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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

October 20, 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, Stephanie Wong, Patricia Zimmerman, Deborah Geller, Christina Mata

ABSENCE: Marvin Chen, Amy Shao,

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Rosen strikes the TGIF appointment because its not stipend.

-Lauren Fini moves to strike SWC Office and Member Reports and allocations

-Dameron moves to add CSC Office and Member Report

-Kajikawa moves to strike arts restoring community fund

-Hourdequin moves to approve agenda as amended

10-0-0 the agenda has been approved

B. Approval of the Minutes from October 13, 2015

-Mossler moves to approve the minutes. Hourdequin seconds.

10-0-0 the minutes have been approved

III. Public Comments

-Hanita states Sikhs in Punjab are doing peaceful protests because of the desecration of the holy scripture and it hits home to Sikhs all over the world. They're doing peaceful protest but Punjab police are shutting these down even though they are peaceful. As Sikh students we are trying to organize and raise awareness on what's going on to cause some legislative action and reach out to you all. On Thursday we are having a peaceful protest on Bruin Walk, an awareness and educational moment and mostly when Manjot Singh came to recognize Sikh genocide in 1984 to recognize that USAC would support SSA and if you could in touch and talk about ways to come together as UC's to work collaboratively to find voice for Sikhs on campus since we are very small but our movements are really large globally. It's the perfect time to do that.

-Simrin states there are two things we are hoping to get. IVP is working on an interfaith council on campus and we want to step forward to say if we can find a way to expedite the process we're here to help and its necessary for events like this for happening. Second thing is that USAC and California recognized November as Sikh

awareness month to help us promote and raise awareness. I want to work with a few of you to make a resolution that recognizes the types of things that are happening in Punjab.

IV. Special Presentations

V. Appointments

A. CS Mini Fund Committee Member: Judy Ly

-Hourdequin reads The Chairperson of the Community Service Mini Fund Committee serves as the budget director for the committee. The committee is dedicated to providing funds for student community service programs, activities or services which contribute to the elimination of poverty and social problems, and/or provide services (such as health and education) to disadvantaged groups. Five undergraduate appointees: One Chairperson and four members. Two of the four committee members must be affiliated with CPO; the other two with CSC. Holds five hearings per academic year. One year term. July – June.

-Hourdequin stated she received a 3-0-0 vote and she was knowledgeable has vast experience that will guide her to success, a previous member of the committee, and wants to increase outreach and visibility of the fund.

-Rosen states we are looking for other 2 positions that are CPO affiliated and Ly is from the CSC committee.

-Ly states during her freshmen year she was part of several community service commissions and the finance committee so that's why I decided to be a part of CS mini to combine. I enjoyed working with several student organizations as I was directing to fund sources to learn about the allocations and meeting and allocation periods.

-Wong asks what if anything do you hope to change

-Ly states she hopes to raise more awareness and speak more directly to the advisor to the sole officer to encourage current and new organizations about the funding source and appropriate deadline and allocation period.

-Patil asks what are the greatest funding needs for community service

-Ly states transportation is the greatest need as well as health care needs and supplies and there are lack of supplies for several groups.

-Ly hopes to be a part of the CS mini fund to continue serving organizations and letting new organizations know nothing comes from their own pocket.

-Cocroft states he was in the ARC interview and he was impressed with prior experience and knowledge for a seamless transition and makes sure the ones that need it deserve the money

-Wong states she's worked with her before and she was passionate about community service even before CSC and she I can take an impartial perspective and would be great

-Zimmerman she worked with Ly last year on CS Mini Fund and did an amazing job

-Helder moves to approve Judy Ly to CS Mini Fund Committee.

-Dameron asks if he is allowed to vote since he is CSC chair.

-Helder calls to question. Hourdequin seconds.

11-0-0 call to question

-Helder moves to approve Judy Ly to CS Mini Fund Committee

10-0-1 Judy Ly has been approved to CS Mini Fund Committee

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states she was part of the lunch meeting with Lark Park. I had a meeting with the UC leaders as the undergraduate chair as well as Ralph Washington Jr. who is the graduate student chair, and Guillermo who is the undergraduate chair, and two members of people on the Student Fee Advisory Committee, and Avi Oved the student reagent. We are looking to work on joint advocacy and on behalf of graduate students for increase in enrollment and updates on things we've been doing. I've had a phone call with Sarah to discuss ways for presidential candidates to take on higher education as a hot topic issue to point on them for elections and for the federal level to approach the members of the different campaigns to talk about higher education more frequently. She also had a meeting with graduate student association president and having a meeting with the chancellor on October 12. We are going to bring up housing costs and doing a mixer with the GSAs to do some sort of breakfast thing. I had a call with the council of presidents to talk about the statement of principles against intolerance and it was placed onto the regents level to focus on anti-Semitism and then step back on more holistically to include everyone. It was vague and the ad hoc committee will be coming on October 26 in Covell Commons and encourage you all to come out to figure out the best way to incorporate all of that into the statement. UC Riverside is driving 20 students in and UCSD students are coming. Its kind of inaccessible for Davis and Merced students but they will use as liaisons. I had a meeting with Jeff Seymour from the coalition for public higher education to talk about the statement of principles as well to figure out best ways to incorporate the student experience.

-Khan asks how can students go for public comment for the regents meeting

-Rosen states its workinggroup@ucop.edu you have to email them by tomorrow

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states today is t-shirt Tuesday because students designs could be here and sold in the ASUCLA store. So contact all of your artistic creative friends and get them to submit their designs that could be on my shirt by November 9. I'll send you the graphics for that so you have the exact link to send it to. A lot of the designs need to be specifically formatted so they can be printed on mass amounts of t-shirts. Campus safety week is this week and yesterday we had our resource fair thank you to SWC and the facilities commission for working on that with us. Today we had pizza with police in LATC, its always one of my favorite events because you're able to sit down with them and ask them any sorts of questions you want to have and the topics of walking around Westwood and the apartments came up and they suggested don't be distracted, walk in pairs, and talked about training. They said that if they want to get a recap of the training that they undergo we can set up a group of 15 students to get the actual training. I was thinking about having a time for us to go. I'm also going to be convening the campus safety alliance for the next 2 weeks or so we can follow up on the topics of discussion from today. Tomorrow we have an event called know your rights and someone from ACLU come in to talk about our rights in Ackerman 2412. On Thursday we're having the Hunting Grounds screening and the film starts at 6pm in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. It'll have

someone from the CARE office, dean of students, student affairs, and CAPS. I will be facilitating the discussion. Please share all your connects. If you're not going to the football game, please come. Please donate blood. I have a meeting this Friday with Art Kirkland to talk to him about bruin alert and I will update on that to see how the process works behind the scenes and how they're getting the information and see if there's any way to change it or help that process. I will update you with that. I'm meeting with Siegel, Helder, Cocroft, and Fin from Westwood neighborhood council to talk about ways to advocate in regards to off campus safety. This is to contact and pressure landlords to make buildings more safe. I had a meeting with Zimmerman and Logan about the funding website so please follow up on my email if you have a funding body that allocates to students. Yesterday I met with everyone who went to the interfaith youth corp conference in Chicago. We want to bring an interfaith event and council to UCLA and we're in there for developing the concept and idea. I did reach out to the Sikh student association and if anyone is members of an organization that want to be part of that please email me and let me know.

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder states Student of Color Conference is finalized and there's roughly 90 people going and we're very excited about our delegation because we had 350 applications. The delegation is top notch and represents young and old and all sorts of communities and experiences. I met with government community relations with Ramona and her team about the bruin delegation idea and making a lot of process and excited about the possibility of a critical mass from US senators to have honest discussions for republicans and democrats on what we can do this year to make positive change for our university. I have talked to voter registration and talked to some NGOs who worked on those topics to create a concrete collaborative plan between us to have unprecedented numbers of students voting. We're talking with Bruins for Bernie to bring Bernie Sanders to campus and have been talking to his office. I don't want to promise anything but we're working on it and that would be super fun. Went to the mandatory SOOF hearings. I had a difficult and necessary meeting with ASCME and they were staunchly supportive of SB376, a bill my office worked to veto. SB376 was at the top of their agenda, but we both walked away knowing that its not anti-labor but pro-labor and ways to mend the student worker relationship. We met with Lark Park who is the governors chief advisor, and she is great. We came out of the meeting with great things and students have often not had this sort of connection with the governments office. While we don't always agree there's dialogue. We talked about the enrollment issue which is starting to come up in the daily bruin and other media. The university system allocated \$25 million to enroll 5,000 new students. The money doesn't add up and it doesn't help with the services we're trying to fix and it's a budgeting disaster. Lark was receptive to our criticism. The student advisor proposal talked about that with her and can consequently affect.

-Kajikawa asks how he can get involved

-Helder invites Kajikawa to Sacramento with him to lobby

-Leontine asks what is Lark sympathetic to

-Helder states she is sympathetic to students and wants to hear all sides and we made a convincing effort. Its likely that the student advisor comes up in January and

does a lot through the government office. We're going to talk to her a lot and points of contact with student advisor issue.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states he'll alternate his report. In terms of the past 2 weeks I've had the opportunity to bring out with the Bruin Consent Coalition to talk about sexual violence symposium for TAs and faculty so they can get it on a biannual basis. We want to follow up with the disconnect of by law changes. I ended up going on to Every/One's view. We addressed implicit bias and had that in regards to expectations and implicit bias in the decisions. We had some counselors had major blast and day of sole and partner. I met with student initiated outreach chair person to strengthen AAC partnership. I met with Joel Langaza my counterpart in GSA to talk about what he's doing with academic affairs. We could potentially come up with a mentorship or internship program to help with the processes. I want to emphasize there is a college academic mentor on the hill readily available to students. I highly recommend taking advantage of that. In terms of upcoming events, next week we have stress free day with dogs. Its October 27 starting on Tuesday at 10am from 2-3 depending on when we give away all of our free blue books and scantrons. We are looking to maybe putting on an event by spreading awareness and offering someone a free blue book when they want to buy one at the store. We are planning an academic appointments town hall and planning a date for week 7 or week 8. I have my executive academic senate meeting on Thursday and if you have any regards you want to address please come talk to me, such as having CAPS resource on syllabi. We were able to negotiate putting it on CCLE. I sent out an email about the ad hoc committee on budget transparency. I'm planning on splitting the committee to two for heavy lifting and advisory. I'm going to the SOCC in UC Berkeley with the EVP office and its my first UCSA trip.

-Geller asks where will the puppies be

-Kajikawa states to clarify there dogs not puppies but they're on Bruin Plaza

E. Community Service Commissioner – Zach Dameron

-Dameron states our community service applications for alternative springs break is still live until the end of October to find a way to get involved form service and connect them with service organizations here on campus. We have an info session tonight and Thursday and its subsidized through the commission so its relatively cheap. Our main event is Day of Service November 7. It has the potential to host 500 volunteers and it would be cool if all of our offices went out to volunteer. Its 3 hours and we'll come back and there is a speaker series with Robert Elger the founder of LA Kitchen and lunch would be provided. It would be cool if we could get our staffs together and volunteer with fellow students.

-Helder states SOCC is happening and we are sad to be absent

-Dameron invites everyone else

-Khan asks for day of service stuff is transportation organized

-Dameron states yes, and we have one site here on campus and most of ours is on the community. You get to pick the issue you want to serve with.

F. Administrative Representatives

-Zimmerman states ASUCLA does a pumpkin carving contest on Halloween and want to extend the invitation to council and student groups to carve them and we would love for you all to participate. I can deliver the pumpkins into your office to make it easier. If you win you get \$75 gift card to all of the food in the union. The pumpkin is due Friday the 30th and that's where they'll do the voting. A lot of staff dresses up.

-Zimmerman states email me if you want 2, the more pumpkins the better.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states 10 groups applied. \$5,256.39 required. \$3,698.73 requested. \$1,522 recommended. If approved there will be \$60,100 left in regular contingency.

Helder moved to approve \$1,522. Cocroft seconds.

11-0-0 the contingency programming has been approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Helder states parts of the old clause are still grandfathered in. SWC Active minds applied to one and the Arab Engineers for \$500 each.

C. ASRF

\$100 towards Afrikan Student Union

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. A RESOLUTION URGING THE SPEEDY PASSAGE OF FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN LEGISLATION

-Cocroft asks if we can clarify to address action items on the agenda. When an action item comes out, the call to question limits the debate instead of if the chair doesn't come to vote then someone can call to question and let the debate call the question and if it didn't see the debate was finishing it out then call the question

-Rosen states Cocroft's presenting Robin Rules to know if we're deciding on the resolution itself so I appreciate your call for question I think it would be a great practice to start initiating

-Helder asks point of inquiry the motion on the action item would be a motion to debate? Its seconded its voted on and calls to question?

-Cocroft states I would move to approve the resolution and then we start to debate the resolution. The amendments would have precedent and then we would debate that. Then the president would say oaky hers the vote and make the motion up front so its clear what we're debating.

-Rosen states would someone like to make that motion

- Cocroft moves to approve A Resolution Urging the Speedy Passage of Federal Student Loan Legislation. Rafalian seconds.
- Cocroft states now we debate the motion.
- Helder states we could clarify the reasoning's behind each of our edits other than the grammatical self-evident
- Rosen states because it's the resolution proposed lets read it as is and then after
A RESOLUTION URGING THE SPEEDY PASSAGE OF FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN

LEGISLATION

Zachary A Helder, External Vice President

Trent Kajikawa, Academic Affairs Commissioner

Anaïs Leontine Amin, General Representative (3)

WHEREAS, 71% of American bachelor's degree recipients will graduate with a student

loan¹; and

WHEREAS, 40 million students and former students owe \$1.2 trillion in federal loans, private loans notwithstanding²; and

WHEREAS, Noting even the expansive federal debt portfolio, student borrowers are limited to a mere 31,000 aggregate federal loan, with a fixed interest rate and public oversight³; and

WHEREAS, The estimated annual cost for California residents to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, is between \$25,138 and \$33,8984; and

WHEREAS, It therefore logically follows that many UCLA student borrowers must also turn to private, variable interest rate loans administered by banks to finance their education; and

WHEREAS, loans of the kind noted above are contingent on interest rates subject to

literally countless unwieldy and unpredictable market forces, such that student borrowers are subject to increased risk of default, and are less prepared to adequately formulate a reliable loan repayment plan; and

WHEREAS, official data strongly suggests that, contrastingly, student borrowers with federal student loan debt are very likely to repay and be able to repay that debt if they graduate with a degree (and subsequently bear an increased measure of employability and income)⁵; and

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3 <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized#how-much>

4 <https://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/budget.htm>

5 [http://www.brookings.edu/about/projects/bpea/papers/2015/looney-yannelis-](http://www.brookings.edu/about/projects/bpea/papers/2015/looney-yannelis-student-loan-defaults)
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Loan sunset, notwithstanding additional private or scholarship grant money they may acquire, must fill their budgetary gap with private, variable rate bank loans of the kind and consequence described above, suddenly and alarmingly increasing their risk of default; and

WHEREAS, in all of the instances of default described above, a student cannot actually discharge their debt, but rather must live in perpetual default, on account of current jurisprudence with respect to 11 U.S. Code § 523 (a) (8), which codifies that a student cannot file bankruptcy without proving that their debt imposes an “undue hardship” on the buyer⁷; and

WHEREAS, the sum of all of these, and other factors, has united the higher education community in agreement that current state of student aid policy with respect to student loan debt is a matter of national urgency, and national concern,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USAC calls on the federal government to

reconsider aid policy with the same urgency and bipartisanship expressed by the nation

it represents; and

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6 <http://www.acainternational.org/governmentmarket-longest-standing-federal-student->

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LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USAC dedicate resources and energy to realizing the passage of these bills, as well as the speedy replacement or renewal of the Perkins Loan

Program, and advocate on its students' behalf to the federal government, such that it secures a safer, more affordable future for the UCLA students of the present and future.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that USAC urges students' associations across the nation to do the same.

-Rosen states the red markings are corrections and are there any objections. We can point them page by page if people are interested.

-Rosen asks Geller if it states Undergraduates Student Association Council if it says USAC after

-Geller states yes

-Heller states S.793 Warren has introduced two identical bills, one in the 2014 session and one in 2015 session. I mistakenly put in the 2014 instead of 2015 which resolves discrepancy.

-Cocroft asks why did we drop the article for "the USAC"

-Amin states yes she's in favor

-Geller states the first time you mention USAC you should specify UCLA. The other question is that there are few places where you talk about students that cant declare

bankruptcy or discharge loan debt. Are you wanting legislation to allow someone to declare who is still a student or someone who was once a student. There's some prohibition from students who was student rather than the discharge of student loan debt.

-Helder stated it's a student borrower issue. I'm willing to clarify that the figures we cite are in reference to student loans.

-Geller that implies that once there no longer a student they cant apply. You are saying people who aren't students later on life, so that's the disconnect

-Starr states former individuals

-Cocroft says the student cant declare bankruptcy in the whereas before that

-Helder suggests "student loan borrower"

-Rosen asks for a more contextual background for time urgency

-Helder states me and my office went to Washington DC in September and obviously student loan debt is always a timely issue but its also worth noting some figures.

The 1.1 trillion is important for the economic bubble similar to housing crisis.

What's most sensitive is the Perkins Loans issue. We didn't see Perkins loan sunset coming because the House of Representatives, easily the most disorganized

committee, speedily passed the Perkins Loan. There's no possible chance that the senate cant pass it and we have these bipartisan statements. Senator Lamar

Alexander says not today and Rom Johnson from the financial aid office who is

shocked who states that they couldn't pick up their Perkins loan check if they didn't pick it up by October 1st. This is why my office is making 2 maybe 3 trips to press on

the issue. The time sensitivity of it who have students that out of nowhere cannot pay for school unless we quickly cannot find a way. As a topic student loan is very

important and the Perkins Loan makes it critical and makes it one that we would all do well to find a way to participate in to require Lamar Alexander that they feel just

as urgently on this issue for students who are trying to budget. To whatever extent you can, we should all be together on this.

-Rosen states "that these factors has united" they should delete the commas

-Kajikawa states he co-signed because of the economic background. Economists are pegging student loan debt as the next big bubble and we will go through another

recession. Its important because there are no solutions at this moment in regards to this exponentially growing bubble that no one has addressed at all. I honestly

believe that this will be something that'll come forth in the national years within the next 5-10 years.

-Hourdequin asks how it'll help his advocacy efforts

-Helder states Scott Peters who represents UCSD actually requests that we pass a resolution and leverage that as press to show other members that its something

we're serious about. A resolution is codified unavoidable way and we can point to this when we're talking to members to say our council got together as

representatives of student body of UCLA to officially pass a resolution in support.

-Rosen states for future references please have the final but since its time sensitive we ended up editing it.

-Rosen calls to question.

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X. Announcements

-Rafalian stated he spoke with a woman from Vice Chancellor and got in contact and how they're doing a grand challenge of trying to end depression by the end of the century. Its called blue for hope and on Thursday during the football game they're going to paint people blue and take pictures and right a happy story to change the association of blue.

-Lauren states last week we had our first mental health townhall and thanks Khan for bringing her office. We had over 100 people there and 10 mental health organizations and the director of CAPS and discussion of mental health on our campus and how we can work on it. We would love for all of you to come and be represented. We are working with CSC for their food sustainability week on week 7 and meeting with the Facing Project. ActiveMinds has an event next Tuesday of a film called pleaselikeme and the TV cast will be there on Tuesday from 6-8. Tumblr will be there and there will be a screening on the Hunting Grounds and a self empowerment workshop as part of campus safety week. Also you might have heard of the cool campus challenge as UCWIDE 2020 challenge to make it carbon neutral and competition between schools and move up the ranks. If we get 1st place we get prizes and glory and pride.

-Mossler states tomorrow we are doing a presentation from Pixar Character developer Matt Nolte for Brave, Dinosaurs, and Ratatouille. It sold out within 17 seconds but tonight at midnight we are opening up a second presentation. Thursday Trails and Ways are going to be there Thursday and they sing in 3 different languages.

-Cocroft states facilities commission is going to participate for change of the course and focused on getting people to participate. The change of course texting campaign will be during rivalry week and competing with USC. Every text buys sponsorships and puts 1000 gallons back in the Colorado river. I was appointed last Wednesday to the Westwood neighborhood council. If you have concerns about our community or input about community to businesses in Westwood to bike lanes get in touch with me the second Wednesday of ever month. Its usually at the presbyterianian church and if you want to reach out and have the neighborhood hear your voice.

-Wong states FiComm is hosting the All USAC funding in Ackerman 3517 Friday 2:30-3:30. Thank you for all presenting on respective funding source, you're still invited. There will be free pizza and learn about funding and req forms. Also we just launched our Facebook page and FiComm has never had any social media coverage and wanted to get this started in Fall and social media is a good platform to educate signatories on funding workshops and deadlines.

-Khan states on behalf of SSA, I posted a link on my Facebook and it's the first step to becoming aware is educating yourself on the issue. Especially because India isn't covering it and nor is Indian American. SSA is really hoping to get admin involved they don't want to just spread awareness, but also produce action. This is the first time they're doing an action especially because its so traumatic and it's a repetition of history what happened in 1984. Its extremely unfortunate for it to happen to hire grandparents, parents, and this generation. Week 7 we're doing a campus engagement mixer and reaching out to all the orgs and gave the directors my emails and this is a mentorship program. This is based on community involvement and academic success so they don't feel lost.

-Siegel stated next Thursday October 28 the next republican presidential debate and genrep1 will be with bruin republicans and the next democratic debate we will partner with Bruin Republicans to encourage students to become engaged.

-Hourdequin passes out emergency assistance posters and I will pass them out to put in your office and also put them in your apartment buildings.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Khan seconds.

10-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:31pm.

XII. Good and Welfare