

**MINUTES**  
**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
June 24, 2014  
8:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Devin Murphy, Avinoam Baral, Conrad Contreras, Greg Kalfayan, Cynthia Wong, Irmay Garcia, Heather Rosen, Savannah Badalich, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller

**ABSENT:** Fabienne Roth, Allyson Bach, Carlos Quintanilla, Manjot Singh

**GUESTS:**

**I. Call to Order**

-Murphy calls the meeting to order at 8:01PM

*-Murphy passes around the attendance sheet.*

-Murphy gets the names for all proxies for councilmembers.

**II. A. Approval of the Agenda**

-Baral moves to add officer report for General Representative 1 to F. Contreras seconds.

-Badalich moves to add officer report for Student Wellness Commissioner. Garcia seconds.

-Baral moves to strike Publicity Director from the New Business. Rosen seconds.

-Contreras moves to strike EVP Travel/Advocacy Grant. Baral seconds.

-Garcia moves to strike Cultural Affairs Mini-Fund from funding allocations. Rosen seconds.

-Baral moves to strike ASRF from the agenda. Badalich seconds.

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

-Baral motions to approve the agenda. Rosen seconds.

-8-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended.

**III. Approval of the Minutes from June 10, 2014**

-Baral says that the meeting minutes were not received by council even after emailing Danielle, the minute taker, for the minutes.

-Murphy states us that council will approve those minutes at the next council meeting.

**IV. Public Comments**

-Jameison Cortez is the Internal Public Affairs Director in the USAC Office of the Presidents, he is extending an offer to councilmembers to help them with publicity, branding, and other marketing efforts they may need.

**V. Special Presentation**

**A. ARK Broadcasting**

-Justin from ARK Broadcasting has an app/website that was developed a year ago with the help of ASUCLA, to broadcast videos by students on TVs throughout campus similar to MTVU that is played in Ackerman Union and Wooden Center. He states that they

reached out to student groups and got a lot of positive feedback and 500+ videos in the first month and a half. Justine states that one unfortunate thing that happened is that they only got 5 videos to submit it, partly because students don't have time to submit video when also being students. Justin says they took into consideration that not everyone has time to put in a video, and most students were only watching videos and not posting, so they brainstormed a way for students to be able to submit text and pictures.

-Justin states unexpectedly there was a feed for students, 60% of the people that were going to the feed they weren't posting but just watching it, there is something new they created this summer that help/encourage students to actually post and not just watch videos, and when someone posts it goes to 40,000 students that happen to be in the same area or post.

-ARK the website, the first screen is a campus feed and shows everything that's on the network and students have the opportunity to do pictures and text, and there is a screening process to make sure everything is appropriate and inclusive to all students.

-ARK features is that you can share things that are happening live and publicize for people to go that may be walking past the event. The TV network is in several locations like Ackerman, LuValle Commons, Daily Bruin, and two new ones in North Campus and Boelter Hall. This is a great way to publicize, to learn about other students and student groups.

-Justin states that ARK is going to be new for UCLA, and it will be there for students to engage with each other and figure out the events around campus. He asks for questions or feedback from councilmembers on thoughts of expanding this project.

-Baral states that he was a BETA taster and it was really fun to I post about things that were going around UCLA, and it is helpful to just post to students around UCLA instead of on Facebook where you have friends from H.S. and others who aren't necessarily interested in UCLA-specific events.

-Rosen says from a USAC perspective, this is a very helpful tool to use to post for publicity Rosen wanted to ask was there any type of censorship in case any negative things went onto the website.

Justin says right now that everything goes to his team to be screened and there are strict rules put onto the application give to his team by ASUCLA, like underage drinking or drug paraphernalia.

-Badalich ask that if she saw something on of the screens, like a trailer, as soon I see it am I able to pull it up or search for it?

-Justin states that there's a technology that was introduced by Apple, and you can set up a screen with people who have the application, as you walk by the screen with the application, you're notified to sync up to the content that is being played on the screen in real time, you don't have to search on a feed of thousand people, it's as soon as you walk by it'll come up.

-Lazarovici says she had some observations based on a couple of conferences I've been at, there has been twitter feed/wall, and the photos had people spell bound and it created a community of those who were at the conference, in college you are kind of like in a 4-5 year conference together, and this would be a fun way to get people together to have people get things together and publicize.

-Baral asks is it available to anyone?

-Justin answers and says that anyone with ucla.edu can use download it in about 2 weeks, and you have to go through the Apple Store.

-Deb Geller asks what the financial model for the applications is. Do you have to pay for the app does the app accept advertisements? Is it free?

-Justin says it's free right now and they have been working with UCLA to get sponsorships, one in particular is Uber, who provides service already to UCLA students.

-Roy says that Justin has been a great partner ever since they started talking about this last, the original concept has more to do with videos that capture the community, and the good thing about it is the idea that it fosters some type of community, before social media was into play, students physically got into the Student Union, and no it doesn't happen. He continues that the idea of this app is to settle into a format of fostering community, and Justin has been a good partner springing from community, and the videos weren't panning out the way it was supposed. But what it is evolving to is making the community small again and more cohesive.

-Murphy asks if there are any other questions.

-Justin leaves his email for any questions, comments or concerns: jboo@ark.ucla.edu

## VI. Appointments

Two appointments coming out of the External Vice President's office for UCSA Board of Directors.

-Contreras explains that the University of California Student Association is a student-run, student-led space that works on issues state-wide that affects students directly, and there is a board of directors, so alongside the EVP, there are two appointments, one is the Campus Organizing Director and the other is the Legislative Liaison.

-Murphy explains the process and says that Denea will be going first and that Morris will be going after and that there will be a 1 minute intro, 10 minutes of discussion, and 1 minute conclusion.

-Baral explains that the recommendations have to be read first, and says that they can be read with Denea in the room, since they were already sent her.

-Murphy agrees.

### A. UCSA Board of Directors (Campus Organizing Director) – Denea Joseph

-Baral says that they met with Denea yesterday and thanked Contreras for stepping out of the room because it was his appointment, and the alternative Greg came in to conduct the interview and ARC recommendations after 3-0-0 vote was to craft a detailed plan for council for UCSA to be more accessible and visible to students.

-Joseph states that she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Political Science major and states that during the past year Denea has worked in the State Affairs component in the EVP office, and they worked on different things like affordability/accessibility to the UC. She says they worked on different campaigns like Fund the UC which is reforming the Prop 13 to close corporate loopholes whole tax, making sure that higher education gets the benefit of the potential 6 billion dollar revenue that could come from that.

Additionally, they have worked on IGNITE (Invest in Graduation, Not Incarceration, Transform Education) which seeks to end the school-to-prison

pipeline, also we recognize that everyone is privileged to attend an institution like UCLA, so we are changing that so that everyone has a fair chance. Additionally, she says she has been a part of the UCSA space in many different fashions, whether it is a part of the different conferences, such as Student of Color Conference, Student Lobby Conference, and May Lobby Day in which she lobbied the UC regents, because of those qualifications I see myself as highly qualified to take on this position.

-Lazarovici asks didn't the council just approve you for something else recently.

-Joseph answers yes and that it was ASUCLA Board of Directors

-Lazarovici says Joseph looked familiar jokingly and says she'll channel her inner Dr. Geller and ask how will you balance the 2 responsibilities and classwork, etc.?

-Joseph says one of the best things is that she will not be the only campus organizing director and that there will be 3 other one helping her with State Affairs, she'll just act as the official proxy on the Board of Directors, and meetings only take place once a month and it isn't a big time commitment. In addition to being appointed ASUCLA BOD, she says she had to quit my job which freed up an enormous amount of time.

-Rosen says sometimes in the UCSA space some student in the UCLA delegation from a more conservative background sometimes do not feel comfortable, she asks how do you want to make sure that you will represent all students this year.

-Joseph says that all start with conferences and making sure that the delegation is as diverse as possible and making sure difficult communities are represented in these delegations, for example the Congress we are having in August that students can start their own campaigns to be the main focus of UCSA.

-Wong asks what are the personal/specific goals that you have as a director for UCSA.

-Joseph said that making sure that there are specific goals and less campaigns this year will be her main focus, last year UCSA 3-4 campaigns and this time they are going to prioritize campaigns to have a main focus. She goes into depth and talks about IGNITE, and how it is multi-faceted and that it could not be dissected to full capacity because other campaigns had to be worked on as well.

-Lazarovici says I think on your resume; you had a graphic note taking experience.

-Joseph says she thinks that's maybe Morris's resume.

-Murphy asks is there any more questions and exclaims that there is 7 minutes left in discussion.

-Baral says he guess councilmembers read the ARC tracker, and don't have a lot of questions, he then asks about the internal problems with UCSA staff and conference students and how Joseph plans to combat that.

-Joseph says she thinks it's a healthy balance and she thinks it's important to find that balance, and just making sure student issues are in the forefront, and that staff knows that UCSA BOD is only working to represent the students that they serve. She continues and says that it's just a healthy balance of representing students and maintaining cordial UCSA staff.

-Joseph (conclusion): In the past, UCSA has lacked visibility and she mainly wants to make sure that it is physical to most students, to make sure that there are

teach ins and actions are visible on campus/and on the residential hill, to make it relevant for students.

- Deliberation:

-Nelson recommends that rather than report what the ARC recommends while candidate are present, he'd rather do it before the candidate displays her/himself, for the simple reason that if ARC give 3-0-0, and then what the candidate says you don't particularly like and vote nay on the appointment, it gives the candidate some sense of security and satisfaction, and that he doesn't think it's fair to anybody if the person blows it based on what council says, so he recommends that the ARC be decided at council itself rather than the person hears it.

-Baral says that he usually send the candidates out so they can talk about ARC comments and recommendations, the only reason why we felt not to do so is because there is USAC live and whatever is said the person can go back and see what was said about her and what the recommendation was, and whatever is being read from the ARC recommendations, has already been sent to the candidate beforehand after the interviews, and I didn't think it was necessary to do so because USAC live is available and she can always go back and see what was said, and it was also sent to her so she is aware. Now we can go back to way that it used to be which was that the candidate step out during ARC recommendation and then the candidate comes in.

-Murphy adds that they can go back to the way it was because its procedural and most of the things that were set up was before the implementation of USAC Live being available, and even this discussion right now is something the candidates can see.

-Rosen adds that she thinks that council should go back to the old procedure.

-Champawat says that Berky's point is the might not represent themselves as much as they could have if they thought they had to fight for the job, especially if they know the vote was positive, and kind of not giving the candidate false security, so going to back to the old procedure is the best way to move forward.

-Murphy states again that they'll move back to the old procedure and asks if there are any more questions.

-Baral says he thought she was really great during the interview, the only reservation is the time commitment with ASUCLA BOAD, and UCSA BOD is a part of her role as State Affairs Director.

-Rosen says she thinks her passion is very clear and evident, and she would be a great person for it, and she obviously has the experience and the knowledge for the positions to be a great candidate.

-Badalich moves to approve Denea for UCSA BOD, COD: Rosen seconds.

-Motion approved by vote of 6-0-1.

Council congratulates Joseph for UCSA BOD.

**B. UCSA Board of Directors (Legislative Liaison) – Morris Sarafian**

-Contreras says historically the LL for UCSA is also the Bruin Lobby Corps Director as well, and Morris has been hired as the BLC Director so I'm moving him to be appointed by UCSA BOD.

-Baral says that ARC met yesterday and Contreras let Greg come in a serve as the alternate again, Morris had a great interview and had a vote of 3-0-0 out of the ARC, the ARC recommendation were to learn to be succinct and develop time management skills, and be able to expand in detail how he plans to balance all of those.

-Badalich says that he's her CRC appointment, and he's in ASA, GR1, EVP, so he has a lot of time commitments

-Murphy asks to bring the candidate in and say that he has an introduction that will be 1min 30 seconds

-Sarafian opening statement: Morris Sarafian, is Contreras's appointment to UCSA's BOD as Legislative Liaison he says he's qualified to be in the position because he has worked in the Bruin Lobby Corps and Armenian Student Association for the past 2 year had to dissect and read legislation, and getting the main points out of all bills/legislation, which he believes is his strong point, the reason is that he is interested in this position is that he does believe there is issues that all students care about, and that the student voice need to be heard on campus to make cohesive and actual change.

-Baral asks what is your favorite piece of legislation that you've ever lobbied for?

-Sarafian says that he doesn't think he has favorite, and that he doesn't like to use the words favorite, he said he was most passionate about SCA5 and it was a part of the IGNITE campaign, it was working to reconsider national origin, ethnicity/race, social economic, gender, which is often misconstrued as Affirmative Action because it helps underrepresented communities have access to university, which it ask for universities to consider race and for it not to be the deciding factor.

-Badalich asks do you have any changes or criticisms that you have for UCSA?

-Sarafian exclaims yes, and that he believes that the board has made a lot of change in the past, but currently its decision making has lacked a lot of transparency, he believes that UCSA is more transparent to each respective campus to make sure that 1) that the non-student works are accountable to us and that it remains a student-run student-led space as it should. Especially so student can choose the campaigns and legislation that they actually want to work on.

-Garcia says that Morris of course are a part of Bruin Lobby Corps, but also a part of the ASA Lobby Political Activist group, she asks him to expand on that and how it will help him his position?

-Sarafian says that as an Armenian American, and he is very passionate about his community and legislation specific to his community like AB1950 which worked to mandate that all schools recognize and educate on the Armenian Genocide and the suffering that his people went through for the past century.

He says that his passion for his community makes him relatable to other communities and passionate about worker for general student interest.

-Badalich says that Morris has a lot of time commitments; she asks him how he plans to balance them with in addition to being a student.

-Sarafian says that he has a lot of titles, like being SWC's CRC appointment as well as being a part of ASA's Political Advocacy Subcommittee and named Gen Rep 1's Advocacy Staff, but he said and he didn't take leadership roles in his other commitments, and that they are all basically connected and relevant to each other. He expresses that UCSA BOD is his first and foremost commitment, and the commitment he is most passionate about. He will bring most of his attention to being on board for UCSA. He adds that he has to get a job out of necessity for the fact that he has to pay for school expenses and points out the fact that they need to address the higher education affordability issues that are plaguing the student body. All in all, he feels like he is really caring and generous, punctual and a great time manager and operate from a sense of professionalism, and he is on top of all he does.

-Geller says GSA at UCLA hasn't been involved in UCSA for a couple of year, she asks does she think it's important that we engage our graduated students and do you think it's important?

-Sarafian says he by all means think that graduate students should be involved because we should never turn our backs on students especially legislation does/will affect them. For example, UCSA has worked on a specific bill that deals with soon to be mothers working in the STEM labs in order to apply for maternal leave their research. The graduate student association has a stake in what UCSA has the capability of doing to improve lives of all students.

-Murphy ask is there any more questions, and proceeds to the closing statement.

-Sarafian (closing) says thank you very much to council for the opportunity and that thanks Contreras for the opportunity as well, he really appreciates all the time they have spent, he hopes to work with council on future things regarding UCSA.

#### Deliberation

-Badalich says he always brings a fact of legislation and he even brought a piece of legislation on Prop 13, so she thinks he is very qualified and there's no doubt that he'll be great at it, and there is no one else for the position and the only thing I worry about is his time management skills, and that just needs to be stressed.

-Garcia says to add to Badalich she thinks Morris is knowledgeable about legislation more than anyone else and he breaks it down in such a way that he makes it understandable and that's important to have in case students need that. She adds that as far as his time commitments she's seen him be very on top of his commitments and she thinks he can handle his responsibilities.

-Mikael (GR 1 proxy) says he's seen him be involved with EVP/ASA and he knows really well at managing time, and when he is not in class he is doing

things for his commitments and staying on top of things and that he thinks he's a great time manager.

-Contreras says all of his commitments are intertwined and it will only help in his role as Legislative Liaison and the supplement each other.

-Murphy says he wants to commend Contreras on his selection of Morris, because his favorite legislation which is SCA5, which Murphy expresses, is his baby, and adds that he ran on the increasing diversity of UCLA and looking at tangible solutions on how to do so. He adds that SCA5 is a legislation piece we all should know about, because it will directly increase diversity.

-Contreras adds that one of his main focuses this year will also be to increase diversity and he says that SCA5 will be the key topics that we will discuss and advocated for not just on this table but also around campus and in the UCSA space.

-Garcia moves to approve Morris Sarafian for UCSA BOD Legislative Liaison Badalich seconds.

-Motion approved by vote of 6-0-1.

*Council applauds Sarafian on his new position.*

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Devin Murphy

-Murphy says he emailed all of council the student affairs organizational changes and those changes will be effective after this Friday, which is the last day of Robert Naples position on campus. Deb Geller will be an active resource for you all, and you can go to any administrative representative regarding this matter. Are there any questions rights?

-Murphy says the first student orientation will be starting next week, last year council just sent a google do for those to sign up and it is important for the exec offices to publicize internship opportunities and would be beneficial to have.

- Murphy met with the GSA president and he is definitely interested in rejoining UCSA and his important role will be the role through Council of President's. Murphy thinks that council should take advantage of different spaces such as UCSA, COP, the Regents to be advocating bodies for students and their constituents.

### B. Internal President – Avinoam Baral

-Baral says he's happy to announce that they have secure all funding for the Circle of 6 application, he adds that he was the chief of staff in the IVP office last year, and it's taken a long time and now that the money is there they plan finalize contracts now as soon as possible.

-Baral explains that they've been trying to make sure that USAC Live is better, so he will be putting up a line item for council discretionary in August for a microphone to link up with USAC Live because it doesn't transmit sound that well, and he is interested in purchasing a chrome book computer for \$200 so that he doesn't have to use his own personal computer. To purchase a microphone and it will be used for us to make sure, is also wants to

-Baral added that last year he had a creative design person to create a flyer for all USAC internships. Baral will send out an email if you'd like to be included on the flyer. Baral wants to have that done before orientation so that all incoming students are aware of USAC internships.

#### C. External Vice President – Conrad Contreras

-Contreras said he met with Karen H. who is the ORL assistant on Leadership Involvement and they talked about the plan for the first time having an MOU to work with the hill to register votes, so in addition to voter registration at normal events like Volunteer Day and New Student Orientation, he will be working with the residential hill to register voters during True Bruin Welcome Week during their move in time and at their first floor meetings and training RAs on different floors so that EVP are able to register voters on the hill.

-Contreras states that there is a UCSA Board Retreat tomorrow until Saturday to set the calendar for the year.

#### D. Academic Affairs – Allyson Bach (proxy present)

-Bach says she has decided a lot of her appointments and wants to move them to ARC so they can be moved to council for approval.

-Bach says her Campus Retention Committee appointment was just voted as the chair of that committee and she wants to work closely with CRC this year so that have a great relationship and that she can support them in any way possible.

-Bach says her staff is selected and they plan to work on programs and policy work starting in the fall.

#### E. Facilities Commissioner – Carlos Quintanilla (proxy present)

- Quintanilla said that he and the Badalich are meeting the LGBT Director this week to work on the next step of gender inclusive bathrooms.

- Quintanilla say that he has contacted environment advocacy groups to garnish interest in participation for his Environmental Advocacy Week, which is a series of events that he plans to host in the fall, the goal is to get key environmental advocacy groups in the U.S. to come and educate students and provide opportunities for involvement in their campaigns.

-Quintanilla say that he is working with E3, which is made up for 60+ orgs, to institutionalize an environmental council to work on issues and the plan would be to turn it into its own student group with an elected chair and work with Mareen Katz who is Chief Sustainability Director at UCLA, who will then be able to work among these orgs

-Carlos said that they have solidified a new relationship with Team Green Council in ORL, and the agreement is that the facilities commissioner or their proxy will sit on the board of Team Green to become aware of issues of sustainability on the hill.

**F. Gen Rep 1 – Manjot Singh (proxy present)**

-Manjot says that he started a cap and gown initiative drive, he adds that graduation cost money and the gown cost around \$37-\$40 and undergrads aren't allowed to return it which means it that could be expensive and people would be able to turn in the cap/gown bins around Ackerman, so we outreached to recent alumni to see if they would donate and it would be put in some sort of a library. He thanks Zimmerman for helping set up bids in Ackerman Union. Currently there are 15 sets having been collected, and they are still being collected for those who cannot afford it in the future and will be able to rent these for people to be able to use, if you know who anyone who graduate recently, please let them know of the drive.

-Baral adds that he want to make a comment about Manjot emailing him the addendum to the agenda late. He says he wanted to be consistent in the agenda so that he does not add anything retroactively and that council will have the ability to add things after the agenda is set at the council meeting on Tuesday.

**G. Student Wellness Commissioner – Savannah Badalich**

-Badalich say that the app was created for Circle of 6, and the cost was lowered from 20k to 10k, which is the reasonable because we're students and the app was already created it only needed minor edits to be UCLA customized. She adds that the application is a great resource and it is not a fix it all, and should only be an additional thing that students should use, but sexual assault should be what we're addressing.

-Badalich adds before the UC created a sexual assault task force, UCLA created one as well and Badalich met with Pamela Thompson and Nancy Greenstein, and they make sure we are following protocol and handling all the cases up to code, and the purpose of the task force is to support survivors and create improvement on how UCLA addresses sexual assault. It is a student majority task force that will support survivors and will be mostly comprised of UCLA students, with also admin reps [Dean of Students, CARE, Clothes Line, Student Affairs, CAPS director, UCPD police force, and other mental health resources, etc.). I want to make sure that this is will stay after I graduate UCLA so I am making sure that it's to institutionalized.

-Badalich adds that the UC now has a task force addressing sexual harassment/sexual assault and there are 3 undergrad students, 1 grad students, and 20 admins, which she has a problem with because it is admin majority, it will be a two month turnaround for recommendations as UC system. UC task force will be a model for the rest of the country and other universities.

-Badalich says the CA State audit of some UC's/CSU's came out with results to see if policies/procedures were upheld when working on with different cases. Audit recommended that universities must do more to educate those on handling sexual assault, and the university's need to better file registration complaints when made, provided educate to student when they arrive campus, and they mean like 0 week, so it's kind of hard to have 6,000 students to go through sexual assault training in a one week period, especially not quality

challenge. The survey they asked wasn't the best survey because it didn't add mental health resource questions and maybe question on gender equality, it had a lot of potential but missed to mark on a lot of things that were pertinent. She adds that she encourages all to read the responses, especially since UCLA audited.

-Badalich says SWC is giving \$6,000 to LGBT center for implementation of gender inclusive restrooms. It's paying for signage recognition on several bathrooms and that change will be effective in roughly 20 bathrooms.

-Murphy asks is it for I-Phone or android?

-Badalich responds with for both, iPhone and android.

-Murphy asks we now have paid for this iPhone app, what do you foresee us launching it so that UCLA will know that it is available what are your marketing plans?

-Badalich say we'll realistically have it at the other half of the summer, so it can affect the other half of summer for NSO, but there aren't any strategic marketing plans as of yet or USAC marketing plans yet. I'm excited for feedback.

-Murphy says he was just thinking strategically that it should happen at the NSO, he remembers a UCPD officer that gave us his badge number and number for everyone to write down, maybe you can something like that were everyone will download the application at the same time, and I'm sure Roxanne can help as well.

-Badalich says Roxanne has been helping on this and she's just waiting on students.

-Murphy asked what the UCLA task force is tasked with what specific tasks.

-Badalich says it was created to provide feedback for those who report sexual assault/misconduct at UCLA specifically to UCPD, and to have sensitivity programs, there aren't any other clear objectives are there are no other objectives but the meeting in September

-Baral says Circle 6 has been committed to providing other marketing materials, and will keep USAC in the loop of specific plans.

#### H. Administrative Representative

##### Roy Champawat

-Champawat says that Coins is closed and the Tsunami is closed and will be moved and renamed to its corporate name. This construction will be over the summer and should be done by fall. There will be an expansion the partnership which will result in it being renamed.

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-Badalich asks what is going to be there where Tsunami is?

-Champawat said they are still working on that they, they are looking to see evolve into a presentation phase and maybe having mini sized theatre and they are looking for something to replace it that isn't food-like because food being place there e is out of place.

Laureen Lazarovici

- Lazarovici stated that she filled out the doodle today for the retreat, and that she's looking forward to hearing what people are doing this summer for jobs/internships. She's curious about what USAC is doing.
- Lazarovici says she will not be here for the next council meeting due to vacation.

## VIII. Funding Allocations

### A. Contingency Programming

- Wang says American Society of Civic Engineers is the only group that applied for funding and they asked for \$668 and Contingency recommended \$350.
- There will be no money left at the end of the fiscal year.
- Baral moves to approve funding allocations. Badalich seconds.
- Motion passes with vote of 7-0-0.

## IX. Old Business

### A. Transfer Student Representative Bylaws

- Murphy says that this has been a long time coming, but organizing the bylaws didn't take long, and that he wishes that some of the transfers who coordinated the rep were there but they are studying abroad and away for summer vacation.
- Baral discuss the timeline of the bylaw creation, he says that the CRC met Wednesday of Finals Week, and they chose to not pick a chair because Manjot was not there, they went through the language together to see if the language was consistent with other bylaws, and there was a 4-0-0 vote to recommend bylaws changes for the Transfer Rep.

*Council begins to read the bylaws.*

- Rosen suggest to add a comma to "family housing,
- Baral says change language to "transfer student representative" because it is not consistent throughout the bylaws and it was passed as "transfer student representative".

- Mikeal (Gen Rep 1 proxy) says he doesn't know if it has ever been brought up, but shouldn't a bylaw say that it can only be a transfer student to fill the position?

- Murphy says the reason why it hasn't been outlined for it to only be transfer students is because you cannot be discriminatory against anyone, you can't say that only one type of student can fill this position, it goes against anti-discrimination rules, we as council just hope that students respect the position and only transfers would fill the positions in the future. We would need to repeal Prop 209 in order to put specific language about preferential treatment of a specific type of student to fill the position. All in all it cannot simply state that only transfers, and one demographic can fill a position.

- Baral says the bylaws are only here to state roles/ responsibilities, the eligibility of the a councilmember is to be outlined in the constitution, so that means that if that is something that we wanted to address, it would need to

be a constitutional amendment, I'm sure the former council omitted that language because we cannot be discriminatory towards any students by limiting a positions. Baral said he's really glad that question was asked because it was quite confusing with the Daily Bruin came out with an article about why the bylaws don't state only a transfer can run, when it was discussed with previous council and they could have easily asked any councilmember in order clarify the bylaws.

-Badalich said during previous council when transfer students bought it to the ballot, this conversation was had and USAC live, and it kind of alarming that the Daily Bruin would have an article on it because it was stated previously, so maybe will make a new story or new article so students aren't confused on why it didn't happen like that.

-Lazarovici says this bylaw change presents a political problem for you all but also creates a political opportunity and she knows that during elections season and both slates were for the transfer referendum and there were pictures of you all in support together of the referendum, she doesn't think anyone who wasn't a transfer student would be elected this position, and it challenged transfer students to have their own voice. She mentions that back in the day it was a really specific spot for different kinds of students, and there were men and women spots, and specific grad seats, seeing that wider political context gives you a wide perspective and interesting opportunity.

- Devin added that this discussion was at the adhoc committee meeting in front of transfer orgs, and he assured them that he would do what he can to assure that the students picked and made sure that transfers were filling this position.

-Badalich says she has reservations about the transfer representative and maybe in the next 3-4 years, someone might see this and want to create a 1<sup>st</sup> year representative, or 2<sup>nd</sup> year representative, and it could make our council system, that works very well, into a senate system. She adds that it's something like a senate system that she worries about and it's a bad precedent, and a slippery slope into not going to a senate system.

-Baral points out for section 1d2, he thinks the "but not limited to" needs to be omitted throughout the bylaws.

-Rosen says she think we deleted that within CRC, it's repetitive, so we changed that in the bylaws.

-Murphy says he needs clarification on what you are specifically referring to Because transfer students want that language was open so that it would mean that the transfer rep could work with other councilmembers.

-Rosen the reason we initially deleted it was because it says "1" and so that it didn't mean that they

-Baral say from the point of view of CRC and council we would need to change all of our bylaws to say "in conjunction with" to "in conjunction with, but not limited it to" for consistency. He thinks that it's a completely valid concern, but at the end of the day what type of precedent are we setting and when they are being read 40 years from now, will they be consistent so that people won't be confused.

-Garcia says she would want to change it with transfer student input, and not doing without their consent so they have the say in the language they want.

-Rosen says she agrees with Baral's point which is that she doesn't see it being limiting in its language if omitted.

-Murphy ask for other opinions

-Garcia asked is there are ways we can table it and email the transfer ad hoc committee so this is a potential change

-Zimmerman asked did the committee did they bylaw changed CRC made recently

-Baral says he'll check that in a min, but he wanted to bring up an additional point on 'e' that shows another inconsistency.

-Kalfayan says he agrees with Irmay and Baral so that we are consistent but also gets transfer student input. He adds that in sections "a-f", "a-b" don't start with verbs, but "c-f" do, and he was wondering what the difference was.

-Murphy asks to someone pull up what was actually emailed to the transfer ad hoc committee from the changes the CRC because they were looking at an old edition.

-Baral say he has the new one up that was just sent to the committee and it addresses that were brought up.

-Zimmerman we do not have the version of what CRC approved and if the edits are not in here, and we'll see what was sent out, and we should table it because we don't have the version that CRC approved.

-Murphy asks for clarification that we don't have the version that was approved and if council would like to recess it in order for it to be found.

-Badalich moves to have a 5 min recess. Kalfayan seconds.

-Baral says new bylaws are up and he apologizes about the incorrect bylaws being up primarily.

*Council reconvenes and reads the bylaws.*

-Henni states period missing after Bruin Resource Center, should Transfer student orientation or Transfer Student Bruin day be capitalized?

-Rosen says in "c" says that 'experienced by' has period and should have a colon, I have another thing in #2 we have along there was a comma and (a, b, and .) and in another section in the bylaws we didn't do it.

-Lazarovic says there is a raging debate of the oxford use of language and amongst journalist, so as long as you are consist, you should be fine.

-Badalich suggests keeping the oxford comma.

-Murphy asks are there any other comments on the bylaws.

-Zimmerman notes that these are all the final amendments.

-Murphy ask just for final clarification, this the form given to transfer ad hoc committee with the latest updates from the CRC

-Baral confirms.

- Baral moves to approve changes to the Transfer Rep Bylaw. Contreras seconds.

-Motion approved with votes of 7-0-0.

-Murphy exclaims that bylaws were approved, and now there is a transfer rep vacancy, and USAC will have a special election in the fall.

## X. New Business

### A. Resignation of General Representative 2 and Special Election

-Murphy says he added this to the agenda to get the thoughts of what's occurred to make sure that council has plans as to how they would like to move forward.

-Baral states that he wanted to say that he appreciate the way that council has approached this situation regarding Nihal resigning for personal reasons, and that this fact has been respected as a council and that he loves the way USAC has protected their own for the sake of people's privacies and personal stories and actually allowing people to say their own stories.

-Badalich says she has concerns for his office, explicitly like what is going to happen with his staff? Especially those who have been selected for something specific and they don't have an actual office to go to.

-Murphy states that there are options.

-Geller says that at this point, those who have been accepted in the office they will be presumed to have their role up into an election happens, and then the new person who's elected becomes the representative can chose and change the agenda and staff of the office if he/she chooses to. It would be presumptive to plan events past the new election of this representative.

-Nelson says that his concerns are USAC needing to understand the things that needs to be accomplished in the time needed to fill the position, he wants it to be explained what is needed to be done in the summer and is there someone there that can hold the fort down until another election can happen. It would be imperative to define what needs to be done in that period of time, or it will never be done.

-Badalich states that she worries in terms of programming, especially when it comes to funding because gen reps are allocated such a small amount, and if they use up that small amount of funds before the election, she worries about the successfulness of the office after the new person is elected. And that she feels bad about the current staffs who take their jobs seriously.

-Murphy says that one of the differences is that the Gen Reps' only money, in regards to a commission, is SGOF and other programming cost get paid for through contingency. It is a valid concern that if the Gen Rep office uses SGOF before the new election, it could lower the amount used by the newly elected person, and there wouldn't be two SGOF given. He continues and says that as a preface that the SGOF amount will be lower in general this year because of the newly elected position. There are several options: continuing the options until the special elections, but with that said, if we were to have the next general rep he/she may not be the agenda that the old agenda that was taken up. He states that he can be the connection and

communicator between SGA and the vacant Gen Rep office, to make sure that they are functioning financially, and it worries him because he has his own office to attend to especially since it's early in the year. We should also talk about the resignation as it stands and that we need to fulfill that in that the 15day election as it said in the constitution, and that means the election would be held this Friday and that's why he recommended that not having an election in the summer, when a host of students aren't on campus or engaged. He recommends that the council vote and have a special election that coincides with the Special Election for the transfer representatives, and in addition if council were to have 2 elections that would cost \$5,000, cost 10k in total and the last thing I see our campus needing is an additional to an election. Murphy say he hoped that the new election of the transfer rep would actually bring the campus together instead of drive them apart like the past spring election did. He says that he saw the campus get more divisive, in his experience, and was stricken by the divisiveness and what happened, and he wanted to create a solution that would be more cohesive but it's hard because USAC must move forward on the election decision, and unfortunately that means that they would be breaking the constitution if council doesn't have an by election this Friday. Devin says that if council were to work like the U.S. government they do not always follow the constitution, and the U.S. is not always efficient, and that this problem sheds light to a much need discussion and action on constitutional reform. Devin says he wants to now solicit other opinions and comments on the matter.

-Baral says that he feels like council is having 2 conversation right now, 1) continuation of Gen Rep2, and 2) special election of the vacancy, and he says that regarding GR2 he thinks council brings up valid points of what the new position, and after working in 2 office he knows how people get invested in the offices/projects, and that he has spoken to Nihal and his chief of staffs, and he says that will be more than happy to assist in what his staff needs and any resources they may need, sign requisitions, and other duties that may be needed. He says that he agrees with Devin about a special election just not making sense in the summer, and he adds that he agrees that council should step over the constitution because of issues with engaging the students and fiscally, it isn't sound to have an election in the summer. He adds that he has talked to Mike and Patty, to make a constitutional amendment that change specific language about the vacancy section of the constitution to make it actually possible to do.

-Geller says she was thinking on similar lines, it is perfect time to put an amendment up to reform this section, and she wants to point out that even appointments have to been reaffirmed in the council in the fall, because most of the student body is not present and would want to hear the appointments itself. She says that if appointments have to

be re-confirmed throughout the school year, then it only makes sense that an election cannot occur during the summer. She says it is in the best interest of council to create a fall special election for both positions, and that she fully supports Murphy's suggestion to push it to the fall and Baral's suggestion that would address summer election codes to be changed.

-Rosen says she agrees it is not appropriate to have a fall election and not in the summer, but she says it's important to know that there is a time limit on it.

-Patty states that one other location we want to make an amendment is the e-code, once an e-board chair is elected of course, the e-code says that election cannot happen during 1<sup>st</sup> week, finals week and so council can also add no summer elections to the line so that this doesn't come up again.

-Contreras states that he agrees and supports having a fall special election for both vacancies, and says we should consult students about submitting the constitutional amendment idea, if we are going to amend the constitution about resignation, there should also be guidelines to how an office will function with a vacancy throughout the summer. For example, like the EVP office simply cannot have a vacancy throughout the summer because of it has function

-Sheppard asks on behalf of Carlos if a referendum can be run for special elections.

-Murphy says that any individual can run a referendum during an election.

-Geller says corrects that and say that no individual person can run a referendum, USAC can choose to support and support referendum to a ballot or if USAC chooses not to support a referendum, students can get signatures for a referendum to add something to the ballot.

-Murphy agrees and says yes, this special election is open for possible referendums.

-Lazarovic says that other government bodies also face vacancies for a variety of issues, and some have a care taker role so that the trains can continues to keep rolling and she said she think of a couple of time where in the L.A. City Council where it is has happened. Kind of like the gentleman that was appointed today, he's not here, but appointing people who are capable of handling the role until someone else is elected. She adds that for people who have had the opportunity to work for elected officials, that when you work for someone who is elected, you are aware that your time working with them is limited for the span of time the person remains elected. If you are a person that attaches yourself to a specific corporation and when a person is ousted.

Badalich says that she thinks everyone agrees that the special election should be in the fall, she said that 15 days to have an election is ridiculous. She said that in terms of the Gen Rep 2 office, she agrees

with Lazarovic, in that you do run the risk of losing your position when the elected person terms out or resigns, she says she also agrees with what Baral was saying of helping the adjustment and maintenance of the office, but Badalich doesn't think they should remain in the office, she thinks they can apply for SGOF, but they shouldn't be planning things or using funding that wouldn't be sustainable for the entire year, especially when their will be a new person elected she thinks that it is problematic. She states that Gen Rep offices do run differently than for example SWC would and how SWC's office could run by the assistant director if something was to happen to the commissioner.

-Murphy says to add additional information he does want to make the distinction that we are not voting on what to do with the office, we're voting on whether or not we want to have a special election for the transfer student election, and now the gen rep special election. He says that he encourages input on what to do with the office but council cannot decide that and the President has the jurisdiction for the direction of the vacant office.

-Rosen says that when during the elections, when people are elected they are elected on specific platforms that were going to be completed, so she thinks it's important to not treat it as an office, but maybe take up some of the initiatives that were promised by Nihal, like the Loan Library could be taken up as an FSC that may be other council members can take it up if it fits into your office.

-Wong says that can set up the resources for the office to be maintained, but is agree we cannot maintain the staff because it is problematic for when the new general representative is elected. Its better that the elected person can pick it's on staff.

-Berky says he's looking for specificity of what the office is going to do over the summer, he thinks that what concerns is that no one what's the office does in the interim time, and he would like to see a plan for that specific office in the meantime.

-Murphy say he wants to touch on that point, typically during the summer that's the time you are developing platforms, working on development to make sure the initiatives are being worked on, booking rooms, applying for funding, event planning, but I can speak for my chiefs and I know that they have a developed planned, and maybe we should talk to Nihal's chiefs to see what they're planning. He thinks the most reasonable option, and yes people voted for Nihal's initiatives and figure out where his initiatives can overlap with other council members. I do not recommend that we continue on with this office because I do not want representatives to be working hard throughout the summer, come during the special election, I don't want those who were in his office to feel like there work was devalued because they may not believe in the same values as the new general representative. From what I spoke about with Irma, I would have to

be over all of their work, as far as finances and dealing with stuff in the interim time. And, I do not see the value in continuing the office if it can cause a lot of confusion, specifically with the old/new staff member. I encourage all of those people to apply for the new office when the representative is chose. He adds but he does want to hear other opinions.

-Hinna says for example, the lab coat library, would Rosen just take on those people as her staff?

-Murphy says that is up to you, and Rosen's discretion to trust those people in the office to take on those people in her own office.

-Contreras says that anything that is done needs to be consistent and set a precedent for what happens when a resignation happens in the summer.

-Baral states that after coming around to what a lot of you all are saying, but he also want to give agency to the team of general representatives, and he doesn't want council to fight over initiatives that they chose to take, this can be a conversation for next time. And he says that he is happy to talk to Nihal and he is happy to explain to his staff why there shouldn't be a Gen Rep2 office right. And, if council wants to take on these things we can do that. He says he likes what Contreras said that is something that can be put in the bylaws and that USAC makes sure that EVP has something specific as to what happens when certain offices, and this can be a project that all council members get into to make change.

-Murphy says there will be no assigning of people to the office, if people would like to take up an imitative of Nihal's they have the discretion to choose the people who will do it from his office or not. He adds whether if that's an office, perfect, if that's a student group that's even better. Individuals will not be assigned to offices.

-Deb says looking at summer and that not all of the people are available in the summer, and the quorum is set, maybe think broadly about the processes about keeping the summer momentum. She says it's important to think about an offices' vacancy in relation to a lot of council members not being present in the summer too, how is it really different?

-Murphy says that it can additionally add to the help of the Student Government Accounting to have that language too and now there is no person that assumes all roles is the USAC president.

-Murphy says that his thoughts are to task the CRC on writing language for a lot of the issues for the changes needed, he adds that he is aware there isn't a chair yet, but when one becomes available this is something they should consider to bring to council. He adds that secondly, what he's hearing is that USAC is tasked with talking to Nihal and his chief of staffs on the direction of the projects and the delegation. Devin asks people for an official motion to include the transfer and gen rep 2 special elections to both in fall quarter.

- Contreras ask would the gen rep 3 positions be moved to gen rep 2?
- Murphy says that in the constitution it only states "General Representative" and that the numbering of the gen reps is for the purpose of elections.
- Contreras moves to pass a fall special election to include transfer and general representative 2. Badalich seconds.
- Murphy asks for vote unless there is further discussion.
  - Baral says he wants to reiterate that USAC is doing this motion because they want to do it, but at the end of the day it isn't a ballot motion, it isn't allowed to make a motion to go cannot actually vote against the constitution even with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote. He adds that just because they made a motion, it sheds light to the actual problems with the constitution and then trying to do their best with what they have.
- Murphy adds that this is a time to learn about whom the strict constitutionalist is and who are the loose constitutionalist.
- Motion approved with for of 7-0-0.
- Murphy adds that there will be a fall special election for both the transfer and gen rep offices.

#### XI. Announcements

- Baral thanks Lazarovic for bringing up USAC retreat. He adds that he wanted to give more details surrounding the USAC retreat. He says that the way he'd like to do the retreat is that he'd like for all of USAC to clear their Friday/Saturday. Friday would be a day of workshops and trainings, about CAPS, LGBT trainings, Sexual Assault awareness, as well as undocumented ally training, so that USAC can have on campus trainings to go through different issues that they can learn about together. The evening time will be in the LA areas that relatively close for admin reps to come through for breakfast or lunch the next day. He adds that as soon as the date is booked that he'd love to discuss possible trainings and agenda items with council.
- Murphy adds that he would like to with the agenda and that he loves retreats!

#### XII. Signing of the attendance sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

- Badilach moves to adjourn at 10:39pm. Garcia seconds.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare