

AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
May 27, 2014
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Devin Murphy, Avinoam Baral, Conrad Contreras, Manjot Singh, Nihal Satyadev, Fabienne Roth, Allyson Bach, Greg Kalfayan, Cynthia Wong, Irmay Garcia, Carlos Quintanilla, Heather Rosen, Savannah Badalich, Cindy Wang

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

- Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
- Baral moves to add Standing Committee as an action item.
- Badalich moves to add Student Wellness Commission under Office and Member reports.
- Rosen strikes.
- Contreras moves to strike EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant. Bach seconds.
- Badalich moves to strike Student Wellness Programming Fund. Bach seconds.
- Garcia moves to strike the cultural affairs in fund allocations. Badalich seconds.
- Bach moves to strike ASRF. Baral seconds.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

- Badalich moves to approve the agenda as amended. Roth seconds.
- 13-0-0 the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. May 20th, 2014

- Badalich moves to approve the minutes. Baral seconds.

B. May 13^h, 2014

- Roth moves to approve the minutes. Singh seconds.
- 13-0-0 the minutes are approved.

IV. Public Comments

-Carly Calbreath has a background working with Amnesty International but works as an RA, she's gotten a much closer look about how Islam-phobia was normalized and was relieved when she read the resolution because it's concrete to combat systematic oppression. Yes it targets three organizations and attempts to disregard the full intent and the amount of documentation readily available association with or fear mongering of the Islamic community. It is her sincere hope that they take responsibility for the entire student body.

Tyler Cherry

-Cherry is in support of the resolution and the press release. We all never must be complacent if you didn't question global happenings and if it's happening off campus its

affecting our students, make sure you stay critical and you take all the students in the room into account and never turn a blind eye to what's happening off this campus.

VP of Pakistani Student Association

-We the board stands in solidarity with Office of President whose country diverse community often marginalized and want there to be acceptance of all religious and student organizations. We believe that paid groups of islamophobic organizations is NOT safe space.

Amy, undergrad

-She wanted to take the time to meeting with student orgs and recognizing the groups were targeted because of their discriminatory agenda because they are lobbying for Israel and making it clear that being critical doesn't mean they're being disrespectful.

Bescerra

-She wanted to thank the Office of the President to support the ethics statement and come from physical evidence that these groups have existed and if any other organizations have lobbied for the council prior want them to be representative of the student body. She reads an example of islamophobia and racism carried out by the organizations. They are deeply racist and try to justify against Muslims and operate on stereotypes that use to marginalize. This is not about divestment, there's way to be pro-Israel and support of Islamic. To be part of group like this is not representative.

-Sifan wants to thank ASU and the presentation they are going to give and wants to thank Devin Murphy to support the joint ethics statement for challenging Chancellor Block's email and got to listen to their side rather than what Chancellor Block and Napolitano has done.

-Gabriel Levine

Jewish Voice for Peace at UCLA and wants to thank Murphy. When council members go on trips they speak for the student body, and wants to thank Murphy that the Chancellor never contacted groups and for ensuring that this is a student focus process not the needs concerned with lobbyists. He wants to point out the hypocrisy about the hateful against divestment but chose to stand up after hateful things that outside lobbyist things are doing.

-Jacob

-He's a member of Jewish Voice for Peace and wants to thank Murphy for being a true leader and representing voices, something Chancellor Block didn't do. He asks all of councils to be as responsible. The ethic statement does not target Jewish student but asks council to not go on student funded trips that are discriminatory. ADL, AIPAC, and Hasbara were all explicitly stated because they have outreached students and will add any other groups that violate student rights. Nothing in this statement condemns Pro-Israel and being Pro-Israel doesn't mean you're islamophobic. These organizations have problematic agendas.

-Shakib is speaking preemptive following the email from Chancellor Block. We in the MSA defend the statement and recognize that Block in this email has not set any attacking or defending on any USAC policy however he does display some political tendency on the intent of free speech. This debate has been going on for decades if not centuries, we can all agree that as much as we love the idea of speech and the speech leads to head and the hate leads to hate crime it cannot be tolerated. Just because our Chancellor has expressed an opinion, Murphy deviates from block and that's okay and Murphy was elected and not Block.

-Kalbikan wants to thank Murphy for speaking on behalf of the Armenian community and understands the position and how difficult it was to do as a new council member and we're all tired of reading and writing statements and it's time for us to ask the authors what the intentions were instead of assuming. She did not want to marginalize any communities and it's inevitable that these lobbying organizations are going against us. The lobbying organizations are bigger than all of us and the intention is not to ban trips for Israel. This is not the intention. This is not the intention; they are suggesting that these organizations stop taking trips with. The Anti Defamation League has cleared their stance on the genocide resolution and perpetuating genocide and doesn't hold anyone accountable. This is not controversial.

Kamilah Moore

-She stands in solidarity with the joint ethics statement and the Office of the President which promotes the ideals of accountability and respect. Regardless of your political affiliation, which everyone is entitled to have, as elected representative you have the privilege and burden to represent the larger campus community. It calls to an end of the marginalization and challenges you on to support a decision made from your president.

-You all get stipends and you are here to represent students and decide to go in the future, but while you're elected and so many people voted to put you in office, you're here to represent all students. You have to make sure you're not marginalizing student's external student lobby groups. She just wanted to put everything back in perspective. You all should really call for the resignation of Napolitano, she has a history of reporting undocumented and doesn't know why that's an elephant in the room.

Jason Smith

-Smith is an alumnus and graduated from NYU Tisch and congratulates all of you and is so proud of his mentee. If anyone wants to hire his email is jamesarnellsmith@gmail.com for organizational development and running art and he can be an educator, please hire me.

-She doesn't understand that attending free trips that have been known to be She encourages everyone who disagrees to read it again. It serves as a broad statement to be more inclusive. She is alarmed that this statement is being accused of marginalized students. The chancellor who stayed out of student matters attempted to address it. This is problematic and the chancellor needs to be checked. As elected council members who

represents the student body he hopes they won't associate with any organization that discriminates of any kind because that goes against your position as council members.

-Negeen wanted to speak in support of the joint ethics statement as well as the office of the press release. As someone who experienced islamaphobia it's important to show the positivity of consensus building and not taking it on normal students of everyday life. In addition the press release really highlights that we need to keep our administration accountable when they do get involved in student issues. If it's a student issue the first thing you should be doing is going to the students.

-It's a matter as representatives, as terms as how folks perceive it and interact with USAC it's definitely important to take into account. If there's a community on campus there's something to certainly take into account. As for marginalizing other communities from the statement, it was by no means their intent. If you look at the literature they did not want to marginalize students. As a matter of targeting other communities that wasn't their intention,

-Omar is an incoming board member for SJP and wants to thank Murphy for his press release. As somebody as a Palestinian student and Muslims familial ties it's been saddening and discouraging and the way that hate speech is normalized and overlooked. Honestly, it was sort of an all-time low to receive an email from the chancellor to counteract student groups. They just wanted to block attempts and wants to really thank Murphy for standing up to it and recognize that students were being hurt and there pain is not taking into account.

Kate, External SJO and Co-Director of 7000 in solidarity

-You are probably seeing the same group and this is something more than this people endorse. There are faculty members and 20+ student groups and are in support of the ethics resolution and the statements that go behind it. The Bruin feminists for equality are members in support and thinks it's a small minority, it simply does not. You can look at divestment endorsements you can see everyone who came I support of us last winter quarter.

Rasha, incoming vice president for SJP

-Rasha says accepting free trips that perpetuate islamaphobia or reject genocide, why do we have to keep repeating it? Please do not subject these communities to a double standard.

-She's in support of the ethics statement and really represents the students who aren't involved and just come in support.

V. Special Presentations

A. Volunteer Center

-Rachel Corell is the director of the Volunteer Center and wants to let everyone know about their events. If you have any questions please email her volunteer@ucla.edu and her email is rcorell@volunteer.ucla.edu. Their website is volunteer.ucla.edu and wants to

recognize Cynthia Wong sits with 9 other student advisors who advise us on service and civic engagement. In 2009 service was added to the true bruin volumes in 2009 and it was the creation of the UCLA Volunteer center and Volunteer Day. They feed you and you get a t-shirt, and it's a lot of fun. Save the date for Monday September 29. Anyone that wants to get involved the meetings are at accessible places. The other part is service projects all year round. They work at 52 service sites, with 6,623 volunteers, 38, 120 hours. She states they have a lot of programs and has a background of service and service-learning and there are so many opportunities to get involved. They have the one bus, one cause program, operation gratitude, fall harvest fest, non-profit networking night, three pillars one university, volunteer appreciation week, and Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. They have so many student development and leadership opportunities such as volunteer center fellows, Mongelli award for excellence in civic engagement, social media & marketing internship program, project SPELL, and the Volunteer Leadership program.

-She shares photos on Facebook, twitter, Instagram, tumblr and wants to thank everyone they do at UCLA. If you think there should be anything done, please contact her any time.

-Baral states he was a volunteer day person and it's such a great experience and you meet really cool people and it's a cool opportunity and recommends everyone to do it in the Fall.

-Corell states this Saturday says it's GUAP on Friday and has delicious food and community service projects on volunteer.ucla.edu and there will be a Facebook invite today when she gets to it.

-Murphy states that OP and CSC worked together for the John Sarvey and Murphy thanks her for all the support.

VI. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Devin Murphy

-Murphy had his first press release and already spoken with the vice chancellor of student affairs and is excited for dialogue. He wanted everyone to know that personally they've been able to be critical of himself and others because the things you're critical most of, you love the most. As someone representing students, being critical of administrators opens up the box of having key discussions and why he came from the press release with different student organizations. Badalich states him and SWC for the mental health campaign and talk about having it as a council wide initiative. Lastly, he met with GSAC president last week and he's adamant about different issues and wants to do work on mental health and partner with graduate students and he's excited about that.

B. Internal President – Avinoam Baral

-Baral stated that he issued a bad precedent to take individual press releases and really hopes that all of you can do that to each other and call me to tell me if you messed up. The transfer committee meeting happened at the table and they drafted some by laws and look at it at 7:30pm. Please come out and it's definitely worthwhile and what kind of bylaws will be presented.

-Murphy says on the transfer ad hoc committee he encourages everyone to come out and the transfers are putting a lot of work and when they present that he would prefer them to be involved and critiquing once it's to the council table. Come to the meeting this Thursday in Kerkhoff 417 7:30pm. He wants to take 30 seconds of silence for the events that happened in UCSB.

C. External Vice President – Conrad Contreras

-Contreras said voter registration forms came in so they can register first year and transfer students. He had a conference call for UCSA and UCLA to work together. A student group called Progressive Leaders for Democratic Action and Marianne Williamson is coming this Thursday and essentially just educate yourself and a candidate coming to campus.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Allyson Bach

-Bach states that AAC provided funds to support Humans of UCLA and it's a way to distress.

E. Facilities Commissioner – Carlos Quintanilla

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-Badalich wants to talk about UCSB and its not because Isla Vista condones that culture, this culture exists at UCLA. She's going to read the actual manifesto "All of my suffering on this world has been at the hands of humanity, particularly women. All I ever wanted was to fit in and live a happy life amongst humanity, but I was cast out and rejected, forced to endure an existence of loneliness and insignificance, all because the females of the human species were incapable of seeing the value in me." She's going to read the comments "see girls this is what you get for treating nice guys like shit. I hope you women see this a lesson and give that one kid pussy and you might save a life. What a boss should have been smart and rape and kill the girls. This is why girls should do one charity bang for month. I mean sex is a basic human need. Any of you girls could have prevented this."

"Not going to lie sees you around skirts and lipstick and its totally hypocritical how are you not asking for it? Don't talk about consent and shit maybe don't give off the wrong idea and wear something more appropriate to be taken more seriously." "Close your legs and get off" talking about her rape. You should never read comments and this is targeted to specific people on this campus, one literally said "she doesn't know what rape is, I'll show." Every time I'm on the internet as a women she used as a threat of rape whenever you talk of the opinion. This could happen at UCLA or if you go to actual website and you search UCLA you'll find stuff about the Kappa sororities and how they're blonde bitches but this is stuff they actually say. Since we did crowd sourcing map for 7000 in solidarity we got over 3000 submissions of any type of gender based violence. This is happening on UCLA, she asked by

If I go on someone and giving my non consent and reject someone that means it's okay to be killed by rejecting it. As either one said take one for the team and let him rape or allow for this violence No matter what its put on woman and conflating mental illness because those of mental illness are victims of violence. This is about misogyny violence against women and community members and any person that does not subscribe the status quo. The status quo happens to be heteropatriarchy. If you go whenwomenrefuse.tumblr.com and what happens when woman want to recognize their agency. There were 3 people shot at in northern California because they refused to have sex. Go to #yesallwomen on twitter. I hope you understand that this is not just an act of misogyny and act of racism. He hated his roommates because they were Asian. She refuses to use his name, do not humanize him or normalize him. She thinks that counseling sessions are great and have an open forum of the shooting and cultural misogyny. Not just rape culture but any sorts of violence. Just because it happens at UCSB doesn't mean it can't happen. There's a spectrum of violence but it still happens. Please do not think it was a mental health or a UCSB or Isla Vista this is an issue of misogyny.

-Dr. Nelson asks if there were any names given

-Badalich says no.

-Dr. Nelson says men have a lot of insecurities and Badalich could keep doing what they're doing

-Badalich wants to find gender studies professors, CAPS, and Daily Bruin to talk about how the media has been portraying the issue. She refuses to say the name and talks about responsible reporting and how we have to put more emphasis on those who are hurt and brings more infamy. Many women on campus don't feel safe.

F. Administrative Representative

-Lazarovici asks for the president press release.

-Murphy put it on USAC Office of the President and will send it

-Lazarovici stated she was happy to see Jason Smith and loves how he was out there and used the opportunity to ask for a job and she can learn a lot from him. He is willfully defiant in a great way. Rachel stated she been in student government and one more resource. She's seen her present 8-9x and she gets on the agenda every quarter. She wants to talk about how she didn't have a slate to rely on and that's a lonely place to be and how terrible slate politics were and not be part of a community

Zimmerman

-Zimmerman stated installation is next Saturday and some outgoing members are sending proxies. She hopes everyone can make it, everyone should arrive at noon and get everyone settles. Another thing is office access, but as of Monday we clear out all the office access and fill out a lot of access forms. They usually do a clean sweep and refill for all groups. They have a few appointments that must be made before school is out during 10th week or have a finals week meeting depending where they are in the appointment process such as the board of directors and make sure a few other appointments.

-Baral asks how the installation works

-Zimmerman describes that by the end you're sitting at the table, it's cute and there's a reception.

- Bach has a question of the forms due on Friday.
- Zimmerman states that paperwork for student work accounting is due this Friday or going straight into SGA.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

- There is Fiscal Contingency, Capital Contingency, and Summer Contingency. They made an adjustment for summer contingency and adjust it and sent a new matrix before the meeting. The one that Avinoam changed in one round and is sent to everyone.
- Geller states the content isn't final until you all call to question.
- Baral just forwarded it to everyone and sent it all out to Friday morning and just forwarded the updated Summer one so the fiscal and capital just stay the same.
- Geller asks what the time frame is.
- Wang says fiscal year comes up to May 31st and the summer one covers June-July so starting August 1st is the new fiscal year.
- Geller asks for clarity when multiple groups submit funding requests for the same program, how does that work to allocate twice for one event.
- Wang states there's a part of cosponsoring for event and after reviewing individually at the end they combine it so it doesn't reach the cap.
- Geller states that in Summer Contingency 5 and 6 are the same
- Wang states they made sure that their allocation did not exceed the cap
- Baral said the allocation regarding EDMC concert and asks for a lot of money and got \$150, and what was the reasoning behind the low allocation.
- Wang says there's a cap for facility for \$400. You can see from the score they didn't provide any documentation and they don't know how much the facility costs and plays a big role in the committee decision.
- Baral says that capital contingency programming and received money, should I be abstaining from the vote.
- Murphy says you usually abstain.
- Wang says there are 6-7 offices from this week.
- Lazarovici states you may break the capital contingency apart for student groups and UC so the commissioner can abstain from their own but not all of them.
- Baral moves to approve the allocations of the summer programming, the fiscal contingency, and the first three line items of the capital contingency. Badalich seconds.
12-0-0
- Bach motions to vote for GR3 capital contingency.
11-0-1 it's approved.
- Wong moves to approve the capital contingency for IVP. Badalich seconds.
11-0-1 approved.
- Badalich moves to approve EVP for capital contingency. Garcia seconds.
11-0-1 approved.
- Badlaich moves to approve Financial Support Commission. Bach seconds.
11-0-1 approved.
- Badalich moves to approve capital contingency for academic affairs. Contreras seconds.
11-0-1 approved.
- Badalich moves to approve capital contingency for GR2 and music club. Rosen seconds.

11-0-1 approved.

-Baral moves to approve capital contingency for GR1. Satyadev seconds.

11-0-1 approved.

X. New Business

A. Publicity Director

-Quintanilla stated that if you look at the packet there are bylaws from the other schools and Cal has marketing and communications, USC has director of publicity, and deals with branding as a whole and deal with all the different offices together. These directors are in charge of during recruitment so there would be duties removed by them and put them on this administrative person. At the top they could work on branding USAC on why USAC is relevant, newsletter, ask USAC table, published calendar of all USAC events, writes press releases for resolution, the column for publicity, organize USAC recruitment, and work with election board to publicize the elections. He was thinking it could be a presidential appointment who would do a report every so often on things they're working on to market USAC and stipend and leave stipend discussion to see if its discusses. This will have to go to constitutional review committee first.

-Badalich loves the idea and thinks the rights press release and it should be with authors. She thinks that person can listen to announcements and really write down as a newsletter or Facebook post of all coming events to be in charge of USAC Facebook. We use our individual office ones but the office ones are. One other school you should look to is University of Utah and how to market yourself as a student government. He had a lot of insight.-Rosen agrees that it's a really great idea and it's a lot of work for one person, she'd be interested for seeing a committee and there's a lot of work that goes into it as opposed to just one person.

-Baral states include that person in the student bylaw committee

-Murphy says he's having an internal public affairs director to centralize the conversation and talked about all USAC marketing so if you want to join in with all USAC marketing he would love to do that. In the meantime we should talk about all USAC marketing and he's down for it.

-Badalich states that person could connect with each of the marketing directors and wants it to be a brand.

-Geller stated that she interested with the historian aspect, especially because she saves some fliers and things. She knows Kris Kaupalolo wanted to make an archive. If there's someone arching the historical part.

-Murphy asks how we move forward to this conversation

-Quintanilla stated that after CRC is done and deal with bylaws the hardest part would be finding someone for the position and hire someone in fall.

-Wong how would we go out for publicizing and selecting them.

-Quintanilla stated they would probably go to ARC or go through the presidential appointment.

-Badalich stated that if we wanted to have that stipend position the timeline may be more condensed in case and get it approved for the budget on August.

B. USAC Standing Committees

-Murphy reads the standing committees.

Here are your tentative appointments for the 2014-2015 USA Standing Committees:

Appointments Review Committee (summer availability considered):

Avinoam Baral (Chair, as per bylaws)

Conrad Contreras

Savannah Badalich

Greg Kalfayan (alternate when they can't meet quorum)

*Finance Committee Chairperson serves as an ex-officio member of ARC

Constitutional Review Committee (Chair to be selected by the committee):

Heather Rosen

Manjot Singh

Allyson Bach

Nihal Satyadev

Cynthia Wong

USA/BOD Budget Review Committee:

Carlos Quintanilla (fall)

Irmay Garcia (Fall)

Manjot Singh (Winter)

Savannah Badalich (Winter)

Conrad Contreras (Spring)

Fab Roth (Spring)

Funding Study Group (will not be convening until October 15th, at the latest):

Avinoam Baral

Manjot Singh

-Baral states that he's 98% sure he has to sit on CRC per bylaw.

-Murphy said for CRC 3-5, why not there should be more members.

-Murphy asked if someone doesn't want to be CRC. CRC doesn't have to be developed today.

-Zimmerman says someone has to be off but anyone is open.

-Rosen asks how he decides this.

-Murphy states that he wanted the independent to feel included and wanted the slates to be balanced.

-Murphy stated that he knew Quintanilla and Garcia would be a bylaw change for CRC so didn't want to be a conflict of interest.

-In terms of the council members you can show up on any of these meetings but not as a voting member. Two members as council are to sit on members.

-Baral moves to approve the composition of the appointments review committee, USA/BOD budget review committee, and the funding study group. Badlaich seconds.

12-0-0 it was approved.

XII. Announcements

-Bach invites everyone for ISU.

-Wong states that if anyone is interested for contacting with volunteer center, she can be the liaison. If you're interested in some of the projects they are very interesting and very unique so contact her.

-Badalich says tomorrow is Bruin in the Kitchen with Charles Chen from 5-7pm in Sunset Canyon recreation and you can RSVP by going to tinyurl.com/bruininthekitchen. Second, they are having their masturbation panel from 7-9pm so right after you can go to

Humanities A48. Lastly, next Thursday they are having sidewalk CPR from 11-2 to talk about compression CPR, you are not certified but you can see the techniques and if you're interested there are still some classes for \$10 to get certified before summer.

-Garcia says tomorrow is the Word and it's a great experience, that's the first free thing she found out about at UCLA. Tomorrow 7:30pm in Global Viewpoint Lounge.

-Roth states that some have met with Rebecca Livermore to talk about something she wants to work on for mental health and suggested to give a presentation and something we would collectively like to work on and has a few ideas on going through things both the advocacy and institutional and terms of events for us to talk about as a council rather than individual.

-Murphy says next week Active Minds has an art gallery regarding mental health starts on Monday.

-Badalich states Peace of Mind has been happening for the past 4 years and students submit art where they submit art on self-expression and talk about mental illness and trauma and they're still looking for contributions up until this Friday. This Sunday from 7-9pm there's opening night and people speak out about their mental illness and are up for the week.

-Baral says that tomorrow night we agreed on for applications to close. Please make a last final push to make execs change pictures. Thursday night is Hillel UCLA formal and if you want to come out let him know and if you want a date he can probably set one up.

-Geller says next week to bring their calendars because they're voting on summer calendars.

XIII. Signing of the attendance sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around.

IX. Adjournment

-Satyadev moves to adjourn the meeting. Badalich seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare