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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

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7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Heather Hourdequin

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:01

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shao moves to strike ARC fund.

-Chen moves to strike Academic Commissioner Member Report, Student Wellness Programming Fund, and ASRF

-Helder moves to strike EVP and Advocacy Grant

-Amin moves to strike Ad Hoc community for fiscal transparency

-Helder moves to approve the agenda as amended.

-Khan seconds.

11-0-0 the agenda has been approved as amended.

B. Approval of the Minutes from September 15 and September 22

-Amin moves to approve the motion from September 15 and September 22

-Khan seconds.

11-0-0 the minutes have been approved.

III. Public Comments

-Rosen closes public comment number 4

IV. Special Presentations

A. Federal Advocacy- Helder

-Helder states in response to the withdrawal from the United States Student Association I offered to present on our plans and actions hither to for the direct federal advocacy program. What we'll be covering is our inaugural trip to Washington, the budgeting and feasibility of direct federal advocacy and the legislative asks we'll be making. We'll be asking you to support a resolution that will be introduced next week that presents a unified front on federal issues. Given the

looming debt loan of Perkins loan and the higher education act and the other federal items to students in this time its appropriate to take strong stances and sending a message that we're serious about these issues.

-Helder states the Bruin lobby corps has been associated with California state advocacy and this is clearly one we plan to maintain. For instance I've been talking to governor Brown office about senate bills and we made 25 lobby visits on the first 3 months on the state level and have made the public aware of our presence through publications and these visits and social media. So what we found is that when we're present in the state of California in Sacramento we are a force. When we are there directly we make a difference. That's been clear in the slow and steady progress towards stable investment and higher education toward Badalich sexual assault policy and efforts that extend from that. The office I hired collectively has years and years of experience on state and federal level. We can maintain both efforts in previous levels and levels of unprecedented activity.

-Helder states we want to do the Bruin Defender program in addition to Lobby Corps. In the past, campus groups could apply for a paltry \$7,000 in travel grants. Bruin Defenders increases this fund to \$50,000 offers the resources of the Bruin Lobby Corp and create liaisons. With \$41,000 budgeted to this program. We want to maintain direct advocacy. The process for securing resources and lead an avenue to Congress via Bruin Defenders is our goal that we can achieve. We want to have a fair shot for everyone.

-Helder states the federal advocacy program we want to have is as follows. We flew to DC, and there were a few goals that formed this trip. First we wanted to get a sense of how feasible it is and making these trips several times a year and how much it would cost and the political climate is like. We want to establish contacts early and often to create relationships with staff members and members. Also to get a head start on legislative asks that were time sensitive and important to students.

-We are principally concerned with student loan debt and has the most momentum in both parties in Washington and found a significant amount of common ground between both democrats and republicans. Clearly we are facing a crisis of \$1.4 trillion in loans. This isn't including the massive quantity of private various loans due to caps on this clearly robust student loan program. There's disturbingly high default rate. There is 13.7% and it equates to \$192 billion dollars of risk that will never go back to the banks.

-Helder states student loans are one of the only types of loans in the United States that could not be discharged. If you go to bankruptcy court as a student that only allows students to discharge loans if it presents to them an undue hardship. Its interpreted to state no student under any circumstances can discharge the loan. For example if you're 21 and you have to drop out of college because your parent is sick, and if you don't have a degree, and for the rest of your life your salary is defaulted. That's miserable fate. One of our preliminary asks to amend the bankruptcy code was to clarify so students can discharge loans like a normal human can in a bankruptcy court. What we found according to a really fascinating in the New York time is that the highest level of default are students who have less than \$10,000 for students who didn't finish college. They are students who had to drop out to address common family issues. In order to adjust the risk of the federal government who

allow students in these awful and terrifying situations this is one that republicans are even on board with to create a law to amend the bankruptcy code such that students who don't complete college can discharge these things. That means those who have student loans have at least a degree that says hire me. These little remote bipartisan amendments are important for students.

-Helder states our second ask was the pay as you earn program. It's created by the president of the department of education with a limited definition of who qualifies. Essentially you take 10% of your discretionary income per month and after 20 years of payment your loan is discharged. These are federal subsidized loans early. They created REPAYE and PAYE into law and require a wider number of individuals. There would be other programs coming up that we will brief you on. And move towards reauthorization.

-Helder states basically there's a bill on the rise. There's a big national market restrictions that will stem the rising costs of tuition. This is the legislative manifestation of our ask which is a great example of why what we do is valuable. HR 1713 is an innovative loan program about the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Act of 2015. That bill is alive because UCLA went to congress.

-Our trip did go a little bit over budget because it was last minute which costs extra. The cost of a 4 person, 5 day trip to Washington is \$2,400. It comes to \$700 cheaper than what we did. We can send 6 delegations of 4 individuals through DC with Bruin lobby corp. We can take 20 Bruin defenders. If you wanted to do a 3 day trip with 3 people would be \$1,645 and we can do 30 of those trips.

-Khan asks for clarifications about future trips.

-Helder stated with the Bruin corp lobby alone and me senior staff to make trips to advocate on behalf of UCLA. He explains we can send 6 trips of 4 or 8 trips of 3. If we adjust that to Bruin defenders we can send 20 and 30. The cost of advocacy is significantly reduced. We can spend 2/3 of our budget on DC and have a surplus for state advocacy. There's concerns about money and contacts to successfully carry out DC advocacy. The answer to all of those questions and rightful skepticism is yes that we do have those resources and that potential

-Geller states Bruin Corps is lobbying by the staff and Bruin defenders is just general students?

-Helder states yes. Bruin defenders is a program that allows any student with a story or any group with some claim for some advocacy objective to have the resources via funds via council and professionally trained lobbyists and access to contacts that will foster collaboration.

-Chen thanks him for the presentation and wanted to mention that it's a great resource if they go to health and wellness especially with the USSA campaign this year. I just wanted to clarify is it only for Washington DC trips?

-Helder states no it can also be for state or anywhere. We can spend significantly more budget for going to Washington.

-Chen states Bruin Consent Coalition and they have a lot of conferences to attend for sexual assault

-Khan asks about the Bruin Defenders applications and you would choose individuals from different trips or how would they apply

-Helder stated if you are a student with a compelling story that is relevant to some pending legislation that we have written or introduced, than your story is incredibly valuable to carrying out this legislation into law. So one of the most pressing examples is someone with a sexual assault story and took her story told it from the hills and made a lot of changes because brought the story to an advocacy space. She's broadening a story and to any kind of legislation and any member is entitled. Also student groups will have a liaison from my office such that a student group who has some kind of advocacy than that group would be able to accomplish it. They are having an advocacy objective and a specific piece of legislation that you want to address in congress and we give you a set amount of funding for that one trip and potentially provide you for our own lobbyist and list of contact if you want that. Once that trip is completed and once follow up has been accomplished than that particular contract is severed and then you would have to reapply for an additional trip. We don't have a permanent structure for groups across the board because that's not feasible or efficient but we want to do it as efficiently as possible.

-Shao asks how she came to those figures

-Helder states we went to DC to compile our receipts. The cost breakdown we estimated a month ago and most of it was adjusted for airfare. We booked the tickets a week in advance and that's poor fiscal responsibility. These are based on how would we purchase the trips in the future. As you can see larger trips airfare is an adjusted number and we just did the math and reduced it on fractions.

-Shao asks when you're combining with the bruin defenders programs and have these advocacy and are you going to include food? Most funding sources don't include food

-Helder states based on our referendum and because Washington DC is expensive its frugal and we expect them to uphold those too.

-Khan asks is there flexibility for issues that students can fight for and can you expand the horizons about student loan debt like retention and there's still a lot of issues and mental health.

-Helder states Bruin Defenders for what the intention is to advanced our office objectives. It's a program to advance anyone's objective.

-He stated he has a meeting with Chen's staff to talk about how USSA congress and cooperate and plan a mental health package.

-Helder states if someone felt there was a federal bill even retention would fall under our office bill. For example if someone's from Uganda and have Uganda issues in DC then bruin defenders would be an appropriate avenue. It isn't an office priority but maybe a group care significantly. IT is likely we might have more than \$50,000 because we are aggressively fundraising so we hope we don't have to prioritize and under budget constraints these are the best proposals that are likely to most effectively change something.

V. Appointments

-Rosen states we are here to approve appointments from summer for the year

-Amin moves to approve all summer appointments. Rafalian seconds.

11-0-0 the appointments have been approved.

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states she had a meeting with Rachel Beyda and the outgoing chief justice and are looking at making a couple updates to their bylaws. We also will be making our 2 other jboard appointments and I've been holding on for those ARC ones.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Rosen states Hourdequin wouldn't be there.

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder states that he had a meeting with Keith Parker the associative vice chancellor of government relations and talked about the budget and SP376 and advocacy to the agenda and have been working with governors schedule to talk to him face to face. We discussed a strategy of the budget and have been working on federal members about Perkins loans and protecting that. The house passed an extension and its now in the senate hands. We met with Lamar Alexander who has a stay to whether or not this goes forward.

D. Student Wellness Commission - Chen

-Chen states for campus safety week we are looking to convene for the resource fair Monday and want to confirm on behalf of bruin consent coalition that they will be coordinating the panel after the hunky bruins screening. Besides that the planning is going well and have been anticipating the return of our fearless leader Hourdequin. Campus safety week will be week 4.

-Chen states he had a meeting and discussed the affiliate partnership that has been in effect for a while now just for clarifications Pediatric Aids Coalition was originally part of SWC but now is an affiliate. I met with Dr. Nicole Green in caps center along with AllofUs representatives and talked about the state of caps and the different ways for students to be more involved as the year goes on and talked about the structure. One of the main problems right now is an over demand for the services so this is not actually a bad thing if anything it's a result of the successive outreach and mental health to all students on campus and all members of the UCLA community. We want to do our part as students not as treatment but as education and respect. We are looking for ways to have a student representative in new counselor and new therapist hiring's to see who has been sitting on board to review those candidates to have a more long term goal. I will be sitting down with AllofUs representatives and active minds to come up with a vision to see how peer mental health support education and group and system could look like. It has been a thing in the past and has been discontinued for awhile and a thriving costs for UC campus to alleviate some of the demand and incoming traffic.

-Chen states the AllofUs campaign just had their meeting and their apps are closing at the end of this week. They had great ideas and the most pressing thing now is mental health awareness week. AllofUs will be partnering with GR2 and GR3 and is a continuation of SWC. I just wanted to reiterate that this is an all council campaign

and essentially without it being said its essentially spearheaded by SWC. Involvement for partnering events is important and reach out on own initiative that is essentially USAC wide to build on the momentum and I encourage all of council to be more involved.

-Helder states because the health campaign is mental health-centric this is a council wide effort and its our biggest student coalition and we would all benefit to get involved in the mental health effort.

E. Administrative Representative

-Geller states I know Hourdequin has been working with Maria Blandeezy in planning some training for retreat. Retreat is coming up in a couple of weeks and before its hard for council members to make it on Friday afternoon. As you plan for retreat keep schedules open for Friday afternoon in trainings we are hoping to offer. Coming up on October 14 between 6 and 8 Jerry Khan our vice chancellor for equity and inclusion and diversity will be hosting a townhall on implicit bias and dinner will be served. Its really a fascinating topic.

-Khan asks the time

-Geller states 6-8 and its going to be in Covell

-Starr says welcome to the quarter

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states \$25,388.16 required. There is \$10,135.29 requested. There is \$3,632 recommended. If approved \$69,981 left in the budget.

-Helder moves to approve. Shao seconds

11-0-0 contingency programming is approved.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

-Chen states week 1 is started and all committees are back. Every committee is recruiting and there's leadership activities including marketing and logistics. There's an SWC open house 5:30-6pm in 131 next week. October 5, 2015 is the healthcoming and a sexual health fair and a mental health fair on the hill. Each respective committee will be on those and capture the flag will be on sunset rec and healthcoming game. There is a big hero 6 on Sunset and active mind discussion. We will be hosting the blood committee drive so if you are donating blood that week please sign up for one of the committees. If you're going to donate blood wait until week 2. I talked to Kajikawa and was wondering if gage some interests in a USAC table. Maybe we can have different shifts if anyone wanted to table. Tentatively we have yoga works, kind bar, nekteer juice, lip balm, granola, chipotle raffles, and tentatively Ashe, FitWell, CAPS, OSD, and LGBT center. AIDS awareness is hosting a team in partnership with SWC at AIDS walk. Bruin consent coalition officially rebranded. One of their initiatives is October and October is domestic violence programming month. One of the things they're facilitating is care training which is

campus assault and 8 hours total and 2 parts. It will be during council meeting on the 13th which is Tuesday from 5-9 and the 20th from 5-9. If we can attend and there will be dinner served because I will keep you updated. Due to the demand they will be teaching 9 classes throughout each of these weekends. They can also look to host private group classes to see if your office is interested in hosting a specific group. We have a unique opportunity to re-establish EARTH for those who are passionate about environmental health and wellness that's due October 9. SWC Sexperts committee has an info session in Ackerman 2401 if you're interested in becoming a sexpert. Just even from the enormous activities fair, their entire schedule all year for RA workshops has been booked. The total wellness magazine and second issue for volume 15 will be out in different places for different offices in USAC. They have an info session if you're looking to get involved at Thursday the 1st from 6-7.

-Mossler states Martian was screened on Monday and it was at the Regency.

Tomorrow we are screening the Fast and Furious 7 in Ackerman Grand Ballroom.

On October 7 we are screening the new Meryl Streep movie in AGB. On that day, we are doing a co-program with startup UCLA with Carnesale commons with Troy Barter who was the manager for lady gaga. We are also hiring.

-Dameron states all 33 CSC projects are recruiting and they just had SERVE event and had over 750 students to come out and visit the 50+ service booths. It was really good and yeah all recruiting and the initiation of internship program for CSC.

-Rafalian states for "Show me the Ropes" and having a formal training session for mentors is going to be October 8. Week 3 is transfer pride week and there's a whole bunch of events. That Monday night we are doing a mentor and mentee reveal.

Quick update on transfer resource center and had a meeting with Janina Montero and have been in talks and take a couple more steps to keep at it. I am going to talk to Bob Williams with the executive director. My office had their basketball tournament for transfer students.

-Siegel asked who won the basketball tournament

-Rafalian says his team

-Shao says tomorrow Word on Wednesday is in Kerckhoff art gallery at 7:30. We are getting our CAC babies and CAC interns. The marketing team is also hiring for print and online and trying to expand that. On Monday concerts in Kerckhoff coffee shops.

-Amin states Chen mentioned the co-programming. The internship is coming along really great.

-Khan states next Tuesday her office will help hold a cultural competency workshop. Its going to be great and be culturally sensitive. Our internship director is amazing and getting in touch with a lot of you.

-Mata asks when the cultural competency workshop is

-Khan states Tuesday on 7:30-9:30

-Chen states once I get the information from AllofUs ill mail it out the counselors.

-Helder states we have been in the process on working on Student of Color Conference. The application is live. I hope that all of us will share it. Students of color congregate and students across the UC's can work on these things so we can send the biggest delegation. We are trying to reach every nook and cranny o this campus.

-Siegel said 2 weeks from Thursday is our on campus viewing party. I'm planning on putting together a special presentation to tweak our final details. Its going to be awesome and we're all coming together.

-Rosen states the internship application for presidential and internal vice president is live. We have a breakfast with student leaders at 8 AM its I'm going to send out the link again. There's an application to be Hourdequin's boyfriend and its available on Facebook

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

XII. Adjournment

-Siegel moves to adjourn the meeting. Shao seconds.
11-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:00pm.

XII. Good and Welfare