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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

August 9, 2016

7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Sabrina Zeigler, Zoe Borden, Divya Sharma

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 moves to strike ARC Fund.

-Mohankumar moves to strike ARSF.

-Dameron moves to make a change on CSC mini fund to CS mini fund.

-Siegel would like to table Jose Rodriguez to next meeting.

-Sands moves to strike the Bruin Defenders.

-Majmudar moves to strike SAC Board of Governors for 2016-2017 School Year.

-Lee moves to strike student wellness programming fund.

-Dameron moves to approve the agenda. Majmudar seconds.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes from July 26, 2016

-Dameron moves to approve the minutes. Shao seconds.

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

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

A. Interim 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.

Website for Further Information: <http://www.usac.ucla.edu/funding/programming.php>

i. Lynda Bui

-Lynda has been approved by consent as the interim FiCom Chair until September 9th.

B. USAC Judicial Board *

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.

Website for Further Information: <http://www.students.asucla.ucla.edu/jboard/jboard.php>

i. Abigail Chapman

-Chowdhury says that the interview today helped ARC decide that she is qualified about the judicial board.

-Chapman says she is a second year econ major and is passionate about law.

-Chapman has always read into legal documents and said that she has read our constitution 73 times this month.

-Chapman is a high school debate coach.

-Dameron asks if a student approached and asked you what JBoard is what would you say?

-Chapman says that it ensures that people in the student government feel comfortable.

-Majmudar asks what she would have voted for the SJR vs E-Board?

-Chapman says she does not think the bundled nature of the judicial board and budget was not beneficial and that they agreed to over spending based on the election.

-Chapman says that she is impartially able to handle this position and has plenty of experience.

-Chapman says she is president of Bruin Democrats.

-Majmudar moves to approve Abigail Chapman to the USAC Judicial board.

Mohakumar seconds.

-Majmudar says he met her last year and she is an incredible freshman and is very good at her positions.

10-0-0 vote Abigail Chapman has been approved.

ii. Nicholas Yu

-Chowdhury says ARC noticed him as a very fitting candidate for this position.

He knows the ins and outs of this position and knows information regarding bylaws and judicial board.

- Lee says that he knew violations and familiarities with judicial board.
 - Yu says that he is a 3rd year psycho-bio student and he is involved in campus politics.
 - Yu is very informed about our processes of bylaws amendments and legalities that come with the judicial board.
 - Dameron asks are you going to be working at the Daily Bruin this upcoming year? Do you have any affiliation with any other news offices on campus?
 - Yu says he is not at all linked to the Daily Bruin and will excuse himself from any cases regarding that and will get approval from the Chief justice.
 - Yu says he was a news reporter and tried to report not biased.
 - Sands asks how he sees his role changing from a member of judicial board from news reporter?
 - Yu says that he will redefine our constitutional laws and it is necessary to have someone who is familiar with the bylaws.
 - Yu says that he wants to make it clear that he is not affiliated with the Daily Bruin and thank you for your time.
 - Chowdhury moves to approve Nicholas Yu to the USAC Judicial board. Majmudar seconds.
 - Majmudar says we are familiar with Yu's work and says we know he is incredibly responsive and responsible.
 - Majmudar says he knew everything about the SJR vs E-board that was amazing.
 - Sands says he worked with Yu at the Daily Bruin and he is extremely hardworking.
 - Chowdhury says some might see Yu's involvement in the Daily Bruin as hindering, but it could be a benefit.
- 10-0-0 vote Nicholas Yu has been approved.

C. CS 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

i. Teresita Martinez

- ARC did not get to interview Martinez due to miscommunication.
- Martinez says that she is a business econ major and double minoring in entrepreneurship and education.
- Martinez is a produce of community service because they taught her how to come to college and FAFSA.
- Martinez says community programs are why she is here today.

- Sands asks her to tell us about her community service here on campus.
 - Martinez says she is a part of LGL and it is a mentoring and tutoring program in elementary, middle and high schools.
 - Martinez says LGL offers scholarships and help.
 - Mohankumar asks what fair funding means to her?
 - Martinez says fair funding is giving out fair funds to organizations and communities.
 - Shao asks how would you approve the CS Mini fund?
 - Martinez says she is filling out the application right now and there are not many organizations that offer workshops for these applications and many organizations procrastinate and she would like to change that.
 - Yu asks how you would stay objective when allocating funds, like maybe a club you are a part applies for funding?
 - Martinez says she will not be a biased person even if his or her application is not so well, she has had experience in this in the past where she had to choose someone for help and did not choose a friend.
 - Martinez says it is all based on what they have to offer.
 - Chowdhury asks what are the eligibilities that are required?
 - Martinez says that CS mini fund is when you reach out to communities that are in need and help those in need.
 - Chowdhury asks what is your understanding of the structure of this committee?
 - Martinez says it is a team-based type of thing.
 - Martinez says that she is a product of these organizations and says she has the experience to choose these organizations and communities.
 - Dameron moves to approve Martinez to the CS mini fund. Rafalian seconds.
 - Dameron says she does have a lot of experience but needs more experience with service-based organizations.
 - Dameron says that since she was supported by this growing up could be an asset but logistically there needs to be more.
 - Rafalian says it worries him a little that she does not know the principles of eligibility requirements especially since she'll be handling money, but says that if Dameron says she can learn quick then that is okay.
 - Dameron says she knew the fundamentals of it shows that she does know what this fund is about and took time to think about it.
 - Chowdhury says he wants to give her the benefit of the doubt since she did not get to be interviewed by ARC.
 - Chowdhury wishes she were more prepared for this, but can learn.
- 10-0-0 vote Teresita Martinez has been approved.

D. Campus Programs Committee *

The Campus Programs Committee (CPC) is a subcommittee of the Programs Activities Board (PAB). Oversees funding regarding projects and programs of an educational and/or cultural interest directed at the student body or specific segments of the student body. Solicits student views on the nature and goals of campus programming and holds hearings to allocate funds for campus programs. Must attend a four-hour Orientation in early August, participate in CPC's six hearings which are held throughout the academic year, beginning in September, and attend Quarterly meetings. In addition, must sit on

CPC Mini-Fund Committee for one quarter and attend their weekly hearings which are held from Week 2 to Week 8. The four undergrad members, three Regular and one Alternate, are appointed by the USAC President for a one year term, July through June. There is also a mandatory summer retreat.

Website for Further Information: <http://tinyurl.com/campusprograms>

i. Emiko Kranz

-Chowdhury says that ARC believed she is very qualified in programming and has applied for funding in the past so she knows how it works.

-Chowdhury says that Kranz experience makes her able to keep people motivated and entertained while teaching fundamentals of culture.

-Kranz says that she is a 4th year microbio major and had no idea that being Asian and Asian American was very different identities.

-Kranz became the Cultural Night student union and has engaged with many cultures.

-Kranz understands that cultural committees can express their culture openly on campus and teach others about it.

-Shao says your focus was on NSU, how would you expand other cultural nights to include other cultures?

-Kranz has attended many cultural nights on campus here and many other campuses and that she is not just studying one Asian American culture she is studying many, her scope is not narrow.

-Shao asks how will you expand your scope to other cultural events beyond that scope?

-Kranz worked with many other cultural programs and that she is helping many of them develop awareness for African American women living in little Tokyo.

-Kranz says she is mixed race so she can understand many other cultures here.

-Kranz says that ICE at UCLA has been one of the most diverse organizations on campus and that she sees her responsibility to be involved and engage other communities.

-Kranz wants to learn more about other cultures here on campus and how it gives a positive effect to our campus.

-Shao moves to approve Emiko Kranz as the campus programs committee.

-Majmudar seconds.

-Shao says she was very impressed by her responses and that she will be able to respond to the needs of all cultures on campus.

-Mohankumar says she was also impressed when ICE had their cultural night and thought that was her going above and beyond of what she is used to.

10-0-0 vote Emiko Kranz has been approved.

E. Student Fee Advisory Committee *

The Student Fee Advisory Committee is a committee of 12, including 8 students, 1 faculty and 3 staff which acts as the primary agency for channeling student input into decisions regarding the level and use of Student Fee funds. SFAC receives budgetary requests for Student Fee funding for units and programs administered by the Chancellor,

other administrators or ASUCLA, and based on these requests, formulates budgetary recommendations concerning the level of Student Fees and their allocation to student service programs, including capital expenditures, and submitting these recommendations to the Chancellor.

Meets no less than four times per Quarter. The four undergraduate members are appointed by the USAC President. Two year staggered terms.

Website for Further Information: <http://www.sfac.ucla.edu/>

i. Richard White

-Chowdhury says that ARC noticed his knowledge about social justice referendum and works as an administrative assistant in CPO.

-Chowdhury says he knows a lot about student fees and feels he is very qualified for this position.

-White says he is a 2nd year studying business econ and believes that students should have a voice regarding the fees here used.

-White says that he spoke incorrectly in the interview and it was \$75,000 they managed not \$750,000.

-White got to learn what many students wanted and needed.

-Sands says that students always ask for more things to help with projects, but also saying that the UC is paying too much, do you think we are heading in the right direction?

-White says it depends because mental health is a big topic at UCLA and they get over \$3 million for that, but we need to know how much money and why that much money is being given and what amount is being used.

-Majmudar says that what does the exam archives mean to you?

-White says 1/3 of undergrads use the test bank for an exchange of money.

-Dameron says in past years SFAC has allocated money to different departments but also departments that could benefit you, how would you handle that?

-White says he uses the same that every other student uses here on campus and would not be biased.

-Chowdhury says how would you ensure these allocations are more transparent?

-White says that we need to work more on the committee with that.

-White says thank you and that students need to be a part of this and be heard and it may not be an easy position but he can get it done.

-Dameron moves to approve Richard White as the student fee advisory committee. Rafalian seconds.

-Sands says that he was impressed by everything White said and that he is on top of how these allocations are sent out efficiently.

-Majmudar said that by reading the resume and interview made him doubtful, but after White spoke he was very impressed.

10-0-0 vote Richard White has been approved.

-Sands moves to recess until 8:04pm. Dameron seconds.

10-0-0 vote to take a 5-minute recess.

ii. Katie Kim

-Chowdhury says that Kim has experience and she is well rounded for student fees for where they are allocated in terms of student programs and how they run.

-Kim says that the student service fee is the most important fee on campus and researched that the policy is a lot more complex than we can imagine.

-Kim says that as an undergraduate representative that she will make great contributions as a committee.

-Majmudar asks what is your familiarity with the structure of the committee you will sit on?

-Kim says there are 3 administrators and one that sits and in addition you work closely with organizations for funding and students for advice.

-Chowdhury asks how can you ensure transparency?

-Kim says that they were missing the total amount of fees and that students are given fees that are allocated to see where their money is being sent and why it is being sent.

-Kim thanks everyone for the opportunity and says has a good sense of student life to benefit students the most.

-Majmudar moves to approve Katie Kim for the student fee advisory committee. Rafalian seconds.

-Majmudar says Kim was his first friend at UCLA and everything she has worked on at UCLA has been with her full heart.

10-0-0 vote Katie Kim has been approved.

F. Election Board Chairperson *

Chairs the Election Board, and nominates and supervises members of the Election Board Executive Committee. Is responsible to USAC for the administration of all aspects of USAC elections. Extensive time commitment before and during regular Spring Election. The Chairperson will also oversee any Special Elections that occur during her/his tenure. The Chairperson is appointed by the USAC President for a one year term.

Website for Further Information: <http://usacelections2012.com/>

i. Danielle Fitzgerald

-Chowdhury says that ARC did not have time to ask most questions and wishes they had more time.

-Fitzgerald says that she is a second econ and poli-sci double major.

-Fitzgerald says she is passionate about the council for next year reflecting the student body in order to make sure it is a fair and safe election and allowing equal amount of protection for each candidate.

-Sands asks a lot of students complain about the extravagance about student elections, how can you regulate campaign expenses?

-Fitzgerald says that as long as the financial outlines are met and the money spent is watched it will manage it.

-Rhee asks any possible revisions that might need to happen to the election code this year, what are your thoughts?

- Fitzgerald says she does not want to make any revisions, first step is grammar but drastically changing it should not occur. Quality is priority.
- Fitzgerald would like to meet with the entire election board and discuss the ambiguities, but does not want any major changes.
- Siegel said last year council changed our bylaws for ballot order and what can you do next year for this?
- Fitzgerald says that is great but it does cost more money to revise the bylaws and we can do changes to have a randomized ballot that will be beneficial.
- Mohankumar asks what is one critique you have of last years election and how will you approve it?
- Fitzgerald says to accurately enforce the election code to make it fair and enforce the code more.
- Dameron says in the past election towards the last week with SJR particularly placing a sanction, you were a director last year and you have a say in the committee, how do you feel about this occurrence when you have a say?
- Fitzgerald said she did have a say in it and would have disqualified SJR at that point but Lindsey Allen chose the decision so she had to support her.
- Shao asks in your response to Dameron's question and supporting Lindsey was there any instance where you did not come forth and express that sentiment.
- Fitzgerald says that she publicly did not get to express that.
- Majmudar asks what is the voting system used for general reps and what about campaigning in Westwood?
- Fitzgerald says it is an automatic system.
- Chowdhury asks why there was ambiguity within the council to overturn that vote once it was made making it seem like it was the election code that was at fault.
- Fitzgerald said we have no say in the way that it is calculated and we are involved.
- Chowdhury asks how it was overturned?
- Fitzgerald said with more revision the council overturned it.
- Majmudar says there were computer errors and agrees with her response.
- Sands says he frustrated that sanctions were issued inconsistently and not transparently and many candidates knew that the sanctions they would receive, would you plan on doing anything to make these specific sanctions more clear and transparent?
- Fitzgerald says that it is impossible to do that everyday based on the hours required and there is no way for us to say an exact correlation.
- Sands agrees that it is not feasible, but it is worth the time to set parameters for this range of punishment to make it more consistent.
- Geller asks what your thoughts are on announcing election results while there are unresolved challenges to the elections? For any challenges filed for the end of voting or before.
- Fitzgerald says that last year there was an issue for complaints being issued after results were announced and thinks that we did discuss issues last year after results and they were resolved internally.
- Mohankumar asks what is more important familiarity with the process or impartiality?
- Fitzgerald says impartiality because familiarity can be learned.
- Chowdhury asks what were the reasons of holding special elections?
- Fitzgerald says that she will brush up on that.

- Fitzgerald says thank you and that she knows exactly what she wants as election board chair and will be extremely hardworking. She is very excited for next year.
- Mohakumar moves to approve Danielle Fitzgerald as election board chairperson. Rafalian seconds.
- Sands says not many people on campus know the election code this well and that shows that she has experience and that she can handle this tough job.
- Mohakumar met Danielle by endorsements and is so excited about a job that demands such a high demand.
- Rhee says she looks forward to working with Danielle and thinks that she has experience. Election boards process was not mentioned this year and hopes Danielle can do that next year.
- Dameron says experience is not always needed for such a position and she was on the board last year, which takes into consideration that Danielle went with the E-board chair decisions rather than fighting for other decisions since last year was terrible.
- Dameron says we need completely new people on the board after how terrible last year was.
- Siegel says that his recommendations said they thought not only regarding qualifications that if you look at her comment about ultimate authority rests with the chair, and she was under the chair that makes her not responsible for making these decisions.
- Siegel says that Fitzgerald made the correct decision and had a different opinion towards the board, but now she could be that decision maker which shows that she can publicly express her opinion now rather than giving into the chair.
- Siegel says that she will have internal politics of what went wrong and can help.
- Majmudar says Fitzgerald is so passionate and saw her at every election related event and stayed there the entire time.
- Shao says that she finds disconnect because she questions that if you are against something and to just agree to move forward is not a good sign. Shao says she will publicly voice her opinion if she was not agreeable to decisions made with this council for example.
- Shao says that if every member on E-board should question what is happening to strengthen what is going on and question what is going on and in place. Shao wants to vote against the appointment because it was not enough of a response.
- Siegel thinks that the election board will make the decision, but if a person came out publicly to make a comment would not have effected the decision overall.
- Siegel says that since she can be the chair and has an opinion, which could give a lot of weight since she can now make the full decisions.
- Shao says that there is a different opinion then because she would prefer someone to publicly open up and express their beliefs.
- Shao said if she just voted every meeting for this council then there is no point for her to be here.
- Siegel says we are elected member of the council, last year the person elected was not chosen, so our threshold is completely different.
- Rafalian says that he understands Shao, but saw that Fitzgerald had an opinion but was respecting the bylaws of the organization she is a part of.
- Rafalian says it shows that she follows the bylaws of election board.

- Rafalian says having someone from last year who went through last year's bad election board will help us avoid those mistakes again.
 - Chowdhury says we have another person from last year who can fix last years mess and students might not have trusted the system as it is if the E-board had turbulence within itself.
 - Chowdhury says that she wants her voice to be heard this year and it would be wrong to silence her like she had done last year.
 - Sands says that he fully supports everyone expressing their opinions, but not election board because chaos could have broken out. If every member expressed his or her thoughts it would be dangerous.
 - Majmudar says that election board last year rose the voting to 40% and we are not acknowledging that enough.
 - Dameron says to look what did happen without the E-board expressing their opinions, which caused chaos already within the board.
 - Dameron says he would not have approved Lindsey Allen as E-board chair if he could go back in time if he knew she would do a terrible job.
 - Chowdhury calls to question. Rajmudar seconds.
- 6-4-0 vote Danielle Fitzgerald has been approved.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President - Siegel

- Over the past 2 weeks Siegel hosted the council presidents retreat in the Luskin center with undergrad and graduate students across the UC to come together as a system wide effort.
- Siegel says they have a quarterly meeting with president Paul Natala.
- Siegel says it was a great discussion and advocating for our campus and how to improve students across the UC system.
- Siegel said 2 Fridays ago had his first meeting with Chancellor Block and established that communication on behalf of our council and spoke about middle income affordability, UCLA foundation, recent events in the country and domestically regarding presidential election.
- Chancellor was very receptive and would like to be more involved with the council more often.
- Siegel says that our campus safety task force had a meeting and Siegel was in charge of how the council will respond to the community and preparedness for active shooters or crises.
- Siegel sat with Josh Repos and spoke about sporting events to make sure students are prioritized to go to our sports events.
- Siegel sat down with Norit Katz with Rhee and says Rhee will be a great asset to the solution.
- Siegel sat with Mic Deluca about the referendum last year and wants to have the committee established by end of this month.

B. External Vice President -Sands

- Sands says we are taking 48 students to delegation this weekend to the UCSA.

-Sands says he is looking forward to collaborate with 6-7 different student orgs and can divide and conquer to get 15,000 voter registrations this fall.

C. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

-Mohakumar says no updates for her.

D. Administrative Representatives

-Geller reminds the council if they have initiatives in the year ahead engaging in support with the Chancellor needs to be ran through dean of students Maria and will help determine whether it is something he needs to prioritize.

-Zimmerman says that she apologizes to table today for the ARC process.

-Zimmerman says that her role is to provide the equipment needed for projects at events, but for skyping and coordination of interviews should be through her, but not in her office. Coordinate it yourself and then Zimmerman will do the skyping.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner - Lee

-Lee has no updates.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming * - Yu

-Yu says 5 orgs have applied and require \$4,600.04.

-It is requested \$1,900.44

-Yu says we recommend \$940.

-Dameron moves to approve the contingency program for \$940. Dang seconds.

10-0-0 vote the contingency allocation has been approved.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

-Starr says he is with Fat Sals and will bring in food for us all.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Mohankumar moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm.

-Majmudar seconds.

10-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XIV. Good and Welfare