

MINUTES  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Carnesale Commons Venice Room  
January 13, 2015  
8:00 PM

PRESENT: Avinoam Baral, Conrad Contreras, Manjot Singh, Sofia Moreno Haq, Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed, Fabienne Roth, Allyson Bach, Greg Kalfayan, Cynthia Wong, Irmay Garcia, Carlos Quintanilla, Heather Rosen, Savannah Badalich, Cindy Wang

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

-Baral calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

-Garcia strikes Cultural Affairs Mini Fund Allocations

-Quintanilla strikes Facilities Commissioner Report

-Hourdequin moves to have a special presentation about surplus by Internal Vice President and President

-Badalich moves to approve agenda as amended. Wong seconds.

13-0-0 the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 6, 2015

-Bach wants to strike the ASRF from last week.

-Roth moves to approve the minutes from January 6, 2015. Sadeghi-Movahed seconds.

13-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

-Mikael is hear speaking on the resolution and saying divestment is not the right way to approach the issue of Armenian and Turkish relations. For 100 years we have been trying to find different methods of talking to Turkish society and nothing has worked and doesn't recognize Armenian genocide. We've done candlelight vigils and panels and we've gone to the Turkish consulate for the past 20-30 years so this is there chance to approach this in a new unique way to put pressure on this government that denies Armenian genocide and culture. It is next Tuesday.

-Morris Sarafin is here on behalf of Armenian Student Association and there campaign as a whole has seem criticism and hesitation and to quell the concerns and listen to the feedback and suggestions and we've had a strong line of communication between us and the Turkish cultural club and openly have a system of dialogue to give us their feedback on the resolution and made necessary amendments and have a point of understanding that the chair of the Turkish club that the resolution doesn't target or alienate or offend them in any way. This is to highlight their campaign as a whole to maintain dialogue between these two orgs and these two communities.

-Odav is a quick update so to the resolution one major change was made. Originally the resolution was going to be two fold to reinforce boycott resolution and the second is divesting from government of country. The first part of boycott is removed complete its strictly divestment. Last week they had their second town hall to attempt to address students who disagree. We have gone above and beyond to try and take these suggestions in and incorporate them. Unfortunately we didn't have dialogue because students that were there with opposition have left. We are open to suggestions and want to hear about specific clauses or languages. Also those with second rounds of meetings, the resolution you got wasn't fully updated and the finalized is open on the ASA page now.

-One thing that they said was that isn't relevant and why its not in front of our eyes. Millions of dollars are saying its not irrelevant is insulting to her identity and history as people and understand why it is why people aren't hearing about this.

-Natalie is from the Armenian Student Association and comes through a survivor from all four sides. There are no deniers here on council so the next step for a country to face consequences. Genocide is a recognized crime if they didn't pay reparations. If you stand with Armenians, put your money where your mouth is its very cut and dry. The Turkish GDP is huge it wont hurt the economy. Our divestment won't hurt them of \$74 million won't hurt them, maybe they shouldn't have genocide in the first place. Turkish-Armenian dialogue can only happen if the elephant in the room is discussed, we cant have kumbeyaaay stuff if we don't have its against her family. Its irresponsible for the University of California to invest in a country who has committed historic revision and academic and media censorship such as 70 journalists arrested. I want council to step back and think about what a no vote or abstention. During our second town hall we reached out to everyone and reached out for this town hall. We put out everything and gone through great lengths and opposition showed up. No one said anything we talked about it clause by clause we went through it and opposition left.

-Lunez is the president of Turkish club and attended the town hall. There are only 18 Turkish undergraduate students and only two of us could attend because some of us were still out of the country and they did watch the presentation of ASA and they didn't feel comfortable staying there and voicing their opinions because it was just 2 of us and so many people from the Armenian people student Association. I don't think its fair to stay there because they didn't feel comfortable. I know that in your resolution the Armenian Student Association states none of it targets Turkish students or identities but that doesn't mean we are comfortable with divestment and certain things that have been shown so far are a bit biased an have a presentation and show their perspective on the issue and correct statements that have been made.

-Mark Vassar is a member of the olive tree initiative I and the Turkish culture club completely reject it because it's a racist attempt to drive the wedge and no efforts for dialogue or consideration tor tolerance. This is divisive and a barrier has been created between the Turkish and Armenian community.

-Van John wants to state that the University of California has affirmed that it was a genocide and 22 countries around the world acknowledge it's a genocide. They ought to recognize the Armenian genocide and work on the process of reconciliation and there's no reason that this should be boiled down.

- You know what's uncomfortable is genocide. This resolution is not a barrier between Turkish students and Armenian students. The barrier is genocide. There's no two sides this is a fact of history and have shown all the council members.
- This is not a fact about genocide. In Turkey and many other countries are debating this. Referring to this as a fact is not true. We have non-Turkish historians who are currently debating this. This cannot be a proven fact and some governments and maybe states have acknowledged doesn't make it valid. The international tribunals can change that. We cannot refer to this as a fact and please keep in mind as the genocide but it's truly the deportation in question and it's still open and that's the problem to us.
- Saling Jon Vassel and wants to first off and start off saying that Turkish students are government censorship and speaking on our mind and under the American government and has no fear from any government threats. No necessarily we don't agree with your opinion but it is offensive and alienate Turkish and Armenian relations and yes this is something they did and not a genocide and it's not the current Turkish issue and whether or not an academic institution should invest in a stable economy or a current government involved in corruption or human rights. It is not your place to speak.
- I wanted to reaffirm that we are indeed offended by the resolution and friends from Armenian club saying its denying the genocide and not divesting from Turkey and my grandmothers mother is from the region where Armenian and Turkish look together was tortured and killed in front of my grandmothers eyes. For me its an identity issue and I take this personally. This resolution does put a barrier between us because that's why there sitting on this part of the room or this part and haven't approached them and we haven't either. I have Armenian friends I have no problems but this resolution is why I'm here with my heart pounding in my church and feeling things against them and their product makes me want to feel this way. I believe they must be lovely people who care about their culture and people but these are lovely people and we care about our country and ethnicity and well.
- Audranay a member of the Armenian Student Association first of all if you want it to be an economic issue we can talk about that but much of the economic issues a lot of the Armenian land is now in Turkey from genocide. If you feel awful about this resolution that's how we feel how the UC contributes to Turkey that denies our heritage and history and feel every day knowing this is happening. Is it okay to say we feel like all the time is it okay to say the minute someone else feels this way we'll back off.

## V. Special Presentations

### A.

-Liz Palmer sits on John Wooden Center Board of Governors with Carla. It's been a great experience and this year they are directing a special project called the art commission project and looking at the art work currently on the wall. That black and white artwork was put up during the early 1990s when the Warhol's were put in Chancellors office per request of John Wooden. Its time for a facelift since much of Wooden got face lifted from the flood so its 2 for the price of 1. It's a great opportunity to put some artwork of their own to put it in the wooden center. This commission is open to more than just students, to alumni, faculty, staff, or member of recreation facilities. The artwork would be theme called UCLA Campus Life. We are no longer just recreation. Currently we are doing a patron survey at the Wooden center posted on the Facebook page and twitter page. The

idea is that we should first gauge if patrons are interested to see if patrons are interested in artwork. She brought a copy with a flier that states [Your Art Here]. Specifically she came to council to help her out and through things like this we can do that and put together a media packet and links to posters and Facebook and can send that to Hourdequin.

-Bach asks what kind of art mediums are you looking for

-Palmer states our director is Mick Deluca and anything that anyone submits that is acceptable we'll find a way. That includes anything that fits on the wall if someone wanted to make statues or etchings we want people to get created.

-Badalich does arts activism count

-Palmer says yes. We have a panel of 5 judges that will be looking. One from Hammer, Fowler, Art, Desma Dept, and Arts Program here on the hill. Its important to know that professional members of the art community are looking at it.

-Badalich asks if you can have multiple submissions

-Palmer says up to 3 per individual.

B.

-Avi Oved states he's the UC Student Regent designate and served as USAC Internal Vice President. He wants them to be comfortable and he's here for them. He introduces Lauren Rogers as chief of staff, Katie as Communications director, and those who cant make it Esha Jalota as marketing director and the creative director. Oved states it's the executive governing body of the entire city and makes decisions on everything like new tuition or hiring and is composed of 26 members with 18 appointed by California government for 12 years. We have the ex-officio membrs and the super intendant to public education and the president and vice president of the UC alumni association. The UC Regent as the sole representative of 20,000. The board of regents operate through 10 standing committees and he serves on the compliance and audit, educational policy, finance, and investments. You can look into it on the website. The board of regents happen every month at UCSF and its really inconvenient since it's a northern campus. We will be having a board of regents meeting in September, the first of its kind in SoCal. The meeting is mainly 2-3 days from 8am-4pm from January 21<sup>st</sup>-January 22<sup>nd</sup>. UCSA Is the UC Students Association with representatives of student voice from all campuses and the external vice presidents. He mainly goes to observe and answer questions and give reports. He was there in Santa Cruz and the best way is to become a STAR a student advocate regent delegate to be more engaged. You all are encouraged to apply. Campus tours is happening now and Saudia and himself are starting the recruitment tour and spend a full day from 8 AM-5PM at all 10 UC'S and reinvigorated. Contreras is the go to person. Help us help you as a job. A break down of our day at the UC Campus tour and meeting with chancellor and deans and meeting with student groups such as Black Student Union, RAZA.MeCHA. Undocumented Students, AMESA, API, and student government leadership and get a pulse of what's going on. We have designated meetings on individuals. We want to be visible and accessible.

-Sadeghi-Movahed asks if he's meeting with transfer student groups and often times disengaged.

-Oved states other than these other groups they aren't but they are invited to open forum. Any student can apply to be student designate as long as you have 2 remaining years to a UC.

-Sadeghi-Movahed states for student groups that are listed is there each specific or is it malleable.

-Oved states it was flexible and last year it was 3 campuses in one day and wasn't effective. We want to outreach as much as we can and utilize offices to reach out to individual campuses and make a big push on social media.

-Oved states the three focuses he has is heightening safety across UC campuses to make sure students have relative resources and includes sexual assault reform as the president's task force. They are trying to build a strategic plan to work with student governments and reaching out and making students involved in the movement. Be rest assured that the student regents will never support a tuition increase. If you don't tell us we don't know what's wrong. Increasing student representation of the board wants to make a dent in student representation and leave UCs that students have access to different tiers of leadership. If people don't want to support you people put you through bureaucracy and that's the worst. With regents you can create your own roadmap and bypass the process. You may contact him at [ucregentoved@gmail.com](mailto:ucregentoved@gmail.com) and Facebook on [www.facebook.com/studentregent](http://www.facebook.com/studentregent).

#### C. LeaderShape

-Andy states it's a 6 day leadership conference in Malibu and 60 UCLA students and use their spring break and develop themselves as leaders, professionals, and enact change. A lot of people come back and are very motivated by this program. This is actually how he met Oved and a lot of leadership people in attendance. Historically this has been through SAA and is now being done from SOUL office and wants to come to council to promote this within your own staffs and communities and created the Facebook page today to encourage your friends. This has brought so much change to campus and looks good on resumes. Its only open to first, second, third, and transfer students. We operate on the assumption that they do something with time. Sixty applicants will attend and people haven't found a family until they attended leadershape. Applications are due next Friday.

-Bach asks if the program is changed now its not run by SAA.

-Andy states we recently want to go through underserved students like commuters, out of states, or internationals as the bulk of what we're trying to address. The content change is not to us.

-Sadeghi-Movahed asks about a fourth year whose staying a fifth year

-Andy says that could be worked out

#### D. Turkish Cultural Club

-Gulnaz Kuper president of Turkish Cultural Club and Mark Bhaskar and a member of Olive Tree Initiative. We want to set some facts straight and show you what Turkey really looks like and since I live there I have a good view and Mark is pretty educated.

-Bhaskar stated that in his study in the middle east in other authorities, Turkey has the best human rights records with Muslims. Women in turkey have had suffrage and equal rights since 1934 and have 79 women in their Grand National Assembly and is unheard of in countries with a Muslim majority, even in some :western countries. That are not

forced to cover their heads and religion and state are separate. Public education are both. Turkey has a long history as a safe haven for religious and ethnic groups. In 1930's and 1940's Jews fleeing the holocaust went to Istanbul for their freedom. They saved over 100,000 Jews.

As you know that Syria is in a conflict and today Turkey has taken in 1,165,279 refugees fleeing the Syrian Conflict. The Turkish government has spent over 2 billion US dollars caring for these victims. They welcome Kurdish refugees from Iraq. Turkey is currently third international donor country in humanitarian assistance after US and UK.

-Kuper states its unfair to portray this country as a big evil entity that perpetuate human rights violations. It is not true and there is no such law in Turkey that penalizes Armenian genocide claims. In article 301 of the Turkish penal Code that stated that public denigration of Turkish Nation, Republic, Grand, National Assembly, judicial institutions shall be punishable by imprisonment of between six months and two years. There is nothing that states saying the Armenian genocide is punishable. This is a perfectly acceptable debate in their country. As you can see we have laws that protect minorities and minority rights. For 18 years I lived in Istanbul and I came to UCLA. Every year we talk about 1915 and hundreds of thousands come together in cities of Turkey to commemorate 1915. Hrant Dink was aturksih-armenian editor, journalist, columnist of Agos as an advocate of Turkish-Armenian reconciliation and minority rights in Turkey. He was critical of both Turkey's denial of the genocide and Armenian diasporas campaign for its international recognition and assassinated by Turkish extremist Ogun Samast on January 19,2007. Some police officers posted his body and stated that it was a proper Turkish but Turkey people were outraged. There were hundreds and thousands of Turkish people protesting this event alongside Armenians. They show a video of Hrant Dink commemoration event. Turkey does not actively deny the genocide and hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and protest what is happen. Certain Armenian historical sites have been renovated by the Turkish government. She wants to talk about current President Erdogan and state "pay condolences and sympathy to the grandchildren of Armenians who lost their lives during 1915, and hope they rest in peace. We commemorate them with respect and compassion." Abdullah Gul, former president, was the first Turkish politician to visit Serzh Sargsyan in Armenia and is an example of how they initiate dialogue and start resolution. Furthermore President Erdogan states it's a duty of humanity to acknowledge that Armenians remember the suffering experienced in that period. The most important thing that 'with this understanding we the Turkish Republic have called for the establishment of a joint historical commission in order to student the events of 1915 in a scholarly manner. This calls remains valid and open to archives to all researchers and are at the service of historians." This is an example on how Turkey does not actively deny existence of genocide. There's a lot of dialogues such as Faith Akins film.

-Bhaskar states the Patriarch Karekin II: Current Head of the Armenian Apostolic Church states "there has still been no open statement by the government. It wasn't the fault of Turkey but a dialogue needs to happen."

-The part of the resolution they don't like is article. The Armenian Student Association gave you a history lesson and here are the facts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century minorities in the Ottoman Empire. The Armenians and Greeks occupied a privileged position in the Ottoman Empire and the capitulations imposed by Western Europe gave Christian

merchants in the empire legal and trade benefits at the expense of Turks. When Armenians left all of the intellectual and educated community died with them. While there is no comparison of the pain of the genocide. Turkey without the Armenians suffered tremendously. Turkey became an illiterate and peasant country and didn't recover until 2002. Nationalistic feeling cloud historical fancy. The Republic of Turkey did not exist until October 29, 1923. The ASA dates the genocide in 1915.

-Kuper states that Turkey is held to unfair standard if we UC is divesting from any country that violates human rights, why not divest from Russia and Venezuela as well? This is a complex international issue and the USAC and Turks support Palestinian people and have given them \$300 million as aid. We are offering the best solution as the olive tree initiative of Turkey-Armenia. I don't think divestment is great I really want all my friends and its best to consider your sources.

-Badalich states when you said of unheard of Muslim population is a micro aggression. Secondly, wants to be frank and saying the genocide of the events as 1915, do you all recognize the genocide?

-Kuper states in her whole life she's read contradictory things and will not comment on it. Bhaskar stated as American he recognizes the genocide as it was carried by the Ottoman Empire not the Republic of Turkey

-Badalich asks about the clubs perception.

-Kuper states she cannot speak on behalf of the club.

-Bhaskar stated we just proved the Turkish is not responsible.

-Badalich states if they are not responsible why don't they recognize it?

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated the islamophobic was really triggering like "unheard of Muslim country." Sadeghi-Movahed stated she's Iranian and half her family is Turkish and there's a lot of lineage and has grown up with this her whole life. She wanted to post this out in her view of this article when it says "public denigration of Turkish nations" is open to interpretation and what to them constitutes "public denigration of Turkish nation?" Sadeghi-Movahed stated that public denigration means that the land must be reallocated does that mean recognition means you have to give back the land. She doesn't understand why they have a problem and wants to hear more explanation.

-Bhaskar states that in no points did Armenian occupy a place as majority. Turkey gave up its land why should Armenia have the same goal.

-Kuper states public denigration states she's read contradictory things and some people are criticized for speaking up about it and we read about authors and intellectuals and say the genocide happened and land belongs to Armenia but its not always black and white.

-Baral states there are time constraints and looks around for temperature check.

-Bach proposes 5 more minutes because each council member is accounted for meeting with students.

-Baral states at 9:32pm.

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated in past years TCC has organized a protest of incidence in Ghezi Park and the president and wants to get a sense of at what point do you talk about how many good things you've said and bad things. Are you critical of what he's saying in public? I've heard him speak and he'll say something about recognizing oppression and in the next sentence completely deny the genocide happened.

-Kuper stated that the first protest was 2013 and organized. She doesn't agree with everything he does or says and was specifically protesting police brutality, but in his

speech he really does emphasize he's paying condolences and changes have been happening. Perhaps Erdan isn't the best person but his speech was good for trying to bridge priests.

-Bhasakar states the AKP is trying to pursue a platform for 0 problems and want to be a force of dialogue to normalize relations.

-Sadeghi-Movahed asks if you think normalization of oppression is okay? Do you think its cultural erasure or is it addressing the issues.

-Bhasakar states Turkey has taken steps for erasure and to blame Turkey is wrong and its for Ottomans Empire

-Roth asks what made you think is the best person to present as someone from the Olive Tree Initiative

-Bhasakar states he doesn't see it divisive and the notion of divestment creates a wedge between communities and this supports dialogue. As an American he wants to foster relations.

-Baral states the word genocide is triggering to him as well as a Jewish student. It seems that everyone's in agreement there was an intentional massacre and deportation of Armenians in 1915. The big issue is do we say the word genocide or do we not say it. What is problematic about genocide and intentional massacre and deportation.

-Kuper stated in her contradictory issues that articles say there are massacres and deportations because Ottoman empire based on race and most historians accept it. She doesn't think it's a big deal to call it a genocide or not but just wants to say divestment wont say anything and its unfair to Turkish government.

-Bhasakar states they don't want to carry the label of genocide if they didn't perpetuate it.

-Roth agrees to balance both sides. There's been child murders and deportation and doesn't understand why Turkish government doesn't want to take the label and with reparations like Germany paying reparations for education even though the current government didn't commit it in the 1940s.

-Kuper stated that many politicians argued that the land was South Turks and then Ottoman Empire and then Armenian.

-Bhasakar stated the whole idea of appropriation of land we have to find someone of these ancient people and it's a slippery slope. In international relations you accept the status as it is and not as it should be.

-Kuper stated she wants the Turkish government to recognize it and the main problem is different documents stating different things with different numbers and very mixed up situation and why the government isn't ready.

-Badalich states half haphazardly said genocide or not genocide is not that big of a deal isn't advantageous and to everyone its in this deal. She has a huge problem not recognizing the Armenian genocide.

-Badalich moves for a 5 minute recess at 9:35. Hourdequin seconds.

-Barak moves to reconvene the meeting at 9:40pm.

-Baral reinstates the meeting at 9:40pm.

#### D. Surplus

-Baral and Hourdequin talk about surplus. They stated over time they've had an increasing number of student organizations (<1000 organizations in 2014). There's increasing costs for student organizations, increased utilization, and the pool of money

has largely stayed the same with funds not indexed to inflation, no fee increases other than TGIF and Bruin Bash. Baral states that USA and Contingency are utilized and efficiently funds but the surplus is variable from year to year. The availability of surplus funds affect amount of contingency/BOD and the trend line indicates decreased surplus over time. Its highly unpredictable and unsustainable. He shows a graph of surplus over time. In 2008-2009 there was a rise of surplus and in 2010-2011 it was cut in half. Baral states for efficiency he proposes to reduce capital contingency allocation from 12% to 5%. The Jazz Reggae costs will be lower this year. The common funding application to increase utilization of other USAC funding sources. He's proposing to reduce capital contingency from 12%-5%. Quite frankly the groups that have access have small groups and this year is an OSAC year and will be reshuffling the offices in Kerckhoff. It doesn't make a lot of sense to allocate a large amount of money to capital contingency to be available for winter and spring.

-Wang asks if its allocated or unallocated for surplus.

-Baral states that 12% is unallocated.

-Hourdequin wants to increase utilization of funding sources and streamline the process of applying by making it into one application. We're using orgsync and working on forms so student groups can mark the different qualities of their event and lead them to the appropriate funds to apply to.

-Rosen states that you should outreach to the Financial Aid and Scholarship office since they are also streamlining the process.

-Zimmerman states set up a meeting because they are in the process of reforming SOOF, BOD, and CS Mini in a new website that's more user-friendly.

-Baral states that every year even though funds are scarce that we are showing the students and that they are serious about putting money in endowment. They want to continue investing in the USAC Endowment and reinvest revenue from this year (\$6,400) and add \$10,000 from 2013-2014 surplus will be worth approximately \$26,000 in 20 years assuming 5% growth. Honestly wants to put it on the table and have fee rebalancing. They want to propose small supplemental fee to stabilize student group funding with time defined. There is going to be need fee rebalancing. He briefly wants to talk about differences about proposing small new fee rather than amending for rebalance. When there's a new fee that's being proposed and 1/3 needs to be returned to Aid. Lets say we are put on the ballot this spring and amend the ASUCLA by adding \$6 and amending it to UCOP it would no longer be grandfathered in and a 1/3 of it would now go to Aid and cut money that go to USAC.

-Champawat asks that you would rather propose a different way to catch back because of the \$6 fee and amending the language would make purchasing power first

-Baral states it would have to be a new fee

-Badalich asks would this fee go towards large program funding bodies?

-Baral says that's something we can do. We can have the discussion.

-Champawat states that even if the pot of money was the same the purchasing power is different

-Roth asks if it impacts SGOF and SOOF

-Baral states SGOF is low and there's just been an incredible loss of purchasing power. The goal of everything would be to stabilize it.

-Sadeghi-Movahed asks if we're investing money from surplus to endowment and if we kept it there surplus goes to programming and capital contingency. What does surplus go to?

-Baral states it goes whatever we want it to go and if its unallocated it goes to programming and capital contingency.

-Wont asks what's the purpose of investing in endowment?

-Champawat stated it was \$500,000 of surplus and \$200,000 of TGIF Start up money so that made it to \$700,000 and got rounded up to \$1 million. The implication to that is that your ineffective to utilize money for association. The point of the fees is to be used and when it gets really high some of the money would be for different projects such as night Powell and part of what happens that money goes into this formula is changing radically. The council wasn't cutting the budget, it was there was no money. The part of the endowment is that when you have a peak and you loft that peak off and send it to endowment. By lopping the peak off you have a more stable curve. When you take the top off there isn't this expectation of lots of money and thought this council was cutting its budget and enacted certain actions to make it more effective and less volatile so your communities have a more stable sense of what they have and can apply for. The secondary purpose was that if you can build an endowment and inertia to get other sources of fund into that same endowment and to grow as a stable income service. An endowment usually pays off 5% that pays out every year. If you can build it large enough you can build it off a stable piece of money.

-Wong asks in terms that last years surplus created revenue was that because of the endowment?

-Baral states the endowment made money.

-Champawat clarifies that \$6,400 is earnings from investments.

-Lazarovici wrote down interest friend or foe and when we had this debate over the endowment. Up until now, interests is your foe and paying interest is a bad thing because you have to pay money back to the bank. When there's an endowment or saving money, interest is a good thing because somebody else is paying you for doing nothing. Most of you do not have the experience or conscience of experience of being your friend. The endowment, interest is your friend. That's why there's this pot of money and sets of urgency. If you're going to take this chunk of money in endowment we need money in the present.

-Champawat stated that the way it was playing out in the community that there's no framework when there's surplus so it helps level it out and makes money.

-Lazarovici states asking people to give money feels like a tax and anything less feels like a cut.

-Champawat states trying to explain the decrease in surplus is impossible to explain.

-Roth says if we are really good at allocating our money we wouldn't have surplus and we have to stop looking at surplus as effective. If we do have surplus its because we didn't fully allocate it and people got used to it and that's where the issue came. She thinks that David Bocarsly was great and there needs to be a long term vision and being able to have an extra funding source 10-15 years is brilliant and not raise students fee in 10-15 years because of other needs. She's down for this.

-Baral stats that \$10,000 would go to the endowment from the available surplus of \$102,892.27.

- Garcia asks if there's a dire need for the investment to happen this year?
- Baral states yes every year it has to happen and make an investment and this is the right amount this year. If it was up to him he would put \$100,000 but wants to make unbalancing act of all the needs for \$10,000. A \$10,000 allocation this year means in 10 years is \$26,000. The main difference is that BOD will go down \$3000. BOD is going to have less than \$3000.
- Sadeghi-Movahed asks if there's alternative we can put in endowment such as discretionary and sees this as surplus as funding source students rely on and could affect culture shows and cultural programming. Is there another way we can invest in endowment?
- Champawat states that surplus is a special sort of kind of money with maximum flexibility and can offset discretionary and refill contingency pot rather than put that money in endowment. You really cant take mandatory fees and put it endowment and that's what your discretionary fees is.
- Baral states USA BOD will only go down \$3,000. Its not a substantial impact in the entire pot of BOD. Going for this option would substantially impact a culture show is not an accurate subject.
- Badalich suggests having it a different time. She's personally in favor and some of these more logistical questions could be asked a different time.

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Avinoam Baral

-Baral states there's presidential appointments out there and it would be great to have a good number of applicants for a diverse crown. He has a meeting schedule with Jack Pozac administration vice chancellor on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and ask for feedback and agenda items who oversees everything. Its surprising to me that USAC doesn't have contact with this person with more frequent meetings with administrative vice chancellor. Baral states he wants to set up with the UCLA Alumni Association and USAC alumni database and some sort of newsletter to be a cumulative event at the end of the year and USAC wide reunion. We should have more reunions and a great way to continuing the conversation of endowment and raising money for student programming.

-Badalich asks if its going to be like a USAC banquet.

-Baral states he has been talking about USAC president of 1967. He has a meeting with CFO and different ways of growing that. There's a student body wide email meant to go out on Thursday or Friday and said we got in the fall and winter and also had different updates. He had his phone call with council of presidents Sunday and different items were discussed and one of the main things was the council of presidents participating in UC joint advocacy committee planned by UCOP. The goal was to bring together the regent to advocate to the regents and as of right now UCSA has pulled out and doesn't feel that lobbying with regents to state legislature and the council of presidents aren't sure if they are going to stay in with the joint advocacy committee. The circle of 6 will launch on Thursday and have the social media game up. They have had a vigil for France.

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### B. Internal President – Heather Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states yesterday was the off campus living fair and had about 2000 students come out throughout the whole day and beat last year by 500. This Thursday from 11-2

it's the circle of 6 launch with a photo campaign. The transfer appreciation week is coming up with things such as the commuter dinner and transfer state of the union. Her office has been working on the SOOF application and the how-to guide.

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

-Contreras stated he had January for UCSA meeting and had a vote of no confidence to UC Regents and Janet Napolitano with a vote of 11-1-4. By doing that resolution we are stating that they don't want to lobby with the regents. As much as they believe in getting more funded, we don't want to lobby with the regents and ask for a blank check to go to UCOP and Regents and do a lot of financial accountability and as students independent of regents and UCOP and asking it to go to specific things. We are going to have the next board meeting here at UCLA and everyone is invited. He's looking for a way to feed board members with 0-little costs. We're planning an open forum for student regent and student regent designate and give them the opportunity to talk about their perspective regarding the tuition policy. He wants the student regents to talk about their actual stance and truly believes that they're for students and wants to give them opportunity to speak on perspective. Contreras stated him and Aurelia Friedman are working on a LegDay they want to invite them here on campus and have different student groups and USAC offices talk to them and can get informed about it about what they actually care about with a legislative movement.

-Badalich states they have corporate sponsorship directors who can get food for the event.

#### D. General Representative 1

-Singh states he had a meeting with Yolanda Coplan Morgan to disaggregate data from South Asian from Asian Pacific Island and she'll be in touch. They are continuing to collect caps and gowns for cap and gown donation drive. Their office is also working on genocide awareness that's focused on sharing stories. They're working on public speaking workshop. Lastly that the AllofUs mental health conference is happening Saturday.

-Baral asks if he's contacted the Jewish community

-Singh states that yes he's contacted Tammy

#### E. Academic Affairs Commission

-Bach states the preferred name went live this week and says that the professors have a class roster and class planning advisory board with Frank Watta and its great position of privilege. They developed a survey and put it out next week and students who have other issues with class planning or functions are able to express that and personally go through the responses. She's asking to help publicize the survey and get the staff members to take it and ask your peers what they would like to see change. USIE had its first workshop this past Monday and its not as competitive as Berkeley's and want to change that. If you want to help publicize that they're training those. Another info session is tomorrow at 1pm at Kerckhoff 417. Bach states the academic affairs office is coprogramming in Ackerman Grand Ballroom in Week 4 on Wednesday from 12-2 and she'll update us. She wanted to ask a diversity and inclusion question on TA and professor evaluations but its definitely a discussion that should be happening and is happening and adding some sort of question on a scale of 1-10 how they felt included. The diversity requirement vote has

a freedom of invitation request with the petitioners have refused to disclose their names and of course that's public information they discover the 6 names. Those who are against the revote are working to find the legality of their petition. From the academic senate perspective that if the vote happens again to change the bylaws because it only took 50 petition revotes to get a revote. These are facts and going forward.

-Zimmerman asks if there's a threshold on how many faculty members vote

-Bach states the rules aren't in the favor

#### F. Student Wellness Commission

-Badalich stated consent week is next week! We finalized everything and the photo series about "man up." They have a call to men and Men Can Stop Rape that work with inner city youth using sneaker culture and other forms of pop culture from masculinity and other pop culture to prevent gender based violence to get to the root of it. The gentlemen who does it is a former NFL and does a ton of work for domestic violence and put these posters in the unified New York subways. They have chai talks with GenRep1 about sexual and gender based violence and LGBTQIA communities. Wednesday they have the word and male survivors and masculinity. They are going to talk about same gender violence and intimate violence and there's constraints within doing it in a community. She's excited for Silence and Shame and create a list of demands and inviting USC and Occidental because they are under investigation for title 9 and making a list of demands that they hope will be addressed to California legislature and specifically LAUSD such as consent education as K-12 requirement. That is consent week! AIDS awareness is putting on positively speaking for HIV Positive Bruins featuring 3 HIV Positive Bruins. Active Minds is putting on a speaker panel called the Painted Brain in Humanities 135. Body Image got Kerckhoff Art Gallery called draw a heart on the body part and they'll take a picture of it. I love my body week is week 7. Sexperts is having their breast series where they invite female bruins or bruin identified women talking about the equalization of breasts and the intersection and commercialization of breast cancer research. It's much more than painting with your boobs. The Mental Health Conference February 8 and All Of Us is having a week. Any of your offices can do something relating to mental health. She's given everyone total wellness magazines and put on 2 per quarter.

#### G. Transfer Student Representative

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated that Obama proposed to make the first 2 years of college for community council and work towards graduation of technical program or transfer to a 4 year program or seek their associates. She was super excited and really amazing step the nation is taking to make access to higher education more feasible. There's different costs that making to school more difficult and often take more than 2 years. This is a huge step forward in the right direction and she thinks it will lead to further progressive change in the future. She wants to go to the next meeting from the chancellor and is extremely important because California is going to have trouble figuring out funding. Her office released a discrepancy within the plan to lobby legislators on the proposal and seems to have bipartisan support. It's a huge thing for access to higher education. Her office is working on creating a survey for the transfer experience and students to engage and

understand the disparities but also to gauge what we can work on and not to focus on to see what groups are holding the burdens.

#### H. Administrative Representative

-Geller states with transfer pride week around the quarter the importance that transfers play in the community and the past week invitations went out to 1200 transfer students were eligible to join Tau Sigma honors society and it's the largest number that has ever been eligible. IF there is anyone you know that believes they should've gotten an invitation and didn't its [tausigma@ucla.edu](mailto:tausigma@ucla.edu)

### VIII. Funding Allocations

#### A. Contingency Programming

-Wang stated total required is \$109,433.62 total requested is \$30,742.85 and total recommended is \$6,278.00. There is \$37,058.74 left in contingency  
-Wong moves to approve the contingency programming allocation. Badalich seconds. 10-0-3 contingency allocation is approved.

#### B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Contreras stated there's 4 allocations. One if for Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship for Chi Alpha West Coast Salt for \$385. The second one is Ache for Southern California mixer for \$209 and they Union of Salvadorians \$400 and the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Afrikan Student Union for \$350.

#### C. ASRF

-Bach stated they allocated \$1000 to Idea Hacks. They allocated Muslim Student Association for Solidarity through Stories \$2000. They allocated Bruin Experiment \$1,655. They allocated Financial Supports Commission \$200 for lab coat loan library. The Vietnamese Student Union \$2,000. Total ASRF \$17,139.20 and after the allocation of \$6855 there is \$10,084.25 left.

#### D. Student Wellness Fund

-Badalich states that SWC allocated \$69 to transfer students from IVP.

#### E. Surplus

-Badalich holds a 5 minute recess. Baral says reconvene 11:07pm.  
-Baral calls meeting back to order at 11:08pm.  
-Baral states there is \$102, 892.27 of unallocated surplus if we choose to not allocate at all it will fall according to the formula and propose \$10,000 to endowment allocation, 5% to capital contingency of \$4,644.61, 47% to USA Programming of \$43,659.37 and 48% to Contingency of \$44, 588.29. With a total of \$102,892.27.  
-Badalich agrees with this and thinks it's a smart proposal. She doesn't disagree with the endowment but if someone really has a problem she suggests that \$5,000 from discretionary and \$5,000 from surplus.  
-Baral states she takes the point

- Contreras has a question for Wang. For example if USA Programming grew to like \$50,000, does that make a big difference when allocating to student groups?
- Wang stated she proposes to raise contingency because \$44,000 is low and she was shooting for \$50,000. She stated that for contingency they allocate 40 to 45 so our entire spring quarter depends on surplus especially with culture nights and banquets.
- Roth asks would you rather change the percentages or not have endowment?
- Wang says 5% for capital is great and maybe contingency could get 55% and BOD would be 40%. Just the extra \$5,000 for contingency makes a big difference.
- Roth states we think of surplus as a bonus on it and its not right and student orgs are dependent and it went from \$500,000 to \$100,000 and its unstable and we have to wean people off and find alternatives and work on that.
- Wong states that contingency and capital contingency aren't stable funds where as contingency does not. There should not be surplus at all if everyone is using their funds and a shift on how student groups perceive surplus after all. If we continue to encourage student groups to utilize then progressively it would decrease to make contingency more stable and maybe allocate \$120,000 at the beginning such that we don't have the discussion of surplus.
- Contreras asks if its surplus from council or student groups
- Wang states its from everything and from other funding sources that aren't used and cant move their money in their pot which is why contingency can only start with 80
- Garcia asks if this is a living document and adjust percentages.
- Zimmerman states there's a difference of allocating all the funds and then spending. She states its all allocated and not utilized and little pots of money that build up to surplus. It can be from SGOF or Referendum Funding or other funding sources.
- Wang stated that SOOF had 40% left unspent and that goes back to surplus.
- Badalich states going off Roth and Wang we should really think about that we may have to consider some sort of referendum otherwise its not going to remain sustainable. SWC has a huge funding source from student welfare fee and try to spend it every year. It should be a council wide effort and a reasonable price and make it clear it wont go to USAC.
- Champawat states it would be useful to bring that fee chart and one of the things they'll see is essentially the funds they oversee at the table are the funds that in particular and are some housekeeping that the fee chart is set in time and you're right you really need to start looking at that.
- Rosen states about editing.
- Badalich wants to hold what Cindy is saying and make contingency 55% and USA Programming to 40% and capital contingency to 5%. The new numbers suggested are capital contingency of \$4,644.61, USA Programming to \$37, 156.92 and contingency of \$51, 090.75
- Wang asks if tis a bylaw
- Baral states no its just this years surplus and the endowment talks about how much should be going to USA programming and contingency and is outlined in \$150,000.
- Roth asks if you've been setting up the endowment as percentage that would be the same every year
- Baral states this make sense for this year but next year it might not be. These are bylaw questions. We have the bylaws we have the amount to go to unallocated. We can do this

multiple ways a \$10,000 allocation from surplus and then suspend our bylaws to change percentages. Or we can just use each of these as unallocated line items and go line by line and unallocated surplus would be 0 and none of the bylaws would be triggered.

-Rosen moves to allocate \$10,000 to endowment. She moves to allocate \$4,644.61 to capital contingency. She moves to allocate \$37,156.91 to USA Programming. She moves to allocate \$51,090.75 to Contingency. Badalich seconds.

13-0-0 the funds are allocated.

## IX. Old Business

## X. New Business

## XI. Announcements

-Sadeghi Movahed states transfer pride week is next week and invites everyone to come out and support transfer students. They are in charge of Wednesday for student involvement day and tells them to email her by Friday. They have the Toast to Transfers at night the mixer and invite all your transfer staff member. On January 28 they are going to have a town hall for the transfer center and the possibility of having one and where that would be and what the transfer center could contain and space limitations and being confined to bruin resource center in tiny little office of Student Activities Center and outlining the issues and consolidating it for administrators in the future for Transfer Center

-Garcia states they will have the word this Wednesday at Hip Hop Appreciation next month and have a fashion show and you all could be models. It's really cool and lines. They will be having follow ups for the town hall and have booked rooms for every other week. They are trying to facilitate the space about yikyak and how it affects campus climate and wants to follow up with town hall and demands. Its called JRF instead of Jazz Reggae Festival. Monday night concerts every Monday and our funding source has started and are allocating those funds.

-Badalich invites other USAC offices to table at consent week.

-Roth states the genrep3 is co programming with lots of student orgs including EVP, PSO, Amnesty International, and hopefully the PoliSci and History department to host the ex-US Ambassador to South Africa, Liberia and on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and its going to be a really big event on the hill. If you're trying to get involved please do.

-Wong says non-profit networking night is set February 10<sup>th</sup> for non profit networking night and invites all students for part time and full time. They're going to have a resume workshop and interview workshop.

-Contreras stated that its February 10 the same day as council.

-Kalfayan says tomorrow at 12 they have Made In Heights as a group and they'll probably be at Coachella next year. They're amazing live. On Thursday they're screening Boyhood and cleaned up the Golden Globes.

-Baral stated that him and Wong were on the Freedom Riders Commemoration Planning meeting. Student Affairs have been working hard in particular the freedom riders that were UCLA students and VIP is February 6 at 7pm in Royce Hall and the main event at 8pm with the hope of having 200 student leaders. There's a Facebook event and asked us to invite our friends. IF you're posting about it the event is #uclafreedomriders.

-Garcia stated that the graduate students are planning a conference and want to incorporate undergraduate ideas and collaborate as a 2 day conference for academic base and make it something we want to go to and coming from the Department of History and AfroAm. It talks about structural racism and oppressing minority communities and someone asks about modern day protest songs with an artistic way to approach conversation about what undergraduates would like to see on March 6-7 in Carnesale.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

Badalich moves to adjourn the meeting. Bach seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare