

UCMFA Member Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2026

- I. Welcome
- II. UC Merced campus updates.
- III. The Executive Board holds biweekly meetings which all members are welcome to join.
- IV. Membership goals this year
- V. Issues to continue building on:
 - A. Open letter to Provost Dumont:
<https://ucmfa.org/2024/09/open-letter-to-provost-dumont-from-ucmfa/>
 - B. Comments on Expressive Policy:
<https://ucmfa.org/2024/12/ucmfa-letter-on-expressive-policies/>
 - C. Quick reaction to faculty removal from commencement by police:
<https://ucmfa.org/2025/05/faculty-member-removed-from-commencement/>
- VI. Budget update
 - A. Monthly dues primarily support CUCFA staff, which provides us with administrative support and infrastructure.
 - B. Given our current funds, the executive board recommends that we prioritize use of funds for travel to 1) statewide events and trainings, 2) local events, and 3) local administrative costs.
 - C. Exec board have authorized use of funds to:
 - 1. Support CUCFA Public Records Act request
 - 2. Cover gas costs to training
 - D. We will provide semesterly updates
- VII. CUCFA and systemwide updates
 - A. Brief reminder of what CUCFA is: coordinating organization for the Faculty Associations (FAs) at the 10 campuses of the University of California. It has two staff organizers. It is directed by annually elected officers and a board (UCMFA has 1 vote on that board)
 - 1. Opportunities to connect with other campuses via CUCFA:
 - 2. CUCFA discussion list
 - 3. New subcommittees that members can join: Organizing committee, Legal committee
 - B. Save our Science efforts to protect funding for science:
 - C. SB 829 introduced Sept 12th:
https://www.nytimes.com/2025/09/13/us/california-scientific-research-bond.html?unlocked_article_code=1.lk8.8rHY.gIVjUZ39jE4B&smid=nytcore-ios-share&referrerSource=articleShare
 - D. Recent sign-on letters have circulated; a group met with state representatives in Sacramento in August.
 - E. Trump's demands against UCLA
 - F. BIG NEWS: CUCFA today filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration for "illegally forcing ideological dominance over UC education, violating the constitution and endangering jobs by suspending research grants.

- G. UCMFA is a named plaintiff along with 20 other groups, totaling more than 100,000 UC employees.
- H. No faculty member (including senate leadership) has seen Trump's demand letter. CUCFA placed a Public Records Act (PRA) request to see it and was denied; it has now filed an appeal with help of a law firm.
- I. Tuesday Sept 16th Regents meeting - rally was held (maybe we'll have updates); we are awaiting news of what was decided.
- J. UC Berkeley released names of faculty, students, and staff to Trump administration
https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/sep/12/uc-berkeley-trump-administration-antisemitism?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other
- K. Berkeley's senate released this statement in response:
https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/divcostatement_11sept2025.pdf
- VIII. CUCFA has other lawsuits in the works!
 - A. Recent announcement that CUCFA is suing for Public Records Act request of Trump's demand letter:
<https://cucfa.org/2025/09/faculty-lawsuit-demands-public-access-to-settlement-demands/>
- IX. Organizing
 - A. CUCFA is holding a systemwide organizing training on September 27th to unify campus Faculty Associations towards developing shared organizing strategies that can strengthen UC faculty's collective power and develop a cohesive and unified plan for the road ahead - with the goal of unionization. AAUP and AFT/CFT will be providing the training.
- X. Open discussion
- XI. Closing