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April 22, 2014

AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
April 15, 2014
7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Savannah Badalich

GUESTS:

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

-Ramalho moves to strike ASRF.

-Joanino states they are voting for ballot order and waited to see if you passed transfer initiative, he asked adding ballot order under new business.

-Naameh asks if Joanino is comfortable.

-Joanino says yes

-Oved moves to add finalizing the ballot order as an action item under New Business.

11-0-0 the final ballot order as an action item under new business

-Naameh moves to table the minutes. Ramalho seconds.

-Hall moves to approve agenda as amended. Ramalho seconds.

11-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Public Comments

-Raga, 4th year from CEC, tonight they are showing Neighbors featuring Seth Rogen and Zac Efron. Tomorrow they are having a speaker Chris Kuli and got kicked out of the NFL for supporting gay rights in Kerckhoff Grand Salon. Thursday they are showing bears from Disney nature at 8pm in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. The 24th they are screening Milk, a movie about Harvey Milk.

-Rago last week a presentation about transfer student advocates and Hall was the most vocal of the idea of transfer initiative reminded that what we have been told about last year that we took the easy route and aren't real bruins. Its set up to deliberate exclude transfers, besides independent and Trumble you have not earned your position on merit on council.

Avinoam Baral

-Baral is here tonight to state his support for the referendum to enact as a student transfer initiative because they aren't given the same opportunity as all four year students and

have the opportunity to have a seat in the table. Tonight all you need to do is listen to your constituents who are telling you that they want a chance to make a line on the issue. He wants to make sure to put it on transfer student ballot.

Anthony Padilla, election board chair

-Padilla states he has the finalized ballot all of the language, everyone's whose running and thank you very much.

Heather Adams

-She's a chair of the nontraditional students for students over 25 and she's also the chair of SMC to UCLA network. She wanted to talk a little bit about what's going on today and she thinks that everyone said they've heard a lot of peoples experiences and its really hard to take someone else perspective and its hard to empathize when you haven't been there, and transfer students have an incredibly different experience and there part of the bruin family, but they do have different needs and experience. Its pretty isolating that's in a system setup for traditional and until we produce an invasion the university is not going to be innovative. This is the changing culture of education and people are going to community colleges in huge numbers, 44% nationally. Nontraditional are the new traditional and we pay a lot of funds and we don't have an official student voice and we'd like that.

Noggin, third year student

-She wanted to underscore the importance of a transfer representative she knows they all have the opportunities but it's a vital and an access issue as having a transfer representative because we are seeing that more transfer students are students of colors and are marginalized. We are not just addressing those access and underscore the importance of these seats and other USAC members.

-He wanted to come to speak on support of transfer representative, we're asking you to put it on the ballot for the student body.

-Jarred transfer student and he joined the US Army and they come from very different backgrounds and chose his hand to serve the country and sacrificing his life and comes over here and was very surprise to hear that there wasn't a representation voice for transfer students. Other schools have systems of representation and he was surprised that palace like UCLA doesn't have such. The greatest thing as Americans is a voice. He came here to support this idea of creating a transfer representation and hopes you realize that you need to be voiced. By not adding a representation position, not only are you reigniting a transfer student voice but also ignoring voices of components that make the transfer students. When we say we want a transfer representative they not only want a position that vocalizes that haven't had the prior chance, but people with different experiences and transfer representative puts that's all together and places that in a position where they can speak and where they can voice.

David Ming, third year geography student

-He is a veteran who served in the military for 5 years and served in Korea and Iraq and is representing UCLA as a student who will go to Korea again and a study abroad table and one thing they can bring to the table is the unique voices that transfer student voices. My military service is only a small proportion of that other transfer students. There are parents, commuters, former teachers, former state employees who want to make lives better for the rest of society. He works at an internship trying to make transportation better and like himself other transfer students can bring it to the table and 2 years is too limited to spend not in student government and to be marginalized in this way is a disservice to transfers and the rest of Bruin community.

Michael Peters

-He is currently employed by the Riverside and Los Angeles fire county department. A third of the students are transfer students yet not one of you represents 1/3. We are non traditional, we are people who are still employed. We are not former this or that we are UCLA Bruins and bring it now. We are marginalized and have no voice and we are only asking to have it on a ballot.

Michael Kramer

-Kramer states that everyone whose in this room and to put this referendum all they want is a seat in the table. As a history major they can relate, the 1964 democratic convention African Americans couldn't vote and 40% of the democratic caucus and all they wanted was a seat at the table. The only thing they said was they wanted a vote.

Nicole Fussier

-Fussier wanted to echo that if you all still have any concerns feel free to contact anyone in this room and if you've made up this mind is to vote no. They are not asking whether they will vote yes or no or if you give the students a chance.

-Alyssa wanted to echo the sentiments and you have may have a reason to disagree with it but all they are asking for is the chance to be put on the ballot so everyone can have a choice. One of the first comments had Hall's negative implications and its us against them but we are all Uncle Bruins.

Shawn

-Most transfer students don't know what USAC stands for and by the time they are halfway done. It would help them be involved and there are a lot of issues that affect transfer students but only a transfer office can solve them. You are only voting tonight whether to put it on the ballot or not.

Rick Manumit

-Two quarters ago he was on the other side of the room watching with pride as this council worked on a resolved their differences on a resolution to UC President Napolitano regarding the detection of undocumented students and it was a great to see how you were able to work together despite the differences. I voice my compliments to the council of public comments. The stress and anxiety and tensions in such a large diverse campus. He wanted to get involved but his course load was just too high and 1/3 of his campus feel the same way and many feel worse. A voice on this table, even one

voice will help that 1/3 acclimatize to this campus faster and get involved in their roots together and evolve in the rich climate and diversity that UCLA can provide. He strongly urges council to put this transfer representative on this ballot.

IV. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – John Joanino

-Joanino states it's the last week to apply for the office and he urges everyone to let the office staff to apply. They are still sliding details for LA2050 for next Wednesday and encourages everyone to come with deans from other schools coming. They are finalizing language for the USAC parliamentary position and please make some time to look up for it. They successfully advocated to disaggregate that data with more executive reports that are more telling.

-Singh states that a professor was not being able to submit recommendations for the leadership recommendations.

-Joanino say they'll fix it.

B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Oved updates on the visit to the white house. It was basically a think tank where people all across the nations with different developers faculty representatives and representatives of the white house of science and technology policy and representatives of the office of vice president and founders of joyful heart position. Badalich and Oved presented about 7000 in solidarity and progress in implementing circle of 6, and they got split up into think tanks and assigned to develop any mechanisms to combat sexual assault or institutionalized support. Badalich is sitting on three committees and Orbed is sitting on two and creating a report card for sitting on campuses with US World and Reports and the curriculum based on common best practices as well as curriculum requirements about clear complaints. They are still on the development process and are coming back to the white house. Additionally Ally week is happening next week. The word on Wednesday is doing an ally week themed word and CEC is patterning to bring a speaker.

-Dr. Geller asks if there ally week t-shirts this year

-Oved states distribution will be in front of Bruin Plaza and theres a minimum of \$3 donation to fund lavender graduation.

C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

- Hall states last week they had their diversity tours and action with CAC and it was a coordinated state action. The LA action got so large that they got so large and folks went to East LA and UCLA went to the valley and partnered with four different community colleges and CSUN and they lobbied assembly members and all stood around and shared their stories. It was a really exciting experience and 2/3 senator members supported Prop 13 reform. They were going to be in support of Prop 13. This week they have a week of action with student loans and EVP office is out there and you can get a frozen treat and

sign a petition part of the USSA. Friday they will have lobby visits and wants to lobby national representatives at the local level, all are welcome.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

-Ramalho states the next transfer workshop at LATC clubhouse will be next Wednesday from 6-7 so if you have transfer friends how to get recs, cover letter tips, or resume tips there will be another workshop week 5. They have finally confirmed a time and location, its going to be next Wednesday from 6-7 in humanities A26 and Professor Kelly will be facilitating the conversation. They will have faculty on the subcommittee sitting in and listening on the conversation and highly encourages it and spreads the word to create a Facebook event. Like ally week, academic inequity awareness week is next week and invites everyone to like it and create separate events for each day. The academic how to guide is almost done and all the information is compiled and almost everything ready to be distributed. Its going to be public on Monday. From 7-8 in Covelo the last mixer will happen. Yesterday the online education board presented a survey and uploaded to the website on AAC. He will be presenting it to the academic senate board next Thursday. Today Jan and Joanino talked a lot about the future of the diversity requirement and will go through committee approval and hopefully the town hall will be a good way for students to indicate support.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-The Health, Nutrition, Fitness codirecor passes around fliers for bruin health week and sexual assault week. It is Bruin Health Week with a lot going on and the 12 committees are divided up and there will also be night events. Bruin Health Day on Thursday in Ackerman grand ballroom and it will be from 11-2pm. Badalich wants everyone to know you will be fed. It is the third week of the happiness challenge and if you go to events you can win prizes. If anyone you want to know wants to table you can email Badalich. Today 7000 in solidarity they created a Google form or where they experienced special assault and the Google form on tinyurl.com/7000insolidarity. The map will be showcased on the consent walk from 11pm-2pm.

F. Gen Rep 2

-Singh thanks everyone for going to Holi. Singh states they have bruin connect aimed at 1st and 2nd years as paraprofessional workshops so when students move through their time at UCLA they have the best possible chance of getting internships or jobs. Thursday nights they are going late-night landfair and are heavily adverting an application called Bear Essentials consolidates study spaces, printing resources, and a tracker for library and dining halls. They are willing to implement it in the future and encourages everyone to rate it 5 stars.

F. Administrative Representative

Dr. Geller

-Geller states that the registrar's office is in the process of programming a change to the student information database that will allow students to enter their preferred name and will not go on bruin card or transfer but would be a mechanism that a name for class

faculty or offices and it would represent the name that they use. The two primary populations of where is if its interest are transgender and international or any student who wanted a nickname recorded. They are hopeful the programming will be done this Fall.

-Joanino asked if she's friends with the UCID policy.

-Dr. Heller states not the UCID, it would be used in the rosters for classes so faculty member who may be calling out attendance will have the names students actual answer to. If you show up to an office and if they want to and they can find you. It wouldn't be part of official university records, its to facilitate the provision of services using a name a student is most comfortable with.

Patty Zimmerman, Student Government Services

-Zimmerman states she's working on binders for council. She wasn't sure about returning the books or keeping them as keepsake but it will save paper, perhaps you written notes or some cheat sheets and she will update the binders. She will send the email by hopefully the end of next week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Finance Committee Chair Discretionary

-Jasso states recommended \$12,185.00 and \$51,728.96 left in contingency.

-Trumble moves to approve. Ramalho seconds.

9-0-2 contingency is approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-ask Maryssa to email

Approved by consent.

C. Cultural Affairs Mini Fund

Approved by consent.

Hall moves to table the Student Wellness Programing Fund until Badalich gets here.

IIX. Old Business

A. Transfer Ballot Initiative

-Its important for this room and to get these initiatives and there are a lot of different transfer voices and this office will help that. It's a huge access issue and the main difference is socioeconomic status. It is an access issue. Please UT it on the ballot for students to vote.

-Considering that transfer students compose one third of the undergraduate population at UCLA, shall the Undergraduate Student Association create a Transfer Student Representative position in order to address academic and social issues, transfer student integration into the UCLA community, as well a sousing and commuter concerns? The revised sections of the USAC constitution are below:

Insert—Article II, Section C, subsection 1.n

Transfer Student Representative

Article III, Section A, Subsection 12: change to 13

Insert-Article III, Section A, Subsection 12: change to 13
Insert—Article III

- Kaulolo doesn't know what they are voting on but you are asking for a constitutional change.
- Geller stated that you can have the opinion piece as an additional information someone can click to but the question should be succinct and clear.
- Fussier states that instead of the first thing because it must be a clear succinct question and what the change would be, and then you can have supplemental language part of the argument that someone can click on it so they get the paragraph.
- Zimmerman shall the undergraduate student association add to the constitution?
- Dr. Geller stated it should say Shall the USAC council be amended as follows to create a transfer student representative position to address academic and social issues...
- Dr. Nelson states that he recommends putting it on USAC to make it clearer to students because students who want to vote might not be as much and would recognize USAC.
- Dr. Geller states that if this gets onto constitutional ballot and it would If this passes usac would require to holes a special election. You should inform people that if they vote on this and it passes that a special election would be held to fill the position as opposed to saying that it would be filled in Spring 2015.
- Singh asks how much a special election would cost.
- Karol states that it would cost about \$6,000 and everything else will be advertising. Essentially you are going to look at another election budget you have to reallocate.
- Joanino states that a special election if it does pass they would need an appointment of a new board chair and find e-board chair over the summer.
- Singh poses the question, if this passes will you be willing to defer the transfer rep for one year. Logistically for costs and aboard chair and this council would be hard to do would it be willing to consider.
- He states that waiting for a year is not acceptable.
- Oved asks if you can amend the language.
- Hall states wouldn't we be able to recommend to have the surplus allocation early?
- Zimmerman states that what they can do is that they can bring a conservative number that we do not believe surplus will be lower than. Therefore the council has the ability to allocate surplus.
- He states perhaps you can have a one time appointment and then elections if money is an issue.
- Joanino states money wont be
- Oved yields his time
- He states that why would it be an issue to do an appointment
- Dr. Heller states that if you read the constitution bylaws it has to do in a year where the vacancy occurs. If it occurs late in the year, it must become a presidential appointment. Since this will be passed down the vacancy would be in the beginning and triggers the special election.
- Joanino states the special election is feasible and its up to next year's council.
- Jasso asks that says "this position be filled by a UCLA undergraduate transfer student" is there a risk as a form of discrimination?

-Geller states that there is a possibility that this causes it to be invalidated, given the timing we won't have time to have council review it before ballot establishes and puts it at a risk it would invalidate the successful vote. An alternative would be to say that transfer students are encouraged to run for this position.

-Orbed states that for IVP you have at least a specific unit to run position, is there a way to include the interest of anyone running for transfer student they should have a transfer unit.

-Dr. Geller states you can require a number of units that typically comes in with an associates transfer. Not everyone that transfers comes in from a community college or associates. You can set the number of units that would be typical of a third year, but it's a challenge to say that one must be a transfer and she doesn't know what the legal answer will be.

-Heather states that the great different experiences come from many different communities of colleges and have wildly different units and don't sometimes match up.

-She states that the above 90% are going to fall between 60-70 upwards of 90 will fall into the same category.

-Zimmerman states that would it be possible to not include it in this section, and then add it to the position exclusively in the by laws.

-He said that the only reason they added that specific position would be per councils request.

-Dr. Nelson states that somebody from CSC must experience so many years before they rise to levels of commissioners so he doesn't know if its wise to put something in it. He assumes that transfer student association is very strong and don't know if we'd be elected and try to find a relationship the way council functions now.

-Zimmerman states that you never know that 5 years in the future there might be an incredible ally that would run for the position she may not have come in as a transfer and theres a really good push for this candidate regardless of his or her status. She says that if we cant have it in the constitution you never know.

-Dr. Nelson states that if you assume students will get together and endorse because that's why there are advertisements.

-Joanino asks if we do include that language and for some reason it becomes problematic, is there anyway to say never mind we will have the same transfer repetitive.

-Dr. Heller stated that if the language doesn't pass legal review then it won't get enacted, fore example referendums. Its really important that language you go with is something that can be implemented.

-Heather states they see both sides. The only reason they included it was because of council recommendation and if they recommend to leave it down.

As amended it reads:

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-Yes or no

Supplemental Information: Considering transfer students are approximately 1/3 of the undergraduate student body at UCLA. In the case the undergraduate population approves this amendment a special election will be held in fall 2014 to fill the position.

-Hall states that most of council are in support for this.

-Joanino asks if theres anything added or amended.

-Ramalho moves to approve transfer ballot initiative. Trumble seconds.

12-0-0 this is on the ballot.

-Ramalho moves to strike Student Wellness Programming fund.

-Ramalho moves to reapprove the agenda as amended. Hall seconds.

-Hall moves for 5 minute recess. Oved seconds.

Joanino calls recess for 5 minutes to reconvert at 8:25.

IX. New Business

-Ballot finalization

President:

1. Sunny Singh

2. Devin Murphy

3. Miriam Rodriguez

Internal Vice President:

1. Avinoam Baral

2. Naveen Sadeghi-Movahed

3. Harwind Lasher

External Vice President:

1. Conrad Contreras
 2. Aurelia Friedman
 3. Angel Garfio
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General Representatives:

1. Nihal Satyadev
 2. Francesca Rebosura
 3. Der Xiong
 4. Sachin Medhekar
 5. Kevin Patterson
 6. Fabienne "Fab" Roth
 7. Manjot Singh
 8. Erineo Garcia
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Academic Affairs Commissioner:

1. Janay Williams
 2. Allyson Bach
 3. Jazz Kiang
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Campus Events Commissioner:

1. Greg Kalfayan
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Community Service Commissioner:

1. Cynthia Wong

Cultural Affairs Commissioner:

1. Irmay Garcia

Facilities Commissioner:

1. Carlos Quintanilla

2. Alex "Max" Mercier

3. Teri Phuong Ha Nguyen

Financial Supports Commissioner:

1. Heather Rosen

2. Gabriel Gutierrez

3. Winnie Galbadores

Student Wellness Commissioner:

1. Savannah Badalich

2014 USAC Spring General Elections Amendments

Transfer Student Representative Amendment

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Yes No

Supplemental Information:

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2014 USAC Spring General Elections Referenda

Arts Restoring Community (ARC) Referendum

Shall the Undergraduate Students Association ensure the continuity of student group arts programming by increasing the USAC fee by \$1.55

per undergraduate student per quarter?

1. This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor) every Fall in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living. The CPI adjustment will begin annually in Fall 2015.
2. In accordance with University policy, 25% (\$0.39 per student per quarter) of the amount collected from this referendum will be returned to UCLA students in the form of undergraduate financial aid.

Yes

No

Supplemental information:

We recognize the fact that programming costs for student groups have increased, but the pools of funding available have not. As more student groups continue to be established, the funding sources are also depleted more quickly. To allow for student groups to continue to program their events at quality levels, we need to create another source of funding for artistic and cultural programming.

A. This fee will be assessed each academic quarter beginning Fall 2014, excluding summer quarters.

B. This fund will fall under the responsibilities of the USAC Cultural Affairs Commissioner who will create a committee that will allocate

funding to all registered student organizations.2.Negeen Sadegh

-Ramalho moves to approve the ballot. Badalich seconds.
12-0-0 the ballot is finalized

X. Announcements

-Rogers states that the Palisades room held a Financial Literacy Workshop. Tomorrow theres one on Portfolio and on Monday on How to Buy a house. She sates that during stress free day there will be clicker donations and they'll be collecting them then.

-Lee states April 24th they will be handing out hygiene kits down Skid Row. This is the way to rack out. The Sarvey award's deadline is next week. They are really willing to push for publication.

-Trumble states world fest was really exciting and they can potentially win free jazz reggae tickets, week 7 there doing a feature. Next Thursday they are partnerning with Lufkin center going with environmental justice and will be art workshops and spoken word performances in PAB form 4-6. There will be art walk April 25th from 12-5 to accept more art. The full line up will be available Monday at 10AM and tickets will go on sale. The limited quantity will go for \$25 and \$35 general admission tickets and will be available May 24th. Student tickets will be available starting April 29 and there will be free tickets and will be \$5 and \$20 tickets.

-Jasso states that requisitions are due by April 25th at 4pm and they have two funding workshops and April 23rd from 204 in this room Kerkhoff 417.

-Zimmerman stated that bruin day is this Saturday and it's a cool opportunity for incoming students learn how the union works and they have a tour on various parts of campus. A couple of years they added student government, instead of having them they will have a student union event and they are looking to have 3 volunteers for each spot. If theres anyone interested theres a great free opportunity and encourages everyone to fill out Google doc.

-Jasso states that only 4 people appear on the USAC and told everyone to go into bio.

-Ramalho states that April 30th is stress free day and theres a lot of people programming.

-Haws stated they will host the suit bank and if anyone has unused suit wear.

-Hadjimanoukian stated that they'll have it for sale and be able to pick up reusable coffee shop and his office plans to distribute coupons.

-Singh encourages everyone to download the application and paraprofessional workshops.

-Badalich states they have a box fort made of food for Bruin Health Week and encourages everyone to go to their events. She went to the intimate partner violence by CAPS and there were a lot of athletes and talked about instances of stalking that is high in student athlete population. On 30th they will have consent walk and it will be a fair and photos and surprise around campus when you go through and invite community members as well. She encourages checking out #whyididntreport. She states that you can report to UCPD about a sexual assault and if you do that you don't necessarily have to go to trial, but technically that can be used as evidence. She's actually going to report hers as she talked to Detective Davis.

-Oved wishes everyone happy Passover.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XI. Adjournment

Ramalho moves to adjourn. Trumble seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm.

XII. Good and Welfare