

Members Present

Elizabeth Tinoco – President
Janella Leano – VP of Internal Affairs
Adam Catching – VP of External Affairs
Sharleen Gill – VP of External Affairs
Merva Razzak – VP of Diversity
Sarah Rabah – Dental Representative
Abdikarin Abdullahi – Medicine Representative
(Delegate)
Mehr Virk – Pharmacy Representative

Members Absent

Janelle Charles– VP of Finance
Aishwarya Thakur – Medicine Representative
Amy Rosenwohl-Mack – Nursing Representative
Amber Por – PT Representative
Nadia Ayad – Basic Sciences Representative
OPEN – Social Sciences Representative

Students Present

Lemuel Rivera – Medicine (ASSM delegate)
Elina Kostyonovskaya – Grad Div DSCB
Julie Garcia – Grad Div BMS
Matthew Ryan – Grad Div/Med
Amin Sarref – Medicine
Richard Ishimaru – Pharmacy
Sophia Xue – Pharmacy
Bailey Hyland – Pharmacy
Kelly Lam – Pharmacy
Galen Laserson – Medicine
Vicky Valentine - Nursing

Staff Present

Jennifer Rosko – Student Life
Alece Alderson – Student Life
Jerry Lopez – Student Financial Services

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS (5:30-5:39)

II. QUORUM CHECK / MINUTES APPROVAL (5:39-5:40)

Approved: 8 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0

III. NEW BUSINESS / ACTION (5:40-6:25)

- A. Student Regent Recruitment – Hayley Weddle and Jamaal Muwwakkil
- a. UC Board of Regents – oversees UC system as one entity
 - i. Committees: Academic and Student Affairs, Audit and Compliance, Finance and Capital strategies, Governance, Health Services, Investments, Public Engagement and Development
 - b. Student Regent: student; steward for university on behalf of all Californians
 - i. Tasks: attend Regents' meetings, participate in advocacy, serve on university taskforces, committees, and working groups
 1. Engaging with university stakeholders
 - ii. Application is due March 8th; 2 year role
 - c. Student Regent-Designate: serves as designate for one year; seen as "in training"
 - i. Same tasks as Student Regent with full participation but does not vote until the next year when transitioned into Student Regent
 - d. Student Advocates to the Regents (StARs) and Committee Observers
 - i. Nominated positions by UCSA and Graduate and Professional Council
 - ii. Commitment is one Regents meeting; has special access to interact with Regents
 - iii. Look on UC Student Association website to apply
 - e. Application due March 8th, 2020
 - i. Need application, resume, personal statement, and references, followed by interviews
 - ii. Be sure to research the position, contact individuals, and practice
 - iii. Hayley Weddle, Student Regent: hrweddle@ucsd.edu
 - iv. Jamaal Muwwakkil, Student Regent Designate: jamaal@ucsb.edu
 - v. Perks: tuition and fees are covered, travel, UC-wide parking pass, office space and operational budget
 1. Question: Is PDST covered for 2 years in the position? YES!
 - vi. Essay: need to highlight issues in UC system

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- vii. Q: How do you manage role with program requirements? A: Being very proactive helps and making sure everything is set on the calendar.
 - viii. Q: What do you mean by a huge commitment? Some weeks could be focused on your academic work and then other weeks where you will be doing 50 hours of Regents work if there are a lot of meetings. There are also Regents meetings every other month which last three whole days (12-14hr days). Off cycle meetings occur sometimes in months there are not a regent meeting. Student advocacy meetings involving student fees and UCGPC, etc. adds to the moving parts. It averages to about 20 hrs/wk.
 - ix. Q: How do you advocate for students throughout the UC system? A: Zoom meetings with students across the system. Meetings with UCGPC helps connect with other students from different schools. Plus, UC Student Regents spend a lot of time traveling to every single campus to hear concerns. It depends on the issue that affects the way we advocate for our students.
 - x. Q: What else is taking up the rest of the time besides the meetings? A: Meetings with students, all of the taskforces (move towards more virtual meetings), traveling within 5 weeks to all UC campuses, meetings with the UC President. Materials for Regents meetings typically 1000 pages. We don't write the policies, but guide staff who do the work.
 - xi. Q: How many emails do you get? A: A lot but my inbox is always managed so it is not impossible.
 - xii. Q: Did you have former advocacy roles and are those necessary? A: (Jamaal) I didn't but in my small club on campus, I was able participate in advocacy efforts but not specifically hold a formal campus leadership role. (Hayley) You don't need to have formal advocacy experience. There has always been a mix of student candidates that made it close to the end. The passion is more important than experience.
 - xiii. Q: How much power do you have and how does your role play out? A: Meetings are televised and students are present and so there's a huge accountability lever. One student didn't say anything during a huge debate in a meeting and that student received a lot of backlash. Building trust with students is really important in our role. A lot of advocacy comes during dinner, lunch, and not work-related meetings. We both have done a lot of 1-on-1 meetings and so that is a huge push for advocacy.
 - xiv. Q: Students who come to you are mostly students who have been empowered. How do you work with students who aren't like that? A: (Jamaal) I looked for people like me because I was passionate about issues on campus. So I was proactive and looked for the people that can help with those issues. For our role, we just have to let people know that we exist through emails and student outreach. (Hayley) We really need campus student leaders to do their due diligence to reach the broad array of students on campus. We try to see how their student engagement is doing. Most of the students I heard from are student leaders. We also reach out to faculty to make sure they're reaching out to their students as well.

B. Basic Needs & Food Security – Alece Alderson and Jerry Lopez

- a. We are interested in knowing what students want and what students know about basic needs.
- b. Basic Needs Initiative – received permanent state funding for student food market, resources, and a money pot for rapid rehousing.
 - i. Rapid rehousing – \$180k; we were looking at housing insecurity and each school, based on the amount of students they have, has received a lump sum. We are trying to be mindful with the money, especially with COLS. These funds are reviewed by an advisory committee which looks at need, situation, and a bunch of different factors. The money is awarded based on the advisory committee approval. We also make recommendations for students to apply for loan funds if needed. The financial aid committee is the advisory committee.
 - ii. Could be helped for emergency situations like getting kicked out of home or can no longer afford rent and students don't need to pay it back

- iii. Q: what's the first step a student should take? A: we are still spreading the word but you should go to an advisor or professor. They should refer you to the Financial Aid office or you can go to the office right away. It is also on the housing section on the basic needs website. We will also be doing a education tour with Mission Bay & Parnassus staff on basic needs resources and how to do referrals.
- iv. Q: is there a max amount? A: we will typically give out two months of funding from the grant so they have an opportunity to deal with their situation.
- c. We have received ongoing funding from the state for our resources and basic needs.
- d. Want to be sure that we are meeting students' needs. We used student surveys and input to come up with ideas.
- e. Student Food Market: 632 students enrolled
 - i. Started two years ago and it has expanded significantly
 - ii. We bring in the fresh produce from the Marin Food Bank and accommodate as many people as possible. We are now able to accommodate students at Mission Bay.
- f. CalFresh: we work on students getting signed up and they get \$192 worth of groceries a month, even Subway on campus
 - i. 504 students applied for CalFresh just this Fall = \$1.1 million/year
- g. Feedback about SFM?
 - i. No stigma that we see and a good amount of students use it.
 - ii. We use student workers to promote outreach.
 - iii. Orientation was a great way to get people to sign up and the workshops were really effective.
 - iv. A lot of it was from word of mouth.
 - v. Mission Bay Graduate students are very unaware. We see these events and assume it's only for Parnassus students.
 - 1. With the paperwork from graduate students, they don't have enough room for CalFresh because there is no "unmet need" with the stipend since it is considered income. That might be part of why you aren't hearing about it a lot.
 - 2. You are eligible for SFM, but not CalFresh because stipend is seen as income and it goes above threshold that which you qualify.
 - 3. If you are not being met by basic needs, we will help with crisis funds, especially when there are referrals.
 - vi. Big thing to know: just ask. Talk to advisors or financial aid office to see if a referral can even be made. The big thing is to let students know that this exists. Couch surfing is not an appropriate living standard.
 - vii. Taking Bart is very expensive but I understand it is hard to tackle.
 - viii. Blue shuttle that drive at night cannot be tackled at this time.
 - 1. Recommend asking transportation to include a gps tracker for on-demand night shuttles so students know when to expect them.
 - ix. Q: Can Muni be a part of tuition instead? A: we have looked into it, we just have to run a referendum to pay more money for tuition. We started investigating this, but would the referendum be successful?
 - 1. It is a hassle to get the lifeline pass every month, Is there a way to get that UCSF-wide? A: It is \$100,000 more to have this UCSF-wide because of this technology. If you feel strongly about it, students can hold a referendum, but a huge cost upfront would be needed and they would have to vote on it.
 - 2. What about just a sticker on our ID? A: they are actually trying to get rid of their sticker system.
 - x. There will be a study to look at transportation and a one-pass system for the Bay Area.
 - xi. Family needs: based on a referral service; pet care, nannies, etc. Services aren't being utilized and they need financial support and backup care.
 - 1. Maybe bring this issue forward to the system-wide level

C. Fitness and Recreation Referendum – Elizabeth Tinoco

- a. Change to the referendum since previous meetings: Instead of limited access to the gym if referendum doesn't pass; if the referendum does not pass, it is proposed there will be no access to the Bakar facilities (Mission Bay). Students still have access to Parnassus gym but won't have any to Mission Bay unless they pay \$30 a month.
 - b. Referendum: CCCF will increase \$3.50 per month (\$13 to \$16.50 a month)
 - c. Still waiting on vote from Student Services Fee Committee to recommend the referendum.
 - d. One of their funding sources is the student fee and it is not enough to sustain the gym and inflation of prices.
 - e. Our main problem is to get students to understand this referendum and vote.
 - f. SAVE THE GYM! GPSA supports this referendum to avoid losing Mission Bay gym privileges
- D. Committee Representatives – Janella Leano
please note members of the academic council must sit on two committees throughout the academic year
- a. Committee Updates
 - i. AAUCSF Student-Alumni Engagement Committee
 - ii. Association of Future Alumni
 - 1. Meeting this month
 - iii. Committee on Education Technology
 - 1. Meeting this week for the first time
 - iv. Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion
 - 1. It has been difficult to meet
 - 2. Vice Chancellor Navarro can meet with them
 - 3. Want to form a committee to meet 2 or 3 times and open it up to other students
 - v. Housing Advisory Committee
 - vi. Student Advocacy Committee
 - vii. Student Health Advisory Committee
 - 1. Meeting this month
 - viii. Student Services Fee Advisory Committee
 - ix. UCSF Committee on Disability Inclusion
 - x. UCSF LGBTQ Committee
 - b. Seeking Student Representation

IV. UPDATES (6:25-6:30)

V. PLANNING (6:30-6:50)

- A. GPSA Event Schedule – Janella Leano
- a. Formal – February 22, 2020
 - b. Cultural Night – March 5, 2020 at MU Gym
 - i. Have a list of RCO's to contact
 - ii. Today, an interest form was sent out to see who is interested to provide food, fashion show, or etc. They have until Jan. 30th to let us know.
 - iii. Looking at budget and trying to see what we can eliminate, but decisions will be made closer to the date
 - iv. Feb. 3rd will be a lunch meeting to plan it out
 - v. Depending on how many people will want to participate, we will be giving an allotment of money for food or other needs for the event
 - c. Last Lecture – April
 - i. Lecture Date: April 8 or 9
 - ii. Nominations Due: February 3 – students submit who they think will be a good person to lecture
 - iii. Voting: February 24-March 5
 - d. Llama Day – May
 - e. Diversity Forum - Feb. 13th at Cole Hall, 12-130pm with IVF
 - i. Panel of admin
 - ii. Meeting next week about event

VII. OFFICER REPORTS (≤3 minutes each)

- A. President – Elizabeth Tinoco
 - a. Alumni Association – Prime Program through Medical school: focus on community engagement
 - i. Students set out to do a project like soda consumption or art engagement
 - ii. Aim is to diversify the medical field
 - iii. AGAIN – How I became a ____ series – pilot program
 - 1. Highlights someone who is doing something unique in their field
 - 2. Looking for more people that are UCSF alumni and have unique careers
 - iv. They give out money. Go to their website alumni.ucsf.edu and look at grants. Need to submit application with specific criteria. Usually for students or groups that are interprofessional.
- B. VP of Internal Affairs – Janella Leano
 - a. Will be holding a vote to get rid of student fees toward ASPT
 - b. GPSA agrees
- C. VP of Finance – Janelle Charles
- D. VP of Diversity Affairs – Merva Razzak
- E. VP of External Affairs – Benjamin Adam Catching & Sharleen Gill
 - a. GPSA could vote to support UCSC on increasing the COLS
 - i. Graduate students protesting on being TA's there. They are withholding grades until they get their money which is about a couple million.
 - b. UCGPC and UCSA is talking to UCOP about changing the way student fee structures are done. Instead of going to governments and then the different organizations, we can give the money straight to them and increasing it to have more money to hire staff. If in favor, we could have a staff member to help increase effectiveness of UCGPC.
 - c. Looking for people to go to DC on March 26th to tell their experience on being a professional and/or graduate student for Basic Needs panel.
 - d. UCGPC wants to coordinate an event for people to go to DC for student advocacy. It will be on a Thursday or Friday
 - e. Finishing draft for UC-wide survey but being held back by working with UCOP and working with the academic senate. We just want to see how graduate students across UC are doing
 - f. Please go to Regents meetings public comment because UCSF students don't show up. – January 22-23 at 8am – go on website to see how to say something for a minute
- F. Dentistry Representative – Sarah Rabah
- G. Graduate Division (Basic Sciences) Representative – Nadia Ayad
- H. Graduate Division (Social Sciences) Representative – OPEN
- I. Medicine Representative – Aishwarya Thakur & Abdikarin Abdullahi
- J. Nursing Representative – Silvia Arabia
- K. Pharmacy Representative – Mehr Virk
 - a. Spring banquet coming up
- L. Physical Therapy Representative – Amber Por

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS (≤2 minutes each)

- A. UC National Center for Free Speech & Civic Engagement #SpeechMatters Conference – Thursday, February 27, 2020 @ UC Washington Center
- B. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Monday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
 - b. Monday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Mission Bay
 - c. Monday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
 - d. Monday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. GPSA Monthly Meeting at Parnassus
- C. Upcoming Events