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AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
October 15, 2013  
7:00 PM

PRESENT: John Joanino, Avi Oved, Maryssa Hall, Sam Haws, Sunny Singh, Lizzy Naameh, Darren Ramalho, Jessica Kim, Omar Arce, Jessica Trumble, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Lauren Rogers, Savannah D. Badalich, Lauren Lazarovici, Cynthia Jasso, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Danielle Dimacali

ABSENT: Patricia Zimmerman

GUESTS: Bahjat Alirani

I. Call to Order

*-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:01 PM*

-Joanino passes around the attendance sheet.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

- Trumble moves to add Cultural Mini Fund. Kim seconds.
- Trumble moves to change El-Farra and Iqbal to consent items. Arce seconds.
- Hall moves to add EVP Travel and Advocacy grant under fund allocations. Kim seconds.
- Trumble moves to approve agenda. Arce seconds.
- 11-0-0 agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes from October 8, 2013

-Hall moves to approve. Ramalho seconds.

-12-0-0 minutes are approved.

IV. Public Comments

Stern Franco, CEC

-Mr. Nobody sneak is showing, Campus Movie Festival is starting tomorrow with a grand prize of \$20,000 and Despicable Me 2 and Man of Steel will be shown for free for students.

V. Special Presentations

**A. Furnish the Homeless**

-Jasso states they are amazing and pick up furniture left at the apartments and give the furniture to homeless people that are moved to a permanent home. They have a facebook page.

-Hadjimanoukian stated that if you call them and give them your address they'd take it out.

## VI. Appointments

### A. The Green Initiative Fund – Yasmeen El-Farra

-Joanino explains these are added as consent items.

-Oved reads the ARC notes of 3-0-0 to move forward. Some recommendations were host more workshops about TGIF, reach out to student orgs to promote visibility, and reach out to facilities commissioner since they sit on the committee. Overall she was really enthusiastic and qualified.

### B. Student Initiated Access Committee – Jose Ramos

-Oved reads the recommendation with a 3-0-0 vote. Some recommendations were to reach out to past SIAC members and think of concrete ways for improvement such as making it more inclusive.

*Jose Ramos walks in.*

-Ramos introduces himself as a fifth year polisci and history double major and director for local affairs in the EVP office.

-Trumble asks why he wants to be on it.

-Ramos says he believes that UCLA students are practioners and policymakers, the student activities center has been with him for a while, and he has been involved a couple of ears indirectly and this is a way to be more directly involved.

-Ramalho asks about the structure and if he has outreached before.

-Ramos states that he reached out to Ana Davalos, and the SIAC has been established in the 70's because of the equities, and in the 80's there was a noticeable retention need, and in the 90's there was a drop in graduation rate.

-Haws asked about concrete ways.

-Ramos said a working communication line for USAC and the students activity center.

-Lazarovici asks what major he likes better.

-Ramos says they are both inter related and both spark the imagination.

-Rogers asks how he will outreach to offices.

-Ramos said he will email them all directly and take minutes.

-Jasso recommends that the SIAC rep should bring what they allocated as a committee in terms of funding to branch the communication gap.

-Ramalho comments that there is a representative of SIAC through the academic affairs committee and recommends to work with them.

-Ramos says of course he will, and if he is appointed he will definitely outreach to them.

-Arce states make sure they're good at following up.

-Ramos said the year hasn't really started but he definitely will.

-Ramos thanks council for their time and effort.

*Jose Ramos steps out.*

-Singh states that he seems really receptive in working with other people and learning about the job and what it entails.

-Arce states that he definitely did his homework and gave the history behind it.

-Joanino states that Arce and Ramalho should make sure their liasons work together.

-Hall states that she's excited because he comes from an open perspective and just wants to make sure there is a dialogue.

Naameh moves to appoint Jose Ramos to SIAC. Ramalho seconds.

12-0-0 Ramos is approved.

C. Student Activities Center Board of Governors—Kashif Iqbal

-Oved reads the recommendation that he had a 3-0-0 vote to move forward. He had a great personality and did his homework about SAC, there was no recommendations.

D. Undergraduate Council – Meredith Duncan

-Oved states she had a 3-0-0 vote, and the recommendations were to speak up and be more confident to adequately talk about faculty, learn more about the job description, and be able to describe committee structure to council.

*Meredith Duncan walks in.*

-Duncan introduces herself 2<sup>nd</sup> year psychology major and works for ASUCLA in Ackerman and a member of the Jewish Awareness movement and a member of Kappa Delta in the philanthropy committee, standards board, and new member committee. She is also on staff of AAC.

-Badalich asks why she wants the position.

-Duncan said she is passionate about student involvement, and she wasn't aware of academic appointments but wants to make sure that everyone has an equal and diverse say.

-Trumble asks her to describe the structure.

-Duncan describes the 21 members and the 5 with votes and the chair of the GE governance committee, the four undergraduate student representatives, and 2 graduate representatives. There are also 5 subcommittees: admissions, curriculum, honors, awards and scholarships, and administrative.

-Hall asks what her experience is advocating for students and how will it benefit her world.

-Duncan states she is on the standard boards of her sorority and she advocates for their personal and academic lives, and they have confidence in her to represent them. She works for ASUCLA and she interacts with a lot of diverse students and sees a lot of different students.

-Haws asks if she sees herself being a strong advocate for students with administrators.

-Duncan states that she looks forward to bringing appointments to more events and make their needs known.

-Naameh asks what her vision for the position, and what does she want to accomplish.

-Duncan states her main goal is transparency and visibility. As a freshman last year she wasn't aware, and there's no point in having this position if students don't utilize them. She wants to recognize equally, diversely, and fairly to be engaged with students and bring the committee to them.

-Geller states she will be participating with faculty and she may not always agree. She asks about experiences disagreeing with faculty and administrators.

-Duncan states she doesn't have that much experience with faculty, but she has experiences disagreeing in life. She is a very open minded person and willing to hear other people's point of view, and her main role is to provide the voice of the student body so whether or not she disagrees is to bring what the students want and then work with them.

-Duncan just wants to add that she will provide a perspective as an undeclared major and she really understands the concerns of undeclared students and bring the approach that they may not know what they want, and make faculty more aware that they want to know. She is really appreciative for the opportunity.

*Meredith Duncan walks out.*

-Badalich states that during the interview ARC she wasn't as vocal and she likes how she has improved and as well as describing the structure.

-Hall states that during her ARC interview she struggled a bit, but hopeful she is bringing a fresh perspective of a different population in the campus and improved in the past few days and really what it means to advocate.

-Haws states that she loves she will be an advocate and learn fresh perspectives.

-Badalich asks why Ramalho picked her.

-Ramalho states that he picked her because she felt she didn't have a lot of resources as undeclared students to make them more aware of options and opportunities. It was a unique experience especially since she's only a second year.

-Haws moves to approve Meredith Duncan to undergraduate council. Trumble seconds. 12-0-0 Duncan is approved.

#### E. Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools – Miriam Rodriguez

-Oved said she received a 3-0-0 vote, and recommended to reach out to committee members and the effects of diversity on this campus.

-Ramalho adds that it is a bylaw change, and one of these appointments with SIAC, and the chair actually recommended her.

*Miriam Rodriguez walks in.*

-Rodriguez introduces herself as a fourth year Spanish major and the outreach coordinator for American Indian and vice chair for the SIAC and part of the student outreach program.

-Badalich asks why she wants this position.

-Rodriguez states that her main goal is outreach and access and that's what she has strived for. She feels that working with this committee she will have the insight of issues of what students are in high school and she wants to be able to understand it a little better and relate it to her students because there is an actual committee that meets up to help you. She's going to be honest and she doesn't know what is going on this year, but knowing that insight will be powerful.

-Singh asks if he can talk about the significance of Prop 209 and its relation to the Sanders board.

-Rodriguez states there was a rally and that definitely needs to be brought up again. UCLA should reflect the community in Los Angeles and diversity is the biggest thing through the SIAC. Being on the committee would be a big step for these students, but it will be really beneficial. She did follow up on it and took it personal. As a student of color on campus, it makes you hesitant on what is going on and must be brought up a little more. She was reading the reviews and she doesn't know if they are fully open for everyone to see and that must be emphasized. She states more students should know about it.

-Kim asks how would she get students more involved.

-Rodriguez states she does work with SIAC and works with a lot of students. It will be a big step, and her biggest thing is why are they not bridging the gap with other groups because communication must be needed. They have the same goals of diversity, access, and outreach.

-Rodriguez thanks everyone for their time and she is open to recommendations.

*Miriam Rodriguez steps out.*

-Naameh states to recommend again looking at the Sanders report. If she actually sat down they'll get to the core and she seems open to communication. Her passion is definitely there.

-Trumble likes her openness and passion.

-Kim says she thought a lot of her answers were weak and nothing substantial or concrete. If we tell her these things and tell her to research more, she'll be fine.

-Hall agrees and personally hopes to work more closely with SIAC to bridge the gap with USAC. Miriam has been one of the most receptive people to do that and asks, "why aren't we working together?" SAC and USAC is very separate, but she will figure out along the way how to be a bridge to better connect.

-Ramalho stated that the first SIAC appointment had a lot of knowledge but didn't have a lot of experience, but this Miriam has a lot of experience and not a lot of knowledge. They can work together and foster a great appointment pair.

-Rogers states her answers were weak, and it was definitely a great pair but we must strengthen their knowledge. If she sits in vice chair then she's doing work.

-Hall states she is impressed with Ramalho's appointments and the big picture.

-Naameh moves to appoint Miriam Rodriguez.

12-0-0 Rodriguez is appointed.

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – John Joanino

- Joanino stated that the 7000 in solidarity campaign he had a meeting with folks and have a consent team for ORL and LGBT now. There is the secured the art gallery for week 10. They were featured in Huffington Post and bitchmedia as the premiere consent campaign. They had a meeting with Napolitano and it was promising, and another meeting with her about Title IX rights and UC SHIP. His office has been planning with Days of Defiance.

### B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

- Oved stated that his picture with Napolitano increased IVP visibility. They have 24 IVP fellows and have a curriculum set up with them, and he will reach out to each office to speak out as a Segway to their USAC future. The FSC tabled at the Financial committee fair.

-Rogers elaborates and there were 18 campus organizations and different resources coming out and realized a lot of people don't know what financial literacy means. They were taking surveys to put together a financial literacy plan.

-Oved states basically they handed out how to guides and are in the process of updating them completely. He had a meeting with Laura Herrera who oversees UCPD and got a tour with UCPD and met with Nancy Greenstein and talked about different initiatives and

sent an email with Campus Safety Initiatives. They are looking to see if they can launch a pilot program and it will be completely free to UCLA and UCLA students and are looking to several companies of what they want to bring. In terms of agenda they haven't included funds, and apologizes. In the future he strongly encourages that agenda items must be discussion items. He is excited that Badalich and Hadjimanoukian are on the office of member reports. He encourages everyone bringing their chief of staff to come and present.

-Naameh asks about what the how to guide was about.

-Oved states that it was created four years ago and gives an overview of all USAC funds for student groups. It gives deadlines, a funding calendar and a step by step process on how to register a student group. It's updated on the USAC website and will be put up there.

-Trumble asks if it's going to be free for UCLA students

-Oved states yes the pilot program is free and they are streamlining it. Also, Ken Heller is really interested in developing an app on campus.

-Hall asks when the pilot program will be launched.

-Oved states it is still under discussion.

### C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

-Hall states they met with Napolitano and it was an interesting meeting and definitely preliminary. She followed up with her about her coming to SOCC and has family obligations where she has to be in New Mexico. They did commit her to coming winter quarter, and 22 students that were concerned. They want to ensure transparency. Currently days of defiance ii is happening, and it's history is rooted in 1998 of a few days long protest of protesting inauguration of Chancellor Carnesale. He was a strong advocate for Prop 209 and student government and student groups stood together called "days of defiance." The old student president says she was in solidarity with those who couldn't even go inside the building, and sat on the side of the stage of Royce and put her fist up in the air and didn't move until they escorted her out. Currently, today is October 15 and the case in Michigan of proposal 2 and oral arguments challenging that case and say it's a violation of the Equal Protection Clause in the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment in the Supreme Court. This could have very direct and intimate effects on what will happen in this campus and Prop 209 and it can change how we look at race. They had a rally and march from Meyerhoff to Law School with news media, chair people spoke, and student government officials. "Tell me what diversity looks like!" "This is what diversity looks like!" This is a really important issue and part of the overall IGNITE campaign and that's why they were playing an active role. It is continuing tomorrow and theres a march in Bruin Plaza called Carnesale Comons. Carnesale's family has donated \$15-20 million, and it's a slap in the face because of who's culture has capital. This individual actively worked for something that was detrimental for communities of color on this campus. There's a press conference from 12-1 tomorrow and thanks everyone that came out. She wants everyone to publicize to her staff.

-Naameh asks if she can elaborate on SP1 and SP2.

-Halls states it's the UC version of Prop 209. Sp1 had to do with hiring, and SP2 had to do with admissions.

-Nelson states that SP1 and SP2 that his understanding was that contract workers drove it who didn't want women and minorities to become workers. They focused primarily and exclusively for students and didn't want any money to be set aside for women and minorities. If you make a bid to get a job and have a little capital, there is no margin for error. Those who had the funds didn't want to see it set aside and use the false issue to look at the very real issue of students.

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

-Ramalho states there was an academic appointment orientation on Thursday and are doing monthly appointment meetings to make sure they're addressing different issues and communicating with one another. They will be presenting before the commission at least once. Part of the diversity dinners going on that was co-programmed regarding the diversity requirement with a really good turn out and had a really great conversation. A lot of dialogue and a lot of good ideas own hat a diversity requirement looks like such as curriculum, service, and workshops during new student orientation as they develop the EVP teach me how to lobby protest. He enjoyed the Napolitano luncheon talking about the online education experience and had schedule conflicts with Pat Turner and talked about tutoring for the Covell tutoring lab on the hill. Major blast is tomorrow on the hill in Covell Grand Horizon and will bring some general USAC pamphlets. Lastly, he got an email about considering how to incentivize faculty to be on the table such as faculty in-residents such as seeing students in a different light.

#### E. Facilities Commissioner – Armen Hadjimanoukian

-Hadjimanoukian states he sits on the John Wooden board and some renovations of the IM fields becoming turf. The Special Olympics will be here in 2015 and will be hosting some events. It's interesting to switch because we use 6.9 million of gallons of water and the overall maintenance is \$350,000. There is a lot of talks about revamping Sunset Recs and converting racquetball rooms to multi purpose room sand discussion for the marine aquatic center for remodel. Tying to the John Wooden Board of governors and if anyone is interested in recreation please forward them because they have a 1 and 2 appointment.

-Badalich asks about the job description.

-Hadjimanoukian states the real obligation is being at the meeting and they would deal with issues that deals with facilities and the John Wooden center for having a student voice and advocate for students.

-Badalich asks if they should have facility experience or exercise experience?

-Hadjimanoukian states either.

-Hadjimanoukian states that they talked about space utilization and want to see how gym flow works out to see and control traffic and could be used to control traffic of dining tables. Pauley Pavillion has given him a list of open meeting times from the hours of 7-midnight and there is a lot of space for student groups close to the apartments. Lastly, they are working on for having a solar panel charging station for ASUCLA.

#### F. Student Wellness Commissioner – Savannah Badalich

-Badalich states that first off she was at the Wooden Center to talk with Wooden council with students that are in charge of both recreation and the staff, the leaders within Wooden. She asks them to give more information about the pledge and it will be a

shortened video played on all the screens in Wooden. She got such a warm reception, and she really wants to expand it to different spheres such as a USAC video, a cultural group one, academic groups, and religious groups which will be very interesting. She wants to make sure that sexual assault awareness effects all background. The Wooden center promised to keep the video for the next year. The consent team within 7000 in solidarity for marketing such as a greek life, lgbtqia, street team, and the art gallery. They can use a lot of creativity from not only survivors but also allies. There are a lot of applications. They were in the huffingtonpost, bitchmedia, thinkprogress, and Omaha free press. Super Question Persuare Refer is set for winter, and it will be around third week and will train 100 students. Its similar to talk about mental health and how to properly refer students to right resources and diminish stigma regarding mental health. She is planning international no-diet day for spring and reach out to dieticians of different diets. They want to have a college fair with a panel afterward. Furthermore, she went to UCSC and noticed the abundance of gender neutral bathrooms. Her chief of logistics has already sent an email out to Hadjiminaoukian and wants to have more lights in Westwood Village. She wants to talk about having white roofs which diminishes heat capture.

-Hadjiminaoukian states that he met with Oved where UCSD has a map where students can voice their concerns and want to figure out a way to prioritize those things.

#### E. Administrative Representative

Roy Champawat

-Champawat states that the board was approached to support unicamp, the official charity of UCLA to put out jars and allow fundraising to occur.

Lauren Lazarovici

-Lazarovici states that she sent out thoughts for including a faculty rep to Dana Pede. For those that aren't the elected student leaders, it allows them to give an opportunity to interact with students in a different light. There is a different power dynamic in the classroom, and will be more of a coach and mentor. It is very fulfilling and a welcoming opportunity. It's interesting to note when Geller asked about disagreeing with faculty members, the appointment said she has experience disagreeing with people. It is very strategic to disagree with someone in a respectful way to maintain a power relationship. During her first job, when she disagreed with someone vehemently she obnoxiously expressed that she disagrees. The more experienced Lazarovici would have approached that situation differently. She is in a lot of situations where people sit together and disagree with each other, and people do it with such a subtle and passive-aggressive way that is also bad. She loves the fact that being undeclared was discussed. She came into UCLA having not only decided what her 2 majors would be, and every single class she would take when she was a senior in high school. She was very focused, it was a good thing but it was also a bad thing because she didn't really explore what was out there. She thinks its cool coming in undeclared. The issues of silos and overlapping turf battles in reference to the folks of appointments. There must be communication and that issue bedevils any large bureaucratic organization. Any skills that you can develop to reduce or win turf battles and cut down on overlap and redundancy will be very welcome and

rewarded. Lazarovici emphasizes that doing exactly what Ramalho has done fitting together like puzzle pieces is really effective to fill gaps is a useful thing.

Dr. Nelson

-Nelson states that Saturday at Diamond Bar there was a reception for African American students that are juniors and seniors. It's amazing to see the talent out there and the people that have commuted from afar. There were about 200 students from all over California who came and the admissions office is doing a phenomenal job outreaching to ensure diversity. He was really heartened that these bright young people will come in. Also, went to the football game and "yay!" If you get a chance to interact with a football player, they are really bright. The idea of a dumb athlete does not apply. As one vice chancellor said, "when athletes come to UCLA, you can't hide them."

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. Contingency Programming

-Ramalho moves to approve fund allocations. Arce seconds.

The total recommended was \$2,296.98 and \$56,369.79 is left in contingency

-Hall moves to allocate Finance Committee in \$80 and moves to approve contingency. 10-0-2 approved.

### B. Student Wellness Programming Fund

-Trumble moves to approve. Ramalho seconds.

-Jasso states that it's a consent item.

-Badalich states that SWC approved \$500 for La Familia de UCLA as part of national coming out weeks because they have an event that has a screening of Catholic school days that explores traumas and mental health in LGBTQIA communities. This is honorarium.

-Geller asks if this is a new fund.

-Badalich states this fund was established as a way to fund student wellness and health related programming and 5% of overall budget is allocated to that.

-Jasso states that trying to outreach is really critical because it's such a great fund that is specific-to-specific needs.

-Badalich stresses that it's not meant just for student health organizations. It is meant to be for any program related to mental or physical health.

### C. Cultural Programming Mini Fund

-Trumble states \$180 for the Indian Student Union and \$200 for La Familia de UCLA and \$600 to Samahang Pilipino and \$150 for UCLA Homecoming. There is another \$13,680 left to allocate.

### D. EVP Travel Advocacy Grant

-Hall stated that 4 groups were allocated to SJP, Camp, Cassen, and Bruin Democrats. There is \$13,252 left in contingency. The application has been reformed and made for those who want to travel and advocate for students.

-Jasso recommends having the funds open the entire fiscal year.

## IX. Old Business

*No old business*

## X. New Business

## XI. Announcements

-Oved thanks everyone applying to the Global Sibling Program.

-Haws state that the Daily Bruin is doing an editorial about LGBTQQIA coming out and their experience.

-Rogers stated that every Monday there will be financial literacy on Monday and attending meetings regarding placing Women in Leadership positions. There will be cool professionals and good dialogue.

-Geller stated that next week is the last chance to appoint students for student conduct committee that will be able to serve on an any hearing and the training is next week Friday. The training has significant focus and is a requirement to be on the committee.

-Badalich asks what time is the training

-Geller states that it is on October 25 from 10-2 in the CAPS large conference room.

-Jasso stated she won't be here Wednesday-Friday for Teach for America but if there is a requisition under \$250 her vice chair can sign it. She removed Christopher Cantun from finance committee and is currently working full time and will be replaced. On Wednesday there is office hours from 1-2. There is an all USAC funding workshop scheduled from 6pm to 8pm in Kerkhoff 152 November 19 to co-program with each funding director having 15 minutes. She has a list serve and welcomes everyone. She invites the council to go to Shabbat.

-Hall states that she was invited to a GM for Bruin Republicans and wanted to bring it up about illegal immigrants. It is a really interesting facebook event, and they are vehemently against banning the I word, "call it what it is."

-Joanino states that he hopes that if they go they support the resolution since it was a unanimous vote, this is a political stance. There is a pledge on the USAC page.

-Hall asks for a follow up and she eventually wants to make it to a BR meeting.

-Badalich states that student health network is meeting Thursday in Kerkhoff patio and has CAP raised to \$750 per event. Care training is next Tuesday from 4-7 pm October 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 29 in De Neve Plaza and Covell Southbay respectively. You reserve on my.ucla and she will send out an email.

-Arce stated that there will be 15 sites for Day of Service and have 500 students attending on November 9. There will be educational sites, environment, and homelessness. They will provide breakfast, lunch, and t-shirts. After that they will kick start the week with Service Awareness. This Monday there will be a finance panel from many different financial spokespeople from 7-9 in Haines A02 talking about strengths for proposals and hearings. They had a Daily Bruin article about Glendale learning project.

-Trumble states the second Word of Wednesday is tomorrow and is a great way to connect with people. She encourages everyone to attend because it's a really valuable space. They have a deaf, queer awareness workshop. This Friday the art has changed in the art gallery, and it's not the Malaya project for queer Filipino americans. They are accepting applications for Jazz Reggae staff and are due at the end of the month. They

have a collective exchange night for next Wednesday your cap for mini fund will be raised. Finally they are giving away free tickets to odd future on November 9 and are five ways to win them.

-Singh states that tomorrow there is an organization called Window Between Worlds to raise awareness of October as Domestic Violence and Bullying Awareness month. The Bruin typewriter will be out from 12-2 on Kerckhoff.

-Hadjimanoukian stated that there is CERT training on the hill with classes from 6-9pm in Bradley. It's a 6 week class.

-Kim states that movies coming this week and MS. MR. band are coming at Bruin Plaza at noon.

-Badalich stated that in CAPS large conference room will have a talk regarding about dating and stalking and domestic violence.

-Joanino stated that tomorrow CPO open house from 12-2. He encourages everyone to come back to Days of Defiance II. He is having issues of the communal office space, please do your best to keep it clean. He needs everyone's bio. He was really concerned that so many people had office access to his office, and they may be signing forms, but their signature approves any office access. He was concerned that he saw about 20-25 unfamiliar names. He asks them to please follow up with that. He encourages everyone else to do it.

-Champawat stated write "end" after signing offices.

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

## XIII. Adjournment

Hall moves to adjourn. Arce seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 pm.

## XIV. Good and Welfare