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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

February 2, 2016

7:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Helder moves to approve the agenda. Rafalian seconds.

-Kajikawa strikes ASRF and Community service Commissioner report.

-Chen strikes Student wellness programming fund

9-0-0 the agenda is approved.

B. Approval of the Minutes from January 5, 2015

-Kajikawa moves to approve the minutes. Helder seconds.

9-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

-Jaclyn fro CalPirg is here to tell us about pledge week and all the other UC Cal Pirg chapters are pledging as well. We already collected about 163 pledges so that means 163 students are educated about the bag referendum and also the students will become more educated about CalPirg and student activism and be more involved.

We have our textbook conference tomorrow at 11am at Kerckhoff free speech area.

Our students are going to be releasing a report on the rising costs of textbook

-Calbreath says pledge CalPirg and its hilarious that we have a free speech area on campus.

IV. Special Presentations

A. Student Food Corp and Food Security at UCLA

-Regina is the Food security and project director for student food collective.

-Rosen states this Friday my office will be presenting to ASUCLA to have a student food co-op the food security initiative. Chen sits on the food security workgroup as well as Dameron.

-Rosen states food security started at UCOP level. UCLA got \$75,000 given to the food security work group and that work group decided to allocate it such as a graduate student research director and a lot of it is the educational background and got money to start student led co-op. This is different than the CPO food closet,

because this food security is more perishable produce. The three goals for food security is availability for sufficient quantities of food available on a consistent basis, access is having sufficient resources to obtain appropriate foods for a nutritious diet, and use appropriate use for nutrition and care. This is the feeding America national level and 31% of Americans choose between education or food. People are quite literally choosing to buy a textbook or their next meal. 79% purchase unhealthy food and that's what we perceive as being healthy food costs. There are 55% people between the ages of 18-59. 46.5 million people in the US are suffering from food insecurity. A lot of research has been done at UC Berkeley and have been heading it. This is from 2010 and is under reported and doesn't incorporate student data. UCLA is around the 13% range for often or very often skipped meals.

-Rosen states they decided this summer 2015 where the money will go and the food metrics included advocacy, research, assessments, off campus partnerships and campus health services and food pantry. One huge thing about financial wellness is because we don't have the proper financial aid about the standards of living in Los Angeles. Under our current financial aid packages but one students can own a company where as the other students can have a non taxable asset which is a loop hole in the system and there's loop holes in the food security. There's a huge increase at Berkeley that use their food security.

-Regina states UCSB uses the food bank the most regularly. They have over 5,400 students and over 64,000 visits. The Associated Students Food Bank opened on April 19th 2011 serving 5 students in its first day. One cool thing is that they have someone come in every week with Cal fresh presentations and people feel comfortable coming to them. This is just more stuff from Santa Barbara's food bank. They offer canned food, breakfast, toiletries, and others. Food security at UCLA is an enigma because at the moment we don't have really hard data. CSC had this tree about what you think about food security and lacking basic nutrition and access to affordable food and junk food. This is a diagram of the food security plan about the undergraduate student association and other possible funding options for start up costs would be TGIF because it's a local farmer and fresh produce for sustainability, ASRF because it incorporates the educational background, and possible council discretionary, and possibly the healthy campus initiative. CoFed is a non profit that is based in Oakland everything they do is trying to support students to create student run food co ops. It was found by UC Berkeley students trying to get to the level we are at now. This is the website studentfoodcollective.org so we've been running it for 2 years now and students can order fresh, locally sourced produce for a severely reduced rate because we order in bulk. The produce is generally cheaper and higher quality. We do order every 2 weeks and we contact the producer and we sell at exactly the rate they sell because of bulk orders. The price at the farmers market isn't the price we're buying it. We have an \$83 membership fee. People pay through PayPal or their credit card and pick it up.

-Agara states what we are presenting to ASUCLA service committee to ask them for space for food co=op. So we are asking space that could expand the CPO food closet and also allow use to have more pickups for the Food Buying Club. It will be used for perishable goods and a space could also act as a gathering space for students to meet and learn about food issues. We would need a space that could include a

refrigerator, a dry storage area, and room for pamphlets and information guides. If you order online it would be the distribution center. We aren't looking to compete with ASUCLA its just for produce that isn't available. There's some spaces available at Ackerman where Tsunami used to be which is currently unused however we would be open to using other available space on campus. We would like the space on campus for access resources. We are looking to pass a USAC resolution and if you want to sign office name onto this presentation and send representatives from your office to the presentation on Friday.

-Siegel thanks everyone for raising awareness and important to all of us for students on campus and overlooked in the past and based on your presentation it seems like the biggest hurdle is funding. I wonder potentially down the road do you want to see council take more of a role in the funding conversation and is that something potentially we can talk about?

-Rosen states the start up costs is pretty secure but we will see if ASUCLA will be covering the space. In the future we would want to have a model similar to Santa Barbara or Berkeley.

-Regina states we secured 2 \$3,000 stipends for students to work on in the future

-Cocroft states asks what is the funding model for other food pantries and co-ops at UCSB and UCB. What's your vision for sustainable funding model?

-Rosen states they have \$300 in membership fees and have control over \$10 million so their funding comes from associated students. We have \$60 per student fee and this conversation would be possible for more student groups and look at funding model and increase membership fees. We are trying to operate and that's why we are asking for a smaller space for people not suffering food security.

-Regina states the money that we got for the start up costs and they are still talking and possibility more money depending on the UC Office of the president.

B. Vagina Monologues

-Calbreath plays a video of the Vagina Monologues regarding V-day as the executive director of the V-day. In 1998 Eva Enseleer put together the Vagina Monologues and has a lot of experience with violence itself and was sexually assaulted multiple times and ended up going on this journey to approach the stigmatization of the female body and lack of conversation against girls. She had hundreds of interviews asking about vaginas and some of them are hilarious or some of them of are trends or violence against women or domestic violence or manage to capture so many stories with this series of monologues. As you saw "the most important consequential political show" and they were looking for outlets and doing what Eve did and turning into art. Pretty much a lot of people who were able to come together for so much we can be doing. We scanned through our 4 core beliefs that changes a bit over the years and the power of art to inspire people to act, the important of local woman in their own empowerment and the importance of intersexuality such as environment, war, and racism. In general intersections of race sexual gender class identity for holistic ways to pursue a more safe and just world for everyone so we don't recreate the systems of oppression we seek to disrupt. V day is a sister organization under SANAA in the city of Los Angeles through arts education and empowerment and co-hosted different environments. I can only invite 50 people per

event now and trying to get the message. We are hoping to do a menstrual event and collaborate and under broader range of issues to instill a sense of understandings that this is a global movement and it includes everyone and want everyone to participate. Whether you coprogram or have a ton of our co-programmers. We have genrep2, cacfam, and talking about bruin resource center or if your group simply wants to support us if you want to be there. Check out all of our events throughout the month of February but the show itself is at the end of 8th week on the hill. Go on Thursday.

V. Appointments

A. Lea Luterstein for John Wooden Board of Governors (JWBOG)

-Hourdequin stated it's a consent item and received a 3-0-0 vote from ARC.

Approved by unanimous consent.

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states I have meetings with ASUCLA individuals to lobby them. I connected with the Active Minds directors about dead days before finals regarding mental health and stress during finals week if you want to incorporate information from that. I also want to incorporate information about substance abuse regarding finals such as Adderall and additionally I launched the website about the presidential appointments and their contact information about what the appointment does. I ask everyone to send in updates so we can incorporate. The internship engagement chair is now available as well as the publicity director. We've had one resignation from community activities committee because one student was unable to carry out and we are still looking for one person to appoint for CAC.

-Kajikawa states he was at the meeting for publicity appointment and whether or not was to stipend.

-Rosen states it would be a bylaw change because in the bylaws its non stipend and my recommendation would be to leave unstipend. She apologizes for not sending out the announcement's Please be sure to update that and its also to shorten the office and member reports. That's what the purpose is to publicize our events better to put it on the Facebook page for visibility.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin met with Chris and would want more USAC involvement in leader shape. A lot of former council members were involved in leader shape. I also briefly met with Orlando to discuss a student regent visit here on February 28. Please email me any questions so I can send it to him and send me your availability. On Friday my office met with Eve whose the nutritionist for Reslife and we were talking about residential education and more institutionalized effort with the eating and activity task force when there was the fiat lux regarding body image. The care collective was presented and I'll be meeting with the director so USAC can support that initiative. I'm meeting with Jacob Finn on Westwood neighborhood council to garner more student support for more lighting in Westwood and I may come to council with a resolution and email it out.

- Wong asks what year do you have to be for leader shape
- Hourdequin states she's not sure but she assumes they would want younger students. You can email Chris Capalolo for more information

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder states engaged in budget negotiations with university and legislators about AB1711 and a quick reminder that you are all available for advocacy training with Nelson Peacock the senior Vice President of government relations and worked with vice president Joe Biden and have a lot of experience working in advocacy and have wisdom and insight on what works and what doesn't.

-Rafalian asks what's on your agenda for tomorrow.

-Helder states Nelson is going to give a 45-1 hour presentation about his experience on his relevant experience for federal and state advocacy and there will be time for questions and time for one on one interactions.

D. Community Service Commissioner – Zach Dameron

-Chen states that next week is I love my body week with a lot of events Monday-Friday under the theme "What's wrong with being confident?" This is a commission wide campaign undertaking under a month long campaign called refresh essentially focusing on UCLA students about health and wellness in terms of hygiene to make sure you leave the best lifestyle the theme for week 7 is "reclaim" about hygiene and general health. Week 8 is "recycle: about environmental health and environmental safety. Week 9 our theme is "recharge" about sleep and mental health involving everyone's daily routine and week 10 we are going to cap it off with "refine" about oral and dental health which is something I'm personally undertaking which is oral health advocacy because every single one of us over look something that's important and it's a general public health that a lot of us can relate to so we're partnering with dental school and Ashe center and bring oral health screens for the first time at UCLA and take advantage of winter quarter which people are less active and put out all of this effort. This is a commissioner wide effort and working with other entities on campus.

-Amin states week 8 we are talking about environmental racism so if you want to collaborate.

-Chen says certainly that's amazing.

-Rosen states please put them in the Google doc about the initiatives or if it's a programming event put it on the Google doc.

F. Administrative Representatives

-Zimmerman states in regards to bruin day we have panel boards or marketing that's going to be out to let students know about student government or being involved to capture images of portraits and its always great if we can get new photos from office initiatives. We would love to incorporate. If you want to make any changes please review it. They've given me a date and its February 26h but if you can aim to get it sooner its always better. I'm looking for pictures from your office and any edits you want to make if any.

-Hourdequin asks if there's going to be an open house tours.

-Zimmerman states they always do an Ackerman tour for the incoming students and a few years back we wanted to do an open house of USAC so a portion would lead

them to the second floor of USAC . ASUCLA tour guides could do it and then you can talk about how student government is involved with these spaces. We can also have it lead up to where your offices are. If you're interested we would love to coordinate and its not until April. I'm meeting with my webmasters with my staff tomorrow and how to take the blurbs an don't structure them.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states Transfer Student Representative required \$400, requested \$400, and recommended \$100.

-Helder moves to approve. Kajikawa seconds.

8-0-1 its approved for contingency programming.

-Wong states 13 groups applied and \$16,749.84 required, \$10,261.06 requested, and \$2,734 recommended.

-Helder moves to approve. Hourdequin seconds.

9-0-0 contingency programming allocation is approved

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Helder states 2 groups and \$500 for Chicanos and Latinos for community medicine and the other for society and medicine for engineer and both were excellent and cost effective, I hope they're approved.

-Approved by consent.

C. ASRF

-Kajikawa states unfortunately the student group never got back to me, it's a great event for the Sikh Student Association for Sikh Awareness Week and as a result we had to penalize them but we recommend \$250.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. A Resolution in Support of the Establishment of a Student Food Co-Op

A Resolution in Support of the Establishment of a Student Food Co-Op

Sponsored by:

Heather Rosen, President

Heather Hourdequin, Internal Vice-President

Ian Cocroft, Facilities Commissioner

Zack Dameron, Community Service Commissioner

Marvin Chen, Student Wellness Commissioner

WHEREAS, the 1996 World Food Summit stated, "Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and

nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”; and

WHEREAS, food security consists of three pillars: availability of sufficient quantities of food, access to obtain appropriate foods for a nutritious diet, and use of basic nutrition and care; and

WHEREAS, 31% of Americans have had to choose between paying for food or their education, 51% choose between paying for housing or for their food, and 79% rely on cheaper, unhealthy options; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, 1 in 5 students throughout the University of California said that they skipped meals often or very often. This number did not include graduate students; and

WHEREAS, at the University of California, Berkeley, 28% of students said that they skipped meals to save money; and

WHEREAS, financial aid packages do not properly account for standards of living. At the University of California, Berkeley, the average financial aid package allocated \$286.70 for the academic year; and

WHEREAS, a student food co-op bring sustainable and affordable food options to the UCLA community; and

WHEREAS, a student food co-op will work with the bulk buying club Student Food Collective at UCLA which buys fresh produce and perishable goods that are cheaper than market value; and

WHEREAS, a student food co-op will create an inclusive environment for those facing food insecurity and will connect students with educational and financial resources that will promote food security; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council supports the establishment of a Student Food Co-Op at the University of California, Los Angeles.

- Rosen states friendly amendment to “supports the establishment of”
- Starr says the third line should be “housing” and asks if its percentage of Americans or hungry Americans
- Rosen states you're right and will look it up
- Helder states there should be a period after the let it be resolved
- Rosen states feeding America 2014 hunger report and it breaks down the numbers. And I was just sharing my interpretation.
- Amin states in the eighth clause if its an actual club “the bulk buying” should it capitalized
- Rosen states no the Student Food Co-op is the club
- Amin asks about “brings sustainable” to “will bring”

-Hourdequin states she would like to really see a food co-op of Ackerman on how ASUCLA is to serve students and disuses they face about a huge issue and if its in a prime location like Ackerman it somewhat combats the stigma of food insecurity and having to seek out food to support students.

-Rosen states looking up the executive summary from feeding America household it says 31% have to choose between paying for education or food and its out of the general population. That's pretty shocking but just to clarify.

-Cocroft states as a co author its an amazing step and we don't provide enough resources and its a social justice issue and important step.

-Helder moves to approve. Kajikawa seconds.

9-0-0 A Resolution in Support of the Establishment of a Student Food Co-Op has been approved.

X. Announcements

-Rosen states this is a great time for questions regarding announcements.

-Chen asks for clarification there's going to be announcements and its all electronic?

-Rosen states yes and we'll still have this open time but in regards to announcements put it in the Google doc.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Rafalian seconds.

9-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:16pm.

XII. Good and Welfare