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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 13, 2013  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Joanino, Avi Oved, Omar Arce, Sam Haws, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim, Maryssa Hall, Lizzy Naameh, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT: Lauren Rogers, Darren Ramalho, Jessica Trumble, Sunny Singh,

GUESTS: Raymond Mai, Jaimeson Cortez, Andrea Chu, Kris Rattivat, Anthony Montalvo, Charmaine Campbell

I. A. Call to Order

*-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM*  
-Joanino passes around the attendance sheet.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Badalich calls to question. Halls seconds.

Approval of the Minutes from August 6, 2013

-Joanino moves the approval of minutes to next week.

III. Public Comments

-Unidentified student

-So there was a decision a few weeks ago to increase stipends on the USAC cycle both by the brazenness and implications. That decision is going to cost you all the trust of UCLA students. Really think about how much the respect of UCLA is worth, an extra \$300 a month? You can decide. It's your turn to decide

-Charmaine Campbell, student

-She is a student leader on campus but also works 20+ hours a week at bear wear. She wants to give her perspective, and usually they don't get 20 hours a week and getting a job on campus is already competitive and she wasn't offered work-study. Students who are really fought on the campus are the student workers and my challenge is that who's fighting for them and making sure their hours are really saved. She thinks it's important that after the decision, you have to understand that students must take in account that it's hard to get hours and student cuts have been happening for jobs. She

was excited to see how students react, but she has been to every meeting and even though it's not a big decision I was there. She wants students to challenge students to talk and have their rights heard so they can hear what council does everyday.

-Joanino thanks Charmaine.

### III. Special Presentations

#### **UCSA Congress Campaign Updates**

**Hall**

-Hall introduces the Congress and wants to come back and show council all the contributions the delegation had made.

-Hall plays a YouTube video showing photos from the weekend that depicts photo of students presenting on Proposition 13 reform, UCLA students presenting to rest of Congress, the campaign that Chu will elaborate on brought by the USAC EVP Office for visual background.

-Andrea Chu, state university affairs director and this past weekend she took about 60 delegates from UCLA to UCSA Congress. She introduces UCSA the university of California student association, basically a statewide coalition of students and student governments that aims to provide a collective voice for all students through advocacy and direct action. She says they really work to build student power through different tactics and grassroots organizing. Chu states that Congress is where agendas are decided and is really important for state affairs because it chooses what they will do for the rest of the year. Delegates vote on the campaign issue and attend clinics and workshops to learn what it means and think critically. Delegates attend a number of workshops such as prison reform, the FIRE campaign, prop 13 reform through fund our future, access and opportunity and retention programs, as well as updates on what's happening with the workers and their project fight. One thing delegates get to do is participate in open sessions, any delegate can hold a session on any issue that they are passionate about and have dialogue with others with anyone else who wants to join, where a lot of campaign ideas stem from. At the end, delegates who have campaign ideas goes through and goes to the top three, and from those top three delegates have to pass it from a 50 plus 1 vote.

- Chu introduces the campaign this year such as the fossil fuel UC to divest from fossil fuels. The next campaign was CMED: Oil Severance Tax in an effort to tax big oil campuses for education. The last campaign is IGNITE, Invest in Graduations, Not Incarceration, Transform Education, building off the FIRE campaign and dismantling the school to prison pipeline, spending less on prisons because California spends more on prison than in education, outreach projects to keep students in the UC. An institutionalized campaign dealing with is Fund Our Future for the past 2 years of Prop 13 by closing the corporate tax loophole and bringing funding back to education.

-Chu wanted to bring back student voices but not everyone could be present but did email their past experiences. Clinton O'Grady, starting second year "Attending conferences at the state and national level, for both the UC student association and the united states student association, has given me the opportunity to engage, dialogue, and collaborate with students from very different backgrounds. Each conference I have attended has further developed my social consciousness and knowledge of pertinent student issues.

-Amy Huang gave a testimonial and it was her first major experience with leadership at UCLA, and it was amazing to be among such passionate people and to be part of eye opening conversations about the issues individual UC campuses and our UC system face.

-Carly Calbreath, member of state affairs and put the video together.

-Antonio Javinar, incoming first year gave his account.

-Chu states that if it wasn't for UCSA Congress she would not be standing here today as the state affairs director.

-Joanino asks if there are any questions.

-Jasso wants to give big props to Maryssa and this is a great way to have a dialogue of what the office is doing and seeing different presentations is really ... Jasso states it will change where you bond over political and social issues on an everyday basis. Jasso encourages all council members to go, and thanks Hall for bringing it.

-Hadjimanoukian asks how they find incoming freshman.

-Hall states that in a lot of ways they find them, and may know older folks who tell them about or classes within classes. When they outreach, they outreach and every year they try to take first years to hit the ground running and really pressure them to join their internship and have some first years that move up really quickly and even join the office. Hall wants to ask any of the council members wants to speak of their experience.

-Oved states he attended some workshops, a couple of them was how to handle the bureaucracy of the UC system, and one that Hall lead as the UCSA board, putting people in their place. Oved states it was an awesome opportunity, and a lot of students were really passionate and getting into it and want to be taken seriously, and once given that change they'll take it to the next level.

-Dr. Geller asks how many people were sent.

-Hall answers 57.

-Dr. Geller asks who is on statewide leadership for Congress.

-Hall states that one of the things that happens at the UCSA congress, and as the external vice president, and Andrea Chu and other three people form the EVP office, sit in 6 hour long meetings and have nominations, another 6 hour long meeting, and folks that were nominated either retracted their nomination or new people started running. Only 2 people ran, and the details of the election are really long but are welcome to talk about it after. Halls states that the discussion Jas Kirt and Tyler Cherry will be hopefully on UCSA as leadership. Everyone within UCSA is leadership.

-Kim says it was her first time at any type of conference for UCSA or USSA and actually a lot of people at UCLA, why is CEC here? Kim says she asks that question herself, but in the end she had a great time. She definitely had a good time getting to know the EVP office and was in the same position she was. Kim says it was really insightful to learn about the grassroots initiatives that she has never been familiar with. Kim suggests that every council member goes to the Student of Color Conference.

-Haws states it was his second conference and the really great thing that happens is the unplanned, "coffee break" conversations and learn about some issues that other schools place and says it was priceless. Haws encourage everyone to attend Congress in the future.

-Joanino asks if anyone has any questions about the campaigns.

-Oved went to one of the workshops part of IGNITE, access to opportunity led by Hall, and one of the main initiatives was to institutionalize retention and access programs. He sat in the workshop and taking it to the scope of the UC system, other schools aren't as fortunate. Oved says he thought the issues were really internal, and he thinks that IVP should work in the office and Cynthia said that something could be worked out to reach out to student groups.

-Jasso states that Oved points, and the EVP is the driver and we're all passengers that should be in the car. She thinks that collaboration is really important to respect, and wants to mention that she went to UCSB as part of the recent program, and they just created new infant retention projects with the model of UCLA CPO's. Jasso states UCLA has become a model for retention and access, not invest in own offices, but step outside of the doors and go to the projects and get to know the

different work they're doing. Jasso says to trust that people have stories, lives, and experiences that really touch base structural issues going on in higher education. Jasso welcomes everyone because the spaces are friendly, and we need to step outside the comfort zone and go into the community in LA counties and other areas.

-Hall thanks Jasso, and touches on the point Oved and Kim make for council participating. The campaigns are coming from the EVP office and wants to make it a council wide vote emphasize that IGNITE had over 100 more votes than any, with UCLA as the forefront. She states that if they can get the passion from UC's then our students must be. Hall states that as the model for CPO office, but the office is not perfect. Hall states that there is still work to do, still reach out, and don't be complacent to perfect the system. Hall thanks all the council members that came.

-Mai wants to talk about the retention and outreach projects. He states as the FSC Committee on the CRC and he is a product of the retention program, SEACLEAR. Mai wants to vouch and says they are amazing programs and learned about retention such as Student Initiative Access Community to definitely connect, reach out, and they have a lot of resources but they can use another resources.

-Joanino finishes it up and moves to the next presentation.

## **Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign Updates**

**Joanino**

-Joanino gives presentation of Fossil Free UC Coalition: A Campaign for a Sustainable Future. It was chosen as a UCSA campaign, and last year council has already did work and taking steps forward and holding university accountable to sustainable practices and what the future should look like. Joanino prefaces it by saying he is neither an expert nor environmentalist but is here to help and show the goals.

-Joanino introduces fossil fuels: coal, oil, and natural gas.

-Hall states that they are finite and not sustainable resources.

-Joanino says these resources are exhaustible and won't exist forever, and have a very awful effect from the environment. Approaching this campaign from a social justice perspective and has an impact on folks of color and people that are doing the least are being the most effective. Second, a financial essay, with billions of dollars in companies and this is something the UC has to address. Third, the environmental perspective, the most important, with fossil fuels messing up the environment and the health outcomes these communities is facing.

-Joanino says that 2795 gigatons are way over. Joanino presented the UC Investment portfolio. The UC System wide Endowment is \$10 Billion, and the UC Asset Portfolio (\$70 billion), and combined campus endowments of \$10 Billion. In the president's office they will try to work to see how much UCLA is investing.

-Joanino states that divestment is transferring dollars invested in fossil fuel to other profitable sectors.

-Joanino introduces the history of UC divestment, with a history of students speaking out of the future of the state from protesting apartheid in South Africa, tobacco, and human rights on Sudan. Joanino states that students have the power to change the environment locally and globally. The issues they are facing are environmental and environmental racism.

-Joanino moves forward with the science and social costs. A graph is shown with a concentration of carbon monoxide dramatically increased capturing national attendance, and something must be done financially and environmental perspective. The carbon bubble assumes that all fossil fuels will be extracted, and over-investment is not a sound financial investment for the UC—neither financially nor environmentally.

-Joanino states USAC has passed around a resolution. Joanino plans to send a letter to Chancellor Block. This is not a statewide campaign supported by USAC and now UCSA. Joanino states there will be milestones and dates, meeting schedules, with fall semester having campus campaign, student government resolutions, national nonprofits, and local nonprofits. The intermediate term is for Union and Academic Senate Support, Secondary Targets, Campus Reference, and UCOP Support. The recent director of student affairs said they'll take it on and is winnable.

Joanino states that the long term of spring and summer 2014 is winnable, with having the UC Regents Vote to divest their portfolio, and have each individual campus take a look into their own portfolio.

-Joanino says the strengths of the campaign are a winnable, clear target, widely felt, power shift, and builds leadership even if environmental issues can be intimidating.

-Joanino introduces the UC's that actively took the campaign, UCLA, Cal, UCSB, and UCD.

-Hadjimanoukian asks if the resolution has already passed and waiting for the regents.

-Joanino agrees.

-Hall likes the fact that last year the resolution was passed, and essentially we are in charge of this campaign and something they can finally put into action, she is excited.

-Jasso clarifies that this is UCSA campaign.

Hadjimanoukian states he went to the E3 meeting and now knows it passed.

#### IV. Appointments

##### **Officer and Member Reports**

President—John Joanino

-Joanino states that he has a meeting with Jenny Steel and was very thankful for the card, and looking into expanding YRL issues for tenth week in fall quarter, and using winter quarter as headcounts to see numbers. Joanino attended a conference with Cody Trojan in UCI particular in UaW that represents TA's, and the UC Office of the President. Some issues that were brought up were graduate student access to working hours and affordable healthcare as well as undocumented student rights. Joanino says it was a great opportunity and someone from GSA, and encourages council support. Joanino states he will work with Badalich for 7.000 in solidarity and runs off the statistic 1 in 3 woman and 1 in 6 men would be run in with a sexual harassment by graduation. Joanino states he will be working on it with students. Joanino states the council of president's meeting at UCSA meeting such as PTSD increases, especially with the costs of graduate school increasing as well as UCPATH, the new HR system of associations and being a 501-C3. UCLA has been used as an example for these resources.

-Hadjimanoukian recommends that the survey period should start at 10:30 rather than 11, because he usually leaves at 10:30. He wants to ensure that accurate numbers.

Internal Vice President - Avi Oved

-Oved states that the IVP office is looking to announce a SAOF Students Awareness Operational Fund, working with CSP, must be a recognized campus organization. He wants to get numbers and see how many students apply for the fund, make students aware of the fund, t-shirts, stipends, any organization funding. Rogers has signed on to help with the campaign. Oved states that the daily bruin will start updating agendas on their website, have been cc'd on agenda emails and have taken the imitative to put it online. Oved states he attended the UCSA congress and learned a lot about

potential projects IVP will get involved in, and gave him an opportunity to talk to Cynthia Flores. Oved is excited that Hall is bringing SOCC to campus.

-Jasso states she already has the numbers for how many students apply to SAOF, and asks him to email her.

-Zimmerman states CSP doesn't have access, but the student government services has all access.

External Vice President - Maryssa Hall

-Hall states that the EVP office went to UCSA congress. The UCSA officers were elected, and other voting will be held in September. Kareem Aref is the new UCSA president, fourth year from UC Riverside. Sonia McLie is the new board chair, a senior from Berkeley. Luis Lortz, a graduate student from UC Riverside is the financials board member. UCSA president a month ago wrote a letter in support of Jannet Napolitano, and there was a lot of backlash from students especially from undocumented students since she has a history and record of deporting families. A student had an action in the middle of the UCSA lunch and has a list of demands for the UCSA board. A few of the demands, led by UCLA students, such as recognizing the fears that the UC undocumented students fears are real, recognize that the letter to Napolitano did not truly reflect of all the UCSA students, and recognize that this letter was premature. The next steps is a section on the UCSA website for feedback, and wants to publicize as well as asks others as well. Hall states that this issue is felt deeply, especially since UCLA has been the forefront of the undocumented movement as well and wants to continue that spirit and passion. Hall facilitated a workshop about access and opportunity, as well as retention and students that come from under-represented communities are welcomed and increasing diversity. Hall states on behalf of the staff members, although I'm happy that council members came, she received a number of complaints such as being unresponsive of delegation, and not really passionate. On behalf of the staff, Hall says she was a bit disappointed of some of the behavior exhibited at Congress and hopes it does not repeat. Hall says please have the same amount of staff members; especially since all council members is a leader and representative of UCLA.

-Joanino wants to emphasize the undocumented community, especially as an incredible force on campus. He says it was inspiring and wants everyone to think about the change in climate of UC leadership. Joanino states that this girl felt that she felt so unsafe after the person that tore her family apart was in charge of her education. Joanino states that him and Hall signed a letter and wants to continue to have this discussion moving forward.

-Jasso wants to add that it just doesn't affect undocumented students, but also citizens born here because some parents are undocumented. She says it's a big struggle to live two hours from her parents, and it's scary to think at any second they could be gone. It is a very personal experience and hard, and to see political figures with separation, constant fear, hurtful, and really approach the issue and is really close to her. She states that previous councils haven't done that well with the undocumented community, but it is very vital to give voice to many students who live with this consistent fear to make sure her parents are still there. If at any point talk to a student and learn their story, and there are stories that hurt.

-Joanino thanks Jasso.

-Arce states that the issue affects everyone, and states he was undocumented until he was 15 and was privileged enough to take citizenship classes after work for months, and she passed and got the citizenship. Arce says that even though it's difficult, it's a real fear. No matter how good you do in class or how smart you are there, there is a constant fear of not belonging no matter how well you speak English, know about English literature, or makes you an American—but this is real and this is a real fear. He agrees he needs to organize around issues, and wonders "what if" he was still

undocumented. Arce states he is scared for undocumented students not just at UCLA, but also in middle schools and high schools and just want a better life for hope and a dream. Arce states that he has nothing but a dream to get out of his neighborhood and to make it, and if there is ever a chance to talk to an undocumented students, they will de-mystify all these preconceived notions and will honestly make you feel stupid for saying the word “illegal” and will change your expectations. It will be a good talk, and he recommends everyone should have a good talk with an undocumented person in the United States, and you will see you have a lot in common, only separated by a piece of paper. The issue is real, fear is real, and because if someone makes students scared or affects the way people feel on campus, it should be a USAC issue that should be brought to council. If there is a group that feels like it, we need to start a campaign.

-Joanino thanks Arce.

-Jasso states that Arce and her are both Latinos, but they do not want to be the face of the undocumented student movement. Jasso states Latino communities, Southeast Asian communities, as well as so many other issues that suffer through these issues not only on campus but also on this table. The most unexpected people may be undocumented. Jasso says it has to be a USAC issue to make students represented on the table.

-Hall stated that she personally worked with IDEAS on campus, you must bridge that gap and Hall is willing to introduce and has a very open relationship. The faces you will range from all different backgrounds, there is no poster child for undocumented students and have a very diverse background with the most amazing people on campus.

-Joanino states it is definitely an issue that will be going forward.

Academic Affairs Commissioner - Ramalho

The proxy states that the website is going up for appointments.

Administrative Representative- Roy Champawat

-Champawat states that growing up in Los Angeles is to know undocumented people, and his mother was undocumented.

Administrative Representative - Dr. Geller

-Geller asks Hall if any students are interested for getting information helping students who might be interested in Innovative Learning Initiative and may get someone from UCLA.

-Joanino states that it definitely related to online education and Ramalho will be taken into.

-Lazarovici says she loves the acronym IGNITES, invest in graduations, not incarceration, and transform education. She encourages working backwards so you don't get stuck with a bad acronym, and very strategically savvy. She asks Kim that they all have legislative roles in addition to office roles, and thinks its great she was there. She states it's a fuller and more contextualized leadership. She likes Haws unplanned conferences. Lazarovici says she loves social media such as twitter, Facebook, and pinterest and there comes a point where actual human contact is really important and urges to keep that in mind. She thinks about the history of divestment at UCLA, and there is a case at YRL of the anti-apartheid from the mid-80's is in case, and she was very cynical and thinking students could not have any effect as such a huge problem of apartheid in south Africa. UCLA eventually did divest, and years after that she went to the South African embassy and asked what they thought about the student movement in the United States, and she states the embassy said it had a substantial effect on apartheid. It broke her cynicism, and think of the long term longer than a year or two, but even starting a fossil free UC is a really significant movement in a good direction.

Lazarovici states that she was just at a meeting of social justice leaders, and the main topic is how to work across silos with like-minded organization, and people want to work together on shared values rather than bureaucratic and organizational arrangements. She encourages that looking at parts of campus that aren't undergraduates for ally ship. Furthermore, the underlying issue of undocumented students of "who belongs" and she thinks that as the job as campus leaders job they should say "you belong" and to not attach any conditions, with everyone having a voice on the campus. She states that a lot of people take it very seriously, and hopes everyone continues.

-Joanino welcomes back Nelson.

-Nelson says he is finally back for a weekend and he is so glad to be back, and is invigorated. The discussions presented were taken by all sorts of things, and its great to be back.

-Hall asks if the projector is okay.

-Zimmerman states that the IVP office has purchased a USAC projector, used for retreats, conferences, and working with the IVP to coordinate a checkout reservation system and have a secured location to help manage the floor.

-Kim asks if it's just for USAC offices and if student groups still go on A level.

-Zimmerman states student organizations could be used in meeting rooms for Ackerman and Kerckhoff.

-Champawat says this projector should travel.

-Arce states that CSC does have a projector and uses them for projects, but if ever on a whim text Arce and you could borrow it checked on a level.

## V. Fund Allocations

-Jasso says she will do discretionary, and for this upcoming week she will have official committee members with August 16 as the deadline for council.

## VI. Old Business

### Foregoing USAC Stipend

-Joanino wants to talk about the heat and options of moving forward regarding the fee increase, as well as reevaluating options on the table. With that being said, Joanino understands it was a very difficult decision, and moving forward is best to have open communication with a lot of confusion and hurtful comments, such as being compared to a dean making over \$200,000. He wants to open up the table of discussion regarding the decision made last week.

-Berky says he wasn't here, and first of all he wants to commend council for bringing it up. He says it is most difficult to decide to do something, particularly to raise fees that could warrant a great deal of criticism. Many years, the senate only could have millionaires, and he has read the comments in the daily bruin. He was very much taken by the fact that students could be dissuaded from running for offices because of the falsity of funds that will be made available. He heard a discussion earlier and students who are undocumented, when I think of people who have no resources these are the people, but these are the people who should have the option to appear on council. One thing he has learned about researching underprivileged people, he says it's hard for privileged to understand the trials and tribulations of people who are underprivileged. It comes down to resources, and he is concerned that if this council doesn't pay us this, it does not establish a precedent for future councils. The most qualified students are running for council, and there are people nipping at their heels to fatten their pockets. When people realize that council has not received any fees, he doesn't vote but can certainly say that what you are doing is not helping yourself, but helping your students and future council members. There are all these people that stipend politicians, and thank goodness they

aren't members of the congress of United States of America, and look at the council members at a higher authority. He states that people on the university are very political, except smarter. Before the debate begins, he encourages outside on comfort zone and think of people who don't have the same access to resources. He wants them to think about the hard decision, and the council is the future and makes the best decision.

-Jasso asks if this discussion is the idea of forgoing, to give this opportunity for the council to push it forward to next year.

-Joanino states he wants to really give the opportunity to say it is very difficult and conflict of interest decision, but he believes that council members should have the opportunity to forgo the stipend, and you don't need a stipend and all with a place of financial privilege. He encourages people to think of their decisions.

-Badalich clarifies that it's an individual decision if people want to forgo their increase or stipend all together.

-Champawat says this issue has been addressed for years, and the most recent talk that its striking that it's a remedial increase in stipend, so severely under a reasonable compensation and given that context, and the question should be on the community. The community should ask, "Why should they forgo a reasonable and just increase?" The reason and principle of conflict of interest, and an important principle to consider if one should vote, and to look at particular. The council did not ask for this vote, and received an unreasonable stipend, lowest in CSU and UC. His question is, "why should this body deny themselves what seems highly just, with minimum wage for 20 hours?"

-Hardjimanoukian stated that he is impressed with the student body's ability to react, and the most united he has seen the campus and on Facebook it was all shared through his friends. He says bravo, and then he questions his decision. If people do feel so strongly, he agrees that stipends should go up, he didn't even know it was possible to vote on stipend increase, and the one way to dissociate is to defer it to next year. He states the daily bruin on individual forgoing, and the opportunity to individually forgo is weird.

-Badalich states that this issue is "most united" on is a little disheartening, we just heard two amazing students about undocumented students, movements that students have done in fossil fuel divestment, amazing work the EVP has done, and there are so many amazing campaigns, and those are the united fronts she wants to see from the students. She definitely understands the concern, and other legislative bodies such as UC, and CSU's do have the ability to increase their own stipend. It's not something novel to add money to their pockets, and honestly she would be working at the computer lab as opposed to the passion and love for student health, and preventing sexual assault. I need all of my time and effort to go towards that, not diverted to other things such as making enough money to pay off rent, loans, education, so her brother can go to school. She thinks about these everyday, and wants to think about how she can change the student body and campus climate make this a safer campus to live in, specifically those who feel they have been wronged for sexual assault. In terms of most united, it's disheartening. She feels that it helps fellow students, and me putting more time into this puts more time in workshops and that much better.

-Lazarovici states that voting on own stipend is not a conflict of interest, especially how the phrase is inaccurate. Not only do UCs and CSUs vote on own stipends, and government bodies. If you want to talk about principles, this body did vote last week and as elected officials, and to encourage them to just take the heat from also week and stand by what you voted on. With that said, there are many ways to skin this cat its probably best to put a motion on the table and have a more formal process oriented discussion such as starting in spring or phasing it in somehow. There are ways to make this happen in a way that may address people's concerns. The notion of having some individuals forgo

their stipend or forgo the increase, it is not a good motion because it puts people on different levels of a playing field. If equal work is done, everyone should be remediated. Making a distinction of people between people having privilege and not having privilege is not a healthy way to come to a decision. She says it's not necessarily honorable to be an extremely wealthy person and work for \$1 a year. She is interested to see what motion should be seen.

-Kim says she will bring her UCSA experience, and met her counterpart from UCI, the vice president of student services. Kim says she had some troubles about the backlash of the stipend increase, and doesn't want this to be a comparison argument, well during the summer months \$125, and during the school year its \$355. He says at UCI they make upwards of \$500, and during the school year he makes upwards \$700. Kim says they are paid less than all other schools, but doesn't want to serve as a comparison. UCLA was at the forefront spear heading the most popular campaigns, and that's just from the EVP office. She personally thinks that the stipend increase is justified, because she has no job, no ones going to hire an aging fourth year, and personally stands by her vote—and everyone should stand by their vote because its not a short conversation. Kim says she can do her job so much better. She asks if their office members would have to

-Jasso says a commissioner's stipend increase doesn't affect peoples in their offices.

-An Oved state last week he agrees with the stipend increases, but doesn't agree with the way it happens. If a lot of students have the issues, and at UCSA regents typically vote during summer to do shady things, and if students have an issue with this we should address it head on. He doesn't think forgoing the stipend increase as a solution, because it looks like that same type of person goes back into office with a vicious cycle of electing privileged people. He thinks it's a terrible solution, and doesn't understand the comment for those who feel as if they are privileged to forgo their stipend increase, and didn't appreciate it because he was the only one who voted no, and didn't feel included. He says that it shouldn't be a singular vote, he should go student outreach.

-Joanino states that he worries about the issue and he is forgoing his stipend too, and that he is sorry that he thought it was about him.

-Hall says that it sounds like no one wants to forgo their stipends but one of the things that people should do is at least stand behind their vote, with a newly elected body and flip-flopping on things that they are doing may look poorly upon us. She wants to address the fact that they lost the respect of student body, and a lot of this conversation is spun around the narrative. It has very been blown up, such as the daily bruin and editorials, and not pointing fingers, but the narrative strewn is not the same conversations at the table. Hall says they need to move forward, take control of voices as student body, perhaps as a council writing an editorial to have the other side of the story. Such as the facts of having the lowest stipends, or sending the amount of stipend was actually the stipend during the summer. She likes the ideas of telling student groups of SOUF, how to apply, and this council form day one has funding conversations. We have been talking about transparency and it should be with all funds, not just SOUF or contingency, as well as council shedding light on the narrative they have. You can only get so many characters from live tweeting and being proactive.

-Geller stated that those who are privileged aren't always there to understand plight of underprivileged, back to the civil rights movement with popular not always being right. We are seeing it even still. You can't allot the loudest voice to win, when the loudest voice isn't the right voice. If we did, we'd have all sorts of discriminatory laws and there would be no progress made. She says that people, who are happy, usually don't speak up. The ones you hear from are the ones that complain, they may not be the majority and does not mean they represent the majority. When she was in high school she went to a private school on scholarship, and she says she was treated differently from every other student because they knew she wasn't. The worst thing to do is

publically stating who's taking a stipend and who is not, and the fingers are pointed at who is less privileged as less good. It is so unfair to people that do have need, but can be a little more comfortable for that single extra amount of funding. To have fingers pointed, and somehow they start out, and not everyone is going to opt out because of need, but because those who have a complaint speak up. They suggest they are acting out because of less value, but all work is equally excellent and equally important. In the past there have been occasions with undocumented students elected to council who couldn't get their stipends, and it was all done privately. For the sake of those around the table in different positions of need, if anyone feels the needs to opt out I would encourage you not to do in such a public way that starts the community seeing who's in and who's out and making value judgments. She says Joanino meant no harm, but having been in that sort of position she would hate to see any council member saddled with an inappropriate and unnecessary label. The precedence concerns her, and this vote, which wasn't even close, and then you get some negative feedback we should undo it because we want to be popular. What is going to stop the group disagrees as our decision, and in an environment as diverse as UCLA disagrees with every issue, and may expect them to roll back decisions. If the people, who elected you and put in their trust to do the right thing, now believe that they can get you to question yourself to change your minds, take back your votes, because you care about being popular than the best interest of the community.

-Zoe has a really statement from Darren Ramalho. I was surprised that this increase was an action item being voted on.

-Arce states he is getting tired and wants to be brief, and wants to mention the word "privileged." The last article on daily bruin, and there was an article that she is \$20,000 in debt, and the comment Being part of USAC is a privilege, and that perpetuates the idea that those who serve are all privileged, the opportunity to serve should be a right because of passion and qualifications. Every morning at 8:30 and 7:30 pm, and its similar to the same narrative of going to college is a privilege. Education is not only a privilege, it's a right. Not only the wealthy should be able to go, but doe what about the racial slurs? All the people talking, I don't see them mobilize about Trayvon Martin, LGBTQ folk being assaulted, mobilize about issues such as stipend money like Mark Youdof taking pay after he leaves. What you want to move forward, the whole notion to be transparent, come to the meetings and stay the whole meetings—don't make a comment and leave. Lets push to have USAC Live, read the minutes, and summarizes by saying that everyone has to keep it and real and a lot of people saying this didn't have parents who didn't live in neighborhoods that couldn't afford SAT classes, and don't realize what it is to have a need and realize what it means to be poor. Enjoying UCLA should be a right, and shouldn't be slaving away and not enjoying my UCLA experience. Lets move forward, and running the largest community service. He has to go home and answer emails, invites people to go to his office, and outreach to more community service.

- Oved agrees with Geller and shouldn't let what's written about USAC affect decisions on daily bruin. The issue isn't raising the stipends, and talk about personal experiences and the statistics, it's the outreach that wasn't proper. That's the issue that they're having and where we really need to decision. Making a decision when students couldn't defend themselves or having the change to explain is what they're missing. Oved proposes to convene and talk about the issue when students are here.

-Jasso states that the decision is made, informing students did it such as when the endowment happened, and if that's what has to be done on the beginning of the school year. Jasso is annoyed with the daily bruin with a dehumanization of students on the council and she will not let a scripted narrative be persecuted and this is an emotional response. Whenever daily bruin writes an article wants to think about the articles, and calls out the commenters in a very invisible way that not only

dehumanizes, but also hurt by comments and words. Words are very powerful. Two, I'm going to pull out a page of Emily Resnik, president a couple years ago, the idea of council unity that if we make a decision we go together and move forward and face this prosecution together. It is annoying that people flip-flop, as people that I voted for, not only flip-flopping such as reconvening or retracting, but to almost be beefing, its very disrespectful to student body. To really hash out personal problems, go ahead and do so because this isn't a space to do so with professionals and revisiting the conversation giving the perception of not being sure. The vote wasn't even close. The last thing she wants to leave this council with, and she thinks it's really disrespectful to people's time, and the topic is forgoing USAC stipend. If the conversation don't like the idea of forgoing stipend, then a new agenda item or new conversation because this isn't moving forward. There is no direction in this conversation, think of as yourselves as humans and deserve this raise—previously stipends deserve this raise because they are putting work into the office. I hope that you come in with the campus community come in doing work and people doubt that they are doing word. It is scary to see that are campus don't trust us, and look at it to show that they do work. Jasso is really close to starting a boycott against Daily Bruin, and will not stand for lives being inhumane.

-Joanino wants to move the synthesize the different thoughts and find a middle ground with some time of solution. It happening about the summer and the conflicts of interest is valid, but it wasn't met to single or antagonize anyone. I'm glad we talked about this on the table.

-Badalich stated that first "go back to students" quote from Ramalho with increased time and effort, and daily bruin is a voice for students must be taken seriously and must take our votes and take votes and own experiences and knowledge weigh both. We cannot disregard daily bruin, they put 25-40 hours into each board and editorial board has to agree, and each senior staff gets paid \$8, don't disregard the daily bruin voice. The commenters can easily put their full name. I want to stand by my vote, we shouldn't forgo, and we shouldn't wait until next year, or even wait until fall. We made a vote, we made a decision, and lets keep going this is just a circular conversation.

-Champawat states that the reactions is really personal connection and agrees with the notion and the daily bruin is just trying to cover this issue, and it's a complex issue. He disagrees with the issues, and doesn't believe the community is really doing enough to getting the principles to apply to context. The principles are guide to getting to the detail. The square one of conflicts of interest is declaring the problem, and the issue of transparency is not a problem. There is light on it. This notion when everyone's away or dark of night, just as the council didn't put this stipend on table, the council didn't choose the time. It is totally valid, but when looking t it, the council didn't put it on table, it's a remedial increase, an increase less than work and less than worth. He is really boggled to understand that the community should think is shocking. The fact that student fees cover stipends is obvious. The worst way to waste student's money is to take away effective leadership. The only way to get stipends is to use student fees. There is nothing wrong with it.

-Raymond talks as FSC proxy, Lauren Rogers is concerned about the funding of the stipend from student funds, and talks about IVP and FSC working together. She was wondering if there were alternative sources instead of SOUF to help fund the stipend increase that could be a good alternate.

-Raymond as a student was offered as a stipend for FSC this summer, and turned it down not because of the whole privileged and unprivileged term, because on this term unprivileged because he felt like he didn't do enough work. He feels he didn't do enough work compared to council. There are comparisons, and there are responsibilities and how they cater to and how they got elected is so much smaller to council voice of 27,000 undergraduates. He personally thinks the stipend he agrees with, but funding wise there could be alternative sources such as not pulling from student funds but helping council.

-Hall states that no one disagrees if the stipend should be increased, because no one has explicitly said that. The main issue is lack of transparency or visibility or communications for the student body. She doesn't intend to the articles have been non partisan and factual, but the way the narrative is being construed but as council members they must take it upon themselves to tell the whole story since its getting blown out of proportion from UCLA and even other schools. We can speak as students and as elected officials about our side of the story as a positive story and a solution through explaining the decision, and it's a proactive way to feel better. It sounds like there are feelings about guilt and issues, regardless of issues, we all are saying we want to increase stipends and voted on it, lets be solution oriented.

-Naameh wants to make her feelings clear and is for reversing a dangerous trend and for safe regarding the retention of all students. We are students that Thirdly, she's for ensuring quality of programs and immensely undercompensated officers will not produce results expected and elected to deliver on. Naameh will take heat, and will continue to, but to those who are against and advocating loudly, she appreciates holding council members accountable and being active and involved. So since she is an advocate and not a politician, and truthfully she was elected to make informed decisions for the student body, so with that said she is doing that. She is glad there are people hold us accountable, and this isn't the only time. She doesn't appreciate when student officials are flip-flopping and manipulating wording turning into a political bargaining chip and undermining student efficiency week after week. If this was really an issue, we had so many steps along the way to object. No one took the opportunity to object, there were so many different stages to say something. Going for the future, you have the right to object something each step, that is your right, and don't have to wait until there is a daily bruin article or some Facebook hype. As Arce said, we should focus on work and not petty issues, this is a remedial thing and lets be open and honest.

-Proxy for Trumble states that the personal thing this conversation is ridiculous, everything comes out of student fees, and as hip hop congress person I'm sure a lot of people hate hip hop, but the concerts come from student fees. She doesn't understand, there are no other sources; all the money comes from student fees. Well the tuition comes from tax money, I don't stop my parents from paying taxes, there are students will be unhappy and being funded by student fees. There are a ton of people who hate hip hop appreciation month, and thinks it's a lot of BS, but she loves hip hop, but the thing is student fees fund a lot, and USAC officials taking them a little more money is well worth it. As far as students on campus, not being paid enough is a whole issue such as ASUCLA. People are always going to be unhappy; they deserve an opening increase and didn't know UCLA council was least paid. Just take the money and move on.

-Haws says he noticed that there is a big disparity when the feeling the decision was made and just the way the narrative, and feeling confident after making the decision and those that voted yes last week because we want council to be accessible in the future and efficient now. The narrative got us all confused there and focus on why we think it's the right thing to do, and educate the people on the issue as oppose to being reactionary.

-Joanino wants to rap this conversation up, and the idea of amending a broken trust needs to be moved forward through putting out an abed, alternative sources of funding, and if Lauren wants to helps identifying other sources,

-Mai says she wants to work with the council to ask ASUCLA, a \$95 million non-profit organization to help and show students the need to talk

-Zoe loves the idea of transparency, makes so much more sense and no one knows what has happened. The idea of having a town hall and doing as much as they can to know why this decision

has made, because the reality is that the decision has been made. Obviously people are upset, but they will be once they know going.

-Badalich states abed, town hall, lets stop the conversation.

-Joanino wants to echo that with being said on the table not reflecting elsewhere, and doesn't appreciate how its been turn on political bargaining chip. He's glad they were able to have this discussion and move forward.

## VI. New Business

## VII. Announcements

-Oved says he booked the venue in San Clemente, about an hour and twenty minutes away. He set up the excel sheet and wants to outreach to the right people to speak at retreat to learn and bond, so he can get things done.

-Jasso states that this Friday the finance committee members due on August 16, last year 26 people applied and 74 applied with only 4 spots. With a lot of first years such as funding advocates with the curriculum already done. Please keep spreading the word, the more applications the better. Cindy Wang will come to our meeting, Taiwanese American Union club and has selected her to be her vice chair. Lastly, she wants to shout Dr. Geller thanking her to be present her research and to be able to throw all the preliminary information and have someone she really knows, and really very emotional just to see her support since her parents are so far away. She wants to thank everyone who supports her with her engagement and wants to thank everyone, such an honor and feel so much love.

-Arce is done with the CSC proposal at 4 PM and had fixed the printer, reading 23 proposals and still has mock hearings. He is now working on fall training 100 directors for community service programs, CSC, and independent workshops. If there is any workshops such as CPR, first aid, EVP policy solutions and addressing certain uses, through a cool video or marketing, and anything done at any workshop or conference and asks for the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

-Badalich says she is so excited for 7000 in solidarity, game changing. SWC is revamping their website and should have it up by September 1<sup>st</sup>, and hoping to give more outreach with a calendar of all the director's office hours and what specific programs they do. There will be a cool map and a picture of their face and all the stuff they do, with resources such as a funding guide as well as blogs and social media by the first week of September.

-Hadjimanoukian states he will be absent the next two meetings because he will be visiting his father in the Dominican Republic, and will be here for council retreat.

-Kim says she personally thinks we have to disengage from social media on the table, and she understands that everyone checks their Facebook and messages, and live tweeting the council meeting is unprofessional, we have the daily bruin and commentating for their friends as guests. Please don't live tweet, she will call people out person. She has been having issues with staffers in other USAC offices, a and don't have staff contact agents for performers. There is no reason for any other USAC offices for concerts or any type of entertainment, and in by laws only office responsible. The deal went sour because the agent was confused that there were two different sources. Please relay that to any entertainment entity besides CAC or mine.

-Joanino wants help tabling for orientation, Arce and him re getting lonely. He sent the schedule.

## VIII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

IX. Adjournment

Hall adjourns the meeting. Badalich seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm

X. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
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