UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
May 19, 2015
7:00 PM


I. Call to Order
-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
_The attendance sheet is passed around_

II. Approval of the Agenda
-Shao moves to strike ARC Fund Allocation.
-Khan moves to add special presentation Sikh Awareness Day
-Kajikawa moves to strike ASRF
-Dameron moves to add Facing Project Special Presentation
-Chen moves to strike Student Wellness Programming Fund
-Hourdequin moves to add a directive to Finance Committee to investigate Lets Act exposed document item
-Hourdequin moves to approve the agenda as amended. Cocroft seconded.
13-0-0 the agenda is approved

III. Approval of the Minutes from May 5th and May 12th
-Mossler moves to approve the minutes from May 5 and May 12. Shao seconds.
13-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments
-Bruin Bhangara vice president invites everyone to their event on Saturday
-He states there’s pre-party and actual show and after party and would like to see you all there!
-Kristine De Los Santos is one of the spokes people for Lets Act and its regarding the directive. It’s my understanding there are no issues with campaign financing and understand students are still concerned about allegations. Our coalition is made up of students of color who already lack resources so we understand the own seriousness of the allegations and didn’t want to misuse student funding. Although its directive and focus of rebuilding their own communities and are still open to answering any questions and hope that the task force to identify the individual and hold them accountable for relasing information of over hundreds of students.
-Mikel is from the Armenian Student Association and wants to extend invitations to SWANA week and to have a check in box for the application. It's more than just being politically correct, it's about defining our identity geographically instead of politically. I know there are some USAC candidates who don't know what SWANA is and have events tonight and Wednesday and Thursday. We have “A what box should I check”? tomorrow we’re collaborating with the word to perform spoken word. On Thursday there’s Teach me how to Swana and have free SWANA food like kebab and right next to SAC on bruin walk. There’s a facebook event with all the information and would love to see some. Next Wednesday is Sikh Awareness day and have a vibrant Sikh community on campus.

IV. Special Presentations
A. CalPIRG
 Jacqueline Mark is the outreach chair from CALPIRG presents on Campaigns and Funding. They are a student funded and student directed non profit here on campus and I’m going to talk about campaigns, funding, and mission and what we do. The mission is to study and act on problems that affect the lives of all Californians and to promote solutions. It was started in the 1970’s on UCLA campus who wanted to make change outside of the classroom and assessed themselves fee on the student bill and hire professional staff to run really effective campaigns and advocate full time on student behalf. It’s with students organizers, advocates that make the change happen. We helped ban plastic bags in California by organizing grass root efforts on UC campuses. One of the major victories toward state wide ban was the Los Angeles city ban. The ban on plastic bags was to save the pacific ocean from plastic pollution on marine life that have consumed a lot of pollutants. Next thing we passed legislation to encourage making electric cars and hybrids more affordable and strongly support that. Governor Brown and State Legislature stated they had a vision of a million clean cars on the road. That would help California’s pollution problem and Carbon Emissions. We organized on all the UC campuses to educate and gather support from students to take out antibiotics from our factory farm meat and encourages bacteria strains that are antibody resistant. We were successful in pressuring mcdonalds to take out antibiotic plant chicken and have chickens happy and healthy. They recently followed us on twitter. The campaign we run on campus is LA Go Solar, Water Watch, and Textbook Affordability. Our lead campaign is LA Go Solar for LA city council to adopt ambitious solar policy. We seek to introduce LA city legislation to get 20% of LA Energy from solar by 2020. The water watch wants to reduce UCLA water usage by 20% by 2020. The textbook affordability wants to encourage professors to switch to open sourced textbooks. If each student changed one textbook with open source it saves students $1.5 billion annually. In all these campaigns we have a lot of interns and volunteers that are passionate and give about 10-15 hours per week working on these campaigns and gain a lot of leadership skills by training volunteers and organizing media outreach and planning these events. CalPIRG is funded by the pledging system and we need 15% of the student body to give $10 per quarter until they graduate. Our finances for 2014-2015 out income was $70,000. Most of it goes to organizers and advocates. We share the advocates with the whole US Pirg and I know Emily Rush
personally and worked on the antibiotics campaign lobbying officials. The next is over head costs and fundraising. For 2014-2015 we have 3,653 new students pledging and the total who paid is $12,886 and the total income generated from 2014-2015 is $120,000. For more info you may go to www.calpirgstudents.org, www.facebook.com/calpirgucla, www.calpirgstudents.org/ucla

-Khan asks how we can help for open source
-Mark states we need to talk to more professors
-Khan asks how does open source work
-Mark states it's a database of books that are free or low cost and are peer reviewed by other professors and just want to see if professors would want to use those books
-Helder asks if there's any discussions about administration to make it a more systemic change
-Mark states we collaborated with Powell to
-Patil states the financial supports commissioner would be more than happy to support and the fact that one textbook can save so much money
-Kajikawa states there are multiple academic appointments to the academic senate that would touch on aspects of open source textbooks such as the committee on teaching would definitely be an aspect of the academic senate

B. Sikh Awareness Day
-Let love dispel the darkness. Think we wish everyone knew about Sikhism and go into sikh awarness day.
-Hanita is here apart of the General Representative 1 office and Sikh Student Awareness.
-Simrin is also part of Sikh student Association.
-Hanita states they want to talk about Thing we Wish Evryony knew about Sikhism and leading it into Sikh Awarness day next Wednesday in Bruin Plaza.
-Simrin states Sikhism is an independent religion and the fifth largest religion with 30 million in the world and 350,000 in the united states.
-Hanita states Sikhism teaches that diverse paths can lead to the divine, as long as the individual traverses the path with love. Its not a concept of one religion, its you yourself and your capacity and end up somewhere you are incredibly happy.
-Simrin states Sikhs have a long history of standing for justice. If you ever see someone with a turban and tying a turban is a commitment to say if someone were to walk in the room and punch one of you or pull a gun and someone with a turban is the first person to stand in your way because we value everyone elses lives over your own life.
-Simrin states sikh maintain a unique identity. In meditation you can feel your spittit in every fiber of your body and your hair is an extension and it grows with you when you're older. The second is the metal bracelet on the arm and you wear it on your dominant hand to remind you to do the right thing. The third one is the small dagger that they wear across their chest and its another sign of justice. The fourth is long underwear and a sign of purity and treating every woman like your sister or mother. The fifth is comb and that is a reminder to remain hygienic.
- Hanita states its rooted in oneness iand love, sikh theology encourages a life of spirituality and service. Its deeply rooted in Sikhism and Sikhism is about the betterment of humanity. It’s a way of living and a way of life and its something you become accustomed to. Your capaciy to love and be spiritually in tune ties into the whole aspect of Sikhism. Its very harmonious and to be in tune with the divine and yourself with any spirit you believe in.
- Hanita states Sikh Awareness day May 27 10-4pm on Bruin BPlaza. Theres free langar, live art, music, photobooth, turban ting, spoken word, and sikh street style. How they intergrate themselves and their faith and spirituality into everything they do from academics to the things they are involved in. Its langar that’s institutionalized free food at temple regardless of what caste, creed, or race and have ability to get food and its literally a physical symbol as equal to everyone else. You sit unless you have some other consideration you may need.
- We are here that you can join and share the event. The second thing is that there was a resolution passed on sikh awareness and bringing awareness to the sikh genocide to shed light on the resolution and tie it into sikh awareness day. Its historic. Only UCLA and California have recognized the genocide. We need solidarity, support from the daily bruin, and join and share the event.
- Hanita states when hes in America hes labeled as a Sikh and not an indian and when he goes back into india hes identified as an American and its nice to share narratives. Sikh people are very nice and calming and I love my community so much. You should definitely hang out at bruin plaza and the different aspects and we theres an extensive article about “10 things I wish I knew about Sikhism.”
- Leontine states I love learning about new cultures and religions and gained a lot of new insight into religion and connected to whole heartedly but I do identify with that and when I went to Armenia they saw me as an American. That’s an issue with diaspora in general and connecting with it but I really enjoyed your presentation.
- Shao states im very excited about the event and CAC fam page. Next year if you want to do even more please come to CAC we want to provide you with resources and I u just sent you an email to help you with funding and feel free to contact me and bring it on a wider scale.
- Helder stated that they mentioned California and UCLA and if theres federal advocacy come by office.

C. The Facing Project
- Tiana is the editor in chief of the facing project and its very exciting and dear to my heart. We are having our release this week. I believe that stories are the foundations of who we are and how we fit in together with the community. We believe in the art of storytelling and the power of storytelling and the narrative. We believe in the art of creating a diverse campus-wide narrative on the struggles ur community faces. A lot of studentsget silenced with variety of issues and all of these issues that get tucked underneath the rug. We believe eceryones story deserves to be heard. I have heard too many times that peoples stories aren’t important. Everyones story hast the power to change someone else’s life. You have you rown story and want to use it to make a difference. This is an over 60 pg book and no page is formatted the same way. This is facing project’s first annual publication. Throughout this year we have
the privilege to listen to over 20 stories. We have a staff of 13 writers and story
tellers have come forward about the theme “facing access to higher education” and
its been amazing to hear different stories from undocumented students to adoption
stories, to veterans, and even this girl about how its hard to go to college to leave
her brother and that’s the reason she came to UCLA. We listened to over 20 stories
this year. Week 8 is our first annual facing project.
- Today we had an event collaboration with UCLA residential life arts and
engagement. We had typewriters, paint supplies, canvases, sketchpads, and
charcoal. We attempt to engage students who live on the hill with art.
- On Wednesday afternoon we have an event called “whats your story” on Kerckhoff
11-1pm with writing prompts, previes, and conversation pieces. We have a book
launch event “a celebration of storytelling” with performances, food, art tables, and
handing out the individual books. We have an RSVP online and would like to get
these stories out. She leaves with a quote from Erin Morgenstern, Author of the
night.
- Khan states it would be awesome if you came of chai talks next week because its
epecifically about peoples history and family’s history about genocide and history.
- Shao states we would love if anyone tells the story on Word on Wednesday to tell
them and if you can.
- Kajikawa states his close friend is in charge of Humans of UCLA and talk about to
get involved.
Tiana states shes on the Humans of UCLA staff and I love doing ths.
- Dameron states he sent out the rsvp link to council.
V. Appointments
VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

- Rosen met with Mike Herschmen and Milan the new GSA president. To connect
them we talked about perhaps having a point person. I attended the California
coalition for higher education and it was a coalition of either politicians or people
who have been politicians and the panelists included the chancellor for California
state universities, president of community colleges, and president Napolitano. I
asked her what she was planning on doing for middle income affordability since
California’s is declining. Unfortunately her answer is about tuition and didn’t have
an answer. Thanks to everyone who came to breakfast for the chancellor, and we
talked about how we can use donors to get private donations to help UCLA progress.
I also talked with chancellor and Avinoam Baral about student housing and see the
breakdown of what your fees are contributing towards. Another ask I had was usac
involvement with UCOP. I’ve been in contact with USC president and august 28-
august 30 there will be a PAC12 leadership conference at USC. Thank you to
everyone who came to Alex Padilla’s meeting the California secretary of state and
talking about voter turnout to promote engagement beyond usac politics especially
looking at the ucsb model and engage administration. I would be releasing the
application for appointments this week and because of the resignation and there
was difficulty getting appointments together because there was no official list and I
have been in contact with student affairs and I will release these implications for
appointments this week. I also have an action item on here for standing committees and ARC.

-Chen asks in regarding the SHAC appointment is it time sensitive
-Rosen states we have to look at and the SHAC used to be under the presidents office but Badalich did a bylaw change so one SHAC is appointed by the president and one under the student wellines commission. That is not as time sensitive.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin
-Hourdequin states that she met with the west side alliance met at UCPD and share safety concerns and issues at our ucla community and neighboring westwood and the north village. There has been transients coming into the hill and hanging out to lounges and getting swiped in and inappropriately touching people and its on the radar of UCPD and reslife. I’m going to work with them to appropriately address these issues and concerns because students are feeling unsafe on the hill and that’s not okay, I’ll be working with the assistant dean of students. There have been peeping toms in the North Village and so UCPD was saying that the best way to prevent this is to constantly report this from happening and are going to be increasing patrols around the north village. The deputy city attorney was there and I talked to her about the lighting initiative with the compiled list of addresses that have dark spots. Shes going to be contacting all of the landlords personally and if you need to increase lighting because the safety of your tenants are at stake. Shes also going to talk to LA city to survey the lights under the city’s jurisdictions to see which lights need to be assessed and upgraded. This will be hopefully happening in the next months. Theres this app called myLA311 and you can report sofas that are outside and you can report graffiti and broken fences and if you have any of those issues as a mobile app and the turnaround is between 24-48 hours. You can get on the LAPD listserv and sign up and get all of the updates about crime that’s happening here locally. Its going to be faster than bruinalert. Me and Rosen started herstory to share the story and that project is going to be housed in my office and if any of you are interested in being showcased herstoryatucla@gmail.com. I’ve also met with Mike Cohn to talk about the situation with SOLE and status of student orgs and we are at 1118 student orgs on this campus. Its awesome theyre creating their niche and its important to have that sense of community. The issues that arise with that number of student organizations is a depletion of resources. This is definitely on SOLEs radar and I’m going to work with them throughout the year to rectify the situation and minimize amount of depleted resources so all organizations have change to flourish and succeed. Mark your calendars because the SOLE staff would like to meet with all 14 of us on May 29 and I’ll email you the room. Its going to be at noon and I encourage everyone to go. I also want to have a retreat with new council and old council.

C. External Vice President – Helder
-Helder states it’s a big week. A week ago we had 5 lobby visits with 1 to governors office and 4 to lobby offices. We have one meeting with Lark Park on the 26th. Obviously the good is that there was a 2 year tuition freeze for residents and that’s more than we expected. However there isn’t a freeze for out of state and
international students and that’s a problem. Theres optimism and strong sentiment we can at least do something about non resident tuition and ill be back in sacramento soon before the budget is signed on june 15. Its likely that system wide advocacy efforts with respect to affordability. We have ameeting with Gene Block and our funding is still below the levels of pre-recession. We met with Alex Padillawhich was super successful and hes very receptive and genuinely excited to work with us to address this on the systemic issues on voter turn out 2016 and its coming up a lot sooner than we think. The future until June 15 holds a lot. 
-Khan asks if there is a change to talk with Alex Padilla since I feel like th econversation was cut short especially since we will be working directly with registering voters and the EVP office did a great job and amp it up. The voter turnout for USAC was 29% so its figuring out why specific students aren’t voting and reaching out to freshmen who came out to vote. Communities of people who felt like it wasn’t important because of mindset and see that the government isn’t doing anything for them. It would be really great to encourage them.

-Helder states hes accessible at local level and one of the premises of the partnership with Padilla is to take innovative strategies and cross check feasibility and implement it and things we haven’t done before and a lot of ambitious ideas. I’m very excited to try some of those and since I know Padilla is the most powerful election official in the state he is the best resource for voter registration and turn out.

-Shao asks when and what is your plan of action to get students to vote.

-Helder states when he was talking to secretary Padilla we already have a lot of very ambitious ideas that we want them to be possible and everyone holds us accountable. We have a lot of ideas and differnet plans and innovative and we will be sure to inform council.

-Shao states last year it was bruins vote concert and CAC helped with that and if you want to program with another office just get back to us earl

-Helder states he met with a government official everyday for the past 2 weeks and as I worked this out and figured it out and anyone who has the capcity of coprogramming is looped in as soon as possible

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states the opportunitiy of Dr. Meeideth from the Office of Instructional Development and wants to talk about regular topics about undergraduate initiatives and Pat Turner about the pure learning labs. She also talked about professor evaluations and increase student participation and are extremely helpful. One things about the diversity and inclusion application in the evaluation

-Hourdequin asks for a link for all academic appointments to have it in webmaster and have it on website, and Rosen you too

E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Chen states SWC is the health and wellness branch of USAC and we are made up of committees. I have a print out of total wellness magazine and have every committee on it and the credit should be given to where its due and I’m only hear sitting on this
table and they are the ones that are doing everything. This page is useful and that’s a little about SWC. Chen states May is mental health awareness month and the AllOfUs campaign starting with SWC last year and OP have been wonderful about putting on 6 events. The most current event is Active Minds and AllOfUs will be hosting a speakyourmind panel on anxiety disroders in Royce 154 from 3-5pm. Leading up to June 1st to 5th there will be a photo campaign in Kerckhoff art gallery. Things that we can do really easily is that on facebook some people change their profile and this is to raise awareness with the campaign. Last week I met with the Sexual Health Coalition and headed with Reina from the Ashe Center and Dr. Nicole Green of CAPS about sexual violence and the bystander intervention program and are screening the Hunting Ground in CHS Building 105-33A. Another entity that SWC usually meets with is healthy campus initiative to focus and maximize student health and Healthy Campus Initiative. We meet with them a lot and attend their steering committee next Friday and bring updates for special presentations. One project is that if you remember last quarter for nap spaces in powell library and make it more permanent and run the program again for 9th and 10th week in John Wooden Center and SWC will proctor and get the word out and something you wouldn’t thin kof these spaces for Healthy Campus Initiative. Bruin Consent Coalition is referred to 7000 in solidarity and the name is being retired to take the focus away from the campaign and more of an instutionalized group. We will have a farewell send off for the name and I will save the rest for announcemeents. We had bruin run/walk and from that I have gifts for everyone and a shirt, goody bag, kind bars, yogurt land coupons to pick up a shirt and goody bag.

-Rosen states she met with the director of Hunting Ground at the coalition and I’ll forward you the email and work on campus and something SWC should be.

-Chen states that group Reproductive Health Interest Group that’s presenting it is a graduate student association and working to align all of our big events with them such as World AIDS day and WAC brought Charlise Theron as a UN ambassador.

F. Administrative Representative
-Sims congratulates everyone on being elected and sorry I wasn’t here but I’m Cherul Sims is one of the administrative representatives and im here until whenever. I want you to remember you’re live and slow down and speak up as well. I’ll be happy to work with you.
-Zimmerman thanks everyone for participating in installation and also thanks everyone for the photos. She passes out forms of identification and due dates for stipdends and I want to make sure these are filled out. I also have little goody bags and inside theres a USB with digital handbook and searchable pdf. I also put a little candy. This is the week where everyone can start transitioning in their office space and if there are students who currently do not have access fill out a locknetics form. I want ot make this transition as easy as possible. Your staff cannot access a stipend until they complete this form and turn in this identification until they authorize they can have a stipend. Please turn in the paperwork in a quick fashion and can only receive money from the day they have all the information in and verified.

VII. Fund Allocations
A. Contingency Programming
-Wang states that 20 groups applied. Total required is $23,203.14. Total requested is $11,107.99. The total recommended is $6,020. The balance after is $2,4066.32.
-Hourdequin moves to approve the fund allocation. Cocroft seconds.
13-0-0 contingency programming is approved

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant
-Helder states no allocations

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business
A. Standing Committees
-Rosen states she has the standing committees done and thanks everyone for filling out the surveys.
-Rosen states the appointments review committee is Chen, Shao, and Hourdequin and the alternate if Cocroft. For constitutional review committee is Cocroft, Hourdequin, Kajikawa, Leomine, and Messler.
-Helder, Siegel, Khan for the first quarter. Second quarter Dameron, Patil
-The funding study group would be Patil and Dameron
-The faculty staff recognition award committee would be Patil, Mossler, and Chen.
-Hourdequin states ARC is convening this quarter. They will have to be available at beginning of summer because we are going to have a lot of appointments. Will Cocroft, Mervin, Shao be there?
-Shao is leaving June 10th and not coming back until June 19th
-Hourdequin states shes studying abroad and wont come back until the end of July. We have to interview all the stipended positions.
-Rosen states the IVP is required and a chair person for the appointments committee. I tried my best to accommodate. I can entertain a motion to approve all the standing committees.
-Helder moves to approve standing committees. Kajikawa seconds.
13-0-0 the standing committees have been approved.

B. Lets Act Document Exposed
-Hourdequin states Avinoam Baral issued an investigation about the documents to see if there was any information to be officially investigated and that committee was Zimmerman, Champawat, the budget review director, Rosen, finance director, and myself. We have met several times and we have decided to issue a directive for FiComm to investigate the funding sources mentioned in the documents. Their EVP travel advocacy grant and contingency fund is mentioned and so we are going to issue the directive for FiComm to investigate authenticity and see if there is evidence supporting this as well. I am in support of this investigation because its our responsibility to uphold the integrity of USAC as an organization and institution and a misuse of funds directly affects the integrity. The allocation of stealing funds needs to be taken seriously and FiComm as an independent body and well versed in funding allocation and will be a good entity to review all of the information.
X. Announcements
-Rosen states to clarify with the directive issued was the previous council for election board and see violations of election code. Beyond that we had a task force that convened two Mondays ago and yesterday. USAC doesn’t have a legal service that other schools do and so that’s why Avinoam convened the task force of Patty, Rosen, Champawat, Wang and the budget review director and issue to FiComm which is bipartisan. The FiComm will not be making a decision but forwarding that to judicial board based on evidence presented before them. The reason we issued the directive last night because it was important to not put it on wild goose change to look towards the discretionary and snapshot in the document as opposed to fishing and not solidified allegations. I issued a press release and with daily bruin calling for information. If you want to share that or do anything you can do anything for a call for information and wanted to calrify these are allegations and acting upon them since it threatens the wellbeing of the association if there was a misuse.
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Shao states tomorrow is Word on Wednesday 7:30 in Kerckhoff art gallery. The staff applications are out. If anyone knows anyone on dance groups and trying to start danceLA to provide free dance workshops to homeless youth in LA and CSC might come on board with that.

Patil states on May 26 they will partner with Career Center to have a focus group to see if they were helpful and details.

Rosen states that May 28 we’re having Finacnial Aid Scholarship townhall in Ackerman Viewpoint Conference room to talk about the consolidation process going on in scholarship and its like a common.

Helder states the professionalization of Bruin Lobby Corp and if anyone has any really successful student lobbyist and want to make this a lean mean fighting lobby machine.

Khan states out next chai talks will be about genocide and partition and reached out to a lot of communities about personal narratives and starting a project called partition diaries and certain individuals who expressed issues in presenting with a photocampaign and encouraging a lot of people to go.

Zimmerman states if you have applications and send an announcement for the front page of USAC website.

Hourdequin sent Savannah and updated all the applications, just need appointment applications

Zimmerman states if you don’t have access the computer theres a document let me know.

Sims asks everyone to introduce themselves.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

XII. Adjournment
-Hourdequin moves to adjourn the meeting. Helder seconds.
13-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:48 pm

XII. Good and Welfare