

# July 2025, Graduate Professional Council Meeting Agenda Hybrid (Oakland, UCOP)

**Saturday, July 11**

**1:00–2:00 p.m.**

## **BOARD**

### Open session

Public comment [10 minutes]

Remarks of the President of the Board [10 Minutes]

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| B1 | Action     | <b><u>Role Call and Approval of June 2025 Minutes</u></b><br>[2 minutes]                                                                                 |
| B2 | Discussion | <b>Clarifying Details: Orientation Questions</b><br>[10 minutes]<br><i><u>Canva Presentation</u></i><br><i><u>Presenters: Council Chair</u></i>          |
| B3 | Action     | <b>Approval &amp; Discussion of 2025-26 UCGPC Calendar</b><br>[15 minutes]<br><i><u>Excel Sheet</u></i><br><i><u>Presenters: Executive Committee</u></i> |
| B4 | Action     | <b>2025–26 Budget Proposal for Approval</b><br>[30 minutes]<br><i><u>Excel Sheet (updated)</u></i><br><i><u>Presenters: Treasurer</u></i>                |

**2:00–3:30 p.m.**

## **BOARD**

### Closed Session

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| B5 | Discussion | <u><a href="#">UCGPC Treasurer Interview - Sahaj Parikh</a></u><br>[20 minutes]<br><i><u>Presenters:</u> UCGPC Council</i>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| B6 | Discussion | <u><a href="#">UCGPC Treasurer Interview - Melanie Girod</a></u><br>[20 minutes]<br><i><u>Presenters:</u> UCGPC Council</i>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| B7 | Discussion | <u><a href="#">UCGPC Treasurer Interview - Mohit Saraswat</a></u><br>[20 minutes]<br><i><u>Presenters:</u> UCGPC Council</i>                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| B8 | Action     | <u><a href="#">UCGPC Treasurer Appointment Decision</a></u><br><u><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LLd6PGXiJcK-3MUgC4nkj4Wk3mJ9yj92/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LLd6PGXiJcK-3MUgC4nkj4Wk3mJ9yj92/view?usp=sharing</a></u><br><br>[30 minutes]<br><i><u>Presenters:</u> UCGPC Council</i> |

**3:30–5:00 p.m.**

## **BOARD**

### Open session

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| B9  | Action     | <u><a href="#">Approval of 2025–26 Chairs, Committees, and Campaigns</a></u><br>[30 minutes]<br><u><a href="#">Google Forms</a></u><br><i><u>Presenters:</u> Council Chair</i> |
| B10 | Discussion | <b>Governance Review: Bylaws Amendment Dialogue</b><br>[30 minutes]<br><u><a href="#">PDF Document</a></u><br><i><u>Presenters:</u> UCGPC President</i>                        |

- B11 Discussion **President Drake's Student Org Divestment Letter**  
[15 minutes]  
[PDF Document](#)  
Presenters: Council Chair
- B12 Action <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HA5PYbAK7mj-lAJ1GnJHTxvV6jrA8ZsS/view?usp=sharing>  
**Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 486 (Cabaldon):**  
**Regional Housing, Public Postsecondary Education, Changes in Enrollment Levels, and the California Environmental Quality Act**  
[15 minutes]  
[PDF Document](#)  
Presenters: Council Chair
- B13 Discussion **Report of Interim, Concurrence, and Committee**  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F6CwlqZrtmO8x0WKC3RAKvjGd9imsI5k/view?usp=sharing>
- Actions**  
[2 minutes]  
Presenters: Council Chair

**BOARD**  
Meeting Adjourn



## UCGPC Special Board Meeting – July 21, 2025

**Date & Time:** July 21, 2025, Open Session (13:48–15:47) Pacific Time

**Location:** Zoom (Virtual)

**Chair:** Josiah Beharry (Council Chair)

**Attendees:**

1. President (Stephanie Valadez)
2. Treasurer (Mohit Saraswat)
3. Executive Director (Patricia Ordoñez-Kim)
4. Legislative Director Marshal Caro
5. Council Chair/ Secretary/UC Merced EVP (Josiah Beharry)
6. UC Riverside EVP (Gregory Hutchins)
7. UC Santa Barbara EVP (Sarah Bacon)
8. UC San Diego EVP (Oluwatosin Jegede)
9. UC Irvine EVP (Rebecca Angela Ruiz)
10. UC Davis EVP (Victoria Salemmme)
11. UC San Francisco EVP (Margret Akey)
12. UC Berkeley EVP (Jose Aguilar)

### Call to Order & Adoption of [Agenda](#)

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Beharry
- The Chair requested additions, deletions, or amendments to the agenda. None were raised.
- **Action:** The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

### Itemization of Q3 Transactions

- [x AY 2024-2025 Program Budget Report.xlsx](#)
- [+ Q3 Expenditure - Winter Revenue 2025](#)

- **13:49:24** – Presenter: Executive Director Pat Ordoñez-Kim shared their screen to present the Q3 transaction itemization,
  - Focus: Work contracted through Time Etc. from February to May 2025.
  - Tasks included: ad hoc administrative support, data entry, and collation of program applications (STARS, Student Observers, Student Travel Advocates).
  - Pat clarified that many of these tasks fell outside the scope of current bookkeeping arrangements.

## Questions and Discussion

- **13:51:23 – EVP Bacon:**
  - Asked why Time Etc. was not included in earlier budget sheets if engagement began Fall 2023.
  - Raised concern about substantial costs (\$1,440/month  $\approx$  \$17,000 annually), representing a large share of student fee revenues.
  - Noted transparency issues: broken links and sparse minutes prevented her from verifying past agreements.
- **13:52:05 – Ordoñez-Kim response:**
  - Explained early usage was minimal and bundled under “Consultants.”
  - Increased usage later justified explicit reporting.
  - Clarified Friedland & Associates declined to handle receipt-level bookkeeping; instead, Pat and Brianna categorized in QuickBooks while Friedland reconciled accounts (\$150/month reduced rate).
  - Board retains discretion to shift responsibilities back to Friedland or another firm.
- **13:54:43 – EVP Jegede:** Requested terms of reference/contract with Friedland, noting clients typically define deliverables.
- **13:55:04 – Ordoñez-Kim:** Shared July 17, 2023 agreements on screen and committed to uploading them to Drive.
- **13:58:36 – Jegede:** Expressed concern agreements appeared vendor-framed rather than UCGPC-authored.
- **14:02:27 – President Valadez:**
  - Insisted all contracts be shared with the board before signing.
  - Noted possible role overlap between Time Etc. and Friedland.

- Requested clarity on:
  - Usage spikes (Dec 2023, Apr 2025, May 2025).
  - Annual staff evaluations.
  - Receipt documentation.
  - Specific charges: April 1 (\$930.28), May 31 (\$993.55).
  - QuickBooks charges beginning April 7, 2025.
- **14:04:50 – Ordoñez-Kim responses:**
  - Usage spikes: December = Post-Grad Summit prep; April/May = Sacramento and DC advocacy planning.
  - Charges: April 1 & May 31 related to video editing, social media support, ADA travel coordination, and event logistics (e.g., catering).
  - QuickBooks: Annual subscription via TechSoup paid in a different quarter; April 7 charge reflected reviving 501(c)(4) QuickBooks account for tax corrections. Refunds up to \$17,000 anticipated from Franchise Tax Board.
  - Evaluations: Contractors evaluated by their agency managers; Pat provides performance feedback but UCGPC does not conduct direct staff evaluations.
  - Recurring increase (6/21/25): Monthly Time Etc. charge raised to \$2,880 to cover overages during advocacy season.
  - Garrett: Short-term Time Etc. contractor assisting with social media/advocacy promotions.
- **14:12:45 – EVP Hutchins & Legislative Director Caro:**
  - Observed vendor contracts are negotiable, even if drafted by vendor.
  - Stressed need to make Time Etc. a formal budget line item in future budgets, with projected estimates.

## **Motion**

- **14:15:43 – Motion: EVP Hutchins (UC Riverside)** moved to receive and file the Q3 transaction report (not budget approval; expenses already incurred).
- **14:25:12 – Second: EVP Akey (UCSF).**
- Discussion:
  - EVP Bacon asked whether motion foreclosed discussion. Chair Beharry clarified that discussion remains open until vote.
  - Bacon reiterated transparency concerns and requested copies of contracts.

## **Vote (14:25–14:26)**

- **In favor:** 4
- **Opposed:** 0
- **Abstentions:** 4

### Outcome

- **Motion carried.**
- **14:25:53 – Clarification:** Chair Beharry sought confirmation on whether a tie between affirmative votes and abstentions constituted passage.
- **14:26:19 – EVP Hutchins confirmed** that the motion was carried.

### Action Items

- Contracts & Agreements:
  - Executive Director to upload all contracts (Time, Etc; Friedland & Associates; other vendors) to Drive for full board access.
- Budgeting:
  - Consider creating a formal budget line for *Time, Etc* in upcoming fiscal year proposals.
- Receipts & Documentation:
  - Confirm that receipts are properly attached in QuickBooks for all transactions.
- Transparency:
  - Ensure board consultation and review of contracts before execution.

## Summer Quarter Operating Budget (Item B2 – Action)

 AY 2024-2025 Program Budget Report.xlsx

### Introduction

- **Chair Beharry:** Introduced Item B2 as an action item: review and approval of the Summer Quarter Operating Budget (June–August 2025).
- Noted this item had been tabled from prior meeting due to outstanding questions.
- Context: Budget materials located on the second tab (“June–August 2025”) of the shared document.
- Invited Treasurer Mohit Saraswat and ED Pat Ordoñez-Kim to provide background.

### Presentation of Budget

- **Pat Ordoñez-Kim (14:27:18):** Deferred presentation to Treasurer Saraswat.

- **Treasurer Saraswat (14:27:25):** Indicated willingness to address questions; prepared the budget.

## **Discussion**

### **Officer Stipends**

- **EVP Bacon (14:27:38):**
  - Suggested stipend increases be discussed before approving the overall summer budget, since stipend increases are already reflected in the proposal.
  - Asked directly: “Why are the officer stipends increasing?”
  - Recalled that in April/May 2025 the board reviewed officer job descriptions, hours, and stipends. At that time, a 3% increase was discussed—not the larger increase now presented.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (14:29:12):**
  - Increase intended to reflect actual work hours (officers regularly exceeding 20 hrs/week).
  - Outgoing President and Chair both consulted.
  - Proposed “rounded” figures for equity and clarity:
    - President: \$1,000
    - Chair: \$750
    - Treasurer: \$500 (initially raised from \$425)
  - Explained rationale: increases better reflect workload and responsibilities.
- **Chair Beharry (14:30:24):**
  - Asked why the Treasurer stipend only raised to \$500, not higher.
  - Expressed concern that the Treasurer role is expanding into CFO-type functions (oversight, development, external relationships).
  - Suggested raising Treasurer stipend further, possibly closer to Chair’s.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (14:31:12):**
  - Confirmed there is budget flexibility: projected ~\$22,000–\$23,000 in savings at quarter end; \$35,000 earmark for Q1 shortfall; \$70,000 in reserves.
  - Reason for keeping Treasurer stipend at \$500: did not want to raise his own pay while serving as current Treasurer.
  - Personally felt a fairer structure might be President \$2,000, Chair \$1,500, Treasurer \$1,000, but deferred to Board’s comfort level.
  - Supported aligning Treasurer closer to Chair (e.g., \$750).

- **Chair Beharry (14:32:37):** Concurred—Treasurer stipend should be higher, closer to Chair’s.
- **President Valadez (14:33:20):**
  - Disclosed childcare and travel support needs (single parent with two young children).
  - Requested clarity on where such support appears in the budget (historical precedent: support for President’s caregiver travel).
  - Asked to ensure transparency and formal Board approval.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (14:34:56):**
  - Historically funded through Systemwide Meetings/Travel line item.
  - Proposed increasing Line 29 (Systemwide Meetings) to \$8,000 (from \$4,000 each), to ensure sufficient coverage for childcare and caregiver support.
- **President Valadez (14:35:52):** Shared that at the recent Regents meeting she did not bring her children due to lack of clarity/support; may need to in future.
- **EVP Hutchins (14:36:27):**
  - Supported increasing Treasurer stipend.
  - Clarified distinction: stipend = compensation for duties, travel/childcare = access issue. One should not reduce the other.
  - Asked about payroll proposal reference to “Executive Assistant.”

#### **Executive Assistant Proposal**

- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (14:37:47):**
  - Major update: current agency (Time Etc) charges ~\$36–37/hr; contractors receive ~\$25/hr.
  - Proposed ending agency contract; instead contracting directly with Brianna Morris (current assigned VA).
  - Suggested contract = \$500/month for summer, increasing to \$2,000/month during academic year.
  - Aim: direct funds to contractor rather than agency overhead; cheaper, steadier cost.
  - No benefits included at this stage.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (14:42:18):**

- Clarified UCGPC cannot afford a permanent \$24,000 staff line at present.
- Suggested exploring stipended board/committee positions (similar to Treasurer/Chair) rather than formal staff hires.
- **President Valadez (14:43:14):**
  - Provided UCOP HR context:
    - Hiring through UCOP is lengthy, regulated, and not board-discretionary.
    - Would require UCOP job posting, impartial review, time-to-hire protocols.
    - Could recommend Brianna via reference letter, but no guarantee.
  - **Options:**
    - Independent contractor (variable hours, especially around Advocacy Days).
    - Student interns or paid fellowships (cheaper, mission-aligned).
    - Directorships (modeled after past practices).
  - Stated she will follow up with UCOP (Eric Heng) on HR/benefits package process; can report back.
- **EVP Hutchins (14:46:45):**
  - Acknowledged Valadez's clarifications as very helpful.
  - Expressed conceptual support for Executive Assistant role, but not ready to approve without fuller proposal.

## **Motions and Amendments**

### **Initial Motion**

- **EVP Hutchins (14:53:55):**
  - Moved to approve officer stipends with amendments:
    - President: \$1,000 (unchanged)
    - Chair: \$750 (unchanged)
    - Treasurer: increase to \$750 (from \$500)
    - Remove Executive Assistant line item until a full proposal is brought back.
  - Clarified this applies retroactively to July 1, 2025 (start of officer terms).

### **Clarifications**

- **EVP Bacon (14:55:01):**

- Asked if Hutchins’s motion included Legislative Director & Policy Fellow lines.
- Recommended a friendly amendment: limit scope to President, Chair, Treasurer only.
- **Hutchins (14:59:04):** Accepted friendly amendment:
  - Motion narrowed to approve stipends for President, Chair, Treasurer only, with Treasurer raised to \$750.

#### **Second**

- **EVP Bacon (14:59:40):** Seconded.

#### **Vote**

- **Chair Beharry (14:59:46):** Called vote.
- **In favor:** 8
- **Opposed:** 0
- **Abstentions:** 0
- **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Outcome**

- **Officer Stipends Approved (Retroactive to July 1, 2025):**
  - President: \$1,000
  - Chair: \$750
  - Treasurer: \$750

### **Summer Quarter Operating Budget Continued (Item B2 – Action)**

 AY 2024-2025 Program Budget Report.xlsx

- **Chair Beharry (15:00:45):** Clarified that following stipends, the Board needed to discuss the increase to the Travel line item, which is part of the June–August budget.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (15:00:45–15:01:06):** Confirmed:
  - Yes, overall approval of June–August budget still required.
  - Two relevant items for discussion:
    - **Line Item 40 (Travel):** proposed increase.

- **Line Item 31 (Consultant):** \$500/month minimum for July–August, based on ED Ordoñez-Kim’s request during budget preparation.

#### **Travel Line Item (Line 40)**

- **Chair Beharry:** Confirmed proposed increase = \$3,000 for travel.
- **EVP Jegede (15:01:28):** Requested breakdown of Travel line (flights, ground transportation, etc.) for clarity and transparency.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (15:01:52–15:02:52):**
  - Travel line covers officer travel for board meetings, plus ED staff travel.
  - Example: Earlier tab budgeted \$3,200, but actual spend was ~\$5,000.
  - Increase intended to provide cushion, especially to cover President Valadez’s childcare/travel support needs.
- **Chair Beharry (15:02:52):** Checked if response satisfied Jegede.
- **Jegede (15:02:56):** Yes, but suggested creating itemized spreadsheet of travel costs for transparency.
- **EVP Bacon (15:03:29–15:04:14):**
  - Supportive if aligned with UCOP travel policy.
  - Asked if \$3,000 was realistic specifically for July–August.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (15:04:00):** Clarified: \$3,000 is over-budgeted intentionally; actuals will likely be lower.
- **Chair Beharry (15:04:24–15:04:54):** Confirmed: budget line = \$3,000, but actuals will be below.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (15:04:36):** Committed to providing actuals each quarter and to add future itemization tab for travel.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:08:13):** Stated support for raising travel to \$3,000 to ensure access, but requested:
  - Future quarterly projections align more closely with known travel schedules.
  - Officers (esp. President Valadez) provide estimates when children will join travel.
  - Encouraged “overestimate rather than underestimate” for budgeting.
- **President Valadez (15:09:21):**
  - Confirmed she is a meticulous planner and can provide travel/childcare projections in advance.

- Noted: August = no travel (remote/Zoom attendance).

### **Consultant Line (Line 31)**

- **Chair Beharry (15:04:54):** Raised \$500/month for consultant/bookkeeper (Line 31).
- **President Valadez (15:05:08):** Recommended relabeling to “Bookkeeping/Administrative Support” for accuracy.
- **EVP Bacon (15:05:27):**
  - Noted Executive Assistant line (Row 25) also exists; requested clarification.
  - Questioned why \$2,880 spent on bookkeeping in June.
- **Treasurer Saraswat (15:05:35):** Clarified: June expense reflects transition; July–August set at \$500.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:05:53):** Identified \$2,880 as 501(c)(4) correctional work with Friedland & Associates.
- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (15:05:56):** Confirmed.
- **EVP Bacon (15:06:02–15:07:01):** Asked for receipts; pointed out \$2,880 exactly matches two months of Time Etc billing ( $\$1,440 \times 2$ ). Requested documentation to clarify.
- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (15:07:01–15:07:40):**
  - Acknowledged similarity.  
Attributed June increase to forensic bookkeeping work for 501(c)(4) refiling with Franchise Tax Board.
  - Promised to provide documentation/receipts at a later date.
- **President Valadez (15:07:40):** Stressed importance of resolving before vote.
- **EVP Bacon (15:07:57):** Emphasized accountability to constituents; uncomfortable voting without clarity.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:08:13):** Proposed approach:
  - Focus July–August approval now.
  - Address June miscategorization in receive-and-file process later (documentation to be provided).

### **Audit & Compliance Questions**

- **EVP Jegede (15:10:10):** Asked about audit plans.
- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (15:10:21):** Currently gathering quotes for CPA firms; must submit reviewed financial statements to UCOP this year.

- **Treasurer Saraswat (15:10:59):** Audit likely to be included in Q1 FY25–26 budget.
- **President Valadez (15:15:10):** Asked about compliance with tax filings and required forms.
- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (15:16:08):** Confirmed: all taxes and forms are current and compliant.

### **Capstone Internship Extension (Line 29)**

- **EVP Bacon (15:16:23):** Questioned extension of Capstone Internship into July–August; unclear rationale since student graduated.
- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (15:17:13):**
  - Explained Capstone intern (Marshall) produced final report with recommendations.
  - Proposed \$2,000/month extension to implement programming (community advisory group, resource center outreach, student recruitment for advocacy).
  - Shared draft contract and proposal (via link).
- **EVP Salemme (15:19:29):**
  - Surprised extension not approved by Board beforehand.
  - Noted Capstone, Policy Fellow, Legislative Director roles also may not have received full Board approval.
  - Recommended full Board discussion at future meeting.
- **President Valadez (15:22:28):** Clarified: Was informed of extension concept but did not endorse or oppose.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:23:02–15:25:09):**
  - Recognized quality of work but uncomfortable approving without full Board review.
  - Suggested deferring extension until August Board meeting when Marshall could present.
  - Proposed: approve July–August budget with Line 29 (Capstone) removed, then revisit extension later.

### **Motions**

#### **July & August Budget**

- **EVP Hutchins (15:27:37):**

- Moved to approve July and August 2025 budget as proposed, excluding Line 29 (Capstone Internship).  
June budget to be revisited separately (receive and file).
- **EVP Bacon (15:29:35):** Seconded.

### Vote

- In favor: 6
- Opposed: 1
- Abstentions: 1
- **Result: Motion carried.**

### Outcome

- **July & August 2025 Budget Approved** with following amendments:
  - **Travel (Line 40)** increased to \$3,000.
  - **Consultant/Bookkeeper (Line 31):** maintained at \$500/month, with request to relabel accurately.
  - **Capstone Internship (Line 29):** removed; to be revisited at August Board meeting after full presentation.
  - **June 2025 budget:** Board noted misclassification concerns (esp. \$2,880). Will be reconciled in future receive-and-file action pending documentation from ED Ordoñez-Kim.
  - **Audit & Compliance:** Confirmed up to date; audit planning to begin in FY25–26 Q1.

### Approve June Budget

- **EVP Hutchins (15:30:29):**
  - Moved to approve the **June 2025 budget** with the following caveat:
    - Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim to provide a fully itemized breakdown of June transactions, specifically addressing Line Items 31 and 32, no later than one week prior to the August 23 board meeting.
  - Emphasized this was necessary for transparency, particularly regarding bookkeeping/consultant charges.
- **ED Ordoñez-Kim (15:30:48):** Confirmed the deadline of one week before August 23 was reasonable and acceptable.

### Clarifying Questions

- **EVP Jegede (15:31:15):** Questioned why the Board needed to approve the June budget when July was already underway.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:31:32):**
  - Explained approval is necessary for compliance, even retroactively.
  - Acknowledged that June spending has already occurred, but approval ensures the budget is properly authorized.
  - Noted discrepancies or corrections can be reconciled in the receive-and-file process once reports are in.
  - Framed as a compliance matter to avoid potential issues with oversight authorities.

### Vote

- **Motion: EVP Hutchins (UC Riverside)** Approve June 2025 budget with caveat (itemized breakdown due before Aug. 23).
- **Seconded by: EVP Akey (UCSF) (15:32:08).**

### Vote Tally:

- In favor: 6
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 2
- **Result: Motion carried.**

### Outcome

- June 2025 budget retroactively approved to maintain compliance.
- **Caveat:** Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim will circulate a detailed itemization of June expenditures (esp. Lines 31 & 32) to the Board no later than August 16, 2025.
- **Next Step:** Full reconciliation and review will occur during the August 23 board meeting under the receive-and-file process.

## 25-26 Annual Budget Proposal Approval

- **Chair Beharry:** Introduced Item B3, clarifying this was intended as a discussion item because the annual budget proposal does not begin until September.

- **Treasurer Saraswat:** Had departed prior to this item, but Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim noted the context was largely self-evident — this budget still requires further development before formal action.

## Discussion

- **Chair Beharry (15:33:05):** Suggested tabling the discussion given time constraints and the fact that the proposal still needs work. Asked if members were comfortable postponing.
- **EVP Bacon (15:33:23):** Sought clarification, believing the intent was only to discuss officer raises, not the entire budget. Questioned whether tabling the full item was necessary.
- **Chair Beharry (15:33:31):** Clarified that the agenda item covered the entire annual budget proposal, not just stipends.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:33:36):** Provided parliamentary clarification:
  - The Board had already taken formal action under Item B2 regarding officer stipends.
  - Since B3 was slated as discussion only and the budget is incomplete, it can simply be deferred.
  - Recommended bringing the full September–August annual budget back to the Board once finalized.
- **Chair Beharry (15:33:47):** Agreed with Hutchins’ interpretation and confirmed the discussion would be deferred.

## Outcome

- No motion or vote required.
- Board consensus: Item B3 (Annual Budget Proposal for FY 2025–26) will be deferred until a later meeting when the budget is fully developed and ready for substantive review.
- Note: Officer stipend increases for July–August 2025 were already acted upon under Item B2.

## 2025–26 Calendar for Approval

 Ay 2025-2026 Calendar of Events - UCGPC .xlsx

- **Chair Beharry:** Reintroduced Item B4, which had been tabled from a prior meeting to be brought back at this special session.
  - Explained the action was to approve the draft systemwide calendar of UCGPC meetings and events for the upcoming academic year.
  - Emphasized that the calendar is always subject to change, depending on circumstances (e.g., weather delays at UC Merced).
  - Clarified that approval today provides a working framework, but dates can be adjusted if necessary.
- **Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim (15:34:31):**
  - Added that approval is also necessary for administrative purposes:
    - The calendar will be sent to campus GSAs to support timely submission of travel requests.
    - Goal is to ensure smooth travel coordination across the system for the year.

### **Motion**

- **EVP Hutchins (15:35:04):** Moved to approve the draft calendar as presented, with the understanding that it is subject to future revisions initiated by the Executive Director, President, or Chair, and confirmed by the Board.
- **EVP Aguilar (15:35:21):** Seconded the motion.

### **Vote**

- In favor: 8
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- **Result: Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Outcome**

- Systemwide Calendar approved for administrative and planning purposes.
- Board acknowledged: dates remain flexible and amendable if changes are required due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Approval enables campus GSAs to process travel authorizations smoothly for the academic year.

## Governance Review: Bylaws Amendment Dialogue

 CA\_Bylaws -- UCGPC (MLC 10.12.22).docx.pdf

- **Chair Beharry (15:35:58):** Introduced Item B5, noting it would be deferred to President Valadez to lead.
- **President Valadez (15:35:58):**
  - Stated the discussion was important, but given limited time and the urgency of Item B7 (COLA increase), suggested tabling B5 until August.
  - Highlighted key bylaw issues:
    - Multiple versions of bylaws exist; some not fully updated.
    - UCSF has two GSAs but only one vote; UC Santa Cruz's voting rights remain unresolved due to filing issues with the Statement of Information.
    - Past discrepancies mean Santa Cruz technically does not have a vote, despite exercising one last year.

Clarified that Chair Beharry's authority as Council Chair derives from the organization's Constitution, not the bylaws. He is not "Chair of the Board" (a distinct legal role).

### Discussion

- **EVP Hutchins (15:36:25):**
  - Moved to table B5 until the August meeting, while requesting additional documentation be circulated in advance.
  - Asked for confirmation that the bylaws currently in circulation are accurate, noting gaps (e.g., lack of clear definition of Josiah's powers as Chair).
- **Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim (15:37:19):**
  - Confirmed Ryan (previous President) authored a Constitution, separate from the bylaws, which clarifies the role of Council Chair.
- **EVP Akey (15:38:06):** Asked whether delaying August would have negative consequences.
- **President Valadez (15:38:19):**

- Clarified that most issues could wait until August, but compliance concerns (such as Santa Cruz's voting status) should be addressed promptly.
  - Committed to preparing a document with suggestions and identified discrepancies ahead of August to guide discussion.
  - Encouraged all members to read the bylaws thoroughly to understand fiduciary responsibilities.
  - Explained amendment process: proposed amendments must be submitted 10 days prior to a vote; only Board members can propose amendments.
- **EVP Jegede (15:40:21):** Asked how much time must elapse between proposing a bylaw amendment and voting.
  - **President Valadez (15:40:57):** Reiterated: 10 days notice is required before voting on amendments.

### **Motion**

- **EVP Hutchins (15:37:46):** Moved to table Item B5 until the August 2025 meeting, pending distribution of documentation for review.
- **EVP Akey (15:40:07):** Seconded.

### **Vote**

- **In favor:** Unanimous (all hands raised).
- **Opposed:** 0
- **Abstentions:** 0
- **Result:** Motion carried by unanimous consent.

### **Outcome**

- **Item B5 (Bylaws Review & Compliance) tabled to August 2025 meeting.**
- **Next Steps:**
  - President Valadez will circulate documentation identifying discrepancies in current bylaws and constitution.

- Board members to review bylaws prior to August meeting in preparation for possible amendment proposals.
- Any bylaw amendments must be submitted **10 days in advance** of the meeting at which they are to be voted upon.

## Executive Director Request Vacation Leave

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- **Chair Beharry (15:42:12):** Introduced Item B6, clarifying it was placed on the agenda because Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim had submitted a request for leave beginning August 24, 2025. The purpose was to allow the Board to acknowledge and plan around the request.
- **President Valadez (15:42:42):**
  - Explained that Board approval is not required for staff leave, as the Executive Director is a UCOP employee entitled to time off per UC employment policies.
  - Stated Ordoñez-Kim has been highly dedicated and rarely takes leave; the request reflects accrued entitlement.
  - Clarified that discussion could focus on whether the Board wished to request partial availability during the leave (e.g., one day for a Regents meeting) but emphasized the leave itself is the Executive Director's right.

## Discussion

- **Chair Beharry (15:43:43):** Suggested tabling until August but recognized the need to clarify planning now.
- **EVP Hutchins (15:43:48):**
  - Moved to “receive and file” the leave notification, since the Board cannot deny or approve staff leave requests.
  - Framed this as an acknowledgment of notice rather than a decision.
- **EVP Bacon (15:44:05):**
  - Seconded, but emphasized the practical implications:
    - UCGPC has only one employee and no formal committee assignments yet.

- Four weeks without the Executive Director requires clarity on continuity of operations and points of contact.
- Recommended that an out-of-office plan be prepared and shared with the Board.

- **President Valadez (15:45:20):**

- Noted she had scheduled meetings with UC HR and Eric Heng (UCOP) to discuss this leave and would provide updates.
- Encouraged Board members to forward questions they would like her to raise with UCOP HR during those conversations.
- Reassured the Board that “receive and file” simply means acknowledging the notification, not granting or denying leave.

## **Motion**

- **Motion (EVP Hutchins):** To **receive and file** Executive Director Ordoñez-Kim’s leave notification for August 24, 2025, with the understanding that operational planning will be developed.
- **Second (EVP Bacon).**

## **Vote**

- In favor: 8
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- **Result: Motion carried by unanimous consent.**

## **Outcome**

- The board formally acknowledged Ordoñez-Kim’s leave request.
- Leave is not subject to Board approval, but operational planning will be coordinated.
- **Next Steps:**
  - President Valadez to engage UC HR and UCOP (Eric Heng) and provide updates.
  - Executive Director to prepare an out-of-office plan clarifying coverage of responsibilities, points of contact, and continuity of operations.

- Board members may submit specific questions to Valadez for HR discussions.

### **Closed Session (Item B7 – Closed)**

*The Board did not make a motion to enter a closed session. This should be noted to ensure the procedure is properly followed in future meetings. The Chair takes accountability as this was his oversight.*

The board entered a closed session to discuss time-sensitive matters related to a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase. Pat left the meeting, and the recording/transcription was stopped for confidentiality.

### **Adjournment**

From the closed session, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 17:47.

#### **Motion**

- **Motion (EVP Hutchins)**
- **Second (EVP Beharry).**

#### **Vote**

- In favor: 8
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0
- **Result: Motion carried by unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Josiah Beharry, Secretary, Council Chair

UCGPC Board of Directors



## UCGPC Special Board Meeting – Aug 13, 2025

**Date & Time:** August 13, 2025, (15:04–16:26) Pacific Time

**Location:** Zoom (Virtual)

**Chair:** Josiah Beharry (Council Chair)

**Attendees:**

1. President (Stephanie Valadez)
2. Executive Director (Patricia Ordoñez-Kim)
3. Council Chair/ Secretary/UC Merced EVP (Josiah Beharry)
4. UC Riverside EVP (Gregory Hutchins) *Arrived Late*
5. UC Santa Barbara EVP (Sarah Bacon)
6. UC San Diego EVP (Oluwatosin Jegede) *Arrived Late*
7. UC Irvine EVP (Rebecca Angela Ruiz)
8. UC Davis EVP (Victoria Salemmme)
9. UC Berkeley EVP (Jose Aguilar)
10. UC Los Angeles EVP (Jack Feng)
11. Jade Fachin (Guest)
12. Miguel Craven (UC Student Regent-Designate/Guest)

### Call to Order & Adoption of [Agenda](#)

**Chair Beharry (15:10):** Reviewed proposed agenda.

- Item 1: Approval of \$2,000 from travel funds for Jade’s participation in upcoming biotech hearing (referenced in email night prior). Jade present to provide context.
- Item 2: Discussion on UCLA campus situation (to be addressed by Miguel, Stephanie, Jax, and Jade).
  - **EVP Bacon (15:11):** Questioned agenda: *“I thought I knew it, but it seems like it’s changed a little bit.”*
  - **Chair Beharry (15:11):** Clarified two agenda items (travel funding + UCLA discussion).

**EVP Salemme, Davis (15:12):** Motioned to approve agenda.

**EVP Aguilar, Berkeley (15:12):** Seconded motion.

**Chair Beharry (15:13):** Called for vote.

- In favor: 6
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0

**Chair Beharry (15:14):** Motion passed by unanimous consent.

## **Biotechnology Hearing Travel Funds (Item B1 – Action)**

**Chair Beharry (15:09):** Introduced B1 action item to allocate August travel funds for UCLA PhD student Jade Fachin to testify at the California Assembly Select Committee on Biotechnology and Medical Technology hearing. Invited Jade to introduce herself.

### **Presentation**

**Fachin (15:09–15:13):**

- Fourth-year PhD student in Neurobiology & Physiology at UCLA.
- Leadership roles: Co-President, UCLA Science Policy Group; Co-Director, Neuroscience Communication Affinity Group.
- Impacted by NIH/DOE grant freezes.
- Advocacy experience: STEM workshop & UCGPC Hill Day in D.C.
- Emphasized ability to amplify graduate student concerns.
- Raised logistical concern: flights arrive ~09:30 for 10:00 hearing; willing to minimize costs, including overnight stay if necessary.

**Chair Beharry (15:13):** Asked ED Ordoñez to summarize the purpose of hearing and rationale for selecting Jade.

**ED Ordoñez (15:13–15:17):**

- Hearing objective: assess impact of federal cuts on California biotech/UC research.
- Witnesses include UC Health Director David Rubin and biotech industry leaders.
- Jade was selected due to advocacy experience, vetting by UC Federal Government Relations, and UCLA affiliation.

**Chair Beharry (15:17):** Clarified Board already approved \$2,000/month for travel in July; asked ED to confirm August balance.

**ED Ordoñez (15:18):** Confirmed August funds untouched; July reimbursements pending; estimated personal travel = Amtrak \$50 + Uber ~\$12, no hotel required.

## **Questions and Discussion**

**President Valadez (15:20–15:24):**

- Strongly supported Jade’s participation.
- Recommended funding hotel + airfare to avoid early morning fatigue.
- Asked why other board members (esp. in biomedical fields) were not considered for support.

**ED Ordoñez (15:24):** Explained initial assumption was President attendance; Chair Beharry offered to cover in her absence; also contacted EVP Aguilar, but urgency led to Jade selection.

**President Valadez (15:25–15:27):** Objected to process, noting she was not consulted despite willingness to self-fund. Asked for future transparency in travel representation decisions.

**EVP Bacon (15:27):** Supported Jade but raised concern about precedent — should all advocacy travel now come to the Board for approval?

**Chair Beharry (15:28):** Clarified intent was transparency, not binding precedent.

## **Motion**

**EVP Bacon (15:29):** Motioned to approve August travel funding for Jade; requested future policy discussion on advocacy travel approvals.

**EVP Hutchins (15:30):** Seconded.

## **Vote (15:31–15:33)**

- In favor: 8.
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0

## **Outcome**

- Motion carried unanimously.
- EVP Jegede needed clarification on what was happening because of late arrival after explanation he voted in favor.
- The board formally approved allocation of August travel funds for Jade Fachin's attendance at Sacramento Biotech Hearing.

### **Action Items**

- Cover airfare, incidentals, and hotel (if necessary) from August travel fund.
- ED to document August travel expenditures in monthly reports.
- Board to revisit policy on advocacy travel approvals at future meeting.

## **Federal Policies Affecting UCLA (Discussion Item)**

 Letter to President Milliken and Chancellor Frenk re: UCLA Cuts - v.1

**Chair Beharry (15:29):** Opened discussion on federal policies affecting UCLA. Noted this was the primary reason for calling the special meeting. Introduced speakers: President Valadez, Student Regent Craven, EVP Feng (Jack), and EVP Fachin (Jade).

### **Regent Perspective**

**President Valadez (15:30):** Deferred initial remarks to allow others to speak first.

### **Regent Craven (15:31–15:35):**

- Shared updates from the UC Regents' perspective, limited to public information.
- Reported that the Trump administration demanded UC freeze all federal funding to UCLA, seeking a \$1B settlement with additional conditions.
- Governor Newsom signaled willingness to commit state resources in defense of UC (through settlement or litigation).
- UC Regents Chair Riley issued a statement condemning federal actions as "unacceptable."
- A federal judge in San Francisco recently ruled the administration's freeze violated a prior order; gave a short timeline (approx. 1 week) for compliance.
- Noted distinction: ruling came from a faculty-initiated case, separate from UC's direct negotiations.
- Invited board members to share concerns he could elevate to Regents.

**Chair Beharry (15:36):** Thanked Regent Craven and invited board questions. Stated Craven would remain for Q&A at end of meeting.

### **Student Perspective – On-the-Ground at UCLA**

**Chair Beharry (15:37):** Invited EVP Feng (Jack) to provide context.

**EVP Feng (15:37–15:41):**

- Reported widespread student concerns over frozen federal funds.
- Many students face hardship due to research disruptions and uncertainty about livelihoods.
- Referenced recent court ruling restoring some NSF funding as partial but incomplete victory; NIH and DOE funds remain frozen.
- Highlighted UCLA GSA advocacy efforts, including co-signed joint letter to UCOP and UCLA Chancellor (already ~600 signatures, 100+ shares).
- Shared details of digital campaign #ResearchPowersProgress, inviting students, faculty, staff, and community to share personal stories of research benefits and risks from funding freezes.
- Stressed ongoing uncertainty as all labs remain vulnerable.

**Chair Beharry (15:41):** Noted question in chat from EVP Victoria Akey; asked for hashtag clarification.

**EVP Feng (15:42):** Confirmed hashtags: #ResearchPowersProgress (UCLA campaign) and #StandUpForUC (UCOP campaign). Recommended use of both.

### **Student Experience – Personal Impact**

**Chair Beharry (15:43):** Invited EVP Fachin (Jade) to expand on personal impacts.

**EVP Fachin (15:43–15:46):**

- Reported that nearly all biosciences PhD students were affected, though impacts vary.
- Larger labs unable to cover all salaries; some students deprioritized.
- Graduate students and postdocs nominally prioritized, but degree progress disrupted.
- Many labs at a “standstill,” relying only on existing datasets.

- Reiterated severity and uncertainty caused by frozen NIH and DOE funding.

**EVP Bacon (15:47):** Asked whether new judicial ruling (reinstating grants by 19th) had already restored funding.

**EVP Fachin (15:48):**

- Confirmed: UCLA issued notice that NSF funds unfrozen.
- DOE and NIH funds remain frozen; expenses from those grants still blocked.

**EVP Bacon (15:49):** Thanked Jade for clarifying distinction between NSF and NIH grants.

## **Board Reflection and Support**

**President Valadez (15:50–15:55):**

- Thanked Jade and Jack for advocacy during personal uncertainty.
- Urged students to continue sharing updates, materials, and requests with UCGPC leadership to ensure broad UC-wide support.
- Encouraged circulation of advocacy letters and signature form among campus leaders and community members.
- Reported: letter already gathered 600 like on social media, significant engagement.
- Stressed issue transcends UCLA/UC and poses a national higher education crisis.
- Emphasized UC students' responsibility to model leadership and advocacy, especially for smaller institutions with fewer resources.

**EVP Fachin (15:56):** Reiterated commitment to uplift voices across UC and respond to board questions.

**President Valadez (15:57):** Concluded remarks: will circulate evolving advocacy letter and signature form; invited broad participation from campuses.

## **Closing**

**Chair Beharry (15:58):** Thanked Regent Craven, EVP Feng, and EVP Fachin for testimony and behind-the-scenes work. Encouraged ongoing communication and

reaffirmed the Board's role as partner and sounding board. Invited final questions before closing discussion.

## **Motion to Enter Closed Session**

**EVP Bacon (15:45):** Suggested the Board may need time to deliberate privately. Motioned to enter closed session.

**EVP Salemmme (15:46):** Seconded motion.

### **Vote (15:47)**

- In favor: 8
- Opposed: 0
- Abstentions: 0

**Chair Beharry (15:48):** Declared motion passed by unanimous consent. Announced transition to closed session.

## **Closed Session**

**15:48 – 16:25** Board entered closed session.

- Discussion centered on UCLA federal funding cuts and their implications.

## **Adjournment**

**EVP Ruiz (16:26):** Moved to adjourn meeting.

**EVP Beharry:** Seconded.

**Chair (16:26):** Called vote; passed by unanimous consent.

**The meeting adjourned at 16:26.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Josiah Beharry, Secretary, Council Chair

UCGPC Board of Directors

# 2025-09-13 Agenda



## UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC) Council Meeting Agenda

### SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
11:30 PM - 2:45 PM (Open Session)  
2:45 - 3:00 PM (Break)  
3:00 - 5:00 PM (Closed Session)

### LOCATION:

Virtual ([Zoom](#))  
Meeting ID: 816 2655 2370  
Passcode: UCGPC

*\*Denotes voting action*

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### I. CONSENT CALENDAR (11:30 - 11:40 AM, Presented by Presiding Officer)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
  1. Ex Officio Voting Board Members (Specify if Proxy)
    - a) UC Berkeley:
    - b) UC Davis:
    - c) UC Irvine:
    - d) UC Los Angeles:
    - e) UC Merced:
    - f) UC Riverside:
    - g) UC San Diego:
    - h) UC San Francisco (Acad. and/or Prof.):
    - i) UC Santa Barbara:
    - j) UC Santa Cruz:
  2. Officers
    - a) President:
    - b) Interim Secretary:
    - c) Treasurer:
  3. Staff
    - a) Executive Director:
  4. Invited Guests
    - a) UCSA President:

b) Student Regents:

c) Others:

C. \*Approval of the [Minutes of the August 23, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting](#)

1. Motion:

2. Second:

3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

D. \*Approval of [September 13 Agenda](#)

1. Motion:

2. Second:

3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

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**II. REPORT OF ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (Written)**

*If this update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

Systemwide Committee Nominations

September StARs

[July 12 Minutes](#)

[July 21 Minutes](#)

[August 13 Minutes](#)

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENT (11:40 - 11:50 AM, Open to the Public)**

- A. If no one is present to give public comment, board members may make announcements during this time.

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**IV. SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (11:50 AM - 12:20 PM, Presented by Various)**

- A. UCSA Updates with [President Aditi Hariharan](#) (11:50 AM - 12:00 PM)

1. Questions for UCSA President (12:00 - 12:05 PM)

a) [Add questions for the UCSA President here](#)

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**V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (12:20 PM - 1:20 PM, Presented by Various)**

- A. President and Interim Council Chair (12:20 - 12:35 PM, Stephanie Valadez)

1. Introduce UC Merced EVP Andrew Martin

a) Attack on diversity at UCM?

2. Updates on communications with University of California Office of the President

a) Updates on President Milliken

3. Updates on communications with Regents

4. Legislative Updates (FGR and SGR Initiatives)

- a) [Nationwide GSA Coalition-Building](#)
  - b) [Letter regarding UCLA cuts with additional community supporters](#)
  - c) [Sarah Bacon's nomination letter](#) to RISE Committee
  - d) [Jose Aguilar's nomination letter](#) to AHEAD Committee
- 5. Update on Grad Summit
  - a) Call for support
- 6. Questions for President and Interim Council Chair (12:35 - 12:40 PM, Open)
  - a) Add questions for the President here
- B. Interim Secretary (12:40 - 12:50 PM, Sarah Bacon)
  - 1. Documentation Organization
    - a) [Meetings: Agendas + Minutes](#)
    - b) [Confidential EVP Contact List](#)
    - c) [AY25-26 Calendar](#)
  - 2. Update on Microsoft to Google migration
  - 3. Questions for Interim Secretary (12:50 - 12:55 PM, Open)
    - a) Add questions for the Interim Secretary here
- C. Treasurer (12:55 - 1:10 PM, Melanie Girod)
  - 1. Update on Finance committee and Annual Budget
    - a) FY 2025-2026 Budget Proposal - ([Link](#))
    - b) Budget/Strategy alignment - ([Link](#))
  - 2. Treasurer's Report for August 2025 ([Link](#))
  - 3. Questions for Treasurer (1:00 - 1:20 PM, Open)
    - a) Add questions for the Treasurer here

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written)

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Committee Reports](#)

## VII. CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS (Written)

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Campus Updates and Voting Member Reports](#)

## VIII. SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS (1:20 - 2:00 PM, Led by Compliance Committee)

### B1 ACTION Proposes Bylaws Amendments

Discussion on bylaws amendments and revisions. There are seven amendments up for a vote and individual discussion. Directors, please add all

commentary/questions prior to the meeting directly onto the Google Doc linked below.

### Materials: Board Packet for Bylaws Amendments

- Appendix A – [Summary Table of Proposed Amendments](#)
- Appendix B – [Redline Amendments](#) (Articles V and X only)
- Appendix C – [Clean Working Draft](#) (Articles V and X with compiled amendments)
- Appendix D – [Current UCGPC 501\(c\)\(3\) Bylaws](#) (as amended August 23, 2025)
- Appendix E – [Draft Board Resolution Amending of Bylaws](#)
- Appendix F – [UCGPC Proposed Officers & Duties Worksheet \(September 2025\)](#)

#### B1.1 ACTION

##### Amendment 1: Officers

Officers. This amendment would revise bylaws to introduce a fourth officer (Vice President/Vice Chair).

Both the 3-officer and 4-officer options will be presented to the board, with the committee recommending the 4-officer option.

*\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 1: Officers** of the Bylaws*

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

#### B1.1a ACTION

##### Amendment 1.1: Officer Titles

Officer Titles.

A. President/Vice President

B. Chair/Vice Chair

The committee considered two options for officer titles and did not reach consensus. This nomenclature would apply regardless of whether the board adopts a three-officer or four-officer structure.

*\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 1.1: Officer Titles** of the Bylaws*

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

#### B1.2 ACTION

##### Amendment 2: Executive Director

Executive Director. Removes Executive Director as an officer (still a UCOP employee; these are distinct roles.)

\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 2: Executive Director** of the Bylaws

(4) Motion:

(5) Second:

(6) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**B1.3 ACTION**

**Amendment 3: Duties of Officers**

Duties of Officers. Added detailed duties of officers to the bylaws:

1. President (or Chair)
2. Vice President (or Vice Chair)
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

Note:

- If the board adopts Amendment 1 (4 officers), Amendment 3 will establish duties for President/Chair, Vice President/Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- If the board rejects Amendment 1 (retains 3 officers), Amendment 3 will establish duties for President/Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 3: Duties of Officers** of the Bylaws

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**B1.4 ACTION**

**Amendment 4: Officer Compensation**

Officer Compensation. Adds new section regarding officer compensation.

\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 4: Officer Compensation** of the Bylaws

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**B1.5 ACTION**

**Amendment 5: Language Adjustments**

Language Adjustments. Minor clarifications and edits.

\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 5: Language Adjustments** of the Bylaws

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**B1.6 ACTION**

**Amendment 6: Amendment Timeline**

Amendment Timeline. Requires proposed amendments to be submitted fourteen (14) calendar days in advance. (Previously: one week).

\*Motion to adopt **Amendment 6: Amendment Timeline** of the Bylaws

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (2:00 - 2:35 PM, Presented by Treasurer)**

**A. Financial Policies**

**B2 ACTION**

**Reserves Management Policy**

Presentation and discussion of [Reserves Management Policy](#)

a) Directors: Please add all commentary/questions prior to the meeting directly onto the Google Doc linked above as comments or track changes.

b) \*Motion to adopt Reserve Management Policy

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**B3 ACTION**

**Travel Reimbursement Policy**

Presentation and discussion of [Travel Reimbursement Policy](#)

a) Directors: Please add all commentary/questions prior to the meeting directly onto the Google Doc linked above as comments or track changes.

b) \*Motion to adopt Travel Reimbursement Policy

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**B4 ACTION**

**Expense Policy**

Presentation and discussion of [Expense Policy](#)

a) Directors: Please add all commentary/questions prior to the meeting directly onto the Google Doc linked above as comments or track changes.

b) \*Motion to adopt Expense Policy

(1) Motion:

(2) Second:

(3) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**X. NEW BUSINESS (2:35 - 2:45 PM, Presented by Presiding Officer)**

**A. October Board Meeting**

1. Potentially switching to UCR

**B. Please update your contact information and add your proxy.**

1. [Board and Officer Contact Sheet \(Link\)](#)
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**XI. MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION (2:45 PM)**

1. *\*Motion to move to closed session for interviews and discussion regarding personnel matters upon return from break at 3:00 PM.*
    - a) *Motion:*
    - b) *Second:*
    - c) *Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain*
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**- BREAK (2:45 - 3:00 PM) -**

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**XII. ((CLOSED SESSION)) COUNCIL CHAIR & SECRETARY INTERVIEWS (3:00 - 5:00 PM, *Chaired by Presiding Officer*)**

- A. Discussion (3:00 - 3:40 PM)
  - B. Review of Interview Process (3:40 - 3:50 PM)
  - C. Candidate 1 Interview (3:50 - 4:05 PM)
    1. Candidate 1 Deliberation (4:05 - 4:15 PM)
  - D. Candidate 2 Interview (4:15 - 4:30 PM)
    1. Candidate 2 Deliberation (4:30 - 4:40 PM)
  - E. Board Deliberation and Final Decision (4:40-4:58 PM)
    1. *\*Final vote-in of leading candidate*
      - a) *Results:*
        - (1) No breakdown of vote due to confidentiality
        - (2) Announcement via email to candidates from President or Secretary.
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**XIII. MOVE TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT (4:58 - 5:00 PM)**

1. Motion to return to open session and adjourn
  - a) *Motion:*
  - b) *Second:*
  - c) *Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain*

**XIV. Call for Agenda Items for the October Meeting (Written)**

- A. Add proposals for agenda items here.



# Committee Reports

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written)

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

### A. Compliance and Governance Committee (Chair: Sarah Bacon)

1. Add: First meeting on \_date\_ with / agenda
2. Add: Amendment voting and outcomes

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY SB**

### B. Finance and Resource Development Committee (Chair: Melanie Girod)

1. Preliminary report ([Link](#))

### C. Public Engagement & Campus Partnerships Committee (Chair: Jose Aguilar)

1. Have not met yet.
2. Members please respond to scheduling poll: <https://timeful.app/e/C46EF>

### D. Basic Needs: FFHA (Family, Food, Housing, Affordability) (Chair: Rebecca Angela Ruiz)

1. Affordable Housing Bond Toolkit
  - a) Student Tenant Org Draft/Template
2. Committee Meeting happening next week, and after the UCGPC Board Meeting of 9/13.
  - a) Calls for Proposal to present at CHEBNA Conference will be sent out soon by the committee - encourage all EVPs to share in a campus-wide email or communication of preference.
  - b) Ruben & Tim (Systemwide Basic Needs) will be doing campus visits, EVPs are encouraged to reach out to their Basic Needs Center Directors to see if a small # student reps may be present, if interested.
  - c) In general, all EVPs are encouraged to familiarize themselves with resources, and get in touch with their Basic Needs Center Directors.

### E. Healthcare Committee (Chair: Oluwatosin Jegede)

1. The Healthcare Committee met on Thursday, September 11, 2025, to discuss priorities for the year. The priorities identified include:
  - Expanding mental health services (improving access to care after the maximum number of visits is reached, addressing copays at referred clinics).
  - Improving access to primary healthcare at UCSF and UCSB (noting the high copays at alternative options such as urgent care and ER visits).
  - Increasing clarity on coverage for UC SHIP.
  - Addressing social determinants of health.
  - Expanding campus emergency services (currently unavailable at campuses outside UCLA).
  - Enhancing gender-affirming care.
2. Our next meeting will focus on conducting a SWOT analysis and selecting one achievable goal for the year. OJ

### F. Immigrant, Undocumented & International Student Protections Committee (Chair: Jack Feng)

1. First IUISP Committee convened on Wednesday September 10, 2025 and reviewed and discussed the following items:
  - a) UCGPC Letter draft of Support on SB 98 The SAFE Act to Governor Newsom
    - (1) Action items:

- (a) Further revision
  - (b) Council's review and approval
  - (c) Submit to Governor's legislative team on September 15, 2025
- b) UCGPC Public Comment draft in opposition to federal proposed rule to end F-1/J-1 student visa "Duration of Status"
  - (1) Action items:
    - (a) Further revision
    - (b) Council's review and approval
    - (c) Receive feedback from UCOP that also plans to submit a letter
    - (d) Submit to DHS by September 30

# Campus Updates

## **CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS (Written)**

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

### **A. UC Berkeley**

1. Legislative Director & Chief-Of-Staff has been hired, they both started working Sept. 1
2. Local Advocacy Efforts:
  - a) Know Your Rights Meeting
    - (1) Partner with East Bay Sanctuary and Immigrant Rights Advocates to host Know Your Rights Training for Graduate Students
  - b) Sanctuary City Meeting
    - (1) Ensure the City of Berkeley prioritizes funding for immigration legal services, rapid response network, and Sanctuary City Taskforce
  - c) ASUC-GA Campus and Public Safety Committee
    - (1) Continue advocating for the strengthening of campus and public safety-related work by UC Berkeley
  - d) Upcoming: Joint Safety Committee, City/UC/Student Relations Committee (4x6)
3. Currently Berkeley Happenings:
  - a) UC Berkeley turns over personal information of more than 150 students and staff to federal government | Campus | [dailycal.org](https://dailycal.org)
  - b) Homeland Security was in Berkeley, nature of visit unclear | City | [dailycal.org](https://dailycal.org)
  - c) Will find out more

### **B. UC Davis**

1. Posted Question in Slack: I had a student reach out because they are reaching their limit of quarters they can TA (21 with Covid exemptions), but this is because UC Davis is counting their quarters as a master student with their quarters as a PhD student (in different programs). The UCOP policy only says there is a limit to the number of quarters total, not if that is per student or per degree. Has anyone heard of this happening on other campuses? I think this policy needs to be clarified for students about whether this is per student or per degree. Any insights are appreciated!
2. Davis quarter begins Sep 22. First GSA EC meeting is next week to set priorities

### **C. UC Irvine**

1. Legislative Director & Legislative Analyst has been hired. LD begins Oct. 1 & LA begins Nov. 1.
  - a) Planning virtual or hybrid *Know Your Rights* workshops with the DREAM Center and the OC Rapid Response Network - aiming for the Fall Quarter and is a collaboration between Internal VP and External VP offices.
  - b) RAR is now UCGPC Basic Needs Committee Chair, after Josiah's resignation as Council Chair - monthly meeting will be happening next week.

### **D. UC Los Angeles**

1. Director of Legislative Affairs has been hired for September 2025 to May 2026 and will serve as EVP's official proxy.
2. Initiated with my undergraduate EVP USAC (Undergraduate Student Association Council) counterpart, a UCLA-wide effort to promote civic engagement and student participation in the upcoming November CA special election for Proposition 50. We plan to do an educational non-partisan Town Hall for our students as well as propose to the UCLA Academic Senate to accommodate students with special needs and/or concerns for voting.

3. Proposed with my undergraduate EVP USAC counterpart to the District Office of Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-35) the establishment of a District-wide Higher Education Students Advisory Council, which would also include representation from other college campuses in the District.
4. EVP shared the First 100 Days [https://www.instagram.com/p/DOWf4FSAWWd/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=Nzh1bjFobDIwM3po](https://www.instagram.com/p/DOWf4FSAWWd/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=Nzh1bjFobDIwM3po) on Instagram.

**E. UC Merced**

1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY AM

**F. UC Riverside**

1. My external staff should be coming online by the end of the month. I will have my Legislative Director and Advocacy Officer by the end of week 0.
2. My GSA is considering having an open-house for our elected officials for the region. (Federal, State, and Local) Project is run by my President. I will update as I have more information.

**G. UC San Diego**

1. The GPSAUCSD will be sponsoring my travel to the September Regents Meeting to enable my participation in discussions pertinent to the welfare of graduate students at UCSD and across the UC campuses.

**H. UC San Francisco (Academic)**

1. No updates. Our first UCSF student government meeting is later this month.

**I. UC San Francisco (Professional)**

1. No updates. First UCSF GPSA meeting later this month.

**J. UC Santa Barbara**

1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY SB

**K. UC Santa Cruz**

1. No updates since the rest of my board has not begun their terms officially yet. I have emailed various contacts-internal and external to UCSC-suggested to me Stephanie.

# Initials Defined

| Initials Key |                      |                                 |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Initials     | Name                 | Campus                          |
| <b>JA</b>    | Jose Aguilar         | UC Berkeley                     |
| <b>VS</b>    | Victoria Salemmme    | UC Davis                        |
| <b>RAR</b>   | Rebecca Angela Ruiz  | UC Irvine                       |
| <b>JF</b>    | Jack Feng            | UC Los Angeles                  |
| <b>AM</b>    | Andrew M.            | UC Merced                       |
| <b>GH</b>    | Gregory Hutchins     | UC Riverside                    |
| <b>OJ</b>    | Oluwatosin Jegede    | UC San Diego                    |
| <b>GA</b>    | Gabe Avillion        | UC San Francisco (Academic)     |
| <b>MA</b>    | Margaret Akey        | UC San Francisco (Professional) |
| <b>SB</b>    | Sarah Bacon          | UC Santa Barbara                |
| <b>GP</b>    | Gabrielle Peñaranda  | UC Santa Cruz                   |
| <b>SV</b>    | Stephanie Valadez    | UC Los Angeles (President)      |
| <b>MG</b>    | Melanie Girod        | UC Berkeley (Treasurer)         |
| <b>POK</b>   | Patricia Ordenez-Kim | Executive Director              |
| <b>AH</b>    | Aditi Hariharan      | UCSA President                  |

# 2025-11-08 Agenda



**UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC)  
Council Meeting Agenda**

**SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, November 08, 2025  
11:30 PM - 4:00 PM (Open Session)

**LOCATION:**

UCLA Anderson School of Management - **Room B312**  
**110 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095**

[PARKING INSTRUCTIONS/INFO HERE](#)

Virtual ([Zoom](#))

Meeting ID: 961 4815 7988

*\*Denotes voting action*

**MEETING NOTICES:**

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**I. CONSENT CALENDAR (11:30 - 11:40 AM, Presented by Presiding Officer)**

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

1. Ex Officio Voting Board Members (Specify if Proxy)

- a) UC Berkeley:
- b) UC Davis:
- c) UC Irvine:
- d) UC Los Angeles:
- e) UC Merced:
- f) UC Riverside:
- g) UC San Diego:
- h) UC San Francisco (Acad. and/or Prof.):
- i) UC Santa Barbara:
- j) UC Santa Cruz:

2. Officers

- a) President:
- b) Vice President:
- c) Secretary:
- d) Treasurer:

3. Staff

- a) Executive Director:

4. Invited Guests
  - a) UCSA President:
  - b) Council of Presidents - Grad. Leadership:
  - c) Student Regent:
  - d) Student Regent Designate:
  - e) Others:
  
- C. \*Approval of the [Minutes of the September 13, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting](#)
  1. Motion:
  2. Second:
  3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain
  
- D. \*Approval of the [Minutes of the October 18, 2025 Regular Monthly Board Meeting](#)
  1. Motion:
  2. Second:
  3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain
  
- E. \*Approval of [November 08 Agenda](#)
  1. Motion:
  2. Second:
  3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

## II. REPORT OF ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (*Written*)

*If this update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT (, *Open to the Public*)

*If no one is present to give public comment, board members may make announcements during this time.*

- A. Academic Planning Council Updates (*Michael Andrew*)
  1. International Education
  2. Adaptation to Disruptions
  3. Performance of Undergraduate Degree Programs
  4. Expanded Opportunities for Experiential Learning
  5. [More info here](#)
    - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
    - b) TA limits? (VS)
    - c) Where do you think graduate students are most impacted in the discussions by the APC? How can we work together on this? (MG)

## IV. SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (11:50 AM - 12:35 PM, *Presented by Various*)

- A. UCSA Updates with [President Aditi Hariharan](#) (11:50 AM - 12:05 PM)
    - 1. Questions for UCSA President [TO BE CONFIRMED]
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question  
MG - what will UCSA advocate for at the Regents meeting? How can we support?
  - B. Council of Presidents updates with [Naomi Hammonds](#) (12:05 - 12:20 PM)
    - 1. Questions for Council of Presidents Leadership [CONFIRMED]
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
  - C. UC Student Regents Updates with [Student Regent Sonya Brooks](#) and/or [Student Regent-Designate Miguel Craven](#) (12:20 - 12:35 PM) [TO BE CONFIRMED]
    - 1. Questions for UC Student Regents
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question  
MG - what should we be on the lookout for at the next Regents' meeting?
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## V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (12:35 PM - 1:40 PM, Presented by Various)

- A. President (12:35 - 12:45 PM, Stephanie Valadez)
  - 1. Thank you to Rebecca Angela Ruiz for her service, welcoming the UCI proxy/proxies.
  - 2. Victoria stepping in as Basic Needs Chair
    - a) Transition plan into January
  - 3. Legislative Calendar, setting dates for Sacramento and D.C.
  - 4. Milliken Meeting report
  - 5. Assembly Committee on Higher Education (Mike Fong, Chair) on November 17
    - a) Representatives from CCC, CSU, UC (UCGPC and UCSA) and AICCU
  - 6. Nominations to Systemwide Committees
    - a) Jack Feng (UCEP) and Melanie Girod (APC)
  - 7. Questions for President (12:45 - 12:50 PM, Open)
    - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question  
MG: (to President and/or Secretary) Are we in touch with our grad reps on systemwide committees to make sure the information from each committee gets back to us?
- B. Vice President (12:50 - 1:00 PM, Harvir Kaur)
  - 1. Summit Updates
    - a)
  - 2. Gala Updates
  - 3. Requesting a Speaker at Meetings Guidelines
  - 4. Questions for Vice President (1:00 - 1:05 PM, Open)
    - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question

C. Secretary (1:05 - 1:15 PM, Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma)

1. Systemwide Committees need nominations:
  - a) UCODE (formerly CCTL)
  - b) UCEP
  - c) UCOPE
  - d) Advisory group for the systemwide surveys
2. Questions for Secretary (1:15 - 1:20 PM, Open)

a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question

D. Treasurer (1:20 - 1:35 PM, Melanie Girod)

1. [Treasurer's Report](#)
2. Report on [FGR grant](#) and [Advocates hiring](#)
3. [Giving Tuesday planning updates](#) and fundraising ideas
4. Questions for Treasurer (1:35 - 1:40 PM, Open)

a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question

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VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written, if ahead of time, dedicate 1:40 - 1:45 PM for oral reports)**  
*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Committee Reports](#)

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VII. **CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS (Written)**  
*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Campus Updates and Voting Member Reports](#)

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- BREAK (1:45 - 2:00 PM) -

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VIII. **SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS (2:00 - 3:45 PM, Presented by Presiding Officer)**

B1 **DISCUSSION Leg. Director & Student Advocates Positions Updates (2:00 - 2:20 PM, MG)**

- A. Legislative Director
  - a. [Blog Post and job description here](#)
  - b. Timeline
- B. Student Advocates
  - a. [Job description here](#)
  - b. [Timeline](#)

- C. Request for help with advertising from all campus EVPs

- B2 DISCUSSION UCGPC Staffing Plan and updates (2:20-2:40 PM, Presiding Officer)**
- A. Hiring a “temp”
  - B. Other IC
  - C. Discussion on paying stipend to board members and officers who are stepping up while Exec. Director is on Medical Leave
- B3 DISCUSSION November Regents Meeting (2:40 - 2:55 PM, Presiding Officer)**
- A. StAR updates
  - B. Budget Discussion
- B4 DISCUSSION Calfresh/SNAP Updates (2:55 - 3:20 PM, VS)**
- A. Discuss impacts of recent SNAP benefits delays and not disbursements
  - B. Discuss/brainstorm ideas to address food insecurity among students
  - C. Consider issuing a UCGPC statement + share resources with students
- B5 DISCUSSION UCSF Voting Rights Discussion (3:20 - 3:45 PM, GA, MA)**
- A. Discuss UCSF’s [Proposal](#)
  - B. Brainstorm ideas
- B6 DISCUSSION Mental Health awareness + presentation (pending guest confirmation)**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (3:45 - 3:55 PM, Led by Various)**

**X. NEW BUSINESS (3:55 - 3:59 PM, Presented by Presiding Officer)**

- A. Meeting Governor Ask: 1:1 or Public Forum (and benefits for each)

**XI. ADJOURNMENT (3:59 - 4:00 PM)**

- 1. Motion to adjourn
  - a) Motion:
  - b) Second:
  - c) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain

**XII. Call for Agenda Items for the November Meeting (Written)**

- A. **BOARD: Add proposals for agenda items here.**

# Committee Reports

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written)

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

### A. Compliance and Governance Committee (Chair: Sarah Bacon)

1. The Compliance & Governance Committee did not meet since the last October 18 UCGPC board meeting. However, one meeting will be scheduled before the December meeting.

### B. Finance and Resource Development Committee (Chair: Melanie Girod)

1. Finance Committee report [[here](#)]

### C. Public Engagement & Campus Partnerships Committee (Chair: Jose Aguilar)

1. Committee member:
  - a) Fill out a poll to meet: <https://www.when2meet.com/?33439951-gAvWq>
  - b) Due: 11/17/25
2. **EVERYONE:** Fill out your GSA meeting times cadence for the on this [sheet](#)
  - a) Please add the info that you can, if you have a PDF or other source with the dates just link the file.
  - b) If you do not have such a resource please duplicate the template and add your dates manually.

### D. Basic Needs: FFHA (Family, Food, Housing, Affordability) (Chair: Victoria Salemme)

1. Next meeting will be November 14, 2025 at 10am- reach out to Victoria if you want to join
2. SB 761 (Ashby) CalFresh bill was vetoed by Gov Newsom → we have 60 days from the veto to write a letter asking the assembly to re-visit the bill. Due to timing, it was recommended to bring paper copies to the offices in Sacramento
3. SNAP Benefits: Please make sure to be in touch with campus Basic Needs Directors!
  - a) Initially they were expected to be cut by the Federal Gov due to the shut down. In response, Gov Newsom pledged \$80 million to help cover the gap and deploy a national guard to assist. Then, a federal judge ruled the Trump admin does need to continue to pay SNAP benefits with emergency funds. What this still does not cover is new applications. This is also in contention- Trump was ordered to pay the benefits, but then the Supreme Court ruled he does not have to.
4. SB 271 (Reyes) Childcare as a Basic Need was passed!

### E. Healthcare Committee (Chair: Oluwatosin Jegede)

The UCGPC Healthcare Committee reviewed the UCSHIP cost driver report for the 2024–2025 academic year. Mental health expenses accounted for **26% of total medical costs**, making them the highest expense category, while **32% of ER visits** were classified as non-medically necessary.

1. **Responsible ER Use Campaign:** The committee will launch a UC-wide campaign to encourage students to seek primary care and referrals before using the ER, except in emergencies. A UC-wide survey will also be conducted to understand students' healthcare preferences and behaviors. The committee will seek UCGPC funding, possibly requiring a budget revision, to offer gift card incentives for survey participation.

2. **Mental Health Access:** The committee discussed expanding mental health services while keeping premiums affordable. They plan to consult UC SHIP about the possibility of reducing vision or dental premiums to fund mental health coverage.
3. **Campus Participation in UC SHIP:** UCSF and UCSB are considering leaving UC SHIP, which could raise premiums for others. The committee will continue engaging these campuses and explore incentives, such as improved mental health services, to encourage them to stay. It was noted that UC Irvine previously left UC SHIP for better mental health coverage elsewhere.
4. **Dental Health Concerns:** UC Santa Cruz reported losing access to its mobile dental clinic and raised concerns about how potential reductions in dental coverage might affect students.
5. **UC Graduate Summit Speaker:** The committee is awaiting details from the UC Grad Summit Planning Group to nominate a speaker (or two) for a session on “UC SHIP: Successes, Challenges, and the Benefits of Continued Participation.”
6. **Engagement with UCSA:** Oluwatosin met with the UCSA President to align priorities. Since UCSA lacks a formal healthcare committee, the President will act as a proxy for health-related issues. The President noted that many undergraduates are not on UC SHIP, relying instead on their parents' or private plans. UCSA requested that UC Student Health Services explore accepting a wider range of insurance plans to improve healthcare access for all students.

**F. Immigrant, Undocumented, and International Student Protection Committee (Chair: Jack Feng)**

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# Campus Updates

## **CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS (Written)**

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### **A. UC Berkeley**

1. Sanctity City Task Force + KYR - re: Immigration Enforcement in SF/Bay Area
  - a) Coordinated with the task force to get real up to date updates on increasing ICE enforcement
  - b) Questions from community and student became tailored toward anti-ICE protests and TPM implication about student safety and free speech rights
2. Conservative Talk on Campus
  - a) TPUSA is visiting Berkeley with increased security with the area, and its impact on student well being.
  - b) Issues of TPM with counter protesters.
3. Question to ask the board: Have you experienced similar situations at your campus, how it TPM working out especially with increase federal enforcement?

### **B. UC Davis**

1. EVP Transition: GSA held elections this week. I (Victoria) will be stepping down in December, and Jalen Ward will be the new EVP!
2. Student Parents Task Force: Met with advocates within the Chancellor's Representative committee (CGSPA) to figure out how we can push forward on projects.
  - a) One issue at Davis is visibility. GSA and CGSPA are going to include tags/stickers on any event flyers that says "children/families welcome" (eg: pizza nights) to encourage people to bring their kids and also help make them feel more welcomed at events
3. SB 271: Childcare as a Basic Need- UC Davis did not know this was signed when we brought it forward to them. Now they do know so we will be following up.
4. Fee Referendum: (*background: UCD GSA is trying to pass a referendum to provide free bus access to graduate and professional students, and increase the student fee so we can provide more resources*)- has passed the second round with COSAF. We are aiming to begin marketing it and hold the vote in the spring
5. E-Transportation: UC Davis is considering bringing back tickets for bikers and people using e-transportation (scooters and bikes). This is a last choice since it will increase enforcement presence on campus. They are looking for input on other ways to improve safety because accidents and severe injuries have already occurred, despite speed limit signs on campus.

### **C. UC Irvine**

#### **1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP**

### **D. UC Los Angeles**

1. UCLA GSA/USAC EVPs Proposition 50 Civic Forum [event](#) on October 22 on campus:
  - a) 12 graduate students attended, 32 undergraduate students attended.
2. Received a formal response from Steve Louire, UCLA Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus and Community Safety regarding the bad-faith August Town Hall meeting as part of the state law requirement for UCLA Police Department's military equipment

request to the UC Regents ([approved at the September UC Regents meeting](#)), on October 23, 2025.

- a) According to AVC: UCLA acknowledges limited prior notice to the public and will improve transparency for future public town halls. The equipment report aligns with most California jurisdictions and complies with the law. None of the listed equipment comes from the U.S. military; UCLAPD has never received military gear. “Military equipment” is a legal term used because larger agencies (like LAPD) have such items —UCLA does not.
- b) AVC is open to discussing further.

**3. Discussed with UC Student Regent Sonya Brooks on October 30, 2025, on several developing initiatives in partnership with UCLA GSA EVP Office.**

- a) BruinFresh (to address current gaps in food insecurity on UCLA campus)
- b) Suicide Prevention Campaign (to raise awareness and promote resources on mental health and wellness for UCLA graduate students)
- c) UC Graduate Tuition Stability Plan (TSP) & Federal Loan Cuts: Implications for current and prospective UCLA graduate students.

**E. UC Merced**

**1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP**

**F. UC Riverside**

- 1. Website updates are being finalized, and office emails have been re-established.
- 2. The office’s local advocacy division is now off the ground and participating in local community meetings. However, the official advocacy program for the year will likely not come out until early winter quarter.
- 3. IELCC Hosting the Webinar on AI/Data Centers. Full details TBD, but the event is set for December 1st at 2PM. RSVP Link:  
[https://events.zoom.us/j/7cm7hpSci2LO-GLDDCnlwOD~AiJXQCf15Qdhq-dC67E4QvyOz\\_LNvGhPPvjwB6dtQvCYNTa0KCNzx2lgqQ](https://events.zoom.us/j/7cm7hpSci2LO-GLDDCnlwOD~AiJXQCf15Qdhq-dC67E4QvyOz_LNvGhPPvjwB6dtQvCYNTa0KCNzx2lgqQ)



**G. UC San Diego**

**1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP**

**H. UC San Francisco**

**1. Attended student health advisory committee to advocate for making student health more accessible at UCSF. Presented about UCGPC during GPSA meeting.**

**I. UC Santa Barbara**

**1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP**

**J. UC Santa Cruz**

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| HK           | Harvir Kaur               | UC Berkeley (Vice President)    |
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# UCLA Parking Instructions

## **UCLA Parking Guide: Anderson School of Management**

Anderson School of Management Location: Grid E3, located at 110 Westwood Plaza in the central campus area.

### **Closest Parking Options**

Most Convenient Parking Structures Near Anderson:

- Parking Structure 5 (Grid E3): Located at 302 Sycamore Court — This is the closest structure, directly serving the Anderson area
- Parking Structure 4 (Grid E4): Located at 221 Westwood Plaza — Approximately adjacent, on Westwood Plaza
- Parking Structure 8 (Grid D5): Located at 555 Westwood Plaza — Very close proximity
- Parking Structure 7 (Grid D4): Located at 336 Charles E. Young Dr. North — Nearby option

### **Map Navigation Tips**

Anderson is positioned in the central core of UCLA's campus, with direct access near Westwood Plaza and the southern Bruin Walk area. The structure sits near multiple buildings including the Ashe Center and Wooden Recreation Center, making parking structure access straightforward from the main campus corridor.

### **Visitor Parking Costs for a Day Visit**

Standard Daily Rates:

The most common pricing for day visitors at UCLA structures ranges from \$13.00 to \$17.00 per day, depending on the lot. Specifically for Anderson visitors:

- Parking Structure 4 (P4): \$17 per day for commencement events; general visitor rate typically \$13-16 per day
- General UCLA lots: \$16 per day (all-day rate)
- Off-peak rates: Discounted rates may be available during slower hours — check pay stations for current pricing

Payment Methods:

Visitors have flexible payment options:

- Self-service pay stations located throughout visitor parking areas
- ParkMobile app — Pay by phone for convenient mobile payment

Cash and card accepted at pay stations

Important Notes: Visitors must pay for parking BEFORE leaving their vehicles—parking is required at all times, even in areas with broken pay stations. For the most up-to-date rates, UCLA's visitor parking webpage should be consulted, as prices are subject to change

## **CAMPUS PARKING MAP BELOW [vvv](#)**



## More Info. - UC Academic Planning

## **International Education**

APC is concerned with the state of international education at UC and beyond, particularly with international enrollment given the federal situation. We discussed

- 1) the need for international students to feel safe and supported by their campuses, including offering legal support and continuity of enrollment
- 2) vulnerability of graduate students and the significant negative effects on them from [new proposed federal rules limiting time to advanced degrees at 4 years](#)
- 3) potential financial consequences of forced separation of large numbers of international constituents who pay NRST, and the need to supplement (e.g., with out-of-state domestic students)

## **Adaptation to Disruptions**

The Academic Senate Task Force on UC Adaptation to Disruptions (UCAD) issued its interim report to President Milliken, Provost Newman, and the Division Chairs on August 1. We discussed the task force's findings on the four key areas:

- 1) Research funding assistance
- 2) Personnel evaluations
- 3) Program resizing/restructuring
- 4) Flexibility in modality and course offerings

A new iteration of the task force, called "UCAD+", is being created; its charge is under development and membership has not yet been determined.

## **Performance of Undergraduate Degree Programs**

The PUDP task force presented its charge to the council and is succeeding the IMOD (Presidential Task Force on Instructional Modalities and UC Quality Undergraduate Degree Programs). Between Fall 2025 and Spring 2026, it will assess the administrative and financial viability of online degree programs; it will also assess quality of all undergrad programs (including non-online) based on four points: single degree/one faculty, college readiness, equitable access, and student success.

## **Expanded Opportunities for Experiential Learning**

Degree Plus, a new program for undergraduates to gain work experience, is being rolled out starting Winter 2026 for ~480 students between UCSB/UCSD under UCOP supervision/funding. It will include access to UC Extension courses as well as career/internship opportunities.

[Link](#) to slideshow.



## **UCGPC Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2025**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **1. Stephanie calls the meeting to order at 11:33 AM**

1. Relinquishes Chair Duties to Harvir, VP

#### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Board of Directors:**

1. Berkeley - A (P as of 11:40 PM)
2. UCD - P
3. UCI - A
4. UCLA - P
5. UCM - P
6. UCR - P
7. UCSD - A (P as of 1:21 PM)
8. UC SF Academic - P
9. UCSF Professional - P
10. UCSB - P
11. UCSC - P

#### **Officers:**

12. President - P
13. Vice President - P
14. Secretary - P
15. Treasurer - P

#### **Staff:**

- Patriccia - A (medical leave)
- DGR - A
- Admin Coordinator - A

#### **Invited Guests:**

- Aditi - A
- Naomi - A

- Miguel - A
- Sonya - A

**RECORDING BEGAN ABOUT 5 MINUTES AFTER CALL TO ORDER**

### **Approval of the November 8th Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to approve. Jalen, UCD, seconds.  
(7 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent) **PASSES**

### **Amendment and approval of the December 13th Agenda**

#### **Proposed Amendments to Agenda**

- Update on APC committee with committee member Melanie Girod
- Future of Doctoral Programs at University of California: Challenges, Opportunities, and Potential Paths Ahead
- Staff Report - Add Parshan Khosravi, admin coordinator
- Move Exec Report: President to the end of the meeting.
- Join topics "Special and/or Time Sensitive Orders" with "Unfinished Business and General Orders" and "New Business."
- Move B3 (Budget) to B6 in closed session
- Add oral report from APC at the beginning of VI Committee Reports.
- Amend subject lines for closed session: "HR Matter" and "Project Proposal" - both closed due to personnel

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR , moves to approve. Sarah, UCSB, seconds.  
(7 approve, 0 nay, 0 abstain, 0 absent) **PASSES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **1. Dylan Kupsh - UCLA:**

- Wanted to comment on the repressive policy of student conduct procedures
  - There are 150+ cases at UCLA for people protesting in support of Palestine
  - Most charges at UCLA are based on mere association with a protest
  - People not affiliated with campus are making reports of student misconduct, and students are getting charged

- iv. There is an extreme refusal to explain the process of charging, and UCOP is not very responsive to requests
- v. The University can still charge a student if it believes that the investigative committees have not “done a good job.”
- vi. Personally received a charge for asking questions about UCLA’s administration → has been and is currently banned from campus for the past 6 months
- b. Harvir: Has this gotten worse since the Trump admin took over?
  - i. **Response:**
    - 1. Look at the numbers, student protesters were not charged as much as they are now
    - 2. Others protesting for other reasons are not charged as much
- c. Melanie: The Berkeley GSA adopted a resolution this month to pressure the university to stop retaliatory actions against students exercising free speech (the Law School is notoriously bad in that aspect). So there may be cross-campus synergies for advocacy on this topic.
- d. Margaret:
  - i. UCOP was calling on UCSF to be a part of the Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students (PACAOS)
- e. Andrew:
  - i. At UCM, the policy change resulted in deliberately more vague language; a flyer went around UC Merced a while back as well.
  - ii. Documenting the inconsistent approach of the policy is important

### **SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (11:50 AM - 12:35 PM, Presented by Various)**

#### **Aditi’s UCSA update—**

**\*\*absent\*\***

#### **Naomi’s COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS update—**

**\*\*absent\*\***

#### **Student Regents update—**

**\*\*absent\*\***

### **EXECUTIVE REPORTS (12:35 PM - 1:55 PM, Presented by Various)**

#### **PRESIDENT**

- **MOVED TO THE END OF THE MEETING**

## VICE PRESIDENT

- Welcome to our new two Board Members, Dan, and Parshan.
- UCGPC will be “closed” Dec. 15 through Jan. 1st.
- **Grad Summit**
  - Grad Summit will be held online only.
  - Please request the EVP staff to attend the summit.
  - Jack recommends hosting watch parties.
  - Sarah would like another flyer with more information
  - A “carousel” of speakers will go out soon
    - Jack would like a comprehensive flyer with all the speakers included. Harvir will put it together and share soon
  - Sarah believed we should send an email to all graduate students sometime in early January.
  - Still looking for Civil Rights speaker
- **Grad Gala**
  - Will be happening in April
    - Still looking for a venue in Berkeley
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## SECRETARY

- Reminder on Early Submission of Agenda Items, Reports, & Updates

## TREASURER

- **Student Advocates:**
  - 8/10 campuses have student advocates.
  - UCI and UCSB are still missing applicants.
  - Recommends EVPs connect with them to guide and assist
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - About \$123,000 in cash
  - Received \$8,000 from FGR for Student advocates
    - Still missing \$4,000
  - About to receive about \$112,000 from UC for the student fee
  - Fundraised about \$330 from Giving Tuesday
  - Working on gaining access to credit cards and cancelling T-Mobile accounts

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Compliance and Governance Committee:**

- Sarah mentions that the committee has not met yet, but is planning a meeting very soon.

#### **Finance and Resource Development Committee:**

- Committee report [\[here\]](#)
  - Work on fee opt-out

#### **Public Engagement & Campus Partnerships Committee:**

- Jose mentions “On vocal rest today for my concert this weekend, y’all, but the committee has not met, all my fault. Berkeley GSA matters have been taking up a lot of my capacity, as I prep for my PhD milestones. Also, please fill out the GSA scheduler tracker, and I will send another poll to schedule the committee meeting for mid-January.”

#### **Basic Needs: FFHA (Family, Food, Housing, Affordability):**

- In search of a director.

#### **Healthcare Committee:**

- Has not met.

#### **Immigrant, Undocumented & International Student Protections Committee:**

- Met on Nov. 18th, see agenda.

#### ***APC (Melanie)***

- Has been discussing how the University’s response to federal pressures needs to evolve.
- Is involved in discussing what the future of doctoral programs looks like
- The next meeting is scheduled for February
- In CCGA, we speak occasionally on UCAD+, but it’s sparingly. The Future of Doctoral Programs report is publicly available, but per the CCGA chair, “its information and being acted upon at the moment. The report is fairly transformational.

#### **CAMPUS UPDATES (Written)**

1. See Agenda

– BREAK (2:00 - 2:15 PM) –

#### **SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS**

**B1 ACTION Proposal to Grant Full Voting Rights and Director Status to UCSF Graduate and Professional Representatives on the UCGPC Board (2:15 - 2:35 PM, led by MA & GA)**

- Gabe reminds the board that he is the voting member of UCGPC, while Margaret is not. This produces unequal representation. The proposal would essentially split the vote, and in the event of an absence, it would relinquish one-half vote to the member who is present.
- Margaret mentioned that other campuses could benefit from this arrangement moving forward.
- Greg appreciates the resolution and supports it.

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to approve the amendment of the bylaws, effective immediately, to also include the EVP professional from UCSF to be able to participate for the open STAR vote. Sarah, UCSB, seconds.  
(7 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstain [recusal]) **PASSES**

**B2 ACTION Proposal of New Administrative Policies (2:35 - 2:55 PM, led by MG)**

- **Systemwide committee attendance policy**
  - Melanie will not be presenting on the systemwide committee attendance policy just yet.
- **Beyond Duties Compensation Policy**
  - First applied to Melanie
  - Would include providing specialized duties and staffing events outside the member's official duties.
  - Process would require advance notice, explaining what type of work would be performed, for how long, etc.
  - Harvir wonders what this would look like, considering we may have staff returning.
    - Stephanie mentions we'll discuss in more detail during the closed session.
  - Jack wonders if there is a process in place to determine who gets to do "beyond-role" responsibilities
    - Sarah echoes these concerns and wonders if there could be language in the policy explaining that compensation is for extremely special situations
    - Greg agrees with Sarah's prior comment and explains that he would like the Board to approve the scope of work to be undertaken.
  - Jack wonders whether it applies to a situation where someone does the work within the scope of their responsibilities but goes above the required hours.
    - Melanie says no.
  - Sarah suggests language.
    - Gregory objects to certain language.

- Substantive language amended and included in the policy.

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to approve with an amendment. Sarah, UCSB, seconds.  
(8 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

**B3 ACTION**                      **Proposal of UCGPC Budget Amendment (2:55 - 3:20 PM, led by MG)**

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to **enter closed session.** Greg, UCR, seconds.  
(8 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moved to **suspend closed session and return to open session to receive staff report.** Sarah, UCSB, seconded.  
(8 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

### **Parshan Staff Report–**

- Working to obtain one more guest speaker
- Has been assisting Dan in the work to be done and how to get it done.
- **Parshan's main thing:**
  - With respect to the state side of the house, what is the scope of involvement?
  - The timeline of the Grad Summit is quick—it is important for UCGPC to focus on narrow legislative priorities
- Grad Summit requires lots of support and outreach.
  - The word needs to be spread
- [A more extensive report was shared by Parshan with the Board]
- Harvir wonders about the outreach task delegated to Parshan.
  - Parshan mentions that the system has changed and become harder to find faculty rosters.
  - Over the next couple of days, Parshan will focus on compiling the list of faculty and emailing folks about the Grad Summit.
- Stephanie: can you speak to the Sac Advocacy being April 7-8 instead to better match the legislative calendar?
  - Parshan mentions that that is when bills are introduced and non-substantive. The challenge of doing early March is that bills are not assigned to committees, and there is not much substantive language to focus on. Mid-April is better because bills start to take form; however, the DC trip might interfere with Sac lobbying. Tuesdays and Wednesdays during April will be the best days to lobby.
- Gabe is interested in pursuing SB 607
  - Scott Wiener's Bill to essentially create by the "CA NIH"

- Parshan believes this is a great opportunity to build a relationship with Wiener. He also believes this is a great opportunity because the UC supports the bill.
- Greg wants to emphasize that Wiener may lose the Budget Committee Chair position.
  - Parshan mentions that there is a lot of turnover in the legislature.
- **Board Comments:**
  - Greg mentioned that we should define long-term plans to make sure they don't conflict, especially with the Student Regent selection process, gala, DC, finals, etc.
  - Stephanie asks if Oluwatosin would be ok switching April's UCGPC meeting to March 14th.
    - Oluwatosin will check and confirm with the Board later
  - Stephanie asks the Board if we should move Sacramento Advocacy days from March 3-4th to April 7-8th
    - Some board members are "on board" with moving it, to ensure max lobbying effectiveness

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to request a vote in Slack for board members to submit their votes, no later than Dec. 18th, to pick which days work best for Sac Advocacy Days. Jalen, UCD, seconds.  
(9 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to **resume closed session**. Oluwatosin, UCSD, seconds.  
(9 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

**B4 DISCUSSION Title IX reporting, Whistleblowers, NCD, & Ombuds (3:20 - 3:35 PM, led by SV)**  
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**B5 DISCUSSION Divestment Practices (3:20 - 3:45 PM, moderated by SV, with guest HA)**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moved to **suspend closed session and return to open session to address agenda item B5**. Sarah, UCSB, seconded.  
(9 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

- Hiba elaborates that UCGPC support could be to help put pressure on the Board of Regents and investment committees to divest from weapons manufacturers.
  - Stephanie is appreciative of the idea and asks about the guest speaker's efforts to include other global issues in divestment practice campaigns
    - Hiba is open to exploring ideas

- Stephanie explains that President Milliken seems open to speaking about these plans.
- Melanie mentions that UCGPC could try to set up meeting with the investment committee Regents and have conversations about divestment practices with them.
- Evan mentions that many of the invested-in funds are interconnected with issues in a wide range of areas.
- Martin asks whether the guest speakers have considered looking into ways to influence state laws.
  - Hiba mentions that it may be difficult to do this right now, given the current political tendencies and atmosphere.
- Amy shares a “Move your Money” campaign [link](#), which suggests that faculty move their funds to other index funds.
  - Loba elaborates that “UCB FSJP have a campaign for that too”
- Stephanie tasks Ramiro to set up a January meeting to discuss what we could send to Milliken.

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to **resume closed session.** Margaret, UCSF, seconds.  
(8 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

**B6      DISCUSSION              Closed Session Items (3:45 - 4:40 PM)**

**B7      DISCUSSION              Introducing Daniel Chulak, Director of Government Relations & Legislative Affairs (4:40 - 4:50 PM, led by DC)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT (approx 5:07 PM)**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to exit the closed session and adjourn the meeting.  
Margaret, UCSF, seconds.  
(7 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**



## **UCGPC Board Meeting Minutes – January 17th, 2026**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Stephanie calls the meeting to order at 11:41 AM**
- 2. Roll Call**

#### **Board of Directors:**

1. Berkeley: Jose Aguilar - P (Proxy: Vincent Tran)
2. UCD: Jalen Ward - A
3. UCI: Jake Melton - A
4. UCLA: Jack Feng - P
5. UCM: Andrew Martin - A
6. UCR: Gregory Hutchins - P
7. UCSD: Oluwatosin Jegede - P (arrived at 12:20 PM)
8. UC SF Academic: Gabe Avillion - P (Proxy: Margaret Akey)
9. UCSF Professional: Margaret Akey - P
10. UCSB: Sarah Bacon - P
11. UCSC: Gabrielle Peñaranda - P

#### **Officers:**

12. President: Stephanie Valadez - P
13. Vice President: Harvir Kaur - A
14. Secretary: Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma - P
15. Treasurer: Melanie Girod - P

#### **Staff:**

- ED: Pat Ordonez-Kim - A (medical leave)
- DGR: Dan Chulak - P
- Admin Coordinator: Parshan Khosravi - A

#### **Invited Guests:**

- UCSA President: Aditi Hariharan - A
- Council of Presidents (CoP): Naomi Hammonds - P
- Student Regent: Sonya Brooks - P (arrived at 12:15 PM)

- Student Regent Designate: Miguel Craven - A
- January StARs -
  - Stephanie Ha - P (arrived at 11:47 AM)
  - Daniel Sepulveda - A

### **Approval of the December 13th Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to approve. Jack, UCLA, seconds.  
(6 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

### **Amendment and approval of the January 17th Agenda**

#### **Proposed Amendments to Agenda**

- EVP-Riverside moves to approve the agenda, with the desire to move 8-B1 to closed session following the president's recommendation.
  - President's recommendation: "I propose that at the top of the meeting someone make a motion to amend the agenda to make this [8-B1] closed session and divide the time between this workgroup discussion and the other half of the time to discuss the Advisory Committee nominations. Both closed because they are personnel matters."

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to approve with amendments. Sarah, UCSB, seconds.  
(6 approve, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. **Stephanie Ha - [Survivor and Allies](#) @ UCLA**
  - a. Wants to update Title IX policy to include AI-generated content
  - b. Came from a UC-wide research study, which found that many people faced AI - generated harm
  - c. Asks UCGPC to support forthcoming statewide bill
  - d. Will be bringing informative materials to distribute at the Regents meeting
  - e. **Public Comment at Regents meeting:** will focus on tech-facilitated sexual violence in Title IX policy

### **SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (11:50 AM - 12:20 PM, Presented by Various if present)**

**Aditi's UCSA update—**

**\*\*Absent, but see agenda for updates\*\***

### Naomi's COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS update—

- **CoP** meeting focused on finding a way to meet more with UCOP
  - Had a day of meetings recently with many UCOP offices
    - Some information about the student regent selection process
    - UC Budget meeting
    - UC Basic Needs meeting
  - Can share notes with UCGPC if UCGPC would like
  - Made a case for having a meeting with President Milliken
- Sarah asks how UCGPC can support CoP, and Naomi suggests scheduling premeetings with UCGPC before meeting with UCOP.
- Stephanie highlights the importance of having a strong relationship with each other (student governments)
- Margaret notes that UCSF's CoP president is unaware of the differences in goals between UCGPC and CoP. She asks if they have different missions
  - Naomi mentions that CoP functions a bit differently, as it is also supposed to bridge the gap between undergrad and grad student governments. CoP does not lobby as much
  - Stephanie mention that CoP is more “within their campus” while UCGPC is more externally focused.
  - Sarah mentions: “I think of the diff between UCGPC and CoP as an amplification of the difference between me as EVP and Laura as UCSB GSA President. Our individual roles are different, and the associations are different in the same way, if that makes sense. There's definitely SOME overlap but there are some fundamental differences due to the types of meetings that we have, our advocacy focus, and etc. I also think of CoP as collective of individual presidents who represent individual campuses. And UCGPC as a single entity that is thinking about all grads across the system. I realize that we are all thinking about all grads, but there's a subtle difference IMHO”
- Stephanie and Naomi agree that creating a Slack channel to ensure UCGPC and CoP stay in touch is a good idea.
- Jalen asks questions on the *agenda*.

### Student Regents update—

- Sonya is very happy to see that many more grad students are reaching out. Is checking in to ask how she can support UCGPC.
  - Stephanie discusses UCGPC's list of priorities and work that has been done for the Basic Needs Committee
  - Jack discusses the IUISP Committee's list of priorities and the work that has been done

- Oluwatosin discusses the Healthcare Committee's list of priorities and the work that has been done
- Margaret asks where Sonya sees the relationship going with UGGPC
  - Sonya mentions that she expects the relationship to grow, and repeatedly directs students to UGGPC.
- Stephanie mentions that UCSF has more equitable representation after bylaw amendment.
- Ramiro mentions the value of UGGPC and wants to stay in touch as UGGPC submits its new multi-year proposal to the Regents for renewal of the student fee.
- Sonya mentions that she's noticed leadership promoting opting out of the student fee
  - Stephanie mentioned that these campus discrepancies of the UGGPC fee promotion will be a factor in the renegotiation process.
  - Sonya mentions that framing will matter ("This is what the \$7 is going to")

## **EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS (12:20 PM - 1:35 PM, Presented by Various)**

### **PRESIDENT**

- **Meetings with Upper Leadership (*Various*)** → *Summaries of meeting linked on agenda*
  - Stephanie's comments about discussions not in summaries:
    - President Milliken's concern regarding discretion. It is in UGGPC's interest to build trust with him.
    - The Public Charge Rule would gravely affect students
    - About 43% of students are not represented by the union
    - Trying to schedule the Quarterly meeting soon
      - Tasks Ramiro to put together a poll to find a time
    - The Student Regent Selection Process will need to be improved
  - Stephanie personally endorses the Proposal From Survivors + Allies
- ***See the agenda for several links with additional information***
- Stephanie: A UCD grad student is seeking UGGPC support–UGGPC will support her and seek policy updates within the UC
  - Sarah: If we're adding a fourth policy on research funding, should we have another committee?
    - Sarah, Stephanie, and Melanie all support establishing a committee.
- Greg would like to move the February meeting to Saturday. Stephanie agrees.

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moved to reschedule the meeting from Feb. 20st to the 21st with the same time. **Motion withdrawn. Will be discussed on Slack.**

#### VICE PRESIDENT

- *Written*

#### SECRETARY

- **Request for feedback:**
  - Update the website before the meetings
  - Committee meetings should be held and notes submitted well in advance
- Stephanie mentions that submitting reports a week in advance is necessary, and stresses the importance of UCGPC Board members reviewing each other's written work and submissions.

#### TREASURER

- **Treasurer's report** is linked to the *Agenda*
  - We received \$8,000 from FGR for the Student Advocates program (another \$4,000 will be due around February 2026). Currently in deferred revenue (will be recognized in Jan-March 2026).
  - We raised approx. \$330 on Giving Tuesday.
  - The Treasurer still has no access to the credit cards.
    - But a new debit card was issued on Bluevine to the Treasurer (not received yet).
- Student Advocates officially begin next Tuesday—Melanie stresses the importance of EAVP's meeting with their campus representatives.
- Recommendation: transfer \$10,000 to the reserves.

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to proceed with the treasurer's recommendation to transfer \$10,000 to reserves. Jack, UCLA, seconds.  
(7 approve, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

- **Board Questions:**
  - Is the CPA assisting with closing the books each month?
    - Melanie has not been using the CPA to close the books
  - Update on audit of C3?
    - Melanie mentioned she has met with a firm that discouraged her. She also mentioned that we'll discuss this in more detail later.
    - Melanie wants to ask UCSA how much they pay their firm for their audit.

## DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

- Dan introduced himself and mentioned he's open to collaborative efforts.
- **Updates:**
  - Mentions that we have a budget to take on various legislative efforts
  - The One Big Beautiful Bill will affect many grad students → will reclassify the professional status of many programs, in turn limiting those grad students' ability to take out loans and afford education.
    - Will have more updates on reclassification efforts
  - Senator Scott Wiener: Bond Bill
    - Will be meeting with Senator's staff to discuss soon
- Margaret is happy to connect and help Dan with the grad student reclassification situation. She would like to get a better idea of the situation. She is concerned about the disproportionate reduction in the lifetime loan amounts that a student can take out.
  - Dan mentions that student testimonials will be important
- Jack: UC SGR would like to see graduate students more involved in advocacy for specific bills. Before the introduction of legislative bills in February, will there be any behind-the-scenes efforts?
  - Dan says that he's happy to look at specific legislation that UCGPC considers important—just let him know.
- Stephanie shares her Budget Consultation with UCOP Notes and recommends that Dan and Margaret join the next meeting. At the meeting, she said that UCOP recommends we reach out to certain legislators and submit public comments on certain issues to build a record of support or opposition for measures.
- Margaret mentions connecting with campus student governments is a good idea.
- Stephanie tasks Ramiro with polling the group for logistical planning for Sac Advocacy Days

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Compliance and Governance Committee:**

- Sarah gives a [presentation](#) on her SWOT analysis, goals, and related topics.
  - One of those goals is implementing a feedback cycle
    - Greg discusses the value of a 360-degree feedback review
      - Stephanie sees the value of this and mentions that the evaluation procedure may depend on future MOUs (memorandum of understanding)
- Melanie appreciates the idea of the Finance and Compliance Committees collaborating

– BREAK (2:16 - 2:31 PM) –

### Finance and Resource Development Committee:

- Melanie shares and discusses her [committee report](#)
  - Some goals:
    - Creating a fundraising target spreadsheet
    - Create presentations for the discussion of the UCGPC fee
      - Stephanie also mentions thinking about other avenues of spreading information
      - Jack mentions the value of GSA's newsletters and "we could share and collaborate with CoP, exploring ways for increased student engagement at each campus GSA forum meeting."
    - Increase Committee member attendance/participation rates

### Public Engagement & Campus Partnerships Committee:

- This Committee hasn't met
  - Stephanie mentions the importance of making sure this Committee regularly meets
- Stephanie wonders how to make this committee function better—perhaps on campus events or more campus-wide programming?
  - Melanie is happy to support Jose (Chair of this Committee)
    - This Committee could be given a budget
    - A co-chair of this committee could be useful
  - Jack mentions that this committee could support Grad Gala efforts
  - Margaret mentions increasing Social Media presence

### Basic Needs: FFHA (Family, Food, Housing, Affordability):

- Stephanie asks if someone is willing to step up to attend CHEBNA.
- Stephanie wants to find a new chair. Proposes a deadline by *next Saturday* to find a new chair or co-chairs for this committee.
  - **Board Consensus:** Either LDs or GSA proxies (representing the EAVP) can step in as Committee members.

### Healthcare Committee:

- The Committee met

- Margaret mentions that the Committee has had difficulty ascertaining student concerns. Wants to send a survey out so that they can proceed with a more informed approach.
- Some campuses are not on UC SHIP
- Melanie wonders if the survey will gather data on reproductive health
  - Margaret discusses that reproductive health and gender-affirming care concerns will be included.
- The next meeting is happening sometime next week to discuss survey questionnaires.
  - Stephanie stressed that SWOT analysis is important for each Committee and asked the Healthcare to fulfill that assignment.

### **Immigrant, Undocumented & International Student Protections Committee:**

- Jack discusses his SWOT analysis, which is available on the *agenda*.
- Margaret discussed the importance of committing to UCGPC
  - Gabbie agrees
- Stephanie mentions that it is important that we make sure we are engaging in community collaboration—both forward and inward facing. She mentions it's important to recognize different vulnerabilities.
  - Jack agrees and mentions that the Committee is doing so.
  - Stephanie mentions that a letter might not always be the best option to proceed on political issues
- Dan agrees with the point of recognizing different vulnerabilities and emphasizes cross-collaboration.

### **CAMPUS UPDATES (Written)**

1. See Agenda

### **SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS (3:30 - 3:50 PM, led by Various)**

#### **B1 DISCUSSION Student Regent Selection Process (3:30 - 3:50 PM, led by SV)**

- \*\*This item, along with advisory committee nominations, was discussed last in closed session, pursuant to the agenda amendments that were proposed, voted on, and passed.\*\*

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to **enter closed session.** Greg, UCR, seconds.  
(7 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**B1      DISCUSSION              Grad Summit (3:50 - 4:10 PM, led by SV on behalf of HK)**

- Several Board members expressed confusion.
  - Will be meeting during the week to figure out more logistics
- Stephanie mentions the need to publicize the event.

**B2      DISCUSSION              Sacramento Advocacy Day (4:10 - 4:40 PM, presented by DC)**

- ***This item was discussed in open session before ever entering closed session.***
- Stephanie mentions that this opportunity is for all students, and it is important to advertise that.
- Stephanie discusses how UCGPC has proceeded with legislator meetings before
- Stephanie tasks Ramiro with making an attendance spreadsheet (with Committee membership and campus affiliation)
- Dan would like to host a training during early February, and another one as we approach March 3rd.
  - Mentions that it would be a good idea to create one-pager information sheets with specific issues that Committee Chairs deem high priority
- Hotel is TBD—perhaps reserving a “block” within walking distance would be ideal
- Greg would like to see more explicit planning leading up to the advocacy days and asks if LDs and others will be included in Slack comms.
  - Stephanie says they will. She also emphasizes that a dinner the night before (Monday) would be a good idea.
  - Dan says communications and planning will be easier once he touches base with SGR on Jan. 26th

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B1      DISCUSSION              UCGPC Letter Draft to President Milliken (4:40 - 4:50 PM, presented by JF, discussion led by SV)**

- ***This item was discussed in open session before ever entering closed session.***
- A CA Court found that barring undocumented students from work was not allowed, but did not require UC policy change.
- It is important to ground our research on primary sources and statutes.
- Many members emphasize the importance of proceeding carefully with statements and ensuring they have a solid research foundation.

**B2      DISCUSSION              Policy on Compensation for Graduate Student Representatives on Systemwide Committees (4:50 - 5:00 PM, led by MG)**

- This policy establishes a compensation structure for graduate and professional students serving on UC systemwide committees who dedicate much time to student representation.
- Melanie mentions that this policy would not include compensation for UCGPC officers, EVP/EAVPS who already receive compensation, or recipients of the Bonnie Reiss Climate Action Fellowship Program.
  - Many Committees already have EAVPs on them
- Greg wonders how this policy would interact with GSA, who pay their members less. Would like to hear more from Jose Aguilar (who commented on the policy).
- Sarah would like more guidance and clarity on privacy policies prohibiting certain Committee meeting materials from being shared with the public. This begs the question—what can be shared?
- Melanie explains that she would feel comfortable hearing from others and bringing the issue later
- Margaret would be supportive of this if it complies with privacy laws
- Ramiro suggests having this be a pilot project.

**B3      DISCUSSION              Looking Forward (5:00 - 5:10 PM, led by SV)**

**ADJOURNMENT (approx 5:18 PM)**

**QUORUM WAS NO LONGER MET AFTER MARGARET, UCSF, LEFT. OFFICIAL MEETING THUS ENDED AT 5:18 PM.**



## UCGPC Board Meeting Minutes – February 20th, 2026

*\*Denotes voting action*

### MEETING NOTICES:

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### I. CONSENT CALENDAR (11:30 - 11:40 AM, Presented by Presiding Officer)

#### A. Call to Order

1. Called to order at 11:34 by President Stephanie Valadez

#### B. Roll Call

##### 1. Ex Officio Voting Board Members (Specify if Proxy)

- a) UC Berkeley - Jose Aguilar: Present
- b) UC Davis - Jalen Ward: Present
- c) UC Irvine - Jake Melton: Absent
- d) UC Los Angeles - Jack Feng: Present
- e) UC Merced - Andrew Martin: Present
- f) UC Riverside - Gregory Hutchins: **Will be in and out of the meeting – will be nominating a Proxy (Pamela) Present**
- g) UC San Diego - Oluwatosin Jegede: Present
- h) UC San Francisco (Academic) - Gabe Avillion: **Will be absent - Proxy Jasmine Garica Present**
- i) UC San Francisco (Professional) - Margaret Akey: **Will be absent - Proxy Jasmine Garica Present**
- j) UC Santa Barbara - Sarah Bacon: Present
- k) UC Santa Cruz - Gabrielle Peñaranda: **May leave early for illness, proxy in place Absent**

##### 2. Officers

- a) President - Stephanie Valadez: Present
- b) Vice President - Harvir Kaur: Present
- c) Secretary - Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma: **Will be absent - minutes will be taken by VP Harvir Kaur Absent**
- d) Treasurer - Melanie Girod: Present

##### 3. Staff

- a) Executive Director - Pat Ordonez-Kim: **On Leave**

- b) Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs - Dan Chulak: Present
    - c) Administrative Coordinator - Parshan Khosravi: Absent
  - 4. Invited Guests
    - a) UCSA President - Aditi Hariharan: Present
    - b) Council of Presidents - Grad. Leadership - Naomi Hammonds: Present
    - c) Student Regent - Sonya Brooks: Absent
    - d) Student Regent Designate - Miguel Craven: Absent
    - e) Other guests: Charlie Perez, Hiba Ahmed, Michael Andrew
- C. \*Approval of the [Minutes of the January 17th, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting](#)
  - 1. *Motion:* Motioned to approve minutes by Santa Barbara: Sarah Bacon
  - 2. *Second:* Seconded by UC Merced: Andrew
  - 3. *Results:* 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain
- D. \*Approval of the [February 20th, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda](#)
  - 1. *Motion:* Sana=ta Barbarda moves to approve meeting agenda for today
  - 2. *Second:* UCLA seconds
  - 3. *Results:* 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

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## II. REPORT OF ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (*Written*)

*If this update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

- 1. The Regents met on January 20-21, at UCLA
  - a. Approved Actions in Open Session
    - i. [Academic and Student Affairs Committee](#)
    - ii. [Public Engagement & Development Committee](#)
    - iii. [Governance Committee](#)
    - iv. [Health Services Committee](#)
    - v. [Special Committee on Nominations](#)
  - b. STARs present: Stephanie Ha and Daniel Sepulveda
- 2. Graduate Summit was a Success
  - a. Blog Post: [State of the Council Address](#)
- 3. UCGPC attended the UCOP Legislative Reception in Sacramento
- 4. UCGPC voted to endorse SB 895 - California Science and Health Research Bond Act

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## III. PUBLIC COMMENT (11:40 - 11:50 AM, *Open to the Public*)

- A. Citlalli Aparicio, AFSCME 3299
- B. Charlie Perez, Vice Chair of UCSA's Fund the UC Committee
  - 1. First year at UC Santa Cruz, Vice Chair for UCSA, recently assumed the position and is here to maintain a relationship with UCGPC
  - 2. Combating research funding cuts
  - 3. SB 95
    - a) Wants to bridge the gap between the governing bodies of grad and undergrad students to help the goals of the campaign

- b) Has met with UAW and is in the process of getting UCSA to cosponsor the bill.
  - c) What do lobbying efforts look like for UCGPC
    - (1) Wants to coordinate and collaborate with UCGPC so lobbying efforts are not redundant
    - (2) Planning on meeting with Scott Weiner's Office and Buffy Wicks along with Senator Limone
  - d) UCGPC will be supporting SB 95, Dan is doing a lot of the ground work and we will be in Sac around the same time as UCSA
- 4. Emails
  - a) [fundtheuc@ucsa.org](mailto:fundtheuc@ucsa.org)
  - b) [chdopere@ucsc.edu](mailto:chdopere@ucsc.edu)
- C. Hiba Ahmed
  - 1. Students of Color Conference
    - a) Critical Trainings on Antiracism and Native American Alliances
    - b) Know Your Rights Trainings, Financing your Education Training
    - c) Identity Caucus Sessions
      - (1) Hiba attended 2 sessions
        - (a) Navigating grad school in her multifaceted identity
          - (i) Engaged with numerous undergrad students
          - (ii) Talked about navigating her experience as a first generation college student who is also a Muslim woman
        - (b) Combatting Islamophobia on campus
          - (i) Provided framework for engaging with Muslim students and combating Islamophobia in institutions
    - d) Is not familiar with how UCGPC is already working on these issues
    - e) Recommendation for UCGPC to integrate stuff learned at the conference
      - (1) Bridging the gap between resource access (knowledge sharing) for grad and undergrad students
- D. Michael Andrew
  - 1. UCSA's legislative aid
  - 2. Through undergraduate programs, upper leadership is trying to allow undergrad degrees be completed in 3 years
    - a) To reduce cost of undergraduate degrees
    - b) Equity gaps
      - (1) students who complete in 3 years tend to be from higher socioeconomic backgrounds
    - c) Preparation for graduate school opportunities can be negatively impacted.
  - 3. Talk of undergraduate degree programs being pursued through fully online platforms
    - a) Could be asynchronous which has raised effectiveness concerns
    - b) Want to develop more systemwide evaluation benchmarks to measure effectiveness of pilot programs
  - 4. UCSA Legislative Agenda

- a) Cal Fresh for Students Act
  - b) Systemwide housing plans
    - (1) More systemwide level coordination on student housing developments
    - (2) AB 2176
- E. Andrew Martin
  - 1. Should be cautious about online education because MMS Global is the main sponsor and the primary supporter is a member of the UC; evidence suggests that the education is lackluster and has inequities.
  - 2. UC Merced's GA is in a financial puzzle
    - a) Their ability to be viable is determined by their financial structure including Andrew's capacity to participate in UCGPC
      - (1) Hoping to talk to different campus GSA's about their financial model because the only tool they have is referendums to raise student fees, which he doesn't want to resort to as a first option
      - (2) UC Systems need to accommodate changes and issues before they come up and how to deal with them rather than being reactive when the issues arise.
    - b) Melanie suggests collaboration with the campus GSA Treasures and Council of Presidents.
    - c) Spent a solid year thinking about merging with the undergraduate student government but it highly jeopardized their autonomy.

*If no one is present to give public comment, board members may make announcements during this time.*

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#### **IV. SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (11:50 AM - 12:30 PM, Presented by Various if present)**

- A. Students of Color Conference Attendee Reports (11:50 - 12:00 PM)
  - 1. Hiba Ahmed
    - a) Covered above
  - 2. Jocelyn D. Rodriguez
    - a) Questions?
- B. UCSA Updates with [President Aditi Hariharan](#) (12:00 - 12:10 PM)
  - 1. Questions for UCSA President
    - a) *Has the UCSA board met with President Milliken? Any takeaways to share? (MG)*
      - (1) Just got them scheduled
      - (2) March 3rd 1 on 1
      - (3) March 10th meeting with EVP's
  - 2. Legislative Updates
    - a) Proposed 3 bills
      - (1) Student Regent Bill
        - (a) 2 voting student regents 1 grad and 1 undergrad, 2 designates.
        - (b) The bill got picked up: ACA 18
      - (2) Minimum guidelines with student consultation
        - (a) Codifying administration to have designated involvement with students

- (3) Housing due to Assembly's fear of cost
    - b) Feels many of their legislation didn't get picked up due to caps on how many bills members of the Assembly can pick up
    - c) Working on holding campuses accountable for SB 98
      - (1) Campuses have already started to get rolling numbers of reports and there are limited comms coming out of the Universities
      - (2) Most campuses don't have mentions of timeliness
      - (3) Most campuses aren't using regular campus communication guidelines to communicate with students
        - (a) They are utilizing different than standard communications, limiting them to emails.
      - (4) Trying to have campuses replicate what the CSU's are doing
        - (a) Rolling out reports very well
        - (b) They notify students about the report and update students on progress
  - 3. Issues with the Presidential Fellowship Fund
    - a) Students have been reporting that the fund will fully be removed by next year but UCoP is saying that the fund is given by the state and the money that campuses are receiving has not been altered.
      - (1) Milliken, Eric, and George have all confirmed the fund is safe.
  - 4. Trying to create a student data base
    - a) Noting the name changes and staff changes + impacts to student programs
    - b) Individual campuses are making changes and UCoP refuses to publicly stop them
    - c) Starting to put pressure to acknowledge that this is a systemwide change that is having vast impacts.
- C. Council of Presidents updates with [Naomi Hammonds](#) (12:10 - 12:20 PM)
- 1. Questions for Council of Presidents Leadership
    - a) Questions?
  - 2. Updates
    - a) Upcoming Meeting with Milliken
      - (1) April 13th and 14th
      - (2) Meeting at his house
    - b) SB 98 in conversation
    - c) Exploring affordable housing avenues
    - d) Sending regents committee nominations this weekend
    - e) Folks want to go to the Advocacy Days so they want to know which hotel we will be staying at and the scholarship information.
- D. UC Student Regents Updates with [Student Regent Sonya Brooks](#) and/or [Student Regent-Designate Miguel Craven](#) (12:20 - 12:30 PM)
- 1. Questions for UC Student Regents
    - a) Questions?

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**V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (12:30 PM - 1:15 PM, Presented by Various)**

**A. President (12:30 - 12:40 PM, Stephanie Valadez)**

1. Northern California Trip Report
  - a) Visited UC Davis, SF, Berkeley, and SC
  - b) Canceled the public facing portion because of the ICE protest
  - c) Met with Gwen who works in Basic Needs
  - d) Attended the SGR meeting at the policy center
  - e) Attended Milliken's introduction
  - f) Attended the Student Regents Meeting as well to understand their role in the system
    - (1) Encourages UCGPC folks to apply because it's a really important role
2. Summary of UCOP trip this week
  - a) Meeting with [Milliken 1:1](#) (link will only work for UCGPC members)
    - (1) Mostly focused on an individual case for a student in a PHD program who is over 65% rent burdened and has dependents
      - (a) What would support for something like this look like?
  - b) [Group Meeting with Milliken](#) + Pre/Post meetings with UCOP staff
    - (1) Went really well, lots of great questions.
    - (2) Milliken told his staff that he really enjoyed the meeting and sent a personal email after
    - (3) Shoutout to Margaret
    - (4) Upcoming: Clifton Strengths session with Oscar Lara
3. Planning Other Campus Visits
  - a) UCR and UCSB are next
4. EC 1:1 with EVPs
  - a) We're working our way through slowly but if a member of the board hasn't been reached out to and wants to have theirs sooner, email the EC (especially if you need EC support).
5. Upcoming regent's meeting personal initiatives
  - a) *What's on your mind, advocacy-wise, for the next Regents' meeting?* (MG)
    - (1) Divestment discussions
      - (a) Pressure on Jagdeep Singh Bachher to meet with students if he doesn't by the time we have the meeting
    - (2) Basic Needs
    - (3) Address hasn't been written yet
  - b) Student Regent application and interview processes
  - c) Basic Needs for students (mostly with dependents) who are over 65% rent burdened
6. Questions for President

**B. Vice President (12:40 - 12:50 PM, Harvir Kaur)**

1. Summit Recap

2. Gala Updates
    - a) Date
    - b) Time
    - c) Location
    - d) Outreach Strategy
  3. Questions for Vice President
- C. **Secretary** (*written, Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma*)
1. No updates for now
  2. Questions for Secretary
- D. **Treasurer** (*12:50 - 1:00 PM, Melanie Girod*)
1. [Treasurer's Report](#)
    - a) Will order swag
      - (1) Stickers, notebooks, pens, and folders
  2. Student advocate's campaign mid-point [report](#)
  3. Student Advocate Testimonials
    - a) Only received 10 but were expecting around 40
  4. Questions for Treasurer
- E. **Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs** (*12:50 - 1:15 PM, Daniel Chulak*)
1. Preparations for Sacramento Advocacy Day
    - a) Make sure EVPs are filling out attendance sheets for folks coming from their campuses
    - b) Tentative schedule is evolving
    - c) Submitted 25-30 meeting requests to different offices
      - (1) If there is a specific office you think we should meet, flag it for the group so we don't double submit requests
      - (2) We have already confirmed some meetings but often it goes up to the last minute in terms of availability
    - d) Has prepared policy agenda
      - (1) SB 895 will be a large portion of our advocacy efforts
    - e) Over the next couple of days, going to whittle down which bills to support
    - f) In Person Sac Training at the UC Center
      - (1) Timing is unfortunately challenging— end of the quarter
      - (2) Trying to be conscious of our time
      - (3) May make himself virtually available for Q&A after sharing the slides
    - g) Time in between meetings to discuss, recuperate, etc.
    - h) Encourages the EVP's to send their proxies if they won't be there themselves.
    - i) Hard Deadline for Attendance: end of next week
  2. Professional Degree Reclassification policy update
    - a) Administration put out their policy and we are coordinating with FGR to submit public comment (due March 2nd)
    - b) 2 Different Bills to address the problem

- (1) H.R.6718 - Professional Student Degree Act vs.
- (2) H.R.6574 - Loan Equity for Advanced Professionals Act
- 3. SB 895
  - a) Scott Weiner bill for the bond for research in higher education
  - b) We can submit a letter of support to the committee before the hearing
    - (1) If anyone is interested in this effort, reach out to Dan
    - (2) The hearing is scheduled for sometime in March (likely end of March)
- 4. Questions for Director of Government Relations
  - a) *What support do you need from the officers and the EVPs in the preparation of the advocacy trips? (MG)*
    - (1) *Encourage the EVP's to send their proxies, having a presence is important*
    - (2) *As we approach the date, send campus issues that are important to them.*
    - (3) *Attend the next Advocacy Day planning meeting next Friday*
  - b) *For the preparation of the Sacramento Advocacy Day, do you plan to do any training sessions prior to Tuesday (March 3)? What is the anticipated process like to collaborate on the advocacy agenda and how can the EVPs help? (JF)*
    - (1) *Waiting on how the schedule shakes out, members don't know their schedules until later*
    - (2) *Double scheduling meetings for slots for staffers during certain times and our advocacy groups can break off into different groups to meet with different staffers*
    - (3) *Meetings will not go longer than 30 minutes*
    - (4) *Putting together a 1 pager after the agenda is finalized to leave behind*
  - c) *UCD Delegation will have advocates attending either 3/3 or 3/4 - will this be an issue with the training happening on 3/3? Can they still participate? (JW)*
  - d) *Can I reach out to you for help with scheduling follow-up legislative meetings after Sac Advocacy Day (since UCD is so close to Sac)? (JW)*
  - e) *How shall campus LD coordinate and interface with one another? I'm eager to get UCSB's new LD dialed in to UCGPC and connected with the other LD. Also would love to chat about potential opportunities for economies of scale with LD teams supporting on similar legislative tracking tasks. (SB)*
    - (1) *Great idea— connecting with Ramiro and coordinating with LDs to update and build out a centralized tracker*

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (1:15 PM - 1:35 PM and Written)**

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

- 1. Healthcare SWOT and SMART goals (1:15 PM - 1:30 PM)
  - a. Oluwatosin SMART goals
- 2. New Committee Chairs Discussion and Group Brainstorming
  - a. Basic Needs Co-Chairs (1:30 PM - 1:35 PM)

- i. Jalen Ward to step up as the Basic Needs Chair
  - 1. He still needs support from the rest of the council as he has lots on his plate as well
- b. Public Engagement Co-Chairs (1:35 PM - 1:40 PM)
  - i. Jose Aguilar
  - ii. Jalen Ward

[Read Committee Reports](#)

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**VII. CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS (Written)**

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Campus Updates and Voting Member Reports](#)

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**VIII. SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS (1:40 - 2:00 PM, led by Various)**

**B1 ACTION DC Scholarships for Students (1:40 - 2:00 PM, led by MG)\***

- 1. Link to [Proposal](#)
- 2. **Vote** to approve the final number
  - a. Amended to roll over leftover Sac Advocacy Day Funds
  - b. Motion: to go with option 2 of 4 grants of \$1,250 for a total of \$5,000 put forth by UCSB Sarah Bacon
  - c. Second: by UC Davis Jay Ward
  - d. Result: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain.

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**– BREAK (2:00 - 2:15 PM) –**

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**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (2:15 - 2:35 PM, led by Various)**

**B1 ACTION UCGPC-led Survey (2:15 - 2:35 PM, led by MG)**

- 1. Link to [Document w/ Questions](#)
    - a. The survey is extremely long and has not been reviewed in its entirety by any of the board members.
    - b. Think about pulling out specific sections vs the whole survey (eg immigration section, basic needs section, etc)
    - c. Melanie to meet with committee chairs to finalize the survey
  - 2. **Vote** to approve the finalized questions postponed
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**X. NEW BUSINESS (2:35 PM - 4:59 PM, led by Various)**

**B1 DISCUSSION UCGPC Fee campaign (2:35 - 2:40 PM, led by JW)**

1. Seeking EVP feedback on slide deck
  - a. Link to Slides
  - b. From notes from last finance meeting
  - c. UCGPC fees and opt out rates
    - i. Opt out rates vary but some campuses are doing way worse
    - ii. Lots of misinformation on what this fee is so Jalen prepared some slides to educate the Graduate Student Body
  - d. Want board to share the slides at their GA meeting
  - e. We should have calls to action about where these slides and information are going (e.g. newsletters) so that things don't die down once summer hits.

**B2 ACTION UCGPC's Long Range Calendar (2:40 - 3:00 PM, led by Officer)**

1. Board Meetings & Locations
  - a. Travel Logistics (booking flights, reserving hotels, etc.)
  - b. Remaining Board Meetings
    - i. March
      1. 14th— next board meeting to remain online
    - ii. April
      1. 11th board meeting changed to the 12th— the same day as Grad Gala, capacity issue
        - a. Motion: Reschedule the April Board Meeting to take place in person on Sunday 04/12 from 9am-1pm at UC Berkeley by UCSB, Sarah Bacon
        - b. Second: Jack Feng, UCLA
        - c. Results: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain.
    - iii. May
      1. 1st— board meeting at UCSF
    - iv. June
      1. 20th— board meeting at UCSB
  2. Special Meetings & Locations

**B3 DISCUSSION UCGPC's Approach to Shared Governance (3:00 - 3:30 PM, led by Exec)**

1. UCGPC's relationship with GSAs
2. The Dual Role of an EVP
  - a. UCGPC as a board member and Executive Vice President of their GSA
    - i. These roles don't always go hand in hand
    - ii. There can be competing allegiances as we are different campuses.
    - iii. UCGPC is not the appeals court for campuses , similar to the UCoP and chancellor structure
      1. Stephanie wants to respect shared governance but is open to feedback and constructive criticism.
3. Institutional Limits
  - a. What can and can't UCGPC do? Does/should UCGPC play a larger role in intra-school governance?

- i. UCGPC should be able to advocate for system wide concerns
  - 1. SB 98, ICE out, International student rights, etc.
  - 2. Watching out for students who are not represented by unions and UAW
- b. It's important that board members know when it's appropriate vs inappropriate to bring things to UCoP, SGR, and FGR since that time is extremely limited and may be spent better elsewhere.

**B4 DISCUSSION Entered Closed Session**

- 1. Motion to enter closed session:
    - a. Motion: UC Santa Barbara Sarah Bacon moves to enter closed session
    - b. Second: UC Merced, Andrew Martin
    - c. Results: 6 Aye, 0 Naye, 0 Abstain
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**XI. ADJOURNMENT (4:59 - 5:00 PM)**

- 1. Motion to adjourn
    - a) *Motion: UCSB*
    - b) *Second: UCB*
    - c) *Results: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain*
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**XII. Call for Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting (*Written*)**

- A. Staffing - Requesting vote *before* next board meeting (SV)
- B. Summary report of Sacramento Advocacy Trip



## **UCGPC Board Meeting Minutes – March 14th, 2026**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1. Stephanie calls the meeting to order at 11:38 AM**
- 2. Roll Call**

#### **Board of Directors:**

1. UC Berkeley: Jose Aguilar - P (When he leaves, Proxy: Melanie Girod)
2. UCD: Jalen Ward - P
3. UCI: Jake Melton - A
4. UCLA: Jack Feng - P
5. UCM: Andrew Martin - P (Proxy: Rachel Casper)
6. UCR: Gregory Hutchins - P (Arrived: 12:20 PM)
7. UCSD: Oluwatosin Jegede - P
8. UC SF Academic: Gabe Avillion - P (Margaret's full vote delegated)
9. UCSF Professional: Margaret Akey - A (Proxy: Gabe Avillion)
10. UCSB: Sarah Bacon - P
11. UCSC: Gabrielle Peñaranda - P

#### **Officers:**

12. President: Stephanie Valadez - P
13. Vice President: Harvir Kaur - P
14. Secretary: Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma - P
15. Treasurer: Melanie Girod - P

#### **Staff:**

- ED: Pat Ordonez-Kim - A (Medical leave)
- DGR: Dan Chulak - P (Arrived: ~12:35 PM)
- Admin Coordinator: Parshan Khosravi - A

#### **Invited Guests:**

- UCSA President: Aditi Hariharan - A
- Council of Presidents (CoP): Naomi Hammonds - P (arrived: 12:01 PM)
- Student Regent: Sonya Brooks - A

- Student Regent Designate: Miguel Craven - A

### **Approval of the February 20th Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Oluwatosin, UCSD, moves to approve. Jalen, UC Davis, seconds.  
(8 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

### **Approval of the March 14th Agenda w/amendment**

- **AMENDMENTS:** Discuss Swag Merch during Agenda Item 10-B-1

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to approve with an amendment, Jalen, UCD, seconds.  
(8 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

### **REPORT OF ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (Written)**

- *See agenda*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. NONE

### **SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (11:50 AM - 12:20 PM, Presented by Various if present)**

#### **Aditi's UCSA update—**

- **\*\*Absent\*\***
- Stephanie: UCSA met with Milliken recently. UCOP was not able to give USCA a time to meet when the UCSA President could make it.
  - UCSA brought up concerns about SB98, among other things

#### **Naomi's COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS update—**

- Naomi: Getting ready and finalizing agenda for meetings with President Milliken and UCOP
  - Will likely discuss Time, Place, & Manner policies, SB 98, and UCSHIP.
- Stephanie:
  - Would like to work with CoP to work on systemwide issues
  - UCOP may be getting confused about the purposes of both organizations
    - Naomi is surprised to hear this as CoP has barely met with UCOP.
      - Is willing to work with UCGPC to resolve any confusion

- Stephanie mentions that UCGPC exec board's emails are experiencing technical issues
- Stephanie mentions that UCGPC would love to have GSA Presidents with us on the DC trip

### **Student Regents update—**

- **\*\*Absent\*\***

### **UCOP MEETINGS:**

#### **Systemwide Office of Civil Rights (SOCR)**

- Sarah met with them and was given a presentation
  - They discussed the Survey. Concerns raised:
    - “Campus climate” incorrectly characterizes an important topic across campus
    - The lawyers said the survey emerged as a requirement that the DoE imposed within an agreement with the UC
    - UC should partner with a non-biased survey firm
    - We want to make sure that the people who answer are representative of the entire student body

#### **CIO Meeting**

- Jalen says it was a fruitful meeting with networking opportunities
  - However, a lot of the asks were sidestepped or delegated:
    - Affordable housing → Jagdeep said it would not be a good investment
    - Yield needs to be considered because they must take good care of retirees and other stakeholders
    - Blackstone contract → UC's investment in Blackstone is doing well (~11.5-11.7% yield per year)
      - Harvir asks the reason Jagdeep gave for continuing past 2028.
        - Jalen mentions there was no clear answer
    - If the UC divested from AI or other large markets, they'd have to divest from, essentially, the entire market
      - Jagdeep mentioned this issue could be brought up to the Regents
    - AI Futures Lab:
      - Jalen asked if other campuses would enjoy the benefits of the lab as well?

- Jagdeep mentioned that there are efforts to build trust with faculty at other universities
- Harvir wonders if there are notes of the meeting as she'd like to have CIO's justifications
- Sarah asks what the next steps are
  - Jalen is unsure; mentions that CIO is open to workshops with students
- Stephanie requests that Jalen write up a 1-pager about the meeting
  - Would like to continue working on this
- Melanie is discussing a federal bill proposal, asks: Would the UC support such a thing?
  - Jalen says he doesn't have a clear answer.
- Sarah: "Seems like he gave us a target to work toward with a UC-wide coalition :)"

## **EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS (12:20 PM - 1:35 PM, Presented by Various)**

### **PRESIDENT**

- **Regents Meeting**
  - Stephanie mentions that folks should look at the basic needs report at the Regents meeting
    - Stephanie would like to ensure that the eligibility requirement for programs like "aggiefresh" and "bruinfresh" does not include a previously denied CalFresh application.
      - Chair Reilly is interested in expanding these food support systems campus-wide
- **AI Steering Committee:**
  - Jose is concerned about the requirements of people to apply only past their 1st or second year
    - Melanie highlights another concern shared by several UCGPC members: "Masters, JD,... why exclude them if they are in their first years..."
  - Stephanie encourages people to apply

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

- **Grad Gala**
  - We need more RSVPs to the Grad Gala, as catering is due next week
  - Only one person from UCOP is registered
  - Needs the EVPs to be more proactive about RSVPing and inviting people

- ***Zoom chat discussion on how to spread awareness about Gala:***
  - “Images, background about UCGPC, all that stuff is really important to convince the VIP to attend. Giving up a Saturday night is a big ask, so we have to help them understand why it will be worth their while.”
  - “Maybe we can hear from the other EVP on what they think is a blocker to why they haven’t promoted, or any feedback they’ve heard from prospective attendees.”
  - “Last week we invited our entire GPSA board, several vice chancellors, and our vice provost and dean. Hoping for some RSVPs soon!”
  - “Similar to what Michael did for UCSA - I could distribute printed cards to legislators. Do we have a template for professional cardstock? I've sent to our GCR unit already.”
  - “For the people we’re inviting — especially prominent faculty — they probably haven’t heard of UCGPC yet. So we need to really persuade. One email isn’t gonna cut it. EVP may even want to find some time to have a 1x1 phone or IRL convo with their prospective invitees to talk about all our good work.”
- Stephanie asks the Board who is willing to jump into a working group to tackle Gala over the next few weeks.
  - Catering is to be resolved soon
- Harvir asks who the keynote speaker should be?
  - Melanie mentions that it might not be a good idea to have an elected official speak
  - Dan mentioned that elected officials come to events, like the Gala, all of the time
  - Sarah mentions inviting “Ryan Manriquez UCGPC President 23-24 and 24-25 Alexis Zaragoza”
- Oluwatosin asks if there’s an agenda for the program → he’s willing to share info about Gala with people he knows who could be keynote speakers.
- Stephanie will add all EVPs to the working group.

## SECRETARY

- Stephanie briefly discusses the UCGPC elections timeline
  - Oluwatosin asks where to find the documents that guide UCGPC elections

- Stephanie mentions they are in the Drive and says Ramiro can help find them → we'll be following elections procedures of prior Boards

## TREASURER

- **Treasurer's Report is linked to the agenda**
  - Needs a motion to transfer money to the reserve account

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to transfer \$10,000 to the reserve account. Jalen, UCD, seconds.

(8 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

- Harvir asks whether someone who can only make it one day to the DC Advocacy Trip can be funded to come or not?
  - Dan opines that it would be difficult to justify that, and it is preferable for people to be at the training as much as possible
- Stephanie asks whether we should make training a requirement to be funded for advocacy trips
  - The Board's consensus: agrees
- Harvir encourages the Board to look at the "2026 Sacramento Advocacy Day Feedback Form"

## DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

- Encourages the Board to look at the Sac Advocacy Day Memo
  - Moving forward, Dan will be following up with all the legislative offices
- UCGPC will be submitting comments on SB 895 before the Committee hearing, but will be sharing comments beforehand with the Board
  - It will be very important to keep following up with legislative offices as UCGPC's priority bills move through the process
- Stephanie recommends checking in with March StAR Kalani on comment drafting
- UCGPC submitted Professional Degree Reclassification Public Comment
- Dan mentions that open and proactive communication going into DC Advocacy Days will be crucial
- Stephanie mentions keeping DC Advocacy meetings to systemwide issues
  - Also encourages Board members to join the bi-weekly advocacy trip meetings

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Compliance and Governance Committee:**

- Written → See Agenda

### **Finance and Resource Development Committee:**

- Written → See Agenda

**Public Engagement & Campus Partnerships Committee:**

- Written → See Agenda

**Basic Needs: FFHA (Family, Food, Housing, Affordability):**

- Written → See Agenda

**Healthcare Committee:**

- Written → See Agenda

**Immigrant, Undocumented & International Student Protections Committee:**

- Written → See Agenda

**CAMPUS UPDATES (Written)**

1. *See Agenda*
  - a. Sarah encourages the Board to reach out to her regarding how to improve campus Police Accountability Boards
  - b. Sarah encourages other EVPs to reach out to their treasurers about the possibility of a working group among campuses

**SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS (3:30 - 3:50 PM, led by Various)**

**B1 ACTION UCGPC support for ACA18 (2:15 - 2:30 PM, led by SV)**

- *\*\*This item will be discussed later during the meeting\*\**
- Aditi elaborates that the intent is to have 2 designees and 2 voting student Regents, one being a graduate and the other being an undergraduate
- Adrianni discusses the Constitutional Amendment broadly
- Stephanie mentions that clarity will be needed
  - Aditi asks for support from UCGPC

**B2 ACTION UCGPC Survey (2:30 - 2:55 PM, led by SV & MG)**

- Melanie asks if Committee Chairs have any thoughts
  - Oluwatosin mentions his Committee have trimmed their questions down
    - He'd like to "test run" the survey with campus student leaders for feedback before sending it out to the rest of the campus
  - Jack mentions the immigration portion has been polished
    - Doesn't believe any questions single out anyone specifically
  - Jalen is content with the survey
    - "I can lead the effort for the distribution of the Qualtrics. Proposing EVPs, GSA Boards/Councils to be the pilot. Then create some kind of explainer for public comments or agenda items in April and May GSA meetings."
- Stephanie mentions that she and Melanie are at capacity. If the Board proposes more labor, she encourages the Board to work on it.
- Jack asks about the timeline and incentives

- Melanie discusses the the \$1,250 spent on incentives, and that the survey will be open for four weeks
- Oluwatosin would be happy to work on Qualtrics test runs if given the Qualtrics licenses.
  - Melanie will create a Qualtrics survey, inviting Committee chairs to collaborate, and take care of demographics sections, so that hopefully test runs of the survey can begin soon

**B3 DISCUSSION Student Advocates Campaign Updates (2:55 - 3:05 PM, led by MG)**

- Melanie mentioned that \*officially\* the student advocates campaign has concluded, but the results were not as high as expected.
  - Asks EVPs to stay in touch
- **\*\*SECRETARY IS EXPERIENCING BAD INTERNET ISSUES\*\***

**B4 ACTION Budget Item Requests (3:05 - 3:20 PM, led by SV)**

- Stephanie mentions it is necessary for UCGPC to take on staff to help with workload → exec committee is at full capacity.
  - Recommends that the Board look at a letter in Slack
- Melanie goes over the budget → **FINANCIAL REQUEST**: hire a part-time staff member at \$30/hour for 20 hours a week for up to 90 days.
- Greg asks a clarifying question about benefits
  - Stephanie's **BOARD AUTHORITY REQUEST** that the Board give discretion to the EC to interview and hire said part-time staff. She would like to discuss the benefits in a closed session

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to approve the FINANCIAL REQUEST and the BOARD AUTHORITY REQUEST in this same item. Jalen, UCD, seconds.

(9 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

- Melanie mentions we may have up to \$9,000 for travel grants → goes over a Google slide on proposal
  - Some of the money rolled over from Sac Advocacy Days
    - Sarah asks why some people weren't able to come
      - Melanie mentions logistics didn't work out, or have personal circumstances preventing travel
  - Sarah would like to increase the amount of money and the number of people, given that some folks may not come
  - Greg would like to increase the amount of money per grant, and discusses that the number of applications would allow UCGPC to have a "waitlist."
- Stephanie appreciates the idea of being frugal, but wants to make sure that UCGPC is serving their students well → not from any specific GSA
- Sarah would like to expose this opportunity to as many students as possible because they will be continuing UCGPC
- Gabbie asks if the GSAs are covering the costs if a GSA President wants to go
  - The Board answers affirmatively

**MOTION:** Sarah, UCSB, moves to approve 7 travel grants at \$1,400 each. Jalen, UCD, seconds.

(9 members yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

- Melanie discusses the mechanism through which the Board can select additional folks to be awarded travel grants
  - Asks the Board to vote soon

**– BREAK (2:15 - 2:30 PM) –**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS**

**B1 DISCUSSION Student Regent Interview Process & Policy (3:20 - 4:05 PM, led by Various)**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to **enter closed session.** Gabbie, UCSC, seconds.

(8 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

**B2 DISCUSSION Grad Gala Planning & Logistics (4:05 - 4:20 PM, led by HK)**

- Stephanie: We hit these points in the discussions above.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**B1 DISCUSSION DC Day on the Hill Planning & Logistics (4:20 - 4:35 PM, led by SV)**

- Stephanie: Dan is not present anymore, but we covered most
- Melanie: Asks the Board to keep an eye out for voting coming up regarding DC planning
- Greg wonders about having dinner on Sunday or Monday
  - Proposes moving this to a Slack channel vote
- Stephanie briefly shows images of the swag orders she'll be putting in
  - Mugs as swag wins! Pins loses!

**B2 ACTION Proposed Amendments to UCGPC Bylaws (4:35 - 4:59 PM, led by OJ)**

- Oluwatosin explains that the purpose of these Amendments is to help guide future Boards, and to promote efficiency and organizational value
  - Encourages the Board to collaborate with him if they'd like to change the words

- Greg recommends that the Amendments go through the Compliance & Governance Committee and have these ready within a month or two
  - Oluwatosin would like them done by the next Board meeting
    - Oluwatosin would like the current bylaws to be present on the website
      - Stephanie mentioned they should already be up there.

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, submits the following motion: “Send the 4 proposals and any additional proposal from the EVP of San Diego to the bylaws committee. The committee should hold a meeting before our next board meeting to review and put forward any recommendation for changes to bylaws and new policies at the following board meeting. Additionally, the San Diego EVP should be invited to the Compliance Committee meeting to help draft said package.” Sarah, UCSB, seconds.  
(8 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

#### **ADJOURNMENT (approx. 5:11 PM)**

**MOTION:** Greg, UCR, moves to adjourn the meeting. Sarah, UCSB, seconds.  
(8 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain) **PASSES**

# 2026-04-12 Agenda



**UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC)**  
**Council Meeting Agenda**

**SCHEDULE:**

April 12, 2026  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

In person: Eshleman Hall, 4th floor, GA Suite,  
Conference Room (UC Berkeley)

Virtual: ([Zoom](#))  
Meeting ID: 437 780 5445

*\*Denotes voting action*

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**I. CONSENT CALENDAR (9:00 - 9:10 AM, Presented by Presiding Officer)**

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

1. Ex Officio Voting Board Members (Specify if Proxy)

- a) UC Berkeley - Jose Aguilar:
- b) UC Davis - Jalen Ward:
- c) UC Irvine - Jake Melton:
- d) UC Los Angeles - Jack Feng:
- e) UC Merced - Andrew Martin:
- f) UC Riverside - Gregory Hutchins:
- g) UC San Diego - Oluwatosin Jegede:
- h) UC San Francisco (Academic) - Gabe Avillion:
- i) UC San Francisco (Professional) - Margaret Akey:
- j) UC Santa Barbara - Sarah Bacon:
- k) UC Santa Cruz - Gabrielle Peñaranda:

2. Officers

- a) President - Stephanie Valadez:
- b) Vice President - Harvir Kaur:
- c) Secretary - Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma:
- d) Treasurer - Melanie Girod:

3. Staff

- a) Executive Director - Pat Ordonez-Kim: Absent - Medical Leave
- b) Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs - Dan Chulak:

4. Invited Guests
    - a) UCSA President - Aditi Hariharan:
    - b) Council of Presidents - Grad. Leadership - Naomi Hammonds:
    - c) Student Regent - Sonya Brooks:
    - d) Student Regent Designate - Miguel Craven:
    - e) Other guests:
  - C. \*Approval of the [Minutes of the March 14, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting](#)
    1. Motion:
    2. Second:
    3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain
  - D. \*Approval of the [April 12, 2026, Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda](#)
    1. Motion:
    2. Second:
    3. Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain
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## II. REPORT OF ACTIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (Written)

*If this update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

1. The Regents met on March 17-18, at UC San Francisco
    - a. Approved Actions in Open Session
      - i. [Board of Regents](#)
      - ii. [Academic and Student Affairs Committee](#)
      - iii. [Compliance and Audit Committee](#)
      - iv. [Governance Committee](#)
      - v. [Finance and Capital Strategies Committee](#)
    - b. STARs present: Kalani Phillips & Genavieve Koenigshofer
  2. UCGPC had a 2nd round vote for DC Travel grants
  3. UCGPC voted to approve funds for a Clifton Strengths session
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## III. PUBLIC COMMENT (9:10 - 9:20 AM, Open to the Public)

- A. *If no one is present to give public comment, board members may make announcements during this time.*
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## IV. SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (9:20 - 10:05 AM, Presented by Various *if present*)

- A. UCSA Updates with [President Aditi Hariharan](#) (9:20 - 9:35 AM)
  1. Questions for UCSA President
    - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
- B. Council of Presidents updates with [Naomi Hammonds](#) (9:35 - 9:50 AM)

1. Questions for Council of Presidents Leadership
    - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
  - C. UC Student Regents Updates with [Student Regent Sonya Brooks](#) and/or [Student Regent-Designate Miguel Craven](#) (9:50 - 10:05 AM)
    1. Questions for UC Student Regents
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
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**V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (10:05 - 11:20 AM, Presented by Various)**

- A. **President** (10:05 - 10:20 AM, Stephanie Valadez)
    1. UCR Campus visit
    2. Open Applications for officer positions
    3. Introducing Zoe and Mishel
    4. AI Steering Committee
    5. Student Leadership Summit update
    6. Questions for President
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
  - B. **Vice President** (10:20 - 10:35 AM, Harvir Kaur)
    1. Grad Gala Recap 🎉
    2. Brief Updates for Regents selections – where are we in the process?
    3. Questions for Vice President
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
  - C. **Secretary** (10:35 - 10:50 AM, Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma)
    1. Please remind the folks you are bringing to DC to regularly check Slack
    2. Questions for Secretary
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
  - D. **Treasurer** (10:50 - 11:05 AM, Melanie Girod)
    1. Treasurer's report March [[here](#)]
    2. Questions for Treasurer
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
  - E. **Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs** (11:05 - 11:20 AM, Daniel Chulak)
    1. Final Preparations for DC Advocacy Days
      - a) Meeting with FGR 4/16 at 11AM
    2. Shared legislative priorities and advocacy agenda
    3. Public Support Letter for AB 2212 submitted
    4. Questions for Director of Government Relations
      - a) BOARD: Add questions here, include your initials with your question
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- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (*Written, if ahead of time, dedicate 5 minutes for oral reports*)  
*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Committee Reports](#)

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- VII. **CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS** (*Written*)  
*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

[Read Campus Updates and Voting Member Reports](#)

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**- BREAK (11:25 - 11:40 AM) -**

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VIII. **SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS**

**\*\*NONE SUBMITTED\*\***

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IX. **NEW BUSINESS** (11:40 AM - 12:30 PM, *led by SV*)

- B1 **DISCUSSION** Upcoming meeting with President Milliken (11:40 AM - 12:30 PM, *led by SV*)
1. Call for agenda item suggestions
  2. Discussion on process
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X. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS** (12:30 - 12:59 PM, *led by OJ*)

- B1 **DISCUSSION/ACTION** [BYLAW AMENDMENTS](#) (*will be discussed at 12:30 PM, led by OJ*)
1. Motion/Vote possibly needed
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XI. **ADJOURNMENT** (12:59 - 1:00 PM)

1. Motion to adjourn
    - a) Motion:
    - b) Second:
    - c) Results: \_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_ Nay, \_\_\_ Abstain
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**XII. Call for Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting (*Written*)**

A. BOARD: Add proposals for agenda items here.

# Committee Reports

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (Written)

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

### A. Compliance and Governance Committee (Chair: Sarah Bacon)

1. **TO BE FILLED OUT BY CHAIR**

### B. Finance and Resource Development Committee (Chair: Melanie Girod)

1. Committee report [here](#)

### C. Public Engagement & Campus Partnerships Committee (Chair: Jose Aguilar)

1. **TO BE FILLED OUT BY CHAIR**

### D. Basic Needs: FFHA (Family, Food, Housing, Affordability) (Chair: TBD)

1. Hello Basic Needs Committee!

My QE is submitted, approved, and defended! So that means we're in full-stream Basic Needs Committee mode. I have been doing prep work here and there for this committee since Stephanie asked me to join in February; those things include going to CHEBNA, attending various basic needs meetings both on campus and for the systemwide channels, and reading up on past materials from UCGPC, UC, CSU, and UC Davis (my home campus) in particular.

I have a potential information resource – Camden Doolittle – who is very involved in student housing and food security on campus and is also an EdD student at UC Davis whose dissertation specifically examines the aforementioned topics. I want to build a team of sorts to address the various issues the committee members may not be fully aware of or well-versed in. BN is a large domain and has a myriad of historical resources and I want to prioritize the student-perspective of basic needs as opposed to the more staff administrative view.

I'll start having more discussions of this nature and set a time to meet with the committee members both one-on-one and as a group.

### E. Healthcare Committee (Chair: Oluwatosin Jegede)

The Healthcare Committee met on April 8, 2026, to review progress toward its goals. The committee is initiating a systemwide effort to better understand student health center capacity, staffing conditions, and their relationship to emergency room (ER) utilization across UC campuses. Insights from this effort will inform advocacy priorities, particularly related to UC SHIP costs and access to care.

The committee will conduct outreach to Medical Directors and Executive Directors of Student Health Services across all UC campuses. This outreach will take the form of key informant interviews with campus health leadership. The goal is to assess staffing conditions, service capacity, and trends in ER utilization.

#### Key Discussion Topics

- Current staffing levels and working conditions
- Availability of clinic appointments and scheduling constraints
- Whether limited access to student health services correlates with higher ER utilization
- ER utilization rates among graduate and undergraduate students across campuses

- The impact of rising ER utilization on claims costs and insurance premiums
- Strategies currently being implemented to reduce reliance on ER services
- The capacity of student health centers to absorb increased demand for urgent and primary care if ER use declines
- Whether cost savings from reduced ER utilization could be reinvested into staffing and services, as increased use of student health services may boost reimbursements and expand capacity at the student health services.

### **Timeline & Next Steps**

- Develop a shared spreadsheet of Student Health Services contacts across campuses
- If contacts are not readily available, coordinate with campus Executive Vice Presidents (EVPs)

Within the next two weeks, each committee member will:

- Contact their campus Medical Director/Executive Director
- Copy other committee members on outreach emails
- Schedule Zoom meetings as soon as possible

### **Analysis & Reporting of Survey**

- A potential analyst from UC Davis, attending the DC advocacy efforts, will support data analysis
- Analysis and report writing will be supervised and reviewed by committee members

### **F. Immigrant, Undocumented & International Student Protections Committee (Chair: Jack Feng)**

1. The Committee did not meet prior to the April 2026 UCGPC Board meeting; however the Committee Chair circulated H.R. 8013 Keep Innovators in America Act – Rep. Liccardo with the Committee members as well as UCGPC Director of Government Relations as a proposed advocacy priority item for the Board’s consideration for the upcoming UCGPC DC Advocacy Days.

# Campus Updates

## CAMPUS UPDATES AND VOTING MEMBER REPORTS (Written)

*If your update warrants discussion, please submit it to be added to the agenda.*

### A. UC Berkeley

#### 1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP

### B. UC Davis

#### 1. UCD GSA Referenda

- a) For the past two GSA presidential tenures, the graduate students at UC Davis have been attempting to create and pass a referenda that would address certain basic needs gaps that graduate and professional student face at current time. The gaps are the following –

(1) **1) Equitable and Accessible Transit** - Grad students at UC Davis do not enjoy equitable transit access at the same free fare that undergraduates enjoy. Grad students must either buy Unitrans passes from the ZipPass app, pay in exact fare, or (frankly) hope that the student bus drivers do not charge them fare. The third scenario may be the case more often than not during the school year but grad students are typically asked for fare during the summer when students are either conducting research as GSR's or teaching classes as TA's and AI's and undergrads are mostly gone. I personally have done work within my department as our student association (GAPSS) president to remedy this inequity on a small-scale. I've developed a program where GAPSS will bulk purchase Unitrans ten-ride passes for our student body. This fee referendum will add funds into the student-led Unitrans program and allow graduate students join Unitrans in buy-in.

(2) **2) Student Parent Resources** - One other referendum that is being put up for a vote is one tackling expanded resources for Student Parents. This will carve out a new campus fee for more services and a student parent coordinator for graduate students (a population that is disproportionately parents). In total there will have a price tag of \$800,000 added which will be generated via a small campus fee on the graduate and professional students at UC Davis. GSA President Luna has been working these items through COSAF, however at the recent March COSAF meeting, Student Affairs signaled that they might pull endorsement of the referenda due to 1) the price tag and 2) the association of the GSA with an org on campus called SOCA or the Scholars of Color Alliance. Luna is currently lobbying with the undergraduate student representatives to ensure the referenda pass committee, is approved by the Chancellor, and is put to vote by the graduate students.

2. **From CCGA remarks – Encouraging Dialogue with Campus Grad Associations** - I would like to encourage faculty members of the committee to encourage a healthy and routine dialogue between themselves (any relevant staff, faculty, or admin peers) and their

respective campuses' Graduate Student Assemblies or Graduate and Professional Associations. In my conversations over the last 8 months with graduate student peers and leadership from various campuses, it seems that there are disparities and differences in communication between these two parties across the UC system. I'm grateful that my GSA enjoys regular monthly meetings with our Chancellor at the Davis campus, and it seems to have brought about meaningful deliverables to the graduate student body and the sharing of crucial information both to students via the GSA Executive Council and to leadership (Chancellor, Dean, Provost) via meetings with our GSA President, Luna. If you are not already familiar with your campus GSA, feel free to reach out and I can try to connect you.

#### **C. UC Irvine**

1. On April 7, 2026, AGS elected a new EVP to serve for the remainder of the 25-26 school year.
2. UCI EVP has begun planning a Washington D.C. advocacy trip with Lobby Corps tentatively scheduled for late May/early June.

#### **D. UC Los Angeles**

1. UCLA EVP joined LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath team and submitted a GSA Letter of Opposition on the proposed rule by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (FR-6524-P-01 Housing and Community Development Act of 1980: Verification of Eligible Status) on April 17, 2026.
2. UCLA EVP moderated the 3rd Annual Inclusive Excellence in Research Symposium with Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-36), hosted by the UCLA Center for LGBTQ+ Advocacy, Research & Health (C-LARAH) on April 8, 2026. UCLA EVP received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Lieu.
3. UCLA EVP attended the Senate Committee on Health hearing on [SB 895 California Science and Health Research Bond Act \(Wiener\)](#) and provided the UCLA GSA public comment in support of the bill in Sacramento on March 25, 2026. You can find the [UCLA GSA Letter of Support on SB 895](#) here. The bill was passed with a 9 (D) - 2 (R) and advanced to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.
4. Sponsored by Equality California (EQCA) and UCLA C-LARAH, UCLA EVP attended the annual EQCA LGBTQ+ Advocacy Day in Sacramento and discussed key student priority bills with state legislative champions and staff, on behalf of UCLA GSA, on March 25, 2026.
5. UCLA EVP Attended the 48th United States Students Association (USSA) National Legislative Conference in DC on behalf of UCLA GSA on March 21-23, 2026.
6. UCLA EVP Spoke alongside USSA student leaders across California and across the country on the West Lawn of the United States Capitol, on behalf of UCLA GSA, calling on the U.S. Department of Education to reverse its proposals that would eliminate access to federal aid for graduate and professional education and restrict the classification of professional degrees and urging the Congress to act on March 23, 2026. You can find the full speech here: [USSA Speech](#)
7. UCLA EVP had legislative meetings on behalf of UCLA GSA with staff for Senator Adam Schiff and Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA-36) and conducted drop-in visits to the offices of

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-11) and Senator Alex Padilla on March 23, 2026. These meetings and visits addressed the following UCLA GSA federal priorities and helped lay the groundwork for the upcoming April 2026 GSA DC Advocacy Days. The leave-behind document: [Copy of UCLA GSA External Vice President Legislative Partnership Brief - 2026 March Capitol Hill Visit](#)

- a) ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION: Urge bicameral, bipartisan support for HR.6574 and HR.6718 to ensure equitable access to affordable graduate and professional education. Supporting these bills helps close funding gaps, reduces reliance on private loans, and strengthens California's and the nation's pipeline of highly skilled professionals.
  - b) THE SAVE ACT: Vote NO on the SAVE Act and support efforts to block the SAVE Act in the Senate.
  - c) IMMIGRANT & UNDOCUMENTED & INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROTECTION: Congress must use its full legislative, oversight, and appropriations powers to preserve access to student visa and work pathways via the Keep Innovators in America Act (HR. 8013, Rep. Sam T. Liccardo (D-CA-16)), advance the American Dream and Promise Act (HR. 1589, Rep. Sylvia R. Garcia (D-TX-29)), protect access to temporary support programs, and ensure robust DHS accountability to safeguard student safety and security.
8. UCLA EVP toured the United States Capitol per the courtesy of the Office of Congressman Ted Lieu, and attended a live session of the United States Senate, on behalf of UCLA GSA, on March 23, 2026.
  - a) Senate Minority Leader Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Durbin (D-IL) spoke about issues including the SAVE Act, DHS funding, unpaid TSA workers, and deployment of ICE agents at the airports and misconducts and healthcare crises.
  - b) Senator Cornyn (R-TX) addressed the SAVE Act, "the only votes that will be suppressed by the SAVE Act are those of non-citizens or illegal aliens".
9. UCLA EVP attended the March 2026 UC Board of Regents Meeting at UCSF on March 17-18, 2026 and provided public comments addressing topics on 1) Fund UC Compact (state budget request) and 2) Immigrant, undocumented and international student protection on each day on behalf of UCLA GSA. [March UC Regents comment](#)
10. UCLA EVP Attended the monthly UC Student Advisory Group for Systemwide Surveys meeting on March 18, 2026. Topics of discussion included:
  - a) UCOP Policy Insights: How cost of attendance survey data informs financial aid decisions and broader UCOP policies
  - b) Student Outreach Strategies: Creative ways to share survey results back to students (dashboards, campaigns, accessible messaging)

- c) Workgroup Ideation & Planning: Early-stage input to guide collaboration with graduate and undergraduate survey teams and shape summer outreach efforts

11. UCLA EVP discussed with the GSA Executive Committee and the UCLA Office of Student Conduct Interim Director, Benito Nieves, [the Interim 2026 UCLA Student Conduct Codes](#) (effective January 1, 2026), on March 16, 2026.

#### **E. UC Merced**

1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP
2. Initial meeting held to discuss revamping UCM's GSA financial structure with treasurers from other GSA's. Future meetings to be held to develop documentation of GSA financial models
3. Campus held an updated "Know Your Rights" event for international students
4. UCM EVP appointed to UCOP's AI Steering Committee

#### **F. UC Riverside**

1. Riverside's EVP was proud to host the UCGPC President for a recent campus visit, where we highlighted several key student support resources, including the GSA-administered Conference Travel Grant, Student Health and Counseling Services, the Career Center, and Basic Needs initiatives. Our External Affairs team is actively preparing for upcoming DC Advocacy Days, while Riverside's GSA has secured initial commitments from campus administration to include graduate-student-only sections in future housing developments. Additionally, the Highlander Union Building is moving forward with a Phase 2 expansion to better accommodate our growing student population. The EVP Center's Office will also be hosting two upcoming events: Out at Work: An LGBTQ+ Labor Forum and a student Know Your Rights workshop focused on employment protections. Lastly, Riverside GSA has opened its officer election process, and the current EVP has announced they will not be seeking re-election.

#### **G. UC San Diego**

1. The UCSD GPSA Executive Committee met with Chancellor Khosla on April 3, 2026, to discuss our main achievements for the academic year and the final goals to be accomplished before the end of the year. I informed him about the healthcare survey and its goal of understanding access and cost, as well as comparing these factors between students on UCSHIP and those who are not.
2. The UCSD GPSA conducted its annual elections on April 5, 2026, to select the executive team for the 2026-27 academic year. The onboarding training is scheduled for the Summer 2026.
3. The UCSD GCR hosted Congresswoman Sara Jacobs on April 6, 2026, at the Student Advocacy & Civic Engagement Forum. Students had the opportunity to ask her questions on a wide range of issues affecting graduate students. I raised concerns regarding issues facing international students.
4. UCSD GPSA EVP is happy to share that, following our internal selection process, we will be sponsoring two students from the pool of applicants who applied for the UCGPC

Travel Scholarship to attend the advocacy meeting in Washington, D.C., scheduled for April 19-22, 2026.

**H. UC San Francisco (Academic)**

1. No updates, in the process of electing the GPSA board for next year.

**I. UC San Francisco (Professional)**

1. TO BE FILLED OUT BY EVP

**J. UC Santa Barbara**

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**K. UC Santa Cruz**

1. 1 student (GSA Secretary/webmaster) will be attending DC advocacy days.
2. GSA E-Board election briefly delayed.
3. Celebrating Earth Day with various events and giving away eco-conscious basic need items to grads.
4. Campus is conducting a search for a Dean of Social Science. After the search and appointment of the Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor (CP/EVC) that cost \$160,000 the GSA expressed concerns that this was an extreme expenditure given the budget deficit and the UCs calls to save money.
5. Peter Biehl and various panelists will be facilitating a "Difficult Conversations Panel: Affordable Housing and Basic Needs" in May. We hope it will be recurring and helpful for building relationships between administration and students.
6. We're looking to establish guidelines for travel expenses and guidelines and would appreciate any examples or tips!

# Initials Defined

| Initials Key |                           |                                                          |
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| Initials     | Name                      | Campus                                                   |
| <b>JA</b>    | Jose Aguilar              | UC Berkeley                                              |
| <b>JW</b>    | Jalen Ward                | UC Davis                                                 |
| <b>JM</b>    | Jake Melton               | UC Irvine                                                |
| <b>JF</b>    | Jack Feng                 | UC Los Angeles                                           |
| <b>AM</b>    | Andrew M.                 | UC Merced                                                |
| <b>GH</b>    | Gregory Hutchins          | UC Riverside                                             |
| <b>OJ</b>    | Oluwatosin Jegede         | UC San Diego                                             |
| <b>GA</b>    | Gabe Avillion             | UC San Francisco (Academic)                              |
| <b>MA</b>    | Margaret Akey             | UC San Francisco (Professional)                          |
| <b>SB</b>    | Sarah Bacon               | UC Santa Barbara                                         |
| <b>GP</b>    | Gabrielle Peñaranda       | UC Santa Cruz                                            |
| <b>SV</b>    | Stephanie Valadez         | UC Los Angeles (President)                               |
| <b>HK</b>    | Harvir Kaur               | UC Berkeley (Vice President)                             |
| <b>RCL</b>   | Ramiro Cabanillas-Ledesma | UC Davis (Secretary)                                     |
| <b>DC</b>    | Daniel Chulak             | Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs |
| <b>MG</b>    | Melanie Girod             | UC Berkeley (Treasurer)                                  |
| <b>POK</b>   | Patricia Ordonez-Kim      | Executive Director                                       |