

FINALIZED MINUTES
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

April 14, 2015

7:00 PM

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

-Baral calls meeting to order at 7:03pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bach moves to strike ASRF.

-Contreras moves to strike Travel Grant.

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

12-0-0 agenda is approved

III. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2015

-Bach moves to approve minutes. Rosen seconds.

12-0-0 the minutes are approved.

IV. Public Comments

-Jackie is from CalPirg student funded and student directed organization to increase in solar power, reduce textbook costs, and reduce water usage in LA. This week we are holding a water promise event and asking students to shorten shower time and this Friday we are meeting with Andy Shreider to tell him about campaigns. This Saturday we are going to workshops for LAWP to regreen gardens and make them drought-resistant.

-Sachin from Satyr the nonprofit and if you want to add anything about the resolution and we're featuring Napolitano and Block and if you want anyone to know.

-Mikael stated that today you are introduced 2 resolutions. I think you should support both of them because we should have the ability to act on own agency and relationship with admin and admin should work for us and more inconclusive and make it a better space. Next Friday is April 24th the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and all of next week there will be genocide awareness week. We are going to have a genocide survivor of someone over 100 years old and we're really excited about it Wednesday night at 6. She's doing well and she will be here Wednesday.

-Ari is from the Armenian Student Association and I'm just going to fill you on the rest of the week. On Monday we are going to be having a discussion on activism surrounding the genocide in Royce. On Tuesday we are going to have a recreation of an Armenian movie on Meyerhoff park and having informational booth next to it and spread more awareness. On Wednesday we are going to have a survivor and it's a big deal and this is a big deal. I want to let you all know and everyone has so many networks and we really want to bring people out. There are only a handful of survivors left in the world and its an incredible privilege. On Thursday we are going to have a candlelight vigil and on Friday there's going to be a March to commemorate the genocide and its going to take place from Little Armenia and we are going to be marching all the way to Turkish consulate.

-I am here to support transfer student and I was accepted off the waitlist and my first quarter here and adjusting was hard. I felt really isolated and alone and I think it would be a lot easier if I had a transfer center. Many transfer students don't know where its located and another short thing is that a resource center sounds generic. It's a resource center, UCLA has a tons of resources but this is separate the others. BRC transfer presentation gives you one for a couple of hours and a lot of us have tuned out I feel like it would be a great centralized location to know during orientation. I'm sure you are all familiar with the campaign and the transfer student initiative is the only thing that comes close to trailblaze and revolutionize and we need the push and we must be equal.

-My name is Fray and there are resolutions to transfer center and inclusive space and love that the work is being done to uplift us. On Thursday SJP they are having a cupcake and baklava sale and welcome you all out to come out/

-Lasbian is a once in a lifetime experience and transfer resources are scattered throughout but by having a centralized place where these resources can be taken advantage of transfer students can ease into ucla easily. As a commuter the transfer center will have a place to relax. Last year UCLA has a step in the right direction by appointing transfer councilmember and another step for a transfer center.

-Anais is also a transfer and once I became involved in the USAC space that was the only way connected to different spaces. I've heard about the BRC and I really urge everyone to vote yes and it will show solidarity for transfers.

-My name is Negeen and I was fortunate enough to be proactive and be involved and by the first year you are juggling and by the first year you're lost and then its senior year and missing opportunities and it would be great. It is only here where we can find certain resources to be better and more successful for graduate school. I am totally in support and I hope you choose to support it as well.

-Hi my name is Dimali and I'm a transfer student and on board for Muslim Student Association and as a transfer myself I don't know what's available and it seem so quick. You get here and get ready to get out. I've heard people argue having a transfer center is divisive because it separates it form other traditional undergrads. I don't agree with that's. Its like saying that clubs for specific students are exclusive and its just bringing together people on a common ground. As a Muslim student on campus the only prayer space is outside behind Kerckhoff and its problematic and we should have conclusive space for all students to meditate because its important for our religion 5 days.

-My name is Nicole and when I first arrived here I was so lost and the resources are overwhelming. You need a transfer center to tell all the transfer students tell them if you're lost go to the transfer center to get resources and academic help. Our credits are

different. Our units are different. The way we have to handle our grades is completely different than someone come straight from high school. We don't know what we don't know. We need a transfer center to tell us what we don't know.

-First and foremost, just because there's a creation of a space you run the risk of creating more issues but the fact of the matter is when you solve a solution and you have to address that as well. You have to consider that its like a puzzle and find all the right pieces. I just wanted to say that the transfer student population as fluctuated form 25% to 40% which is a sizeable portion. I'm also just going to talk about my problems and I'm taking another undergraduate course because at my orientation I told them it didn't count and I was never told it didn't count. We need an area that focuses not on this demographic but this population.

I'm t the potential of having to stay an extra quarter or pay for summer classes. When people don't feel supported they are going to drop out and please do not create another barrier. The Roosevelt Institute is now being restarted so if you're interested talk to me!

-Rick is the co-president of the transfer student alliance. About a year ago that everyone seated at the table would place the transfer student referendum on the ballot. Thankfully it passed with an overwhelming margin. I would like to thank all of you for the support of transfer students and making the transfer community better. Its becoming full circle to make this a better community and allies require support of a physical space. Once we have that space there is no limit. We are bruins and we strive higher.

-My name is Corey Kelly and I was the representative of community college student and its important to make an intentional space of college campuses. Most colleges have a veterans resource center but because creating an intentional space opens doors for those communities that have unique set. Our experiences are different than those who have been here for whole undergraduate experience. It would enable transfers and empower them to make better and Jackie Robinson was a community college transfer and the more you support them the more they can do for the student body.

-My name is Wally Khmel and the president of Muslim Student Association and the one about non denominational prayer space and its in a place that worked for a long time and it's a need we haven't been able to fulfill entirely. Not only something our community desires, a lot of different faith communities desire. I know there's a number of different folks sponsoring the bill and it really hasn't gone anywhere because we haven't been able to mobilize appropriate momentum to make something materialize that. Its something at UCSD that has it and a good number of them do.

-My name is Erineo and I would like to thank student government for funding MEChA events with 1000 students coming for our events and for admit weekend with over 400 students. The transfer students need these resources. As a peer counselor we provide them services but we need a center to help transfer students retain themselves and mental health. We are hosting the transfer admit weekend May 6th and we are going to need a lot of students and bring over 200 students. In terms of nondenominational prayer space we would like to support and take advantage of your positions in order to support that. Thank you all for your time.

V. Special Presentations

A. Stand4: Male an Impact Without Donating a Dime

-Danielle Zola is interning for a startup. Stand4 is a new social impact act and looking to change the way people donate especially people of our demographic for those who want to make a difference but don't have the resources. It allows you to support without donating. They have corporate sponsors and nonprofit sponsors to donate money without using our own money and charities. It's a platform which you play games and take a quick poll. The challenges are arbitrary and you'll in turn support donating water or school supplies or meals or animal care. What's really cool is that its also trying to expand on college campuses and I'm working as a liaison to make that happen. If anyone is interested, my email is dzola@ucla.edu and I'm always available for more information you can talk to Alyson Bach.

-Bach asks what is the impact of the app

-Zola stated its really new and the app is only been released for 2 months. They are working to get statistics going. Through the app, based on your profile an people that donated and you friends you can see your total impact and your friends total impact. I don't have statistics completely yet but you can see how many stands you or your friends completed.

-Hearne asks do you get to specify what you want when you play different games

-Zola states different games go to different organizations

B. Non-Denominational Prayer Space

-Serrafin said it can help campus climate to be more educated, understand each others communities, and this could be the space to open up discussions necessary and we have more in common than one another than we actually think.

-Khan stated if you have heard of our roots campaign its what we are trying to bring to life. Whether its religious or spiritual or identity there is something common with all of us at UCLA. As a member of Muslim student association although we do have that space behind Kerckhoff its not officially designated. Its been distractive and disrespectful and there are dumpsters and deliveries and students that walk through there and needing that moment yourself its really difficult especially since we have 5 prayers a day and there's several different spaces that will appreciate it and we need a safe space to get away from everything especially with the AllOfUs mental health campaign and give students a resource and sometimes we need that meditation space as a great resource. Its our way of bringing students together and students need the space and those students that need the spaces have somewhere to go to and learn about other cultures and other religions.

-As an Armenian I struggled understanding community conditions and its not safe that people have to pray outside. The necessity of this space shouldn't be something needed to discuss, it should be established. This resolution has come up the past decades. This is a conversation we are trying to spearhead to ensure that all of our bruins really feel safe. In regards to all of us and especially all day if you are taking 4 classes and it gets intense. You need a place to zone out. People welcome it with open arms

-Khan stated the Hub's vision of multicultural directors really wanted permanent multicultural space and this is the off branching it. We are still definitely trying to establish multicultural center and we want to and see people really push for it. Its definitely something necessary and lets bring that to life.

-Wally asks what are some spaces that have been brought up to ASUCLA board of directors

-Khan stated the third floor of study rooms in Ackerman and it would be a great space because it's a central hub. The third floor are often under utilized and there are alternative ones as you know.

C. A Resolution in Support of a Transfer Center

-Sadeghi-Movahed introduces Keytiana Hempsted and Rick Matsumoto and are here to represent Transfer Student Representative office and Transfer Student Alliance.

-Hempsted states they are going to talk about the needs for the transfer students and why we need it.

-Matsumoto asks how many are you transfer students?

-Matsumoto states only 2 of you raised their hands. That's less than 25% of this table and as Alyssa noted that the number of the table is far less than the percentage of students at UCLA that can vary between 25-40% because transfer students lack peer networks that traditional students have the privilege to enjoy. Adjusting from the small class stages to large college takes a substantial toll on mental health. Transfer stigmatization is common on this campus for people who aren't mindful. The peer networks matter. We are at a constrained and shortened graduated timeline and each mistake we make is even more costly.

-Hempsted states we always talk about diversity we have to talk about what constitutes transfer center. Transferring to UCLA is how communities of color get to UCLA to save money. A majority of transfers are first generation college students that come from historically marginalized communities in terms of students who haven't been able to access spaces. More and more students with raise in tuition more students are going to community college and increasing our transfer numbers, especially UCLA.

-Matsumoto stated that the current resources aren't enough. The Transfer Rep Office and many transfer students believe that current resources are insufficient to meet transfer students' needs with a lack of safe hangout and community space. More space is necessary to make more programs and projects available to transfers. A creation of a transfer center has been discussed and advocated for since 2008. Commuter students make up 60% of transfer students. We need physical space to make sure the best and brightest come to UCLA. We need to make the transfer center finally happen.

-Hempsted states we only have 2 years and we need to learn how to navigate UCLA and on top of making your timeline you shouldn't have to worry about barriers and have to access them.

-Matsumoto states we made sessions that has a lot of transfer students and they have substantial problems

-Hempsted states that we have been getting more and more support for transfer support and traditional support. We are getting more and more solidarity and the transfer representative office referendum was the most popular contested ballot item in last years election. The Vice chancellor of student affairs expressed support for the creation of a transfer center at a town hall meeting. The UC Berkeley and other UC schools already have their own dedicated transfer centers. We actually need this space here. A lot of counselors cant help me navigate and hopefully we can have specific transfer counselors. UC Berkeley has transfer students, re-entry students, and veteran students. One thing what I'm really seeing is that I don't want transfer students to go through what I go through to consolidate resources into one simple space. We have the process of having an

interactive map for parking resource and when street cleaning are. These are the bruin discounts and show your bruin card and you get discounts and different food options to better advertise.

D. Financial Supports Commission Office Update

-Rosen states they redid the website and wanted to show you resources available on our website. Its all divided into different tabs and there are financial resources such as apps to save money, health insurance, internships, save on food, and these are all articles written by students for students. We have a lot of resource guides for those who are hiring as well as on campus financial resource guide. This is specifically a UCLA Campus Resource Guide for free printing or different on campus resources and this is much so with financial counseling. We also have balancing your checkbook to make it and resources that are provided to us and create source for outside scholarships. We have upcoming events like a townhall with Ron Johnson for the financial aid office and creating a common application and have all these different entities at one place and can keep updating it as a continuous resume. We are trying to be transparent and create one common question and what kind of question to best embody them and to get that student recommendation. This is our website and wanted to explain what's going on!

-Bach is glad that its scrolling friendly. Are your resources available within the office as well and the link to your website and as a card to show and have centralized information and one card there

-Sadeghi-Movahed states in terms of outreaching what have you done this year to advertise to specific demographics and what are some improvements

-Rosen states within the office we have a certain committee called Outreach Committee and we reached out to 600 student groups and let them know. We have an individual who is a transfer and the outreach process we have begun and initiated. Its hard to get responses and hopefully that expands and hopefully we can paste the resources right there and that's the foundation and think its important to do outreach. I did specifically recruit them

-Sadeghi-Movahed asks if there's events or forums held and asks if there's any events held

-Rosen stated there was an event on the hill and scholarship resource center and for any USAC office its important to reach out to different organizations and USAC events is the same group of students and definitely something we can approve on in the future.

-Kalfayan stated he was definitely going to utilize the bella pita discount

-Bach stated it'd be helpful to have a list of likely sponsors of Westwood or LA food companies or businesses that are likely to sponsor student groups and even fundraising on own at bruin walk is not enough.

-Baral stated that the old IVP worked on creating corporate guide and has a lot of information on how to create sponsor deck. The thing that is difficult that people that are willing to sponsor and new and its hard but it would be awesome.

-Badalich states there's certain organizations and restaurants and making it within your office would be great.

-Garcia stated something to pass on it would be super cool to rally up with us and we have so many sponsorship stuff and have ton of events

VI. Appointments

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Avinoam Baral

-Baral stated for Café Powell they are still doing all the surveys and there's a series of meetings going on that are happening now and brainstorming sessions on how to reimagine and recreate Powell library and give you update on how to involve students. In the meantime they have been hard at work gathering different inputs. We have been working really hard in compiling nearly 900 emails of various USAC alumni over the past 70 years. I'm trying to coordinate and reached out to chancellor in lobbying visits to local legislators and obviously is still a work in progress to go with chancellor to meet with legislators. The last thing is the dean of students search committee and I would like your input to those who recommend.

-Hourdequin states talk to Kalfayan because he knows a lot of CEC's

-Kalfayan states he talks to as many CECs as he can and is having a reunion and if you reach out to predecessors and some of them have really good stories.

B. Internal President – Heather Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states this week is LGBTQ awareness week and I've emailed out the calendar and hear about hardships and stories was really cool. Please come out to one event and they're really impactful. Next week Garcia and her have UCPD open forum from 3-4:30 and I will update all of you when I have that confirmed

C. External Vice President – Conrad Contreras

-Contreras stated he met with Oved, student regent designate, to work together to pressure the state to stop the tuition increase. Week 6 would be the best time possible before May Revise. We are taking 30-35 students to Student Lobby Conference for different legislation that includes budget increase and different legislation we will be talking about. Lastly we are co-programming with Liberty in North Korea to bring awareness. Today was the first event for nomad spring tour and there's a documentary screening to have a linked art exhibit.

-Baral stated he ventured into the art gallery and the LINK students put on a bomb art gallery.

D. General Representative 1

-Singh states we have 10 questions and asking students about religion and student life on campus as part of our campaign. Part of this campaign is this resolution about religion and interfaith. We have bruins day off in Court of Sciences and partnering with CAC to do diversity tours to take students to a Sikh table. We're hosting Dark Matter, a spoken word team made up of 2 individuals and they're really cool.

D. Facilities Commissioner

E. Academic Affairs Commission

-Bach stated that the diversity requirement passed! Last time 600 faculty members voted but right now 1,340 voted. 916 for, 430 against, and 27 abstained. It's a huge accomplishment and knowing that we passed the resolution and being able to end our terms together as a council not only with diversity requirement passing and established something sustainable and institutionalized. Thank you to everyone who came to the rally

and told commissions and fill our postcard to create this spring quarter is truly memorable. That rally was my favorite moment and showed students can make a difference together and partnerships can work with genuine passion. The work obviously isn't done and I'm afraid there won't be enough diversity. I want this to be north campus and south campus too to think about how diversity matters. Funding is another hurdle and it's been promised for 2 years and after that it's supporting it and support something so successful and really proud. Resolutions matter and we are capable of making change on this campus. I have an academic senate meeting this Tuesday and I'll leave happy and got one thing I really wanted accomplished. The academic senate stated there's an info session what makes a good student representative and great resume builder on building leadership skills and ranges from college athletics to issues. USIE is coming up next week and during fourth week you can get all your blue books and scantrons and that's the last event as my AAC term ends.

-Baral asks if you have a breakdown for statistics on who voted

F. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Badalich stated the clothesline display is pretty raw and emotional. Blue is domestic, red is rape, black is sexual harassment, and white represents people who have been passed and additionally those who have taken their own lives. There are many rape centers and advocacy and non profits are also present and meant to be a space where you are silent and people are crying. Additionally you have to be a survivor and then to end off the week we have take back the night in Kerckhoff grand salon for 2 hours. There are 2 speakers with clothesline project that merged with clothesline project and have merged together for clothesline display and financial stability. The floor would be open to anyone and students who are expecting to speak make space to come by and support survivors. May is mental health awareness month and we have head talks and it went so well they've asked to do another one and talk about mental health issues. I talked with Baral and bringing something to CRC to rearrange appointments in equitable fashion. We used to have a blood drive committee and gender health has split, 7000 in solidarity will leave with me and it will bruin health coalition and making sure it matters and leaving a lot of stuff for successors. Lastly I won't be here next week and I will be at a delegation to DC and UCOP to talk about sexual violence and sexual assault legislation federally. I've worked with Barbara Boxer and talked to them federally and meet individually with legislators and the narrative must expand such as non-students, child survivors, and community survivors. For example, LAPD is not helpful and not trauma informed compared to UCPD. My big asks is k-12 consent education federally and asking for strong and ask more and see what's reasonable. From townhall we've made a packet and will give it to them after the lobbying center,

G. Transfer Student Representative

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated that Via has been instrumental for the transfer student has been alive and well. The bruin resource center is actually support to be a transfer center despite the fact that transfers were leading the forefront of the movement. We've been working on it and been working this center all year and actually has nothing to do with election times. There's been some discussion via social media just right before I'm leaving and the next representative should be elected and find it massively disrespectful and to be

categorized petty for the kudos is unbelievable especially because a lot of us are accomplishing what we have done all year up until this point. This came into fruition and now its our winter quarter to fix things. In terms people can come for me all the time but don't come for my office staff and how much work it takes to get to this point for it to actually happen.

H. Administrative Representative

-Christine stated that LGBT dinner dialogue at 5oclock at DeNeve private dining room in partnership with orl, ivp, and dean of students.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wang stated \$197,946.63 required, \$33,759.54 requested, \$10,580.00 recommended
Balance after is 36,946.32

-Bach moves to approve. Rosen seconds.

12-0-0 contingency programming is approved.

B. Arts Restoring Community

-Garcia states \$1,657.14 to Samahang, \$187.50 to PREP, \$981.56 ASU admit weekend, \$613 Pakistani Student Association, \$815 for Holi, \$1,647 Iranian Cultural show, \$1,643 Chinese Student Association culture night, \$941.59 to United Arab society, \$2,614 to Taiwanese American union for culture night.

-Baral stated approved by consent

C. Student Wellness Programming Fund Allocation

-Badalich states \$500 to holi, \$750 to annual Powwa, \$482 Stop the Traffic Empathy Week, \$250 APA Health care Expo, \$750 to Relay for Life.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. A Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Transfer Student Center

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A TRANSFER STUDENT CENTER

COSPONSORS: Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed, Sofia Moreno Haq, Greg Kalfayan, Conrad Contreras, Manjot Singh

WHEREAS, in the 2013-2014 academic year, transfer students made up 33% of UCLA's new undergraduates and 25% of the entire UCLA undergraduate student population ,

WHEREAS, the UCLA undergraduate student body overwhelmingly supported the creation of the Transfer Student Representative position on USAC by a nearly three-to-one ratio in the Spring 2014 elections to help address transfer student issues on campus ,

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of students are choosing to transfer from community colleges to four-year universities as tuition fees continue to increase ,

WHEREAS, an increasing proportion of low – income students have turned to community colleges for a college education in recent years ,

WHEREAS, one in four University of California (“UC”) transfer students identified with historically underrepresented backgrounds in higher education ,

WHEREAS, the UC Office of Research found that a majority of UC transfer students are the first in their families to attend college ,

WHEREAS, most transfer students feel socially isolated, and place a high value on being actively engaged in the academic and social life of their new institutions ,

WHEREAS, transfer students must complete post graduation goals, such as completing graduate school applications and finding jobs and internships, on a substantially more constrained timeframe than students who entered as freshmen ,

WHEREAS, most new transfer students typically find it difficult to adjust to their new academic environments, excel academically, and become socially involved outside of the classroom as much as native students, a phenomenon commonly referred to in student affairs literature as “transfer shock” ,

WHEREAS, transfer students are inherently disadvantaged in academics and career development relative to native four-year students because they do not have the wide peer networks that their traditional peers have ,

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley, a UC flagship campus, has already established a Transfer, Re-Entry, and Student Parent Center that promotes transfer student retention and community engagement through programming and specialized services, including the publication of a transfer student guide, a one-unit transition course specifically designed to help first semester transfers adjust, and a mentorship program for prospective community college transfers to the University ,

WHEREAS, community college and transfer students nationwide find their community college identity stigmatizing, particularly due to myths that a community college education is inferior to a four-year university’s lower-division education ,

WHEREAS, eighty percent of community college students nationwide aspire to transfer to four-year universities, but only 15 percent of them transfer successfully and graduate within six years ,

WHEREAS, UCLA students and campus administrators, including the Vice Chancellor of

Student Affairs, expressed support for the creation of a dedicated transfer center, and voiced concerns that the existing Bruin Resource Center was insufficient to fully meet transfer students’

needs, at a town hall event hosted by the USAC Office of the Transfer Student Representative on Thursday, February 16, 2015 ,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,that transfer students and the transfer admissions system are crucial means for improving access to and diversity in higher education, thus adding value to the University community,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,that the UCLA community has a strong interest in improving the transfer condition on campus,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,that facilitating transfer adjustment and retention at an institutional level is essential for transfer student success, and that more support is necessary to assess and to meet transfer students’ unique needs,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,that the creation of a dedicated transfer center on campus will allow the campus community to expand and to improve transfer resources, and therefore to make lasting and substantial improvements to the UCLA transfer experience,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,that UCLA must make a dedicated transfer center available as a resource to its students so as to convince more transfer admits to commit to UCLA,and to equal the strength of transfer resources offered by other UC campuses, including our fellow flagship campus UC Berkeley,

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students’ Association Council supports and promotes the creation of a Transfer Student Center on campus to facilitate much-awaited improvements and resources that will benefit the transfer community at UCLA, and in turn, the UCLA community as a whole.

1 <http://www.aim.ucla.edu/pdf/UGProfile13-14.pdf>

2 <http://dailybruin.com/usac-elections-2014/>

3 <http://search.proquest.com/docview/807600875?accountid=14512>

4[http://tcf.org/assets/downloads/20130523-Bridging_the_Higher_Education_Divide-REP](http://tcf.org/assets/downloads/20130523-Bridging_the_Higher_Education_Divide-REPORT-O)
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5 <http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED529493.pdf>

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7 <http://search.proquest.com/docview/870290030?accountid=14512>

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10 http://tcf.org/assets/downloads/20130523-Bridging_the_Higher_Education_Divide-REPORT-ONLY.pdf

11 <http://transfer.berkeley.edu/>

12 <http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/>

13 <http://search.proquest.com/docview/1520653251?accountid=14512>

14 <http://dailybruin.com/2015/02/27/students-discuss-funding-options-for-transfer-center/>

-Sadeghi-Movahed yielded to Vie

-Vie said she was an alumni and I reached out to the dean of development and I always felt there needed to be a space and visibility and if transfers not in the name people don't know its for them. It took 2 years to get it right our needs are different than the average student and there are so many differences to consider strongly that transfer centers need and Berkeley has one

-Moreno Haq thanks Sadeghi-Movahed to put this together and 2 transfer students here because we are lucky and able to find way through huge university I contacted the president and not that many students are that persistent and this huge stigma of being a transfer student and being an ally and ensure we are prioritizing over a third of the student body and I almost went to Berkeley because there was a transfer center and what an easy transfer.

-Garcia stated to make it 2013-2014 to make it consistent

-Badalich states that her brother is a transfer and he feels like he doesn't have a community or a place to go. Luckily he can text me and told him to go to Resource Center and ushered him into a different resource and trying to figure out scholarships and housing and something about financial aid it screwed something up and its something specific about transfer student and his transition to UCLA and way more social than I am and its totally a stark difference. He doesn't have a community and the resource center would be a great and to see what has been prioritized and what hasn't and the need for specific communities getting on campus.

-Wong states moving forward in the future what space are you looking for and will it be own individual space?

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated the necessity and support is there but a lot of options were like expanding SAC which would take millions of dollars, Ackerman but Ackerman caters to every population, and it would probably be an expansion of Bruin Resource Center or the second option to be in Kerckhoff somewhere as a question of space and probably the best place ideally because Kerckhoff can cater to specific communities and not limited like the Union. In terms of where it would be and what is available is part and the question of funding comes up.

-Bach asks if you considered Murphy because I'm thinking that if the vice chancellor is in support and its geared towards administrative academic purposes then Murphy can be a place and can be a struggle to make it more central to campus.

-Hourdequin states if there's a space for transfer students to hang out and that would be key to fostering a sense of community and providing resources is obviously key and its super important to have a space

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated for what we want in the transfer center and talking to so many students they really would like a space that would have accessibility than commuter students to allow them the ability to wait out traffic and something as simple as a fridge, microwave would be a huge deal in an ideal world.

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated I have a few more people who couldn't make it. Most comments were extremely supportive about it and it allows for equity and autonomy to integrate yourself for those who can come out.

-Rosen states she's in full support and its important to collectively vote unanimously and everything everyone was saying I completely agree with.

-Badalich moves to approve A Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Transfer Student Center. Singh seconded.

12-0-0 A Resolution Calling for the Creation of a Transfer Student Center is approved

B. Election Board Ballot

-Shreya is part of the endorsement committee and is in place of Shagun
USAC Spring Election Ballot Order

USAC Offices:

President

1. Morris Sarafian (LET'S ACT!)
2. Heather Rosen (Bruins United)

Internal Vice President

1. Devyani Rana (LET'S ACT!)
2. Heather Hourdequin (Bruins United)

External Vice President

1. Denea Joseph (LET'S ACT!)
2. Zach Helder (Bruins United)

General Representative (Using STV)

1. Jason Banks Ergina (The After Party)
2. Anais Leontine Amin (LET'S ACT!)
3. Danny Siegel (Bruins United)
4. Aaliya Khan (LET'S ACT!)
5. Jaimeson Cortez (LET'S ACT!)
6. Aditi Agrawal (Bruins United)
7. Matt Hezlep (Bruins United)

Academic Affairs Commissioner

1. Trent Kajikawa (Bruins United)
2. Kevin Sandoval Casasola (LET'S ACT!)

Campus Events Commissioner

1. Lexi Mossler (Independent)

Community Service Commissioner

1. Zack Dameron (Independent)

Cultural Affairs Commissioner

1. Amy Shao (LET'S ACT!)

Facilities Commissioner

1. Ian Cocroft (Bruins United)

Financial Support Commissioner

1. Ruhi Patil (Bruins United)
2. Erineo Garcia (LET'S ACT!)

Student Wellness Commissioner

1. Marvin Chen (Independent)

Transfer Student Representative (Using IRV)

1. Keytiana Hempstead (LET'S ACT!)
2. Ariel Rafalian (Bruins United)
3. J. Cesar Flores (Independent)

Referendum:

Student Group Events Referendum:

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This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor) every year in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living, effective Fall 2016.

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B. \$0.56/quarter (18.7% of the amount collected from this referendum) to the USA/BOD Programming Fund, which provides event-planning resources for all UCLA undergraduate registered student organizations.

C. \$1.13/quarter (37.6% of the amount collected from this referendum) to the Community Activity Committee Fund, which provides event-planning resources for registered community service projects and activities.

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*This fee will be assessed each academic quarter excluding Summer Sessions.

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[supplemental language link]

Supplemental Ballot Language

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-Baral asks if the supplemental can be removed

-Capulolo stated yes as long as it's by resolution

-Wang states the original text that was approved by Geller and Chancellor is the one without supplemental

-Shreya said the supplemental language wont be on the ballot

-Lazarovici asks how do they decide order

-Shreya stated its randomly pulled out of a hat.

-Lazarovici asks if its further randomized?

-Shreya said every student will see everything the same order

-Lazarovici asks if candidate slate will be next to their name

-Shreya stated yes because this year slate system is organied

-Baral states ballot order does matter.

-Baral states now that candidate packets are in and if you are a candidate please do not vote on election related issue to avoid perception

-Baral moves to approve ballot as presented. Wong seconds

10-0-2 ballot order is approved.

C. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NON-DENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SPACE

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Sponsors: Manjot Singh - General Representative 1, Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed - Transfer Student Representative, Savannah Badalich - Student Wellness Commissioner, Sofia Moreno Haq - General Representative 2, Avinoam Baral- President

WHEREAS, University of California, Los Angeles is a public institution that prides itself on providing every student with a high-quality education and an inclusive environment to succeed in their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is the role of UCLA administration and staff to support students and their well-being; and

WHEREAS, the UCLA campus community and administration is committed to ensure that this campus remains inclusive of all students; and

WHEREAS, the free expression of one's religious or spiritual identity is integral to a student feeling comfortable and included in a campus environment; and

WHEREAS, mental health is the focus of a USAC-wide campaign, All of Us, and is a priority for colleges in creating a campus climate beneficial for all students; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a permanent meditation space would allow students to take a break from the pressures of being a UCLA student; and

WHEREAS, UCLA is the only UC campus without a multicultural center or meditational space for students to utilize; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a space would help students to feel safer and build support systems to alleviate stresses; and

WHEREAS, the creation of such a space would foster interfaith activities and cross-community building; and

WHEREAS, the UCLA Academic Senate Undergraduate Council review of the campus climate reports in 2012 recommended that UCLA "provide a student meditation or reflection space on campus"; and

WHEREAS, religious organizations, such as the Muslim Students Association, have historically advocated for a designated and respected prayer area that would fulfill the needs of their members; and

WHEREAS, religious organizations, such as the Muslim Students Association, have historically had to resort to the use of parking lot space behind Kerckhoff Hall as a designated prayer space despite the inhospitable conditions and the un-welcoming, multipurpose nature of the location;

WHEREAS, a designated non-denominational prayer location would require a degree of sanctity, and respect such that the area is not being used for other purposes in order to adhere to the religious value of the space and respect the students of different faiths that are utilizing the space;

WHEREAS, UCLA administration has not prioritized the needs of student's well being in this matter; and

WHEREAS, there is already a void of a structured space within the campus community to address concerns of religious matter; and

WHEREAS, Ackerman Union, the central hub of student activities, already provides students with study and meeting spaces and a meditation space would be a natural extension of its student-centered resources; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council, recognize the student need for a non-denominational prayer and meditation space on campus; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that UCLA administration will actively advocate on behalf of its implementation and prioritize the issue in terms of student needs; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that UCLA administration actively seek existing spaces and locations on campus to convert to non-denominational prayer or meditation spaces in the case that new spaces are not available to create; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that UCLA administration meet with all religious organizations and communities that will benefit from these spaces in an open forum to obtain their input; and

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that communities on this campus demand the establishment of a designated non-denominational prayer or meditation space that is reserved for that purpose

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<http://www.dailycal.org/2011/10/05/meditation-room-in-student-union-to-provide-space-for-thought-prayer/>

<http://mcc.sa.ucsb.edu/index.aspx>

<http://www.universitybusiness.com/article/accommodations-muslim-students-universities>

<http://ccc.ucdavis.edu/powwow.html>

<https://sites.google.com/site/msaucmerced2/prayer-room>

<http://www.ucimsu.com/campus-life/religious-services/>

<http://www.ccc.uci.edu/>

<http://www.cityonahillpress.com/2013/03/14/room-for-faith/>

<https://ccc.ucsd.edu/>

<http://www.msaucr.com/resources/campus-resources/meditation-room>

<https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2011/01/8418/ucsf-opens-space-dedicated-meditation-and-prayer-paranassus-ca>

2 http://www.senate.ucla.edu/documents/01-08-13SarnatoLittleton_re.CampusClimateReports.p

3 <http://www.msabruins.com/#prayers-on-campus>

-Moreno Haq states an amendment despite the “inhospitable conditions” to “despite use of parking lot”

-Lazarovici states that she thinks Kerckhoff 417 would be a beautiful prayer space

-Bach stated it should be just its own space

-Moreno Haq stated that after I prayed people ask me and people are able to go in with hopefully a more open minded

-Baral stated that his freshman year roommate would pray everyday and hes praying in a parking lot and it’s a joke and its terrible and I’m obviously of a faith based community. Of course I’ve prayed in beautiful synagogues and outside and I cannot imagine that everyday my prayer space is a parking lot. That’s terrible and I know that’s an issue of space but its definitely needed

-Singh states he’s taking a meditation class and its hard to find a space to support that particular religious endeavor. This is not a new thing

-Bach states if the students are asking for this we have to do it and our push as well to administration

-Badalich moves to approve A Resolution in Support of a Non Denominational Prayer Space. Rosen seconds.

12-0-0 A Resolution in Support of a Non Denominational Prayer Space is approved

D. Time Limit for Anti-Semitism Special Presentation

-Baral states the Anti Defamation League in terms of training and wanted to have a discussion of the timing and the time of it. The 7pm slot on Tuesday is something you’ve committed and been talk about doing it at council and in the time.

-Bach stated she said shes in full support of being firm to the words of resolution and diversity trainngs we should do it during council time and all of us being here at 7pm and starting council at 8PM and those who aren’t sitting on council and doing have to make it during council to have candid conversations and not part of council time so public comment can happen later and be candid and real with eachother. Its council time not during council and not officially putting it on agenda.

-Badalich states logistics of having all council members in a same room and considered a meeting and why not during retreat? I would advocate for that more

-Baral asks if we’re having a retreat

-Badalich states its specific to this council

-Hourdequin states it should be this council so its happening all the time and my understanding that this was a commitment I was taken on to undergo this thing.

-Lazarovici stated that much to my chagrin I learned that student governments in California are not subject to California open meeting laws that its open to. You can meet and all be together and it doesn't have to be noticed. You cant vote on any motions and Bach's proposal is a good one.

-Champawat states if you don't vote on anything you're in good shape.

-Badalich states we're having a training prior to our meeting and don't want it to go to council meeting time

-Zimmerman states just for informational purposes you all have the room starting at 6pm then you wouldn't have to change it

-Baral states are you comfortable having this next week in semi-closed time

-Baral asks if its 6-7 or 7-8. Does that work for every single person

-Baral states it will be 6-7 before the meeting

XI. Announcements

-Garcia states to make sure to buy your tickets for JRF and we need street teaming and basically bruin walk out there.

-Bach asks where you can find the volunteer link

-Garcia stated its online on the website and its open to any student as long as you can dedicate four hours

-Kalfayan stated CEC had an advanced screening of Trainwreck because this movie comes out in the middle of the summer and a weird task. Tomorrow night John Favreau is Obama's speech writer and on Thursday they are screening new slasher and Friday night we have Unbroken and American Sniper and have a bunch of stuff that works.

-Badalich states sexual assault awareness month and Masculinity talks and mens violence and the director will be there and is in charge of the representation project. On Monday we are co-programming with UCLA EDMC for the silent disco and the consent in musical festival culture and music festival cultures and where consent fits in. On Wednesday we have sextravaganza and queer sexual health week. That's sexual assault awareness month. This Thursday the 16th there'll be Speak Your Mind 6-8pm for active minds and all of us. We also have out of the darkness walk as a suicide awareness walk at 1:30PM. You should register for run walk the annual 5k and get discounts for being a team. During bruin health week we are having an I'm Perfect taskforce and lastly Bruin Health Week we have different types of health events and if you're interested and there'll be free bplate Thursday night of week 5. Learn about health and free food. SWC has leadership applications we go for passion over experience and we have many differing committees.

-Wang states Reqs due next Friday and use all SOOF, SGOFF before April 24th because theyre all due. It's a Friday and its going to take 6-10 weeks to process. We are having a funding workshop for req's specifically on April 23rd before reqs are due because we will have staff there.

-Wong stated that its national volunteer appreciation and celebrating. Thank you to everyone who came out and today we had a documentary screening

-Rosen stated CRC is tomorrow for transfer student representative bylaws and recommended student bylaws.

-Rosen states it has to be 48 hours in advanced

-Moreno Haq states we are sponsoring an Event called College Day April 25. If any of you have anyone in middle school or high school its going to be completely free and transportation and we sent an email out.

-Sadeghi-Movahed stated that on April 24th the Stop Conference that solicits new transfers to come to UCLA and hosting a workshop on leadership and then on April 30th we are having our final toast to transfer events there will be food and fun and mixing.

-Zimmerman passes out installation invitations and encourages everyone to go or have a representative

-Hearne stated they partnered with environment stability for short term and long term initiative

-Hourdequin stated she went to student regent nominating commission and listening to everyone stories and will be interviewed by UCSA

-Baral states if you're a senior and walking in Letters and Science want to be a student speaker or a student singer

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

XIII. Adjournment

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

-Baral adjourns the meeting at 9:48 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare