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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

May 31, 2016

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Ariel Rafalian, Christina Lee, Divya Sharma

ABSENT:

I. Call to Order

-Siegel 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

-Shao strikes the ARC fund.

-Mohankumar strikes ASRF.

-Sands strikes EVP Bruin Defenders.

-Lee strikes Student Wellness Programming Fund.

-Siegel moves to table ASUCLA Board of Directors and Community Activities Committee.

-Majmudar moves to approve the agenda as amended. Mohankumar seconds.

11-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes from May 24, 2016

-Sands moves to approve the minutes. Mohankumar seconds.

11-0-0 the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

A. All of Us: An Introduction

a. Presented by Anusha Satta and Artemis Chavez

-Satta and Jain introduce themselves and aim to work with on campus organizations and want to inform everyone regarding how to get involved with All of Us.

-1 in 4 people are affected by mental illness.

-More than half of students are dealing with anxiety and other mental health issues.

-Satta explains the difference between mental health and mental illness. Mental health is similar to taking care of your physical health, such as taking care of your social and psychological well-being.

-Satta explains that mental illness is an actual medical condition that requires diagnoses and treatment.

-Jain says most people do not reach out for treatment due to the stigma towards mental illness.

- Sadda explains how All of Us started 2 years and how it has officially become a part of SWC Active Minds this year. Advocacy is the key for change and mental health platforms.
- Education, awareness and advocacy are the main focus for All of Us.
- Jain explains how the website is a great resource to offer and has many off-campus and on-campus resources. The website explains how one can get involved and also get resources. Jain would like to have a transition meeting with all of their members and hold programming events with organizations such as Mental Health Initiative and NAMI.
- Sadda is our next year member and also Chavez who is not here today.
- All of Us is really interested in advocacy in order to spread awareness of mental health and illness.
- Sadda would like to see campaigns and to get people to talk more to avoid stigma.
- Sadda would like to provide resources like CAPS Hotline for students feeling overwhelmed or unsure what to do regarding their mental health concerns.
- Sadda would like every incoming student to be exposed to mental health similar to alcohol education and finance education.
- Sadda would like mental illness week here on campus.
- Sadda lets the council know that if the council would like to be involved in mental health to please reach out to All of Us.
- Jain asks how many members of USAC are interested in mental health advocacy and majority raised their hands to agree.
- Jain urges that everyone should make mental health/illness a number one priority and initiative to advocate mental health.
- Allofus.care.ucla@gmail.com is the email provided for All of Us.
- Zeigler asks if they plan to have another All of Us conference next year and All of Us said yes, but with a slightly different theme.
- Mohankumar asks Sadda and Jain to go into more detail regarding education and advocacy/outreach. Sadda answered expressing how All of Us would like to reach out on campus and to K-12 students by having a K-12 curriculum as well as going to state legislatures to see if they can help All of Us move forward.
- Jain says she wants to work on the access to resources to make sure all students on this campus have care.
- Chowdhury requests to have a better a mental health group and said he went to a conference and would like to know if All of Us is interested in more self-care and programming.
- Sadda said they are definitely aiming to do so and trying to find ways to help students de-stress.
- Siegel informs the council that the PowerPoint for All of Us is included in last week's agenda so the council can refer back to that.
- Jain says you can also contact them through Facebook.

VI. Appointments

A. Budget Review Director*

As Chair of the Budget Review Committee (BRC), the Budget Review Director verifies that USAC base budgets are in accordance with all ASUCLA and University regulations and that all budgets are sufficiently documented. The BRC makes recommendations on

USAC Officers' budgets, and forwards those recommendations to USAC for approval. The Budget Review Director serves as Chair of the Undergraduate Students Association Programming Committee, the Student Government Operational Fund Committee (SGOF), and the Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF) Committee. The USA Programming Committee holds three rounds of hearings per academic year. The Student Organizations Operational Fund Committee holds two hearings per academic year to allocate funds. The Student Government Operational Fund Committee will hold one round of hearings. The Budget Review Director is appointed by the USAC President for a thirteen month term, beginning in June and continuing through July of the following year.

- Zeigler states that Johnny Yaj came forth as Budget Review Director and said it was a 3-0-0 approval for him to take the position.
- Yaj explains why he is a great candidate for this position and says he is equipped.
- Yaj has noticed many issues that he hopes he can fix to end the year strong.
- Geller informs Siegel and Yaj that it is one minute for opening and closing and 5 minutes of questions.
- Dameron asks what issues Yaj would like to address this upcoming year and Yaj replied with "transparency, efficiency and funding literacy."
- Yaj says the hearing process is very confusing. When people sign up they forget. By sending out reminders this issue would not happen and it will be more transparent.
- Yaj would like online applications and would like to regain online presence.
- Zeigler motions to move to approve Johnny Yaj as Budget Review Director.
- Majmudar says Yaj has experience, is well prepared and thinks he is a great candidate.
- Mohankumar appreciates Yaj for taking initiative to increase transparency for funding allocations
- Chowdhury explains how he appreciates Yaj regarding his experience and also his knowledge in equity.
- Zeigler interviewed Yaj and says he is very qualified for this position and is fully supportive of Yaj taking the position.
- Siegel says that to keep in mind that everyone will be working with Yaj once he is appointed and this position is a very strong position for someone to hold.
- Zeigler calls for discussion and Siegel moves right into a vote.

13-0-0 Johnny Yaj is approved as Budget Review Director.

B. Finance Committee Chair*

Oversees the annual budget of the Undergraduate Students Association Council and ensures that the Council stays within budget. The Finance Committee, which meets weekly, is entrusted by USAC to review, analyze, investigate, and receive all budget and financial requests dealing with the appropriation of student funds. The FiCom Chair also sits as an Ex Officio member of the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) which meets weekly. In addition, the FiCom Chairperson serves on the Budget Review Committee and will, therefore, be participating in the hearings of the Student Government Operational Fund Committee, the Student Organizations Operational Fund Committee, and the USA Programming Fund Committee. **Must** be available in summer. The FiCom Chair is appointed by the USAC President for a thirteen month term, June through July 1 of the following year.

-Zeigler explains that she also interviewed Kevin Yu and says he is a great candidate.

- Zeigler says that finance committee is in charge of council budget, student funds, and financial requests and meets weekly.
 - There was a 3-0-0 vote for Yu to take this position during interviews as informed by Zeigler.
 - Yu says that he has been involved in the finance committee for 3 years now as a general member and gives a background of himself such as the clubs he is involved in, internships and that he is an accounting major.
 - Yu hopes for our upcoming year to work on Universal Funding application and to enhance the coordinator positions. Yu would like to hold workshops also.
 - Geller asks Yu if there is anything he would like to change from the way the funding decisions were made this past year, the process by which your committee will make recommendations and allocations.
 - Yu says we currently base it off of our applications of the scope of the event and the quality of the application.
 - Yu thanks everyone for letting him apply for this position.
 - Yu says he genuinely cares about the students and is committed to continue that as chairperson.
 - Dameron moves to approve Kevin as Finance Committee Chair. Rafalian seconds.
 - Rafalian says that Kevin will continue his great work and be an asset.
 - Borden says Kevin is diplomatic and qualified.
 - Zeigler says that Kevin is very qualified and acknowledges his involvement of 3 years and experience.
 - Sands says accounting is scary and Kevin seems like a nice guy.
- 13-0-0 Kevin Yu is approved as Finance Committee Chair.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Siegel

- Tomorrow Siegel will be sitting with Bob Michael, the director of the Internal Alumni Network and Chris Howell from the Career Center to discuss an establishment of a network for incoming students to create new opportunities to engage in internship opportunities for post-graduate success.
- On Thursday Siegel will be having lunch with the Vice Chancellor and Nick DeLuca to build a strong foundation for USAC in terms of campus climate and build a stronger relationship with them.
- This Friday is the USAC Alumni Gala to raise money for USAC endowment at 6:00pm.
- This Saturday Siegel is attending first UCLA Alumni Association Board meeting and is very excited to engage with other board members.
- Have received many applications for appointments and would like to do so before summer, especially the next 2 weeks.

B. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler

- ARC started up this week and has 6 more coming up. Currently doing interviews right now.
- If you do not have email information for your office, get the information and check it daily/frequently to see agendas and other important information.

-IVP is putting on the USAC Finals Study Hall this Friday 9-midnight in Ackerman Grand Ballroom.

-Siegel asks if council has questions for his report since he forgot to ask after his report and no one has questions for Siegel or Zeigler.

C. External Vice President -- Sands

-Sands is trying to streamline the advocacy process.

-Bills ADP-17 and 1747 have both passed with California State Legislature.

-1747 will allow EBT to be used on campus low-income students to access food.

-2017 will allow students to obtain a grant.

-It is very rare that both bills have reached this stage and it is very likely they will pass.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

-Tomorrow is last day for interviews and had about 93 applicants.

-Will be finalizing staff soon.

-Meeting with Cogan next week with the Senate chair.

E. Administrative Representatives – Champawat, Geller, Starr, Mata, Zimmerman

-Zimmerman says that there are still many items in hallway and would like everyone to label them because custodians are unsure what to do with them. All of them will be removed tomorrow, so please remove it by tonight.

-Zimmerman says if you have trash that is big then we will have someone come in and clean it rather than leaving it in the hallway as clutter.

-Zimmerman has received word from ASUCLA Event Services from outside balances and must pay bills ASAP or it will affect us next year. Expect an email from Zimmerman to pay it off.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming*

-Talked with 14 student groups and USAC offices with total amount of \$16,309.15

-Total amount requested was \$8,399.29.

-Amount recommended was \$2,276.

-Dameron moves to approve the contingency allocation for \$2,276. Zeigler seconds.
13-0-0 the contingency allocation has been approved.

IX. Old Business

A. **A Resolution in Support of Transgender Communities and Allyship at the University of California, Los Angeles**

Divya Sharma, Transfer Student Representative

Zackary Dameron, Community Service Commissioner

Inan Chowdhury, General Representative III

Amy Shao, Cultural Affairs Commissioner

WHEREAS, a study by the LGBTQ+ Education Network revealed that 90 percent of transgender students surveyed had experienced derogatory remarks at school with respect

to gender expression. Only 11 percent of these students reported that school staff intervened upon hearing such negative remarks, and

WHEREAS, the UCLA faculty and staff, beginning with Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) members and offices will be accountable to this resolution allowing them to understand the role they can play in allyship, and

WHEREAS, Gender Identity Disorder is listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual-4th Edition (DSM-IV), a guide used by mental health professionals to diagnose psychological conditions. Transgender identity is NOT a mental illness and cannot be remediated with treatment. Rather, transgendered people experience a persistent difference between assigned sex and our understanding of gender.

WHEREAS, in an updated version, the DSM-V plans to replace “Gender Identity Disorder” with the term “Gender Dysphoria,” which implies that it is a mental state rather than an all-emcompassing disorder to help remove the stigma.

WHEREAS, understanding the term “Transgenderism” is outdated and an incorrect way of referring to a person that identifies as Transgender or non-binary.

WHEREAS, only 39% of people in America, exceptionally low number (as of January 2009) are covered by anti-discrimination laws that include gender identity in the workplace.

WHEREAS, 70% of Transgender people reported being denied entrance to, harassed, or assaulted in a bathroom.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Transfer Student Representative, Student Wellness Commissioner, General Representative III, and Cultural Affairs Commissioner will partner with the LGBT Center and the Facilities Commissioner to partake in advocating for more single stall, all gender restrooms,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Ally Training sessions will be administered to Undergraduate Students Association Council officers and their staff, keeping the association accountable for attending, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Undergraduate Students Association Council will advocate for a more sustainable funding sources for the LGBT center to continue its work on the UCLA campus.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED as an association we must continue to support the LGBT center as they advocate and program for more LGBT career oriented seminars. These seminars allow LGBTQ+ students on the UCLA campus to be able to obtain and understand careers they may pursue.

- Chowdhury notices there is an update for gender dysphoria in DSM-5 to remove stigma of being a different individual.
- Zeigler moves to approve the Resolution: Support of Transgender Communities and Allyship at the University of California, Los Angeles.
- Chowdhury moves to change Allyship and to change the last sentence to begin with “let it finally be resolved” rather than “let it further be resolved”.
- Zeigler wants to change 6th Whereas grammatical error with “comma and” and to put an “and” on the 3rd Whereas.
- Zeigler wants to change it to let it FINALLY be resolved.
- Lee wants to insert that the DSM-5 added the word “replaced” to highlight the distress that people were feeling.
- Zeigler says for the first let it be further resolved to have ALL USAC offices partnering because she feels that is the point.
- Sharma says it can say “On behalf of USAC”.
- Sands states if it changed to the Undergraduate Student Association because it is the same council.
- Shao says that if it were EVP you would have to be accountable.
- Sharma says that he reached out to everyone and many council members were hesitant on this resolution and if they would like all offices listed then they must be accountable.
- Dameron says to move the part of USAC so it is not particular and to bring in the whole USAC at the end of it.
- Lee says the “mental state of mind” is not the message we want to give and make it a clear state of distress and wants better wording.
- Chowdhury explains how it will grasp attention and there will be downsides/consequences for that as well.
- Shao says to change the words “Gender Identity Disorder”.
- Zeigler says that regarding the first “let it be resolved” that she would love to help with advocacy, but as a resolution she thinks it will make more sense to have specific things that the offices will work on.
- Sharma states it is the last part to encompass USAC to meet with advisors for this resolution and says that by having office names on there they are holding themselves accountable and that is why they are listed.
- Geller offers a compromise to say, “let it be resolved ON BEHALF OF USAC”.
- Lee says the language is not for us, it is for who reads it and we can end with a compromise to show that the whole council is on board.
- Majmudar says that he feels like it is an issue and would not consider that in the language.
- Shao is comfortable to remove all offices listed and will hold all of you accountable for this resolution, but Sharma also says it makes sense for us to say that USAC is involved in the compromise.
- Siegel says it is a learning experience for all of us and thinks it is fair that Sharma is expecting this as resolution, but it is a new process on how to outreach to certain groups.
- Sands is tolerable with anything council wants to do, a resolution is supposed to be a statement of support.
- Sands is opposed to the part to keep people accountable and is concerned about Allyship training.

-Sharma says LGBT center does not have Allyship training and that we do not have enough resources to have Allyship training. Sharma would like funding for this exact reason and to help advocate. Sharma is adamant with how he wants every office to be accountable.

-Sands says it all depends on what bills/policies are coming up and it does not make sense to hold every office accountable for this individual campaign.

-Sharma would like to keep the 4 offices to be held accountable for this resolution.

-Borden thanks everyone for being involved in revising this resolution; her concern regarding the current language is that it only places the task at hand of the 4 offices involved. She says that being included in the language and taking accountability is understandable, but she does not understand the point.

-Sharma says there was a GroupMe regarding this topic to be a part of and expressed that no one really reached out to them to be involved.

-Borden acknowledges that and wants to move forward to have ALL offices be accountable. Keeping it as the 4 names solely seems wrong.

-Rhee wants to know what the purpose of the resolution is and reads the ByLaws, which states no authors name should be included in the resolution.

-Sharma says our names are not included, our offices are. If you all want to be involved in this then reach out even though you are busy.

-Sharma does not believe that all of the USAC members will be advocates and wants everyone to be knowledgeable.

-Chowdhury asks Sharma if he will be accountable for this resolution. Chowdhury says they will be accountable regardless if their offices are listed on the resolution or not.

-Shao says to clarify and does not mind taking out offices listed.

-Shao says accountability is being available as a resource when students email them regarding their issues. Shao is concerned if each office will know how to answer, especially since the students already feel as though they are not supported. If the vote is the full 13, students will assume they support them.

-Shao needs everyone to know 100% how accountable they are by voting for it, but if you are not voting for it then do not be accountable.

-Shao does not want students to go to a specific office and ask for resources and be let down when the offices do not have proper information to provide.

-Geller asks if council is interested in bringing Ally training to the retreat and that way every office will know what to do.

-Zeigler says that there is always more we can do and feels as though she is being pushed aside from helping this resolution and would like to vote on something in order to be involved and help.

-Zeigler also says she has always been involved in these groups and has always been in her offices and wants students to know that her office is a place to go if needed.

-Sharma says he does not want to be argumentative and as USAC we will have Allyship training towards the bottom of the resolution. Sharma believes that we cannot have all 13 people go into advocacy and wants this resolution to move forward.

-Sharma says that he wants to keep us all accountable.

-Shao is very comfortable to take out the "let it further be resolved" section with offices listed and understands how it makes the board feel isolated.

- Shao wants the board to have their office open for these students and has not heard that many responses except from Zeigler.
- Shao wants everyone to do the actual work rather than just voting on it.
- Mohankumar acknowledges that she reached out to Sharma but did become busy to follow through. Mohankumar would love to work with this and has been involved in social and contentious issues on campus. Mohankumar is willing to answer any questions that students may reach out to her in her office.
- Siegel asks anyone else to voice opinions.
- Rafalian says that Sharma has bitterness for people reaching out to him for a resolution and says that Sharma cannot be there to write up every resolution due to busy schedules and understands that not all 13 offices can do so.
- Sharma says it was not writing a simple resolution, he just wanted a straight answer regarding whether the offices will be involved or not such as "I cannot" and explains that Shao, Dameron, himself and Chowdhury were the only ones who did spear head this.
- Sharma says that if he cannot rely on you for a simple text regarding the issue then how can you be accountable for this resolution.
- Rafalian acknowledged Sharma's passion about this issue.
- Siegel wants to continue this after meeting and says it is our first resolution and is there a consensus to change it to what Shao offered.
- Siegel suggests changing the offices listed.
- Shao says as long as you are all willing to do the work then this is acceptable.
- Chowdhury wants everyone to follow up with this to have their offices reflect their vote.
- Chowdhury points out that we are the ones representing these students.
- Siegel calls to question to change the language aspect of the resolution.
- Zimmerman motions to approve the resolution as amended.
- Mohankumar moves to approve the resolution as amended. Lee seconds.
- 13-0-0 the resolution has been approved.

X. New Business

- Siegel wants to start with Sands to suggest dates for meetings.
- Sands will be gone June 19 to end of July and UCSA congress is August 11-13 so everyone should try to go.
- Shao will be gone June 18.
- Borden will be gone June 10-September 10.
- Mohankumar will be gone June 18.
- Sharma will be gone June 23 and will be free June 19-23. After July 23 will be free.
- Lee will be gone July 3 week.
- Wong will be here June 14.
- Dang says he will be gone June 15 to July 6.
- Zeigel is gone June 10 to September 13.
- Majmudar will be here weekends and can drive down here if needed.
- Chowdhury will probably be home end of June to beginning of July.
- Geller suggests we will not make quorum between June 19-July 6.
- Dameron will be here.
- Rafalian will be here.
- Rhee will be here.

- Dang says he will be here June 23-27.
- Geller states that some years ago council met every week, every other week or even once or twice a month. There is not a set strategy. She says last year it was about 2 meetings a month.
- Geller says we can change the weekday of meeting and start time of meeting.
- Geller says we cannot hold council on weekends.
- Siegel suggests that we do one more council meeting next week and then over summer some breaks of meeting maybe starting June 14, 24, 28 and July 5.
- Zimmerman said a Google-doc should have been sent out, in the middle of July our budget needs to be approved for this next year and make sure to have a meeting beginning of July to approve this budget.
- Siegel suggests July 12 to approve budget.
- Sands proposes July 12, 26 and August again bi-weekly then in September weekly.
- Wong like Sands proposal and wants to know if online voting would work for funding.
- Siegel says it is possible to do so and agrees with Sands proposal.
- Zimmerman says if we have a meeting the 12th we should be fine regarding tech-support.
- Siegel says we can change it to a Monday if that helps people more.
- Siegel requests moving the meeting at 6pm rather than 7pm.
- Everyone is accepting with meetings 7pm on Tuesdays during the summer to avoid traffic.
- Siegel says next meeting after July 26 will be August 9, August 23, and September 6 and then we will go back to weekly meetings.
- Siegel says September 20 everyone will be back for school.
- Siegel clarified that appointments can be approved over summer and then reapproved in the Fall.
- Majmudar asks if we get reappointed. Siegel says yes and adds that you are approved as full term.
- Siegel says Tuesdays at 7pm will carry on for summer council meetings and funding allocations will be through email.

A. Summer Meeting Schedule 2016*

- Siegel says next meeting after July 12 will be July 26, August 9, August 23, and September 6 and then we will go back to weekly meetings.
 - Zeigler moves to approve summer meeting schedule. Mohankumar seconds.
- 13-0-0 the summer meeting schedule has been approved.

B. Summer Meeting Quorum 2016*

- Siegel asks regarding July 12 who is present and 9 council members will be present.
- Geller says that quorum needs to be consistent through out summer.
- Siegel asks July 26 who will be present and 9 members will be.
- Siegel asks August 9 who will be present and 9 members will be.
- Siegel asks August 23 who will be present and 9 members will be.
- Siegel asks September 6 who will be present and 11 members will be.
- Siegel suggests 7 people here for quorum this summer just to be safe.
- Dameron moves to approve a quorum of 7 council members this summer. Majmudar seconds.

13-0-0 the summer meeting quorum was approved.

XI. Announcements

- Dang says the correspondent for the Daily Show will be here on Friday in Haines 39.
- Geller reminds the council that next week is the California primary and to make sure to vote.
- Shao says Jazz and Reggae festival sold out 3 times and reached extreme capacity. Shao said it was the first time in 6 years that we actually made profit (roughly \$22,000).
- Wong announces that on Thursday in Ackerman “Feminism is Cool” is happening at 6pm.
- Siegel says that there are plenty of positions open to serve in office and an appointment and to let everyone know to fill up over the summer and fall quarter.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

Zeigler moves to adjourn the meeting. Chowdhury seconds.

13-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 8:57pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

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Executive Session Item