

DRAFT MEETING AGENDA 01/25/18

MEETING INFORMATION

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| Date: | 01/25/18 | Location: | GSC Fireside Lounge |
| Time: | 5:30 PM | Meeting Type: | GSA general meeting |
| Stackstaker: | TBA | Facilitator | Sara Nasab |
| | | Note Taker: | Tony Boardman |

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Pizza and introductions **5:30pm-5:40pm**
2. Sara -- Introduce agenda items on committees **5:40-5:50**
 - a. Approval of new committee members (need majority)
 - b. Advertise open committee positions*
3. *To vote* -- EVP funding distribution (Rebecca Ora) **5:50-6:05 pm**
4. Travel Grants Update (Juliana Nzongo) **6:05- 6:45 pm**
 - a. Current state of affairs
 - b. *Council vote* on distribution of funds
 - c. Referendum fee (GSA presidents)
 - d. Travel Grants coordinator application open
5. SUA Jessica Xu & Judith Gutierrez **6:45- 6:55pm** -- Circulation of petition.
6. Final committee updates

*Starred items consist of supplemental items attached to the agenda

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| Academic Advisory Committee | Prateek Arora |
| Residence Operations Rates, Recharge and Fees Committee | Will Hollingsworth |
| Student Success Steering Committee | Ethan Chang |
| Campus Sustainability Plan Steering Committee | Gordon Keller |

January 11, 2018

LUCY ROJAS, INTERIM DEAN OF STUDENTS (COMMITTEE CHAIR)
Dean of Students Office

TIFFANY BURNS, COUNCIL OF PROVOSTS ANALYST
Porter College

KATHARINE CANALES-MOLINA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
SOAR, Student Media, Cultural Arts & Diversity (SOMECA)

STEPHEN EDGAR, Undergraduate Student
Student Committee on Committees

ROSALINDA GALLEGOS, DEAN OF STUDENTS COORDINATOR
Dean of Students Office

RICK GUBASH, Director
Disability Resource Center

ROSS MAXWELL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, STUDENT CONDUCT
Colleges, Housing & Educational Services (CHES)

_____, TBD _____, GRADUATE STUDENT
Graduate Student Association

LORAYN TIFFANY, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST (STAFF SUPPORT TO COMMITTEE)
Dean of Students Office

Re: Assistant Dean of Students for Conduct & Community Standards Search Committee

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite your participation as a member of the search committee for the Assistant Dean of Students for Conduct & Community Standards position.

I ask that the search committee do the following: review the qualifications and competencies of applicants, select the top candidates to visit campus for a comprehensive interview process, analyze and synthesize the feedback received during the interview process from various constituency groups, and then provide a final recommendation, including the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates you recommend. The final decision for the hiring of this position will be made by the new Interim Dean of Students, Dr. Mosley Robinson.

In your analysis and review of candidates, I ask that you employ principles of fair hiring as outlined by campus policies and procedures, and that you pay close attention to data and relevant information related to under-utilization.

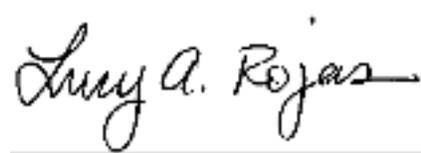
The initial review date for the position was January 3, 2018. The position has been advertised at a national level. In the coming week, you will be contacted by staff support to the committee, Lorayn Tiffany, regarding the scheduling of regular meetings.

I anticipate that the time commitment for this search committee will be approximately one-two hours per week in the weeks immediately following the initial review date. Then, when candidates are invited to campus, the search committee will spend approximately one-and-a-half to two hours with each candidate. Finally, I anticipate that the committee will meet one-two additional times following candidate interviews to assess feedback and prepare a recommendation.

Please contact me or Lorayn Tiffany (ltiffany@ucsc.edu) should you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your participation, time, and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy A. Rojas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Lucy A. Rojas
Interim Dean of Students
Dean of Students Office

Resolution Opposing UC Santa Cruz's Enrollment Plan 2017-2018

Modeled after the Student Academic Senate Resolution Opposing UC Santa Cruz's Enrollment Plan 2017-2018 passed on November 8, 2017

WHEREAS, the UC Board of Regents mandated on November 19, 2015 that all 10 campuses in the University of California develop plans to accommodate a total of 10,000 new undergraduates over the following three years¹;

WHEREAS, the UC faces significant budgetary constraints from the large increase in enrolled students, receiving only half of the normal funding per student from the State of California²;

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned mandates from UC Office of the President, UC Santa Cruz increased student enrollment from 3,620 students in the 2015-2016 academic year to 4,221 students in the 2016-2017 academic year, a total increase of 601 students³;

WHEREAS, the enrollment of additional students has increased the demand on both academic and instructional workers, such as graduate students and lecturers, as well as on clerical staff and service workers;

WHEREAS, in addition to the staffing and labor shortages that negatively impact students and their experience at the University, the University notably lacks sufficient resources to support students, including but not limited to housing, food, transportation, psychological support services and classroom spaces;

WHEREAS, in particular, due to the increased demand for housing by the increased number of students and the insufficient resources the University has to provide students with housing, the University has decreased the housing guarantees for transfer students from 2 years to 1 year and those of the Educational Opportunities Program from 4 years to 3 years⁴;

WHEREAS, the housing situation at UCSC is significantly worse than those of the other UC campuses in part because the city of Santa Cruz is considered the "least

¹ <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/news/uc-dramatically-boost-california-student-enrollment>

² <http://dailybruin.com/2015/02/18/after-delay-uc-releases-report-breaking-down-per-student-expenditures/>

³ <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/admissions-residency-and-ethnicity>

⁴ <http://housing.ucsc.edu/guarantee/>

affordable” small metropolitan area in the United States⁴, often leaving students to choose from unaffordable and/or distant housing options in order to attend the University;

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Santa Cruz are concerned about the UCSC's expansion, especially with regards to the fact that a growth in student population leads to an increase in traffic in the city, higher rent prices that affect both students and locals of the area, and an unfavorable environmental impact that hurts the species unique to the area⁷, and the Student Union Assembly echoes these concerns;

WHEREAS, the University is currently and has been placing students in spaces not suitable for living, including dormitory lounges, and increasing the number of students who live in residential spaces. For example, many rooms that were made for a single resident now hold more than one student and the campus has seen an increase in rooms that hold more than three students. Through these actions, the University is subjecting many students to overcrowded living situations, often resulting in circumstances that jeopardizes students' mental health;

WHEREAS, in addition to the lack of housing for students, the campus has adopted a modification to their class schedule. More specifically, the campus has added an additional late night class period and shortened passing periods from 20 minutes to 15 minutes, which affect student and instructor productivity, disproportionately hurt commuting and/or working students most, and consequently result in a poorer quality of education;

WHEREAS, 83.8% of UCSC students reported that they have experienced problems with overcrowding, and 84.6% believed their quality of education had been diminished due to large class sizes⁵;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2017, the UC Regents affirmed the goals of the 2015 Budget Framework Agreement between Governor Jerry Brown and UC President Napolitano. Under this agreement, each of the UC campuses, with the exception of UC Merced, “will increase the proportion of undergraduates entering as community college transfers, so that by the 2017-18 academic year—assuming the presence of a sufficiently qualified

⁴<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/aug/24/california-homelessness-santa-cruz-housing-affordability>

⁵ 2015 CLASS Survey

transfer applicant pool—one-third of all incoming California resident undergraduates will enter as transfers, systemwide and at every campus except Merced.”⁶

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Student Academic Senate and the Student Union Assembly that administrators at UCSC are being terminated for opposing these policies that yield significant repercussions to UCSC's campus. In particular, UCSC Director of Admissions Michael McCawley was fired on October 27, 2017 and speculates that his termination was in regards to his opposition to disregard admissions and academic senate policy to conform to the UC Regents mandated 2:1 frosh-to-transfer` ratio.

WHEREAS, although we are in favor of promoting the accessibility of the University of California to all, the current circumstances at UCSC prevent us from accepting additional students

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Union Assembly strongly advocates and urges the UCSC administration to provide adequate resources that are necessary to the current and incoming students of this campus and not admit additional students until the campus is able to provide sufficient resources to the current students.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union Assembly is in full support of individuals who choose to stand against the actions of the Governor, UC Office of the President, UC Regents, and UCSC Administration specifically in regards to any mandate that requires UCSC to admit additional students when the UCSC campus resources are already inadequate and insufficient to support any additional students.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Union Assembly calls upon the students of the University of California, and UCSC in particular, to take action and stand against any and all additional enrollment measures as mandated by the Governor, UC Office of the President or UC Regents.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Union Assembly demands that Chancellor Blumenthal and Executive Vice Chancellor and Campus Provost Tromp publicly condemn any and all mandates by the Governor, UC Office of the President and/or UC Regents to expand the enrollment at UCSC unless the campus has sufficient resources to accommodate the needs of each and every additional student admitted;

⁶ <http://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/may17/a2.pdf>

⁷ <http://www.santacruzlafco.org/pages/agenda/20111207materials/CLUE%20comments%20Dec%206.pdf>

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if the either the Governor, UC Office of the President, UC Regents or UCSC Administration exacerbates the current *abysmal* quality of life conditions that are imposed on UCSC students, including but not limited to housing and learning conditions, the Student Union Assembly will *protest* by working with our students, allies, organizational partners and other UC campuses to ensure that our voices are heard and our concerns are adequately addressed.

Student Academic Senate and Student Union Assembly Resolution Condemning the
Termination of Director of Admissions

WHEREAS, during Summer 2017, the University of California, Santa Cruz former Director of Admissions Michael McCawley announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2017-2018 academic year;

WHEREAS, Director McCawley had worked for the UCSC Office of Admissions for 36 years;

WHEREAS, during his time as a Director at UCSC, McCawley had received the 2011 Outstanding Staff Award for “integrity, honesty, equity and fairness in his management style,” and was described by his former superior, Michelle Whittingham, as having had “...expertise [that went] beyond the campus to the entire UC system.”

WHEREAS, Director McCawley was dismissed from employment on October 27, 2017, approximately 8 months prior to the time McCawley was planning to retire;

WHEREAS, according to his account of his termination letter, McCawley was dismissed for his “...communication style, leadership and failing to support the goals of the campus”;

WHEREAS, Director McCawley speculates that his firing resulted from his public objections to demands from the University of California Office of the President, which would withhold \$50 million in funding to campuses of the University of California if they did not satisfy the 2:1 freshman-to-transfer enrollment ratio;

WHEREAS, Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Michelle Whittingham and UCSC spokesman Scott Hernandez-Jason declined to comment on McCawley’s termination;

WHEREAS, with the precedent of Director McCawley’s conduct and performance and the lack of commentary from campus administration, the Student Academic Senate and Student Union Assembly, utilizing all available information, doubt the veracity of the reasons for his termination that were provided to him, as noted above;

WHEREAS, given the climate established by the growing tensions between the UC campuses, UC Office of the President and the state government, in particular with

regard to enrollment issues, the Student Academic Senate and Student Union Assembly firmly believe that Director McCawley was not terminated for just cause;

WHEREAS, it is abundantly clear that Director McCawley acted in what he judged were the best interests of the University and its student body and as a result, his dismissal was politically motivated by the UC Office of the President;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UCSC Student Union Assembly and Student Academic Senate recognize the merit of Director McCawley's actions and integrity, and condemn the wrongful termination of Director McCawley;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Student Union Assembly demands that Chancellor George Blumenthal, Executive Vice Chancellor Marlene Tromp, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Richard Hughey and Associate Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Michelle Whittingham release a statement addressing the termination of Director Michael McCawley.