



UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC)
Council Meeting Agenda

SCHEDULE:
September 19, 2026
11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Online
Virtual Option: ([Zoom](#))
Meeting ID: 954 1792 3736

**Denotes voting action*

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I. CONSENT CALENDAR (11:30 - 11:45 AM, Presented by Presiding Officer)

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
 1. Ex Officio Voting Board Members (Specify if Proxy)
 - a) UC Berkeley - Harvir Kaur
 - b) UC Davis - Jalen Ward
 - c) UC Irvine - Onwodi Ifejeokwu
 - d) UC Los Angeles - Jack Feng
 - e) UC Merced - Andrew Martin
 - f) UC Riverside - Pamela Romero
 - g) UC San Diego - Dan Chulak
 - h) UC San Francisco (Academic) - Gabe Avillion
 - i) UC San Francisco (Professional) - Oscar De La Rosa
 - j) UC Santa Barbara - James Wang
 - k) UC Santa Cruz - Matthew Marzec
 2. Officers
 - a) President - Stephanie Valadez
 - b) Vice President - Lilia Valdez
 - c) Secretary - Ray Diaz
 - d) Treasurer - Mark Holton

3. Staff

- a) Advocacy & Operations Associate - Zoe Schuck
- b) Operations & Marketing Associate - Mishel Tachet

4. Invited Guests

- a) UCSA President - Candice Phan
- b) Council of Presidents - Grad. Leadership - Naomi Hammonds
- c) Student Regent - Miguel Craven
- d) Student Regent Designate - Jordan Roiland
- e) Other guests

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

D. **Approval of the September Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda*

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

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

- A. September Newsletter
- B. Student Regent Nomination Process Working Group - UCGPC nominations Lilia Valdez and Jalen Ward confirmed.
- C. September StARs: Alexandra Stokes, UCSC and David MacDonald, UCD.
- D. [UCGPC endorses the "Food for Thought Act"](#)
- E. UCGPC supports [AB 2551: Equity in Higher Education Act: time, place, and manner policies: student code of conduct violations: open forum.](#)
- F. UCGPC supports [AB 2251: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance](#)
- G. UCGPC supports [SB 417: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026](#)
- H. UCGPC supports [SB 1328: Public Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Campus Contract](#)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (11:45 - 12:00 PM, *Open to the Public*)

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

IV. SYSTEMWIDE / GUEST REPORTS (12:00 PM - 12:30 PM, *Presented by Various if present*)

- A. UCSA Updates with [President](#) Candice Phan (12:00 PM - 12:10 PM)
 - 1. Questions for UCSA President
- B. Council of Presidents updates with [Naomi Hammonds](#) (12:10 - 12:20 PM)
 - 1. Questions for Council of Presidents Leadership

- C. UC Student Regents Updates with [Student Regent Miguel Craven](#) and/or [Student Regent-Designate Jordan Roiland](#) (12:20 - 12:30 PM)
 - 1. Questions for UC Student Regents
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V. EXECUTIVE REPORTS (12:30 PM - 1:20 PM, Presented by Various)

- A. **President** (12:30 - 12:40 PM, Stephanie Valadez)
 - 1. [UCGPC September Report to President Milliken](#)
 - 2. [September Regents Meeting](#)
 - a) [President's Address](#)
 - b) New Student Observers:
 - (1) Health Services Committee: Rhea Bains, UCSF
 - (2) Academic and Student Affairs Committee: Jose Aguilar, UCB
 - (3) Finance and Capital Strategies Committee: Nayan Vel, UCB
 - (4) Investment Committee: Jennifer Riekes
 - c) [Save UCLA Childcare](#)
 - (1) Follow up 1:1 meeting to come with Chancellor Frenk
 - d) StARs: Alexandra Stokes and David MacDonald
 - 3. UCLA: [Follow up on Kupsh student conduct case.](#)
 - 4. UCB: [Thrive 4 Lupe](#)
 - 5. Questions for President
- B. **Vice President** (12:40 - 12:45 PM, Lilia Valdez)
 - 1. Grad Summit Guests
 - a) Form: <https://forms.gle/vPraY2EZPnyjfNbe6>
 - 2. Questions for Vice President (12:40 - 12:45 PM, Open)
- C. **Secretary** (12:45 - 12:50 PM, Ray Diaz)
 - 1. Secretary's Report
 - a) Google Calendar for Internal Events: All members have been added; please confirm receipt
 - b) Records maintenance: Transition documents from outgoing Secretary RCL have been received and archival is ongoing
 - c) Upcoming: October agenda item request form will be circulated by Sept. 30, 2026
 - 2. Questions for Secretary (12:45 - 12:50 PM, Open)
- D. **Treasurer** (12:50 - 1:00 PM, Mark Holton)
 - 1. Updates to be discussed later in the agenda
 - a.  TREASURER'S REPORT - August 2026
 - 2. Questions for Treasurer (12:55 - 1:00 PM, Open)
- E. **Transition Support Officer Report** (1:00 - 1:10 PM, Melanie Gilrod)
 - 1. Update on transition support [activities and progress](#)

2. Questions for Transition Support Officer

F. **Director of Government Relations and Legislative Affairs (1:10 - 1:20 PM, written)**

1. [State Advocacy Agenda](#)
2. [Federal Advocacy Agenda](#)

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.

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VIII. **SPECIAL AND/OR TIME SENSITIVE ORDERS (1:20 - 2:20 PM, led by SV)**

B1 **DISCUSSION** UCOP Basic Needs Presentation (1:20 - 1:50 PM)

1. Receive and file

B2 **CLOSED SESSION** Personnel Matter / Executive Director Update (1:50 - 2:10 PM)

Note: Board will enter closed session pursuant to personnel matters.

B3 **CLOSED SESSION** Student Regent Working Group (2:10 - 2:20 PM)

Note: Board will enter closed session pursuant to council vote.

– **BREAK (2:20 - 2:30 PM)** –

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS (2:30 - 3:35 PM, led by Various)**

B1 **ACTION** Amend AY 2026-27 Board Meeting Schedule (2:30 - 2:35 PM, led by various)

1. Review and amend AY 2026-27 Board Meeting Schedule
 - a. June 19, 2026 to June 18, 2026 or June 26, 2026

B2 DISCUSSION Budget Updates (2:35 - 3:00 PM, led by MH)

2. Review of Budget Updates
3. Discussion

B3 ACTION Policy Review: Reserve Management, Expense, Travel Reimbursement, and Beyond-Role Compensation (3:00 - 3:15 PM, led by MH)

1. Review of proposed [policy](#) updates
2. Discussion and vote on policy approvals

B4 DISCUSSION Advocacy Priorities Update (3:15 - 3:30 PM, led by LV)

1. Update on Advocacy Priorities
2. Discussion around Proposed Descriptions:  Advocacy Priority Statements
3. Board feedback and direction

B5 ACTION Special Committees Discussion and Approval (3:30 - 3:35 PM, led by LV)

1. Discussion of proposed special committees membership
2. Vote to approve special committees membership for AY 2026-2027

X. NEW BUSINESS (3:35 - 4:30 PM, led by Various)**B1 ACTION Staff Time Tracking Policy (3:35 - 4:05 PM, led by MH & MG)**

1. Review and discussion of proposed [Staff Time Tracking Policy](#)
2. Vote to approve Staff Time Tracking Policy

B2 ACTION Extend Transition Officer Contract (4:05 - 4:20 PM, led by various)

1. Review extending Transition Officer Contract
2. Discussion and Vote

B3 DISCUSSION UCOP AI Committee Update (4:20 - 4:30 PM, led by AM)

1. Receive updates on UCOP AI committee and policies

XI. ADJOURNMENT (xx:xx - xx:xx PM)

1. Motion to adjourn

XII. Call for Agenda Items for the next Board Meeting (Written)

1. [AY 26-27 Agenda Item Consideration Request Form](#)