

Meeting of the UC Merced Alumni Association Board



Saturday, December 7, 2013
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Room 311, Kolligian Library, UC Merced

Attendees: Uday Bali (President), Keith Ellis, Josh Franco, Jose Godinez, W. Kyle Hamilton, Maricela Rangel-Garcia and Yaasha Sabba

Web or phone conference: Sam Fong (Vice President), Jason Castillo (Secretary), Melissa Dimayuga, Sam Fong, James Kirby, Miguel Lopez, Kevin Rico and Jackie Shay

Not attending: Trevor Albertson, Josh Bolin, Eve Delfin, Evelyn Hoyo and Michael Oliveira

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order, Introductions & Approval of Minutes
9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Uday Bali
President, UCMAA Board

Keith Ellis moved to approve minutes; W. Kyle Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

- II. Alumni Regent Report
9:45 – 10 a.m. Kenneth A. Feingold
Alumni Regent, UC

Alumni Regent Kenneth Feingold (UCSC) gave a brief report on the latest issues in front of the Regents. He shared excitement at the appointment of our new UC President and the work she's doing to get better acquainted with the University and its needs.

Josh Franco asked several questions in regards to the UC Budget. He encouraged the Regents to ask for a budget that would zero out tuition for UC students and put the pressure on the legislature to meet those needs.

Feingold shared that it's a delicate political process to ensure that the Regents don't burn bridges but instead build relationships with our state's policy makers.

Uday Bali asked what the Regents expect from the UCMAA. Feingold reported that he was very pleased with UC Merced's involvement with the UC Promise campaign, encouraged their development of chapters and support of UC-wide chapter activities and reminded the Board of the importance of serving as advocates for the University. He also suggested that as the alumni base grows and ages, there will be an opportunity to raise funds for UC Merced and encouraged the development of a plan for alumni leadership on the UC Merced Foundation Board of Trustees.

- III. Student Alumni Relations Report
10:11 – 10:17 a.m. W. Kyle Hamilton
UCMAA Board Member

The Student Alumni Relations committee proposed a committee description to the group that included the active involvement of the Student Alumni Association (SAA) on the committee. Hamilton reported that SAA also discussed the initiative and had no edits to the document. In regards to next steps, the committee will meet before the next UCMAA Board meeting in April to appoint the committee members. Franco moved to approve the Student Alumni Relations Committee Description; Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

Ellis nominated Hamilton to be the official UCMAA Board representative on the committee; Hamilton accepted. Heather Wilensky will coordinate with Kyle to recruit additional committee members.

IV. Alumni Engagement Committee Report
10:17 – 10:39 a.m.

Keith Ellis
UCMAA Board Member

The original purpose of this committee was to find funding for the UCMAA, but we first need to focus on some key metrics. Yaasha Sabba suggested that the committee be split into three committees; Heather Wilensky shared that those two of this three suggested committees exist in another form. Ellis encouraged that at the end of the day, the committee should be focused on an initiative and not delayed by debating the structure.

Sabba asked to strike the SAA member requirement.

James Kirby moved to approve the Alumni Engagement Committee description without the SAA member requirement; Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

V. UCMAA Nominating Committee Report
10:39 – 10: a.m.

Sam Fong
Vice President, UCMAA Board

Sam Fong reviewed committee suggestions for enhancing the UCMAA Board Application including requesting applicants' resumes, volunteer service, and optional ability for the committee to call the candidate for a follow up phone interview. The committee plans to also provide its contact information on the Board application website so that applicants know who they can ask questions to. Fong encouraged all board members to continue to encourage strong candidates, including more female applicants.

Fong also reminded the Board that we'll be soliciting for Executive Committee nominations before our April meeting. Nominations for each office will be submitted, anyone can nominate and then the applicants will be notified of their nominations.

Sabba requests that the Board do an annual review of the Nominations Committee to ensure that they are proceeding by their standards. Franco ensures Sabba that the committee's job is to represent the Board and that by having the committee, the Board is entrusting them with their annual review.

Franco moved to approve the Nominations Committee description; Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Regional Programs Review & Chapter Council
10:30 – 10:40 a.m.

James Kirby
UCMAA Board Member

Kirby reviewed regional programs since the last Board meeting. Announced the concept of a Chapter Consortium for chapter leaders to work together and learn from each other. He also shared that there is another chapter requesting approval by the Board – the Southern California chapter.

Ellis moved to approve the Southern California Alumni Chapter application; Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Transcript Review Report
11:06 a.m.

Keith Ellis

Due to difficulties with the Transcript Review Committee meeting, Ellis suggested we approve a resolution to the Registrar thanking them for implementing the option for an electronic transcript.

Bali suggests reaching out to absent Board member Trevor Albertson to pursue some of the comments he had about the Transcript Review at the October meeting.

Franco moved to approve the Transcript Resolution; Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Student Representation on Alumni Board
10:50 – 11:10 a.m.

Uday Bali

Bali asked ASUCM President Jaron Brandon to introduce himself to the group. Brandon shares that he hopes there can be a greater connection between the UCMAA and ASUCM Boards.

Due to running over time, Bali is holding further discussion on this item for the April Board meeting.

IX. Office of Alumni Relations Updates
11:25 a.m.

Heather Wilensky
Director of Alumni Relations

Wilensky shared the Office of Alumni Relations status to fiscal year goals five months through the year.

Bali requested that all Board members contribute at least \$5 to UC Merced prior to the next Board meeting.

X. Adjourn, Schedule Next Meeting and Board Photo
11:39 a.m.

Uday Bali

Next meeting: Bobcat Day Saturday, April 12, 2014 time to be determined.