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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

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417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Joanino, Omar Arce, Jessica Trumble, Sam Haws, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim, Maryssa Hall, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Darren Ramalho, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Katrina Dimacali, Roy Champawat, Jacob Ashendorf

ABSENT: Avi Oved, Lauren Rogers

GUESTS: Nicole (IVP Proxy), Ken (FSC Proxy), Donna, Pete Angeles, Sodilia Soloway, Antinia

I. A. Call to Order

- Joanino called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Badalich moved to approve the agenda. Ramalho seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

-Badalich moved to approve the minutes from June 24th. Hall seconded. With a unanimous vote, the minutes from last week and the week before were approved.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

National Affairs: Student Debt Crisis

-Conrad talked about the student loan debt and how it surpassed 1,000,000,000,000. He said it is higher than credit card debts. He said unemployment rates are still high among undergraduates. He said he broke it down for them and talked about what the increases mean. He said with the increase, the monthly payments would be higher. He talked about the total repayment amounts with the interest rates. He said tuition is increasing across the country and for our student body. He said that trying to pay for housing and looking for a job are difficult. He talked about what this means for the student body in general. He said affordability of staying in UCLA decreased. He talked about accessing higher education for many families and communities decreased. He said he worked for the Samahang Pilipino Community Advancement program and he said a lot of his students didn't go because of the high rates of loans. He said a lot of students would be discouraged. He said that life after graduation is harder. He asked them what this entire means for education and what their role is as students in a higher institution like UCLA. He showed pictures of people after graduation that was a part of a project informing students about the loan increases. He said a quote from the Daily Bruin said that a graduate said, "I would feel a lot happier graduating if I wasn't so worried." He said this Friday is the start of USSA congress and they would be talking about student issues such as student loan debt. He said they would work towards making education affordable for everyone.

-Naameh asked where they see solutions for this problem and where they could pull money

-Conrad said at USSA, they vote on action agendas. He said USSA has funding to make sure schools organize to hold legislatures accountable. He said a lot of ideas come out at congress

-Joanino said a lot of students don't understand what the increases mean and he said they're glad they're doing their best to spread the word on this

-He asked about the middle class scholarship

-Hall said it is something completely separate. She said it was recently signed through Governor Brown's budget but what Conrad is talking about is nation wide. She said they usually talk about how student loan debt is helping balance the budget. She said for the first time the federal government is profiting from students. She said \$1000 is a lot of money and the possibility of accessing higher education would hopefully be more accessible and affordable for students.

USSA Student of Color Conference

-Charmaine said the conference would be in November and introduced her. She said the conference has the mission to incorporate the past year's admission statements and acknowledge the work that has been done. She said they wanted to acknowledge students of color and students of color as a whole. The mission statement is based on the statement of need and the campus climate.

-Joanino said he was glad they brought this up

-Charmaine said they started an action here 5 years ago. She said 5 years ago, they marched to the federal building and said she was glad this was the 5-year anniversary. She talked about the theme, which is Connecting Community: Making OUR Struggle Known. She talked about the agenda and she said they moved the action to the middle of Saturday since that is when the most people are there.

-Hall said to pay attention to the workshop times so they could present

-Arce asked if the workshops would be rotations

-Charmaine said yes. She presented some of their actions, such as affirmative action, immigration reform, etc. She said they are hoping to get Pauley for their opening and closing. She said they have two advisors to CSP. She said they worked with Pam and Carissa. She said Pam is also very knowledgeable in everything. She said if they get Pauley, they would put it on the boards and have everyone see it. She

mentioned some of the collaborating organizations and community organizations as well to host workshops. She said they started looking into hotels. They have a contract in place with a hotel and they are going east and west so they wouldn't have to go north and South of the 405. She said students would pay for hotels. She said some of people they wanted to bring include Mos Def, Edward James Owen, etc. She said to let them know if they had anyone they could bring in. She talked about publicity and marketing and how she came up with the potential logo. She showed them the logo for the conference. She said it is a long way from now but it isn't too early to plan. She asked if any of the offices wanted to present, such as the community service commissioner. She opened up the floor to questions or comments as well as what they wanted to see.

-Lazarovici asked if they were open to workshops from people off campus

-Charmaine said yes as long as it coincides with the mission

-Badalich asked how they get involved with starting a workshop

-Charmaine said they would talk to them

-Hall said she hopes that they all can get involved and stay excited for this conference

VI. Appointments

A. FiCom Chair- Cynthia Jasso

-Badalich said to help continue reach out on council, go in with a fresh perspective, publicize the funding blog, make the webpage more friendly, and expand the role on each FiCom member in serving. She said Jasso talked a lot about the FiCom blog and they wanted to make sure that she publicizes it more. She said Jasso talked about how each FiCom member would be finance assistant for two different council members and Badalich said it was a cool idea. She said Jasso talked about concerns and she wanted to make sure that everyone was open to approaching her and that she would approach them. The vote was 3-0-0.

-Zimmerman asked if admins were added to the Google Doc.

-Badalich asked her to add all the emails.

-Jasso introduced herself. She said she is a 4th year double major with a minor in education. She said she is applying for the Finance Committee Chairwomen position

-Ramalho experience coming back to council. He said the trade off would be not getting a fresh perspective. He asked how she would come back new

-Jasso said she's sure they are all aware of her relationship with the previous council. She said she has tried hard to establish a working and trusting relationship. She said she would shake up her entire committee. She said she has three returners. She said she had evaluations and she said there are some people that she would not appoint. She said the new committee would be a tangible way. She talked about establishing a connection with the council. She talked about having members of finance as liaisons. She said this is an upcoming goal she would like to establish. She said the directors is important to their success and this would be critical to the upcoming year as finance committee and as the student government. She said it is important for her to establish this connection

-Hadjimanoukian asked why she wanted to do it again

-Jasso said she reflected a lot and she spoke to them about coming back. She said she thought about coming back and she said she wanted to come back because there is still work to be done and there is still foundation that needs to be set. She said the way the application is set up needs to be worked on. She said she could provide knowledge from working with past IVP's. She said she has the capacity and knows she

can set a strong foundation for the next committee, especially after the endowment. She has the institutional knowledge and she has already established relationships in really trying to set up the student resource-networking fund

-He said Greene has a question. He asked what the two most important qualities are as an ex-officio member

-Jasso said a quality is to observe and being able to understand the direction of the council. She said last year, she came in with a council that was seemingly uncontested. She said she doesn't mean to challenge them but she trusts that they can challenge themselves. She said they are pilots for change on campus and on a national level. She said another quality is to be articulate and concise with the information provided. She said there are acronyms that they might not know and having this knowledge is important. She said she remembers talking to Champawat and Zimmerman as well as Dr. Geller and Lazarovici. She said she is here to be an advocate for them in spaces they might not understand yet

-Dr. Geller asked about the position being available until June 30th

-Jasso said she knows she needs to be here the last two weeks. She said she is signing everyone's requisitions and she said her other job ends June 30th. She is doing research after graduation and finishing a hopefully published article. She said she has been accessible to SGA this summer as well. She said thank you for this opportunity to be up here. She said she would have asked what her regrets are. She said her challenge was to believe that her being sassy is something bad but she is a challenging person. She said this is a way that she hopes this council is because a lot of drama happens behind doors. She said they have to be critical to themselves and in public. She said that is keeping their integrity and in understanding their voice is critical in keeping conversations.

-Trumble called to question. Arce seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Jasso is the interim FiCom until she comes back in the fall.

-Joanino said these appointments are temporary until approved again in the fall.

B. Budget Review Director- Jacob Ashendorf

-Badalich said they asked Ashendorf about improvements he would have and he only said he updated his score sheet. They suggested to go in deeper with some of the questions and he seemed as though he was going that he would have the position and they wanted to make sure he knew he would have a fresh perspective and less of a top down approach and that he needed more official office hours. His vote was 2-1-0. He was recommended.

-Ashendorf introduced himself as a 4th year economics major and he was last year's BRD.

-Ramalho said a plus would be that he has experience but they lack the chance to have a fresh perspective. He asked how he would work differently.

-Ashendorf said he would have a new perspective and he hopes that his assistant will have new ideas and he is open to launching into new changes.

-Hadjimanoukian asked about challenges

-Ashendorf said that a lot of groups wanted to approve signatories on emails. He said there are two problems to address there. He said he would love to have applicants could be contacted right after he applies. He said getting groups to put in new signatory forms only have three ways to contact them. SOOF is now due a week later and not a lot of groups have the week to put in their signatory forms

-Arce asked how the SOOF application was

-Ashendorf said it was through the online website. He said he often makes a shorter link

-Arce asked if he was a part of groups that applied to SOOF

- Ashendorf said not anymore
- Arce asked about Orgsync. He said a lot of funding applications are done through Orgsync and it could be tricky. He said his groups use Orgsync a lot.
- Jasso said Academic Affairs is also through Orgsync.
- Badalich asked how he would foster a better relationship with CSP advisors so they're both on the same page
- Ashendorf said he plans on writing a formal document and discussing it with them individually. He said that he plans to meet with them and he met with some of them last year.
- Hall asked how he would be more proactive this year
- Ashendorf said he held individual office hours and he hopes to have hours for himself, hours for his assistants, etc. He said he is great at answering emails quickly and he tries to use social media as well. He said he is excited to do this and enjoys serving the UCLA community and he is the best suited to improve it the most. He said they need to make some big changes and he said he is the man for this.
- Badalich called to question. Arce seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Ashendorf was approved as the Budget Review Director.

C. Campus Programs Committee (CPC)- Jetrina Maque

- Badalich talked about recommendations, such as simplifying the application process, emphasizing her journal experience, etc. She said Maque is familiar with the funding process and was approved with a vote of 3-0-0.
- Maque introduced herself. She said she is an incoming third year and spent the year as a financial coordinator for SPCN and was in charge of a \$40,000 budget. She said she wants to apply for CPC because through educational programs, she found a home away from home and she said it is great for other people to get that experience as well.
- Trumble asked what her experience was applying for CPC
- Maque said she liked that the CPC application is out really early. She said there is an online and hard copy application and she said the hard copy application is a little redundant. She said for them, they have to get the signatures, etc. She said hard copies waste a lot of paper and their application is 50-60 pages and it isn't environmentally friendly.
- Hadjimanoukian asked how she would define the fund
- Maque said it is for educational programs
- Ramalho asked what experience she has reaching out to student groups and how she would continue
- Maque said she has outreached to a lot of Pilipino organizations in getting them involved with her committee. She said a great way to outreach is through social media or word of mouth. She said these methods are effective
- Hall asked how she would do in making sure her voice is heard since she is working with graduate students and administrators
- Maque said she would definitely speak her mind if needed
- Naameh asked what her definition of fair funding is
- Maque said it is having a set of guidelines that all people apply to and everyone has the same chance to apply
- Dr. Geller said this involves a lot of time and asked about her time management strategies.
- Maque said she keeps a planner and she said she schedules homework, volunteering, etc. She said SPCN was a big time commitment and she was able to work through everything. She said she enjoys cultural

nights and what CPC funds and she would love for this opportunity to allocate to as many cultural nights as possible.

-Hall said she is a fresh perspective

-Trumble said it is valuable that she applied to the fund before and she said she knows it can be daunting. She said she likes that she is confident and she sees the value of having it out early

-Arce said she is experienced with the program that is funded

-Arce called to question Maque for CPC. Badalich seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Maque was appointed for CPC.

D. Campus Programs Committee (CPC)- Garima Verma

-Badalich introduced Verma. She said they recommended that she come up with ways to advertise to students and to come up with concrete ways as well as explain how they could make CSP advisors flexible

-Jasso said an advisor to potentially run for CPC approached Verma. She said it has been a while since they had had an undergraduate chair the committee.

-Badalich said she had a lot of administration critiques and they wanted to make sure she stressed communication with student groups. Her vote was 3-0-0.

-Verma introduced herself as a 3rd year double major. She said she is applying as a returning member because she enjoys the funding process and she said her job was important in making sure everyone is given an equal opportunity to get access for funds

-Ramalho asked what experience she had reaching out to student groups. She said last year she was a vice chair. She said whenever there was a problem with an application, she would email groups and this is something she wants to continue. She said this would be great to have office hours published on the web portal and make sure they know they could come and talk to them. She said their advisor felt like they were too new but next year they want to have workshops. She said last year they didn't know what they were doing and she said two of their graduate students would return

-Arce asked what changes she would have to the application process

-Verma said people don't understand everything and she wants to maintain consistency. She said they struggled with everyone being treated too differently and she said guidelines were not always used throughout the groups. She said they had one situation where a group turned in an application after the hearing process and the advisor gave them a deadline and they still couldn't make it. She said there was another group put in that situation but their advisor didn't let them turn it in. She said she wanted to create internal guidelines and she wanted to publish them and make sure they were consistent.

-Trumble asked why it was valuable to have an undergraduate chair. She said a graduate chair didn't always have that perspective. She said it is a completely different way to look at the application. She said all of their youth programs were towards undergraduates. She said she felt like she didn't understand the programs and she didn't know how to relay the information back to them

-Arce said she would be busy next year and asked how she would manage

-Verma said she learned effective time management and she likes to set deadlines for herself. She said she would be great because she has experience and a lot of things she wants to change. She wants to make sure every group has an equal opportunity and it isn't fair when one group gets money and another group gets completely denied.

-Arce said his only concern is that she is busy but she can handle it

-Ramalho said he likes the tangible ideas and it would be great to have an undergraduate chair

- Trumble said many applications they go through are for undergraduates and this would be nice to see
- Arce called to question. Hall seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Verma was approved.

E. Campus Programs Committee (CPC)- Jenan Shukry

- Badalich said she had an exceptional interview. She said they recommended her to emphasize her experiences. The vote was 3-0-0.
- Shukry introduced herself as a 4th year psychobio major
- Ramalho asked about applying for funding
- Shukry said she applied throughout her experience here for a mentorship program, etc.
- Arce asked what is fair funding
- Shukry said it is equal access for all funding and it needs to ensure all organizations have equal access based on applications. She said she sees the importance of CPC based on her experience on organizations that promote educational and cultural diversity. She said she wants to make sure the goals of CPC are met
- Arce called to question. Badalich seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Shukry was approved for CPC.

F. Campus Programs Committee (CPC)- Jeffrey Benture

- Badalich said to be more detailed with experiences and they want him to come with more critiques and talk more about his experience working with CPC. She said Benture didn't elaborate too much on it and recommended he come with questions. The vote was 3-0-0.
- Benture introduced himself as second year political science major and he hopes to get into the public policy minor
- Ramalho asked what relevant experience he has
- Benture said he works with the center for student programming and he works with Janice and he sits on some of the meetings with groups that get funding. He said most of the time he is there with her.
- Jasso asked if he has attended a CPC hearing and how it was
- Benture said he attended while working for the center for student programming and he wanted it to be more diverse. He said he would like to see more Hispanics. He said he likes how everyone gets along and that the hearings are organized
- Jasso asked why he thinks it is necessary to have a diverse composition
- Benture said they are getting different groups so if there is only one race or ethnicity, someone will understand more than another person. He said that with diversity, more people would be able to understand cultural importance
- Trumble asked how to define fair funding and how he would ensure it
- Benture said it is having the same access to funding if they need it.
- Naameh asked how comfortable he is stepping up to administrators
- Benture said he would respect his elders and he would help with relaying information. He said he works fine and as long as he could present his information he could come to an agreement
- Dr. Geller said this involves a commitment of time and asked how he would manage his studies with the needs of the committee
- Benture said it is about balancing and he had some free time last year. He said it is better to be involved and he said he likes using his time effectively. He said he wants to be part of CPC because the groups that present are what make the UCLA community and having a say in the funding that goes in would be beneficial for UCLA

- Hadjimanoukian asked about the difference between diversity and bias.
- Jasso said she saw it more as a critique on the system. She said he probably doesn't want to express too much of what he saw. She said CPC has a specific formula and there are 12-15 people in the hearing and she respects the fact that he is a first-year and can critique that. She said if appointed he would have to understand that difference.
- Trumble said she was impressed about his answer with access
- Hall said he noticed in the room, the people that were reviewing didn't reflect the people who were applying. She said that he has a lot of potential and that they have eager second years tapping into it.
- Jasso he points out a problem, which is having graduate chairs but most applications coming from undergraduates. She said there are more cultural groups that can apply. She said she would bring this up to him if appointed
- Trumble said that he worked with CSP and he saw the guidelines and the reason. She said that since he is already in CSP was a good sign
- Joanino said a CSP advisor personally recommended him and he wanted to get involved with USAC. He said he is passionate about a student group perspective.
- Badalich called to question. Arce seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Benture was approved for CPC.

G. Community Activities Committee (CAC)- Yasar Mohebi

- Badalich read the recommendations, such as becoming more familiar with the application. She said he has read over it but having filled it out is essential. He was recommended to outreach and to talk about streamlining with the application as well as speaking to more CAC members. The vote was 3-0-0 and his experience in USAC was very valuable. She said one of the worries was if he has gotten more familiar with the application and how they serve underserved communities in the LA area
- Jasso said there is nobody that she can think of that invested so much time in BOD. She said Mohebi showed a lot of initiative but she really valued his tenacity at being accessible to students. She said Mohebi was helpful at funding hearings.
- Mohebi introduced himself as an 4th year and he was applying because being involved in USAC gave him experience and he feels he is the best candidate for CAC
- Arce asked about the application and said what they look at a lot is the healthiness of a community service project
- Mohebi said one that provides a new benefit and is not stagnant with the various factors in he world. He said it could acclimate to change in the real world
- Arce said what happens is their side partners leave out some projects. He said they decide not to continue their partnership and they try to look for other places or try to be the same. He said a project might have 3 sites and suddenly the middle school they go to drops the project and then they only have 2. He asked if he would fund him or if that would look like a failure
- Mohebi said that has to be analyzed with its own integrity and its own year. He said a school might shut down, etc. He said they would look at each situation on an individual basis
- Trumble said she knows that there is a full week of hearings after Labor Day. He said part of hi time commitment is homecoming and how he would balance this
- Mohebi said he has a committee of four and a lot of their planning is in the summer. He said when fall comes in they have a lot of homecoming set in place
- Arce said a lot of projects go outside of UCLA and work with different communities, such as youth and the homeless. He asked him about risk management

- Mohebi said he is not involved in a community service project but he is willing to learn about them and advocate for them in different levels.
- Arce asked what CAC supplemental is
- Mohebi said it is for livescans, supplementals, etc
- Ramalho asked what concrete plans he had were
- Mohebi said they use a lot of blanket terms but it is something that can't be solved by directly looking at. He said they should sit down as a funding study group and look at how to solve it. They thought about possibly utilizing social media and he would love to meet with people to create concrete and tangible ways to reach out to students. He said looking for different avenues is his goal but he doesn't have a full answer yet.
- Arce said at first he was skeptical because he didn't have project leadership experience but he was impressed by his answers and he asked tough questions. He said Mohebi was good and he brings liveliness to hearings. He said that Mohebi brings easiness into the room.
- Trumble said she appreciated the questions
- Arce said the CAC supplemental question was a difficult question
- Hadjimanoukian moved to approve Mohebi. Ramalho seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Mohebi was approved for CAC.

H. Community Activities Committee (CAC)- Emily Ball

- Badalich read the recommendations and was recommended to understand fair funding, emphasize her experience, come with outreach ideas, be ready to elaborate, and speak louder. She has community service experience and highlighted the nuances. She said she liked how Ball asked them to critique her. The vote was 3-0-0.
- Jasso said Ball has been studying her notes
- Ball introduced herself as a qualified person because she would be a co executive director for Project Literacy
- Ramalho asked what was fair funding and how it fits into her vision
- Ball said everyone is judged to an objective standard. She said people sitting on the committee should not be biased when judging funding and she said if she is selected, she would bring in her background as an important member of project literacy but would remember that every group has an important background. She said she believes in being open-minded
- Arce said that projects need to be critical of what they do right and wrong. He asked what is the most difficult part of running a project is
- Ball said they struggle with retention from students as tutors and they have an easy time recruiting people but not retaining people, which is something a lot of community service groups struggle with as well
- Dr. Geller said CAC requires a lot of time and asked how she would balance her positions and studies
- Ball said she feels like she is balancing her time and that she is better at it when she has a lot of commitments because it enables her to plan everything out. She said she doesn't foresee any problems with her time management
- Arce asked if she talked to anyone from last year's committee
- Ball said yes
- Naameh asked what recommendations she has for the application process
- Ball said one way to make it less daunting would be to implement a formalized or informal series of guidelines. For CSC projects, you submit the first part then get feedback then the second part and get

feedback. She said this would help alleviate some of the pressure. She said thank you for this opportunity and she would bring a unique outlook to CAC

-Ramalho said she answered questions well

-Arce said he liked that she is part of a big project and said that only three projects has a lot of volunteers. He said she mentioned that the issues that projects face are very different. She said she thinks that there is more than that. He likes that she mentioned deadlines for the CSP advisors

-Trumble asked about time commitment

-Arce said they are good at delegating and having everything together. He said the co-directors are great and she will be fine

-Badalich called to question. Hall seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Ball was approved.

I. Community Activities Committee (CAC)- Luz Razo

-Badalich said recommendations were that she needed to project her voice, articulate the guiding principles, and answer clearly as well as emphasize applying to the fund and about underserved communities. The vote was 3-0-0.

-Razo introduced herself as an incoming 4th year.

-Arce said he noticed that undergraduates come from an education or mentoring background but she comes from a health project background. He asked how this would help

-Razo said she was able to directly work with CAC in filling out the application because she can provide the resources she knows. She attended a hearing as well and she has the experience.

-Arce asked what are changes she would make to the application

-Razo said she would change the internal organization because each position for the projects should be explained since through bullet points would make it easier to understand

-Ramalho asked what experience she has applying

-Razo said she applied for the project year round, summer, CS Mini Fund all three quarters and SREK

-Trumble asked how she would outreach to new student organizations

-Razo said she would try emails and she would try to attend a lot of meetings. She said she understands this is pretty impossible. She said they have a large committee but this way they could start outreaching. She said she would try to talk to large organizations at the EAF. She said by doing this, they could let them know about the different funding there is.

-Arce asked what a healthy project is

-Razo said one where all directors are compatible in working with each other in a healthy relationship. She said she would make sure they are using the funds correctly. She said it is to help other people.

-Arce asked what CAC supplemental is

-Razo is for projects to apply for livescans if working with youth, blood pressure trainings if doing blood pressure screenings, and for insurance in case anything happens. She thanked them for coming out and if she is not elected, she will still provide her services to projects because their main goal is to help their community and empower student leaders

-Arce said she mentioned how to make the application better. He said that they could tell how well an organization is based on their internal directors and it is great that she mentioned that in the beginning. She comes from a great perspective.

-Hall called to question. Arce seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, Razo was appointed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – John Joanino

Joanino said his application for the internship is out. He asked if they have opportunities in their office to let him know

-Ramalho said he is working on a welcome app for incoming students

-Joanino said he would. He said they already have a video. He said they have a president's council call tomorrow to discuss the nomination of the UC president and it is very controversial pertaining to her experience and deporting 1 million individuals. He said they would have a phone call with Jeanette. They were working with the Webmaster on the website and they would send it out to everyone.

Internal Vice President – Nicole

She said the ASUCLA marketing and design team is here. She said Oved was a global sibling and the application is out. She said he would email out the link.

External Vice President- Maryssa Hall

-Hall said USSA congress is this weekend and they would meet with 150 students from across the nation. She said she was people from African descent caucus chair. She talked about the Zimmerman trial and they are trying to organize and action. She said Joanino sent out a text. She said they are trying to do this in the most productive manner and a lot of people are hurt by the verdict. She said it was seen as a race issue and the way the verdict went down made a lot of people angry. She talked about racial profiling as a whole. She talked about enforcement with police on campuses and they want the right to be able to protest. She said to stay critical and make sure they are reaching out to the student body. She said the UC congress is August 8th-11th. She said it would be a great delegation and there would be a lot of conferences from now until the end of summer. She talked about having a workshop and she really wanted people to be invested. She talked about bringing back the diversity requirement and this is something they could do now.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Darren Ramalho

-Ramalho talked about an online education survey they could release and that he would work with his committee. He said he would send out an email about the faculty rep. He said AAC hosted academic equity awareness week and last year, a lot of weeks overlapped and he wanted to make sure they are supporting one another and allowing them to not have conflicting dates. He said to be flexible.

-Joanino said he got an email about cross-listed online classes and he asked how they would choose students how to be on it

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

-Dr. Geller asked about academic integrity on online courses and this is an area that stresses her out because there aren't many good solutions. She said she is concerned that there could be less strenuous solutions and she hasn't heard anything that suggests proctored exams or those they would require expensive security solutions. She said she would love to see the results of this. Dr. Nelson sends his regards

-Joanino asked her opinions about Jeanette's appointment

-Dr. Geller said she would do it in good and welfare

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

Lazarovici said they talked about the body of water on campus and she brought the campus she mentioned. She said she had an internship at one of the places on the postcards and one of the postcards is Westlake, where the downtown labor center was. She said a home away from home was mentioned during appointments and she said she has heard this term. She said with a campus with so many students, there is no such thing with all students. She said that her niche was her majors and the Daily Bruin. She said students who are working with them are doing that too. She said they are finding their home away from home and it is possible for some of them to go 4-5 years there and never have that but that would be a very lonely way to go through UCLA. She talked about Jeffrey's role in explaining why something was culturally significant and there wasn't defensiveness about it. She said on a diverse campus, it is up to all of them to sometimes explain who they are and where they come from. She said Starr on council said before he came to campus, he didn't know some things and at some point he had to ask and someone had to answer him. She said to have that experience is great and not to assume that people should just know. She said she liked that they mentioned Mohebi put people at ease. She talked about soft skills and how they have results. She said a lot of times they look at applicants and their skills. She said at a certain point, some of the soft skills people bring to the position are important and different skills are important.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said they are working on the site and she would love to work with the funding chairs. She said her goal was to make sure everyone understands and one of their ideas for the funding page is categorizing so students know which sources to apply to. She said they are here all summer.

-Arce said it would be easier to have one place to apply to t-shirts

-Zimmerman said they could forward ideas they have for this

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations*

Arce moved to retroactively add contingency as an action item. Hall seconded. With a 7-0-0 vote, it was added to the agenda

-Arce called to question. Ramalho seconded

-Jasso said she wanted to make the application online. There were a total of 5 applications. There was \$5,376.32 total required. There was \$3,653.74 total requested. The contingency balance is \$1,066.90. The total recommended is \$992.00. She said she wants to send out sample applications as well.

-Arce called to question. Ramalho seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, contingency was approved.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Potential Stipend Changes- Champawat/Zimmerman

-Champawat said he appreciated that they were brought back to this subject. He said it is critical and it has been stuck in a place for a while

- Zimmerman said they would go over the key rationale, the CSULB Stipend calculation, UC campus stipend comparisons, USAC stipend options and impact on funding, SGOF and SOOF spending 11-12 and 12-13, and additional stipend options.
- Champawat said it is important to recognize this is something more than them. He said the issue touches on more than that because there is a question about equal access to government. He said it is important to consider that they aren't just voting on these council's but they are voting on this government's model and relation to its community. She talked about the work and school balance. She said they are working more than 20 hours a week and if they have to work part-time as well especially with increases in interest rates, it becomes an even more important issue
- Champawat said another possible ramification is that they have to have another job and thus have their studies suffer. He said this is about a model that allows self-governance.
- Zimmerman said the student body elected them to be officers.
- Champawat said inefficient representatives is in a way inefficiency
- Zimmerman gave an example of CSULB stipend calculation. She said they break down 25 hours a week at \$8 an hour, which is \$840 a month.
- Champawat said nobody in CA has a lower stipend than him or her
- Zimmerman said at UCI, they have \$725 per month during the academic year and \$525 per month in the summer.
- Champawat said a stipend is like a salary. He said they're not buying time but rather outcomes. He said it is a reasonable rationale to make sure there are outcomes in their system
- Zimmerman said in UCR, they have \$728-\$500 a month and USAC positions equivalent top a stipend range and they have a 12 month period. She said when she went there, they got \$325. She said other UC's have been increasing it as well.
- Champawat said at that point, their jobs were different
- Zimmerman said she was a director and the chair was making about \$450. In UCSD, the president receives \$250 a week and the committee got \$150 a week. This is for the academic year only, so 9 months
- Zimmerman said they could base it off a 20-hour week at the minimum wage rate of \$8 an hour, which is a monthly stipend of \$672. The impact on SGOF would be \$25,434 and SOOF would be \$101,735.
- Champawat said the average employee at ASUCLA is \$8.25 an hour. He said the way the change of stipends would change their budgets would have to do with hardwired funds. He said there isn't much thee table can do about those things. There are certain things they could do. He said when they make changes in other cost areas like stipends, then the way it trickles through their budget, the final outcome is that the adjusted SOOF and SGOF funds. They met with Jasso and Ashendorf and talked about why funds were ineffectively used. He said they talked about what effects the funds had.
- Zimmerman said option 2 was based on 15 hours a week and \$8 an hour. The monthly stipend would be \$504 and for SGOF it would be \$31,215 and SOOF would be \$124,860
- Champawat said if it wasn't for the enrollment increase, it would be different but now they have more money in their budget. There is a rarity of additional money in their budget.
- Zimmerman presented option 3, which was based on an 11.5 hour work week at the minimum wage rate of \$8 per hour and the stipend is increased to \$391 a month. SGOF would be \$37,870 and SOOF would be \$151,481.
- Champawat said 11.5 hours isn't all that they would put in
- Hadjimanoukian asked whose funds would change
- Zimmerman said everyone's

-Champawat said this changed the whole system of stipends

-Zimmerman showed them the SGOF and SOOF spending from 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. SGOF spending in 11-12 had 72.2% available funds.

-Champawat showed the inefficient spending

-Zimmerman said a lot of groups have become more sustainable and said that this accounts for decreases in some of the funding

-Champawat said the notion they need a certain amount of money for funds is a little retro

-Dr. Geller asked about t-shirts and if they were inflating it for shirts

-Jasso said they just adjusted the caps

-Champawat said the previous council voted this on. He said another problem was the out of sink nature of applying for deadlines. He said these were the areas of the budget and he said this was the state of these funds

-Zimmerman said this past year, 75% was left of SGOF and 71% from SOOF. They presented what their stipends were now

-Champawat said this problem has been years in the making. He said that there was an outrageous increase in fees and these stipends should really get changed to keep in sync with the university

-Hall asked about all stipends

-Champawat said that is their judgment and they assumed they wouldn't want to change stipends of chiefs of staffs, directors, etc.

-Zimmerman said there are 5 or 6 different positions built into their overhead. She said they might pay their assistants or chiefs of staffs.

-Champawat said they were at the bottom of the scale

-Zimmerman said at CSULB they receive a stipend, tuition, and a meal plan

-Lazarovici asked if they could generate a chart versus how much their fees were. She said the administrators were safeguarding the council. She said this is something they need to be cognizant of. She said with the Long Beach example, with all of those resources they are able to focus on studies and their service. She said her parents did not let her have a part time job so she could spend all of her time studying. She said there was a tradeoff there in the immediate pay off with the actual pay off of an academic scholarship. She said this is something they need to consider

-Champawat said a well-rounded organization needs to consider the complexities and this is far beyond their personal stipends. He said this is important for the whole model of access. He said there are so many things in change here.

-Naameh asked if they could look at other funding pots that might be underutilized

-Champawat said a lot of funds are hard wired and it means that they can't take money from. He said most of their money is locked up. He said they discussed trying to find a benefactor or someone from the development realm. He said these things aren't that easy to get at.

-Jasso said the only other place to take from would be from the council discretionary

-Champawat said council would be more concerned with SGOF or SOOF, but they could change it and maybe put council discretionary back into the pot. He said already, this time is the chance to take action because of the money from expanded enrollment

-Badalich said the funds are underutilized and it is their responsibility to do their job for the student body. She said she worries about that too. She said they would have more possibilities with more time

-Jasso said they could fund a retreat with SOOF but they could do it with contingency. She said for the past 5 years, the fact is that SOOF is not being spent. She said it is because even organizations that do

know how to use SOOF were only spending on specific line items. She said there is a lot of overlap as well

-Champawat said almost all of their money was put in place before their insight was had to pass a fee level and to index it to inflation. She said it means that every year, how much they spend deteriorates slightly. He said in the end, they wouldn't be able to solve it

-Arce said the main concern is that it would bring negative perspectives from the Daily Bruin. He said at the end of the day, he knows that he puts in all that work per week. He said he wakes up at 7am and he goes to the office 8-5pm and he puts in all this time and he said it is ridiculous they have to work, have class, and do internships. He said they work more than 20 hours a week

-Champawat said over the last number of years, he has spent a lot of time with the Daily Bruin. He said if the Daily Bruin has all of the information, he is happy to talk about any aspect until they understand it. He said after they invest in that, almost all articles have been well informed and on point. He said they are informed

-Jasso said she has worked three jobs to make ends meet. She said she it is hard to maintain a 4.0 with three jobs and FiCom. She said they talk about access and serving on student government. She said she makes as much as her dad makes and he only works. She said it is difficult to be on this and to be here on Tuesdays and then go to work the next day at 6am. She said it is a long-term decision for other people who might go through the same ordeal

-Arce said he knows that his successor and the future successors put in the same work. He said they sign up for the work they do and they knew what their stipends were

-Hadjimanoukian said they went in knowing it

-Hall said she can't even be here half the time and she said she is putting herself through college and it is stressful. She said this is setting a precedent for council members and she said she didn't even know that there was a stipend when she ran. She said it is appalling their stipends are so low. She said retention goes along with affordability. She said she knows she puts more than 20 hours a week into EVP. She said this is something bigger than them and she wants her future successor to be able to be able to afford it

-Badalich said their job is to make decisions that would be best for UCLA and she said it has to be best for the student body. She said if they raise their stipends so they could put more into it, this is what they might need to do

-Trumble said they meet with administrators and she said that so much of CAC and programming offices have events at night and host events at night. She said she doesn't have time to work and she said she still has to pay rent

-Arce said with the amount of meetings she has, he has a lot of hours of meetings

-Joanino said thank you for the different scenarios and they didn't want to do anything at the expense of student groups. He told the proxy's to talk to their commissioners

-Zimmerman passed out the numbers and said it was captured in the PowerPoint

-Champawat said they should accept these are minimum of 20-hour jobs. He said they should feel comfortable going beyond that. He said they should feel comfortable to be paid ASUCLA pay, which is \$8.75. He said this would also keep this from occurring so easily from the future

B. SOOF Budget and Assumptions*- Jasso

Jasso said these are logistical changes and she said she emailed them all out. She said she was going to talk them through. It is under the action item SOOF Budget and Assumptions. These changes were made with student government accounting and a lot pertain to discrepancies with student organizations, such as

buying Disney tickets to have a retreat. She said the first change was on number 3 on the general systems policies. They made new hire paperwork due third week. She said this makes interface a smoother process. She made a change to number 26 for something they were already going by, which was a cap to student organizations. She said they made payments quarterly and not monthly. Jasso said she changed the revision date. On graphics, they changed the logo and instead of USA BOD they put the paid for by USAC logo. She said the general t-shirt policies have a removal of the 30% cap, which was approved by the previous council. Before last year, student organizations could only use 30% of SOOF for shirts and they found this limiting. She said the numbers change. In 6a, they added items such as tote bags and t-shirts. She said they wanted to outline this. Under retreats, meetings, and conferences, they added a line item regarding concerts, amusement parks, etc. She said for service organizations, but since it is SOOF, it is only for UCLA students. She said she added one more item, which is the period for SOOF expenses, which is from the first Friday of October to the last Friday of April. She said this is something that can remain consistent over the years.

-Zimmerman asked about organizations wanted to purchase tank tops and polos. She asked if it was still prohibited. She asked if people were interested in changing it

-Jasso said a shirt is a shirt and it is up to the council

-Zimmerman said it has to be clear one way or the other

-Hadjimanoukian moved to remove tank tops and polos from the prohibited items. Ramalho seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, student groups can now purchase tank tops and polo shirts.

-Jasso said she would email a final version tomorrow

-Zimmerman said they would just need to inform SGA. She said it is good because a lot of groups want tanks and polos because they want professional shirts. She said it makes the reimbursement process smoother.

-Arce called to question the changes as amended. Hadjimanoukian seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the changes were approved

XI. Announcements

-Jasso said requisitions are due July 26th. She said if they got their stipend as a paper check to pick them up since she saw a few unsigned checks. She said later in the summer, she would have a funding workshop. She said she wanted to give them a heads up

-Joanino said they would resume August 6th and they would meet every Tuesday again. The summer in the union is Wednesday and he said anyone is free to go

-Zimmerman said she is excited because they just had their solar panel umbrellas installed in Ackerman patio to power the outlets that are in the center pole and nothing is plugged in but powered by the sun. She said this was brought forth by the TGIF initiative. She said these are a more visible way to incorporate solar into their building.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

Ramalho moved to adjourn the meeting. Arce seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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