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AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
March 11, 2014
7:00 PM

PRESENT: John Joanino, Avi Oved, Maryssa Hall, Omar Arce, Sam Haws, Darren Ramalho, Lauren Rogers, Savannah Badalich, 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: Jessica Kim, Lizzy Naameh

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

-Joanino passes around the attendance sheet.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

- Ramalho moves to strike ASRF. Singh seconds.

-Oved moves to add Finals Week Meeting and Spring Break as an action item. Trumble seconds.

-Badalich moves to strike Student Wellness Programming Fund. Trumble seconds.

-Singh moves to strike GenRep2 Report. Ramalho seconds.

Trumble calls to question. Hall seconds.

10-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended.

B. Approval of the Minutes from March 4, 2014

Ramalho moves to approve the minutes. Trumble seconds.

10-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

-In light of the the recent divestment resolution she wants to read some hate mail that SJP and solidarity Peace will come to the middle east when the Palestinians love their families hate the Jews. This one was to Fem magazine "Head out of their variants I hope they never breed and their stupidity dies with them." This one was in response to Israeli students in support of divestment "as a Jew I say it is a pity that Hustler didn't gas your grandparents it's a shame we have to deal with you." This is one to SJP President "When will be more Palestinians be wanted for their talent and know how. Those who have done that have had a successful meaningful life, how many terrorists can a single group of people produce? If you persist in going against Israel and the Jews you will continue to lose. If your people suffer you should have to deal with Arab students, you have to deal with it. Jews here are not privileged while your group just whines and demands." That's

just a few she didn't want to read some of the more personal attacks. For those who think that the campus climate think its bright and sunny.

-He is going to read La Gene written by "No ifs and or buts about it. (la genet magazine article)

-She was here last week and she doesn't know why council didn't address it when it left. She's here representing the Armenian Student Association. There's been a lot of talk about campus climate and feelings and there's an issue that's very near dear to us and its about the media and the region of Nark?? Her community feels really uncomfortable that endorses the slander of Armenians. Although it was done without knowledge they just want to discuss the fact that this is the reason that council members shouldn't be aligned with lobbies and they are representing communities on campus. When it reaches out to a larger lobby alienates other students. It's like if I was part of the Armenian association of America would make Turkish students uncomfortable. This isn't a personal attack on AIPAC, an attack would be writing an op-ed. This is just student interaction. The problem we have that AIPAC has basically slapped Armenian community in the face continuously. Slapped down the Armenian Resolution in 2005 and Tula Manor?? That called Armenians liars and thought it was so great and talk about some bullshit military alliance. It's sad that students were there to hear it. That's what a lobby is, presenting information form a bias standpoint. She cannot condemn her friends, but councilmembers cannot go to such conferences it makes them uncomfortable. AIPAC has basically delegitimized Armenia and questioned the right of self determination in Armenians. We know everyone has been an ally to Armenian without the knowledge. The one sacrifice is to let go of organizational bias. Do not attach yourself to a larger lobby with agenda. You can represent a community but you cannot represent a lobby. My community has a letter to read and it doesn't have to do with divest. It has to do with her community feel betrayed.

An Open Letter to Avi Oved

President of the Muslim Student Association

-There were a lot of hateful remarks and some of them were particular islamaphobic. MSA released a press release and various student organizations. He just wants to follow up to all of USAC and thanks the OP, EVP, Gr3, CAC, SWC, and FSC for their endorsements. He just wants to follow up with everyone else and asks them to respond as soon as possible. They would love to have a definitive answer so they can release it to the press because it is a time sensitive issue. Please email him, and thanks Oved for meeting with them. In case its lost in the inbox, he'll bump.

-Reading from the Center of Human Rights in Caterpillar

What does a military need bulldozers for?

Security measures are justified as some way to keep people secure from Palestinians, as if they are inherently violent. These measures such as the wall go significantly far beyond under what Israel is going to do. We are invested in a handful of companies in those continuing to build and maintain that wall. Those 2 weeks are another 2 weeks invested in companies invested in violence rather than peace, and hurt rather than help our communities. One of the nicest things that even though you failed to take leadership and get us out of human rights abuses, and the students in the campus from 2:1 said it's not okay. We aren't asking you to be leaders, we are asking you to follow the lead.

-He wants to speak about the Armenian Student Association Members. They feel that even implied endorsement of Ellen Truman the Ambassador of Raga ? is problematic and makes him feel safe. When his IVP who is supposed to be the representative of ASA, Campus, and USAC is not okay. This person represents a campus of so many gross violations and one of the problems with this is that then your praising someone like this you might not know what your praising him, your praising him nonetheless. He personally would appreciate an explanation as well as an apology to the community. In addition, it is not appropriate for a USAC representative to take these liberties because one might not often know what they are aligning themselves with. It could be perceived at the UCLA community that a USAC rep is endorsing someone like this as if we approve of that government. He expects that in the future USAC members don't invest in that way through endorsement and praise.

Eric Adams

He wants to talk about his experiences post-divestment. Last week he spoke on behalf of Afrikaans, to which he has been called a liar and still been called liar. There is a strong sense of anti-blackness. Given the issue when talking about checkpoints some of those biometrics are still used in the prison knowing that 60% of the prison population is black. It has been very unsafe because of the things he had said and those who spoke out, and he has residents told him he is a liar and on Facebook and he cant read and ask if they have ever seen a clean Ethiopian. These comments are not singular events but supported by a larger campus climate which allows individuals to be ignorant and perpetuates that ignorance. He wants to make sure that his community is educated on and for. He wants to see a council to prevent someone from calling them a liar and oppression. He doesn't think the diversity requirement is not a drop in the bucket. Each office should actively work for diversity and he wants to see more and take chances. He wants to see CEC really radical black speakers and talk about how we can invest in black service workers and how we can create a school to UC pipeline through AAC and there a lot of ideas but he just wants to see y'all take initiative.

Jason Smith

-He is actually an alumni who graduated in June and he goes to NYU Ties and he is in the program called Art and Public Policy. He wants to update everyone about how wonderful his life has been after UCLA. He wants to talk about the importance and intersection of arts and politics and how he's learned a lot of critical theory and critical theorists to deconstruct the world and give us the critical skills to view the world. It raises a lot of questions on who owns and who governs art and the beuracry and institutions of

art. These are some very real serious questions because its highly connected to the same issues they are all presenting such as the prison industrial complex and conflict in communities. He is in a class called the art of organizational building and its about in ways and which organizations are built and sustained. With that, how can we create a utopia, it does not exist. We are trying to imagine a new world and they have been working on the initiative the US DC of Department of Art and Culture is the nations newest people power department founded on the truth that art and culture are the most powerful and under tapped resources for structural change. Its radically inclusive and vibrantly playful, the US DAC aims to spark a grassroots and creative change to engage millions rooted in empathy and equity for social imagination together to create a world they wish to inhabit. He lives in Brooklyn now and the world looks a lot different outside of Westwood, and he wants everyone to spread the love and stop ignoring the vital role that arts and culture play in advancing innovation and democracy. Maybe some of these questions could be solved through art. It's not a federal department, it would be so great if it was because everybody is touched by art and culture. If you want to apply, he welcomes.

To Avi Oved: Before your endorsements, if there was any diligence done or any due diligence done to the government he represented. He's sure there's at least one Armenian student you would have known and would you clarify what's being endorsed and whose being endorsed so you know, he wants to know that they are more happy to help assist him and has the knowledge to do so.

IV. Special Presentations

A. Armenian Student Association

-The Ngoro Karabachos and Azerbaijan Conflict. The issue of political endorsement, influence, and fair student body representation. She wants to preface it with the fact that this issue affects all of us. She is privileged to be in America and this is a very contemporary issue that they are discussing. This is Historic Armenia that is way over 2500 years old including the region where Ngoro Karabachos is. It's in between Europe and Asia essentially. The Narvon Karabachos is in this area. In 1924 Azerbaijan and Armenia became part of the Soviet Union and under Stalin's pressure this historic land of Armenia was essentially allotted to the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan under pragmatic reasons and it has been cited that Azerbaijan and Turkey were political allies and the Turks wanted to win the communist cause to eventually join the Soviet Union. Flash forward to 1988 with the people of Nagorno-Karabakh vote to unify with Armenia. Under the constitution of the Soviet Union there's a principle of self determination and voted to unify with Armenia. This had a violent response within Azerbaijan.

-They want to point out that when the territory of Ngoro Karabachos was populated 94% by Armenians and over the course of the next 60 years or so, Armenians in that region faced many massacres so the population within Ngoro Karabakh went to 74%. Something that happened in response were the massacres in towns of Azerbaijan as sort of retaliating against the people. At this time, hundreds fled the country and became displaced refugees. Two weeks ago the massacres were commemorated by congressman. For example congressman Adam Schiff states "These pogroms were only part of a pattern of anti-Armenian activities occurring throughout Azerbaijan setting the stage for two

decades of aggression. A once thriving population of 250,000 Armenians living in Azerbaijan virtually disappeared.”

-In 1988 tensions were rising and war was ultimately declared. The war lasted 6 years and in 1994 a cease fire was facilitated by Russia and at that point the people at Nagorno Karabakh gained full control of its land, and is not autonomous with its own government, military, and airport. There are ceasefire violations continue until this day, and Azerbaijan still claims the NKR to be theirs. The airport has continually have to be shutdown.

-They want to address the issue of the Kodaly “Massacre” in 1992 during the way in a town on the border between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan had blocked off the borders of Nagorno-Karabakh, preventing the people from having access to food, water, electricity, and other resources. The forces of the NKR retaliated by attacking the Azeri forces in Kodaly. This area is now used as a buffer zone between the two forces. The government of Azerbaijan now claims this was a “genocide” thereby trivializing the word.

-A more recent event in 2004 at a NATO program and during the time of this program Lieutenant Safarov broke into the room of Armenian and killed him an axe and tried to do so the same thing. He was arrested and tried but Azerbaijan and Safarov was extradited and he was immediately pardoned and promoted and given six years pay and celebrated in the streets as a hero. If this is not enough to show hateful, there is a picture of him in the parade. This is a quote of Safari “O regret that I hadn’t killed any Armenian before this. If there were more Armenians here I would like to kill all of them. My calling is to kill all of the Armenians.”

-This is not an isolated incident,, the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has publicly declared hate against the Armenians and hate crimes. He quotes “I was condemned baselessly and so many foreign dishonest politicians made accusations against me, because the Azerbaijani officer, Ramil Safarov, returned to his homeland and I gave his freedom. There will come a time when we live on these Armenian lands. I am convinced of it to bring this sacred day closer.” He’s called Armenia a country of no value and he blatantly wants to declare war.

-Just to reiterate this, these kinds of things have obviously been condemned by the international community and the incident was condemned by Hungarians and condemned by President Obama and Aliyev has been cited saying many other similar quotes such that their flags will fly over the capitol of Armenia.

-Where AIPAC comes in. This lobbying organization has aligned itself with Azerbaijan and invited him to speak at their conference two weeks ago. At the AIPAC Policy Conference titled “New Allies: Israel and the Caucasus Region” states “I call on the members of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) to address the congressmen representing their states and not to fall under the influence of pro-Armenian lobby groups.” AIPAC has assisted the Turkish lobby in striking down resolutions that recognize the Armenian Genocide in the US Congress.

Elin Suleymanov Azeri Ambassador hosted at AIPAC 2014 Conference represents something problematic and wants to educate council to avoid any wrong alliances. They understand they might not be aware of all positions, and expects all of USAC council members to refrain from doing so because you never know what’s behind the actions of a politician because in doing so they feel they are misrepresented.

-Hadjimanoukian states council members role in the larger lobbying congress. They did a great job on why this issue made them feel uncomfortable and as USAC try to represent all students and we can take steps to separate from other larger issues without them feeling uncomfortable. Whether or not they were the intentions but coming from their perspective he wanted to make it clear.

-Jasso wants to mention something that happened last year with Yasser GR3, and he was affiliated with something and publicly disclosed it prior to going because was an Ambassador. She wants everyone to know that they should disclose or tell us to stop things because Yassar asked permission from council. Making sure we disclose that information in the future.

-Oved wants to thank everyone for coming and personally he didn't know the implications of the conflict itself and wants to learn more. He wants to clarify that he never endorsed or promoted him and that's something very important for him to say. He is not receiving monetary funding or benefits, but he let everyone know he wasn't going to be here because of the conference. He knows a lot of them and has been friends with them, and it hurts him that it meant a lot to them and they couldn't come to him personally because they know some of you has his number. He definitely wants to learn more about and sit down and learn more about the conflict.

-Ramalho asks for a copy of the presentation emailed.

-Hall thanks the Armenian Student Association and giving the presentation and for educating them about the issues. She wishes they had more student groups talk about issues.

-Badalich states her favorite part of council is learning the stuff other people are passionate and she really does appreciate it.

-Again ASA wants to reiterate its not the fact that your not aware of the issue and it bothers us because they don't expect them to be, the issue though that even if its openly disclosed but at the end of the day you represent the entire student body and when you go to a conference that brought this man even though it is disclosed because obviously they do take offense to it. By saying a statement that says I am AIPAC and the organization has praised him and all of that it does offend them. Its supposed to be a safe space and good campus climate and that hurt that if anything.

-Joanino states its an interesting topic of conflict of interest, misrepresentation, and attachment. He doesn't think Oved used any office resources there are still other councilmembers. There is a larger question and conversation about what council members are allowed to do and what we're allowed to align themselves with.

-Kaliabkian wants to clarify the message that any council member is allowed to represent their community and everyone is entitled to their political belief but the sacrifice they have to do when they are a councilmember that once you are elected that bias needs to go away. You cannot be part of AIPAC while in council, but before and after that's fine but the sacrifice that needs to be made is that you cannot specifically align themselves with a lobby.

B. CS Mini

-Arce asked Eliot to come in today so we can see what CS Mini is up to.

-Eliot is the chair for CS Mini Fund. CS is a supplemental programming fund that funds up to \$3,500 for reoccurring and one time service programs and look for programs that promote long term service ranging on a variety of different programs.

-The allocation process is an online submission and goals of program and budget. There is a hearing in 10 minutes with a 2 minute intro, a 6 minute QA, and a 2 minute closing. Then there is an allocation meeting.

-The new and exciting things are the green movement with a hearing signs up online and the quarter evaluations are online. The application pool serves about 60 groups a quarter when last year it was about 30. There is also a new daily bruin advertisement to promote it to organizations so people know it was a source.

-The budget breakdown with three different funding cycles of 6 week to each quarter. The year total is \$82,651.17. From Nov 4-Feb 10 and they received 53 applications with \$90,174.57 requested and \$33,442.89 allocated. The groups received 37% of eligible allocation and groups spend 82% of allocation.

-In the winter cycle it ran from Feb 10-May 5 with 63 groups. They have \$115, 725.29 requested and \$34, 874 allocated. The total budget has about \$20, 388. 34 for Spring, but its only a month cycle from May 5- June 13.

For troubleshooting they want to advertise other funding source, make the allocation process transparent, push collaborations, stop advertising CS-Mini, facilitate collaborations with other groups, and host office hours for new orgs.

-Singh mentioned that the first funding cycle every group received 37%, and he asks if that was a flat number or was it an average?

-Eliot stated 37% based on the score.

-Singh clarifies you give them 37% of what they are eligible for?

-Eliot says yes.

-Geller asks if they received problems with getting too little amounts.

-Eliot says they make a few adjustments for groups and it has been a struggle with some projects. A lot of projects pad their funds really high and is problematic because it raises their totals and our totals and brings it down in an unfortunate balance.

-Dr. Nelson asks if the 6,000 is for Spring quarter

-Eliot states its because of the different duration of the funding cycles.

-Joanino asks why do you think there's a drastic increase in groups applying to CS Mini this year than last year

-Eliot stated they tried to market a little more especially during Summer and he's involved in community service commission. There are new community service programs also popping up.

-Zimmerman states it's great that 82% of funds used and during allocation they break up into smaller groups so its easier environment for people to ask questions and get business cards especially with this many new groups. Some times they don't want to ask the question because they don't want to hold up the whole group. Therefore the resources are a little more scarce and is now coming to CS Mini for supplemental application almost like a little snowball.

C. Finance Committee Report

-Jasso states she's talking about SOOF and SGOF. This presentation will cover examining the funds. They've had this conversation about SOOF because of stipend

increases. The remaining funds after restricted line-teams in the Administrative Overheard have been distributed, become net budget table funds. Those funds are then distributed to two funding sources: SOOF/SGOF. For SOOF the budget was \$106, 842 (80%) and SGOF \$26, 731 (20%)

-Jasso states there's this trend of council members not spending SGOFF, their operational funds. Each USAC Council Offices/Commissions received \$2,058.61 each. In previous year, Council members have received a little more than \$2,500 each. This is a 43.4% expenditure rate. There is about 11,000 spent and 15,000 unspent.

-The lack of SGOF Expenditure in the 2011-2012 FY there is a 63.6% expenditure rate. In the 2012-2013 FY, there is a 49.3% expenditure rate.

-Jasso recommends that the graph is a big problem. This idea that you all receive SGOF automatically and how can we call ourselves proponent of fair funding and sort of entitle themselves to \$2,000 while student groups are getting \$356 and about \$200 in the second year. By virtue of your own title, you receive \$1,700 more. You cannot be a proponent of fair funding and not apply those standards to yourself. For example, reinstate application process to better cater to office's actual needs and force councilmembers to create budgets. She also tells everyone to reconsider the 80-20 percentage split. We're talking about USAC accountability and she's bringing the accountability to you all. If there is so much being left unspent, then is that 80%-20% that percentage council deems fit. Their stipends will not be going away, SOOF will still be left at this position. How do we alleviate this burden? There are a vast majority of SOOF left unspent. How do we decrease the burden? Perhaps we might consider the 80-20 a little excessive seeing you're spending at a 60% rate.

-Jasso says she will be talking about funding disparity. If there is something wrong with the actual procedure if it was unfair then that's grounds for any student organization to file a grievance against the funding source in question. She's thinking about SOOF this winter quarter, and why is there a \$156 difference on average between the first and second round. There are formulas being objective when created and subjective when implemented. Student organizations who applied during the first round of SOOF received more funds, therefore inherently giving them an advantage. 80% should be allocated during the first round of SOOF and therefore \$80,000 eligible able to receive and 20% left for winter quarter. This 20% translated to a little bit over \$25,000. Groups had less access to funds. Last years disbursement was a 60-40% distribution. Last year the council gave 60% during fall and 40% during winter with the assumption more groups apply during fall than during winter.

-Zimmerman states that during the second SOOF they have access to additional funds.

-Jasso states no surplus added to SOOF. Whatever is remaining in administrative overheard that's what they have to work with.

-Zimmerman states usually 300-400 apply in Fall and 72 in Winter. In years past, the groups apply in Winter would have advantage because so many groups apply in Fall. However, this year when you have more than the average of 400 you assume more groups apply in Fall perhaps the numbers in winter will lower, and think spheres more in choosing the number then. Perhaps a lower percentage being institutionalized would be better.

-Jasso states that mores that in her opinion she does not believe that 80-20% split was something that was even adequate. Jasso recommends that previous years the second

round has received more funds, but now the tables have turned. For her, she believes there needs to be a research done to better predict how they allocated to best cater to student organizations and not have one student group apply in Fall receive twice the amount. This is inherently unfair. Now they understand that this year really highlights the disparity that they need to find ways to address the problem. The ebbs and flows of SOOF will better allow us to create tools to better reflect the type of applications we get would be a better bet instead of guessing 80-20 or assuming 80-20.

-Joanino asks is there data being spent in Fall and it isn't being rolled over and the larger SOOF issue and that's a way to explore getting SOOF to use funds so the allocations can close out and then roll over. To see what percentage is actually being given out.

-Jasso states that's an interesting solution but her only thing is that its operational funds supposed to be used throughout the year. So in her mind that would be her only problem unless we sort of removed that you can only apply to SOOF once and allow student groups to apply again and that's the only problem I see. She also wants to talk about the funding study group and the budget review committee. She really believes that these are the spaces we should be having these conversations and be creating solutions that could potentially help us. USAC a lot of the times we have tools at are disposable and we don't use them. She really asks for the Vice Chair of the Funding Study Groups to have a meeting to have these conversations about all the funding sources. CS Mini Fund is going through their own issues and how much they have to allocate. She wants to definitely suggest using those spaces we already have to foster dialogue to create solutions.

-Geller asks for reminders of acronyms.

-Student Organizational Operational Fund and Student Government Operational Fund

-Geller asks why don't you just cut the 40%

-Hadjimanoukian states some offices do and those need to apply which states the progression of applying.

-Trumble states she'd be happy to take their funding, and it definitely makes sense to have people apply. She's created a budget and uses all her SGOF and all directors went to SGA. She doesn't understand why they wouldn't be doing budgets. All of us ran on platforms, would you not allocate funding ahead of time to determine how they do it? Why do you have those funds if you do not use them? Do you have the number of how many groups applied in winter and how many groups in fall?

-Jasso states 95 during Winter and during Fall there are 4-5 pages of student groups. All the information is online.

-Hall states taking the recommendations and applying them, what would be the process for adjusting the 80-20 split to something more reasonable and including having council members apply.

-Jasso states the application process itself is written in bylaws with a flat rate in SGOF. It would be a bylaw change. The application is still online. With regards to 80-20, its part of the administrative overhead.

-Zimmerman states it changed a few years back and SGOF happened over Summer where a few council members couldn't be here. Before some groups would receive more than others, the pot number didn't change but the distribution changed. Some offices without referendums and this is the only source of funding council wanted to institutionalize so everyone had base funding to move forward. They found the discrepancies in the process and be minimal to need base. It seemed like the most logical

way in moving forward. One of the things we should have stressed is having determined approved budgets and everyone should have had to turn that in. She's more than happy to bring it back. It would force council to approve a budget review director a little sooner.

-Kapalolu stated the other part that the administrators should one hand apply for this money but on the other hand is the output. Is there an easier way for groups to access the fund. A lot of students don't work with budget sheets, we must make it more accessible. We can assist administrative to give money back so they don't have to spend their own so let us administrators know because its your student fees. Any help with you all and talk to Jacob about it. Last year they tried to have smaller info sessions and they were trying to tell everyone the information they needed. Any way they can go ahead and solve this problem will definitely take. They will likely take them and implement and following it up with student groups.

-Joanino stated the SOOF SGOF can we put that in bylaws or do it when we do budget.

-Jasso stated it would be in administrative overhead conversation.

-Zimmerman stated we can choose to have that vote and have Debbie Simmons come in and then she would institute that change in the next budget. It would be more efficient to make the decision before budget.

-Nelson states that she's just wondering that one it's a good idea that budgets be posted by SGOF. He's concerned about in fighting if there's not a standard each office gets. Using the term in physics, every action there's a reaction. If everyone has a budget and they can justify why they have it and can use it, fantastic. If people are fighting to get the funds that can come to the table. Second, its so hard to predict how many students will apply. She's done an excellent job trying to figure this out. If you think in terms of having a reserve Fall or Winter it might be helpful for what happened in Spring.

-Rogers asks what SOOF and SGOF transfer dates.

-Jasso states that when the fiscal year ends, your signature is still valid. The new commissioner has nothing to work with until August 1. Your signature is still valid until we end the fiscal year. Anything purchased before May 31st, and your successors would still need your signature. After that date when it closes and take a hold. For SOOF April 25th ideally and can still submit requisitions until we officially start to close our books.

-Arce states for SGOF it depends on the nature of the office. Some offices are programmatic such as CSC, and second one regarding the successors the way we usually plan is that we leave a couple thousand bucks for the office for their successor to come with budgeting and planning. He thought every office submitted a budget.

-Jasso states during first year of tenure she asked all offices to submit a budget, that's another question and did everyone do it that's another question. Commissioners who receive a referendum have to do a budget but everyone else doesn't necessarily have to do it.

-Jasso has upcoming events of are you a wreck over your reds? Workshops to be held on April 8th and April 23rd. Signing Day is April 25th all day office hours from 9am-5pm.

-Singh asks to email the presentation.

-Joanino states the Red form deadline is coming up

V. Appointments

VI. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – John Joanino

- Last Friday he met with Homeboy Industries which is an organization in Los Angeles that provides services such as tattoo removal and GED education for folks formerly incarcerated with folks that were plagued from violence of communities that don't have resources. Homeboy provides job and resources. They met with director of Business Development and with ASUCLA Board to connect them and promote equity. This is an organization that received a grant of LA2050. Yesterday, Night YRL started and happy to extend Click hours to midnight. The Bruin card Redesign deadline is strictly Friday to evaluate those within the next coming days. They have talked about committee for debrief and the only that emailed is Trumble and Haws to clarify what needs to happen with media and events and the venue to do next time. He met with chancellor yesterday and talked about ECP and how it can be a problematic policy for those who have to take time off and dedicated towards jobs and other commitments. ECP is Expected Cumulative Progress. The Chancellor said it would be an ongoing review with Pat Turner and those who support retention. He also talked about the Survey Award and hopefully Chancellor Block will be at the award ceremony. March 17 the campus climate survey will come out to see what the data says and the data should be astonishing to say the least.

-Singh asks if the ECP article was in the daily bruin?

-Joanino stated that it was in daily bruin and he will cc to all of council.

B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Oved states they've secured \$7,000 in cue and tried to move forward with Badalich. The budget reports for USAC are going to come out hopefully this week and compiling the information that the budget director comes out and transform to user friendly documents. His director for Spring Activities Fair reached out to have booths the first week of Spring quarter Thursday from 11am-2pm and it will be really exciting to work with SOUL. They are already moving on to waiting list. Also, ally week is coming up Spring Quarter Week 3 and officers and GR1 and GR2 at 3pm in the LGBT resource center. There are a lot of different ways to contribute. It will be really exciting and really amazing. He also wants to touch upon public comment. He appreciated the fact that Armenian student Association educating. He did not praise or endorse the political representative in any form or fashion, and when he said he never did he didn't disagree. His presence isn't considered an endorsement. And he wasn't acting on behalf of UCLA IVP or USAC when he was going to this event on his own time and own expenses with nothing tied to the University. If they had concerns with what they do as IVP then that's something that's an appropriate forum. If we are all involved in not tied to the University, that's something very personal and a conversation he's excited to have them. It's really cool to learn about global issues he wasn't knowledgeable about. It was interesting that no council member should associate with any lobby because we are all part of different organizations and each one has its own purpose, like EVP is part of lobby should we do away with the EVP office? USSA is not we are tied to and they have their own agenda and don't want to step away from that space because its integral but that's in the realm of EVP itself. If you want to learn more about AIPAC he's down to educate and types of issues and that's something they did on the own time and appreciated if communicated personally.

C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

-Hall states that USSA had a grass roots organizing lobby conference, and it is a student run and student initiated grass root initiation trying to make education more accessible and affordable for all students and had a long history because we are all directly engaged with everything USSA. They are sending 25 students from all different parts and prepping for Student Lobby Conference happening first week of Spring Quarter. They are going to have a panel with local representatives of those passionate about Prop 13 Reform and how we need to reform it. Hall states that from the public commenters that they talked about essentially islamophobic comments made two weeks ago and its really interesting and ironic that they like to have a wide range of things that affect students on campus and off campus that they were going to do a statement about Islam phobia. It was really interesting timing that Thursday right before the meeting and they had a great conversation what it means to compact is and islamaphobia running rampant in light of 9/11. She encourages everyone to challenge themselves that aren't comfortable. She encourages everyone to come to staff meetings.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

-Ramalho states tomorrow from 11-1 they are having their fourth stress free day, and the theme is Cheer Up with Gen Rep 1 and CSC. It's dogs, not puppies because puppies get stressed around a lot of people. There are blue books, cantons, and fun stuff and Haws is doing something specific with mental health. A lot of exciting happening with the diversity requirement and last week they had the chance to meet with a group of students to develop a strategy plan that will be more long term and go beyond terms on the council member. He talked with the plans to take about diversity requirement, and its exciting to see that Jan is having to have a diversity requirement pass by December of this year. His office week 2 will be doing a town hall and doing a student input and working specifically on what the requirement will look like. It was a really encouraging conversation and there has also been a lot of support for diversity requirement. He will keep everyone posted and wants opt thank Joanino and Hall. He looked through the resolutions and GSA just talked about a resolution supporting diversity requirement, and look out for that. Lastly, for next quarter they will be hosting Academic Inequity Awareness and disparity all throughout the United States.

-Arce wants to make a quick comment, but Arce met with Jana to include Service Learning about the diversity requirement and to underscore the importance of service learning. Diversity is not just about reading, its about interacting with communities and service learning is a great gateway to diversity requirements.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Badalich thanks Jasso for the presentation and she's going through the budget and which committees have spent which, and she's a little bit disappointed in some of them. If you haven't heard that UCOP changed the sexual harassment and sexual violence policy, the same one sent to Joanino in November and the student feedback went back to UCOP as student responses. Other UCs reached out to UCLA and a lot of changes we had enacted such as the entire consent definition and how dating or relationships is not sufficient evidence for consent. You need ongoing consent and can be revoked at any

time. Consent is affirmative, unambiguous, and a conscience decision. The two things they didn't add was the medical amnesty clause and a good Samaritan clause from witnesses without fear and UCLA will implement those changes in ours including the protection for undocumented students specifically because there is so little representation. She wants to protect them who want to go to police and go through student conduct. She thought it would be interesting to make Google maps of street harassment of sexual harassment in Westwood and LA in two ways it's a Google map and in another way it's an application. The way it will work is where they can pinpoint where they've had street harassment and they will catalogue all the locations of street harassment both to show UCPD and to show the space of what's happening. This is sort of up to negotiation and art activism she wants to put something so a story or a manifestation of discrimination has a physical presence so people navigating that space. It's a form of art activism and implements with 7000. Street harassment is an early issue in conjunction with sexual assault and forms of bystander intervention. It doesn't actually start and stop of non consensual it starts with racism, rape jokes, sexism, and she really loved the idea. She wants to do it with conjunction with other universities in the LA area. Look forward to SWC one on Bruin Health Week and Health care and one on 7000 in solidarity such as sexual assault awareness month. There are at least 3 programs every week during April. In full disclosure, the California Coalition against Sexual Assault and she's applied to the summit and is considering going to a Feminist majority meeting and also that's it. Look forward to emails during Spring break since SWC does most of their programming during Spring and during elections the promises that are still made will still happen.

- Zimmerman states they are reaching out some directors of spending funds and she's happy to help spend funds and help going through the process together.
- Joanino states that just to brag all the changes to UCOP came from UCLA. It sucks the medical policy and good Samaritan weren't taken in but something can do.

F. Administrative Representatives

- Lazarovici states she loves the public comment about creating a UC pipeline. She's really fascinated about the issue about when you are all interacting with the world and where does council self end and where does self begin? Clearly outside of this role you have other interests and passions and activities and sometimes you are such as when Badalich and Arce went to conferences as council members. From what it seems Oved went to AIPAC as Avi. In her twitter handle, she has something that indicated her paid work but she sends out tweets about USAC. There can often be a distinction when people disagree on the actual content to frame it in a way about the form that it happened so that if you disagree about an issue it would be expressed in a way how it happened and its valuable to separate those out and understand they disagree whether it happened in a lobbying setting or not and the framing around it. Don't study too hard, don't stay up all night, don't sleep in the library, grades are not that important. She got really good grades and no one ever asks the GPA. In retrospect she wants to give up .3 of GPA to having more fun, going to plays, goofing off, having some downtime. Don't study too hard.
- Nelson states he had fun in school and he didn't have the grades. What he wants to say has to do with campus climate, and UCLA has the diversity that shows we really need to appreciate and understand with our campus climate. There's a lot more complexity and a lot louder student voices and a lot more freedom for people to express their opinions here.

He's really disappointed in faculty for dragging the heels and the need to have diverse people converse in the classroom is something that's sort of lacking. You can have the physical diversity but people do not communicate. Whatever goes on regarding the diversity requirement, because our campus climate is not nearly as positive as where it should be. It will improve if classrooms were safe and faculty fosters it. Other campuses have this difficulty, but our campus is a lot more complex. In the 60's there were a lot of turmoil and senility, and now people go on the internet and say what they want to say and perplexed on the negative things the students are getting. Sometimes the people do it purposefully, but other times they don't have the sensitivity to understand people with a different opinion. Whatever the hate mail is, let it run off your back and the faculty is largely responsible because its up the students in individual offices.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

- Trumble moves to approve. Badalich seconds.
 - Jasso states that \$3,111 recommended. \$65,089.40 left in contingency and accounts were closed today and got an additional \$4,000.
 - Oved moves to approve. Ramalho seconds.
- 8-0-2 contingency programming is approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

- Hall states that there were 250% more applications in Winter. By 7th week they tapped out funding for Winter quarter. In effort to have more resources for student groups and added \$1,400 to the EVP travel grant in an effort to make sure student groups had more funding and they have been trouble grant to make it more sustainable to make it more accessible.
 - They allocated to various student groups ???
- Approved by consent.

C.

- 300 to Chinese Student Association
 - 400 Zeta Phi Rho
 - 500 to Latin American Student Association
 - 200 to Gen Rep 2
- Approved by consent

D. Chair Discretionary

- Jasso states that the event from Asian Pacific Coalition were unable to submit an application in accordance in deadline in response to this unforeseeable event. She approved \$80 and if there's problems let them know.

IIIX. Old Business

IX. New Business

Finals Week Meeting and Spring Break Meeting

- Oved states he agrees they shouldn't meet.
 - Jasso stated for BOD and funding allocations the funding never stops. It's really up to you all, and groups that applied were promised during Spring quarter.
 - Oved asks if there's by laws to be physically present to approve BOD allocations.
 - Joanino states they won't have quorum and groups need allocations by Spring break. They want to be able to vote on this over spring break.
 - Zimmerman states she doesn't know if allocations available next week and have had meetings to have one agenda item and canceled everything. If it's easier to do it during email we can come to meet during one time.
 - Jasso states last hearing was on Monday.
 - Zimmerman states last hearing on Friday.
 - Joanino asks about meeting during Finals Week for BOD
 - Hall asks if we can outline the options.
 - Joanino states they can meet next week and vote on allocations, or we can do those as well as contingency online and not having a meeting.
 - Jasso states the repercussions for meeting during finals week that Jacob would not have the recommendations ready so that's sort of her only take on meeting week. With the vote by email outside of own idea whether to vote electronically or in person and it's about the space to do it. The third is to not meet at all and meet week 1 and the events that are most pressing become through discretionary.
 - Zimmerman states the third option that Jacob already has a plan of action with the understanding that no one meets during Spring Break. Going forward BOD is still on the right timeline if they are under the understanding they will be approved Week 1. In regards to upcoming contingency which is why discretionary is given to FiCom because it's happening Monday of Week 1 of up to \$500 which is up the average exceeded to contingency.
 - Badalich moves to leave it up to discretionary of FiCom and move to not have meetings during Finals and Spring Break. Hall seconds.
 - Rogers asks would it be easier to email
 - Jasso states she states email would be fine and it would be okay as long as there's no questions asked, but if there was.
 - Hall states the email option was not discussing the email option.
- 10-0-0 there will be no meeting during finals week of spring break.

X. Announcements

- Oved states email him to show a presentation to council as a great opportunity to see what they do and give the opportunity to chief. Secondly, if you are getting harassments, report it. Don't just say it, report it and be proactive. Thirdly, give shout outs to consent week and shout outs to all offices and their programming's. Good luck on finals.
- Rogers states that the clicker loan library will be up on live stream and on Tuesday April 15th there will be another on campus job fair and career week is going to be April 7th to April 11th to explore. There are lots of programming this week.
- Joanino asks if people want to donate clickers do they give them to you
- Rogers says they'll have to update

-Hall states that they have been trouble shooting a lot of different things with students that are detained and the rest of the incidents for students of color and trying to document them and if you have any questions, ASU has laid it out and have initial statement ND if there's any questions you can contact her.

-Badalich states she has a UCPD training meeting an hour long session and CAPS care for survivor sensitivity training. Also, #alcoholisnotconsent got so much feedback, the photos will be used all over campuses international. They are also going to be translating all the photos to different languages. They are working with USC to create their own alcoholisnotconsent.

-Arce encourages everyone to apply to John Survey Award

-Trumble encourages good vibes to Word on Wednesday Staff

-Jasso states February accounts will be closing the first week of April. She encourages everyone to apply to Capital Contingency Fund, once every eighteen months. The Chancellor Service Award for graduating seniors due this Friday.

-Singh states regarding late-night land fair and thanks Zimmerman and Champawat and taking some of the money and donating it back to contingency. The numbers are still to be set of either 20% of profit or 10% of revenue.

-Hadjimanoukian wants to highlight the thrift shop event yesterday and 8 groups participate and the group that had the most raised \$166 of Fashion trends.

-Haws states that GR1 will be leading interactive activity with balloons for mental health activities and have positive and negative mental health issues. They are going to have CAPS resources to give to students because CAPS is an underused resource.

-Joanino encourages everyone to assign the card for Terry. If you want to put in money please give it to him.

-Arce states that Terry is diabetic.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XI. Adjournment

Ramalho moves to adjourn. Arce seconds.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 pm.

XII. Good and Welfare