

Quick Notes for Representative Assembly Members to Share at Department Meetings April 15, 2025 Representative Assembly Special Meeting*

Link to meeting agenda and meeting materials:

<https://senate.ucsd.edu/media/709107/april-15-2025-representative-assembly-special-meeting-materials.pdf>

San Diego Divisional Senate Chair Graeve's Remarks

- The Academic Senate received a request on April 1 from the requisite number of Senate faculty colleagues to hold a special Representative Assembly meeting. The purpose is to consider an Academic Senate response and actions to stand up for free speech and academic freedom and help safeguard our students and faculty. Senate colleagues at the special meeting introduced resolutions related to these topics.
- Prior to the special Representative Assembly meeting, a Senate Town Hall was held on April 7 to discuss the topics on the meeting agenda.

New Business

a. Academic Senate response and actions to protect students and faculty

Resolution to support UC San Diego students, faculty and staff who have had their visas or green cards revoked

A Resolution to support UC San Diego students, faculty and staff who have had their visas or green cards revoked was introduced. The motion to approve the resolution passed by majority vote.

Approved Resolution:

Whereas, international students at UC San Diego have been notified by our administration that their visas have been revoked;

Whereas, we, the faculty of the UC San Diego Academic Senate, are concerned for the well-being of thousands of UC San Diego international students and scholars who are now living in a state of fear and uncertainty;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the Senate call upon UC leadership to pursue legal action in federal court to challenge the termination of international student and scholar visas or green cards that occurs arbitrarily and/or without due process;

Be it further resolved that we the Senate call upon the UC San Diego administration to collaborate with the Academic Senate to establish a legal assistance fund to aid any international or permanent resident student, faculty or staff whose visa or green card is unjustly revoked and is threatened with arrest or deportation due to immigration status;

*These notes are intended to be a quick recap and supplement to the notes taken by Representative Assembly members at the meeting, in order to aid them in their reporting at Department meetings. The notes do not replace the minutes, which are the official record of Representative Assembly meetings and are approved at the following Assembly meeting.

Be it finally resolved that we the Senate call upon the UC San Diego administration to collaborate with the Academic Senate to develop policies to ensure that students with unjustly revoked visas or green cards can remain enrolled, can continue to receive relevant fellowships, and can complete their degree program of study.

Resolution to refrain from sharing the personal information of UC San Diego students, faculty and staff unless compelled by warrant or subpoena

A Resolution to refrain from sharing the personal information of UC San Diego students, faculty and staff unless compelled by warrant or subpoena was introduced. Amendments were introduced during discussion. The motion to approve the resolution, with amended text, passed by majority vote.

Approved Resolution:

Whereas, we, the faculty of the UC San Diego Academic Senate, have grave concerns about the arbitrary, unjust and illegal revocation of international student and scholar visas and permanent resident green cards as well as the abduction, detention and deportation of such individuals without due process;

Whereas, we the Senate are concerned that some members of our campus community are on doxxing lists, that others have been surveilled while participating in protest events, and that others are vulnerable to federal requests for identifiable information;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the Senate call upon the Chancellor to make a public written statement that UC San Diego will refuse to comply with any demand from the federal government, that is not a federal warrant or subpoena, to provide student, faculty or staff identifying information or physical location, that is motivated by their visa or immigration status or on-campus activities;

Be it finally resolved that we the Senate call upon the Chancellor to inform the campus community in a timely manner if UC San Diego receives a demand from the federal government for student, faculty or staff identifying information or physical location, that is motivated by their visa or immigration status or on-campus activities, and to consult with the Academic Senate before responding.

b. Academic Senate response to strengthening free speech and academic freedom

Discussion of the Academic Senate response to strengthening free speech and academic freedom was deferred to a future Representative Assembly meeting as the meeting concluded before it could be discussed. [After the meeting, a second Special Representative Assembly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be in person at the [Garren Auditorium](#) (first floor), located in the Biomedical Sciences Building (BSB).]