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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Covel Commons Westside Room

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8:20 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:

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 8:20pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Chao moves to strike ARC fund

-Chen strikes SWC Fund and SWC Officer Report

-Rosen states Bob Michaels may be stopping in for special presentation so we may near to amend the bylaws later on

-Hourdequin moves to table Surplus action to next week

-Hourdequin moves to approve the agenda as amended. Kajikawa seconds.

10-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended

B. Approval of the Minutes from January 12, 2015

-Kajikawa moves to approve the minutes. Rafalian seconds.

10-0-1 the minutes have been approved.

III. Public Comments

-Ronald Arweho is an alumnus and hello again to ex officios and elective. I was the FiComm chair for 2 quarters from 2011-2012. I would just like to talk about and I really love USAC I was in student government as treasurer in graduate school and I'm in the public sector. Over the past 3 or 4 years I have a few pictures of my family and friends and finance committee. When I read the daily bruin I was dismayed that 20% of your representatives resigned and the new yorks times all of the divisiveness that happened. When my coworkers showed it to me and I couldn't say anything and wasn't here and I told them a couple stories within my computer. Three former USAC officers embody the unity of USAC and keep that in part during slate time and election. Former President Jasmine Hill when I was appointed by her make sure you're fair and judicious with your funding. Fortunately and unfortunately you're the only face of USAC student groups see and do it in the best interest of student groups and the finances of USAC. I just hope that everyone embodies USAC in the future.

IV. Special Presentations

A. OCHC

-Justin Jackson is this year's Internal Vice President for On Campus Housing Council. I came onto IVP for OCHC fall quarter. My goal is to be at USAC meetings week 3, week 6, and week 9. First and foremost I want to extend the opportunities to coprogram with OCHC because a lot of the issues that USAC has are relevant to the hill and I can give you all my contact information. I want to open up all resources to make sure your resources and policies are implemented on the hill.

-Mossler asks if he'd be the best person to contact for coprogramming OCHC

-Jackson states he would be the first contact and I would liaison you in any type of locations instead of going through it by yourself. We would rather you just go through us because we like the leadership

-Khan asks the best contact information

-Jacksons states he'll email it to Hourdequin

-Rosen asks for the composition of government for OCHC

-Jackson states there's 24 members on the board, 15 external vice presidents representatives of each community on the hill and when we have funding proposals we have representatives.

B. Surplus

-Wong states surplus is unspent and restricted other income from prior fiscal year. In other words that have originated from prior years that is able to be reallocated or redistributed. Its normal because its volatile. Its volatile because it's a results of thousands transactions through the USA system and it is also volatile because it depends how efficiently student groups and council uses it. Not every single dollar is necessarily spent by the end of the requisition deadline. There may be extra money that isn't spent or needs to be allocated. It also is a result of extraordinary gains and loses. Last year there was a larger loss than usual. Surplus typically fluctuates greatly from year to year. Most importantly, student groups should not rely on surplus as reliable source. As you can see the fiscal year of 2011-2012 was a lot later. The \$318,387 is total surplus and \$282,231 is restricted surplus. Restricted means that extra money form certain funding sources like scholarships and grants will carry over to this fiscal year but will stay in that respective fund. A good example is the Board of Directors fund and it has to go back into BOD to protect that money so it cant be spent by student groups in general. That leaves us with \$36,156 for surplus. Its really important because of this low number that we find the best ways to allocate this money and impact student groups most positively. There are a few uses of surpluses and historically its gone to Board of Directors or capital contingency that relies solely on surplus and it can go to contingency programming fund. Historically it has been used for council initiatives such as Jazz Reggae, Students of Color Conference, Bruin Bash, or EAF. It can go to the USAC endowment. The higher surplus allocations to council initiatives the less funding for student organizations. In effect everyone uses it for programming sometimes it goes to initiatives or large program funds. The USAC Endowment was established 3 years to mitigate the volatility from year to year. The surplus is not controllable by this years

council. The second is to generate rate of interest of 5% to be able to have a more stable funding source.

-Rosen states for funding for student groups and the amount of funding has decreased by 30% and the number of student groups has increased by 25%. There's 1,117 student groups and so much diversity and so many interests and many of the funds accessible to student groups are not indexed to inflation. ASUCLA has been struggling financially in recent years. The value adjusted for inflation and you can kind of see the number and the index of inflation. A lot of our fees have been created 10 years ago and its not tied to inflation. The problem with inflation is it decreases purchasing power. Our membership fees are significantly lower. UCSB has a significant membership fee. If adjusted to inflation, each student would need to pay an extra \$60. An extra \$1 million would be generated. Surplus is not a reliable funding source. The surplus we will be approving is basically left of funds from last years council. What we approve will have consequences on next years council. We need more sustainable funding. We talked about a referendum before. Basically we are operating at \$850,000 as opposed to the \$1.8 million dollars. I sent out the actual excel document and the daily bruin. With that we are going to vote next week feel free to ask.

-Hourdequin asks sponsorship money that hasn't been used which surplus would it fall into

-Champawat states restricted surplus

-Siegel asks how we vote on surplus

-Rosen states its an action item and if anyone wants to apply for initiatives and we can determine how much money we put to contingency or BOD or endowment

-Wong states that for council initiatives you all have access to discretionary. There's \$14,000 left over by the \$15,000 we have in the beginning and no one should touch that.

-Helder asks is the timing of the presentation arbitrary or are we allocating on a calendar

-Champawat states fiscal year runs through July 21st and we have to go through the full audit system and we just closed are audit.

-Rosen states the reason we are doing the presentation is to choose it before the deadline on February 26th. I tabled the vote to next week to make sure you can see it next week.

-Kajikawa asks if you can go back to the slide of historical trend. Kajikawa states in 2010/2011 we had \$502,495 and we see a sudden decrease.

-Champawat states the year 2010/2011 was a landmark year in which the bruin has come to the conclusion there was a large level of surplus. The implication of that was that essentially the body had not been that effective in making use of the resources that the body had that year to use. Essentially it came across as an indictment if the system has been reviewed enough. When that happened the body went back to work on that. In contingency it was changed to allow food and t-shirts allowed and some structural changes were made to be more effective. The next year after that it dropped precipitously leading the community to be jolted so the funds were lower and then people were cautious and then going back up. In truth enough changes were made and the course could have been stayed so that's the journey.

-Dameron moves to extend question by 5 minutes. Mossler seconds.

12-0-0 questions are extended.

-Geller states the funds that were allocated through contingency weren't used and were put back into the pool and reallocated later into the year as a key contributing factor. They were allocated once and that money was considered spent but a large amount of it wasn't spend as the finance commission become more aware and intentional and set deadlines and bring it back and reallocate many more student allocations benefit from it there's much less that's left over from the following year. Its really just the surplus from spring activities.

-Mossler asks what unanticipated expenses come from

-Champawat states the largest element of that such as the JRF the outcome wasn't as positive as anticipated. A great deal of the income of that event is dependent on ticket sales and speculative income. Until it approaches its not clear what the sales level has been. Historically it has been on the IM field but now it can no longer hold concerts because of the conversions of AstroTurf. It got a new home and a new tape and certainly operating under difficult parameters and question of ticket sales it didn't come out in the event. Leading up towards the event did projections so that before the event occurred given some peril that if the council wanted to pull the plug it would be able to do that so they could come to the table. The end was to not pull the plug on the event and the exposure to the loss. It was a \$152,000 loss and this event has a lot of positives. For a lot of years the council was buffered from negative swings. Any concert promotion there's a variable outcome and that ran its course.

-Mossler asks if there was a loss the year before

-Champawat states yes

-Mossler asks why it comes out of the budget from student groups over all rather than the commission

-Champawat says this years students each student pays x amount. So that's the fees you essentially allocate and do not carry over from the previous year. It comes from mandatory fees and goes back into the pool that could be directed to something else and a lot of different programming to students but as you cross the years you're essentially allocating this years fees for this years students so this years fees is for this years programs.

-Helder moves to extend time by 5 minutes. Mossler seconds.

12-0-0 its approved

-Cocroft asks what would happen if surplus wasn't big enough to cover the loss

-Champawat states it would've went to the reserve. If that wasn't enough it would come from ASUCLA. If everything was going perfectly, there would be no surplus. It should have been all spent. Its not a reliable source.

-Helder states the discrete budget deficits have historically been paid for collective budgetary surplus

-Champawat states essentially USAC is body with a constitution and has an obligation to cover its obligations. That's why I had hesitation of projected outcomes because really the larger body which is the council has different lines of defense.

-Siegel asks would it be possible for the council to see how past surplus allocations were distributed to compare that.

-Champawat states yes. I assembled a kind of ten year that lays out the surpluses for the last 10 years and the allocations and final number and we can surface the detail. A lot of the detail is from a different era in which there was a need to highlight underused moneys.

-Siegel states the last 3 from the endowment to the present and best to see

-Rosen states Wong used to work for BRD and those numbers can be adjusted for contingency and see how we vote now the endowment is here

-Wong states another thing council votes on is if you want to reinvest or withdraw it and put it in programming

-Hourdequin asks how much is in endowment and what would the appropriate amount to withdraw

-Champawat states it would say what is withdraw able

-Rosen asks to send her any questions

V. Appointments

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states the Berky Nelson tribute and it was a really great and beautiful memorial service with 150 people from all sorts of generations from friends with Berky 40 years and 9 people spoke and CZ White hired him and was present. His sons got to speak and it was beautiful to see all he gave back to this school and got to speak to David Bocarsly. Nelson was an academic and taught African American studies for 45 years, a published author, very into sports, administrative rec for USAC for decades and the director for SOLE and advocate for bridging communities to work with students from different identities on campus. He did amazing things and wanted to give my officer and member report to tell you about the history of Berky Nelson.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin thanks everyone for going to the leadership summit and in contact with someone from Paul Kretz office which is huge. There was this projected goal for this office to come out with the next two years to survey the lighting for infrastructure in the North Village. There's so many requests for other city entities they're happening to have some within the next months.

C. External Vice President – Helder

-Helder states we have been touching base with local and federal and if there a bill that you want to know about we have a Bill Radar. We have a big Bruin Defenders trip coming up in a month that will include Bruin Consent Coalition, Students for Education Reform, and All Of Us. We have advocacy training for the office and look forward to getting everyone trained and ready to go.

-Rosen asks if council members can go to advocacy training

-Helder states it would be appropriate for them to go since it'll be appropriate. It'll be February 3, 8, or 12 but ill let you know.

D. Community Service Commissioner – Zach Dameron

-Dameron states tomorrow night is Nonprofit Networking Night. One of our biggest events. Over 100 people showed up to our panel and we had some professionals from peace corps and teach for America and going through and making your passion for service your career. Tomorrow is our actual event I Covet at grand horizons and any of you all are welcome to come. Even if registration is closed you are still able to come. As well as a couple different entities for drafting language for referendum and you can be prepared for that by week 8 at the absolute latest so it can go to the approval of Dr. Geller and Office of the President and we are now wrapping up writing language and allocating money and it shows the need for sustained funding adjusted for inflation and how we can better work. It'll be sent at least a week before.

E. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states this Thursday he would have first academic senate board meeting. In addition I'm going to be meeting with life science peer learning lab and talking about peer learning resources on campus. We want to figure a way to streamline the services so they're aware. In addition to that my director of Academic Wellness has emailed you all about February 2nd the stress free day. A quick reminder this Friday we have our diversity initiative steering committee diversity requirement symposium. Lunch will be served and a great opportunity to talk to different professors and TA's. I'll be serving one of the panels and hopefully I can see you all there.

F. Administrative Representatives

-Geller state last week student affairs had a diversity professional development day. We had calendars distributed to all of the staff that focused on the history of civil right sand anyone who wants please take one.

-Mata state Thursday evening at 5 o'clock there will be faculty student dialogue about implicit biases.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states 17 groups and 1 sac office. The 1 USAC office was CAC for the Word and Art for LA Living program. They required \$60, requested \$60, and FiComm recommended \$45.

-Kajikawa moves to approve. Mossler seconds
12-0-1 the programming allocation has been approved.

-Wong states the 16 student groups applies \$67,410.13 required. \$13,462.23 requested. \$3,847 recommended.

-Helder moves to approve. Kajikawa seconds.
13-0-0 the allocation is approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

C. ASRF

-Kajikawa states the Nikkei student union for their 30th annual culture night and based upon them we are looking at \$1,750. In similar the Chinese Students and Scholars of CSSA is also having they culture nights and similar to that we are commending an allocation of \$1,750.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Discretionary Fund Request for Dr. Berky Nelson

-Rosen states we want to make a plaque to honor Dr. Berky Nelson as he always has a place in USAC. We want a gold plaque with oak frame. Whatever we don't use will be returned to discretionary.

-Zimmerman states the company is Carrs Trophies and with the engraving and plaques would cost \$200.

-Dameron moves to approve \$200 for the plaque. Helder seconds.

13-0-0 discretionary is approved.

-Wong asks to send the final budget before.

-Geller states when the plaque is ready and they are ready to unveil it that his children are invited.

X. Announcements

-Wong states that a USAC funding workshop is this Friday at Ackerman 3517 from 12-2:30 pm with a panel and Q&A.

-Helder states you recall we passed a resolution supporting student loan debt HR 1713 which was cosponsored by Eric Swahel at the future event forum to talk a little bit about the bill and strategize about it. All I need to say is student power is a real thing.

-Amin states our mentorship was tonight and we have a really impressive group. Our comedy event is happening February 10 and are calling in Keith from Buzzfeed to host it and all keep you all informed

-Khan states its Islamic Appreciation Week and tomorrow we are doing word on Wednesday and on Thursday we're doing a discussion called black in MSA that talks about difficult time of black Muslims that was trending and a discussion. For February we are planning to coprogram with bruin consent coalition and vagina monologues to host a night market about women of color and if you all want to coprogram let us know.

-Shao states the word on Wednesday is coprogramming with MSA. On Friday CAC is doing a new coprogram our art series and the word and it'll be on bruin plaza called LA living from 10am-2pm and will come from people in the LA community. It will have Samahang, ASU, and MEChA and its like an LA art swap meet. Tomorrow at 12 there's going to be a mass deportation rally at bruin plaza. VSU modern is having their dance workshop tomorrow. One more thing is that CAC will be hosting a diverCity tour in Echo Park on Saturday and see the effects of gentrification.

-Kajikawa states I'm continuing with the online education planning committee so please let me know and tied into that with schedule of classes will be available. If you are interested in cross enrolling they offer a ton of different classes and its no extra cost.

-Cocroft states the constitutional review committee and had a unanimous event and had a student vote for the international alumni network and it will be on agenda next week.

-Chen states in general we have a SWC instagram and in terms of committee I encourage you all to go to Active Minds Networking night and dinner dialogue for a second annual event. We are also hosting a day of education and body image task force for Native Foods. The student health advocates where it's a pack of masks and thermometers and total wellness magazine released their 4th issue online on totalwellnessmagazine.org.

-Kajikawa states AAC is having their USIE undergraduate student initiated education at Kerckhoff 417. We had our first today and ones Wednesday February 3rd from 1-2pm. Last year I took one on the history of hip hop.

-Pail states I have ben in touch with a senator from Cal and a lot of students and want to monitor our end.

-Rafalian states its transfer Bride Week and a photo campaign and why they love transfers. Some people took it seriously some people had fun with it. Tomorrow we have a bunch of workshops. There's going to be an info session on traveling abroad and on Thursday there a couple of other events. One is the true bruin tradition challenge and complete a bunch of true bruin challenges. On Saturday is the UCLA 1919 conference. It's the first event as its kind and each speaker has 19 slides and it sonly going to be up for 19 seconds. It's a presentation method and each speaker is talking about their leadership.

-Siegel stated the genrep1 office just completed the process to admit new winterns and had around 60 applicants for them to experience USAC in the fall to have the opportunity. I'm going to invite them to sit in on the meeting.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Wong seconds.

9:24 the meeting is adjourned.

XII. Good and Welfare