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FINALIZED MINUTES  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

February 24, 2015

7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Savannah Badalich, Manjot Singh

GUESTS: Marvin Chen, Aaliyah Khan

I. Call to Order

-Baral calls meeting to order at 7:04pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Quintanilla strikes the Facilities Commissioner Report

-Chen strikes the SWC Report and Student Wellness Programming

-Bach moves to strikes ASRF. Bach moves to add AAC immigrant.

-Baral adds Endowment Interest Action Item/

-Hourdequin moves to approve agenda as amended.

12-0-0 the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2015

-Hourdequin moves to approve the minutes. Moreno Haq seconds.

IV. Public Comments

-From Students and Justice in Palestine as some of you might know this Sunday there were posters found around campus that showed people dressed as “terrorists” and it said Students for Justice in Palestine with #Jew haters and found in Ackerman, Sunet, Apartment complexes and clear example of hate speech and islamaphobic and anti-arab troupes to support palestinans and supporters as terrorists. SJP doesn’t condone racism or bigotry and will be holding a townhall this Thursday at Royce 154 at 6pm and invites everyone to come to strategize actions, analyze what it means, and are currently forming an agenda. If anyone wants to come speak or give a presentation they are in the works. They want to thank Avinoam to take down posters and sending out masters of support.

-Jackie from CalPirg a student nonprofit on campus that works to protect environment and democracy and make college more affordable for students. We have been pledging and have had 3,400 pledges and thanks council for their support. They are currently working to increase solar polar in Los Angeles towards a 20% to be solar panel. They are talking to city hall and making educational events on campus like solar powered concert and solar powered hot chocolate. We are working to reduce UCLA’s water usage 20% by

2020 and have made 30 class announcements encouraging students to text and save water. We have a resolution to conserve water coming up. Our last campaign is to decrease cost of textbooks for college students and having them switch to open source textbook online and having a press conference Wednesday next week at 10AM on Bruin walk about the effects of rising textbook costs. We will keep you updated on times and locations of events.

-Lazarovici asks about solar powered hot chocolate

-She states in Ackerman with solar panels

## V. Special Presentations

## VI. Appointments

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Avinoam Baral

- Baral had a council of presidents meeting phone call to discuss agenda for meeting with President Napolitano for March 5<sup>th</sup>. The SCA1 and tuition increase and the mental health services fee and an agenda item on sexual assault and health and an agenda item about UCPD and community interactions to see how different UC's are doing on the UCwide level and how are we shaping the conversation that's happening nationally to permit body cameras. We have a townhall Thursday about student group programming and USAC fees. Some things discussed and Roy and Ian Cocroft and Patty Zimmerman and adjusted for inflation there's a 30% decrease since 2008 and since 2008 there's been a 25% student groups increases and brainstormed different things and if you want you can help. The on going advocacy for bike lanes in Westwood and Michael Worschman the graduate student president approached me about advocacy from Pico to UCLA with a bike lane. The hold up is council member Paul Lakretz who was hesitant to put down political power and Mike has asked me and Sadeghi-Movahed, Haw, and Quintanilla and drafted a resolution and asked us to pass. There was a meeting last night with the Westwood revitalization center and we will have that conversation more on Tuesday

-Garcia asks why the council member is hesitant

-Baral states there's a few people who are really angry and vocal and are staunchly opposed and if he doesn't see strong support for it he doesn't want to step on anyone's toes.

### B. Internal President –Heather Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states the student vendor fair is happening Monday 11am-3pm and invites everyone on Bruin Plaza. Next week there's Campus Safety Week Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from Tuesday 3-5 for Theft Prevention and we're going to talk about the safety action plans and the training that UCPD officers go through and have an open discussion question. I met up with Nancy Greenstein and she is going to rally Westside Alliance next quarter of landlords and building managers and try to work with them to put lighting in front of their own property so it takes pressure off the city. By the end of this quarter I'm going to do night walks and chart down all the problematic night walks. The forum will be Ackerman 3157.

### C. External Vice President – Conrad Contreras

-Contreras said last Friday they had a lobby visit with Sebastian and SCA1 and decrease prison funding. I was in Sacramento and talked about the aftermath of SCA5 which was pulled out legislator last April and makes Proposition 209 unconstitutional and reinstate affirmative action. We know that we talk about affirmative action it turns a lot of people in and maybe changing it to increasing diversity and equal opportunity for education and work and the legislators were talking about the trends in their specific parties and most liberal white men in assembly are more likely to vote for repealing proposition for 209 if we talk about white daughters and look for certain demographics. The work that I do isn't instantaneous and a lot of work we're starting is a good first step. We wanted a task force and have student representation and this is the first time they've had student representation. This coming Friday we have Campus Senate Legislator Day and it's a conference where legislators from local, state, and national will come to UCLA and a lot of student groups will talk about campaigns they're working on and be discussed and asked for legislators such as IGNITE, mental health, sexual assault, and diversity requirement, environmental issues, lgbt issues, and any other options. There's free food. We just released an interest form to students and the EVP and IVP are coprogramming the Spring Activities Fair and wanted to add external advocacy can come and educate students

-Bach thinks that the rebranding of prop 209 is wonderful and don't think it as a marketing strategy

### D. General Representative 1

-Khan states that we are working with AllofUs and SWC and Active Minds and have had events yesterday and today and are put on by health and wellness component. Tuesday and Thursday is our day of dance and Wednesday is campus painting at Bruin Park and Thursday is tie-dye. We're kind of just planning for the upcoming quarter and a campaign for identity such as religion or cultural. It's going to be each component and put on chai talks concerning borders and histories within families. We are working with chai talks for academic affairs and this is for the fight for education week on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### E. Academic Affairs Commission

-Bach states they're working with GenRep1 to have CAPS phone number on all syllabi and asking them the process to see what students can do. Global Leadership connection was last week with 75-80 high school students to UCLA and went through all day college process and did mock interviews and real interviews and were giving out scholarships and its unreliable how much students are involved. They are really eager and are coming back in 2 weeks. They also had to write a letter to their parents and its one of the best and underpublicized events. If your enrollment pass happened from anything to genetics to hip-hop to history for a 1 unit. The info session to become a facilitator are February 25 or March 4 in Ackerman 3516. The myucla survey is out and still being publicized so we can forward it to staff members to win \$50 ASUCLA gift card. The fight for education week is week 4 in spring quarter. If any other office wants to reach out and can connect with us and coprogram with AllofUs and hope to get more people involved. The Academic Resource guide for transfer students is going to be worked on by the end of

Spring quarter. Mark your calendars because the date of the vote change is March 30-April 10 because last week the opposition was allowed to submit a new petition because the old petition didn't clarify it was just for the college of letters and sciences and asked to clarify what their petition was and its pushing a lot of things back and a new idea to allow professors for and against to submit pro and con statements online until March 9. The opposition is coming from the medical school, "we just don't think that students are going to be sating their time with students not building their skills" and hope that one day my doctor appreciates diversity. I want to thank Contreras for creating a petition and ask to share petition and I will keep you updated.

#### F. Transfer Student Representative

-Sadeghi-Movahed has had a lot of meetings about pumping up the bylaws of the transfer rep position and see the scope of the position. Hopefully we are going to have the transfer bylaws state that the transfer student representative would be a member of YIELD committees, Transfer Leadership Commission, and are going to be working on bylaw changes for Center for Community College Partnerships and got to talk about this really awesome research called the transfer receptive culture called navigating the institution of a transfer student to work on outreach and engage students of color and include diversity. What he basically created was a 5 tenant plan that takes into account race, gender, and critical race theory with 5 tenants strong institutional commitment, outreach materials, and evaluation and assessment to create safe spaces. The only safe spaces for transfer students is the Bruin Resource Center and transfer program, AAP, and CCPC, and talked about the transfer center and go off site. We talked about outreach to the university and creating affordable universities to get the students apply to universities. We met with the Assistant Vice Provost for diversity from AAP Dr. Alexander to implement the academic advising guide and that's to create more transfer sensitive and specific counseling for all students. We want a more presence of counseling system because people are set in their ways or are sensitive to transfer problems. A day in the Life PREP to speak and talking to high school students and ask about community college and get to alleviate some pressures they may be feeling because they cant afford to 4 year and don't worry about it!

#### G. Administrative Representatives

-Lazarovici enjoyed the Clapping report and the textbook issue is a big one and one of the student presidents when I was here and works as the Senate Majority Leader works for open source textbooks and may be a resource. She stated Contreras said "A lot of the work I do isn't instantaneous" and that's very true and it can be much longer. I sense some discomfort around the issue about tailoring message along law makers and it's a tight rope in social change work and activism. On one hand the things that animate you and that animate us about a specific cause may not resonate the people we need to convince with power. I worked on a living wage campaign on east coast and most people were concerned how minimum wage workers were going to make ends meet. How paying city-sub contracted workers would lead to better city services but it was not something I was burning passionately about but if I wanted to get my cause passed that's how we have to frame the message. Theres a tight rope of framing the message and staying true to your values. Everyone does a gut check and when it hurts your stomach that's a signal you're veering too far away. We have to make compromises to move the

ball. A skill you must learn is how to read a room and it takes a lot of self awareness and awareness of what is going on around you and do fundraising and house parties and at what point should I shush everyone and do the pitch? She paused and said you'll know its right like when the popcorn is ready to pop. When is that moment? You have to guess when that moments ready.

-Cheryl states she was at Patel's conversation, and is known for religious diversity and talked about college campuses should also put in religion for the diversity requirement and talks about how religion is a way of bringing people together and not looking at differences but being respectful and critical of peoples perspectives and incorporating that in their wellbeing and how you deal with conflict and make conflict work. We are well above most universities and colleges.

-Bach states she loves arguing with a conservative person about diversity and its all about choice, its only when you expand your choice then you really gain. He's having a presentation on the hill right now.

-Baral states he has friends who are out there and thanks Relief for the program and he is so down to earth

-Zimmerman stated the date for installation and because elections was pushed up its May 16<sup>th</sup>, a Saturday and asked Chris Capololo to add it in election calendar

## VII. Funds Allocations

### A. Contingency Programming

-Wang stated \$26,255.64 required. \$13,906.61 requested. \$3,910.00 recommended. There is \$64,666.00 left in contingency.

-Hourdequin moves to approve. Wang seconds.

11-0-0 contingency is approved.

### B. Arts Restoring Community

-Garcia stated 1,750 to LCC Theater, 1,324 to United Khmer students, 1,944.80 to TARA.

-Approved by consent

### C. AAC Mini Grant Allocation

-Bach states \$372 to Pacific Islanders Association

-Approved by consent

## IX. Old Business

## X. New Business

### A. Electing Spending Cap

-Kimberly stated the executive offices will have a spending cap of \$850 and nonconsecutive spending cap \$750. This is a set spending cap.

-She states they chose these amounts because there is going to be a separate spending cap on the slate and not just individuals and it's a reasonable amount basing it on the issue we were given for the expense accounts.

-Roth asks if it was for independent people working

-Kimberly said yes

-Roth moves to approve spending caps. Sadeghi-Movahed seconds.

#### B. Endowment

-Baral states a thing we talked about was reinvesting interest to the previous year back in the fund until we build up a critical amount and taking away the interest is desirable and when preparing documents it was never formally recorded in manner of vote and wanted to bring it back as a vote for it formally recorded.

-Rosen asks if theres paperwork.

-Baral states he'll give it to everyone after meeting and nothings changed it was the same surplus discussion but to go out to UCLA foundation for audit purposes we have to literally have it in minutes to make decision and have formal motion.

-Rosen moves to approve the endowment reinvestment. Hourdequin seconds.

-Rosen retracts the motion

-Baral moves to approve the reinvestment of all interests generated from the USAC endowment from the inception of the fund until December 31, 2014. Rosen seconds.

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#### XI. Announcements

-Roth states International Career Night tomorrow in Humanities A51 and theres going to be an immigration lawyer and list released and its going to be really informative. We have unwind UCLA at Sunset Rec with Free Yoga and Free Sumba and from 5-6 free Jimmy Johns and different performances from student groups and dances and spring sing from 3-6.

-Chen states SWC Aids Awareness has a positively speaking panel in Kerckhoff Grand Salon next Tuesday 7-10pm. SWC Bruin Consent Coalition is hosting a Speaker Event with AMSA to talk about psychology of sexual assault tomorrow form 6-7 in Kinsey. Theres quilt making at UCLA for artistic form of activism for UCLA and held at 7pm in Covelo South Bayroom. SWC Search is hosting Stressless fair on Thursday from 11-2 and GR1 will also be there. AllOfUs is hosting express yourself week this entire week and Facebook events. We also have Gen Rep 1 there doing tie dye shirts.

-Garcia states that the fashion show was ridiculously amazing and if you don't know who Tommy the Clown is and there were people from different ages crumping and this hip hop explosion with Earl Sweatshirt and Vince Staples and Warm Brew this Thursday. We will be wrist banding and all that is a confirmation. From yesterday until the 6<sup>th</sup> of March theres an art gallery up

-Kalfayan states tonight CEC is screening Selma and we can catch the whole movie. We have an event in Collins Court and filming Coach Carter. Next week we have 4 events, Monday we have the worlds best skydiver and base jumper, Tuesday they're screening Grand Budapest Hotel, on Wednesday they have a pornstar panel and Colbie Keller and James Dean and moderated by a PhD Chanell Tibbels and it should be intriguing. On Thursday we're waiting for the movie to be confirmed.

-Wong states that they are having their spread the word to end the word campaign and thanks everyone for recording videos and its really simple for 15 seconds and a media guideline. We are trying to record them on phones themselves and happening all of this week. Tuesday Wednesday Thursday we have a lot of activities. The No Kill initiative and recommend us for leaders and volunteers. Lastly we are moving forward with the publicity for Homeboy Industry tours

-Rosen says this Friday Constitutional Review Committee will be meeting in AAC and are having a meeting tomorrow with Yolanda Coplan Morgan with financial aid and Perkins loans.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

XIII. Adjournment

-Roth moves to adjourn the meeting. Moreno-Haq seconds.

-Baral adjourns the meeting at 8:16pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare