AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
February 11, 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, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Danielle Dimacali

ABSENT: Laureen Lazarovici
GUESTS: Kris Kaupalola

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
- Jasso asks to add capital contingency as an action item. Hall moves to add capital contingency. Ramalho seconds.
- Oved moves to remove Judicial board appointments A-C. Ramalho seconds.
- Hall moves to strike EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant. Ramalho seconds.
- Hall moves to make election calendar an action item.
- Ramalho moves to strike ASRF. Rogers seconds.
- Jasso asks if discretionary is going to be an action item.
- Ramalho moves to make it an action item. Hall seconds.
- Singh moves to strike Student Wellness Fund. Hall seconds.
- Hall moves to strike Student Wellness Office Report. Arce seconds.
- Hall moves to approve the agenda is amended. Ramalho seconds.
10-0-0 agenda is approved as amended.

B. Approval of the Minutes from February 4, 2014
- Ramalho moves to approve the minutes. Trumble seconds.
10-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

Tammy, Chief of Staff of AAC last year and President of Hillel
- She wants to support Live streaming of USAC and start of the terms of transparency since it hasn’t done enough in the past. It is a good initiative to build the legacy.
- Avinoam stated that he emailed all of council and an extremely famous Israeli journalist and very progressive is going to be at UCLA tomorrow. Avinoam arranged to have a couple student leaders to meet him and ask if any USAC reps would meet him giving that there is Israeli conflict will be brought soon tomorrow at 3pm in Schoenberg. He invites council. As a chief of staff for IVP office, and he has been in direct communication that
have implemented the equivalent of live streaming and it has only been beneficial and it can make an impact to increase transparency.

Fabienne Roth
-She’s here to speak out during livestream and everyone wanted transparency. This is a great step forward and will help with outreach and accessibility. If you’re comfortable with what you’re saying in 417 you should be able to do it with all students and it’s a great thing and a good step forward.

Diana Students for Justice in Palestine
This pass quarter SJP is working out with divestment and met with student groups and teachers and council members. The community has been working continuously for months and council has shown to be an impediment rather than serving as a space for student justice. An issue would have been brought much earlier and emailed all of council who are supposed to advocate for all communities and you have failed to allow us to bring the representatives. IF you claim to bring up community issues, quite frankly its shameful that student leaders are inhibiting communities from bringing up issues that are critical to them.

Alex from Students for Justice in Palestine
As board members they are accountable to their members and asked them for weeks and repeatedly tried to promise them. At the week of IVP meeting in week 5 had an absence. With only this office, they promised they would bring up the Bill Week 7.

This entire quarter they have tried to be ethical and honest and responded to concerns and made it open to anyone and everyone. All quarter they have been trying to be accommodating to different communities and their flexibility has been taken advantage off and asked us to bring it week8. By week 9 6 of the 9 council meetings would have been absent. Paid student representatives have been missing meetings. We find it unreasonable to go around other councils schedules while they have been unaccommodating.

Last week private divestment has gone on with two absent, why is our community treated differently? Why don’t the same standards apply? Students opinions and concerns should be heard during public comment, the community can speak for itself and we can ensure communities know ahead of time. In addition they have been reading about by law changes especially coming out of the IVP office. These bylaws and the loss of absence to be questionable. We have been transparent all throughout this process and ask the same thing.

We asked for them to cosponsor whether they endorse or not or figuring a way to endorse the agenda without the content. They met with BFI and Hillel and allies as soon as possible by week 7. A personal concern is with week 8 and they are having a conference Week 8. This issues deal with Palestinian rights.

Annay Engel
Publicity chair is here to comment about USAC live streaming. She thinks it’s a wonderful direction of accessibility and wants to comment on some issues and concerns and it might detract and discourage from opinions. Having an online public comment will help people voice their opinions without having to expose identity and they would feel more comfortable.

Mike, Exec of Bruin Alliance
He is here to talk about live streaming and it’s a fantastic idea and it would get them more involved with student government who have other conflicts. This will be a positive step forward for helping USAC be a transparent body such as the stipend increases.

Raina, IVP Fellow
She is here to support live streaming and it will help USAC be more accessible who are otherwise busy. A number of student governments live stream their meeting.

Kayla IVP Fellow
Live streaming would be a great way to get more people engaged with USAC.

Amy, IVP Fellow
She also agrees with everyone who thinks live streaming. A lot of what we get right now as far as people aren’t in this room is just what’s reported from Daily Bruin which unfortunately cannot get the entire tone. There’s limitations of getting it second hand and it would be super beneficial. If it would even benefit if a council member was unable to get here they might be able to watch the livestream.

Allyson Bach, AAC Appointments
-She gets to sit in on faculty meetings and it’s a way to be transparent with the student body. Live streaming would be a way for USAC to show it as a public space rather than a private space. When it’s live streamed you can think about what you’re going to announce and what you’re going to say because it’s live streamed. We never know unless we try and it’s something we should try.

Heather, Director of Supports FAC
-Live streaming would increase publicity and support for all USAC events.

Avinoam
He is in support of using the discretionary fund

Aurelia Friedman
She wholeheartedly agrees with live stream and she comes to USAC meetings because they talk about very important issues and think a lot of students on campus feel the same way and aren’t allowed to come. People would appreciate to see it from the comfort of their own home and they can study.

IV. Special Presentations
A. USAC Election Board Committee Appointments
-Anthony Padilla brought his candidates for Election board, Christina, Jewana, Gabriella, Kimberly, and Melissa. He has met with all of these people and complete an application and believe they are all qualified and they could all work really well together to make sure the election is effective and efficient.
-Gabriella is a second year communications major and an intended Global Studies minor. Currently she is involved in ORL and the President of Evergreen and Fir, and she knows bureaucracy. She’s really excited to work with everyone and hope they can make it open and transparent. External relations
-Jewana, third year history and geography and environmental studies major. She is currently involved with AAC and was on Academic Council. She’s part of Model United Nations and knows student groups. Investigations
-Christina Casada third year Political Science major and one of her most relevant is her as an ORL as a Resident’s Assistant with people and pressure and programming. She is really excited and she is a driven and passionate UCLA student. Vice Chair
-Kimberly Paredes, second year pre-psychobio major and she is involved in Best Buddies that helps students with disabilities. She is also with CCM that helped Chicanos that want to go to Med School. Publicity
-Melissa, she is a second year Math for Teaching major. She is involved in Folklorico for UCLA and she is also involved on the Hill with community representatives and has experiences making an effective decision and taking everyone in consideration. She thanks them for their time.
-Lazarovici asks if there were a lot of applications to go through.
-Padilla said honestly he did not, but he sought them as hardworking individuals.
-Lazarovici asks if he recruited
-Padilla said yes essentially
-Lazarovici asked what he had in mind
-Padilla stated he looked for individuals that are impartial so they can run a fair election. He looked for students who were interested in student affairs and engaged in staying knowledgeable about what was happening.
-Singh asks about the applications available.
-Padilla said he’ll email it.
-Jasso asks if he wants to see if the applications were adequate.
-Singh just asks to see
-Oved asks Zimmerman the usual protocol for appointing e-board chair committee
-Zimmerman stated that usually council votes as one big group as an action item. It is not individuals.
-Oved asks why they decided to join e-board.
-Gabriella stated that he was friends with Andy Tran from last year. She was in the process of applying for evergreen and Fir President and it was mentioned again and she has found in balance. It sounded interesting then and it sounds interesting now.
-Jewana stated she’s interested in student government and fair and partial elections is a big part of who students are eluting is important.
-Christina stated that she is interested in the USAC culture and student government. She thought her experiences made her more relevant and prepared and important to follow
impartial and fair so the students know who their candidates are and what they can do and it would really fun to make it an efficient election.

-Kimberley stated that her first year she was on cruise control and now on her second year she has everything done. First year she was watching and now she wants to be apart of it.

-Melissa said last year elections were intense, and spring quarter stood out to her. It’s a matter of seeing the posters, but she wants to know the process and learn everything it takes to get the campaign out there. It’s all about being impartial and a fair election.

-Nelson asks if anyone has done specific research for their job

-Kimberly stated she read the e-code and had a chance to listen to the groups and provide a space.

-Gabriella stated she spoke to Andy Tran and read the e-code.

-Jewana stated that she would investigate any wrongdoing and verify everything.

-As vice chair she knows she’ll be responsible as Padilla’s right hand person and managing the community.

-Kimberly stated she wants to get the word out there and working with the Daily Bruin to see all and equal slate, no bias.

-Oved moves to approve. Hall seconds.

B. USAC Elections Calendar

- Padilla passes around calendar.

- Padilla states it spans from March 2014 to May 2014. On March 3rd candidate packets will be available at 12 pm. He will collect packets at March 14, 2014 in his office Kerckhoff 313. Late packets will be invalid.

- March 31, 2014 candidate packets will be available again and it will be a fresh packet for Spring Quarter already and it will be due April 4, 2014.

- April 10, 2014 Candidate Orientation 6:30-9 in Global VPL.

- April 22, 2014 there will be Group Endorsement Orientation from 6:30-8:50 PM.

- On April 25, 2014 there is a Meet the Candidates in De Neve Plaza Room from 7-10 PM.

- April 28, 2014 Expense accounts will be due at 12 pm.

- April 29, 2014 endorsement hearings will be from 6PM-12am in Ackerman Grand Ballroom.

- May 2, 2014 the Candidate Statements and Endorsement Slips Due 12 PM.

- May 3, 2014 Candidate Debate from 7-11 in De Neve Auditorium.

- May 4, 2014 the signboards go up and campus campaigning begins at 12 AM on Election Walk.

- May 6, 2014 Campus Leaflet Day from 9AM-5PM.

May 8, 2014 Campus Leaflet Day and Voting Ends with Results at 11 PM in Meyerhof Park.

- Arce asks that those who are third years who are going to run again won’t be able to go to endorsement hearings. He might want to reconsider making it on Wednesday instead of Tuesdays.

- Chris stated that that’s when Ackerman Grand Ballroom space was open. There is no other space of that size.
Padilla stated that the calendar would be changed and have to look into space available.

Jasso asks how many third years are here.

There are 6 third years.

Jasso states that assuming everyone runs, perhaps council could reschedule because Ackerman Grand Ballroom is hard to get. You are here to be here on Tuesday and doesn’t know why it should be moved.

Haws stated as a third year who won’t run would want to be present to know what’s going on and in the past it’s always been on Wednesdays.

Hall stated she likes Jasso’s ideas and it would be less of a hassle for them than election board. If we leave the calendar the way it is, we can see how it goes and know whose running and know if we have to move the meeting.

Trumble stated that she knows Ackerman Grand Ballroom and doesn’t feel comfortable asking a student group to give up a space, and she was thinking that we can cross that bridge about council quorum. Chances are that she’s going to want to be there too. It’ll just depend on what’s coming to council will depend on what’s available.

Joanino stated that for that week we will move that meeting from Wednesday and Thursday.

Rogers states if its on a different day you can make it a big deal and people should know what they’re electing their representatives too.

Zimmerman states perhaps the council meeting could start early that day and everyone could go to council and that endorsement hearing. There are many different options.

Zimmerman asked to add installation so candidates know about it as early as possible. It’s June 1, 2014.

Hall asks if elections is week six.

Padilla said yes.

Oved motions to approve the calendar and change the meeting when they get to orientation. Ramalho seconds.

10-0-0 the elections calendar is approved.

Jasso asks if there can be a conversation of the divestment resolution as to if it’s going to come and if it’s not, and let them know which week it would come.

Naameh states the other crucial issue is three sponsors and ensure how it gets added.

Hall moves to add a discussion item on SJP’s Resolution. Ramalho seconds.

10-0-0 discussion item added.

V. Appointments

Jacob Finn for Wooden Board of Governors.

There was a 3-0 recommendation approved by ASRF.

Hall states they didn’t interview, its just an application.

Oved states they want to know the position.

Approved by consent.

VI. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – John Joanino

- Tomorrow will be meeting with Jacky from UCLA Development at 2 to talk about Alumni Associations, Endowment fundraising, and the John Sarvey Award. The Bruin
card redesign is going strong and they have been featuring designs and will feature more and more designs. Similar to what Singh did, encourage your office to design. They reached the $6,000 goal for Typhoon Relief and one of the top UC’s. The hate crime against the Asian community and encourages to outreach to community members. They are doing a week of action around Prop 13 reform called DTF and meeting with Governor Brown to discuss a fee rollback.

-Lazarovici asks Governor Brown?

-Joanino stated yes

B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved
-Oved hosted a SOUL workshop about engaging people of the organization and keep the momentum going and student groups and fraternizes and sororities got standard of excellence points. Tomorrow he will present to the Graduate Students Association to see how to sponsor Circle of 6 and meet with Suzanne from ORL to navigate funding opportunities.

C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall
-Hall stated that they had a super successful lobby visit about Prop 13 with Steve Zimmer whose part of LAUSD. She is going to reach out to others and students can come forward with Prop 13 reform and they are trying to convince people. The postcard campaign is continuing and they have close to 500. Their DTF action is next week, down to fund. Westwood neighborhood council is tomorrow. This Friday Ted Li there is a lobby visit. The student regents were here on Monday at the luncheon talking about the student regent app due February 20. The STAR application is coming out. There is going to be an interesting time at Berkeley because the President Janet Napolitano is coming to their campus and students are organizing a list of demands and folks have reached out in support. One of their demands if calling for the impeachment but Hall’s and Joanino’s office will be in solidarity. They want to ensure the appointment process is transparent. Last thing they want to say is the Daily Bruin from Wednesday February 5. She read it and the resolution that was passed last week. There is not a single word about of it in print. The fact that it didn’t go to work and have the most primary and basic connection to students she thought it was interesting and she will have a conversation with the Daily Bruin. Hold each other accountable for representing their voices.

-Haws asked which groups at Cal they’ve been around.

-Hall stated its called the Student of Color Coalition against Napolitano.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho
-Ramalho stated the online education survey is happening. He couldn’t make it to any of the meetings because he had the stomach flu. The online education summit will happen in YRL as he meets with Pab and Jan. Their counseling connect will happen and answer any questions. He thanks everyone who came out to academic resource fair and the cover letter resume workshop.

E. General Representative 2
-Singh states that Bruin Confidential is having two fun events. They are doing a field of dreams and putting up balloons and students will put up their dreams, it will be fun and
cute. On Friday they are going to do a Valentines event with Random Acts of Kindness as well as little glass bottles filled with hearts. Other than that, he is meeting with a bunch of people about Holi with CAC. The internship with his office had 16 first years and are working closely with athletics to advertise various sporting games. They are also submitting the final application that will consolidate study spaces and printing locations and to track the number of people in Powell and the dining halls for Bear Essentials. He also met with Ashe and ORL for Peer to Peer Sexual Health education. They are moving forward with career planning with first and second years and partnership UCLA. They are doing their first late-night Land fair with Downtown dogs and Boba.
-Kim asks if the proceeds go to anything.
-Singh states if its profitable

F. Administrative Representative

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VII. Fund Allocations
A. Finance Committee Chair Discretionary
-Ramalho moves to approve contingency allocations. Haws seconds.
$5,385 recommended. $77,309.81 left in contingency.
-Oved moves to approve. Trumble seconds.
10-0-0 contingency is approved.
-Jasso states there is $17,493.09 left in capital contingency. Oved moves to approve.
-Kim seconds.
10-0-0 capital contingency is approved.

B. Cultural Affairs Mini Fund
-Trumble states $1,030 recommended. $5,960 left to be allocated.

IIX. Old Business

IX. New Business
A. USAC! Live Stream
-Ramalho asks what concerns there are.
-Trumble states she is personally not concerned, and Trumble wants students of public comment could choose to not be filmed. For example, there could be a certain corner where students could be.
-Haws states he has no problem and he can stand by what he says, but he really thinks that it would affect public comment negatively and it would take away students with their personal stories. He doesn’t support that part of meeting be filmed.
-Nelson states that his only concern is that he doesn’t want people to be held accountable of what they said when they are 20 versus when they were 40. He is part of an older generation and didn’t have all this access to information. He could hope that he could inform someone that they could think of what they are saying and not haunt it down the road. If you are really emotional about something at a given time, he doesn’t want it to haunt them.
Hall states personally she doesn’t care and those during public comment and going forward they have the opportunity to protect themselves. They’ve signed up for it but not everyone did.

Oved stated that perhaps there could be a sign at the front that notifies people it will be recorded. This is the third time talking about live streaming, and from today’s public comments there was a lot of support for it and there are a lot of valid scenarios. He’s not here to pressure anyone to get filmed, but filming USAC in itself is an essential part to transparency. If we can, try this as a pilot program. If concerns do arise, we can remove public comment.

Singh supports streaming USAC videos. In the editorial that Daily Bruin released, the last comment was made that if USAC doesn’t do this then campus Media will do this. Do you have a plan to record our meetings if they don’t.

Amanda Schallbert stated they cannot talk on behalf of Daily Bruin.

Jasso states that she didn’t have a problem with it when it was Lana’s platform, or with Oved, and this is getting circular. They are going to have sign ins regardless. She wants to move forward.

Lazarovici states perhaps putting together a small ad hoc subcommittee with three people coming up with a proposal to address some of the concerns that have been brought up with a policy model.

Satyadev stated that public comment should be protected but it can also be very powerful. If there’s a portion where students aren’t filmed and perhaps audio could just be recorded and it doesn’t have to be tied to the student.

Kim states that it’s the third time she’ll say it and she’s uncomfortable being filmed. If we vote to give the discretionary funds to the camera, she’ll deal with it. If she’s a council member being uncomfortable, if it happens she’ll deal with it.

Joanino asks why

Kim states she was uncomfortable being filmed on camera and personally doesn’t like the idea that her image and voice for someone to see, it’s a personal issue.

Chris states having worked with public parties, procedures must be set in place. You have to make sure you know when the microphone is on and off, where the body needs to be privately and must be guideline out and people get picked up when they aren’t supposed to be. Anyone around is susceptible to being picked up. You need to look at these pieces because there are a lot of public spaces. Even recess, you don’t want it to be picked out. The policy matters.

Hall states that putting policies in place shouldn’t hinder using discretionary to get camera. If people want to come up with a proposal of how this will work. There are intricacies and there are some to turn of the mic. For UCSA they keep the mic off for some.

B. Request for Discretionary Funds

Jasso states in the motion there should be consideration that if there are discretionary funds approved, they won’t begin live streaming until some formal policies before recording.

Oved states move forward to approve the discretionary funds of $93.01 for the camera and then setting guidelines.

Hall moves to approve. Arce seconds.
9-1-0 the discretionary is approved.

C. Finance Committee Structure/General Representative Proposal
-Jasso stated she met with the genreps for all council being part of finance committee. For example, Fall quarter there would be 4 council members and the finance committee would remain in tact and keep the membership the way it is. The entire council would then go through a training when they are first elected about funding for USAC accountability. If there isn’t a strict requirement or no incentive to go to funding meeting, then are you going to be accountable for keeping up with funding sources. She believes they have to move towards creating more USAC accountability. Not just genreps, but every council member in immersing yourself in funding.

-Singh states he was originally an advocate for Gen Rep proposal brought last year. Everything was relevant in regards to including all of council because all of us vote in these allocations and that’s why he supports having rotating council members. Jasso knows more about the council process than anyone else and all of us are willing to change this and recognize this may need to be tweaked moving forward and view it as an improvement.

-Zimmerman asks you need four councilmembers and three for quorum. Perhaps you should look into the quorum numbers and they have to meet every week and meet a lot of allocations and scheduling could be difficult, she doesn’t want to have to halt funding processes because the quorum is so high that it couldn’t be reached.

-Jasso states they wanted to mimic the existing system with the budget reviewing committee. She is bothered with the idea of sending proxies and not serving the majority of your time as an elected council member and gave out as an option. One of the things she personally would like to include would be it must be the council member. She requires all of her committee members to be there. Just for the standard, someone who hasn’t been part of training shouldn’t be allowed to vote.

-Joanino asks if it would be a standing committee.

-Jasso states no.

-Ramalho asks if there would be a minimum number to attend such as class conflict.
-Jasso states that Tuesday’s at 5pm are meetings, she could for sure see that a council member would be constantly absent. Some of these meetings could be 2-4 hours long depending on how many applications there are. She wants them to think of it as a really good investment learning about student programming and reading what they need and necessary.

-Oved likes the proposal and it makes sense rather than just having general representatives. He commends her efforts. He asked to go over the requirements, four council members and three of them have to be present.

-Singh says as a quick addendum, there has been nothing formal hoping to submit a formal proposal by week 8 and you can see the language. If you want to be part of drafting that, you are more than welcome.

-Arce states that he is busy on the daily doing flyering and he doesn’t have the time to do 2-4 hours. He has to deal with a lot everyday. He knows that whoever is reading this knows what sup and what’s going, why don’t we send people to CS Mini? Do you want to do that to? If you want to be about it lets have it at the place. What about overseeing PAB? CAC? They are also people that we appointed and it’s big chunk of funding. He is
not a fan, those meetings are open. If you all want to go and he knows programming and he can read these applications and his commission is a full time job. If you all want to do that, you can do it, but he has no time.

-Hall states it’s well intentioned. Different offices and different commissions have different demands and we sign up for different things. She has literally had this one weekend where she’s not out of town. The CAC and CEC and SWC are students and have limited capacities and doesn’t make sense why we’re not trusting the FiComm since we approved the appointment and why is it this specific one? Perhaps its because she’s not a genrep. She’s not feeling the whole every council member will go, she appreciates it but she doesn’t feel comfortable having her successor sing up. That’s just another meeting on top of the work and doesn’t want to be bogged down. She understands the oversight and transparency but understand they appointed the FiCom.

-Haws states that the fairness of all committees, there’s a lot of money being taken care of it that the presence won’t be there. It’s not feasible to go to meetings for hours on end. Over summer this committee doesn’t stop. There’s a lot of intense training for those involved in this committee.

-Rogers states it’s a lot of time, the turn over rate and understand fully, and then training to make sure they have an effective training. She was a proxy and she learned a lot sitting there and learned a lot about different student groups. She doesn’t think that all councils should be there and there’s some things some commissions have to be there. She likes the idea of general representatives, looking back to the bylaws.

-Oved states a lot of people brought up valid points. He wants to conceptualize it and languages and looking at other bodies and address apathy of council. If that could be translated into language and move forward that could be more efficient with our time.

-Joanino states that PAB and CS Mini and council members rotate each so everyone could be rotated.

-Jasso wants to address that last year it was a very personalized attacks and why is it just finance committee? Why just her? We fix the system over time and over time we found strategies to fix the mechanisms. She doesn’t grade any contingency, she just reviews them. She will never put her committee in a place to question her impartiality. When Bruin Alliance or other slates asked her to run she always cared about protecting the finance committee. These past 2 years her term as chair she wants to respect the committee impartiality and neutrality. She is the most targeted and the most visible out of all the funding chairs. In addition, they are not voting tonight they are simply looking for their input. Once they have language that’s what council has to modify and then decide.

-Trumble states she has a lot of feelings and heard this last year. There’s apathy about funding, because if you’re apathetic why are you here because why are you here if you are apathetic about anything. If you are apathetic don’t waste our time. She is intimately involved in student groups and talking about funding on a daily. IF you aren’t connected to funding then that’s a personal problem. Contingency is the programming fund that USAC uses the most. Appointments exist as the USAC presence, if we don’t trust them why did we appoint them. One of the public comments, we can’t even be trusted to make it to council every week. This is just something we are talking about an bring the proposal forward.

-Lazarovici stated that one of the hardest things to do that when people introduce themselves to council they have three to four leaderships and multiple majors, when do
you all sleep? You all are like that because you go to conferences every weekend and have no down time. An important thing to do before burn out is to set boundaries on time and energy and think about whether you want to add it to your plate. One of the hardest things to delegating, is that nobody who you appoint will do it the exact same way you want to do it. Your appointees may not do it exactly the same way, but that’s something you have to learn to let go of unless you plan on doing every single thing yourself. Last year that it was 100% boldly politic with slate politics rather than the actual content of being discussed.

-Zimmerman stated that with contingency its supposed to be the little bit of money you need, just short of what you need. Many of the results you see are low numbers, essentially a mini fund. These big programming funds giving out larger sums and want council representation. It’s once a quarter, not every single week. If there’s something you’re concerned about then maybe make it a requirement that every council member must attend one meeting. It could be something incorporated into training over summer. What’s the goal? It’s not being graded, its how the process works and what are they voting on. You must achieve that goal and you may be doing too much to get some small.

-Singh appreciate all of the comments and input and it’s a politicized issue is what they want to avoid. They don’t want it to be part of Jasso’s impartiality and he will be taking all of the comments into consideration and incorporate it into the language and come to CRC and discuss it more. He appreciates the comments and its not a political and no ones goanna bash Fi Comm as an attempt to know what we approve every week at the council table.

D. SJP Divestment Proposal
-Joanino states SJP has been emailing regarding sponsorship and expressed a lot of concerns and wants to take this opportunity to support students who we are ultimately supposed to represent.
-Hall states that it’s pretty unacceptable that a student group cannot bring forward their resolution in a timely manner they have been working towards. She wanted to ask and wanted to postpone until week 8, and wants to know his reasoning.
-Oved states he won’t be here for week 7 for a personal reason, and week 9 he is going to a conference. They talked about the BDS resolution moved forward to council and was told it would come Week 6, 7, 8, or 9 and that’s where it left off. That was the issue, he’s not going to be here week 7, and he pleads with council and let him be here for the resolution. This is an issue close to him and his community and his family. As the only Israeli-American on council, it would be discourteous to not have it presented were him. We wouldn’t bring a sexual assault without Badalich here. These resolutions apply to whatever background they come form.
-Jasso asks would he be open to skyping into the meeting. Are you more concerned with the vote? With regards to the actual resolution itself, she has her own personal concerns and that standard and precedent for presenting obstacles in a situation where you can technically Skype in or call in, is a little troublesome. She respects the fact that you are the only Israeli-American and you are representing your community, but recognize there’s no one there’s Palestinian here. There should be a way to compromise and meet in the middle because as student groups they are entitled to have their voice heard on
council with historical issue. There will be council members not comfortable to vote because they are uneducated.

-Oved stated he’s not stopping the resolution from coming, that’s not his goal. He just wants to be here with the resolution is presented. With precedents and standards, there are resolutions time and time again with three sponsors and submitted within the time frame. Holding that to a different resolution he would not be comfortable applying a different standard. He is not here to stop the resolution from being presented, it’s not his place to say no not bring it to council. He’s just saying get three sponsors and he wants to be here. 

-Joanino states first discuss the timeline and the process of bringing it to the table. We as a council have failed SJP and its because this is the most highly politicized issue that could come to student government. We are essentially silencing them because we aren’t recognizing all of the work. 

-Hall states there are two separate issues, such as when the are bringing forward. There’s also the issues of no sponsors. Personally, she would not be opposed to sponsoring the resolution simply for the fact that it deserves to be heard. She will be in the conversation just as much as everyone else. She is one of the folks that have been “radical.” However, she doesn’t think they should be stopped because other council members don’t feel comfortable putting their name. It’s in the bylaws there has to be 3 sponsors. Is there any way and have worked on it entirely by themselves, so no one feels politically implicated. 

-Zimmerman states you can vote to suspend the bylaws. She stated that there have been other resolutions drafted completely by student groups. 

-Lazarovici stated that Agatha from SJP did email her and asked her to talk about this. She really appreciated the email and has not written because it’s a very fraught issue for her and was when she was a student here. She thought, maybe by not she thought it would not be a part of campus life but it is. The reason she pointed out that she received this outreach as because the things she’s really been trying to impart is that you have to do the political groundwork to win support for your issues. There have been several times where very angry students have come and demanded things and it has been crystal clear they have done no outreach to any decision makers. It’s stunning that anyone expects results in a political campaign when they did not cultivate or ask for support. From a political organizing standpoint, props to SJP. She asks about how the three co-sponsors rule came up. With her experience on Capitol Hill, when there’s an interest group to move something forward they try to get as many cosponsors as possible shows strength and organizing. To her, if something does not have three cosponsors then it is not right yet for a vote. IF there are people in a group of 13, if there are not 3 people willing to cosponsor it that’s a very strong signal of where this issue is at. There are many issues in campus politics and state and national politics that are considered untouchable such as Medicare and Social Security. When Congress cut Medicare 30 years ago all hell broke loose. Prop 13 is considered untouchable, and you guys are taking it on. It takes time and an event or organizing to make it. Again, it’s still weird that this open meeting would not be added to the agenda because you can add stuff last minute. There have been a few times where people have referred to how hard people have worked on atopic, and that’s great. Everyone works hard on everything. That should not be something you base your decision. This isn’t about who works hard and how doesn’t. We all work hard on stuff we care about. Whether people worked hard is not debate. 

-Joanino states they are not voting on it, they are discussing it bringing it to the table.
-Naameh
-She stated that she met with BFI and Hillel and told them they would go to public comment. They have been fully transparent and tried to be inclusive of all committees and met with every single council member on this table. It’s really hard to believe that three people don’t agree and slate politics have destroyed this table. These fears are afraid of backlash from slates, from backlash from communities, you are put on this table to represent these students. Every single important issue is split up between slate politics. Slate politics should not be an impediment. Don’t let that stop you from letting student voices be heard or fear. You are elected for this year not saving your ass for next spring. It’s honestly really disheartening that as a UCLA student she knows how it goes and knows the politics behind this table, but don’t let that stop you from at least letting us bring a resolution through the table. There isn’t a Palestinian on the table, there is critical issues that need to be addressed because my money is going in to oppressing my family. She doesn’t care if it comes up and it’s not going to pass, but at least give them the opportunity to be brought to the table to let it be discussed like any other resolution. 
-Oved states she sees the resolution and it should be discussed and that is going through the process of getting three sponsor, and if people do sponsor it then that’s how the process should go. They shouldn’t change the by laws or add any bylaws and that’s unfair to any of the resolutions that have been passed before. It’s the situation of what it is and that’s the case.
-Jasso agrees with Oved, we don’t need to accommodate. This entire narrative of there isn’t 3 people who are willing to sponsor it. She hasn’t asked an of them if they are considered sponsoring it. You might sponsor it you might accept it, that process requires sponsor but after that it becomes a USAC resolution. That sponsor doesn’t matter at that point. This sponsorship idea is being assumed as no one that cares. She hasn’t heard a lot of this table just to have a discussion. Is there not two people who would at least have a conversation? Are you too worried that your commission is going to suffer because your independent? You aren’t going to get elected? This issue is right. We have had 3 AM meetings to talk about your resolution, they deserve the right to talk about SJP until 3 AM. She wants two people to step up just to say that this could be heard.
-Arce states that it’s a contentious issue and approached by it. It’s the whole slate issue. If we want to make it and bring it to the table and have the guts to do it then a LA person, an independent, and a Bruins United person just to have a conversation. He will put himself in there to have the conversation as the independent regardless of the outcome and regardless of what you think. Whether or not when to bring it. He really wants to look at everyone and at least have that conversation worth having and talk about it a couple weeks afterward and at least engage in meaningful dialogue.
-Oved states that with his resolution as much as it was there were council members that tried to discredit Singh, we should all remember such as Naameh and Hall stopping form it going to council. It’s not fair to assume that its about slate politics because if you don’t believe in it you should be allowed to decide. If student group wants a resolution sponsored you need to get your three sponsors you must go through the process.
-Hall states that the circumstances are very different where Ovid’s resolution was introduced and SJP’s based on outreach efforts and scheduling one on ones and its not exactly comparable between the two resolutions.
Naameh states that slate politics is pulling people into not touching the issue and its really fucked up and she commends them coming it up week after week and standing in solidarity and stand in solidarity to bring this to the tale. This group has done the much work and having teach ins and having screenings and having one on one meetings. They have been completely open since week1 and council members have been refusing to meet. If you are unprepared of rate issue than educate themselves. Here are your students here they are standing here and its affecting people on the most physical level. There family vies in the are adhere our money goes, and it’s a disservice to these students to no let it be go. They are looking for sponsors and she wants to put herself as a sponsor as well.

Trumble states it’s a lot of rhetoric and discussion and the only person who has really said anything was Arce and doing a real proposal and we’re all afraid of political backlash. If your saying your not your lying. If we want to do this then it must be done the right way, and the way Arce presented it’s the right away.

Kim asks if its treating it as an exception, compared to others? As much as she likes she wants to follow protocol. If we are being bullied by slate politics, then one of us has to have the guts to do it if we don’t care about backlash. If you don’t personally think that she doesn’t want anyone to sponsor it and regret it because they cant support it or defend it.

Lazarovici wants to speak in defense of slate politics on a more national and state level. We have two parties and no body would say to Congress that whether your a democrat or republican shouldn’t matter to you or how you vote. What party you’re in is a short hand way telling the world a set of core principles and beliefs. If a candidate is running out of a democrat, you already know a few base line things based on their party. Part of their job is to cultivate the survival and success of their parties. Every elected democrat in Congress wants that next crop of democrats to be successful. There is a sense of legacy and purpose over time. It’s a sense of legacy over time and being elected. She’s doesn’t like the way the slates have shaken out at UCAL. The cleavages are a little weird and its okay to say your from a specific slate and these are the core principles and I care about future activists in that slate. Treat it as a way to organize your political lives.

Hall states that politics is everything that is wrong with this world. The reason of the government shut down was because of slate politics. Reducing this to slate politics is detracting from the issue at hand, Palestinian rights. She understands that slate politics come into play but we have an opportunity and duty as representatives to at least hear this out. To at least have this conversation. We’ve had this conversation year after year and it very much seems as if its right and seems that there are students asking. She put herself out there and she will stand by what she’s saying. We still need to hear these issues and talk about it. Stop worrying about what you’re going to look like, but how are you going to feel about this later in life if you make a compromise on how you truly believe on something small.

Haws states to be honest they are all worrying about what they look like. He is trying to keep his issues with his principles, he can’t put himself into defending the resolution and accept friendly amendments and he’s heard concerns of different communities about it being offensive to certain communities that he stills need to be process. It’s not about image, but he can’t be in this position with this resolution that he doesn’t know enough about.
Singh states that when he thinks about sponsoring a resolution, he supports every aspect of it. He doesn’t know if he does with this one, partly because he hasn’t seen it. We have different interpretations of what it means to sponsor, and to him sponsoring it means bring it forward and have a discussion and then defend it.

Jasso states that to wrap this conversation up potentially would be perhaps to circulate the language. Three people have said in the room, that they would potentially be sponsors of it. Once other council members read it and see it as a humanitarian issue and see it as valuable and valid. Just move forward this conversation needs to move forward.

Jasso yields time to Denned

Denned states that they offered to sit down and go through the resolution with council and they are more than willing to sit and go through it before their finalized version is ready. No one has taken up on the offer of even reading the text of the resolution. In terms of co-sponsored, the offer is still open. They aren’t asking them to sponsor blindly and fully support it, they just want to support it.

Nelson stated that he wants to see it and so did Jasso.

Oved yields time. She said she would love.

Oved stated that people interested can set up meetings and move forward.

Jasso yields the floor to Tammy.

Tammy Ruben, president of Hillel stated they talked about their concerns. Honestly, it was a great experience, there was a lot of tension but it was very respectful and they listened to their concerns and we listened to their thought processes.

Ramalho yields to Jacob.

Jacob stated that the meeting was respectful and SJP wanted to reach out to the Jewish committee and see what they see in a certain resolution. The writers should seriously consider putting in the Jewish community opinions, it should take more than just 2 days.

Ramalho states that if you’re interested in cosponsoring meet with them, look over the resolution, let’s think of a way as council to prevent this from being a roadblock.

Kim yields to Tammy.

Tammy states that same with council getting a copy of the resolution and to reiterate that Hillel wants a copy, they can see it in progress or something or if you want to release it’s still under review and writing she truly respects.

Joanino states that personally she really wants to debate this with every single council member. It means a lot to our campus community, and what makes this issue different? He personally doesn’t have ties to the issue, but people in the past have had death threats on this issue. We don’t think we’d see this over a resolution of sexual assault. He does see fear in council eyes and slate politics.

X. Announcements

Rogers states there’s a financial literacy workshop and tax savings in 6-7 in the career center. There’s a leadership in diversity conference and CAC and Gen Rep 2 was in it.

Arce states that CSC will be putting a workshop on called Life After Service for cover letters and resumes. It will be from 5:30-7pm in the career center, bring your resumes.

Trumble states it’s hip hop appreciation month and this Wednesday it’s a Word themed around Valentines Day and it’s going to be packed. They are having John West perform from 7-9PM. Bamboo will be there and professors. Next week is the Fashion Show from 7-9 and last Thursday is Hip Hop Explosion.
-February 26th is the funding panel, SHREC, CAC, TGIF, EVP, BOD, and CS Mini will all be available that student orgs have. From 4-5 that’s going to be are you a wreck over red workshops. SGA and funding advocates will put that on. Why stop your service after college? Servicers due February 28.

-Kim states that a CAC speaker next week, RJ Misty who plays Walter White Jar is an actor in Hollywood dealing with getting jobs and actually has cerebral palsy Moore 100, 8:30 on Wednesday.

-Denial asks if everyone’s going to be Week 8.

-Singh stated tomorrow is Field of Dreams and on Thursday Food trucks and on Friday they are spreading the love. Thank you for the input regarding the proposal for finance committee.

-Hall shows the flier of what’s happening at Berkeley, it’s going viral soon.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XI. Adjournment
- Trumble moves to adjourn. Ramalho seconds.
  Meeting adjourned 9:32 pm.

XII. Good and Welfare