17th, 2018

10am -

\* Denotes Voting Action

*The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the chair with 7/8 campuses present.*

**Attendees**: Becky Grady (UCI – President Outing), Stephanie King (UCR –Vice-Chair Outing, Chair), Maïko Le Lay (UCR), Reza Khorasani (UCSF – Chair Outgoing), Prince Heto (UCI – Director of Legislative Affairs), Michelle Viorato (UCLA), Leihua Ye (UCSB), William Delmas (Merced), Adam Catching (UCSF), Rebecca Ora (UCSC)

**Public Speakers/Guests** – None

*\*Motion to move Graduate Policy Journal Earlier in the Agenda. Becky motion, Leihua seconded. Motion carried without objection.*

*\*Motion to approve agenda by Becky, Michelle seconded. Motion carried without objection.*

Graduate-Professional Student Policy Journal- Maïko provided us with updates from the ad hoc committee’s preliminary discussion on creating a journal. Saw need to provide outlets for UC graduate and professional students to develop their research and experience through a policy orientated journal. Short-term editors would need to be hired on a short-term basis for the purpose of peer review and handling op-ed submissions. Is there a worry in not getting enough applications? Historically, not especially competitive but is possibly a feature of including many of the submissions. If abstract is accepted, then there are a few months to flush out the paper. A new avenue for advocacy and student involvement. Could thematize/sponsor sections or submissions that are particularly relevant to UCGPC’s advocacy’s goals. UCSA did print and online, but printing was a costly item; perhaps print a copy for each author. Is it about student life or policy? The balancing of the two is something to be worked out by this year’s board. How much of the work for the journal was conducted by UCSA staff versus board member? UCSA had an exec and two or so editors. Whoever is taking this job, it should be its own budget item/hire. Layout and design of the journal was a staff job. Would every op-ed be supported regardless of view? Editor would have discretion for things that are consistent with UCGPC’s aims and goals. Editor’s for UCSA journal also gave prizes for best pieces. Board largely supports this. Chair suggested that Vice-Chair and Communications Director handle this, with Treasurer adding budgeting needs.

*\*Motion to direct Vice-Chair, Communications Director, and Treasurer to organize the structural and budgetary needs for creating a journal program. Becky made motion, Leihua second. Carried without objection.*

*\*Motion to amend agenda to 10 minutes to discussion of campus updates. Becky made motion. Maïko seconded. Carried without objections*

**MOU on Regent Selection Process.** UCSA has wanted to include non-EVPs into the Student Regent Selection Process. Board has concern that GSAs have less depth to hire staff that would be included. UCSA has countered that it is still one school one vote. Might be a moot point, as the Regents have signaled overhauling the Student Regent Selection Process. Regardless, at the point in which UCSA would participate, the MOU could still be fruitful. UCSA changed who is a board member. In the past, non-EVPs have tarnished the selection process. Chaos in the selection process makes it harder to pick a student that is right for the students. If we keep it vague, it could allow for UCGPC to have language as things get filled out. Pushback expected over change about the inclusion/exclusion of nonmember schools. Becky will speak with Rachel on next steps

*\* Motion to ratifying the MOU in exclusion of “Nomination Procedures for Student Regent” pending further negotiation with UCOP and UCSA. Rora motion, Leihua second. Passed without objection.*

*\* Motion to amend first sentence, approve the Student Regent Selection Process to have only EVP or their proxy at this stage. Becky motioned, Rora seconded. Motion passes without objection.*

**Campus Updates:**

Opportunity to share what’s going on at each campus, in each GSA, or things for which members would like feedback. Focus on what’s relevant to UCGPC or would like feedback on.

**Berkeley** absent.

**Irvine**- wanted feedback on graduate students’ participation in VCSA searches. Riverside has been able to secure one student in search committee and slotted time to interviews. Still filling exec positions. Departments have to approve of paying GSA execs, worked around if a department says no by paying over the summer. At UCR, students just don’t tell their PIs. With UC Path, this could be more complicated and could affect student aid. UCSB doesn’t not need such approval.

**LA**- feedback on voter registration MOU with Sec of State and UCOP. Registration in housing, voter registration forms in incoming student orientation packets, food-based events

Merced- No updates

**Riverside**- Having been working with grad parents, hoping that UCGPC takes on the survey this year. UC Path, payroll system, has been terrible for students in not getting paid for months. Board might want to do something about it. Based on UCSC’s experience, Riverside’s issue could be a product of having recently transitioned but may fix it as things get familiar. Ask to have any interest and debts incurred as a result of delays in payment. Bring to Regents, as they seem to only familiar with the cost overruns. ASUCLA just moved onto Path, and UCLA students have been receiving late payments. UCLA has been issuing cash advances if students raises issues. Is there a dedicated UC Path person on each campus? AT UCR, tends to affect students with more complicated funding packets.

*\*Motion to make UC Path an agenda item for the next Meeting, with board members gathering info on UC Path on their respective campuses and student testimonials. Connor made motion, Michelle seconded. Motion passed without objections*

**UCSD**- absent

**UCSF**- no updates

**UCSB**- no update

**UCSC-** UCOP SA came, never happens. Robin Holmes-Sullivan. Discussed basic needs and policing, housing, and dealing with student population growth. Also, opportunities to discuss policing more. Hiring a new grad dean, students concerned with attrition and mental health. New building project, which would only give 1/11th of potential beds to grad students, is being delayed because of community issues with appearance.

*\*Motion to have 3 minute recess. Connor made motion, Adam seconded. Motion passed without objection.*

*\*Motion to move “UCGPC and UCOP/CSA, Regents, and California Legislation” to Board Summit with a mini presentation now. Becky made motion, Prince seconded. Motion passed without objections.*

*\*Motion for 5 minute recess to take picture. Becky made motion, Adam seconded. Motion passed without objections.*

**“UCGPC and UCOP/CSA, Regents, and California Legislation” mini presentation.** Rora is first few, Prince presented on California Legislation.

**Setting date, time, location; and the membership of the Grad-Prof Agenda-**

Virtual meeting prior to Regents meeting and UC Path comments deadline. Meeting prior to PDST comment deadline.

7/13/18, 6-8pm virtual call

Poll for August Meeting 11-12 or 25-26 at UCI

Poll for virtual September Meeting 18-19 and 25-26

In-person SF Sept 25th

In-Person October to be determined at Summit

In-person SF November 13th

December meeting to be determined at Summit

In-person SF January 15th

Campus Climate Conference is tentative based on UCSD’s ability, but target is late January or early February

February would likely be joint with Campus Climate Conference at UCSD if it is held in February

In-Person SF March 14th

April tentative for Advocacy Day

April Meeting is to be determined at Summit

In-Person SF May 14th

**Lunch**

*\*Motion to move “Advocacy Agenda History” to summit, while still allowing Becky 10 minutes to give an overview at this meeting. Connor made the motion, Michelle seconded. Motion carries without objection.*

*\* Motion to amend agenda to add 20 minutes at the end of the meeting to discuss conference best practices. Becky made the motion, Adam seconded. Motion carries without objection.*

**Guidelines for UCGPC Listserv-** There have been a lot of emails, need to discuss efficacious ways of communicating through the listserv. Adam does not have access, expand access for transparency. Three different listservs: [ucgpc@googlegroups.com](mailto:ucgpc@googlegroups.com) for important matters for discussion exclusively among board members, GPC Gab to discuss on the goings on around campuses, GPC Listserv is for announcements to the public (broad announcements, agendas, minutes, etc.). Rora asked if we should have a policy regarding frivolous reply-all messages. Prince, perhaps listserv administrators could be the point people to facilitate this process. Stephanie and Connor could create and send out guidelines by the end of the month.

**Advocacy Agenda Background Presentation-** Agenda setting needs to be goal-oriented, sticking to procedure, setting next steps. Then Becky spoke about last year’s agenda items. There is a need for the board to seriously consider the nature of the agenda, as previous models have no set up past organizations in the position to succeed for a variety of factors (clarity of mission, resource and infrastructure, etc.).

**Conference Best Practices Presentation-** continuation from yesterday’s presentation on the year’s conferences. Stephanie presented.