

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

September 15, 2015

7:00 PM

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, Christina Mata

I. Call to Order

-Rosen called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Chen moves to strike SWC fund and officer report

-Shao moves to strike ARC fund

-Helder moves to strike travel grant

-Kajikawa moves to strike ASRF

-Helder moves to approve agenda as amended. Kajikawa seconds.

10-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended

B. Approval of the Minutes from September 8, 2015

-Kajikawa moves to amend section C he talked about USAC initiatives, not pell grants.

-Helder moves to approve the minutes as amended. Shao seconds.

10-0-0 the minutes are approved as amended.

III. Public Comments

-Rosen closes public comment at 7:10pm

IV. Special Presentations

A. Bruin Bash

-Mossler and Shao introduce themselves as CEC and CAC. Bruin bash is your campus event of the century and established in 2003 as an alternative to Black Sunday, a big party the Greek community. This year we have a concert development festival.

-Mossler states the first half is the film in Ackerman Grand Ballroom at 8pm. The wristbands for the film will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. There will be wristbanding at 2pm and doors will open at 7:30pm. You need your bruin card in order to receive a wristband and there will be no saving spots in line.

-Shao states the festival begins at 2pm until 8pm. Doors open at 6pm but theres going to be such large traffic trying to get into Pauley so the festival is open. No

wristband is required for the festival but bruin card is required. There are sponsors spread throughout the IM field and giving out a lot of different swag. We are going to have a second stage right by the entrance to the IM field and secured Samahang Modern, Taiko, and foundations to perform. Wristband distribution will begin at 2pm and the one thing that we do stress is that there is no camp outs and no lineup before 2 pm. There will be staff to disperse any line that starts to happen.

-Mossler states for concerts the system will be different. There is no lottery system this year and wrist banding begin at 2pm and end promptly at 6pm. All attempts to line up will be dismissed by staff. You're going to have to have a valid bruin card and must be present to receive the wristband. Our wrist banding hours are final. One bruin card per person per wristband. This year it begins at 2 pm and the only entrance that will be open would be the one closest to Wooden. You will enter the IM field in an organized and calm fashion and CTO will scan your bruincard first. Essentially CTO scan and go into line and tents. When you get to the tents they'll ask you about lower level and upper level. Once a level is full you wont have that option. Wristbands will be color coated by level. It will be placed on your wrist and cannot be cut off. The CTO scanned bruin cards. You cannot swap or exchange wristbands. These are custom made wristbands so its not possible.

-Mossler states there are three tents for wristbands and have it marked pretty prominently. Please support the vendors and the tents. Its going to be super fun and support your fellow bruins who are dancing. There will be three lines on the side of IM field that faces close to Pauley and the tents are open at 5pm. The doors for Pauley open at 6pm. The way to get into Pauley Pavillion is to get into the field and proceed into Pauley. Youll enter in an organized and calm fashion and please cooperate with CEC community. Absolutely no bags or food or drinks allowed. Doors will close at 9pm no exception. It will become invalid. The concert wristband distribution will begin at 2pm.

-Shao states We will recommend you to not bring a bag to the IM field so don't bring a bag for your own inconvenience. There's absolutely no food or drink. At 5pm lines to enter and at 6pm wristband distribution ends. It's a strict guideline. At 6pm doors to Pauley will open. At 8pm the concert begins and at 9pm you are no longer allowed admission and at this time it will become invalid.

-Mossler states you cant bring any food or drink to the IM field and any bag of any size. Once you enter line you are not allowed to have them with you. We want everyone to adhere to the true bruin values and we will cut off your wristband. What you can bring is excitement, happiness, and enthusiasm because its going to be the best ever. You can bring your dancing shoes, singing voice, and especially your bruin card. Always have your bruin card. Optional is money for concessions and there will be no food on the IM field as we mentioned. Just go on the bruinbash website which is launched today with the facebook website. Its bruinbash.ucla.edu. All students will be receiving an email from CTO, just have your bruin card. For food make sure you eat beforehand. Papa Johns will be giving out samples.

-Mossler states tell your friends about the above ticketing information and that students with disabilities can contact the office of students with disabilities. Students with a history of epilepsy or seizures advised they take medicine because

its potentially triggering. Stay hydrated because its going to be hot outside and have a blast! We want everyone to enjoy this festival.

-Rosen states congratulations you all worked so hard

-Mossler states the line up will go live and the headliner is Madeon with opener nxworries.

-Shao states ACA is performing and they're doing a tribute.

## V. Appointments

### A. Student Fee Advisory Committee – Ashraf Beshay

-Hourdequin reads the SFAC description.

-He received a 3-0-0 vote in interview and thoughtful of including all the different communities and really appreciated his outside experience at UCSD.

-Rosen thanks him for coming into his interview via skype.

-Beshay thanks them for giving the opportunity to speak and his goals for seving as SFAC would be to examine the accessibility and would like to make SFAC more visible and strengthen the relationship between SFAC and USAC and increase the whole transparency for students and administrators.

-Patil asks how he aims to make SFAC more accessible

-Beshay states he will organize a townhall meeting to increase visibility and advertise that properly so more students can interact with their representatives and gage input from the students.

-Geller congratulates him and particularly for taking the initiative to apply for the program. As someone who isn't familiar with UCLA, what are your strategies for balancing the fast paced quarter system of academics with this kind of extracurricular activity

-Beshay stated he transferred from UCSD so he's used to this high pace environment, and I've mastered balancing studies and extracurricular. I was a part of 3 outside clubs and put in at least 20 hours of work and taken care of my GPA around 3.7 and I would say I have good time management skills.

-To conclude, he would really put all the time needed in this position and had the experience of being a SFAC representative at UCSD and want to use that experience to help my peers and listen to their needs about the services UCLA makes available. I look forward to working with all of you and possibly making reports and presentations.

-Rosen explains that he can either stay on skype or get notified later.

-Beshay chooses to stay on the skype call.

-Rosen goes into discussion

-Hourdequin states she really likes his emphasis on transparency and making these recommendations because SFAC oversees a huge amount of money and makes such a great impact on this campus and appreciates his devotion to increasing transparency of SFAC.

-Helder states because he was on SFAC at a different campus he offers prior experience but also a unique perspective and that's a pretty rare quality and should be celebrated.

-Dameron moves to approve Beshay for SFAC. Siegel seconds.

10-0-0 Beshay been approved for SFAC.

## B. ASUCLA Communications Board – Malavika Raju

-Rosen states there is no ARC recommendation due to time conflict because she is in India.

-Hourdequin reads the description:

-Rosen states they'll go straight into the Skype interview.

-Raju introduces herself as Malvika and she is an incoming third year Biochemistry major. To her, external media is essential because its crucial for students to have this platform to express themselves. As part of the ASUCLA Communication Board I see myself as working with the directors to increase visibility, especially for the smaller news magazines. I have spoken to members in CommBoard and I know that they are going through some financial difficulty and requesting that these small magazines fund themselves. I think that increasing the popularity of this magazine will help more communities and have conversations with the rest of the board for us to fundraise for our self as well and talk about alternative advertising.

-Kajikawa asks how will you increase transparency about the policies that are coming up

-Raju states in regards to transparency I think it comes back to visibility and make sure all students are aware of all student media and encouraging students to come to meetings as well and outreaching through media forms and social media. In regards to fiscal policy, definitely use money carefully and fundraising. If necessary a referendum could go on.

-Kajikawa states for increasing visibility, what are some initiatives you have?

-Raju states I think it would be spreading the news magazines and incentivize the students to be more active. Im also reaching out to various clubs and publicizing commboard.

-Hourdequin asks if shes reached out to any members of the board to get the feel and learn the intricacies of the problems theyre facing

-Raju stated she reached out to a member of the board and that's how I learned how the board was going through financial problems and that's how I plan on learning the intricacies.

-Raju states through her experience and leadership at UCLA things outside of UCLA as well I think I will make a great candidate for this position.

-Cocroft really appreciated the ideas of increasing visibility of CommBoard because a lot of people don't hear about the student government and undergraduate side of problems student media is facing.

-Kajikawa appreciates that she reached out to previous CommBoard people and is well aware of fiscal difficulties. She has a positive attitude.

-Patil moves to approve her. Siegel seconds.

10-0-0 Malavika Raju has been approved for ASUCLA Communications Board

## VI. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Rosen

-Rosen stated she met with Dameron last week and talked about food security and are looking to do that within the first couple weeks of school and talk about how they offer a role and giving suggestions on how each office can help. I talked on the

phone with the Director of the Woman Coalition list which is about women getting involved in politics locally, state, and eventually federally. The schoolwide email is going to September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8AM. The reason for the delay is because its for the summer listserv.

#### B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states that the internship fliers were printed but I didn't like the resolution of them because they were really blurry. So I sent them back and got them reprinted so that they will look good. They will be here Thursday to pick them up in Enormous Activities Fair to come by and pick them up. This Friday I'm having a conference call with a woman named Meg Foxtan, the director of sexual assault prevention and response at Williams college. Williams college actually did this really great campus pride survey last year to gage attitude and behaviors regarding sexual assault on campus. It was so well organized and a really great response from the campus. Im working with Badalich and UCOP and Presidential task force to try to implement something similar to the UC's and tweak it a little to make it our own to measure our UC attitudes and behaviors. I'm meeting with her to get an outlying on how to engage so many students and receive such a successful outcome. It was really great and that will be on Friday. The Hunting Ground will be coming to campus safety week on Thursday. I'm really excited about that so be on the look out and to hammer out the logistics and details.

#### C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder states its been a successful and eventful week. I flew out to DC last Sunday until Thursday and I visited former SCC friend in New York to talk about student debt. I went to Sacramento to talk to UCSA and drove back down here on Sunday. DC was immensely successful and had 23 meetings with various senators around the city and their staff. We had 4 in person meetings with senators themselves: Senator Robert Boxman from California, Senator from Massachusetts, Senator Pascal. The staff we met with Lamar Alexander's health education and met with the house education minority staff, senator Baldwin, Senator Feinstein, Senator of New Mexico, and Senator of Hawaii. All of these were successful. We've had three asks about student loan debt, an executive order where students and parents can use their information about how much financial aid they would receive before deciding on which school to attend. It was great to see what happened in front of us. Members of both parties and there was a lot of bipartisan legislation on student issues. Student associations including the United States Student Association state that student issues are partisan issues but that's not the case. A number of republicans asked us to submit bill language to submit including employer contributions. We did a lot in the 3 day visit and thought it was great for the federal advocacy program. I'm pleased with that and look forward to go to DC once a quarter. So UCSA was great and talked a lot about the campaign at student congress and lots of great ideas. UCSA voted to rejoin USSA with certain special conditions attached to it. I will say that this doesn't involved individual associations it's a UCSA membership. We don't spent any of our student fees on USSA and have a voice to attempt to change UCSA. I understand its complicated but I felt that our resources

are better spent on UCSA and direct federal advocacy for USSA. My plan is to do whatever I can do to be part of the process as a member of UCSA and as a member of UCLA EVP. We talked about the details of federal advocacy.

-Hourdequin states there was talk about changing the name for the campaign of UCSA

-Helder said there were a few suggestions such as “How are you? Students for mental health” which is smh

-Chen asks who votes for this

-Helder states EVP’s not legislative directors, but your input is valued.

#### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states he met with Pat Turner the Vice Provost for undergraduate education and talked about undergraduate education and experiences particularly increasing college academic mentors, availability on the hill, and addressing issues. One of the great things is to combine advocacy work in Sacramento and learning. One thing I really wanted to push is creating infrastructure to encourage three year plan for progress reports. I also talked to a director on hill and specifically talked about coprogramming with CAC, and touched upon Peer learning and not cut out any peer learning facilitators. I really wanted to identify other resources to increase the amount of peer learning. I talked with Chrissy Keenan about the consent coalition and putting CAPS resources on syllabi and have it on ccle to really encourage professors who are teaching controversial subjects. I met with the Student Media director specifically to talk about bruinwalk.com where students go online and research the classes they’re interested on taking. They talked about overarching goals and wanted to increase it to kind of update between the academic senate and student leaders. I met with Tony Sandoval of the CPO to talk about ways AAC can coprogram and the student initiated outreach committee. I’m really looking forward to this collaboration. I want to create a focus group about classes and what people want out of my.ucla app. I found out that we are talking to technology services and I really want to increase the WIFI spaces and study spaces on campus. I’m very excited to announce the associate vice chancellor they’re on target to complete wireless access to 192 classrooms that transmits to 460 new access ports that translated 14,046 availability. I know there’s a lot of students who are in classrooms without wifi and its enticing to increase study spaces if classrooms have more wifi.

#### E. Administrative Representative

-Champawat states that after all the great bruin bash events, on Thursday there will be a series of concerts right there in the union. The ballroom would have acapella and dance classes and programming on the first floor food court on the patio.

-Geller states its nice to be back and looks forwards to the work done in the offices.

-Zimmerman thanks all the council members who are helping her with offices and lots of improvements to the offices and clearing it up.

-Dameron states theres a massive fire that burned like 63,000 acres and 500 homes so generally the population from north California is rural and its always a good

example on why to be aware of the drought and a lot of damages. Its very interesting and see what occurs from it.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. Contingency Programming

-There was a \$5,989 requested. \$2,608 recommended. \$74,600 would be left in contingency if approved.

-Helder moves to approve the \$2,608 from contingency. Kajikawa seconds.

10-0-0 contingency programming is approved

## VIII. Old Business

## IX. New Business

-Kajikawa moves to have a 5 minute recess. Patil seconds

9-0-1 there's a 5 minute recess.

### A. Office Budget Transparency

-Kajikawa mentioned this a couple weeks ago in regards to really looking at all of our offices. The AAC budget is available to the general public online and what I spend on. One thing in particular on being as a potential action item to see if we really want to look at where we are in spending money, particularly going through a line by line item so our constituents know where exactly our money is going. For example, looking at each line item to ensure a sense of transparency. I talked about a couple of you all with a couple of transparency like concerts or public so one thing I suggest is a third party entity to work with all of our offices to create a transparent budget to put on a googledoc. For example, for Madeon so people know how much we are paying for a performer.

-Cocroft states a couple of questions I have is how specific do you want to be and do you have any timeline on how much and how visible is that? I think purchases should be a matter of public record because we are spending the money of the students and it would be really cool to have partnerships with student media to see where we get the money. If we put it on googledocs somewhere theres no guarantee that students will know it exists.

-Siegel states he applauds him for transparency and its important as representatives of the student body and have accountability of trust for the council and do something. I really think Cocroft's idea is awesome.

-Chen thanks him for bringing it up and I wanted to bring everyone up to speed and from an insurance perspective, the commission budget is largely summed up of a large amount of money. Student Wellness breaks it down and the origin of this is to provide transparency for the general public. This is a step for transparency so for us commissions but it would be difficult for Student Wellness Commission for every single expense to track through the budget records in SGA. Its not necessary to put out there because its that much of a struggle to put all the line items.

-Shao states she totally agrees with the transparency and going through the budget should be used but the one thing with having such a big allocation to commissions such as CEC and CAC and when we're doing programming of 9 different program

entities will be very crowded. I wish my budget would look this clean but I would have to keep breaking it down and make it very lost where the numbers are coming from. It's coming out of this large sum. I'm all for breaking it down like this, but in terms of breaking it down further it would get messy.

-Helder states the sheer amount of transactions with large budgets like these makes a certain cost associated with just the labor it takes to make it transparent. Is making our budget transparent student driven, a voluntary position, or something that we put on SGA? The next logical question is: is this worth it? I support any measure for transparency but we should be sure that we are spending our student money as efficiently as possible.

-Mossler states for CEC our budget is broken down even more with 4 or 5 different categories. We have a very specific line item for each thing and I don't think we would be able to break it down because we have specific organized categories. Maybe its more specific to each commissioners budget maybe in the future in the beginning of the year if we sit down with SGA and talk about how to make it more transparent as opposed to having to write every single time we have to write a colored pencil. We will know how much we have and know how much students have in the past on how long we have been doing this specific to each commission and specific to each organization.

-Cocroft states its important to make it more transparent and its also important to make our expenses transparent. Someone has to take the time to put requisition forms into google docs and that's one way to make expenses more transparent as well.

-Champawat states that's all in the records but to put it on that level of detail is not made for that system.

-Helder states theoretically someone could do it for each expenditure in SGA but it might take a lot of work. The questions on who are we trying to make it available to? Transparency is important but who is it necessary for.

-Champawat states it is public and the question is relatively speaking, USACs finances are reasonably transparent. I think that theres some things that are easier to get to and framing the budget offices goes through and come up with easy ways to put that information out there. The administrative expenses are on you. Information is certainly out there and its not on a form that can readily be displayed. I'd be happy to sit down and look at individuals who want to look at this.

-Rosen states we can discuss this further, make it an action item and have a specific plan, or make an ad hoc committee to discuss this further.

-Chen poses a question on if its going to affect our budgets or next year?

-Siegel states if we wanted to create committees whats the process?

-Rosen states if we make this an action item we would have to amend the agenda and make it a 2/3 vote and place the responsibility on the chair and volunteer to see what the out committee is. It's important that FiComm is in that

-Helder states it seems wise to make this and SGA abilities to carry this out considering we aren't experts.

-Kajikawa stated an adhoc committee would be convenient but would it be this year or for subsequent years. Again I just wanted to bring this forth as a discussion item



for this exact reason. I would love to continue this and really analyzing it and make it an action item

-Cocroft states we should make it an action item to formalize it to discuss it outside to make it formal and hold everyone accountable to make sure progress is made.

-Helder moves to amend the agenda to reflect an action item that sets up an ad hoc committee for transparency to student budgets.

-Mossler states we should discuss what committee we are trying to form and what its going to do and when its going to be implement it.

-Champawat states perhaps the best next step is to discuss the ad hoc committee

-Rosen redirects everyone to add it as an agenda item.

-Helder would like to amend his motion. I would like to hear if Kajikawa could come with us with a clear idea and then bring it back as an action item could be an effective course so I would like to withdraw my motion.

-Cocroft states creating a committee is a large step and people to discuss this could be useful.

-Mossler states best for accountability and having a tangible vision for the committee instead of haphazardly having a plan.

-Helder states we can wait for Kajikawa to clearly decide the action.

-Champawat states if you want to ad hoc I volunteer myself to work with you and bring whatever clarity.

-Shao agrees with Helder because its Kajikawa's passion and if you can create a more structures layout and visibility and what the purpose and point looking for and criteria I would be more comfortable voting on it.

-Rosen suggests bringing it back next week and see if we can put that task on you to bring it next meeting to send Rosen an action item for next Tuesdays meeting.

-Helder moves to end discussion. Chen seconds.

10-0-0 the discussion ends.

#### X. Announcements

-Mossler encourages everyone to check out the bruinbash website.

-Rosen states this Sunday is bruin welcome and please set your schedule for whats going to happen and I emailed you all the true bruin pledge to recite it back.

#### XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

#### XII. Adjournment

-Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Siegel seconds.

10-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:42pm.

#### XII. Good and Welfare