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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

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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:

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Hourdequin moves to strike the Internal Vice Presidents Officer Report

-Dameron moves to approve the agenda. Kajikawa seconds.

13-0-0 the agenda is approved

B. Approval of the Minutes from February 2, 2016

-Helder moves to approve the minutes. Hourdequin seconds.

13-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

- -Jacqueline from CalPirg is here to give a few updates on the ban the bag campaign. We have been grass roots organizing and we gathered 627 pledges and that means we have 627 new members. If you haven't pledged with CalPirg yet please do.

-Rosen states public comment is closed at 7:05pm.

IV. Special Presentations

A. Unicamp

-Starr states I really want to make it public and we are UCLA unicamp and the official charity. What do we do? I'm going to show you our mission statement and for 80 years, Unicamp student volunteers have harnessed the healing power of the wilderness to improve their community by providing a unique outdoor camping experience for at-risk children from underserved neighborhoods. Through a creative, well-rounded, and proven program, Unicamp delivers challenging new experiences that foster personal growth and transform lives. Campers and students learn that they can reach their full potential, often beyond what they thought possible, and to make a positive impact in their community. To achieve this result, we emphasize building relationships, leadership and character development, and just plain fun.

-Starr states the very purpose of unicamp is servicing the Los Angeles youth and community. Our target population is underserved communities and I am going to go through the seven different weeks we are offering. The first session is working with 7th graders hopefully through college about academic access of high school and college through the process. The outcome and goal is mental health awareness and addressing social stigmas as a co-partnership with Project GRAD. Its a great opportunity to outsource expertise on different roles and what certain things they need to be ready for. The second session is mental health awareness and addressing social stigmas, also working in collaboration with Project GRAD. This next session I'm particularly interested in with our organizational partner: The Village Nation for community building, youth empowerment, and social activism. The campers will all be African American and create a more inviting and accepting environment to black students. We provide programming an support to ensure these students can narrate their own impact. We want to provide a space for an outlet and empower them. We are really working on providing a space for them. I'm very excited and we are trying to have more African American students involved. If I had to critique unicamp its that our population of volunteers don't reflect our campers very much so we are trying to work on that. This one is partnering with the UCLA Community School sponsored by LA Times and McCormick Foundation and we have worked with them for four years. They do summer school and summer learning labs and the ideas that they do social justice education, literacy, and writing to addressing the summer learning loss. This next one is partnering with Dana Middle School which had a lot of extremes with violence for its students and we are working on nonviolent communication, urban youth development, non-violent alternatives to violence, and increased motivation for academics. It's to combat bullying and violence. The next one is working with Children's Hospital LA and our goal is to target pre-diabetics and diabetic children's to work on healthy lifestyles and address fitness, nutrition, and mental health and create a program for kids that are need. Lastly this ones called "Session and expressions" and this one is about expression, community, and empowerment through art. This week we're really excited and working with people on campus and to get funding. All of you can read into this. Ultimately you have to ask students what d you want to do and how can more come and how its more than just camp.

-Starr said 1st year we didn't get to do 2 sessions because of fires. When you say you cant do site the answer is okay, how are we going to make this happen. Its great to improvise and we went to 4 locations in 5 weeks. I'm so glad they covered our story about Spearmint, Luis Mendez and participated as a camper 10 years ago. He felt inspired and went to community college and transferred UCLA and just accepted into a PhD program. That's a testament to the power of our program and keep our campers and volunteers engaged. How can USAC help? Encourage your staff to volunteer! This is our 81st summer and one of our traditions. Go fundraise! I know you all throw programs and want to co-program. We have about 500 members so just let me know. We can also use a discretionary fund. A gift to the 1986-1987 dedicated funding to the children. It will be a long lasting gift wherever we go.

-Chen asks when applications are due

-Starr states they are due at the end of week 8 and he has shirts for everyone!

-Starr says one of the most exciting parts is to incorporate diversity training and make sure its age appropriate and address issues to incorporate the outcomes and conditions after camp.

V. Appointments

A. Judicial Board – Aaron Boudaie

-Rosen states this is by appointment and we interviewed through ARC and Hourdequin will read the review.

-Hourdequin states the Judicial Board is the judicial branch of the Undergraduate Students Association. Judicial Board Justices review petitions for hearings, hear cases and determine constitutional issues. Justices serve on the J-Board for the duration of their tenure as UCLA undergraduate students in good standing, to a maximum of four years. Seven undergraduates are appointed by the USAC President in keeping with the stated tenure.

-Hourdequin states Aaron Boudaie received a 3-0-0 vote for approval. Can use more knowledge about the internal USAC processes but knows past jboard cases and has met with jboard just justices and past jboard cases.

-Boudaie states its an honor and my work is all about service and my enrollment in off campus organizations demonstrated my purposes. I have also interned for a congressional candidate. I wouldn't apply to this position if I didn't feel like I was the most passionate and qualified. I have truly opened my eyes about USAC and I want to bring my experience and ambition to jboard.

-Rafalian asked about his congressional interning experience

-Boudaie states I worked with the district office of Los Angeles and it was a truly eye opening experiencing on politics and see who policies affect people. I know its hard to see first hand how change affects people. Surveys is really about serving people and the outcome of a certain proposition.

-Wong asks about his definition of fair funding

-Boudaie states that each student and student group has access to the funding source. Jboards role would be to make sure it follows the constitutional bylaws.

-Boudaie wants to share his appreciation to the council for considering the position. Like I said the judicial board is a way of students having representation and my experiences in my home, on campus, and off campus and I will always put my best foot forward and I cant wait to get started.

-Rosen explains that he can sit outside or wait in here.

-Cocroft moves to approve Aaron Boudaie to the judicial board.

-Siegel states he has great experience interning for someone in congress and recognizing the separation of powers and having that experience to integrate would be good for jboard.

-Cocroft states that as someone who has experience with jboard and filing a case he seems to be qualified for it

-Rafalian states that he seems to be passionate and its really admirable for his work.

-Kajikawa states he really liked his answer about fair funding and essentially it goes back to our constitution and following the constitutional bylaws.

13-0-0 Boudaie is approved for Judicial Board.

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states last week me and Hourdequin had the opportunity to talk to ASUCLA after they gave a special presentation and about what they would see about the processes about articles that have been written and what each office does and making sure there's time to email us and make it more accessible. We also touched upon having a workshop on talking about USAC and what it is. Last week I had the opportunity to talk to Rhea Turteltaub who is the Vice Chancellor of Development. We talked a lot about campus climate and she definitely complimented about the change of campus climate and a lot of advancements that need to be made. There have been comments about the alumni and all the offices have been working on and bring students together and increase the group dialogue. One nice suggestion is to talk about being career service oriented. Last Friday I had a special presentation to ASUCLA regarding the Food Co-Op and I shared our resolution and the offices that signed on to the presentation. We had all the signatures on the last page. The presentation went well and they seemed perceptive and highly sought for and a conversation to the future about the issue and regulations. They definitely seem open to it and we can see whatever happens.

B. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder states last Wednesday we had a very successful panel. Today's presentation for UCSA in Santa Barbara was positive and proactive and the trip to DC which is coming after

-Chen states let him know if you need anything for mental health advocacy

-Helder states they will keep in contact

C. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states we have a lot of updates. On 7:30 AM on Thursday we are working a lot with USIE info sessions so we're going to do experiments for next quarter. We have an enrollment meeting with EVC Scott Waugh about more student and less 1-1 time with professors and diminished educational quality. We can no longer have diminished trust and have a high standard as a top 25 university in the world.

D. Administrative Representatives

-Mata states Thursday evening there is a consent and chill dialogue and we will be discussing how consent impacts our campus and how its important to recognize it.

-Starr states unicamp applications are due next Friday!

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states two USAC offices, Cultural Affairs Commissioners World Fest for World Cafe and the Facilities Commission. \$599.08 requested and \$305 recommended

-Dameron moves to approve \$305. Rafalian seconds.
13-0-0 the contingency programming for USAC offices is approved

-Wong states 30 student groups applied. \$45,743.22 required, \$16,538.98 requested, and \$5,222 recommended. If allocation approved \$59,434.33 left in contingency.

-Dameron moves to approve \$5,222 allocation. Kajikawa seconds.
13-0-0 the contingency programming for student groups is approved

B. ASRF

-Kajikawa stated two groups applied and unfortunately ASRF does not cover travel expenses. We allocated \$250 V-Day Coalition and \$250 for Al-Talib Newsmagazine.

C. Student Wellness Programming Fund

-Chen states we approved funding for BruinMed, the DietEaters event for Valentines day, and Medical Education for UCLA Hypertension Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness Society.

-Rosen asks about the total

-Chen states he doesn't know

-Rosen states next time can you bring numbers

-Chen says sure

VIII. Old Business

A. Jazz Reggae Fest

-Shao says in regards to Jazz Reggae Fest they told me to ucla rec so we're essentially halted because we have to deal with their timeline but they are working on it. That is the most recent update but once we have the finalized budget I'll print it out and bring it.

-Cocroft is there a fee for looking at or changing the venue

-Shao states there's a deposit

-Kajikawa states with the ad hoc committee we created and the things we discussed was in terms of budget transparency with a quarterly report. Every quarter you submit to USAC or the daily bruin and send it to the student body so we can say, hey this is what we're able to do Fall quarter. Its important as USAC to make it transparent and make ways better. When I talk to my friends who don't really care about USAC they ask how is it possible to control all this money

-Rosen states Kajikawa brought up some of the discussion item. This will not be an action item it will just be a discussion item

-Hourdequin states if that's something that Oved did when he was internal vice president was one of the issues that not all council members were not forward about funding. IF you want it to be an independent entity you can have FiComm do it, if it does work it has to be an all hands on deck type of initiative.

-Shao states my comment is that when I'm working with CAC and my committees we have everything listed every single week our budget report will be over 200 pages. I keep track and I make sure our budget is updated on SGA to make sure its updated. I don't think its a bad idea I just think you have to be cognizant of the bigger commissions

-Mossler states \$85,000 for 2000 students for athletics fields since you are strictly on student funds how do you justify spending \$85,000 for 1600 when you can serve the same amount in Ackerman for a fraction of that

-Shao states in CAC's history its a series that we have to allocate funds to but essentially it serves students to make sure they're safe and they enjoy it. I don't want to draw the line between the UCLA and Los Angeles population because historically CAC has served the greater Los Angeles population as well to hear their narratives and bring in there experiences. A lot of students from UCLA come from south central or from East LA.

-Mossler states I agree but for the cost of events we can give money to student groups such as \$3,000 for 30 student groups and have a profound impact to narrow the cost of JRF and have the opportunity to impact more UCLA students. I'm not allowed to let other non-undergrad to UCLA events because its not being funded by student groups. \$85,000 is a lot of money that could be better allocated for more students

-Shao states it is security because of the venue and the more cost. \$85,000 is essentially why on the budget is to create that number.

-Cocroft states what will be the proportion of UCLA students to outside community

-Shao states it depends on how many students decide to come out but I can give you past numbers

-Helder states this is a pointless conversation and it will be much more effective if presented with clear numbers. I don't feel comfortable taking any action on JRF just by speaking in abstraction

-Rosen states to clarify its a discussion item not an action item

-Khan states CAC was created as a commission to serve our students and the greater Los Angeles community and to have the come in but also to encourage those students to come to UCLA but I agree we should have a follow up discussion.

-Shao recognizes there is a lot of skepticism but at the end of the day we want to get out of the UCLA bubble and the opportunity of Cultural Affairs Commission to bring that narrative back to Los Angeles. I'm not going to be throwing money aimlessly and I'm trying to cut all corners that will let us do a better job.

Rosen states the concern is not the significant of JRF, but the money. My recommendation is a bylaw change that states USAC offices cannot account for ticket sales for budget so we don't use the money in reserve. Maybe that's a solution we can work towards

-Mossler states one of the presentations is it possible for you to create all your numbers by next week and we don't want to wait until its too late to change anything. Not that your event wont run well, its just that in the past 2 years it has gone over budget. We just need very specific line item budget like how many tickets you plan to sell and the cost.

-Shao states I have all those information on a spread sheet and created it myself, but the only thing of having it by next week is that I'm not opposed but its how fast non-CAC get back to me. If they don't get back to me I cant show it to you, its not like we're pushing this to the end but I can keep you all updated. Its outside entitles we rely on right now.

-Dameron states you came in with this over summer and not knowing anything about this and I think you're doing a really great job. I kind of feel like its going to you but its not your fault so I just want to say you're doing a good job keeping us updated and making the efforts to set it up and accounting for ticket sales so thank you for taking it as seriously as we do.

IX. New Business

A. Spring Election Calendar

-Cocroft moves to have a 5 minute recess. Kajikawa seconds.

8-2-0 there will be a 5 minute recess.

-Lindsay states we are going to go over the election calendar. My first priority is the entire UCLA undergraduate population so they have fair access. Next is that the candidates feel safe and welcome to establish productive and innovative learning environment. These are all preliminary dates in winter quarter. There's candidate registration packet are made available Friday February 26 on week 8. Registration forms are due Friday March 4 of Week 9. Candidate packet forms are due Wednesday of Week 10. That is almost 2 weeks. For Spring quarter weeks 1 and 2 the candidate orientation is Friday April 1st. Tuesday of second week is ballot confirmation. Candidate statements is due the next week. Week 3 and 4 there will be group orientation for student organizations on Thursday of Week 3. Online campaigning begins Monday of Week 4. Endorsements due Tuesday April 19th. Meet the Candidates is Friday April 22nd. Week 5 candidate campaigning begins that Monday. Candidate expense account due Wednesday April 28 and due at 7pm. Midnight Sunday May 1st is when sign boards come up. Voting begins Monday Week 6 at 10pm all of week 6 from 8am-5pm. Campaign materials must be down May 6th because voting ends on Friday May 6 at 3pm. Results will be announced at 9pm. It says installation but that date is tentative. Key dates is that online campaigning starts Monday Week 4, campus campaigning starts Monday Week 5 and Voting is Week 6.

-Chen asks what the social media for rules for election board

--Lindsay states we want an event to endorse as student organizations and figured it would be a more comfortable environment for meet and candidate style event. Last year for reference it was in a big room so till be more comfortable.

-Dameron states I'm introducing a referendum does that have anything to do with e-board

-Lindsey states that is under our jurisdiction because its on the ballot and that needs to be approved Tuesday April 5th which is Week 2 of Spring Quarter

-Geller asks what is the day that USAC needs to approve the actual ballot and language

-Lindsey

-Geller states referendum has to be in final form and ready not less than 3 weeks earlier because they must be approved by the Office of the President and Chancellors Office. So that will go back to March 15 as your last opportunity to approve as a council the referendum language.

-Kajikawa states campus campaigning no week 5 and meetings on week 6 there's a meeting. What are campus campaigning's?

-Lindsey states on Monday of Week 5 that includes any slate or candidate t-shirts or sunglasses and it excludes sign boards and leafleting. You can wear them,

-Khan asks if meet the candidates would be restricted to slates or groups

-Lindsey states it would be open to all of the student body. The endorsement orientation is mandatory for any student group so that is how we keep track of who is trying to endorse and at that point is that when we'll take it into consideration.

- Khan states the manner of the meet the candidates was not anything I appreciated. I felt really uncomfortable.
- Lindsey states her priority is safe for all parties and we are looking at private investment. There were requests to make it less public for the candidates and we have a duty to the student organizations to make sure they have a fully knowledgeable endorsements. As for code of conduct, there is no code of conduct in the election code. That's something we can look at it in the future and we will potentially host an open forum.
- Khan suggests having someone stand by
- Geller states the referendum has to be done by March 8th. There are two things that can happen, you as a body can vote by a $\frac{2}{3}$ margin to put the referendum. If there's something that doesn't get $\frac{2}{3}$ vote but if its put forth by a university unit they would need signatures from 10% of the entire undergraduate presentation and it has to be confirmed and verified and has to be done by the same date of March 8th so that referendum language would have time to get approved.
- Chen states safety is the upmost priority. I was wondering if its in your roles to partner with reslife because on the hill has equipment and managers and staff ready to enforce code of conduct.
- Lindsey says they will definitely look into that.
- Cocroft says in the election code the election board has 8 days to get it approved, does that mean essentially the deadline would be March 1st for signatures?
- Geller says yes if that's the full 8 days
- Cocroft says its possible to be approved in a short time period
- Geller says the dean's office doesn't need 8 days, they can do it with only 2.
- Cocroft asks who approves the referendum initiatives
- Lindsey states its an internal process within the board
- Khan asks if e-board is trying to incentivize boarding
- Lindsey states we looked at it last year and it was pointless. We are looking at soft incentives and have a smaller budget this year. Some incentives include less demonization of other candidates which actually increases voter turn out.
- Cocroft asks if there's any changes they'll like to make
- Lindsey states last year was more trial run but we have different goals and want to achieve high voter turn out so not right now.
- Rosen asks if anyone wants to propose changes to the election code
- Rosen asks if you thought about randomized voting and ballots
- Lindsey states they don't normally do that it would take more time and don't want to be experimental during election board.
- Dameron states we are merely approving the calendar here
- Helder moves to approve the calendar. Dameron seconds.
- 13-0-0 the election calendar is approved.

X. Announcements

- Chen states this entire week is I love my Body week and I want to let you all know to come out.

-Khan states she had a meeting with Janet Napolitano and we talked about prayer spaces and accessibility for students. We are going forth with our campaign to make that change and I'm primarily working with MSA on that.

-Kajikawa states hes meeting with the Digital Managing editor

-Hourdequin states she has fliers for the events on the google doc like the Campus Safety form

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Kajikawa moves to adjourn the meeting. Siegel seconds.

13-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:42 pm.

XII. Good and Welfare