UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
November 10, 2015
7:00 PM

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

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
-Hourdequin strikes IVP officer report
-Chen strikes SWC officer report and SWC funding
-Kajikawa moves to table Faculty Executive Committee appointments
-Helder strikes EVP travel and advocacy grant
-Kajikawa strikes AAC Officer Report and ARC
-Helder moves to approve the agenda as amended.
11-1-0 the agenda has been approved as amended.

B. Approval of the Minutes from November 3, 2015
-Kajikikawa moves to approve the minutes. Shao seconds.
13-0-0 the minutes have been approved.

III. Public Comments

IV. Special Presentations
A. An Introduction to Daily Bruin
-Hoff introduces himself as the editor for the Daily Bruin and wanted to reach out and answer questions of the past year and hash out some policies. My presentation is purposefully short and answer any questions. We’re all under the same Associated Students Umbrella.
-Hoff states since 1919 we've been UCLA’s go to source of local and campus news, covering la, UCLA’s administration, entertainment, sports and student life. it’s a boot camp for journalists and storytellers and photographers. we have four sections: news, opinion, A&E, and sports. We’ve been around since 1919 and have been publishing 5 times a week in 1925. We are the third largest daily paper in Los Angeles and distribute 9000 numbers distributed across campus each day of the
school year. We have 4.2 million annual page views on dailybruin.com. There are 400 on daily bruin staff. We have a large staff hierarchy so basically the main structure is top editors in charge of the department and assistant editors and writers and interpreters and photographers. Basically the effort to put together an effort starts several weeks before hand. Every story is slightly different. This is the broad interview. For example we put a story 7-10 days before print, and finish writing it 2 days before the paper goes to print. As the day before it goes to print and goes through edits and gets placed on the paper and gets sent to the printer in Cerritos and by 8 am its distributed across UCLA.

-Reporters will typically try to reach out over email for stories running in a week, or will call if the story is more urgent. Please try to respond as quickly as possible as it helps both us and you. Meeting with reporters in person is ideal, talking over the phone is incredibly helpful. Reporters will often reach out over email, but interviewers will take place over the phone or in person. Often reporters will reach out to council members first, but you can them to staff members who also know. Nick Yu is the assistant news editor and is your point person for student government and our news editor is Angie Wang. News reporters typically cover trends in student government, large new initiatives, and events of broad interest to the campus. Sometimes we cover for very large events.

-The opinion editor is Ryan Nelson and the assistant opinion editors Liberty Feliciano and Ara Shirinian and they will identify themselves as opinion columnists. Columnists will call you and identify themselves as a part of the opinion section. They typically write about UCLA- specific issues.

-The letters to the editor accept 250 word letters to the editor in response to a daily bruin column or submission, or 500 word submissions from the UCLA community. These run in the Opinion pages. Reach out to Ryan, Ara, or Liberty or go to dailybruin.com/submit.

-For arts and entertainment the editor is Gail Acosta. The TFT editor Will Thorne and Music and Arts editor Lindsay Weinberg. The A&E department often covers USAC hosted events such as film screenings and concerts. The editors will try to reach out as soon as possible to discuss access and photography opinions.

-For photographers the photo editor is Daniel Alcazar. For many stories, both feature articles and stories covering events held by student government, there may be a photo component. Photographers are assigned to stories a day or two before the event, based on the availability of the source.

-The headlines in print and online are under the copy chief Namrata Kakade. The copy editing staff fact checks and edits stories for clarity and style. They're also responsible for headlines in news articles and opinion pieces.

-Corrections are run both in print and online. Reach out to the writer and their editor if you think something may warrant a correction. We correct for factual mistakes in the story. The sooner you can return, the better.

-Amin asks for an email of everyone's contact info

-Hoff says they're online for staff

-Dameron extends time to 15 minutes. Mossler seconds.

12-1-0 extend by 15 minutes.
Hoff states you shouldn’t be getting called at 11pm. We typically try to have them reach out over email and if it’s more urgent and you can call back that’s ideal. They should be reaching out over email if there’s plenty of time.

Hourdequin states that’s great and I feel like I’m put in a position at the whim of Daily Bruin always on call. I’m more than happy to talk about anything in my office but email me first just because its disinvasive.

Chen asks about protocol within the office. Many times these people are facing different types of requests that aren’t public. I don’t know how they’re being contacted but there’s public information on SWC and I think it would be best for the daily bruin to contact any committees besides myself through those publicly listed information through non public and I was wondering what’s the stance on that.

Hoff asks for clarification

Chen states Facebook messages or texts

Hoff states they ask best practice is email or phone unless they’re not getting a response for several days and however best as they can. We ask email over phone

Chen states to go off of that but regarding public information only the emails are public for the committees like phone numbers are not public information

Hoff states they should be reaching out over email first but we do ask as best possible please do respond over phone. We shouldn’t be calling late at night.

Shao asks what’s is the daily bruin’s policy for transparency of reporters. There were instances they’ll contact me and say so-so said this and if I try to validate it and it wasn’t truthful and quoting false fact to get more information. For me that’s a bit disrespectful, I always take phone calls at 12 am and I do care about the work. I think that one instance severed my relationship with the Daily Bruin because there was not transparency and I can always go back and validated and I realized it was falsified information to get back on me.

Hoff states its disconcerting and that shouldn’t be happening please email me any information

Shao asks about the transparency, not anything against you

Hoff states its hard to answer over this particular instant but it should be saying for a certain sentiment and if they misrepresented that shouldn’t be happening.

Kajikawa asks about the formal orientation and training, and is there any diversity training are you continuing with that

Hoff states after the reporters are accepted go through 4 weeks of 8 hour training from a Pulitzer prize award winning trainer. They go through a 3 hour ethics and media law training by John Enshil who is the head attorney of CBS and CBS news and goes through media law. After that we have ongoing trainings about journalistic style and ethics. We do additional trainings throughout the year like sexual harassment training and last year we did a diversity and sensitivity training which we’ll probably be bringing back.
- Mossler states we spoke earlier about different problems that occurred between summer and bruin bash coverage and how you worked with your staff to rectify fact checking and inappropriate coverage. You said you were going to take steps and want to know what steps you’re taken for fact checking. There’s a lot of reporters who weren’t sensitive to bruin bash and coming to us before you write opinion pieces but a lot of us haven’t received that courtesy.

- Hoff states in terms of fact checking typically our stories after they’re written they’re sent to the reporter and goes through 3 rounds of copy editing. In summer stories only went through 2 rounds but now we have more people on board and have an additional layer of security in terms of fact checking which dramatically decreases the number of inaccuracies. You asked about opinion columnists, I spoke to our opinion editor about specific complaints or an individual member they should reach out to you.

- Mossler states there’s slightly inappropriate coverage on Daily Bruin and I can go into specifics. In the opinion pieces that you did reach out and I didn’t answer and that wasn’t true, is that just a result for fact checking?

- Hoff states in terms of opinion pieces we talked about the specifics and spoken at length with our opinion editor and copy desk and I don’t anticipate any problems moving forward with coverage.

- Mossler states the inappropriate coverage of the movement of silence and did say it was a highly inappropriate thing and want to talk about dehumanizing pieces about groups of students.

- Hoff states there’s training dates on Friday and reporters are thinking more about tone and day time posts after an event typically reporters feel like they’re in a time crunch and its better to have an accurate and fair story than an immediate firm. We’re working to change our culture not just immediately, we get smart and well written sensible stories.

- Rosen asks how long has the opinion policy to contact the person who has an opinion person

- Hoff states there’s no official policy I just want to implement that

- Dameron asks what system do you have in place to determine what pieces you write

- Hoff states that’s up to the discretions of the editors. Generally the considerations that you have is news worthiness whether its something that’s interesting, timeliness story that is relevant to a story and the question that I ask a lot is why should it be in Wednesday paper. We ask about if there are changes and dozens of hundreds event at UCLA. In terms of covering certain events we want to see if its different from last year or if its changing or should we anticipate hundred and thousands of people at the event. Sometimes its just the timing its more difficult because the paper but if its something in particular interest we will find ways to make it work.

- Dameron states if you have instances start interviewing and decide its going to be published and then cut the article and be too PR-y and admitting to the fact that its completely subjective how are we being ensured that the events and instances is being communicated to the office and be transparent for the daily bruin when we are transparent.
- Hoff states often times reporters will reach out and shouldn’t be making promises in terms of coverage and there’s only so much space and we’ve been writing a series of undocumented students that we have to be especially judicious in what’s going to be cut. Reporters will reach out to the community and maybe it will turn into a story and maybe it won’t. We need to do a lot more listening. We are doing our best to cover things.
- Geller states questions on when and how reach out. Are there specific hours that are the standards of when reporters to reach out. The campus information for directory and its highly inappropriate for those to not use phone or email to use a personal network to get private phone numbers or third party emails. The third is that if reporters have time will reach out first by emails, can you comment on what your practices are when someone is unable to spend time for an interview but could respond by email.
- Hoff states its up to the individuals that if it’s a professional the business hours of 9am-5pm because that’s office hours. Ideally for students its 11am-6:30pm when most students are up and about. If there’s breaking news a reporter will reach out. The directory and published information they shouldn’t be reaching out of social networks.
- Geller states its like friends knowing friends and asking for a circle
- Hoff states you shared phone numbers with daily bruin during election process and you shouldn’t be reached out by other numbers. We also ask that some people text but that’s only if they have a developed repertoire but let me know if that’s okay.
- Khan moves to extend time by 5 minutes. Kajikawa seconds.
- 10-3-0 time has been extended by 5 minutes.
- Khan was wondering the procedure about contacting alumni because I’ve had alumni contact them about daily bruin asking questions about my programming. I understand once a council member always a council member, I don’t think they should be contacted.
- Hoff states I don’t understand why that would be the case but maybe they thought it was the current council member and I’m just expressing the frustration with alumni
- Chen asks how do they determine that’s sensitive and confidential that should be discussed at an event, but if there’s not discrete consent via public media, what’s the basis of determining that? There has been certain instances that especially in work for the commission there’s very sensitive topics that should no way be subject by mistreatment.
- Hoff states the best way is have reporters try one on one and even if its public events the best approach to have the reporter go up instead of recording what the speaker says instead of assuming
- Chen states how do they judge information even if its not brought up in one on one how do you make sure its sensitive
- Hoff states there’s a number of things we can do, we try to have our seasoned reporters cover those events and do them justice. Its important that we go above and beyond to try and understand it’s a sensitive topic and work with the relevant sources. That goes through the editor to and see if that’s okay
- Hourdequin moves to extend time by 5 minutes. Dameron seconds.
10-3-0 its extended.
-Hourdequin asks what is the procedure that is run in the daily bruin isn’t impacting the safety of people involved in those stories and would it be similar to the same issues of sensitive nature
-Hoff states we want to protect the safety and the respect that goes with it
-Hourdequin states it’s a violation of safety if our names are out there and the killers are still on the loose
-Hoff states there’s a constant balance of breaking news and the campus community wants to know but we also want to make sure we don’t breach lines and maintain safety. We don’t want reporters to give you endless phone calls especially if you’ve given a response that you didn’t want to comment they should stop after that.
-Hourdequin asks when we release our phone numbers is that just for elections or was it specified for the entire year
-Hoff states they didn’t specify for elections and the more responsive you can be the better you can be.
-Hoff states his phone number is 631-626-6847 and feel free to email him. All of our editors information is at dailybruin.com/staff

V. Appointments
A.CS – Mini Fund: Angelica Molino
-Hourdequin states 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 states she received a 3-0-0 vote and has a lot of knowledge about the projects and is part of a project and has a lot of financial information and passion.
-Molino introduces herself as a third year biology major and is running to be part of CS Mini fund. I’m part of the Latin Student Health Project and projects do a great thing in going to underserved communities and want to help the projects to continue these services because its beneficial.
-Dameron asks what his definition of fair funding is
-Molino states it depends on how much you have to allocate and what they mention in the application if they are doing it properly
-Wong asks how they plan to make students aware of the CS Mini fund
-Molino states I applied through CPO and in order to do a CPO there’s meetings week 3, 6, 9 and I plan to mention those there
-Wong asks how familiar are there with applications and funding
-Molino says she did it twice already and I’m fairly familiar and if I get in the position then I can become even more familiar
-Khan asks what’s your definition of equity among student orgs.
- Molino states it has to do with the student orgs saying what they will do and when you go to site you have contact doing your evaluation to see if they are running and referring back to them to see if they follow through.
- Molino thanks everyone and hopes that the projects are going to be benefitting from these services because its very useful to them.
- Cocroft moves to approve Angelica Molino. Dameron seconds.
- Dameron states shes incredibly qualified from a CPO and would be a great asset and great funding knowledge.
- Khan agrees because she does understand what a student org to have a successful programming and projects and the fact that shes involved in other organizations and under presented and thinks shes a great fit.
- 13-0-0 Angelica Molino has been approved for CS Mini Fund

B. Campus Retention Committee: Renatta de la Torres
- Chen states its basically working for retention efforts in context of CPO office in regards to health and wellness, its always an integral part of any retention efforts and topics including various reasons such as health for dropping out
- Hourdequin states this was a consent item and didn’t have an ARC interview and received a 2-0-1 vote of no recommendation to Campus Retention Committee.
- Chen would like to schedule an appointment for in person interview
- Hourdequin states she doesn’t have to have an in person interview and its not in the bylaws and 2-0-1 means 1 abstained.
- Kajikawa asks what are the notes
- Hourdequin says there’s no notes on the applicant
- Kajikawa states we look at her application
- Chen states I sat in on the meetings over summer and sat in regards to mental health and talked extensively to Renatta and fully on board and fully capable and taking initiatives about CRC. I really wanted to ensure you all that I have full faith and is more qualified than I am and has experience in CPO space and understands what retention efforts truly are. I really want to ensure that this is a good appointment and is very fit with the job. I talked with other CRC members and thankful shes on board and Im on board. Chen states its basically on the resume and I don’t believe an application was forwarded and I’m assuming that the vote was based on a resume which has no mention of CRC so I would like to recommend her for this appointment. Thank you.
- Rosen states as a consent item, Renatta de la Torres is approved for Campus Retention Committee.

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen
- Rosen states she presented at Graduate Student Association Forum. It was great to see there forum and its big and has food. I know the GSA wants to make a presentation. I’ve had a meeting with the Senior Giving Fund and we were talking about some potential opportunities. One thing we brought up was giving back to student groups considering funding was cut so much. Thank you for everyone who
was able to come to diversity caucus and I was there for the first hour. It was a really great first and vice Chancellor Jerry Kwang and good step in the right direction and will be working in the diversity caucus and will be focusing more on how we can interact with graduate student. I had a one hour meeting with Chancellor Block and GSA president and about housing affordability and more funding for graduate students and presidential campaigns and middle income scholarship and we have a lot to talk about scholarships for the foundation and look forward to it. Helder an dl are going to DC tomorrow.
-Shao asks if you brought out what happens on campus since he hasn’t
- Rosen states she brought it up especially the morally inconsistency. There’s an incident where he responds the next day and then two weeks later. I brought it up in relation to UC statements of intolerance and recognized there is an issue. Janina Montero was also present in regards to campus climate and its definitely something they had a conversation about. I vocalized the concern so hopefully there will be advancements.
-Shao states the only reason I ask the question was because ASU demands haven’t been met thus far
- Rosen states from what I’ve heard there was an email response to the list of requests
- Khan states there has been an administrative response and no administrative action. It goes much farther than an email a lot of students are denied the attention and we should start to hold administraturs accountable and we aren’t looking for PR we are looking for change.

B. External Vice President – Helder
-Helder states we are going to Washington DC about the student debt resolution that you all unanimously passed and reenacting the Perkins Loan. Its $1202 for 400 students disappeared over night on October 1st and have to talk about the congress. We will be priming some offices for mental health advocacy for push kicking off in January and talk about what’s feasible and collaborate on legislation we can write. The legislation doesn’t yet exist so its going to happen in January. There is an act of Congress which is the safe campus act and the most concerning component is that it would prohibit colleges an universities until the victim reports the crime to the police. Obviously that’s a problem. There’s a similar bill that came up on state last year that Badalich struck down so I’m hoping to lean on her talking points. That would be a significant loss for sexual assault survivors if they were pressured to not take advantage of campus resources unless they put it in hands of criminal justice system. We don’t want to take their rights away form them. The Student of Color Conference was this weekend and I’m proud of the work Maria Martinez did for our biggest presence. I’ve had meetings finalized for Richard Bloom and Ben Allen And Sebastian Thomas. We followed up with Nelson Peacock and President Napolitano for congress and coordinating. I also got news yesterday that the university has announced a plan to enroll 10,000 new students and it seems as planned we are raising the enrollment by 5,000 which we have problems and $25 million is half of what we need. Over the next it seems like we received additional pressure, what
that means it's on us to bring it to the legislators' attention that this does not work. Mental health services are already at capacity. We need funding to maintain the quality and prestige of the university. There are big alarms for us and the biggest issue is this enrollment issue. Hopefully we can all pool together our resources so we don't go to subpar instead of the best in the world. Helder states they're meeting with Darren Ilis, Senator McCowskall, and Mark Kerk.

- Chen states he's glad to see progress being made and I would love to get in touch with you about it
- Helder states he will definitely connect

E. Community Service Commissioner - Zach Dameron
- Dameron states over 300 people volunteered for Day of Service and all of the volunteers get there and had a lot of students stay and have lunch and see performances. Now CSC has Everybody Eats week. We had a food fair in Bruin Plaza about food sustainability and tomorrow we're having a volunteer event with FarmLA with 30 people and a bunch of people who wanted to sign up earlier and directing them with other opportunities. On Thursday we have sustainable food options panel and we will have food experts and discuss environmental issues. On Friday in Kerckhoff plaza we have food health and brought up an interesting point and now we're addressing “does everybody eat?” so now we're talking about eating disorders. This is an avenue to use these panels and workshops and get some input form the student body.
- Khan states for the eating disorder workshop, there’s this amazing psychology professor Denise Shivera and I can send you her contact info and it would be a great resource.

F. Administrative Representatives
- Starr states just an observation to ask him questions were very specific instances and having a conversation with someone really carries a lot of weight and its important to remember that you are all students and if there are things that offend you or upset you I would very much so recommend having a conversation in person and hash out where he's not on the platform a group on a very specific issue and don't have the opportunity the much more specific questions and this is one small instance of many that will occur as your role as student government official. To keep in mind how your opinion differs there's always value of having a conversation.

VII. Fund Allocations
A. Contingency Programming
- 27 groups applied. $83,501.97 required. $21,094.34 requested. $6,166 recommended. If allocations approved $44,818 left in contingency.
- Helder moves to approve $6,166. Helder seconds.
12-0-1 contingency is approved.

B. ASRF
- 2,000
$1,300 and understanding the room reservations for the symposium that they want to schedule.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements
-Khan states “all abord the mentorship dinner” to emphasize the importance of community involvement and the dinner itself and this is a unique space for a mentor that isn’t already in the interest and next week we have a coprogram with Dashew Center and have an international students forum and let me know if you want to be involved. They have a lot of great workshops and have problems with attendance and hold this forum with international students and when we had breakfast with the chancellor it was obvious that international students weren’t his priority. UCLA is making a profit. Week 9, November 23rd we’re having our first night market and if there’s any org that we haven’t outreached it and need to know by tomorrow if people are participating to sign the health forms. There’s a chai talks happening right now and its about spirituality and identity about south Asian communities.
-Chen asks regarding with Dashew Center programming do you know if it changed
-Khan sys he’ll update information
-Siegel states in terms of night markets have you reached out to like students in the Jewish communities and they would be down
-Khan states she literally just emailed them because they have their meetings now
-Amin states we have a motivational chalk board wall and all UCLA students as someone who they’ve motivated and goodie bags. We’re going to squeeze in an art event and beginning first 2 weeks of winter quarter we are going to have bear necessities. Unfortunately I keep outreaching to GSA but no response but outreaching to other graduate student orgs. We are till on board for our social justice photo campaigns and if you have any one in mind please let me know. We are going to have transfer students as well.
-Rosen states if you need a connecting to GSA I can try to get them to respond
-Kajikawa states I’ve had the opportunity to meet with Academic Affairs with GSA version and I can see something a long the lines
-Cocroft states he met with transportation advisory board and its heads of all the different transportation and some faculty and staff and reduce the demand of parking. Over the past 25 years they cut the demand of parking by 2500 spots but in 2001-2002 they changed the policy. Back then 1 in 6 hill residents parked in campus but now its 1 in 56. Now they are doing a pay by plate and pay through an app and online which would be awesome. I sit on the John Wooden Board of Governors and meet every second Thursday at 7:30AM and if anyone ahs concern please let me know. A lot of change does come out that. Another is green week in winter quarter
and by law change that will come up with a vote next week. CRC voted on Monday and sent copy of that proposed language.

-Chen states next week is SWC’s general meeting with every member of SWC and everyone else so feel free to come out to that next Tuesday. I wanted to touch a little bit more about how SWC is involved with CSC and honored to participate with Active Minds and they’re going to be hosting a program called freEDom about a mindful eating program and partnering with all of us campaign and we’re really excited. I have some resources and want to pass out these post cards about the hotline of rape and abuse and incest national network. It’s the largest anti sexual violence and please distribute it accordingly. The numbers programmed In circle of 6. One in Spanish and one in English

-Kajikawa states first academic appointment townhall will be scheduled for Wednesday November 18 in Ackerman 3517 as an opportunity for all students to talk to undergrad reps and talk to them about issues in regards to academic issues and feel free to come to townhall. I was invited to sit on the standing committee for online learning and essentially for budget cuts and lack of funding, they’re doing an intense analysis of how effective online courses are. Please email me your interactions and any feedback you may have.

-Rafalian states we have a show me the ropes dinner of mentor and mentee pairs and my office is promoting the CPO tailgate and trying to get a cool group of cool transfers to go.

-Mossler states there’s 5 events this week. The first one happened tonight with ActiveMinds and over 200 people showed up to InsideOut screening. Tomorrow they’re having a concert with Cherub and Louis the Child, tickets are sold out but there’s a stand by line. Tomorrow Eva B Ross and Apollo Soul and later that night we’re having a sneak screening of The Night Before. We have a YouTube Panel and Gigi Gorgeous, Casey Ho, and Bart Kwong

-Helder states some major American health organizations have signed on to doing a bruin defenders internship like American cancer society who want UCLA students with these health organization to connect students and help them make a difference on things they care about. Once these applications are finalized we want someone who has a personal connection with the disease and someone who can speak well and advocate so be on the look out for that.

-Siegel states today at our general office meeting we had a cool presentation from staff on AllOfUs and we’re really trying to think of a creative way to integrate genrep1 and all of us to put on a cool program to bring out conversations. In addition, a week from Saturday on November 21st I can officially announce the Bruin Viewing Party at Sunset Rec at amphitheater and we’re really excited to partner with ASUCLA a corporate sponsor Target and UCLA Athletic department and IMG is a joint venture between all 3. I’m going to have a lot more information

-Mata stated Thursday November 19 there’ll be a faculty dinner dialogue on hate speech and freedom of speech.

-Hourdequin states today was the release of the first herstory, the director of the vagina monologues and she’s such a badass. Also the prevote event for ASUCLA t-shirt design contest would be this Thursday. I would say the quality of the designs
submitted has drastically improved. Put a sticker on your favorite design and get free popcorn.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

XII. Adjournment
Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Kajikawa seconds.
13-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:35pm.

XII. Good and Welfare