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April 29, 2014

AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
April 22, 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: Savannah Badalich

GUESTS: Sina Famenini

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

- Hall moves to add discussion on judicial board to New Business. Haws seconds.

-Ramalho moves to strike ASRF. Badalich seconds.

Badalich moves to approve the agenda. Haws seconds.

10-0-0 the agenda is approved

-Hall moves to strike the travel and advocacy grant. Naameh seconds.

-Trumble moves to reapprove the agenda.

B. Approval of the Minutes from April 8, 2014

-Badalich moved to approve the minutes. Oved seconds.

C. Approval of the Minutes from April 15, 2014

-Trumble moved to approve the minutes. Ramalho seconds.

10-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

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-He is here on behalf of Armenian Student Association. April 24 is widely considered commemoration of Armenian genocide so ASA is having a week of action this week to raise awareness of the horrors Armenians face in the Ottoman empire and the fleeing. He wants to inform of the events that they have planned. On Thursday there will be mass demonstrations on and around Bruin plaza to educate the general student population about what the genocide generally was. They would appreciate council members to be educated and some are allies and thanks them for support.

IV. Special Presentations

## **A. Ally Week**

-Rashni is the director of Ally Week and hands out fliers. Ally Week is this week, a week long initiative event serves to educate the entire UCLA community surrounding the queer community and recognize the struggles. The speaker presentation yesterday with Robert Oates. They also have a resource fair today in Sunset Plaza. Tomorrow they will have a Q&A Misconceptions panel where people can discuss that members of the queer community can answer. On Thursday there is a religion panel that reconciled their spiritual identity and queer identity to ask about that. On Friday they will have a public art projects and are collecting bricks to write them and form them into a wall and knock it down to move forward with this week rather than claim the title of ally within this week. 40% of all homeless youth are queer, what about the mental illness aspect? It's 2.5 more times more likely to affect queer community. The queer voice is already strong and they want it to be stronger with allies. You call yourself an ally, what does that mean? Be active.

-Oved wants to thank everyone who contributed to ally week and they really appreciate the work that has been done. He encourages everyone to attend

-Lazarovici asks if there's a website or facebook event.

-Oved states he'll email it.

-Lazarovici asks what the ally training would be like

-Oved stated it would be put on by the LGBT center. Every month there's a training for those who want to further their understanding so after this week

## **B. USAC EVP**

-Hall wanted to do an end of the year summary. They have a video to share the work they have done this year. The first action was during graduation was talking about student loan interest rate. The solidarity action with UC workers. This is UCSA to Rutgers university. This is the workshop she facilitated. They show the IGNITE campaign. They show pictures of Days of Defiance. They went to CSU Dominguez Hills to talk to educational directors. They had the Student Regents come to conference. They had the Student of Color Conference at UCLA this year. They had over 1500 people on campus. They had the action on Westwood where they shut down Westwood and Cynthia Flores talking about IGNITE. They have the DTF week of action talking about Prop 13 reform and fossil fuel divestment campaign. They have a Bruin tour of student hall and they had legcon with legislative conference in DC. They had their delegation talk about their identities. UCLA won campus of the year. They had a week of action about Bruins for senate constitutional amendment 5 and talked about why it's important. This is SLC protesting the dinner. They lobbied at the capitol and shows the UCSA board. They talked about the Budgets and Appropriations campaign.

-Contreras states that in summer they will go to UCSA Congress in Irvine and Oakland and Vote 2014 this November.

-Nelson asks what the response to affirmative action was

-Hall states that throughout the UC they found support in it and Hall wanted to lobby on SCA5 because it's an important part of the IGNITE campaign. It started with UCLA organizing it and had a huge community forum.

-Contreras stated UCLA and other campuses voiced out their concern to UCSA about SCA5 and IGNITE.

-Zimmerman states that its nice to see students of action through photo because it really puts the visual to all the students.

## V. Appointments

### VI. Officer and Member Reports

#### A. President – John Joanino

- Joanino states that the symposium he's putting on for UCLA2050 at Fowler is this Friday and encourages everyone to go. He tells everyone to come and wants people to join on social media. There will be free food and maybe wine. The reception starts at 5.

-Trumble asks about the dress code

-Joanino states business casual, semi formal. There will be folks in city government and theres a lot of things Los Angeles is implementing. It's a good way to engage in dialogue to talk about long term involvement. He solidified the parliantarian language and its coming to CRC tomorrow.

#### B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Oved states that Monday they had the traditional promotional event in front of the LGBT center handing out t-shirts. They had a handpaiting mural to show pledging support. They had genderbread workshops that talked about identity and biology. They had Robert Oakes a bisexual speaker. Earlier this week he met with head of Caps, Badalich, and Dr. Geller and were presented with an almost fully functional safety app and talked about mental health and sexual health. It touched upon every aspect of safety.

#### C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

-Hall states that this week they had the national affairs week of action to get 300 post cards signed and got 541 postcards signed. They have a piece of legislation that a student is working on and it's surrounded on the legalization of marijuana and how it can tie to tax for funding to go back to the State of California. It ties to the IGNITE campaign about low level government offenses so communities of color who are particularly targeted for marijuana aren't being locked out and are being educated. They have a very special guest with Reagent Bonny Reece and have the first hour talking about private prison divestment and pretty much the topics couple of year. They want to talk to regents on a more personal level. She will be a regent until 2020.

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

-Ramalho stated that academic inequity awareness week. Today they have whats your education story and talking about how education has shaped them. On Wednesday he's working with CAC talking about how education impacts us through word. On Thursday they have a documentary screening on the Hill. This week should be institutionalized in AAC. Hopefully next year we all do a different week. Our howto guide is officially done and on the website. It will be sent. He's going to meet with the new student transition program to also build upon future AACs. The diversity requirement townhall will be happening and will mak it a community effort. They have a lot of students working on the diversity requirement and on committees. It is tomorrow from 6-7 right before Word on Wednesday. Appetizers with Administrators will be next Wednesday with 7

administrators coming. It will be at Covell. Their last transfer workshop will be next Thursday, the last AAC program during his term. It will be a DPR or DAR review.

#### E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Badalich stated its Bruin Health Week and she hands out healthy foods. It's the longest week and the longest one been around. It happens every week there's Earth Day. They had a sexpert workshop which will be the new name for Gender Health. Active Minds used to be its own chapter and ended up being part of SWC and Clothesline is going to take an institutionalize 7000 in solidarity and be part of SWC. We will provide funding if they take on the responsibilities to 7000 in solidarity. She sent out mental health funding and the funding applications are due this Friday. Anything mental health you can get a significant amount of money applicable to all student orgs.

-Dr. Geller stated the entire pool is \$20,000 and will be divided amongst all eligible groups.

-Badalich says its under CAPS and she will send the funding app again. The application is meant to highlight the mental health application.

-The Hammer has a free showing of Slut the Play about slut shaming that's free for UCLA students at 7pm on Monday night featuring highschool kids.

-Badalich says consent fair is next Wednesday with everyone in Wilson plaza and will have a walk through campus with poster boards of consent friendly.

-Badalich stated that she's partnering with Newsweek with puppies, massage chairs, academic counseling, and free food to make it a UCLA stress free oasis.

-Badalich will be talking about Raja with gender inclusive restrooms and are trying to figure out the timeline for getting it all done.

#### F. Gen Rep 2

-Singh states that there's an Earth Day field tomorrow 10-2 in the IM field and Bruin Connect.

#### G. Administrative Representatives

Dr. Geller

-She got the information on CAPS grants. They are currently recruiting for an assistant dean of students and looking for students interviewing her candidates. She invites everyone to interview them for 45 minutes and she'll share the room details and nailing down the specific room in SAC. They want feedback from students.

-Singh asks if you have to be available all days

-Dr. Geller states whatever her calendar allows. She wants an opinion and analyze the strengths and weaknesses.

Patricia Zimmerman

-Zimmerman stated that they want to reuse the binders from last year and you can drop them off at her office.

#### VII. Fund Allocations

##### A. Finance Committee Chair Discretionary

- Trumble moves to approve. Oved seconds.
- Wang stated \$8, 425.41 recommended. There is \$38, 993.52 left in contingency. Req forms are due this Friday.
- Ramalho moves to approve. Trumble seconds.
- 10-0-1 contingency programming is approved

#### B. Cultural Affairs Mini Fund

- Trumble allocated \$250 Task Initiative to Taiwanese Student Association and \$250 to ACA for CACN.

#### C. SWC Fund

- Badalich stated \$350 to SNAPS for a whiteboard and staff.

### II. Old Business

#### IX. New Business

##### A. Judicial Board Case Against USAC

- Joanino states there will be a preliminary hearing 3-4pm on Friday.
- Joanino stated they had special presentations and election board members and Hall had moved to turn that into an action item, Oved moved to approve, and Ramalho seconded. They're trying to see if that vote was valid.
- Naameh asks if it wasn't valid what would happen during elections.
- Dr. Geller stated there are different things they might do and have to go through the hearing.
- Joanino stated the elections board will probably come to reapprove during New Business instead of Special Presentations
- Trumble states they are supposed to have all documents three days before.
- Joanino states that anything reviewed by council must be sent in three days before voting.
- Hall asks any supplemental materials and that can apply to a lot of things this year.
- Dr. Geller stated anything that is an action item is supposed to be 3 days ahead and you can add it to the agenda with 2/3 votes. There is always the opportunity for challenge based on the fact that people who might have had an interest wouldn't have come in the meeting to observe.
- Badalich stated that the vote was invalid, would we revote? It does swing to Monday could they even do that with my.ucla?
- Joanino stated that we'd have to double check because the election process is still happening.
- Oved asks where you can read the petition
- Joanino states online on the USAC website under judicial board.
- Hall asks what the main issue is
- Joanino states that the vote took place during special presentations and even though it was past unanimously as opposed to New Business.
- Hall whose serving us.
- Joanino stated the petitioner is Ian Cocroft

## X. Announcements

-Oved stated that IVP works with SOUL and they have a lot of attendants and tells you a disc analysis and what kind of leader you are.

-Trumble states that Entertainment for Bruin Day helped perform for incoming students. The JRF lineup and will be adding more artists depending on how contracts go. She offers everyone tickets. If you want to volunteer you work 3 hours a day and get a free t shirt, ticket, and food. Fill it out online. Yesterday the concert series coprogrammed with LA Stop the Traffic and put on from 4-6 pm. This Friday is artwalk featuring student art and there will be refreshments. Look out for Week 7 is I heart UCLA week and will be featuring word and concert series.

-Zimmerman states that the Bruin Initiative funds are due this Friday. She's been working closely with Jazz Reggae regarding sustainability.

-Badalich stated that RunWalk is happening on Sunday and you should all have a team for each offices. You can walk for children.

-Patterson states that at Stress Free Day they will be doing iclicker donations and financial resource is up online. Financial literacy workshop last night and Sean Pratt the current vice president of Morgan Stanley was there.

-Wang stated that all reqs are due by 4pm and theres a workshop tomorrow if you have any questions. She encourages everyone to apply to capital contingency.

-Oved states that someone stole the IVP keyboard.

-Ramalho stated that AAC is also missing a keyboard.

-Hadjimanoukian encourages everyone to go to the coffee shop and go check out the reusable cup. Stop at the Earth Day Field

-Naameh stated tomorrow her office is doing a people of color tour and their tour guides are Clinton and Winnie and wanted to emphasize their people and their stories. It's not a formal tour and it varies based on which organization is giving the tour. She wants people to go to the tour and incorporate language and encourages everyone to go.

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

## XI. Adjournment

Hall moves to adjourn. Trumble seconds.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 m.

## XII. Good and Welfare