

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

August 31, 2015

7:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shao strikes ASRF

-Chen strikes Student Wellness Programming Fund

-Helder strikes EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Patil moves to approve the agenda as amended. Cocroft seconds.

11-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended

B. Approval of the Minutes from August 17, 2015

-Helder amends the section of USSA Resignation in that section UCSA was referred to several times and its one letter but its USSA

-Helder moves to approve the minutes. Cocroft seconds

11-0-0 the minutes are approved as amended.

III. Public Comments

-Cahsee is a student and is working with SWC to raise more awareness about donating blood and trauma centers and we're only one of two schools that have this information center. This is unique to us and we are encouraging people to give blood. UCLA has a liver transplant everyday and people definitely need it. If you have any more questions feel free to come up to me.

-Rosen states in public comment people cant ask questions but she can leave her contact information.

-Rosen closes public comment at 7:07pm

IV. Special Presentations

V. Appointments

A. Community Activities Committee: Esmeralda Jesus Lopez

-Hourdequin reads the ARC interview. The Community Activities Committee (CAC) is a subcommittee of the Program Activities Board (PAB). Oversees funding regarding projects which were created as learning and service experiences for UCLA student volunteers to work with off-campus, non-UCLA student populations. Acts as a forum for soliciting views on the nature and goals of community service and makes allocation decisions for community service projects. Must attend a four-hour Orientation in early August, and attend meetings which are held at least once per Quarter. Must take part in hearings that last from morning 'til night. Must make at least two site visits. The four undergraduate members, three Regular and one Alternate, are appointed by the USAC President for a one year term, July through June. It is encouraged that you have experience with being a part of an organization that has applied for CAC, have knowledge about the importance of the programs, and that it is mandatory to attending meetings and hearings.

-Hourdequin stated she received a 3-0-0 vote and she had ample experience.

-Lopez introduces herself as a Computational Studies Biology Major and she's applying for Community Activities Committee.

-Lopez heard of the community activities committee and wants to develop a stronger role and more hands on experience.

-Patil asks why she is passionate about community service

-Lopez states for two reasons. She comes from a background from lower socioeconomic situations and I understand its necessary for those programs to inspire and impact. It definitely does help students here because you cannot learn everything in a classroom

-Geller asks how she would balance the work load

-Lopez states it wont be too difficult because you're getting the workload out before the school year starts so I would definitely be able to balance out

-Shao states given that there is so many projects, how would you make sure that allocation of resources are funded equally

-Lopez states CAC focuses a lot on the content of each applicant because you cannot say one is more deserving because they are all deserving. We just have to focus on the content

-Lopez is really happy to happy be here and excited for the opportunity and will definitely be as fair and efficient as possible and she looks forward to it

-Rosen said she's knowledgeable about the body

-Dameron moves to approve Esmeralda Lopez to the Community Activities Committee. Helder seconds.

11-0-0 Lopez has been approved to the Community Activities Committee

B. Community Activities Committee: Ahmad Azzawi

-Azzawi is a transfer and was a senate position at his community college. The next year he was on executive board and got a lot of students in that capacity as president. In my capacity as president was allocate \$600,000 to community groups and student organizations so they can carry out their activities year long. I found the work that we do really impacts a lot of students.

-Geller asks what strategies he has in place to balance academic commitments and workload

- Azzawi states the biggest thing is that he plans to spread out meetings of organizations throughout the year
- Cocroft asks how he would ensure funding is allocated fairly
- Azzawi states definitely following up is crucial. It can be done in different ways such as email or actually going to the sites
- Azzawi states the biggest thing is that his experience in the capacity will directly impact a lot of students opportunity to lead on campus. I'm really excited to help in any way possible
- Hourdequin states he received a 3-0-0 vote and some notes was tighten knowledge of funds and liked how he had personal investment to ensure the allocations are implemented.
- Shao states the fact that he had a personal investment was appealing to me in terms of the interview
- Patil moves to approve Ahmad Azzawi as Community Activities Committee.
Hourdequin seconds.
- 11-0-0 Ahmad Azzawi is approved as Community Activities Committee.

C. Community Activities Committee: Hammie Truong

- Hourdequin states she received a 3-0-0 vote of approval and thought it was awesome she talked with SOUL to get informed. We recommend she tightened up her knowledge of funding process specifically.
- Rosen states Truong is coming forward as alternate.
- Truong states she's going to be a second year in MIMG and she has a chance to be a director but being on CSC staff has enhanced my knowledge on funding and student organizations in general and that's why she wants to lend her skills to CSC.
- Shao stated according the notes she was supposed to learn funding processes and if she had a chance to follow up
- Truong states she had a chance to learn about the funding process and the application itself because she never initially applied but she has a better understanding of it
- Cocroft asks about her experience in community service commission
- Truong states being a director made me know what is needed for funding and being on staff made me learn there's a limited resource of funds. There's a balance of both sides of what we need and what we can give.
- Truong is happy to have the opportunity and service means more to me than giving back to the community and improves my abilities. As a south campus major I don't have a chance of approaching USAC in general
- Rafalian states he was looking at her resume and she seems qualified and passionate.
- Leontine said she really liked what she has to say and would make a great alternate.
- Leontine moves to approve Hammie Truong for Community Activities Committee.
Dameron seconds.
- 11-0-0 Hammie Truong is approved for Community Activities Committee

D. Judicial Board: Michael Vaysman

- Hourdequin reads The Judicial Board is the judicial branch of the Undergraduate Students Association. Judicial Board Justices review petitions for hearings, hear cases and determine constitutional issues. Justices serve on the J-Board for the duration of their tenure as UCLA undergraduate students in good standing, to a maximum of four years.

Seven undergraduates are appointed by the USAC President in keeping with the stated tenure.

-Vaysman received a 1-2-0 vote. Notes were that he needs to be more knowledgeable about funding and tighten up the language of conflict of interests and tighten up the understanding of the grievance process and understand past decisions to reserve precedence.

-Vaysman is a rising third year economics and accounting major. I was in student government in high school, interned for a law professor, and have taken a lot of classes at UCLA involving law like international law and freedom of speech. That is why I want to pursue law and this is a great step for me and the students of the school.

-Patil asks why do you think its important to have a judicial board

-Vaysman states its important to have checks and balances and to understand the correct interpretation based on future decisions to be made

-Siegel states he was reading what the judicial board had to know. What do you think your definition of piercing?

-Vaysman states piercing means that you have a statement verbal or non verbal is used in a trial to prove what's being said. There's actually exceptions to the rule and in our abridged version of the objections its not there. To be a complete judicial board we should make amendment.

-Shao states given your knowledge in the US judicial system how will you implement that in USAC, since there are some differences

-Vaysman states both judicial boards are a reactionary process. My job is to look at the interpretation of it. I know there are a lot of ambiguities in code and there are really things needed to solidify to understand the interpretations

-Shao asks what standards would you solidify for the judicial board

-Vaysman states the biggest problem in what happened is confusion. There should be an amendment and make an understanding and the majority of people come to the conclusion instead of being vague

-Cocroft asks how would you decide which cases judicial board should take

-Vaysman states it would be his duty to make a complete interpretation so other people can understand it and we'll ask a majority

-Dameron states based on your current knowledge on judicial board, is there anything you would change or anything that you would really like? Anything from structure or running

-Vaysman stated in his two years he never went to office hours but they're really helpful. We should be more forthcoming and have a group discussion and to have students come us and have some sort of discourse

-Shao moves to extend interview time. Cocroft seconds.

11-0-0 interview time is extended for four minutes.

-Shao states in regards to office hours and group discussions, how would you ensure you would separate that group discussions don't have a conflict of interest

-Vaysman stated the discussions would be ex post facto

-Hourdequin asked if he reached out to members of the jboard to get a good understanding

-Vaysman states she reached out to Rachel Beda whose a good friend

-Leontine asked how he would balance his time

- Vaysman states other than a current executive position in his fraternity, he's nothing
 - Leontine asks if he couldn't put the job on his resume would he still want to do the job
 - Vaysman states absolutely he's genuinely interested. He wants to go into corporate law and this is unrelated but something he is passionate about
 - Vaysman thanks everyone for their time and I love UCLA in general and I think I can be a strong asset in our analysis and cases and our interpretations to that.
 - Dameron asks who and why ARC voted no
 - Hourdequin stated the votes are confidential
 - Helder states its more productive to review the questions that have been answered
 - Rosen states they were sent out and have been read before the interview
 - Hourdequin states all voting is confidential
 - Cocroft moves to approve Michael Vaysman as judicial board. Helder seconds.
- 9-2-0 Michael Vaysman has been approved for judicial board

E. Judicial Board: Gustavo Francesco Sosa

- Hourdequin stated he received a 3-0-0 vote and he is very knowledgeable and addressed conflicts of interest and is knowledgeable about the procedures.
- Sosa introduces himself as a third year majoring in political science and a minor in global studies. He wants to be a member because it serves an important role in ensuring that students are treated fairly by the undergraduate student association and all rules are followed. If appointed I will ensure that I am fair and I can make the appropriate decisions if any case arises.
- Cocroft asks him about the process a case is filed in the judicial board
- Sosa states first it's the petition for consideration in which they outline the merits of their case about what they believe was broken and what they want in return for their grievance and vote if they approve the consideration or disapprove. If approved we go to preliminary hearing and the judicial board tells both sides what the committee will be addressing. After that it's the court of hearing and the petitioner must demonstrate that there was a wrong. Lastly we have judgments made by the judicial board.
- Siegel asks if he wants to use this experience after graduation
- Sosa states he hopes to apply to law school and I think it would be relevant and give me a lot of experience. I've taken a course on constitutions and read the justices' opinions and I thoroughly enjoy that and I think its interesting. I think it would be a great opportunity for me.
- Rafalian asks what skills he has and what he hopes to take away
- Sosa states throughout his undergraduate career he has reading, writing, and comprehension skills that are relevant. I enjoy analyzing arguments and cooperating with students to come up with a decision. I think this is a very important part of undergraduate student association and public service is very important for someone and it would truly be a great honor to ensure people are treated fairly.
- Sosa states if appointed he will make sure he is knowledgeable and impartial. He will cooperate with everyone and thanks everyone for their time.
- Shao states she was very impressed with his interview and the amount of knowledge he knew was mind blowing. He has done his research and can quote it.
- Cocroft was impressed with his knowledge about the process
- Rafalian stated he was very knowledgeable and showed that he was very eager to learn

-Helder moves to approve Gustavo Francesco Sosa for Judicial Board. Cocroft seconded.
11-0-0 Gustavo Francesco Sosa is approved for judicial board.

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen stated she had a meeting with Jeffrey Lewis who is the department chair of the political science department about how USAC can work better with certain academic departments. One thing the political science is looking to do is create its own LinkedIn and include links to videos and debates team. I had a meeting with the Executive Vice Chancellor of academic personnel Carol Goldberg. We talked about her journey on where she is. She's worked at UCLA for 40 years as a law professor and talked about her experience on the academic senate and different kind of patterns of campus climate. We discussed what things are popping up and how to reverse campus climate and make it less contentious and the importance of community service. I had a meeting with Debby Simmons who is the student government accounting director and talked about removing USSA membership and the tuition increase from Napolitano. In regards to our stipends we are working less than \$20/hr and from her interpretation there will not be an increase. It will be standing right now but there will be different minimum wage jobs that will be affected but officers won't be affected. I had a meeting with Lindsay Boobar a political consultant who went to USC for undergrad. She works a lot with women in politics and screens women in the democratic party and how they start in smaller roles and then bridge it for state and national politics.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin sent out an availability email to everyone. Please reply back to me for October 16 because I'm trying to schedule trainings for our USAC treat and I want to make sure you are all able to attend. Please get back to me by tomorrow.

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder stated that most of what he's been doing is preparing for their first trip to Washington DC this Sunday. We have at the moment 15 legislator staffs in addition to 4 other people of different associations. The principle themes we will be talking about is student loan debt, the pell grant, and expanding accessibility. That has been all consuming the last couple weeks and I've been preparing the office and a lot of voter registration. There's a possibility there will have a big move in freshman voter registration.

-Shao stated that last year EVP did a Bruins vote concert with CAC last year and if you are interested in doing that this year please let us know as soon as possible especially with budgets.

-Helder states they are considering a whole range of different events to improve engagement. One problem is that if we focus too much on voter registration and bringing in a series of candidates from recreating a Jon Stewart Bill O'Reilly debate and we are still in the formative stages.

-Leontine stated that last year we reached out to specific groups and we worked with others and she suggests coprogramming

-Helder stated in addition to CAC that CEC is also interested and he looks forward to it

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa's proxy states he's working with the constitutional review committee and is working on ASRF in particular because it needs some revision. He will be meeting with as many academic admins as possible and has a meeting pending with tax services and wants to make sure Khan reaches back to Kajikawa. He has been considering working with Bruin Walk and see some action and will be back on council at the 8th.

E. Community Service Commissioner

-Dameron stated that him and Hourdequin have been working on the funding app and give a live shout out to Zimmerman and the coder Logan. It's now an integrated funding process to show that outreach to student groups to apply to access funds. Something new for CSC is that they are having a SURGE party after volunteer day and they will have food on the hill, viewing of the football team at Sunset Rec and all community service organizations will promote and recruit first years for civic engagement. He will send out a link as well to register.

F. Student Wellness Commission

-Chen states they will be welcoming new students and trying to get Wilson plaza, Bruin plaza, the hill, and south campus to reach out about health. Also, later on this week he's meeting with Hourdequin to talk about Campus Safety week. He met with Tracy George who is the student wellness advisor and health educator at Yale.

F. Administrative Representative

-Geller stated that they are in the early planning stages for breakfast on the 5th and you will all be invited.

-Zimmerman said that she will be sending out emails about summer cleaning and health and safety meeting with our student staff to ensure that everything is clear and nothing is stacked too high. If you have trash or big items, please don't put it in the hallways just contact her and I will have someone remove it within a day or two. Help us keep it as clean as possible.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-There was \$4,800.47 required, \$3,903.51 requested, and \$1,870.00 recommended.

-Helder moves to approve the contingency allocation of \$1,870. Cocroft seconds.

11-0-0 contingency programming is approved.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Discretionary Fund Request

-Hourdequin would like to use a part of discretionary to pay for the USAC intern fliers and I have sent the invoice. There was 3,000 fliers and if we each have some we can have them at the enormous activities fair. I just wanted to make sure. The amount is \$449.53.

-Rosen makes sure that there is about \$16,000 in discretionary.

-FiCom proxy confirms.

-Cocroft moves to approve the discretionary request for \$449.53. Helder seconds.
11-0-0 discretionary request is approved.

X. Announcements

-Helder finalized the Bruins defenders structure. I need council wide support. The best way to go about this that any group that has any claim to advocacy component is entitled to a liaison for access to resources and having an office for scale. I want to do this big publicity push in the beginning of the year once students come together so that when there's all this new energy and momentum. Please keep that on the backburner. There's no centralized institutional knowledge on external issues and I'm trying to make an extensive comprehensive big ticket on any external affairs issue.

-Hourdequin states the view from Kerckhoff has all that information

-Rafalian states he went to the PAC12 leadership summit for all student government leaders from all PAC 12 schools and learn about diversity and sexual assault. The leadership summit took place at USC and I was the only Bruin there. The issues we are going to primarily tackle are sexual assault and mental health. We are going to have a cool promo video to get people to sign up for transfer mentorship.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Shao seconds.
11-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 9:30pm.

XII. Good and Welfare