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AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
January 21, 2014
7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Roy Champawat, Lizzy Naameh

GUESTS: Clinton O'grady

I. Call to Order

-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Oved moves to strike Bruin For Israel.

-Badalich moves to add Student Wellness Programming Fund. Arce seconds

-Ramalho moves to strike ASRF. Hadjimanoukian seconds.

-Trumble calls to question. Arce seconds.

11-0-0 the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 14, 2014

-Hall moves to approve. Haws seconds.

11-0-0 minutes are approved.

IV. Public Comments

Kamilah Moore

-Good evening council, she introduces herself as a fourth year political science student as the Afrikan Student Union chair person and director within AAC. Specifically she's here to talk about a resolution around San Jose State University and standing in solidarity with the black students who were harassed in the dormitories. Basically she wants them to vote in favor to stand in solidarity. Although the incident of racial discrimination didn't happen in UCLA, it happened to students in some way shape or form throughout the years. This easily could've happened in UCLA with different conditions. We hope you stand in solidarity. As ASU it's on their radar to stand in solidarity with San Jose State and students with those in the Afrikan Black Coalition.

Kateisha, third year

-She is the vice chair of the Afrikan Student Union and makes a public comment on behalf of SJSU. She comes as a concerned student about campus climate with many students inability

to see them and peers as nothing less than human beings, We must educate people of their struggles and could be seen as things such as implementing a diversity requirement and department of Afrikan Studies. Council she asks them to utilize the opportunity to stand in solidarity by supporting this resolution.

V. Special Presentations

A. United We Stand Festival

-They want to thank the leaders they've been working with such as Kamilah, John, Jessica and Savannah. It inspires her to build what they are doing. Christina Tolbin, they hosted a presidential debate moderated by Larry King and herself. It was top trending on twitter and they were covered all over on national television. Free and Equal is an organization is here to shift the power back to the individual voter through education and informing so honest candidates will be in office. She started this at 17 when her father ran as a governor. She saw her dad wrongfully get off the ballot, and she didn't like that. She got him on the ballot as lieutenant governor and crossed the political spectrum for Ralph Nader and successfully getting on the ballot. She learned first hand how difficult it is to keep good people on the ballot with a numerous different factors. All elections should be free and equal, as stated in the constitution. She is honored and humbled to be here at UCLA and after the Larry King debate they want to kick off a nation wide tour called the United We Stand Festival tour here at UCLA in Pauley Pavillion. They have public enemy and the whole band, and it's neat to have the synergy of the movement. Playing for change and it's just the beginning of their roster. They have confirmed speakers such as Jill Stein to Dan Johnson and random organizations. There are also going to be authors. There is quite a diverse crowd of individuals. What sets Free and Equal apart is the fact that they are the hub that brings everyone together. There is a shift in a market where music has been suppressed and dumbed down, but people want to stick to their lyrics to make the world a better place. The United Stand is kicking off on May 10 in Pauley Pavillion and is a movement for the students. They plan on having 9 more steps and on May 10 they will have an online voting. It has expanded to an all day event from 1-10pm. They currently have 5 or so student organizations supporting the event. They look forward to media sponsors as well. She has been really impressed with USAC and UCLA Radio and Afrikan Student Union. They want to bring music in to help build these student groups. The long term objective of Free and Equal is to really create an alternative platform for music to be heard, for Hollywood to be heard, and to all these factors. The electoral system is really the issue. At Free and Equal they have found that there are a dozen or so powerful families like the two party system and the commission on federal debates and so on to control us and provoke the needless chaos. They want to unite on a platform for passion. They have national sponsors and the list goes on and on such as FairVote, March Against Monsanto, Drug Policy Alliance, and so on. For her, the most important factor are the student groups. It's about getting the leaders and individuals to come in and potentially be involved to speak on behalf of student groups. They want to be bridge to the university to purify and wake up. They want real issues that are about the real world, which is shaky. Once we do that by fixing the electoral system we can open up and create a new world. This organization is about accountability. She thanks her so much for having her. She looks forward to working with everyone. The quicker they have from the support of student groups, the more amazing the campaign would be. They play a youtube video regarding free and equal. She doesn't want to compromise this movement. With the world

going in a bad direction, the students are the gamechanger. The youth are going to come out in changing our electoral system, according to the polls.

-Joanino wants to clarify that we have shown support they are no ways showing a financial support.

-At this point they are contracting directly, and they are definitely going to move forward with UCLA. All they're looking for is co-sponsors. They are going to provide booths. The sponsorships are free.

-Lazavoci asks for clarification on what sponsor means.

-She answers that they just want support and affiliations. They want cross promotion for 2016 Presidential Debate or 2014 Congressional debate for more awareness. She thanks them to be the kids for the university, and their energy is going to inspire so many people.

VI. Appointments

A. Anthony Padilla - Election Board Chair

-Oved stated it was a 3-0-0 recommendation to move forward. He wants them to familiarize them with election board and council and be firm with stances and be ready to have your opinion challenged constantly.

-Hall stated they interviewed him 2 hours ago.

-Oved states that make sure you ask him fair questions.

-Padilla walks in. He introduces himself as a third year biochemistry student.

-Kim asks if she can name all 13 USAC offices and their current leaders.

-Padilla said he cannot. Sorry.

-Hadjimanoukian asks why he wants to run for e-board.

-Padilla states he thinks its important that he has a deep interest in student affairs and ensuring that students get their resources. One of the most important things that students can do is to utilize their power to vote in the election system so they can vote for a representative for who they want. It's important for students to make that step. USAC is how the student body reaches out to the intistustion and how we represent ourself us to the world. If he could facilitate that to make it fair from an impartial standpoint it will be really rewarding.

-Trumble asks what he would change about the election process.

-Padilla stated more sustainability issues such as paper waste, no disrespect to their efforts but as a university they have made great strides towards a more sustainable future and as a student body we should push for less paper waste and get more creative on how they put information out there. It's important to keep students informed, but it's important to consider methods in distributing information.

-Haws states that this job is important and rewarding but it could also suck. Are you ready for the good, the bad, and the ugly and why?

-Padilla said it's going to get real, and he got a good insight from when he talked to Dana Pede. He exposed himself to a lot of his time, his position as an RA gives him a unique perspective on what a very diverse body of student looks for in their government. He has also been able to personally experience their struggles and successes which makes it really rewarding.

-Singh states that Dana Pede was working on changing election code such as a critical look at the endorsements process and randomizing genrep.

-Padilla states as far as the ballots are concerned it's not his priority. He has considered the endorsement hearing process. Based on what happened last year, Dana did thing the best thing she could and he will stand by her process because it allowed an equal opportunity in front of the student body. If there could be things that could be improved he hasn't really

come to those improvements but he's pretty sure that if he had more time to think about with an election board and support with Dana they could arrive to a more efficient and representative election season.

-Oved asks why is he applying now

-Padilla says it was a strange twist of fate, he just read the Daily Bruin and asked Dana Pede what the qualifications are and they got into a conversation about her experience. Pede thought he would be a good fit, and he has always wanted to get involved in Students Affairs somehow and facilitating it as fair as possible would be a good step.

-Kim states that the most important thing is to be impartial and can you give instances on how you were impartial.

-Padilla states that his impartiality is consistent because as a Resident Assistant and teacher to youth must know he doesn't favor one over the other but make sure that one isn't cherished over the other. He makes sure he doesn't present himself as someone who gives more opportunities to another student. As a RA he could not mediate all kinds of conflicts, and most of them happened over the summer as an intense and new experience and his bosses said he did well.

-Ramalho asks if he has any USAC experience or any election experience

-Padilla says no he's never been involved, but this is like jumping into the ocean head first. Through the election season his only role was as a voter.

-Rogers asks what his greatest fear would it be and how is he going to pick a team that complements that.

-Padilla states that he has now been in the Daily Bruin and it's been kind of terrifying. His greatest fear is that he runs into something he wouldn't know how to handle, and it would be daunting to anyone. In this case he knows he is not alone. He is not the boss of election, he is the leader. He wants to make sure the whole team will be and Dana Pede will be around to tap into her intuition.

-Hall asks as election boards chairperson you will be busy, how are you going to effectively ensure you will be a student.

-Padilla stated that he has to take care of his health, and sleep is one of those things you cannot take back. He has to make sure he tends to his academics first, and he's doing a lot better than when he first came in. An important part of being an election board person is making use of his leadership qualities and tapping into everyone their working with and tap into their strengths and weaknesses to work as cohesively and efficiently as possible so it's as fair as possible.

-Oved asks if he can name the slates.

-Padilla says no he cannot recall the names and didn't pay attention to names. He only paid attention to platforms on whatever was posted on their resume that is what he based his decisions off of.

-Trumble asks what he would identify as the strengths and weaknesses of the slate system.

-Padilla states that the slate system takes away the power of the student to make informed decisions and takes the opportunity away to be more speculative of individual candidates. It's important that students make more informed decisions especially with who they are electing. Slates can be harmful, but he also sees how slates could help candidates themselves wrong. There is power in knowing that there are people that support you and you are not doing it alone so it's a two-way argument.

-Geller asks what strategies he will use to relatively quickly assemble an equally objective e-board

-Padilla says he knows how to publicize programs and events, and if he can get the word out there quickly enough and make sure he is transparent about what the position is and

experiences, it will help them make decisions as quickly as possible. There is always difficulty in getting participants, but he already is not alone because he has the support. He knows how to publicize; fliers work well. He has acquaintances that aren't associated with USAC, and he knows the election board isn't completely in his hands and must be approved by USAC. He thinks that his faith in them could carry some merit.

-Trumble states that the genrep voting system is complicated, how would you describe that.

-Padilla states it essentially goes like this. You list candidates who would best fit the job, and he knows that there are three. There are three candidates and whoever gets the most votes reaches this threshold and if the remaining two candidates don't get the threshold then whoever is in last place their votes get distributed amongst other candidates. It keeps eliminating the bottom and redistributing the votes that way, and it's done by a computer.

-Singh states that the election board doesn't recognize slates or the party system. What do you think the benefits or drawbacks of incorporating slates into the election system.

-Padilla states the benefits of the slate goes toward the candidate itself, there has to be some modification to e-code that recognizes slates. There has to be some kind of rules set up, that if someone in your slate is misrepresenting your whole slate do the sanctions apply to that one individual or the entire slate? There is that over arching representation. In his position if he does become e-board chair he would stand by not recognizing slates. He would not modify e-code as recognizing slates as one of his priorities.

-Singh asks what his other priorities are for eboard

-Padilla stated he has a vested interest in sustainability. Since things are falling into place really quickly, he hasn't been able to make too many modifications to e-code. One he was deliberating was perhaps even though candidates and representatives can have slates and participants helping in their campaign, there should be some kind of roster as far as official campaign participant is concerned. Is this person really participating or are they just some kind of volunteer? If you are a participant in this persons campaign, it should be clear and there should be some kind of label. Dana Pede stated it might be a little restrictive and redundant, so he's not sure where that measure would go.

-Oved asks in terms of sustainability, how would he enact that.

-Padilla stated that if there could be some kind of quota he would put it there, but that falls onto problems. It's kind of vague on how you can word it, because you cannot honestly tell someone that they could have 5,000 fliers. The roster would hold campaign representatives more accountable on how they distribute information. You only give your resources to them to distribute and not giving it out too lightly.

-Joanino thanks Padilla for coming and asks him to take a step out.

-Ramalho states that if he's appointed, Dana Pede will not be having contact with him because she is a perceived bias and he would have to collaborate with Chris.

-Joanino stated that he has reservations about that.

-Ramalho states Pede is not comfortable.

-Oved says when they interviewed him for ARC he likes his distance from USAC, he thinks its admirable and eyeopening it may be new to him but it's very new to him. He doesn't know if he could acclimate to becoming eboard chair and making sure he understands the process because it's not an easy job.

-Badalich states as a response to Oved, she thinks he can learn all that knowledge but you cannot learn impartiality. To be honest, she didn't know that before two weeks before election she didn't know there were 13 offices.

-Arce states he is qualified but he is still not sure if he knows what he is getting into. The fact that he is qualified with his answers but he might not know what he might step into.

-Rogers states she is hesitant because the election process is grueling, and we need someone that must be strong. We must see someone that might take charge, and some of his answers were weak because he doesn't have authority. Are you going to be able to take that charge?

-Kim states that his personality that came off he almost feels like he would have a hard time saying no. You have to be very authoritative you cannot love everyone, you're not supposed to love anyone. She is a little hesitant.

-Haws stated that his impartiality was real genuine but the one concern is that he doesn't think he has the fire and pipe and he isn't aware of what he is getting into. People are going to hate him sometimes and I don't know how we can handle that.

-Hall states she agrees with everyone, it's refreshing to see that someone looks at council as all council members. To have that sort of impartiality can almost be never found, it's like a gem and he won't be jaded by the politics of everything but he will have a steep learning curve. Chris Capalolo would be a great mentor, he could reach out to past e-board chairs and there are other people he can learn the information from. Just based on the fact that he's an RA he is good at being firm and conflict mediation. She sees the positives and negatives but she sees it holistically and could be oddly refreshing.

-Singh states that the impartiality is so far removed from USAC and the Eboard code he doesn't know if he could do the job to the standards. Randomization of genreps is important, but when it comes to other things like recognizing slates whether or not that is feasible or endorsements, those are really difficult changes to make and take on. He doesn't think he showed him he's ready to do that. He's hesitant.

-Joanino states that there is an internal agenda of randomization of genreps or slates. He doesn't think that's a job. Most people going to eboard as something that exists spring quarter. How many people deliberate on slates existing on this campus and what this means.

-Singh states the randomizations of genreps has not been accomplished has been going on for 15 years. 15 years of councils have tried to doing it.

-Joanino stated that saying 15 years of council is an agenda, and if slates are something you want to accomplish that's a different position.

-Hadjimanoukian is asking who is the ideal candidate. We want them to be involved in USAC but never know slates and be aware of all USAC issues but what if the guy has ever read about the articles about randomization and then it goes into going into an interview but then once again it's what is the job of what is the eboard chair? Elections are in 13 weeks and there is still no eboard chair. Whoever we put they have no time to amend all these codes and make sweeping changes.

-Lazarovici states that there are people on this slate, people on that slate, and then the political junkies. There are people passionate about their slate such as democrats and republicans and a group of weirdos out there who are just the political junkies. They love elections, they love politics, they love minutiae of drawing districts and campaign finance. When she lived in Washington DC she had a roommate who worked for a republican and they were both also junkies they would be huddled together around the radio, before the internet. You want someone on eboard who's not on one side of the other but you want someone who likes the juicy details and the drama of elections. It makes him think of Ron, who loves elections and whose running and all the details. Unfortunately she thinks that he doesn't have the leadership presence this job takes, because there's the good, bad and a lot of ugly. You've got to love all the stuff, the slates, the stuff, the history. If that's the kind of stuff that makes you tingle she didn't get that from him.

-Haws states these political junkies exist, but he has never found one in UCLA. What they can find is that someone who is passionate about student affairs and getting people involved

which was impressive. Haws thinks that Singh's question about randomization of genrep was valid and he could have a conversation about it.

-Ramalho stated that he made sure he talked to Pede. Pede definitely thinks that Padilla will be a good eboard chair. Would he be able to reach this learning curve and commit? Pede thinks he does and that's really important to consider. Pede personally endorses him, and more than any of us she would know.

-Nelson states for all the years he heard about discussion it falls into the norm with criticism. Virtually all the eboard chairs there has been something wrong with every one, but it's amazing how they have grown to the job. Chris Capololo is super outstanding, very bright and anyone who has Chris as an advisor will be a backbone. If something drastic comes forward it would come to Chris. Before Chris Mike Khoon did the same kind of thing. Since all UCLA students are unbelievably bright, they think he would do his job. He could certainly do his job. Every question and concern is very well placed, so we'll see how the vote goes.

-Rogers states that her problem with campaign season is that candidates get thrown down. The eboard chair protects the candidates. She is a bit concerned of authority and campus climate so it's tamed during this time of season. She doesn't like campaign season but wants somebody there she can trust to take care of all the candidates.

-Trumble states that she's heard a lot of interesting things and what Nelson said was right, there is no one who knows history about this than Chris. Chris will be the mentor. She doesn't care about history as much as impartiality. Trumble states she thinks he will take care of the candidates, the way he talks about his residents and the truth is he is not going to be fighting with the candidates he will be fighting with their representatives. The truth is she has a lot of faith. She is scared to put it off any longer, she has total faith that he could learn it in the time it takes.

-Geller stated she heard what everyone heard and saw what everyone saw. She sees the total lack of familiarity, but year after year the biggest challenge that comes to whoever is brought in is their impartiality. You cannot have it both ways. You're not going to find someone who has absolutely no connection who is as informed before they take on this role as you would like them to be. You either have to set aside impartiality or set aside their past experiences then being objective. He is purely objective. He hasn't given you anything from his past experience that what would be involved that he wouldn't be able to do what you need. The other really important issue is how much time has passed and how close they are. It's balancing the trade off. There is a guarantee there is less time for whoever it is you appoint. Typically ARC meets with candidates and they have time to do additional research, but that was not the case with him. If you think he's not the right person, rather than rejecting the only option you have, then to consider tabling and giving him time to do additional research. Perhaps you can ask him to come next week and give us back more, if you think he needs to learn more give him time to demonstrate before you reach the conclusion. He hasn't had the opportunity. If you look at the pure objectivity and initiative to reaching out to Dana Pede and do you think you can do it and belief and commitment, then move forward. It makes her nervous with nothing else to compare him to because he's that unique objective person you've never really seen before and you would keep waiting however long just to see if something better comes along. If you give him time and he doesn't bring what you need, then you have more to go on. He didn't know what research or naming candidates or naming slates or looking at past issues. She encourages council to consider the totality of what you have to choose from as you decide whether or not to go forward and if so how do you want to vote.

-Singh asks if they're willing to consider waiting for a week, because his hesitancy stems from his lack of knowledge. What Deb said was great, that would make him more familiar.

-Hall respects her opinion, she strongly disagrees that waiting for a week. If we waited until next week and what if folks still say they aren't comfortable are they going to move forward. We must think the practicality, are we really going to find someone in a weeks turn around if we don't choose Padilla. If we were to appoint him can we give conditions or recommendations as a council. Can we find a compromise? We can't keep just pushing it off and it will be a high stress situation time will go on.

-Badalich stated are we waiting a week to prove he could learn a whole bunch of stuff in a week? Are we going to "wait a week and see how it goes" and then find someone on the mean time and then have a battle? It seems like we're waiting a week to see how much to learn opposed to giving him a solid foundation which would be more of an incentive and less of a waiting game.

-Joanino states that we have Anthony on the table and he loves how Geller described the trade off. Joanino lists the e-board chairs and their specific characteristics and there are five applicants they have for full disclosure. Holding this off would just be crunch for education and see what you know.

-Rogers states that she cannot fully blame him for not being confident because he is not knowledgeable. It is their responsibility to educate him and she just wants him to come back and make sure he knows everything. She really cares about everyone.

-Hadjimanoukian stated his personality is not changing in a week.

-Joanino stated that you cannot judge him off a 10 minute interview.

-Zimmerman said he will come back when he has his election board crew and committee that will work together in various areas to help election process move forward. What would be good as a council would be a timeline on what should be completed and have time to ask them questions. A lot of time you build a team that hits different parts of the need for the group, as he described. He has a team and Chris as an amazing advisor. It is their job as their advisor, no one knows exactly how to be a council member. Already showing the initiative to reading an article, to meeting with past chairs shows that he has the want. Anyone can learn the details.

-Oved really does appreciate the impartiality. We aren't going into this as a vacuum because he is skeptical and has reservations. That is what he is going through, and that's why he is being quiet and listening to different points around council but they need to realize there is history behind this specific eboard and that is something that must be considered.

-Hall asks what does it mean that there is history behind this appointment being created, and secondly are you calling into question the entire appointment process?

-Oved states he doesn't trust all the appointments that have been made and the appointment process must have a large overhaul. Looking back there are a lot of issues that arose which are irrelevant to bring up right now, but those are his concerns when looking at this eboard.

-Joanino wants to say that he met Anthony last week and this is his second time seeing him in person.

-Kim agrees with Oved and it seems like the appointment will pass. I think it's healthy that it will still pass, it is healthy for him to see the hesitancy. She will definitely vote. It's healthy for him to know that there are people who don't trust him or think he's not qualified. When he does come back with his elections board he will be fired and fueled by his honesty rather than a 12-0-0 you're it. If you want to vote no then vote no.

-Joanino states that to be quite honest you don't trust him because he's his appointment. Just say it as it is.

-Naameh states she is looking at the ARC google doc and who voted 3-0-0 and why? What was different from his interview.

-Oved stated that he voted yes to move forward and after listening to the questions he's hesitant.

-Hall states that a member of ARC she has feelings about it. If we have feelings about it we should talk about it.

-Badalich moves to approve Anthony Padilla for EBoard chair person. Arce seconds.
8-4-0 Anthony Padilla is appointed as election board chair person.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – John Joanino

-Joanino shouted out to Singh and tomorrow there is a forum with USAC, OCHC, Daily Bruin and it will be live tweeted and live streamed. The Bruin Card redesign is coming out next week. Today he met with development and external affairs talking about fundraising for endowment and talking about a plan to get funds go towards programming. There will be event with alumni and former councilmembers. He had a productive joint retreat and they saved a lot of money and look out for big things to come.

-Singh asks who the panelists will be

-Joanino stated that all the editors of chiefs in all the magazines and Jillian, tomorrow 7pm DeNeve auditorium.

-Singh states that he got an email about the bruin card is that associated with Joanino?

-Joanino states no

B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Oved states the how to guide is officially done, and you can pop up and see all the different student group resources and breaks down funding and the specific line items as well as contact information and deadlines. It goes on with operational funding and voice to access funding and how to use reqs and how to withdraw as well how to create a new organization. It talks about key contact information as well as different publicity initiatives. The off campus living fair was amazing with over 1,700 people in attendance, 300 more than last year. This week is Bruin Transfer Pride week with a facebook event and events everyday of the week. IVP is hosting a bruin transfer resource fair along with booths. Following that is a transfer misconception panel, please support 33% of our campus. Fourthly, a safety app. They are looking into external funding and talked to Karen Hedges from ORL and they are on the agenda for safety and security technology meeting happening next week. He's meeting with Tony Sandoval and GSA president to see how they can dip into their funds and Badalich is talking to others. He is really confident they will get funding but it will just take longer. Finally, Jacob asked council to respond to the budget review.

C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

-Hall states they will have Fund the UC 10-2 on bruinwalk, and they will go to Steve Zimmerman and they are working on Prop 13 reform. They are going to send a powerpoint. Her staff will love to come to individual office meetings and present to fund UC. They will be bringing forward a resolution about Prop 13 and will reach out to all student groups. They are doing tweaks and things, they aren't trying to repeal prop 13 but doing the best they possibly can. They are going to be working on educating them about USSA and floor raps.

They will be doing that floor teach-ins and get students engaged with the work of USSA. USSA Legcon apps are due tomorrow, do last minute publicization. They are going to be working with OCHC and possibly ORL to livestream the webinar with Napolitano. They will be meeting with student groups to talk about developing a diversity requirement.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

-Ramalho stated the online education survey will be released tomorrow and he asks for publicity help. The option would allow them to be part of a focus group and they will be hosting focus group meetings to talk about online education. They are going to have an academic services expo with anything related to students. Their next stress free day will be next week or the week after next, and he will meet with Badalich. They are going to work with SWC and will keep everyone posted. The second appetizers administrators is coming out with a bunch of random administrators such as the Dean of Humanities. Lastly, there will be a booth for transfer resource center that student's will have access to. They will have a meeting about the next form of the diversity requirement and put time into planning this.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Badalich states that the California state auditor meeting went really well with her copartners and 3 different auditors. They got more than 30 responses from the survey that they got from 7000 in solidarity. There was a lot of engagement and improvement. There will be a blanket set of recommendations, not by the specific universities. UC Berkeley has a gender equality center whereas UCLA does not. They are going to see what the best practice will be. They seemed really attentive and actually listened as opposed to sat there. Consent week is next week and there's certain themes for certain days. Monday is Media Representation with a fair in Bruin Plaza and have an event from 6:30-7:30 in Young 2200. Tuesday will be LGBT and gender based violence with a fair in Dickson Court and an event in Haines A225. Wednesday the themed is people of color, women of color, and undocumented communities in Wilson Plaza. The event will be the word on Wednesday about 7000 in solidarity. Thursday is breaking the silence with a fair in Dickson Court South and a speak out event called "Survivor Speak out." On Friday it will be "Know your rights, know your resources" and it will be a resource fair and panel featuring Annie Clark from the 9 Network nationally. They even have a slogan coming on "If something affects 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men so why is sexual assault different?" Also Cornell and Amherst are taking up some of the slogans we've taken thus far. Come out to consent week, you'll see it flyer'd somewhere. They are still looking forward. Super QPR is tomorrow.

F. Administrative Representative

-Lazarovici states she is excited they will be talking about Prop 13, and she got to go to public school before Prop 13 passed and it was very different. She got to go to summer school and dance classes for free, public libraries were open a lot, and everything has changed. Very recently the LA libraries have opened up their Sunday hours. Thank you for taking on that very large and very important campaign. Just reflecting on the conversation about eboard chair and similar high stake bodies on this campus, there are a lot of organizations that will appoint a chair or president or chair elect and president elect so that for year one there is a leader but there is also simultaneously a leader for the following year being groomed sometimes formally or informally. They might want to consider that so there

is some continuity. Some chairs do groom successors and some don't or can't. Putting a more formal process in place might be an option. She was cleaning out her book shelf and found a flier for CEC event when she was an undergraduate. She has to admit, she didn't know about that event but the event changed the course of her career. She wanted to write for the LA Weekly and she had the chance to meet the editor and ask him for a job and she got a job. It was the most fun she had in journalism. When you have those moments of doubt whether or not the work you do has an impact, she just wants them to know it does. She got all those books autographed.

VIII. Fund Allocations

-Ramalho moves to approve contingency programming. Ramalho seconds.

A. Finance Committee Chair Discretionary

\$4,579.00 recommended. \$66,452.23 left in contingency.

-Trumble calls to question. Arce seconds.

11-0-1 contingency programming is approved.

B. Capital Contingency

-\$761.90 allocated full amount. \$8,834.94 left in capital contingency.

-Trumble calls to question. Arce seconds.

12-0-0 contingency programming is approved.

C. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

\$402.5 to MSA. \$325 to Nu Alpha Christian . \$465 to USEU.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini Fund

-Allocated \$700 to Chinese Student Association and \$50 to ACA.

E. Student Wellness Programming

\$750 to clothesline project. \$3,628 left in programming fund.

IX. Old Business

No old business.

X. New Business

A. Resolution in Solidarity with the Demands of Black Student Activists at San Jose State University

-Hall describes this as a solidarity resolution and the fight they are fighting. Even though this incident didn't happen on UCLA campus, there have been incidents of hate crime and we as a council must ensure that things don't happen to any campus.

A Resolution in Solidarity with the Demands of Black Student Activists at San Jose State University

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WHEREAS, “During the 2013 SJSU Fall semester, residents of Campus Village building C dormitory #704

antagonized their roommate, Victim [name blocked for privacy]. The antagonizing directed at [name blocked

for privacy] included racial name calling, attempting to lock a bicycle lock around [name blocked for

privacy]’s neck, forcibly holding him down while trying to place the lock around his neck a second time, the

posting of a Confederate flag, and the writing of racial slurs in the common area of their apartment”, and

WHEREAS, Officer _____ “was dispatched to meet Reporting Party Residential Life Coordinator (RLC)

Weideman in the Campus Village C (CVC) RLC office. Weideman wanted to report a possible hate crime

with the victim wishing to remain anonymous”, and

WHEREAS, Residential Life Coordinator (RLC) Weideman “explained that she became aware of an incident

that occurred in one of the CVC dormitory apartments on 10/13/2013 [16 days before the California State

University Police got involved]. An African American resident, returning to his dorm room with his parents,

encountered a racial slur written on a dry erase board and a confederate flag displayed in the common area

of the apartment. The parents reported it to housing [see attached report]. Weideman met with the African

American resident and determined that there had been other racial insults directed at the resident, by his

white suitemates, along with an incident involving his suitemates forcing him to the floor; while trying to lock

a bicycle “U” lock around his neck, Weideman stated, while housing was following up through their judicial

process and Student Affairs, the victim did not want to involve the police department” > from Weideman

Reports, and

WHEREAS, Officer _____ includes in the police report that he: “outlined the situation and explained that

[he was] there to seek statements from other involved parties, [He] also explained that discriminatory or

hostile acts against [victim] needed to cease and that active or passive participation in such acts were

unacceptable”, and

WHEREAS, “At the beginning of the semester, the residents of 704 got together in the living room and

talked about giving each other nicknames. The residents chose to nickname [the victim],”3/5ths” in

reference to the 3/5 compromise at the 1787 Constitutional Convention deeming a black slave to count as

3/5 of a person toward representation and taxation”, and

WHEREAS, “[the victim’s] suitemates surprised him and locked a bicycle “U” lock around his neck and hid

the key before [the victim] found it and was able to unlock and remove the device”, and

WHEREAS, “[the victim’s] suitemates tried, unsuccessfully, to lock the ”U” lock around his neck again, [the

victim] saw them coming and resisted by trying to push them away. The suitemates forced him to the floor

and held him down while they struggled with him trying to place the lock around his neck again”, leaving the

victim with a bruised lip, and

WHEREAS, “[The suitemates proceeded with] a ploy to lure [the victim] into a closet and lock him inside of

it with the suitemates going as far as to remove a closet door knob in the process”, and;

WHEREAS, “A sarcastic apology note written to [the victim] in which ‘the Beloved Reverend Doctor Martin

Luther King, Jr.” was referenced along with a post script that stated something to the effect of, ‘We do not

advise you to ignore us’ and signed, ‘The Residents’”, and

WHEREAS, “[the victim] told [the resident assistant] that he was the only resident of the room being

targeted in such incidents and that it was because he was black. [The resident assistant] said it was [the

victim’s] perspective that the lock was placed around his neck to symbolize, “Putting chains and locks on

the black kid” [the victim] added that he did not think the suitemates were racist, but that these events were

part of, “A prank war gone extreme” , and

WHEREAS, “While speaking with the residents, Weideman called [Officer _____’s] attention to #704C,

Warren and Beaschler’s shared bedroom. [Officer ____] sepped into the room and saw a printed paper

posted on the left wall of the room above Beaschler’s (one of the suspects and victim’s roommate’s) bed. The

paper read “Das Booten Fisch,” and had the “SS” lightning bolt symbols in the center, commonly associated

with Nazi Germany. Also above Beaschler’s bed was a poster from Eastern University, and Palmer

Seminary. the poster had the phrase, “Serious Social Jusice” printed on it. the “S’s” had been written over in

black in with the same “SS” lightning bolt symbols. A male, Shane Claiborne, pictured on the poster also

had a Swastika drawn on his forehead in black ink, Claiborne was listed as the author of, “Irresistible

Revolution.” While standing in front of the posters, I could see a white piece of paper posted on the end of

the bed that would not be visible from the hallway. The paper read, “Solange for VP” but had a picture of

Adolf Hitler standing in the background. I saw a flag that had a confederate pattern on it on Beaschler’s

desk. Besides the confederate pattern, there was a picture of a skeleton soldier walking forward carrying the

confederate flag and the words, "The South Will Rise Again," printed on it", and

WHEREAS, "I noticed a piece of paper hung over the head of Warren's bed. The paper had a large hand

drawn symbol that appeared to be an inverted pentagram in a circle on the center of the paper. There were

smaller versions of the same pentagram circle on the four corners of the paper. Each of the pentagrams had

an image of a demonic face or goat on it and the the circle around the pentagram had shapes drawn along

it. The smaller images in the corner had the same details. An internet search of the word, "pentagram", later

revealed a matching image that indicated the one depicted in Warren's room was a, "Baphomet Pentagram."

According [to] the webpage associated with the image, the Baphomet Pentagram has been adopted as the

official copyrighted symbol for the Church of Satan. The face in the center of the pentagram is supposed to

be that of a goat face and the symbols in the circle around the pentagram were supposed to be Hebrew

letters for the name, "Leviathan." I noticed another piece of paper with the same images arranged in the same

pattern posted on the side of the uneven ceiling dividing the living room and the kitchenette area", and

WHEREAS, the racist criminal conduct committed by the victim's suitemates are representative of white

supremacy which still permeates our society, country, state, city, and higher education institutions, even in

the age of Obama, and (even in a moment where an African American President sits in office)

WHEREAS, the suspects of the racist criminal activity should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law,

and

WHEREAS, "The Black Bruins" viral video exposes the concerning reality of black students at UCLA

because the campus has admitted less than 50 black men into the University in 2013 and has a shockingly

low graduation rate of 74% amongst black men which represents the overall lack of support for black

students in higher education institutions, and

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEO3H5BOIFk>

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WHEREAS, the recent hate crimes at San Jose State University is not an isolated incident, in fact the UC

System has seen overt antiblack racism from students within the UC System as represented in the

Compton Cookout in 2010 at UCSD and the blackface video from a fraternity at UCI during the Spring of

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2013 , and

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WHEREAS, UC Students should feel responsible and connected to this issue because racism is still

experienced within the UC System within an interpersonal, institutionalized, and internalized context, and

WHEREAS, the black community at San Jose State University has developed a comprehensive list of

demands that are broken down into the following categories;

1. Zero Tolerance Policy For Racial Harassment and Discrimination,
2. Creating a Black Culture and Community Resource Center,
3. Establishing an Ethnic Studies GE class equivalency, and
4. Establishing Community Enhancement Floors , and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council officially endorse all

of the demands of the black student activists at San Jose State University;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner present a similar

resolution in support of black activists' demands at San Jose State in regards to integrating a critical race

studies component into General Education Requirements, at the UCLA Academic Senate; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the USAC President and External Vice President write a

joint open letter to Governor Jerry Brown endorsing the CA black congressional caucuses' request for a

statewide review of the condition of black students within higher education in California.

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- Hall mentions that it's not legal to include the names that were blacked out. This is a resolution similar to those of USSA. UC Berkeley is the only one that passed it.
- Ramalho states for clarifications the Academic Affairs Commission he's not endorsing a Critical Race component for GE its's for SGS. This resolution says a lot about the need for diversity of education and prove that it is a problem and must proactive rather than reactive.
- Oved supports this resolution.
- Singh states the four comments, is there going to be a formal organization that will be advocating?
- Hall states the Black Student Union
- Lazarovici asks what a Community Enhancement Floor
- Hall states it's for those who feel under-represented within the university will find a home and on the other hand it will allow someone different to experience a different lifestyle. It's basically the equivalent of African Diaspora floor
- Ramalho asks what groups were reached out to student groups
- Hall states that all of the organizations have been contacted, not just ASU but a lot of other ones under Afrika Association
- Joanino states there's a sense of complacency on the table. Do you all see the need?
- Badalich states she definitely sees the need. Her friend was walking home alone and saw a group of white men and started calling each other the n-word and a black student on the other side said "that's insensitive" and then they started yelling at him. She lost faith in humanity. If you want to hear rousing support, then this is rousing support. Her favorite whereas the racist conduct committed by the victim's suitemates are representative of white supremacy which still permeates society even in the age of Obama. White supremacy is real. In terms of an actual vocal support, she loves this and totally agrees.
- Oved asks what the call to action is.
- Hall states that she will work in Ramalho to bring forward to Ackerman Senate as well as continue with USSA to support the students at SJSU to ensure that students have all these

schools behind them. It's not an isolated incident on one campus, it's a pervasive problem and essentially in solidarity.

-Lazarovici stated that things were much worse than they were now, especially because the fraternities would have hideous and ridiculous and racist and insensitive event that transpired. Something happened after she graduated that put a stop to it. She hopes Dr. Nelson can refresh her memory. Things use to be worst, and her point is that things do get better but it takes the action of student activists and administrators.

-Dr. Nelson stated that it started with 2 fraternities that had Mexican Themes Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi and Betas were having a Mexican theme and the students from MeCha camped out on the sidewalk for a week day and night. Tortillas were thrown at them. Chancellor Young convened all of the alumni who were responsible for the houses and he will no longer have the responsibility for the greeks without the authority to deal with them. Chancellor Young persisted and the 1980's established the Fraternity and Sorority life. There was only a dotted line between fraternities and sororities and the university, and were insufficient. There were insults every week. Now greeks cannot have a themed party without greek parties and they do not pertain to race, religion, or things of that nature. He reluctantly had fraternities and sororities had come to his area and still work has to be done. Many of the problems come from homes before they got here. There's still a long way to go in really understanding sensitivity. Was there any administrative punishment for those suitemates?

-Hall states that administration has really been dragging their feet and the last update was no.

-Naameh states they have been suspended and facing misdemeanor charges for allegedly verbally and physically abusing their roommates.

-Nelson stated that if something had not been done, there would have been some lives lost with gun laws. That's the thing he is always concerned about. If someone does something offensive and the university doesn't do something about it, people will take the law into their own hands. If something was not done, homeboys will come up and they will be tattooing certain houses. The universities have to act, there is a learning process. Some actions have to be taken, and he's happy to hear some actions have been taken.

-Trumble states that this is a critical resolution. One thing CAC does at retreat is talk about micro and macro events about instances of discrimination, and in 2013 a UCI fraternity through a border hopping party and 2 frat bros have been talking about a South Side Detroit party. This is not at all something that is over. Sometimes it just takes a more insidious form and we must be watching for that.

-Nelson states that these epithets are a sign of people that feel insecure. There have been enormous changes that have taken place since he was born. Things are going at warp speed in a positive sense, but one should always remain vigilant. The people that do this are putting themselves farther and farther out of the mainstream and there is a great deal of insecurity that the role of women had acquired, the role of the lgbt community, and of course the symbol of the white house indicates people are fearful of changes they cannot turn back.

-Hall states that dragging their feet because they haven't figured out how to deal with demands of students. It will allow long term plans.

-Haws wants to further vocalize rousing support, it's on point and is completely necessary. The notion that there is a post race campus and why they try to argue why they have parties that are clearly culturally appropriation and honoring that culture is ridiculous. They agree that it comes from a lot of insecurity and fear. We have a responsibility and that remaining silent is really irresponsible. People tend to fear what they don't understand.

-Naameh states she loves the resolution and so much admiration for students at SJSU because they responded with institutional demands. You can condemn the actions that take places but they are holding the universal accountable, which is something that should be done every

campus. They have been trying to talk to administration for a year but it took national attention for a response.

-Singh calls to question. Kim seconds.

12-0-0 the resolution passes.

XI. Announcements

-Trumble states that concert series is back with their first ever a capella night in Kerkhoff. The Plastic Jesus exhibit will be going up and features a local LA artist that does a lot of Banksy-esque work. Tomorrow is the collective networking night, and she encourages them to check out the word. This is just another opportunity to check out the word in their brand new space.

-Ramalho asks if Plastic Jesus relates to Jesus Christ?

-Trumble states no.

-Arce says that non profit networking night is happening Wednesday February 19 with 45 non-profits such as Teach for America or City Year. They will have things that specialize in business, law, health, housing, and policy. Go to website communityservicecommission.org and the RSVP should be up by today up until February 3.

-Badalich states consent week is next week! Super QPR in Venice Room A and B in New Sproul from 7-9 with free food. They still have some spots open. In addition, SWC and 7000 in solidarity are officially sponsoring Vagina Monologues happening on February 22nd. They are going to have a fancy venue, Schroenberg Hall with 500 students and the playwright will be there.

-Rogers states the Diversity in Leadership Conference is going to be on Friday at 11 with different professionals and there will be free food and financial literacy. CEC and FSC are coprogramming for Friday to see the founder for [Reddit eventbrite.com/uclacec](http://Reddit.eventbrite.com/uclacec).

-Kim states that her office has RAC will be having Monday, January 27th. The following week on February 6th the Suits Season 3.5 premiere and the shows main stars are coming. Check out www.campuseventsblog.com

-Hall asks the council to fill out day time and meeting location.

-Cindy states that you should apply to capital for furniture

-Oved says two steps to getting live stream to USAC.

-Singh thanks everyone who went to Leadership Summit. This week is SouthAsian Heritage Week everything from Bollywood movie nights and culminates with a banquet in Ackerman.

-Hadjimanoukian states this Friday in DeNeve Plaza they are hosting an unplugged acoustic concert and will be passing out reusable water bottles.

-Joanino is going to send out a campus wide email and they can add their initiatives. They will have a presidential iphone app.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XI. Adjournment

-Hadjimanoukian moves to adjourn. Arce seconds.

XII. Good and Welfare

