

MINUTES  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
June 10, 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, Heather Rosen, Savannah Badalich, Dr. Debra Geller, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici

ABSENT: Carlos Quintanilla, Dr. Berky Nelson

GUESTS: Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed, Alyssa Nunez

I. Call to Order

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The sign-in sheet is being passed around*

-Murphy calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

- Baral moves to approve the agenda. Wong seconds.

Agenda approved by consent.

III. Approval of the Minutes from May 13, 2014 and May 20, 2014

- Rosen moves to approve the Minutes. Wong seconds.

Minutes approved by consent.

IV. Public Comments

*No public comment*

V. Special Presentations

*No Special Presentations*

VI. Appointments

A. ASUCLA Board of Directors- Denea Joseph

- Murphy states that the Council will have the student appointments step out of the room while the Council reviews the Appointment Review Committees (ARC) interview. They will then call you back in for an interview. The appointment will have one and half minutes for an introduction, five minutes for Q&A and one minute for closing. Council will then have them step out of the room while they discuss and vote and the appointment will return for the results.
- Murphy states that Council will now discuss the ARC interview for Denea Joseph.
- Baral states that ARC met last week and gave a 2-1-0 positive recommendation vote for Denea Joseph. ARC gave some feedback to the appointee. We requested

- that she elaborate on her idea to gain student feed feedback. And have she will communicate and reach out to the communication board and the daily bruin
- Murphy requests to bring Joseph back in and for her to begin with an introduction
  - Badalich asks for Council to please pull up the resume and look at the questions asked by ARC so they do not repeat questions.
  - Baral states he is sharing the ARC document with the council to review the interview questions, notes, and recommendations documented.
  - Murphy informs Jacobs that she will have one minute thirty seconds for an introduction and five minutes for Q&A, this will be the structure for all of the appointments.
  - Joseph states that she is a political science meager at UCLA. ASUCLA is comprised of four entities, USA, GSA, Student Media and Services and Enterprises. Of those four parts she is an active participant in two of these organizations. The first is USA as a staff member in the EVP office she has lobbied Student lobby Conference, The Student of Color Conference, National Grassroots Legislative Conference, and most recently Lobby Day where she had the opportunity to lobby at the UC Regents on behalf of affordability and accessibility. She also has experience working in Services and Enterprises in the student store as a cashier. She got firsthand experience be her interaction with the student body and with the implantation of Homeboy Industries, coffee mug and t-shirt design competition. She is also able to see where there are areas ASUCLA thrives and areas to improve. She sees ASUCLA as her home away from home as she commutes to UCLA. This is the space where she eats, rests, studies, works. she realizes she is the exception and not the norm and is planning to change that.
  - Baral asks what she plans to accomplish during your term on ASUCLA Board of Directors.
  - Joseph states her platforms are to make ASUCLA more relevant and visible and reaching out to student organizations regarding their issue. She also reach out to the Daily Bruin and they would like to increase the communications with the Communication Board. She spoke with the out-going and incoming editor of chief and they would like the media to remain an independent entity. She would like to renovate Luvulle Commons to improve the healthy food options in line with the Healthy Campus Initiative. This will benefit undergrads and grad students. She would also like to update the artwork around the union, change the art in the art gallery, and to continue the t-shirt contest. Also, she would like to bring swipes on campus and have quarterly reports to USA Council on the updates from the Board of Directors.
  - Contreras asks where does she think that ASUCLA can improve.
  - Joseph states that ASUCLA lacks the visibility that it needs. If the students do not understand what is happening in the Union then it is important to use the media to convey this message. She would like to reach out student groups as well directly.
  - Badalich asks when Joseph mentioned updating the Kerckhoff Art Gallery if she was aware that the Cultural Affairs Commission manages that space.
  - Joseph states she would like to update the art in the meeting rooms.
  - Badalich asked if she has reached out to the Health Campus Initiative.

- Joseph responded not yet but she will once appointed to the Board of Directors position.
- Rosen asks how Joseph will represent the student voice on the Board of Directors
- Joseph states she will make sure to represent the students, and evaluate if students will benefit from the proposed program and make sure that ASUCLA keeps the undergraduates in mind when making decisions.
- Proxy for Carlos Quintanilla asks how Joseph plans to promote sustainability within ASUCLA.
- Joseph states that she will work on dining and food waste options and will work to establish a program to donate the waste to the food closet or other organizations in need.
- Bach asks how Joseph will prioritize all of her responsibilities.
- Joseph states as a member of the Board of Directors she will not be able to be an employee in the store so she will be drop that responsibility and that will open up a lot of available time.
- Champawat asks if she is available to attend the Board of Directors Retreat next week.
- Joseph says she will be able to attend.
- Geller asks how will Joseph manage her work load and excel in her studies.
- Joseph states she is able to prioritize and use her time commuting on the bus to answer emails and study.
- Joseph states in closing that with her extensive experience at ASUCLA and she will make sure she is a representative for the students on the Board of Directors.
- Badalich believes that five minutes is too short and should be extended to ten minutes. Joaseph is an excellent speaker. Council should clarify that CAC manages the Kerckhoff Art Gallery and Badalich will work with Joseph to reach out to the Campus Health Initiative.
- Roth states that she had the pleasure to go to Washington DC with Joseph and when Joseph is passionate about something she will put in 100%. Roth thinks it is great that Joseph has experience representing students.
- Satyadev states that he worked with Denea last year and she is truly passion and had a lot of experience regarding USA and ASUCLA. With the constant changing campus environment it is important to be able to be flexible and continue to work on improvements. Joseph mentioned and addressed in her intro all of the points of concern about student access this is a constant changing environment and she was able to address all of her concerns in her opening.
- Conrad states Joseph is very passionate and has a lot of experience inside and outside of USAC and she connected her experience with the needs of the students.
- Garcia states that as a cashier you get the opportunity to hear directly from the students and their needs. It is an important role to have and she is approachable. It is a great experience to have to represent on the Board.
- Rosen states that she believes that her platforms need to be developed more and did not answer her question but it is knowledge that she can gain and she has the skill sets.
- Singh states that she is an advocate on a national level and is grassroots will benefit her in the appointment.

- Murphy asked council if they have been to a BOD meeting and recommends that they all attend one to grasp the role of BOD and what the board does to fully understand the appointment.
- Champawat states it is a constituency board that represents the student body
- Murphy request a motion to approve Denea Joseph for ASUCLA Board of Directors
- Garcia moves to approve Denea Joseph to the ASUCLA Board of Directors Bach seconds.
- Voted approved 11-0-0

#### B. ASUCLA Board of Directors- Carly Calbreath

- Murphy states that Calbreath is a strong candidate for the position as you can see in her application and resume.
- Baral states she received a 3-0-0 recommendation from ARC. And recommended for her to be prepared to explain the Core values of ASUCLA and to explain tangible platforms and bring them to council.
- Murphy states there will be an introduction and then 5 min for Q&A
- Calbreath states most of her work at UCLA has been at grassroots and student development with amnesty international and office of residential life as a resident assistant. These two fields empowered her to be a good representative in this position. She will pursue to impact how student process the consumption of this campus. Make a positive impact reached out to current BOD appointments and ASUCLA is not in the best financial situation and work for student s to invest into our union and also improve the health and culturally inclusive food options and career resources on the Hill.
- Rosen states that she wants to expand the career resources on the Hill, and asks Calbreath what is the possibility of having an office space for the Career Center on the Hill.
- Calbreath states she is not sure the feasibility and that study spaces are the highest priority but she will be looking into that option. She would want students to be exposed at the beginning of the year as to what type of jobs that ASUCLA jobs are available to students.
- Baral states to clarify that Calbreath is looking for a career fair for ASUCLA jobs on the Hill.
- Contreras asks Calbreath to discuss her experience of working with and advocating for the student at UCLA.
- Calbreath states that in particulate her multiple roles in Res life she advocates for students. She is analyzing students' needs by working with students directly and then bringing it back to administration to address these needs.
- Wong asks if Calbreath can give examples of ideas of initiatives to expose students to the community outside of the Westwood bubble.
- Calbreath states that she would like to see people make an environmental impact and reach out to organizations dedicated to these groups and goes back to the core values of partnership.

- Amy Proxy for Quintanilla asks what is her understanding of the ASUCLA Core Value of target zero waste and how does she intend on promoting this on the Board of Directors.
- Calbreath states that she understands that this process is expensive and some of the biggest challenges are education and how to dispose of compost. And we can institutionalize outreach to the students so students have this as part of their culture.
- Saytyadev asks how Calbreath plans to outreach to students to understand all of the resources that ASUCLA provides for students.
- Calbreath states we would like to institutionalize education of the relationship between ASUCLA, USAC, and the Student Regent so people can be aware of how they can be involved and how they can work with these spaces and how decisions get passed down and how it will affect the students. We can do that with information graphics around ASUCLA to get the information out there and it is a good start to begin this communication
- Baral asks how Calbreath plans to gage the student interests and needs on campus.
- Calbreath states that ASUCLA currently administrated a survey on campus and to analyze that data. Also do targeted surveys to assist with responses. Also grassroots efforts to talk directly with student leaders with the other BOD appointments. It is important to reach out directly to the student's.
- Roth asks what the plan is to reach out to international students regarding employment opportunities. Perhaps with the Dashew Center.
- We would like to partner with the Dashew Center for a career fair or outreach directly with this community. Work with other entities on campus.
- Champawat asks if she is available for the Board of Directors retreat.
- Calbreath states that she will be available.
- Geller asks her strategies to balance her extra circulars and with her studies. This is time extensive position.
- Calbreath states that she spent the previous year as a Resident Assistant, also working for programming coordinator and office assistant. She has reached out to those spaces and will only be a resident assistant next year. Also, her work as Resident Assistant will assist with her new role on BOD.
- Geller asks if she plans to stay for two more years as an undergraduate student.
- Calbreath states that she intends to stay for a fifth year to finish her degree.
- Rosen states one of the missions of UCLA is to support and diversify student programming how do you plan to increase this in the student body.
- Calbreath states she would like to outreach educate students on the opportunities that are currently available to students and address the current relationship we currently have and make sure to keep those relationships positive. Students will then be comfortable coming to us and also working with them on environmental improvements and that will involve outreach and programming.
- Bach states that one of Calbreath's platforms is sustainability but students have complained that organizations are too profit driven. How will you ensure that ASUCLA is bringing it back to students regarding sustainability
- Calbreath states that it is important to work on how we process our consumption. We are making an impact with the products that we buy and outreach to student

- groups on campus to see what they would like to see. More opportunity for jobs and programming when they invest in the student Union.
- Garcia asked for her to expand on her plan to make the food choices more culturally relevant.
  - Calbreath states that regarding food choices she would like more options for students both for students with dietary restrictions and cultural and international options of different types of food. This will keep students excited about their food options.
  - Murphy asks for Calbreath's closing statement.
  - Calbreath states that she believes council has been able to get a snapshot of who she is as a person. She is looking forward to working and this is a great opportunity for students to create a large change of how our campus functions and to impact our community and the rest of the world. It is great to have students to have a majority on the board and be more transformative and students benefit and she looks forward to working with the board of directors.
  - Murphy asks for questions and comments on Calbreath.
  - Garcia states she was able to work with Calbreath to registering students to vote in the EVP office. Calbreath is dedicated and has a great work ethic and she admires her.
  - Baral states he is impressed with her at ARC and still impressed.
  - Bach states she is impressed with all of the work she is doing this year and she knows she will do great things next year as well.
  - Roth states that the fact she is an RA is an asset to know what students needs are on campus.
  - Amy Proxy for Quintanilla states that Carlos strongly supports her and has worked with her in many roles in ORL and USAC and she always stands out as a leader and would appreciate a BOD appointment that emphasized sustainability.
  - Rosen states that she appreciated Calbreath wanting to begin to work with BOD and give back to the Student body. Her hesitation is that Calbreath's action items were not as planned out as Jacobs but she believes that she can expand on them and will do a good job in the position.
  - Murphy asks for a motion to approve Calbreath for BOD Appointment
  - Badalich moves to approve Carly Calbreath for ASUCLA Board of Directors Contreras seconds. No objections.
  - Approved with a vote of 11-0-0

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Devin Murphy

-Murphy states that this past week he met with Anita Montero to discuss his platforms and to increase the Chancellors presence and that the chancellor connects with the students. At UC Berkeley the president of Associated Students has the Chancellor's cell number to contact when needed. He wants Council and the students to acknowledge that the chancellor is there for the students. He is increasing the communication with the chancellor's office to twice per quarter. We would like students to have him as a resource as a liberal individual.

-Murphy states the Transfer Representative Ad Hoc has convened and worked well on the position details and is ready to bring the new language forward as Council will see in the New Business section.

B. General Representative – Nihal Satyadev

- Satyadev says that the lab coat initiative has begun and they received close to ten donations and working with more campus partnerships to collect more coats.

C. Administrative Representative

Dr. Debra Geller

-Geller states that the Office of the President has officially approved the Arts Restoring Community Referendum language and the funds will begin collection this fall.

Laureen Lazarovici

-Lazarovici wishes Council good luck on finals. Congratulates them on appointing the members to the ASUCLA Board of Directors. She has been listening to a great book regarding advice from Tibetan Buddhist to help deal with difficult situations.

Patty Zimmerman

- Zimmerman states that summer parking permits are available for Lot 4 and 5. Please contact the USAC President if you are interested in receiving a permit. She sent an email to Council requesting updated signatories information for Orgsync for reserving rooms and funding etc.

- Roth states she is having difficulty regarding stipends paperwork and she will not be available until August to address the issue.

- Zimmerman states that she can assist with this process and there is a Bylaw that states that if you are ineligible to receive the stipend the amount can go to your assistance line item.

-Murphy request that this is discussed after council.

-Bach asks if the summer parking permits extend to the school year?

-Zimmerman says that parking is requested each quarter.

VIII. Funding Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wang says that there were two requests for funding for Contingency. The committee recommends a total of \$270 be allocated for the two requests. The committee also transferred the \$7,000 from Capital Contingency to Summer Contingency.

-Baral moves to approve contingency allocations. Garcia seconds.

11-0-0 contingency is approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Contreras states there is one project that was approved for funding at the amount of \$300.00

-Baral moves to approve EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant allocations. Singh seconds.

-Approved by consent

## IX. Old Business

*-No old business*

## X. New Business

## A. Transfer Student Representative Bylaws

-Murphy introduces Alyssa Nunez and Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed to present on the Transfer Student Representative Bylaw additions.

- Nunez the co-author of the referendum states that she has been meeting with the ad hoc committee to discuss the transfer representative position.

- Sadeghi-Movahed states that she is also the chief of staff of the president's office.

-Murphy states this will be coming back to the council as an action item at a future meeting but he wanted council to see the language so they can discuss the language prior to summer when students are on campus. He would like Council to give their feedback so that information and concerns can be communicated to the ad hoc committee. Murphy requests the presenters to read the language.

- Nunez states the committed would like to make this language a new "Section L" in the Bylaws keeps it separate from the General Representative language. This position has specific platforms each year which differs from the General Representatives and separate from that position. Nunez and Sadeghi-Movahed read the bylaw language below:

- Section L: Transfer Student Representative

1. The Transfer Student Representative shall be responsible for, but not limited to:
  - a. Representing the collective interests of the transfer student body on the Council.
  - b. Actively soliciting from the transfer student body information concerning the student needs as they pertain to the transfer student population, or as they pertain to the student population as a whole.
  - c. The Transfer Representative shall promote, initiate, and support efforts to encourage improved support and inclusion for transfer students, and to improve the quality of the transfer student experience.
    - i. Initiating and pursuing policy and programming in accordance to the perceived needs of the transfer student population, which includes, but is not limited to, transfer student orientation and transfer Bruin Day.
    - ii. Aiding student groups with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs in regards to student retention and yield projects.
  - d. The Transfer Representative shall address issues of transfer student housing.
    - i. Shall maintain on-going communications with various UCLA living populations, including the On-Campus Housing Council, students living in off campus housing, commuter students, and other communities that may be deemed appropriate.
    - ii. Shall be representative of the Council within their respective capacity, to the Housing Administration, in conjunction with but not limited to the Internal Vice-President, Financial Supports, and Facilities Commissioners, on all matters that specifically deal with transfer student housing issues.

- e. The Transfer Representative shall be a Council representative, along with the Internal Vice-President and Facilities Commissioner, to UCLA Transportation Services on issues that affect undergraduate parking and transportation concerns.
- f. The Transfer Representative shall inform the transfer student body population, through the most appropriate medium, of the Council legislative activities and pursuits.

-Geller asks to please clarify Section 1,c, ii. She is not sure what they are trying to get across. In Section d. regarding transportation. The Facilities Commissioner sits on the Transportation Services Advisory Board and USAC appoints one additional individual. Are you requesting that the Transfer Rep takes on that appointment or just discuss and work with this issue? Lastly, is a reference as a reason to the Bruin Resource Center for Transfers and Family Housing community?

-Rosen comments in support of the language that included representing to student population as a whole as well as the transfer community.

- Baral states that the language regarding the Transportation sections mirrors the language in the IVP bylaws. The ad hoc committee chose this language for consistence throughout the bylaws.

-Baral comments that CRC requires the quorum of 3 students. He has scheduled the meeting for tomorrow evening and it is open to all students. To ensure the language is finalized prior to our next meeting as many students are not present during the summer.

- Murphy thanks the presenters for all of their work on the bylaws for this position.

- Murphy is currently looking for an election board chair as well. He requested that Council please send his any recommendations that they have and ask people to apply that are interested. The Election Board Chair will develop the Election calendar.

### C. USA Standing Committee- Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)

- Murphy states that the following Council members will be on the CRC Committee and he would like to confirm that today with a vote prior to their meeting tomorrow to discuss the Bylaws. The following members will sit on the committee, Baral, Rosen, Wong, and Singh.

- Baral states that in the bylaws there is no chair and that they are assigned by the committee at the first meeting.

-Murphy states that traditionally it is the IVP to chairs CRC.

- Badalich moves to approve the CRC committee Roth seconds.

Approved with a vote of 11-0-0

### XI. Announcements

-Badalich states that this Friday there will be two commencement and 7000 in Solidary will have a Bruin Solidarity Cap Campaign. UCLA will join with Columbia with showing support with a piece of red tape on their graduation cap. To stand with survivors and my committee will table from 10:30-2pm. Having the red tape on the cap would be greatly appreciated as many students are survives and graduating next two their assaulters.

-Baral states as a reminder that CRC will meet tomorrow evening. He will also be meeting with Nancy Greenstein via phone to discuss Undie-Run. There will be LAPD and UCPD that night in Westwood. Please inform students about what to expect and

what to do if they have issues. They will meet in the next couple weeks to discuss how to improve safety for future years.

- Roth asks how will the Student Affairs Office get this information to students.
- Baral says to please send out the information to all of your list serves to assist
- Murphy states that it is still unconfirmed but Bob Naples plans to connect with the Daily Bruin regarding the police information for Undie-Run. They would like to inform students about the planning and where UCPD will be located.
- Rosen states that the information has been disseminated to the students on the Hill.
- Murphy states that this summer the Student Affairs Office will be undergoing many changes. Bob Naples will be retiring this summer. His role will be split into three different sections and Murphy will forward those changes to Council. They will also be looking for a new Dean of Students.

#### XIII. Signing of the attendance sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around.

#### IX. Adjournment

- Garcia moves to adjourn. Roth seconds.
- Meeting adjourned is 8:17 pm.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare