

AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
August 20, 2013  
7:00 PM

PRESENT: John Joanino, Omar Arce, Sam Haws, Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim, Maryssa Hall, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Danielle Dimacali

ABSENT: Avi Oved, Lauren Rogers, Darren Ramalho, Jessica Trumble, Armen Hadjimanoukian

GUESTS: Carlos Quintanilla (IVP Proxy), Ramanveer Virk (CAC Proxy), Zoey Shepard (AAC Proxy)

I. Call to Order

*-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM*

-Joanino passes around the attendance sheet.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

-Hall moves to add Moneel Chand to the agenda. Sam seconds. 7-0-0 Chand is added to the agenda.

-Badalich moves to approve amended agenda. Badalich seconds.

B. Approval of the Minutes from August 6, 2013

-Hall moves to add approval. Kim seconds. 7-0-0 minutes approved.

C. Approval of the Minutes from August 13, 2013

-Naameh moves to add approval. Arce seconds. 7-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

Seth IDEAS at UCLA

-They are here today to bring awareness about the undocumented student population on campus and the appointment of Janet Napolitano as UC president and dropping the I word campaign. They are currently working with other UC students that are AB540 applicants to have a meeting with her now that she has appointed. They said the UC students associated student Congress are trying to work with the UC Student Regent Cynthia Jasso to hear the voices of the undocumented students. They are asking for USAC's support. Last year there was a desire to begin a drop the I-word campaign such as illegal immigrant and illegal alien is really detrimental to the campus climate.

-Joanino states that we have to empower them and not speak for them but with them and invites IDEA to come back for the future meeting and thanks them for coming.

IV. Special Presentations

## **A. 7000 in Solidarity**

Savannah Badalich, Student Wellness Commissioner and John Joanino, President

-Joanino and Badalich have drafted the campaign 7000 in solidarity, a campaign against sexual assault.

-Badalich states 7000 in solidarity because 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will be survivors of sexual assault, and calculating the numbers there's about 7000 survivors. They wanted a campaign to push back.

-Joanino stated the goals were supporting survivors, promoting consent, improving university resources, taking legal action, and evaluating campus safety.

-Nelson asked about what consent meant.

-Badalich stated that under certain circumstances such as intoxication and consent.

-Joanino describes the campaign as a statewide campaign started at CalServe in Berkeley, that had a 95% increase and only 2 cases out of 500 resulted in disciplinary action.

-Badalich stated that Title IX cases were present in Los Angeles, cases in which sexual assault reporting and punishment has been underplayed and twisted. Such as Yale referring to rape as non-consensual sex and at USC the rape wasn't considered a rape because the assaulted didn't orgasm. These are relevant to many campuses.

-Joanino stated the campaign objectives were to increase awareness, increase reporting, initiate long term research, increase effective bystander, and improve campus safety. They want to improve the language and culture, saying "survivor" rather than "victim."

Joanino wants to ensure scholar activism that's sustainable with future statistics and data.

-Badalich stated tactics such as partnering with ORL during True Bruin Welcome Week with a video, online pledge campaign, and pledge cards that states to only engage in consensual activities, be an effective bystander, and support survivors of sexual assault. Furthermore, there will be a webpage to join in. Lastly, there's research between SWC and HCI regarding sexual violence and understanding the discrepancies of reporting. Tomorrow at the state legislator, representatives of USC and Cal are going up to audit California University's in the way they report sexual assault. She was reached out from Cal and asked her if she could represent UCLA, and she will also be up there during public comments with Annie F. Clark from University of North Carolina. This is a way to show support, and UCLA handles the cases well but there's always improvement.

-Joanino states the timeline for Fall quarter for true bruin welcome week, for winter and spring quarter the focus would be more on Campus SaVE Act and Know your IX Campaigns, Council of President, and Implement Research Survey/Analyze Data.

-Badalich states that year-long student groups and SWC, they are hoping to put programs specific to sexual assault like clothesline project and put this under the umbrella of 7000 in solidarity. Hopefully there'll be a week of workshops.

-Joanino states campus partners such as the Office of the President, CARE, ORL, Recreation and Athletics, USAC, Healthy Campus Initiative, and currently reaching out to Fraternity/Sorority relations and local health resources.

-Badalich wants this to be a USAC wide initiative since it is involved in every aspect.

-Hall compliments this campaign and states how great it is. She suggests that there's a distinction between reporting for those who report to university versus those who file with police. If someone chooses to report the university, they don't have to choose to the police. They are mutually exclusive.

- Badalich states that on the page there's different avenues for reporting and also on CAPS website there's a flow chart online. There are plenty of resources.
- Haws stated that he loves the idea during the first floor meeting. He stated that perhaps it could be part of the Enormous Activities fair.
- Joanino stated he loves the idea and is taking the weeks to coalition build and work with student groups. He stated that during the speech and perhaps during the Bruin Bash.
- Badalich stated that the most important thing is to educate freshmen and transfer so they know what to do, and can prevent any sexual assaults.
- Jasso asks how they'll get research.
- Badalich states that SWC has to decide what they want to know and then will partner with graduate student and faculty, they are paying for everything to focus groups to surveys to be a yearly thing to see how trends change.
- Jasso recommends that perhaps there could be potentially a class to keep the dialogue alive. Stats are one thing, but it must be disseminated to put research in practice and include a USAC office.
- Joanino states there are many issues that they hope to bring and address.
- Badalich states that there are many offices could get involved.
- Geller states the presentation is awesome, but brings up that grad students must be involved because they are just as much as a risk. They must be aware, engaged, and partnered. This is not an undergraduate issue. This is a UCLA issue.
- Badalich stated that she talked to the graduate person in charge and they have a connection already.
- Joanino says they'll hopefully get GSA on board.
- Champawat states that there could be a graduate student table.
- Joanino would love their support and would love to have them on board with suggestions and criticisms.

## V. Appointments

### A. Student Fee Advisory Committee

- Badalich introduces that Moneel Chand had such a stellar interview, and voted 3-0-0. He has applied to different funding sources and has lots of experiences.

#### Moneel Chand, SFAC Appointee

- Moneel Chand introduces himself as a third year student as a mechanical engineering and education minor.
- Jasso asks why SFAC
- Chand states that ever since he heard about first year and is surprised to know more about student fees and the current state California is. He says it is more pertinent than ever that students have a say on how their fees are managed. It is a very unique experience that students have input to how they are managed.
- Singh asks what are things that SFAC has done well and what can it improve upon
- Chand states that according to the trends, most of the allocations of money have been very good and equaling out versus money allocated. He says SFAC has balanced their budget well and those departments haven't used much money with deficiencies and surplus.
- Geller asks about his time management considering engineering is a hard major

-Chand says he asks about the time commitment and asks about the plausibility of being an engineer major. He asked one of the workers stated that its all about time management. Chand states whenever he's studying he goes all in, and in extracurricular he makes time on the weekends. For SFAC, he would shift study time for the weekends and leaving more of the week during the SFAC duties.

-Hall asks about Chand's experience about advocating for student's needs

-Chand states it started with his internship at the CPO office and familiarize himself with a lot of campus entities. He is from PISA, a small organization with a good presence on campus because he is good at cooperating with other groups, growing out, outreaching, advocating for pacific islands, and helps PISA have the image it has today despite the size. He was treasurer for bruin diversity initiative and saw the need, and went all out for the behalf of advocating for students.

-Naameh asks if there are any critiques on SFAC in the past.

-Chand states that through talking to the various people, he says its been a fairly stable arrangement between faculty, undergrad, and grad students. He says the main challenge is first years reading a whole bunch of material, but interns of SFAC in general, its pretty solid.

-Chand states that he is really passionate about budget allocation and has been trusted with managing money, no matter how small or large. He is making sure that it is allocated most efficiently and meeting the needs and has been a common theme in his UCLA activities, and hopefully will continue.

*Moneel Chand steps out.*

-Hall states that he is great and is very consistent with his presentation and knowledgeable. He knows the committee structure and budgetary things.

-Singh asks that at the end of last year there were 3 open SFAC positions, and he is being considered for two.

-Joanino confirms.

-Badalich struggled to find a recommendation for him. He is that great of a candidate with his own personal experience and advocating for student needs.

-Naameh stated she digs his passion, it's clearly there.

-Badalich calls to question. Arce seconds.

7-0-0 Moneel is approved.

## **B. ASUCLA Communications Board**

-Badalich stated that recommendations for Hossain Albgal are understanding the role of comm board, research role as comm board, needs to understand, research different entities, and look at different media. During the interview he had a lot of experience within his own magazine, but didn't have a lot of experience within the other sorts of realm and media as a whole. Where Kim Horn is lacking, he's doing well, and where he's lacking, she's doing well. It's not a rounded experience, but personal experience and love within his magazine. They really wanted him to understand what roles he has to take in. The vote was 2-1-0.

Hossain Albgal, ASUCLA Comm Board Appointee

-Albgal introduces himself to the council, a fourth year economics major, and thanks everyone for accommodating him. He is applying for UCLA Communications board.

- Naameh asks why he is applying for Comm Board.
- Albgal states that he is qualified, and experience with one of the student organizations and writing the publication showed the impact that it has to give communities a voice and seeing how strongly an article can effect a community and having it on campus is incredibly important. He says the work comm board is definitely important.
- Haws asked if he has reached out to past members and what perspectives.
- Albgal states he talked to three people, one from three years ago, two years ago, and one year ago. He says he learned the progressive changes facing comm board and difficulties such as visibility. One issue that has progressed is revenue, partially because the declining demand for print newspaper and now its shifting online. He got a lot of cool perspectives and developed relationships to use in the future.
- Singh asks what Albgal to do to address problems.
- Albgal states that these problems are not exclusive to campus publications. Newspapers have been forced to get really innovative, and some of them include restructuring their workforce and effort online whether that's drawing in advertisers or increasing their visibility online website. Others include some really creative ideas such as bungalow distribution and may include other products to increase revenue. This is a deep problem, but the most immediate solution is dedicating resources to online.
- Lazarovici asks about the thoughts of the Washington Post and Amazon.
- Albgal states he hasn't heard about it, but he states they must be creative and it is an industry wide publication. Although Daily Bruin is relative to UCLA, it's a nationally recognized. Its definitely to see if their problems and solutions could be applied.
- Geller asks about strategies to balance academic work and time management.
- Albgal states he understands the ongoing commitment from talking to members. It's one thing to have strategies, and really solidify a time management tool. One stemmed from his tool with an excel sheet with 25 columns with progress, notes, and reviews that is really beneficial. His excel sheet prevents walking around with a heavy head. A lot of his time is securing internships, and that entire process of getting an internship secured would not be an issue.
- Albgal wants to reiterate that the process for review, theres isn't an established benchmark progress. If he serves his two years and then serves their two years, then this board will be sustainable.
- Albgal walks out of the room.*
- Haws stated that he is really impressive, intelligent, proactive, and eager to take the recommendations of the council seriously.
- Naameh stated that at his interview he clearly put a lot of work to strategizing and clearly has passion and intelligence.
- Arce calls to question. Haws seconds.
- 7-0-0 Albgal is approved.

## VI. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – John Joanino

-Joanino stated that he has been working on the 7000 in solidarity and outreaching for incoming freshmen and training for student staff. They are still working on the fossil free divestment campaign. He is working with the UC Office of the President for the Promise Campaign. Joanino met with Rhea Turteltaub to discuss fundraising. It's asking students

to donate to their own scholarships, but it's a little fishy. Two weeks ago he met with a council wide strategy to talk about the endowment to make an overall fundraising campaign. Joanino states that he really needs help outreaching during orientation. Joanino passes out brochures to each council member.

#### B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Quintierinella stated he's working on a lot of safety initiatives with the UCPD such as the diversity workshops where staff can go with a seminar with staff and student leaders to foster a conversation. This Thursday 4 PM at Sandaoval's office from CPO they will be seeing a demo with the safety app. The alcohol safety module contract is ending, and they are introducing something new inclusive of different safety issues. In the career center they will be co-programming to talk about careers with networking events and career building. The resolution reform has been established online, and encourages everyone to check it.

#### C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

-Hall states EVP office will be starting on out reach with UCLA representation for system wide committees from finance, stability, and financial aid. Hall is really building up speed for IGNITE, coalition building, and in talks with SOCC. Hall states SOCC is really picking up speed, budgetary things, and trying to get Mayor Garcetti to speak, they just need a confirmation. She says that in Fall they are looking to secure GROW dates, grass root organizing weekend. One of three trainings put on through USSA to teach student groups how to organize. It is very intensive but it is super rewarding, a boot camp for organizers to keep them informed. It happens every 2 years.

#### D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

-Zoey stated that all appointments that got through ARC have been submitted to Avi Oved and will be interviewing them soon.

#### E. Administrative Representative

Laureen Lazarovici, Alumni Representative

-She asks about Albgal's spreadsheet. She met with the leaders of the Student of Color Conference and invites them to use her as a resource. She invites all of council. She mentioned that both positive and negative feedback are useful and beneficial. She states that negative feedback can be really important.

Dr. Berky Nelson,

-Nelson stated that instead of negative, it's more critical feedback.

Patty Zimmerman, Student Government Services

-Zimmerman states that staff hires usually get stipends around October and they need all the hiring packages turned in by mid-September because it is difficult to retroactively pay for stipends.

-Jasso states that if there is an appointment September, they recommend to forfeit 15 days and start on October. All hiring packets should be at 7<sup>th</sup> of each month, for those who are planning to use SCOFF.

-Zimmerman asks if there is any questions feel free to contact her office or SG office. She doesn't want anyone to lose the opportunity. She wants everyone to stop by to give paperwork's and change forms that everyone needs to sign.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. Finance Committee Chair Discretionary

-Jasso states she was appointed July 15, and she hasn't been able to have finance contingency meetings. One of the ways to ensure proper allocations, they have finance committee discretionary power in case of time sensitive issues. If there is a sensitive issue and then we will use discretionary funds, which is capped \$500. This week she approved the allocations of three events: Bruin Hope, Harambee Council, and the Historical Ballroom Dance Club.

-The funds are: \$150 allocated to Bruin hope. \$450 to Harambee Council. \$400 to the Historical Ballroom Dance Club.

## IX. Old Business

### IX. New Business

#### **Resolution: Drop the I-Word-**

-Halls introduced the resolution, Haws seconds.

-Naameh introduced the resolution.

Co-Sponsors: Lizzy Naameh, Maryssa Hall, & Jessica Trumble

-“WHEREAS we take great pride in the diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds represented at UCLA and our continuing commitment to enhance our great legacy of preparing leaders from all segments of society to make significant contributions all over the world, and WHEREAS the next generation of leaders understands that immigrant rights is an urgent issue of our day that has been clouded by increasingly hateful and hostile public discourse in media and government, and WHEREAS we are aware that certain racially derogatory language used in media, political discourse and other institutional settings has historically bolstered the foundation for racially harmful actions including racial profiling practices, punitive policies targeting socially marginalized groups, hate crimes and violence, and WHEREAS the use of the term illegals (the “I-word”) and its derivatives when referring to people dehumanizes and divides communities, contributing to punitive and discriminatory actions aimed primarily at immigrants and communities of color, and WHEREAS undocumented students at UCLA and across the UC have expressed their concerns and fear with the recent appointment of Janet Napolitano, former US Secretary of Homeland Security, as the new University of California President, and WHEREAS a coalition of UC undocumented student organizations and allies released a statement that emphasizes the need to create a safe campus environment for all students, given the recent political climate of our University, and WHEREAS the racially derogatory I-Word endangers basic human rights including the presumption of innocence and the right to due process guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution, and WHEREAS the I-Word is legally inaccurate since being out of status is a civil rather than criminal infraction and WHEREAS journalists have an obligation to use neutral language that promotes democratic dialogue and upholds professional ethics and standards, and the term illegals

is incorrect and inaccurate usage, as well as unfair and offensive, therefore LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Undergraduate Students Association Council believes: No human being is illegal; Human beings need to be central in immigration discussions in order to move toward a more civilized and humane tone in public discourse and policies on immigration; Foreign nationals, undocumented immigrant, unauthorized immigrant, immigrant without papers and immigrant seeking status are examples of terms we can use that do not dehumanize people. We can all stop unintentionally fueling racial profiling and violence directed toward immigrants, when we Drop the I-Word. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that as a community we: Affirm the dignity and human rights of all persons; Use language that reflects our most basic values; Promote racial equity, justice and unity for a brighter future. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that USAC will encourage campus partners within student and campus life, student affairs, and student media to endorse the Drop the I-Word campaign to create a more humanizing, inclusive campus community for undocumented students.

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that USAC endorse the Drop the I-Word campaign and joins communities across the country in asking all media organizations and journalists to uphold ethical and professional journalism standards by dropping the I-Word today.”

-Jasso states the importance of the i-word. She talks about the cycle of oppression written about a law student. The first step is guiltning them, then the criminalization of them, and the last step is dehumanizing them that further oppresses immigrants. It's making sure that looking at human beings as individuals not less than a human. She doesn't consider her parents illegal, but rather undocumented. She recommends using sources and resolutions.

-Badalich states that language is incredibly telling and powerful of a person's beliefs. It can move people to do violence against someone based on a word that dehumanizes an entire group of people. Any action, especially unwarranted, is okay because it's against someone or something that is “evil.” She is very much for this resolution because it gets rid of the dehumanizing word, and hopefully will make it a safer climate for campus.

-Singh states that the resolution talks about the standards of professionalism and journalism and was wondering how the Daily Bruin uses.

-Singh yields time to Amanda, Daily Bruin reporter. She states they use the word undocumented.

-Joanino stated that in LA Times and New York Times use the word illegal, and it is important to find out what the Daily Bruin states.

-Robin says as the outside perspective is a good stand to take and as an ally it is really important to realize they are a substantial part of their campus community and make sure they feel welcome and guidance to utilize USAC as a tool to speak to administrators.

-Naameh says that this word could be used as a means of violence. It's not that it's always used to be evil, but it becomes so normalized in our vernacular, and just the fact that to bring attention to have that discussion and dialogue started to open up people's minds.

-Hall doesn't want this to be the beginning and end of the conversation, and one of the things about resolutions is that they lack action. As a council, if we ever hear the word saying immigrant to ensure that they are using exclusive language to create safe space since it is a multifaceted discussion.

-Lazarovici states that last year Anees brought a similar resolution about the “r” word and disabled folks. The day after that resolution passed her work colleagues used that word, and she has had opportunities to have that kind of conversation with people and this resolution does not have to be on a piece of paper but can spur action. There are both effective and ineffective ways on how to interact with people, be sure to give thought on how to talk to people about it if it is brought up.

-Nelson asks if any of it has it gotten to reagents and Napolitano, and if it hasn't gotten response.

-Joanino states that the council of presidents is drafting a response, and they are currently pretty divided. There are many student groups organizing and there has not been a solidified response yet, but they are working on it.

-Hall states from the USSA perspective, they are taking stances of Napolitano such as the history of homeland security. At the board meeting this coming September they are organizing a response such as collecting feedback from student groups such as her appointment. The general consensus is that they do not want to directly oppose her appointment but what demands they have to collaborate and work with the community. Napolitano is giving campus tours, and every student can vocalize their demands and wants all students to feel welcome to talk.

-Arce states that it's a great resolution from experience of being undocumented. It also comes down to campaign of education that undocumented doesn't mean brown or south of border, but rather of all backgrounds and all parts of the world for liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We have to make people conscience that undocumented does not mean less than others. The way we are doing 7000 in solidarity, perhaps undocumented citizen can have a campaign. Being undocumented should not be something they should be ashamed of.

-Hall states the EVP office had immigrant awareness week last week with people from all over the world coming from different experiences.

-Arce states that CSC could play a part of that, because service goes to the most undeserved community, and he can assure that there are many undocumented parents who sacrifice a lot for kids.

-Arce calls to question, Singh seconds.

7-0-0 the resolution has passed.

## X. Announcements

-Jasso states that on using the SGOF budgets, if there are any expenses prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> they cannot be reimbursed with the new SGOF account. If there are expenditures now, they can get reimbursed. Secondly she thanks those who were present for the finance committee meeting to help her out. Final count, she has 104 applications and only 4 spots. Her marketing campaign is solid. In the next couple weeks, there will be google docs such as the funding guidelines, finance committee guidelines, and an updated version of contingency to approve for the next fiscal year. Lastly, outside of finance committee, if they ever want to connect with IDEAS let her know because she is an active member. Jasso welcomes everyone in case they want to talk about it in a private space such as research and people.

-Badalich stated that after this meeting she is going to Sacramento to audit UC schools policies handling sexual assault. She will be representing UCLA and USAC as standing

in solidarity. She recommends to go to [knowyourix.org](http://knowyourix.org) for information about campaigns to understand survivors voices. She has a minute to speak, but will try to speak as much as she can and will talk to other individuals who are changing their university. She has to submit a rough draft of what research questions and topics they want for sexual assault, and will be sending an email tonight about this and if anyone is available to meet Thursday or Friday ranging from experiences to definitions to anything relevant. She extends this to entire offices.

-Kim states she is coordinating the Enormous Activities Fair September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-2pm and there will be a USAC section. She will be assigning tables to all 13 tables and as a friendly reminder to think ahead. This is one of the biggest and most proactive outreach events. The first tables freshmen will see are the USAC tables.

-Badalich asks if she can have a table for 7000 in solidarity.

-Kim states she will allocate tables, and if they are unhappy she will work things out.

-Geller asks if departments can receive a table.

-Kim states all departments are invited and welcome to come, but there's a small fee of \$80.

-Geller states the dean of students always takes a table.

-Kim states she will send an email.

-Joanino states he sent an email regarding parking passes and asks if any of them need a parking passes.

-Kim asks if they are only allowed for stipend positions.

-Joanino says anyone on staff.

-Jasso asks Zimmerman about a 20% discount instead of a stipend for an office.

-Zimmerman said in fall quarter she will be giving out volunteer discount forms, and it varies each office. She says you will be able to give staff these employee discounts such as 20% off in selective merchandize.

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

## XI. Adjournment

Arce moves to adjourn. Badalich seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:34 pm.

## XII. Good and Welfare