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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

March 29, 2016

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

ABSENT:

I. Call to Order

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

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Rosen states fund allocations about via contingency programming allocations from last week would be the new A.

-Rosen states a moment of silence for victims around the world Brussel, Pakistan, and Andrew Jacks in Cabo for spring break

-Kajikawa moves the ASRF to be before officer and member reports

-Shao strikes the ARC fund

-Helder adds a Resolution to new business and brought together paper copies and it shouldn't take that long. A Resolution Endorsing Automatic Student Registration in the University of California.

-Rosen states it was sent in on time but it got lost in spring break but I will allow it as an action item

-Helder moves to approve the agenda as amended. Rafalian seconds.

11-0-0 the agenda has been approved as amended.

Moment of Silence for the Loss of Lives around the World including UCLA student Andrew Jacks

B. Approval of the Minutes from January 5, 2015

III. Public Comments

-Jacqueline from CalPirg is here to update to protect the statewide plastic ban bag and make textbooks more affordable and reclaim more democracy. Over spring break we had out student tour from Monterey bay to San Diego and had press conferences along the way to raise awareness about the plastic bag. Here in LA we had a press conference in Santa Monica and got our students bout the importance of public coming out to vote and plastic bag ban. We got a team and some local news media outlets and USC to cover the media event. There's more talking about this issue and please post it on your social media sites. We also have out kickoff next Tuesday from 7-8 MS3915D

-Rosen closes public comment at 7:07pm

#### IV. Special Presentations

#### V. Appointments

-Rosen states if you're trying to connect with BOD we are going through the transition this week

##### A. ASRF

-Kajikawa states from the time being that the Taiwanese Culture Night recognizing \$400, Korean Culture Night recommended \$400, Al-Talib News Magazine and recommending \$250 Addressing the Inmate Narrative, Vietnamese Student Union allocating \$250 for SEACLEAR, Engineering Society of UCLA \$400 for Engineering Week, \$200 for Colleges Against Cancer for \$200 Relay for Life Peer Music, and SLAM! @ UCLA for \$450 for learning mentorship.

-Rosen states it's a consent item

Approved by consensus

#### VI. Office and Member Reports

##### A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states she has her quarterly meeting with chancellor Block and I'm accepting any requests please email me at [usacpres@gmail.com](mailto:usacpres@gmail.com) to be brought to the attention of the chancellor. I had my meeting with President Napolitano during finals week and I attended the graduate student meeting. Its interesting to see their needs and are fighting their issues of students of color in Merced and Davis and they don't have the same resources and the idea of having it and in regards to relationships with their advisors and its an issue that will affect UCLA graduate students. We talked about middle income affordability and food security.

##### B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states she has a meeting with changes in SOLE office and interactions in student organizations and workshops to take a step back and what is most effective and what student organizations are needing and how SOLE and IVP offices can serve student organizations. I would also meet with Nancy Greenstein from UCPD to look into safety policies that is a said procedures and aren't written anywhere and I'll be sharing those as they become more concrete. Tomorrow is the spring activities fair and are going to have student organizations at 9AM and if they aren't there by 9:30 AM their spot will not be released and I'm very excited please swing by.

##### C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder says student lobby conference is coming up in Sacramento and working around the clock around that. We are really working to create more permanent and institutionalized mental health advocacy system wise and spearheaded mental health working group with a myriad of stakeholders and other assembly members and leadership. We are trying to package together a lot of mental health reforms and have a

long term mechanism for addressing the crisis. Even though I felt very optimistic and I'll keep you all updated.

-Rosen asks when will your office be releasing who will be able to attend for SLC

-Helder says next week sometime but I need to consult with the staff

#### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states we are pushing out Fight for Education week and its personally one of my favorite events and I've seen it grow a ton and bringing Bobby Perdugo as a speaking event next Tuesday from 11-1 who has been very active in East LA community. We are having dinner on the hill similar to dinner dialogues and facilitated by one of my directors who is also an RA on the hill talking about academic inequities. I met with Pat Turner to talk about spring quarter so hopefully everyone is aware of undergraduate research week and the deadline to submit an abstract and are moving it from Ackerman Grand Ballroom to Pauley Pavilion. We are going to have a lot of people for research and now people are doing for

Met with Corey Coulson about academic success and long term really I hope that academic affairs commission to create an all inclusive guide on different opportunities and different pathways to get into med school and law school. We met with Frank Watta to talk about the UCLA online community.

#### F. Administrative Representatives

-Geller states she had a conference call about the Office of The President about various referendum and the approved language to go on to the chancellor to be voted on next Tuesday when you finalize your ballot.

#### VII. Fund Allocations

##### A. Contingency Programming

-Rosen states we had it approved via email but for minutes purposes we will repeat it. Transfer Student Representative required \$1,134, requested \$250, and \$180 was recommended. Helder moves to approve. Rafalian seconds.

11-0-1 contingency programming allocation for the USAC offices has been approved.

-Wong states 15 groups applied. \$59,326.31 required, \$13,350.36 requested, and \$3,031 recommended. Helder moves to approve. Rafalian seconds

Wong states 3 USAC offices applied in the interim: IVP for LGBTQ Pride Week, AAC for Fight for Education week and Speaking Event. Required \$2,014.89, requested \$1932.16, and recommended \$620

-Wong states 47 groups \$236,002.85 required, which is high because of five culture nights. \$37,172.22 requested. \$9,435 recommended. Helder moves to approve.

-Geller asks how much is left in contingency programming

-Wong states if approved there will be \$37,057.40 left in contingency programming

12-0-0 contingency programming allocating has been approved

##### B. EVP Bruin Defenders Fund

-Helder states middle income affordability trip for \$500 and the youth movement against Alzheimer's is applying for \$500 for their conference.

### C. Student Wellness Programming Fund

-Alpha Epsilon Delta received \$47.08, American Indian received \$500, Diabetes received \$133, and PAC received \$300

-Rosen states it's a consent item and its approved by consent

## VIII. Old Business

### IX. New Business

#### A. Resolution Endorsing the California Automatic Student Voter Registration Program's Implementation in the University of California

-Helder states we are in an interesting moment is that it might actually be implemented that we have experienced this to register voters and empower groups and we spend the vast majority of our organizing resources when it comes to electoral politics on registering students and not getting them out to vote. As someone that comes from a background of doing that in Missouri and here, the latter is vastly more effective and the latter can not occur without the former. We spend our resources registering students and get horribly low turn out rates and there aren't enough resources. A simple way to act on this is the motor voter registration law that someone who gets a drivers license is automatically registered to vote. You don't have to spend these resources on registration drives it enfranchises groups who have more difficulty accessing the resources that will allow you to vote. Its not as simple as showing up and the resources have to be spent on them. A brilliant Berkeley Law student Paul Rodriguez has been working on a law that would recognize this and working with UCOP would resource the issue and make sure that no future administration can yank the program. There's a lot of movement and the legislator is down and UCOP is down and the administration is down and its not often there is firm agreement. We need to make sure its done by this upcoming year. That's the context and there's a program ready to go and we just need to express our support so students can be automatically registered to vote when they enroll for classes at their current address so our legislators know that the student voices matter. When our voice is heard it matters. As long as student power is diminished they have an excuse to continue along the lines of the status quo.

#### ***Resolution Endorsing the California Automatic Student Voter Registration Program's Implementation in the University of California***

**Zachary Allen Helder, External Vice President  
Daniel Siegel, General Representative 1,  
& Ariel Rafalian, Transfer Representative**

**WHEREAS**, the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) seeks to advance higher education by empowering current and future students to advocate on their own behalf for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system,

**WHEREAS**, Legislative advocacy is critical to this end, in addition to shared governance with the University of California system and direct action,

**WHEREAS**, USAC is a member organization of UCSA, which coordinates a long-standing campaign, UCweVOTE, that aims to register students to vote, provide voter education, and get out the vote on Election Day,

**WHEREAS**, In preparation for the 2012 Presidential Election USAC expended enormous resources registering students to vote,

**WHEREAS**, USAC attends the UCSA's annual Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento each spring where 400 UC students develop lobbying skills, learn more about issues affecting students and CA higher education, and directly engage elected officials on these issues,

**WHEREAS**, Voter registration continues to be one of the greatest barriers to public participation in California's democracy,

**WHEREAS**, In the 2014 general elections, the 18-24 year old population in California had the lowest turnout for all age groups, making up a meager 3.9% of those who voted,

**WHEREAS**, Voter registration efforts and voter turnout are solely dependent on the year long manual efforts, organizing, and financing of students,

**WHEREAS**, Young people, like minority and low-income communities, have higher rates of geographic mobility, which consequently affects their ability to maintain their voter registration records up to date,

**WHEREAS**, While voting rights are on the defense in many states with restrictive voting laws, such as cutbacks on early voting periods and the elimination of same-day registration, California continues to lead in modernizing strategies for voter engagement and removing obstacles to the ballot,

**WHEREAS**, In October 2015, Governor Brown signed landmark legislation establishing a program that automatically registers to vote any eligible California citizen who interacts with the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to increase voter participation,

**WHEREAS**, The Automatic Student Voter Registration Using University Enrollment program has the potential to fundamentally change California's political landscape by creating greater access to the legislative process for students and a ready-made platform for youth civic engagement,

**WHEREAS**, Under such automatic voter registration programs voters retain their right to opt out or cancel their voter registration at any time,

**WHEREAS**, Automatic voter registration programs are designed to set forth adequate safeguards and procedures that protect the privacy, security and confidentiality of student information, especially that of vulnerable student populations such as undocumented students and students who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking,

**WHEREAS**, The Automatic Student Voter Registration has the support of Assembly members David Chiu (D-San Francisco) and Rob Bonta (D-Alameda), who are currently drafting legislation to formalize this program proposal as an official state policy,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the USAC endorses the Proposal to Expand the Political Participation of California's UC, CSU, and Community College Students through Automatic Student Voter Registration Using University Enrollment,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the USAC urges the UC Office of the President to implement the Automatic Student Voter Registration in time for the November 2016 Presidential Election,

**RESOLVED**, USAC will urge Chancellor Gene Block to write and issue a letter of support of Automatic Student Voter Registration measures to the Board of Regents,

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, The External Vice President will advocate on behalf of Automatic Student Voter Registration to the association's local legislators, seeking, in particular, co-sponsorship or a letter of support.

-Amin moves to approve the resolution. Dameron seconds

-Rosen says we'll do the first round of discussion

-Rosen says to be consistent instead of therefore be it resolved to let it be resolved and the next two to let it further be resolved, let it further be resolved, and then let it finally be resolved

-Helder states the language was decided to mirror and create consistent language but I'm fine formatting it differently if Rafalian and Siegel

-Rosen states its typical to have a semicolon

-Starr states for the last whereas it should be a period

-Kajikawa states it should be lowercased unless it's a proper noun so "young people" "voter registration" and all those lines except for where it says USAC

-Rosen states it should be "the USAC"

-Geller says it should be a comma at the last whereas rather than a period.

-Rosen states it says California's UC and CSU and Community College Students should be spelled out and the students shouldn't be capitalized.

-Patil says the third whereas spelled dependent wrong

-Helder says according to spell check its already spelled correctly.

-Amin says I don't know if its okay but it should be let it finally be resolved

-Kajikawa states instead of minority you might want to do it for communities of color

-Helder states he's just taking the language from UCSA but I will be open minded. I will defer it.

-Kajikawa moves to replace minority to communities of color in the 9<sup>th</sup> line of whereas. Rafalian seconds.

- Rosen states all in favor of replacing it with communities of color.
- Shao states there should be a clear distinction and there are minority groups and communities of color and if you take out minority you're taking away from another group and those aren't synonymous. You should add instead of subtract.
- Khan states what if we put underserved instead of communities of color.
- 0-12-0 the motion has failed.
- Kajikawa states within this report we should use the language what is used.
- Helder states one reason its tricky to change the language because we aren't using synonymous words and this is the exact language and don't want to stray too far from fact.
- Geller states its dependent not dependent
- Siegel states its important that California is lucky to have the luxury and promoting college students to vote rather than attacking them and its really relatable to this discussion. With that I encourage all of you to support this.
- Kajikawa thanks them for bringing it forward and its extremely important especially for a campus like ours. Don't take advantage for the ability to vote and I find rhetoric extremely problematic on so many different levels.
- Rosen asks if you've reached out to secretary Padilla's or UCSA
- Helder says we've been in constant contact
- Rosen calls to question

#### X. Announcements

- Rosen says keep filling out the googledoc and we have appointed Gilmont of Publicity Director and as soon as I had that briefing I would send that to all of you.
- Hourdequin asks if you can make her in charge of posting
- Rosen says yes
- Patil says she's meeting with Johnny Yadge the Budget Review Committee because the worksheet is hard to maneuver so if anyone else is interested lease let me know.
- Khan states with SWC we are doing the joint menstrual product drive and I am sending out the cover photo for it too. Basically as soon as we have enough we're going to have kits into Kerckhoff offices willing to have it and if you are willing to have it let me know.

- Rosen asks someone to add the Minutes from March 8
- Helder moves to add the minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup>. Patil seconds.
- Rosen goes into a vote.
- 12-0-0 the Minutes have been approved.

#### XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

#### XII. Adjournment

- Helder moves to adjourn the meeting. Kajikawa seconds.
- 12-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 7:55pm.

#### XII. Good and Welfare