What is External Affairs?

Student Governance, Advocacy, and Activism for the Campus, City, State, and Nation

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Governance

Graduate Assembly
• Official voice of UC Berkeley graduate students
• Executive Board Member
• External Affairs Committee Chair

UC Students Association
• Official voice of University of California students
• Member of the Board of Directors
• University Affairs Committee Chair
• Member of the Student Regent Selection Committee

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“UCSA participates in the shared governance of the University of California system, and seeks to advance higher education by empowering current and future students to advocate on their own behalf for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.”
Resolution # 1501A

Resolution in Support of Full and Permanent Participation of Graduate Students in Faculty Hiring Processes

RESOLUTION PASSES BY VOTE OF ASSEMBLY ON APRIL 2nd, 2015

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WHEREAS The Graduate Assembly Delegates voted to adopt the topic of diversity as an advocacy agenda item for the 2014-2015 session; and

WHEREAS The University of California Student Association has adopted a new two-year campaign to increase diversity throughout the UC system; and

WHEREAS The University of California acknowledges it lags behind peer institutions in hiring faculty women and underrepresented minorities; and

WHEREAS 70% of the UC Berkeley ladder-rank faculty is male, 77% white, and 87% heterosexual; and

University of California Student Association
Resolution in Solidarity with National Campaigns to End State-Sanctioned Violence Against Black Bodies

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WHEREAS, Every twenty-eight hours a Black person is killed by law enforcement, security guard, or vigilante;

WHEREAS, Grand juries have failed to indict Ferguson, MO Police Officer Darren Wilson for the murder of 18-year old unarmed Michael Brown, or NYPD Officer Daniel Pantaleo who used an illegal chokehold maneuver to suffocate and kill Eric Garner;

WHEREAS, People all across the nation have taken to the streets to protest state-sanctioned violence against Black bodies;

WHEREAS, The University of California Student Association historically has developed a culture of organizing through the support of Civil Rights and Free Speech Movements;

WHEREAS, University of California student activist in Black Student Unions and various other campus organizations are active in BlackLivesMatter protests and demonstrations in solidarity;
Advocacy

- On Campus
  promote the advocacy agenda in meetings with administrators
- System-wide
  public comment at the Regent’s meetings and regular meetings with the UC Office of the President
- Local
  Voter registration and public comment at city hall
- State Capital
  policy briefings for legislative staff, publishing grad-student policy journal, and lobbying
- Nation’s Capital
  lobbying
Activism
The BONFIRE MAKERS in collaboration with the Graduate Assembly Office of External Affairs and Graduate Social Club present:

**WE GO BOOM**
AN ENSEMBLE CREATED PLAY EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF THE TECH INDUSTRY IN OAKLAND

Please join us for a theatrical performance and panel discussion about the role of the tech industry in gentrification and social justice.
Reception to follow.
Free for UC Students and Faculty

Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00pm
Anthony Hall, UC Berkeley

Community Building
Ways to Get Involved

• Join the External Affairs Committee
• Join the new GA LobbyCorps
• Apply for UCSA System-wide opportunities
• Attend Regent’s Meetings
• Come chat with me!