

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

September 22, 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 calls the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Helder moves to recognize a moment of silence for all those we lost this summer

-Kajikawa moves to strikes ASRF

-Shao moves to strike ARC

-Chen moves to strike student wellness programming fund

-Helder moves to strikes EVP travel and advocacy grant

-Kajikawa strikes Internal Vice President report

-Kajikawa strikes Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Leontine moves to table the minutes from September 15

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

III. Public Comments

IV. Special Presentations

V. Appointments

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen thanks everyone who is available to come on Sunday and we are now dubbed the UCLA spirit squad so USAC did the 8-clap. I also attended the rehearsal BruinLife and it was a 2 hour program that had popup speakers talking about their bruin experience and tried to encompass different stories from different walks of life to project on the year to people sharing their experience and sharing who they are through the student affairs and I know Chen worked a lot with Janina Montero to work on it. A lot of students seemed very engaged and a great program and look forward to seeing what they do with it more on. We had a food security meeting. I did have a conference call with council of the presidents and talked about senate bill

367 talking about how council of presidents chose not to endorse it. We chose to not take a formal position to react however Governor Brown chooses.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder said on the note of SB376 is tricky. What it is a public contract law that requires the USAC contract workers to be paid of equal wages to UC employees to those of us are pro-workers rights it's a good thing. What was less explicit was that it's a \$60 million bill that's not funded by the government and expected to be funded by the UC. The \$60 million we just earned for enrollment and freeze tuition is erased from that deal in the form of this bill. When I had to make the decision for my office to take a stance my choice was one between sort of defending our allies in this coalition of human capital investment or defending those who are most immediately my constituents which are students. The university explicitly said to pay for the bill is immediately borrowing from enrollment money and then raising tuition again, I decided to take a negative stance on the bill and advocate vigorously for funding it. If there's no alternative to having it as an unfunded bill then advocating for it to be vetoed. I expressed this in an op-ed in Los Angeles Daily news that reaches several plugs and we're faxing our letter version to it to Governor Brown in Arc Park because the bill is on governor Brown's desk and has to decide whether or not to sign it. By next week we should know what this means. Regardless of how we feel about workers right, because I'm down for workers to be given better benefits, but with that comes another very intense budget battle to prevent another budget hike. Please share it if you can because the more clicks and views it gets the more pressure it gets for Governor Brown to fund the bill. Vetoing the bill would be a consolation at best but if both countries can win a victory here then UC students not having to go through another situation hike than this would be ideal. I'll send the email out via email. That has consumed a pretty considerable amount of my time. Due to that and everything happened yesterday and postponed my federal advocacy presentation to a time where I can be prepared for potential developments and it will be postponed one week and I'm excited to give it. On that note we followed up with our DC contacts today and had a letters and phone calls about student debt proposals and a very exciting possibly that an affordability bill might be introduced by a republican that we worked in a few weeks. As with congress there's always crocodiles there always working with it.

D. Student Wellness Commissioner - Chen

-Chen met with the director of the LGBT center and discussed ways to partner and discussed in terms of bringing about the issues to make sure the LGBT center is an included space and our experiences as LGBT is a human and bruin experience and ways to defeat that stigma and communicate with him. We talked about HIV AIDS in that community as such a huge topic in the essence of it and how do we partner and raise awareness rather than just say its part of that LGBT experience. Last Friday I attended a food security meeting and it was essentially our first meeting of the year after summer and we have this entire plan but we essentially are waiting on the

money to be transferred and one part of the funds is \$2,500 for USAC to start an initiative and Rosen had the idea of a food run student co-op and we'll be working on that. I can also echo the same things and I'm very proud to say that SWC and you all had a huge role in helping with it and its really powerful to see rather than just my voice in the experts on the fields and I'm happy they're on board.

-Zimmerman stated there's a student group organization working on student co-op and I wanted to make sure they're linked together with efforts that have been started

-Rosen asks council to give a round of applause to Shao and Mossler and thought Bruin bash was the best and it was an amazing amazing job

E. Administrative Representative

-Mata stated they talked about continuing the conversation on bruin life. The third week and sixth week is faculty student dinner dialogue will talk about bias and social media an dhow that manifests with each other and communities and we are going to invite everyone here to come in and contribute to the conversation and have a dinner on freedom of speech and how that plays out on our campus

VII. Fund Allocations

-Wong states \$9,040.35 is required. \$6,814.20 requested. \$2,555 recommended. If approved there would be 74,840.00 would be left in contingency.

-Helder moves to approve \$2,555 allocation. Shao seconded.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

-Dameron stated this Saturday is volunteer day and we are having the launch of our Surf fest the evening of volunteer day on sunset village. We currently have 60 student groups registered that are service oriented with over 60 RSVP to take part. We sent it out to all community service organizations and there will be free food sponsored by the volunteer center from Papa Johns and Jersey Mike to get free food. The football game that night will be shown and the second half will be shown at sunset village. If you're interested in coming out and helping we will have volunteers there

-Kajikawa states about office transparency and I met with Geller and learning more about collecting data and discussing it next week if you are all interested please get back to me and it will be bringing it back to me as an action item.

-Patil stated that iclicker library will be able to reserved at midnight.

-Suzanna stated the transfer welcome reception will be at Carnesale commons and Rafalian will be speaking and they'll be getting free dinner and mingling with transfers and meeting staff and faculty.

-Leontine stated that the AllofUs campaign managers want to cocampaign with the office for week 2 and from October 2-October 9 and its called edutainment and it's a small project and heavy duty paper and paint for students to become distress before it becomes hectic.

- Shao asks if its like CAC's edutainment
- Leontine said yes
- Chen states we're also having all of us come to week 2 and looking forward to collaborating and discussion throughout the whole week and excited to have you on board too.
- Khan states Tuesday we're working with AllofUs talking about mental health and communities of color with cultural competency to pull in many different cultural organizations. Another thing that could be a genrep effort that this is the first year they are going to be offered hallal options which is similar to kosher but Islamic version, but if the kosher is significantly more expensive its about \$1,000 more so I guess a lot of them are reaching out because they want to know what to do but cant afford that option so it would be cool for us 3 to work on something that will affect everyone.
- Suzanna asks is usacouncil@asucla.edu will go to everyone
- Rosen states mark your calendars for October 5th at 8 am for the shared governance breakfast and still waiting to hear more from Maria Blandeezy so I'll be reaching out to all of you but I'm waiting for more information.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Leontine moves to adjourn the meeting. Kajikawa seconds.
The meeting is adjourned at 7:33pm.

XII. Good and Welfare