

This document is from 1992, by the UCLGBA, the forerunner of today's UCLGBTIA. Its logic permeates the existing Steering Committee structure.

## **As to why UCLGBA is UC only,**

UCLGBA offers these reasons: \*

1. **UC is a system unique to itself.** Its structure, hierarchy, and relation to the State of California, is different from that of the California State University (CSU), Independent university and California Community College systems. UCLGBA exists to affect change in the UC system, and changes in the UC system affect only the UC system. While they may be precedent, they do not directly affect other systems or universities.

2. **UC is of a manageable size.** UC is only nine campuses. The CSU system has 22 campuses. The Independent university system has 63 campuses. And the California Community College system has 106 campuses. UC's small number allows greater communication, better discussion, and easier consensus than the other systems could.

3. **UC already has a system-wide Student Association (UCSA).** UCSA stands as precedent for UCLGBA in that forming a system-wide association is possible. More so, UCSA receives funding from the UC system-wide hierarchy, thus a UC system-wide lesbian, gay and bisexual association has a chance of requesting and receiving funding, and a better chance as a UC only association than as a larger, more encompassing inter-system or state-wide association. UCLGBA is not now receiving funding from the UC system-wide hierarchy, so this second part to this third reason is not the ultimate ulterior reason as to why UCLGBA has decided to be UC only, but is as equal a factor as the other two.

UCLGBA certainly opens its General Assemblies to the other three systems, and encourages them to establish system-wide lesbian, gay and bisexual organizations of their own, and if that proves impossible, to become member campuses, as some UC campuses are, of the national student association, to at least keep abreast of timely, pertinent information.

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