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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

September 27, 2016

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Zoe Borden, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Ariel Rafalian, Christina Lee, Divya Sharma, Inan Chowdhury, Patricia Zimmerman, Roy Champawat, Rob Kadota, Debra Geller

ABSENT: Ruchit Majmudar, Kevin Yu, Zack Dameron, Michael Star

I. Call to Order

-Siegel calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Zeigler asks council if it is acceptable to add on all of the summer appointments to reapprove them.

-Siegel says it is against the bylaws and should be held until next week.

-Geller says that we can do a vote to approve this added to the agenda.

-Zeigler moves to add the summer appointments to today's agenda.

-Rafalian seconds.

-Sands asks how will their stipends be handled then?

-Siegel says this is very important to do.

-Zeigler asks if it will not effect all of these stipend appointments.

-Siegel says it will not affect them.

-Zeigler says we do have 15 appointments and most are consent.

-Mohankumar says most of the appointments are hers and it is okay to move them to next week and will start their meetings during the first week of October.

-Shao says she does not feel comfortable approving these appointments today.

-Zeigler says the ones added are consent to just to clarify.

0-11-0 vote this motion has failed.

-Zeigler says this will be added to next week's agenda.

-Mohankumar moves to strike ASRF.

-Sands moves to strike Bruin Defenders.

-Lee moves to strike student wellness programming fund

-Zeigler moves to strike contingency programming fund.

-Sands moves to approve the amended agenda. Borden seconds.

11-0-0 vote the agenda has been amended.

-Zeigler moves to amend the agenda by adding back the contingency fund. Rafalian seconds.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes from September 13, 2016.

-Mohankumar moves to approve the minutes. Lee seconds.  
10-0-1 vote the minutes have been approved.

#### IV. Public Comments

#### V. Special Presentations

#### VI. Appointments

##### A. Campus Programs Committee (CPC) \*

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 USAC President appoints the four undergrad members, three Regular and one Alternate, for a one-year term, July through June. There is also a mandatory summer retreat.

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

##### i. Navi Sidhu

-Zeigler says that ARC does not have recommendation due to no interview conducted.

-Sidhu says that he has always supported cultural programs here on campus and wants to help students by providing help with personal development for the students.

-Sidhu says that holding events to inform students about engineering events and circle K event.

-Chowdhury asks to elaborate on your experience with holding cultural programs funds.

-Sidhu says the last 4 years he sat on the psych council and managed \$200,000 dollars in funding and we valued the proposals people made.

-Sidhu sat on the LCAP which was a \$60,000,000 dollar plus organization which helped him learn a lot with allocation by urging to have more doctors trained in psychiatry to help students and counselors.

-Sidhu says that in high school he learned a lot about how to execute and plan events.

-Sidhu says that he served as the ASU Treasurer for 3 years managing \$ 200,000 dollars of club money to see if they were under-spending or over-spending.

-Sands asks what circumstances will you apply for these funds?

-Sidhu says the youth fund is the most interesting towards students here in college because you can provide funding on campus and the general fund which can help assist UCLA students.

-Sidhu says you can apply for different funding sources.

-Shao asks what other funding sources are you aware of and what knowledge do you have towards this?

-Sidhu says he only knows of youth and general, but they do discuss things like this in CPC and went to CPC trainings and learned about what happens inside of CPC.

-Sidhu says he does not have institutional knowledge, which could be a problem, but also a benefit since he has no bias and can ask questions to get into the essentiality of what needs to be done.

-Chowdhury moves to extend questioning time for 5 minutes. Mohankumar seconds.

10-0-1 vote the council will extend questions for 5 minutes.

-Sharma says transfers do not know where to go for funding, how will you help them with this issue?

-Sidhu says the sole office does work with this issue and as a CPC we spoke that if a group does go to the wrong source for funding we will try our best to guide them.

-Sidhu says it would be great to talk to many clubs who have many transfers in them and CPC can outreach through that.

-Chowdhury asks what are the eligibility requirements for funding and what is the application process?

-Sidhu says each source has different requirements, general needs UCLA Students organizing, and youth needs students organizing who necessarily do not go to UCLA. The main part of CPC is to give a chance to other students who need funding and it needs to be student driven.

-Sidhu says the application process is redundant and we need to reevaluate the committee as a whole by cutting away certain questions.

-Sidhu says the money CPC is in charge of should make us more careful for how we distribute this money.

-Mohankumar asks how would you describe a successful program?

-Sidhu says by holding events that cater to the clubs and to other people, it all depends on the event and the type of event itself.

-Sidhu says the events must be cultural and educational.

-Zeigler moves to approve Navi Sidhu to campus programs committee.

-Chowdhury seconds.

-Zeigler says that Sidhu was grilled here and answered every question very well.

-Borden says she is concerned of his lack of knowledge in terms of other funding sources.

-Chowdhury says despite his lack of institutional knowledge, he is a first year and knows a lot more than any of us regarding funding and personal experience could help.

-Siegel says he was skeptical because he is a first year, but once he met him he realized he was an exceptional candidate.

-Zeigler says that he is applying to CPC and not the other positions; he can learn the other information.

-Sands says it is our fault that Sidhu does not know all the information regarding funding because it is extremely confusing and needs to be fixed.

- Sands says we should take this up as a council to fix.
  - Shao says Sidhu has a lack of institutional knowledge and would like him to look into it more.
  - Sidhu says it is extremely confusing and he is a first year who knows as much as he can.
- 11-0-0 vote Navi Sidhu has been approved.

#### B. SAC Board of Governors #

With the passage of the SPARC Referendum, the Student Activities Center Board of Governors was instituted to serve as the formal policy and advisory committee for the Student Activities Center. Roles include general operational issues and policy development, bond related maintenance allocations, determination and annual review of fiscal and management operations, annual review and approval of equipment and/or maintenance expenditures, review and recommendations regarding future renovations or additions to the facility, resolution of scheduling conflicts, and preparation of an annual report related to facility operation and activities. Four undergraduate students sit on SACBOG: one undergraduate student from the Community Programs Office (CPO); one undergraduate student from the Campus Retention Committee (CRC); and one undergraduate student from the Student Initiated Access Committee (SIAC). In addition, one undergraduate student At Large is appointed by the USAC President. Meets once a month during each academic quarter. One-year term.

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

##### i. Patricia Macias

- Zeigler says we are tabling this appointment until next week.

#### C. Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) \*

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 USAC President appoints the four undergraduate members. Two year staggered terms.

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

##### i. Neemat Abdusemed

- Siegel says this will be a one-year term to complete some of last years.
- Zeigler says there is no recommendation from ARC.
- Abdusemed says she has applied to SFAC because she wants the students voices to be heard and is qualified because she is part of the Bruin-Productive and has sat

in 8 deliberations regarding budget and wants the fees to be transparent so the students will have them available to them.

-Sharma asks what is one thing that you will start doing to make the fees more transparent?

-Abdusemed says she does not have an idea right now, she has been on the website and would like to see more access for the students to see their budgets online.

-Zeigler asks are there any issues you would like to work on within SFAC?

-Abdusemed says not right now because she is not involved right now, but once she is on the board she will see what entities need funding.

-Rhee says do you ever see funds taken from the referenda?

-Abdusemed says no.

-Shao says how will you make sure students get more money on an equity basis?

-Abdusemed says there are numbers that show the levels and types of students that use them which can help.

-Borden says how will you make sure you do not use your own biases when funding?

-Abdusemed says her job is to ensure that the students have these resources and only base funding on numbers.

-Mohankumar asks do you have any experience allocating or managing funds?

-Abdusemed says she worked with Bruins for Black Empowerment and looks over the budget and she is an administrative assistant for student outreach committee, which has also helped her with funding.

-Shao asks when you were applying to SFAC did you see any issues?

-Abdusemed says she has not dealt with that so she cannot answer that.

-Sands asks what can you apply from SFAC to CPC?

-Seigel says students do not apply to SFAC.

-Abdusemed says thank you and wants to represent the students and the best way to do so is by helping them have resources available to them and would like these fees transparent to them today.

-Zeigler moves to approve Neemat Abdusemed to SFAC for a one-year term.

-Rafalian seconds.

-Geller says the student service fee is a portion of tuition and SFAC recommends to the Chancellor how these funds are allocated to the department, and it is important they set an amount of funds each year aside or to expand in new directions to meet student needs. It is not allocated to any student orgs or students in general.

-Siegel says one week ago from today, one SFAC member resigned, which left a void for student representation for that space and is thankful for Neemat.

-Chowdhury says he met Neemat over the summer and conversing with her showed him that she is knowledgeable about student groups being underrepresented and knows what the meaning of fair funding is.

-Rhee says she loves the way Abdusemed speaks but putting in that you care for transparency of funds, but not knowing how to do so is alarming.

-Rhee says for this reason she will not recommend Abdusemed.

-Siegel says the council needs to consider the fact that SFAC needs a representative.

-Borden says she is confused about Abdusemed's comments on going to student entities to collect data since students are not involved in this funding.

-Zeigler says this was a quick appointment, which makes it hard for her to prep for this position, and it was our fault for knowing this position as well as we should.

10-1-0 Neemat Abdusemed has been approved for a one-year term.

#### D. Faculty Executive Committee \*

Is an action appointment, it was tabled from last week and is not stipend. It is not a student rep council necessarily; the undergraduate student on this committee will help with faculty changes, course changes, and other important student outlooks.

##### i. Sujith Cherukumilli

-Zeigler says there is no recommendation from ARC.

-Cherukumilli says during his time at UCLA he joined a frat, AIDS Coalition and USAC.

-Cherukumilli says even though he is a senior he wants his last year to be memorable, his experiences as a student advisor and member of USAC will help him with this position.

-Siegel asks what are your other responsibilities on campus and how can you balance that?

-Cherukumilli says he is involved in the AIDS Coalition and the chief of staff of financial sports commission and is not worried that he will not balance his position.

-Rafalian asks how can he help in this position?

-Cherukumilli says by talking to correct members and being chief of staff of financial sports commission and AIDS Coalition will benefit him.

-Cherukumilli says he is looking forward to serving the students to this capacity.

-Borden moves to approve Sujith Cherukumilli to the faculty executive committee. Rafalian seconds.

-Chowdhury says this a 2-year position and Cherukumilli is a senior.

-Mohankumar says Cherukumilli is a great appointee and has someone to fill his spot once he graduates already.

-Sharma asks if anyone else applied who could do this for 2 years?

-Mohankumar says Cherukumilli was the only one deemed fit for this position.

11-0-0 vote Sujith Cherukumilli has been approved.

-Zeigler moves to approve items E, F and G through consent.

-E, F, G has been approved by consent.

#### E. Undergraduate Council Committee (UgC) #

i. Brad Fingard

ii. Ally Miller

iii. Leah Bayers

iv. Vignesh Balasundaram

F. Faculty Executive Committee #

- i. Taylor Lee

G. Committee on Undergraduate Admissions #

- i. Jack Guo
- ii. Libby Burke

-Zeigler says all these committees are a part of the academic senate except for O and P.

H. Legislative Assembly #

Reviews and approves annual reports and discusses campus wide issues.

- i. Ally Miller
  - Ally Miller has been approved by consent.
- ii. Aaron Boudaie
  - Aaron Boudaie has been approved by consent.
- iii. Amir Kashfi
  - Amir Kashfi has been approved by consent.

I. Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity #

Not stipend. Provide policies and programs for diversity including representing women and minorities. Reports recruitment for underrepresented committees also.

- i. Addrita Das
  - Addrita Das has been approved by consent.
- ii. Annie Guilyard
  - Annie Guilyard has been approved by consent.

J. Committee on Research #

Council on research is charged with formulating the senate general guidelines review of organized research units and recommends research to the chancellor. Establishes policies and allocates funds.

- i. Andrew Shapiro
  - Andrew Shapiro has been approved by consent.

K. Committee on Planning and Budget #

CPB is charged to make recommendations on academic policies and allocates educational resources. Also makes sure the senate has a formulated view on campus spaces and figures out ways to maintain an active relationship with the state-line council.

- i. Daanyaal Kumar
  - Daanyaal Kumar has been approved by consent.
- ii. Amir Kashfi
  - Amir Kashfi has been approved by consent.

L. Committee on Continuing and Community Education #

To advance programs that meets the publics meets and maintains UCLA's excellence. Focuses on educational issues for students who are not enrolled and considers the educational and economical entities of UCLA>

- i. Gareth Wang

-Gareth Wang has been approved by consent.

#### M. Academic Freedom #

Study and report to the division within the academic senate, which could affect the academic freedom of students. AF is to maintain the liaison within the university committee.

##### i. Rafael Garibay

-Rafael Garibay has been approved by consent.

##### ii. Oscar Arroyo

-Oscar Arroyo has been approved by consent.

#### N. Education Abroad Committee #

Education on International Education is to represent the L.A. division and interacts with registration and makes sure there is consideration with campus diversity.

##### i. Lauri Label

-Lauri Label has been approved by consent.

#### O. Diversity Initiative Steering Committee #

Work in tandem with Ad-Ho Diversity Requirement Committee. This reviews with course funding specifically.

##### i. Karen Rocha

-Karen Rocha has been approved by consent.

#### P. Ad-Hoc Diversity Requirement Committee #

This reviews course content.

##### i. Karen Rocha

-Karen Rocha has been approved by consent.

### VII. Officer and Member Reports

#### A. President – Siegel

-Siegel sat with folks from Donor Relations last Thursday, Karen Hodges, to talk about how in the donor model how we can integrate housing security in the donor model when speaking to other students.

-Siegel says he is trying to resolve this housing crisis that students face.

-Siegel says the Ad-Hoc committee on referenda funds we approved over the summer increased our USAC total budget by \$2 million and reporting on funding to USAC met together with CPO members and administrative members discussed how they could assess this huge amount of funding.

-Siegel says he had lunch with the deputy Matt Debonnay and also went to the CPO lunch on Monday and spoke about USAC can be a resource for students.

-Siegel says he attending the first all-electric Bruin Bus which was great to see.

-Siegel says this Friday is the international student leaders forum in Kerkhoff from until 6pm so please attend if you would like.

#### B. Internal Vice President – Zeigler

-Zeigler says if you want your internship; please let Sara know so it can be unified.

-Zeigler says if you know anyone who wants to apply for internships please let everyone know.

#### C. External Vice President -- Sands

-Sands asks is there an open house for USAC this year?

-Siegel says he is not sure.

-Sands says today is national voter registration day and had a great time at turnout Tuesday and will have music artists perform from 12-1pm every week in Bruin Plaza.

-Sands had a meeting with chief of staff of assembly men and there is this view that everything is perfect for USAC since we are getting a great fund, but we are also getting raised tuition.

-Sands says Governor Brown decided to veto 1817, which is not good for us.

#### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

-Mohankumar says our first stress-free day is Oct. 25 in Bruin Plaza.

-Mohankumar says Nov 15 is first bruin networking event so please send an email if you have anyone who would like to speak.

-Mohankumar is meeting Comstock this Monday.

#### E. Administrative Representatives

-Geller says UC's policies on activities on campus orgs and students has a section that deals with the use on student funds and allocating these funds and it requires that all funds that are allocated to students must have discretion on what the criteria is and Geller does need for council to review funding guidelines and ensure all of the funds are clear and that decisions are done in a neutral way.

-Geller says she will gladly assist you on these guidelines.

-Mohankumar asks do we need to get it reapproved by council?

-Geller says yes, if you have something that is fully compliant from last year then it is not necessary.

-Geller says learning what the funds are and how they are used has value, but any change on funding guidelines needs to approved by council and in some cases it is a not a bylaw change it is more of a consent item.

-Kadota says voter registration ends Oct. 24 and we will have info to give to students regarding voting and how to prepare for voting.

-Zimmerman has no report today.

#### F. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

-Lee says last Friday she attended the CHA meeting and they are planning to release a survey on student health this Fall and she is helping draft some questions.

-Lee says they focused more on consent from Title 9 and the efficacy of efforts from students on campus to see how well student groups are reaching out.

-Lee says this Monday in Bruin Plaza is the campus wide event to show the entities under SWC and different resources from SWC.

-Lee says SWC is planning to have food week in October sometime to help push healthy eating.

-Borden asks are you doing anything with Bruin Plate?

-Lee says she is not sure if SWC is involved in that event.

#### G. Facilities Commissioner – Rhee

-Rhee says she was able to talk to the ASUCLA board of governors and spoke about composting and was happy to hear that it is moved from LuValle to north campus.

-Rhee says wasted food was spoken about with Champawat to see how much food is thrown away at the end of the day and we were not able to get those numbers so she is planning to speak to ASUCLA about how student workers are forced to throw this food away.

-Rhee says regarding student workers; it is a prevalent issue that students are not being compensated as much as they should be.

-Siegel spoke with Dayna Carrera to support her in this issue with UCLA dining.

#### VIII. Fund Allocations

##### A. Contingency Programming \* -- Yu

-6 student organizations applied this past week.

-Total required for \$11,704.43.

-Total requested was \$4,513.39.

-Total recommended is \$920.

-Zeigler moves to approve the contingency programming funding for \$920.

-Lee seconds.

11-0-0 vote the contingency allocation has been approved.

##### B. Arts Restoring Community # -- Shao

-Shao says the guidelines have changed and wants everyone to look over and approve him or her.

-Shao says there are 4 groups who applied

-Alpha Kappa Alpha applied for \$1,944.85.

-Afrikan Student Union applied for \$5,000 and allocated \$3,000.

-Alumni Scholars Club applied for \$200 and received the full \$200.

-Word on Wednesday applied for 1,000 and received the full \$1,000.

-Mohankumar moves to approve \$7,944.85 to Arts restoring community fund. Rhee seconds.

11-0-0 vote the arts restoring community fund has been approved.

#### IX. Old Business

#### X. New Business

#### XI. Announcements

-Sharma says any transfers who were denied permits for BRC would be compensated and had a meeting with student services on articulation to enhance this for transfer to know coming in what they need to do and take.

-Sharma says that there is not sustainable funding source, and 1,500 transfers went to the transfer event, which shows that we do need a space for transfers, and we need a resolution for Allyship training.

-Zeigler is meeting at UCPD tomorrow morning at 10am so please come if you would like!

-Sharma says Show Me the Ropes is this Friday and we did not open the application for mentees, so is opening up today.

#### XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

-Zeigler moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

-Borden seconds.

11-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare