

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

May 5, 2015

12:00 AM

PRESENT: Heather Rosen, Heather Hourdequin, Zach Helder, Anais Leontine, Danny Siegel, Aaliya Khan, Trent Kajikawa, Lexi Mossler, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Ian Cocroft, Ruhi Patil, Marvin Chen, Ariel Rafalian, Cindy Wang, Patricia Zimmerman, Deborah Geller, Lauren Lazarovici

-Eboard representative states "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby solemnly swear, that I will to the best of my ability, support the constitution and bylaws of the undergraduate student association of UCLA and that I will to the best of my ability promote, maintain, and extend the worth value and name of the University of California"

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 12:48pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Hourdequin moves to approve the agenda. Mossler seconds.  
13-0-0 the agenda is approved.

III. Public Comments

-Savannah Badalich is a fourth year gender studies major and says congratulates to the new council and a huge congrats Marvin Chen

-Greg Kalfayan fourth year political science major, congratulates to all of you and hopeful for the year and Lexi you're going to rock it

-Cynthia Wong fourth year physiology science major and wants to congratulate all of council and so excited and Zach I am so proud.

-Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed fourth year transfer student political science major, congratulations I am so excited for you all. Anais, Aaliya, and Ariel I'm excited for you.

-Manjot Singh is a fourth year global studies and you are all going to have a wonderful year.

-Allyson Bach wants to congratulate you on your new term and congratulate Trent my wifi isn't working can you fix that

-Avinoam Baral fourth year Human Biology and Society major and used to be an avid public commenter and I got a haircut and I wanted to be on the video feed and wanted to congratulate all of you on your new term and leave you some parting words, don't cheat, don't fail your classes, don't violate code of conduct, don't say stupid things about identities, don't do anything bad and try to be good. Don't forget to have fun and winter quarter I forgot to have fun and even this quarter which has been really difficult I took the time to see my friends and have a good time. There

will be a lot of pressure but don't forget to have fun the fun is going to keep you going.

-Irmay Garcia says she has no idea what you're going to embark on. My word of advice is to think about post grad and I'm a big advocate for that and definitely like Avinoam said prioritize yourself and a life outside of USAC and think about that! Good luck with everything and I'm excited for Baby Shao

#### IV. Special Presentations

#### V. Appointments

#### VI. Office and Member Reports

##### A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states she has a lobby visit with Assembly member Robert Sawyer on Friday with the EVP and feel free to email me if you want to join.

##### B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states deadlines for getting things on the agenda and its inefficient when things are submitted late and I'm going to strict with the deadlines. You have to send me the PDF version of you want on the agenda for the following week by Thursday at 5pm. I will send out the agenda at 5pm on Friday. For special presentations you have to sent me the presentation no later than 5pm on Monday so I can send it to Patty. I also am getting started on office initiatives and meeting with Zach do work on funding application to be working with you and really stoked. I'm meeting with Chen and Badalich about the body positive. I also have major bylaw changes and convening CRC really soon

##### C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder said he's going on a lobby visit and I've already been meeting with student regents and government relations and a whole other number of entities to get the ball rolling on platforms. There's a lot of work to do and unmatched level of institutional memory and a lot of work to be done. I am in the process of getting advice if you want to give some.

##### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states he has an academic senate meeting and wants to talk to offer the resource and service to all student.

##### E. Administrative Representative

-Geller states its going to be the longest report I give all year because I want to give you a sense of who I am and what my role is and support to you as the year goes on and a few announcements to share and some general thoughts I want to leave you with. I am your administrative representative and as my primary role as executive director of community standards in the office of the dean of students. My role is varied and no 2 days look alike. I've been here on campus for 23 years. I pretty well figure out how to navigate the bureaucracy of the university. You all have vision, imagination, and passion. What you may have yet is the knowledge to navigate the

organizational hierarchy to put them into practice. If at any point you need to interpret policy and work within them to accomplish your goals. If you need introductions to the right administrators to start the conversations. Feel free to come to me. You have my email address and my office doors and when I'm in it. Let me know on an individual basis how to support and the year goes on. The goals and needs and issues are all going to be a bit different. AS far as the things I need you to send me your email addresses and it will be anew days before the listserve reaches you. My email address is [dgeller@saonet.ucla.edu](mailto:dgeller@saonet.ucla.edu). Please send me yours. There are two things I'm going to send you right away, both of which are invitations are events that we hope you attend and we need RSVP because meals are involved. On May 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 in Sproul Hall Lecture Room is an Interactive Session on Interfaith Competencies. It'll be a professional development skill building session to network other student leaders and administrators as we work to improve campus climate. So if you're able to attend you're definitely welcome. The second thing that I want to share with you is your first opportunity to sit down and share a meal with your chancellor. The chancellor is going to be hosting a breakfast meeting just for usac officials on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. We hope you are able to accommodate that and its a great opportunity to hear priorities for coming year and ask any questions as well as introduce yourself. I don't speak up that often, when I do is it to challenge you to think critically and play devils advocate. I'm saying look at all sides. When the conversation is too one sided I may point you in a different direction. I'm going to encourage you to think critically before you vote and vote consistent with your personal ethnics not necessarily how other people expect you to vote. I will probably repeat on several occasions. You abstain when you don't have enough information to form an opinion or a genuine conflict of interest, and conflict of interest mans you have something to gain from that vote. Abstaining cause its easier than voting in an unpopular way is unacceptable as a leader. You'll have lots of opportunities to express opinions on a wide range of topics and come prepared to discuss the topic and be open minded and vote the way your personal ethics tells you to vote. So about those topics and being prepared, Hourdequin said it has to be prepared Thursday at 5. Having everything on time to publish on agenda is critical, technically you can amend it but its very bad practice to do that. You publish your agenda in advanced so your campus community can know what the topics are you are discussing. If you don't put an item on the agenda you deprive them to come and share these opinions. Its inappropriate to add an action item without informing your constituents. That should be an emergency last case scenario, not a practice you fall back on. She knows the importance of getting the agenda published so they can study and prepare. One of the things I do is to talk about the true bruin values. As a true bruin we raise the bar and we embody 5 key values: respect, accountability, integrity, service, excellence. All of you are elected to demonstrate those values. As you express differing opinions and if you always agree on everything something is wrong. Express your disagreements with respect. Your comments should always be with the position not the person sharing it. I expect you to hold yourselves accountable to the campus community to yourselves and to each other. Everything you do must be done with integrity on a personal and public level. Service you are elected to serve. As far as excellence you embody excellence so trust

yourselves and believe in yourself and will accomplish incredible things. You are students first, do not forget to study and to attend class and to pass your exams and turn in all your work and do it all yourself. Nothing makes me sadder having a student whose a student leader let the academic slip. You need your grades to stay on council and you need to do it the right way. I look forward to seeing all of you successfully complete the year and keep your grades up. You are now not just student leaders, you are elected public officials. Keep in mind that your personal life is now going to be public. You all have social media accounts. Don't fool yourselves to thinking they are private. We have all sorts of privacy settings but you have a public social media presence and you cant take people out. Keep in mind that when you post even the most innocuous thing it can go to viral. Anything can be taken out of context or misinterpreted. Everything you do and that you put on the internet can go places you haven't dreamed of. You're still students and enjoy that but everything you put out there and once you put it online you can never take it back. I look forward to working with you and I know you're going to achieve great things. By all means let me know how I can support and assist you. You have an opportunity through May 19<sup>th</sup> to have your voice heard at the office of president on the draft system wide sexual harassment plan. We are going to issue a new policy in draft—if you want to see it and want a copy ill send it again. I'm collecting student feedback on May 20<sup>th</sup>. If I receive your feedback by then it'll be included. Whether you are aware or not you probably know someone who was victimized. You may actually know someone who is accused of one of those types of behaviors. Read through policies about resources and rights of those who might be accused of misconduct and let me know what kind of changes you would like to see in the policy. It is your policy and it has to meet the needs of the campus community.

-Laureen Lazarovici states she's an alumni representative and graduated in 1989 and used to cover for the daily bruin. It was while ago, this is my fourth year as alumni representative and I have a few weeks with you and then ill have to find something else to do on Tuesday night. I will not give you my annual goodbye present so I will give you a hello present which is more appropriate given that self care is important to build into your lives before you embark and if you already have one please don't take a second. I look forward to working with you and will be much more articulate next week.

-Zimmerman states she looks forward to getting to know each one of you. I apologize I'm very tired and my role is essentially as a facilitator. My goal is to help facilitate transition onto council and throughout the year with initiative and whatever you need I'm a good liaison to Dr. Geller I'm the go to person to ask. No question is too small so even my light bulb is out, then email me. I'm extremely fast with email! I am asking for your signature for student government accounting and the signature for req forms and put a circle around it. We had one council write their name and just make it look how you want for those req forms. Another thing is that we have a long time to fill out the form and will have access to your funding on August 1<sup>st</sup> and ensure they are signing off on outstanding balances and reqs because this is still until the end of the year they're funding. You also have a blue packet that I have to you all and this is our little survival guide and I do a large USAC handbook but now its all digital and I felt that was too much information. I made a little

survival guide and the biggest to think is Installation. These are invitations and you all have 5 to attend. It will be Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> at Kerckhoff Grand Salon and starts at 12. It welcomes the incoming council and the outgoing council has time to say great things in a changing of the guards. For some reason you are unable to attend please let me know and maybe send a proxy. Welcome and I'm excited, welcome to the table.

#### VII. Fund Allocations

#### VIII. Old Business

#### IX. New Business

##### A. Office Application Deadline

-Hourdequin states office applications will be efficient if all of us had one Facebook event and one marketing push to get students involved in USAC and all of our offices. I was hoping to coordinate and figure out a timeline sent to make a Facebook event and graphics and send all of those out to you and have the applications done at the same time and conduct interviews at the same time. It would be great to have it all somewhat unified.

-Rosen states it helped really well and you know people want to be on USAC but not what office so people know. One reason elections moved up a week was that it will have more time to apply for position and have your office set. I recommend sooner than later to submit to Heather.

-Hourdequin states applications and descriptions and each of the positions you have and vision you have.

-Helder states that's its good to maximize election turn out and early next week should be the best or else there will be a disconnect.

-Mossler states her app is going out on Monday

-Kajikawa recommends Tuesday

-Khan states she agrees with Tuesday for one full week

-Shao states we are going to send our applications next week and its different because we do director applications before staff. There's not going to be one interview rounds there's going to be multiple interview rounds.

-Rosen states we can get the first round there

-Siegel agrees with Tuesday

-Hourdequin states send me a link, overall vision of office, and a Google doc within the event.

##### B. Ways Council Will Tackle Issues of Intolerance

-Rosen states the upmost priority is that it should feel safe and this issue is specifically important in light of the stickers on Afrikan Student Union and reached out to the chair person to support their community. I want to have a brain storm session to better address these issues. We hold administrators to royal consistency. Its especially important that when you are having these meetings with new admin to bring these up because its very important. I just want to this as an open brainstorm session different ways we can do that.

-Helder asks on the note what has the administrative reaction been? I know there's been some dissatisfaction and what has been done, what has yet to be done, and what are the implications

-Rosen states there not has been much, and intolerance sometimes Gene Block will send out a mass email but that hasn't happened. Stickers were also posted on undocumented students and its not an isolated event. As for my knowledge administration hasn't done much.

-Hourdequin states ASUCLA is meeting next week

-Kajikawa states Jannay Williams is having a meeting in Murphy Hall 2121

-Khan states its not an open invitation and its important to not impede in another community space. Its very important to keep administrators to moral consistency and a lot of these communities do not feel prioritized. An email is important and recognize these communities and is not the only thing that should be done.

Administrators should take action and are morally consistent. I know in the past there have been town halls but maybe there's one town hall. One thing I think we can all work on is to have several townhall or a series of townhall to work on the issue and create a plan of action to make these communities feel comfortable and get rid of the hatred on campus. Also all of us meeting with these communities to ensure we are hearing them out. Unfortunately there is no representation for African American or undocumented students.

-Kajikawa states we need to follow up with Afrikan Student Union and see how that meeting went and collectively support this conversation.

-Shao stated that the town halls remain consistent and its important we institutionalize these townhall so issues aren't just talked about and shoved under the rug. Its important to not take the narrative and hold themselves to have them speak before we speak.

-Helder says to synthesize what we argue is that Afrikan Student Union and have that meeting and reach out to the undocumented community to pressure administrators to make some kind of change and address the fact that it's a symptom of toxic campus climate. We have an opportunity as a brand new student council in a manner to distinguish ourselves from past so the systemic reality can ultimately go away.

-Rosen states a townhall is great idea such as SGL and all of our offices can work together. We want to make it as advanced as possible. We have things like the diversity requirement to come to play and I think it would be nice for student government to show support in a certain way. Its important and attempt to see what we can do to best support. Another thing I recommend is to reach out to ASUCLA to telling them about this discussion item to see ways to better support. I encourage all of you to do to reach out to different communities to best understand and don't want to speak for but best represent or speak on behalf and reach on touch or getting based on these communities and how am I going to fight against issues of intolerance.

#### X. Announcements

-Chen states tomorrow is international no diet day and the student health advocates will be hosting programs on the hill. Also next Monday is health, nutrition, fitness

and I will provide more information how SWC works and its pretty unique. HNF will be working with CAC and will be putting on Bruins in the Kitchen is May 11 from 5-6:30PM at LATC.

-Mossler we are showing Dope on Thursday

-Cocroft states that we have a strategic planning workshop and are trying to set overarching goals for where the libraries are going to go in the future and one of the trends that are disjointed so making it more coherent and making it more collaborative spaces and more places for data driven research and express yourself. The plan should be released in September

-Shao stated this Wednesday the Word on Wednesday at 7:30 in Kerckhoff Art Gallery will address Cinco de Mayo and cultural appropriation and recognition different from Mexican independence day and students with commentary. Next Monday is our weekly concerts and if you all can come out for that. The last thing is the Arts Restoring Fund and deadlines have officially closed and the applications are still on review so its no longer by event deadline its first come first serve basis.

-Rafalian states its Transfer Bruin Day this weekend and there's going to be a ceremony and I will be tabling a booth and I'm looking forward to it.

-Khan sates on next Wednesday they have Chai talks called green over red and how plants based diets impact the world around us and we will talk about sustainability on a spiritual and cultural level. We are trying to get catered and he has been working on this since first quarter and its really interesting and it would be awesome if you all can come through. It's a safe space to the south Asian community and a lot can relate to it. Week 8 we have another chai talk part of the genrep1 roots program and it will e about genocide and partition and we will also have a hub coming up. The hub will be Wednesday of week 8.

-Hourdequin states that the USAC banquet is open up to all of you and celebration of this past year. Come out its May 18 in Club Pauley and ill forward you to the email. Bug everyone and your predecessors to send pictures at usa.ivp email and hold them accountable to send me pictures or else I'll stalk them.

## XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

## XII. Adjournment

-Hourdequin moves to adjourn the meeting. Siegel seconds.

-Rosen adjourns the meeting at 1:40pm.

## XII. Good and Welfare