

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

July 26, 2016

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Ariel Rafalian, Kevin Yu, Inan Chowdhury, Christina Lee

ABSENT: Rafael Sands, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Divya Sharma, Sabrina Zeigler

I. Call to Order

-Siegel calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Inan moves to add to the agenda the consent approval of the Interim Budget Review Director. Shao seconds.

-Shao moves to strike the ARC fund.

-Mohankumar moves to strike ARSF.

-Shao strikes to move Contingency report.

-Lee moves to strike the Student Wellness Programming Fund.

-Chowdhury moves to approve the agenda. Shao seconds.

8-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from May 24

-Shao moves to approve the minutes. Dang seconds.

8-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

-The Dean for Students, Marie, is here who says Geller will continue to carry on, but she is out of town right now. Christine has left for a position at Humboldt and Rob Kadota will take her place instead. Rob Kadota will not be here every meeting since he serves his city council.

-Marie says she supports the planning and conversations that will take place during your retreat and looks forward to it. Marie says it'll be helpful to include the Associate Dean during the retreat.

-Kevin Daragy who is the Associate Dean says that last year and year before incidents took place within the Greek community and would like to engage a little more in depth with USAC and how to make the bruin life community better. His email and doors is always open and will love to establish a great partnership.

-Kadota says he has been involved in local politics for 14 years and is very involved in the safety of the community. Every council member present here introduced themselves to Kadota and told him what positions they hold.

## VI. Appointments

Interim Budget Review Director consent approval:

- Stephanie is an incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> year and serves as a representative for USAC student government accounting. She was the financial coordinator for the Philipino group here on campus which also made her knowledgeable about funding.
- Stephanie feels she will benefit the Interim Budget Review Director position.
- Stephanie has been approved as Interim BRD by consent.

### A. ASUCLA Communications Board\*

Promotes and advances UCLA Student Media. The three standing committees of the Communications Board are: (1) the Executive Committee, (2) the Finance Committee, and (3) the Operations Committee. The Executive Committee performs the annual performance review of the director. The Finance Committee oversees the preparation of the annual budget and ensures that the board stays within the budget. The Operations Committee reviews and revises the Constitution, By-Laws, Policy and Procedures Manual, and meets with the media and ensures that the Board and its media adhere to the necessary policies.

Meets monthly, including a two-day retreat in August. Four undergraduates. Two year staggered terms. May not serve as a staff member or receive compensation from Student Media. May not be a USAC official and may not hold another USAC appointed position while on Communications Board. Meets monthly, including a two-day retreat in August. The four undergrad members are appointed by the USAC President for a two year staggered term.

Website for Further Information: <http://www.uclacommunicationsboard.org/>

#### i. Mrinaalika Sivakumar (1 year term)

- Lee says 3 of us interviewed and it was a 3-0-0 vote and feels like Sivakumar could represent student media and media outlets since she has experience, but would like to see more involvement with magazines.
- Sivakumar is a junior majoring in economics. Being in Arts and Media has been very realistic and worked as a staff member, which allowed her to get insight into what these communications really mean.
- Mohankumar asks with the passage of the new referenda how will you see it play across Daily Bruin and other magazines.
- Sivakumar says it would be beneficial to allocate these funds towards fundraising and to give a starting point to help enhance marketing better.
- Sivakumar has been in Arts and Media and has enjoyed her time, she thinks that being in communications will help her and she has the skill to achieve this to the best of her ability.
- Chowdhury moves to appoint Sivakumar as the ASUCLA Communications Board for a 1 year term. Rafalian seconds.
- Chowdhury says he knows her personally and has great communication skills across the board and did great things last year for the board.

-Lee says Sivakumar does have experience and has a good direction that she would like to take including transparency.

8-0-0 vote Mrinaalika Sivakumar has been approved as the ASUCLA Communications Board.

ii. Madelyn Chen (2 year term)

-Lee says they did not meet quorum and the vote was 1-0-1 and says Chen needed to show more familiarity with the position to effectively represent UCLA.

-Lee says Chen needs a clearer vision for what communications is about at UCLA.

-Chen says as a democracy, bruin media should be free. Chen was a reporter for her high school and wants bruin papers to vocalize and give a voice to the silent.

-Chen wants to have more of a outreach for bruin media.

-Shao asks what prior experience do you have where the communication and information will be holistic and reflect campus climate.

-Chen reported and edited for her high school paper and contributed to an online power magazine. Chen says she knows about logistic reporting and has a holistic viewpoint towards the media because she has experience and knowledge.

-Chen has not been involved in media at UCLA and that allows her to step back and learn.

-Chen says freedom of democracy is what she believes should be advocated on the communications board to protect, promote and preserve student media at UCLA.

-Rafalian moves to approve Madelyn Chen as a member of the Communications Board for a 2 year term. Mohankumar seconds.

-Mohankumar says Chen sounds very passionate and excited and says Chen can learn the ins and outs of student media. Chen seems dedicated and can learn.

-Chowdhury says we have a lot of passionate people; experience is critical to know the ins and outs of media outlets. Chowdhury says college is bigger than high school experience.

-Rafalian says that Chen could grow into the role and was well prepped for the interview and thinks she will do a good job.

7-1-0 Madelyn Chen has been approved as a member of the ASUCLA Communications Board.

iii. Eliza Blackorby (2 year term)

-Lee says only one person was able to interview so we cannot recommend, but from the notes we see that Blackorby has an understanding of UCLA Media by reporting on the Daily Bruin and has a holistic approach.

-Blackorby is a junior and is studying economics. Student media has been deeply important to Blackorby and says that relevant stories for students are important.

-Blackorby says student media is very impactful and was a member of the Daily Bruin last year.

-Blackorby will work to continue to provide that space and believes the communications board will do so also.

-Shao asks how you believe your past experience in Daily Bruin can help you in this position and one way it can hurt you.

- Blackorby says she has insight in the function of media and relationship with Daily Bruin, bruinwalk and radio. She has a understanding to be involved in this powerful institution which can help her make it more concrete and transparent.
- Blackorby says it can hurt her regarding funding decisions and is hyperconscious of this. She wants to be an advocate for student media and not the Daily Bruin.
- Mohankumar asks to elaborate more on what she will do as a member of communications board.
- Blackorby would like to see more institutionalized ways and the financial and executive committee to make a newsletter. She would like the AIC and general members to have more opportunity.
- Blackorby believes now is the time for student journalism to exceed and is a moment of true momentum. She wants to advocate sustainable and accessible change and stronger collaboration between student media groups, larger student media groups to increase.
- Blackorby says it would be an honor to work for something she is so passionate one.
- Dameron moves to approve Blackorby as the ASUCLA Communications Board for a 2 year term. Rhee seconds.
- 8-0-0 vote Eliza Blackorby has been approved as the ASUCLA Communications Board.

#### B. Student Advocate #

The student advocate will interface with the campus ombudsman office, UCLA legal services, undergraduate counseling, and/or the appropriate administrative office to acquire expertise and to fully explore all possible remedies. One-year term.

Website for further information: UCLA currently does not have a Student Advocate. For reference, please refer to UC Berkeley's Student Advocate Website, as we hope to model this position after theirs.] <http://advocate.berkeley.edu/>

##### i. Nick Motamedi

- Lee says ARC was not able to interview this appointee.
- Siegel says Motamedi is not present and recommends approving this position by consent.
- Siegel says that Motamedi would like to be more like Berkeley with this position.
- The consent approval has been confirmed for Nick Motamedi as a Student Advocate.
- Zimmerman says we can bring those approved by consent back in for interviews and re-approvals/reconfirmation.

#### C. LGBTQ Affairs Committee Member #

The LGBTQ Affairs Committee Member is a one year term. Reports to CODI about topics and climate concerns raised by the campus. Works in conjunction with academic and medical staff for policies in practice to support the LGBTQ community.

##### i. Shamik Maganlal

- Siegel says this is a consent item also.

- Siegel says Maganlal was very passionate about this position and highly recommends approving him by consent.
- The consent approval has been confirmed for Shamik Maganlal as LGBTQ Affairs Committee Member.

#### D. CSC Mini-Fund Member\*

The Chairperson of the Community Service Mini Fund Committee serves as the budget director for the committee. The committee is dedicated to providing funds for student community service programs, activities or services which contribute to the elimination of poverty and social problems, and/or provide services (such as health and education) to disadvantaged groups. Five undergraduate appointees: One Chairperson and four members. Two of the four committee members must be affiliated with CPO; the other two with CSC. Holds five hearings per academic year. One year term. July – June.

Website for Further Information:

[www.usac.ucla.edu/funding/docs/funding\\_guidelines\\_csmini.doc](http://www.usac.ucla.edu/funding/docs/funding_guidelines_csmini.doc)

##### i. Imesh Samarakoon

- Lee says there was no interview conducted.
  - Samarakoon is a 4<sup>th</sup> MCDV major and if we had unlimited funds we could achieve all of our goals.
  - Samarakoon says resources are limited here at UCLA and requires individuals with experience who can analyze and critique these proposals.
  - Samarakoon says he has experience for this position due to his past
  - Chowdhury asks Samarakoon to expand on his experience here at UCLA.
  - Samarakoon helped write CSC out and this year serves as a liaison to help UCLA with organizations for recruitment, retention, etc. He is also the internal VP for Bruin Shelter.
  - Shao asks how you will look to approve the invisibility and efficiency. of the funding.
  - Samarakoon says that is hard, but as a member of CAC that he can speak to organizations to help them with funding.
  - Samarakoon says there is no office hour to help with funding and thinks it is a good way to engage possible applicants to the fund.
  - Samarakoon says he is aware about CSC funding and will evaluate the funding and wants to impact the community in a positive and thoughtful way. It is the job of the committee to allocate efficiently and positively as possible.
  - Chowdhury moves to approve Imesh Samarakoon as a CSC Mini-Fund member. Dameron seconds.
  - Dameron says he has worked with Samarakoon and can attest to his experience and dedication to the service community here at UCLA and within the community.
  - Dameron says he wants to help with the shelter and will be a great asset.
- 8-0-0 vote Imesh Samarakoon has been approved as a CSC Mini-Fund member. Dameron seconds.

E. CSC Mini-Fund Member\*

i. Judy Ly

-Lee says Ly has experience and can help in this position very well.

-Ly says that she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year and will combine her funding experience with the CSC organization.

-Ly will help translate messages to different organizations that we work with and this year hopes to help more organizations that we currently work with.

-Zimmerman says Ly has been a member of CSC for 2 years and asks to give a little more description of her experience with this title on the funding committee and what she looks forward to do this year.

-Ly says organizations utilize their resources and by using resources when closing accounts will benefit the community and student. This year we hope to let them know about different and newly registered organizations and funding to utilize it.

-Ly thanks the council for being here today to interview her and she hopes that based on her experience that she will get the position and able to give funding to current organizations.

-Dameron moves to approve Judy Ly as the CSC Mini-Fund member position.

Rafalian seconds.

8-0-0 vote Judy Ly has been approved as the CSC Mini-Fund member position.

F. CSC Mini-Fund Chair\*

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i. Emily Kohlheim

-Chowdhury says the interview was cut off from her phone, but she is a very strong candidate who has made improvements for organizations to help them get the funding they need. Kohlheim also has experience in the CPO

-Kohlheim says that she is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year poli-sci student and passionate about community service that worked with Immigrant literacy development and became the finance director and she is also on the CSC staff.

-Kohlheim really wants to apply again for this position to help these groups who applied.

-Shao asks how would you ensure to improve the vision of the committee itself so it does not remain stagnant since you sat in this position before.

-Kohlheim says over this past year she has made streamlining procedures for underrepresented communities and noticed that her funding was not really up to date for the community service sites and would like to include more contacts to remain forward.

-Kohlheim says that she would like this position since she had such a great time last year and had 60 clubs apply last fall and 50 clubs apply this spring. She did not have previous experience before and learned quickly.

-Dameron moves to approve Emily Kohlheim as the CSC Chair person. Rafalian seconds.

-Zimmerman says that she advises the CSC mini-fund and Kohlheim did an amazing job this year with minimal advising from herself.

8-0-0 vote Emily Kohlheim has been approved as the chairperson for the CSC Mini-Fund.

#### G. Campus Food Security Committee Member\*

Campus food security committee member will serve to create an on-campus student food collective and information center. It is a stipend position.

##### i. Sai Sumana Kaluvai

-Lee says ARC was unable to interview, but this candidate was very knowledgeable and has great direction for next year. Lee says we recommend more involvement with students on campus.

-Kaluvai says she is a chemical engineering major and econ major.

-Kaluvai believes food security is an access to healthy and nutritious food for students especially since they claim to not have food.

-Kaluvai has conducted soup kitchens and breakfast clubs for 4 years.

-Chowdhury asks which food security on campus which have you had experience with on campus.

-Kaluvai says CPO food closet, resources in Santa Monica, but a problem is that they are not offered 7 days a week and they close very early in the day. Kaluvai says they cannot provide hot meals, and only canned food items, which is not nutritious for our students.

-Kaluvai says she would like to work on the food co-op by running it and cleaning, help raise funds to be available 7 days a week, explore talking to school administration to have off campus meal plans that is more affordable.

-Dameron moves to approve Sai Sumana Kaluvai as the Campus Food Security Committee Member. Rafalian seconds.

-Dameron says she demonstrated a very thorough knowledge about food security and has really good ideas to talk to administration to make our resources more accessible.

-Shao appreciates her closing and feels like it was very forward thinking of her.

8-0-0 vote Sai Sumana Kaluvai has been approved as a member of the Campus Food Security Committee.

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President -Siegel

-Siegel has been working on siting down Rachel Bay to talk about how the judicial board is handling their responsibilities and how USAC has upheld their balance and institution.

-Siegel is sitting on the Chancellor's campus city task force that has been meeting every week since the end of June to help prepare, communicate and build security.

-Siegel says this week a website went live for feedback for those who were effected by the shooting and can submit recommendations → end of August a forum will occur so you can all ask questions and give recommendations for Chancellor Block.

-Siegel says last week he had a phone call with Career development and Alumni affairs to bridge the gap between students with mentorship programs and internships.

-This Friday is the council of presidents and the annual retreat to talk about system wide issues and determine our structure.

-Siegel will be having a meeting this Friday with Chancellor Block and will let you know how the meeting goes.

-Siegel had a phone interview with Connect earlier today to pitch to our alumni to talk about what USAC is doing to make our alumni is praised.

### B. Internal Vice President - Zeigler

### C. External Vice President -Sands

-Sands alternate says that last week he attended a meeting for the Gun research violence center and it was satisfying to see the issues we had as a USAC council were being discussed.

-We will have more to talk about after the UC summit in August.

### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner - Mohankumar

-Mohankumar met last week with Eric Wells and discussed academic appointemtns to make it more transparent to us and public and discussed the end of the year "dead days" and is looking forward to contuning that.

-Cory Hollis and Mohankumar will have a meeting tomorrow to move Murphy offices in Kerkhoff so it easier for advising.

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

-Zimmerman welcome Kadota to the table.

- Zimmerman will be out of the office sometimes, but still here this summer.
- Starting August 1 you will have access to your funds so keep that in mind for your retreats!
- Kadota says the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every August is the National night out and has been happening for many years for policemen and student affairs have been invited to train for one day. It is happening this Friday from 9am-4pm for self-defense.

F. Student Wellness Commissioner - Lee

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming\* - Yu

B. Bruin Defenders # - Sands

C. Arts Restoring Community # - Shao

D. Academic Success Referendum Fund (ASRF) # - Mohankumar

E. Student Wellness Programming Fund # - Lee

IX. Old Business

A. SIOC Appointment\*

The purpose of the Student Initiated Outreach Committee (SIOC) is to increase the eligibility of educationally disadvantaged students to the University of California, particularly UCLA. UCLA students who have initiated outreach projects to a school which has low academic performance school-wide and high attrition rates may apply for funding from the SIOC to support their projects. The SIOC ensures that the projects adhere to SIOC Guidelines, evaluates the projects and their proposals, allocates funds as appropriate, and oversees the funding process. SIOC holds weekly meetings (including Summer), plus at least one funding hearing per Quarter, Fall through Spring. In addition to attending meetings and participating in proposal hearings and deliberations, committee members must serve on at least one standing committee of the SIOC. One year term, July 1-June 20. The USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner serves Ex-Officio, or may appoint someone to serve in her/his place. One undergraduate member, appointed by the USAC President.

Website for Further Information:

<http://apexwebsite.com/uclacpo/StudentInitiatedAccessCenter.php>

i. Susan Martinez

- Lee says Martinez was very knowledgeable about her work and is fiscally responsible.
- Martinez says that she is very passionate about outreaching to underrepresented communities like the American Indian recruitment project. They go out to these places to help them apply for higher education and make a big impact on those of colors and students who are not represented in higher education.

- Shao asks how your experience will help you to make the committee grow and not be stagnant.
  - Martinez says she would like to open up better outreach in USAC and SIOC and knows that these funds will be allocated for SIOC and would like to make sure this money is being used responsibly.
  - Martinez would also like a budget proposal each year and would like these students to have an easier application process than she had.
  - Shao asks with the new referendum how will you make sure your funds are equitable.
  - Martinez says she will do a budget proposal every year, a budget narrative and that these students have low acceptance rates to higher education and would like to make sure that these funds do not burn through.
  - Martinez thanks everyone and says she is passionate about this position and will continue to work hard in community service and having work so hard to have the referendum pass, we would like to remain fiscally responsible for the next year.
  - Rafalian moves to approve Susan Martinez for the SIOC appointment. Mohankumar seconds.
- 8-0-0 vote Susan Martinez has been approved as the SIOC appointment.

#### B. USAC Publicity Chair Appointment #

USAC Publicity Chair is responsible for online marketing and works with student media to get out ideas, voices and opinions. Release projects and work in conjunction with the USAC webmaster to update the site on a weekly basis. Implement a system of research student opinions and organizing, branding and logo for USAC and formulating USAC publicity. It narrows down to marketing and media and building communication with faculty and staff.

##### i. Sara Zagi

- Chowdhury said Zeigler and him had a positive decision towards her and it could be a drawback depending on what those offices had in terms of perspective, but Sara has great communication and has faith that she will do a great job.
- Zagi has had plenty of experience working for a PR firm and is currently interning for Kris Jenner.
- Zagi has experience working for non-profits.
- Zagi says thank you and will promote USAC as a whole.
- Sara Zagi has been approved as the USAC Publicity Chair by consent.

#### X. New Business

- Rafalian moves to add Denise Marshall for Campus Retention Committee. Dameron seconds.
- 8-0-0 Denise Marshall has been added under New Business for Campus Retention Committee appointment.

#### A. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Referenda Funds\*

##### i. Danny Siegel

- Siegel says that with the passage of 4 referenda, increased our budget by 50% from 4.3 to 6 million dollars and now there is the work of our association to make sure they distributed evenly and transparently.
- Siegel says it is our responsibility to establish guidelines for the different funds that were given and make sure the funds are allocated.
- Siegel has reached out to Roy Champawat and will talk to Mic Deluca and Dameron has expressed interest to serve on this committee and if any of you would like to join, let Siegel know.
- Mohankumar and Shao are interested.
- Siegel says it is a one-time committee.
- Siegel would like an official vote of approval for this.
- Siegel says that he is trying to have representation for various things on campus.
- Shao says that she supports having members of the committee, but it would be good to have members who are not involved to avoid biases.
- 8-0-0 vote an Ad Hoc committee on Referenda Funds as been approved.

## B. Campus Retention Committee

### i. Denise Marshall

- Chowdhury says ARC gave a 3-0-0 recommendation and would like Denise to expand on her vision in the next year especially for people of color.
- Marshall says she is a 5<sup>th</sup> year student and non-traditional. She was motivated last year to be the chairperson for non-traditional black students to have the same resources on campus that target transfer students.
- Shao asks given that your focus is specifically on non-traditional students, what can you ensure visibility for these students.
- Marshall says as a transfer student, the resources did not apply to her and would prefer resources for non-traditional students.
- Marshall says that she thanks you all and is excited to be a part of CRC at UCLA and will hopefully make a big impact for non-traditional student.
- Dameron moves to approve Denise Marshall for the position of Campus Retention Committee member. Mohankumar seconds.
- Shao appreciated her response to her question and that she will be able to bring resources to these issues and students.
- 8-0-0 vote Denise Marshall has been approved as the Campus Retention Committee member.

## XI. Announcements

- Lee says SWC has free pads and tampons and anyone is welcome to make donations.
- Siegel says that if you're attending the new student orientation to represent USAC make sure you attend!
- Shao says her commission did show up, but there was no table for them when they came.
- Siegel says he is unclear on that.
- Mohakumar says her table was also not there for her commission.
- Zimmerman will follow up with SAT to make sure there are designated spots for USAC.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

-Mohankumar moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm

-Shao seconds.

8-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XIV. Good and Welfare