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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

October 11, 2016

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Sabrina Zeigler, Ashly Mohankumar, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Christina Lee, Kevin Yu, Debra Geller, Patricia Zimmerman, Divya Sharma

ABSENT: Danny Siegel, Rafael Sands, Ariel Rafalian, Zack Dameron, Rob Kadota, Roy Champawat, Michael Starr

I. Call to Order

-Zeigler calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

-We do not have quorum so we will go through presentations until quorum has been met.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Rhee moves to approve the agenda. Dang seconds.

-Lee moves to strike student wellness programming.

-Shao moves to strike ARC fund.

-Mohankumar moves to strike ASRF.

10-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from

-Mohankumar moves to approve the minutes from October 4th, 2016. Borden seconds.

10-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

-Shiki Patel from CalPerg and tomorrow having a press conference to vote yes of prop 67 and inviting council to come out.

-Patel says we will have an event on voter registration on Thursday, running across Bruin Plaza to get everyone to register to vote! Both are 2 separate campaigns.

-Heather says there are events on Thursday 8am-4pm for undocumented students and their families here. From 6-8pm in Kerckhoff Art Gallery there will be another event for undocumented students.

-Heather says thank you for endorsing us for this event.

-Heather says please let your offices know about this event.

V. Special Presentations

A. Presentation on UCLA's student worker compensation and rights -- Dana Carrera & Parshan Khosravi

-Carrera says that student workers are those who are employed at the University of California.

- Carrera says we student workers were paid \$6 less than those who did the same amount of work as us.
- Carrera says throughout the summer she began an online petition to stop underpaying student workers and gave it to the dining halls.
- Carrera says she started with 154 signatures and her request was dismissed.
- Carrera says there is a rumor around dining services that student workers will all be let go.
- Khosravi says he is a graduate student in public policy and has been working on this issue from a policy perspective.
- Khosravi says the UC classifies workers under “Casual/Restricted Appointment” which is reserved for a regular student of the University of California regardless of percent of full time or the duration of the appointment.
- Khosravi says student workers do not get wage increases, do not qualify for benefits or overtime.
- Khosravi says there is not detailed classification for students, data on student workers, no security of employment, no security of compensation increases, no centralized committee, to investigate malpractice and mistreatment of student workers.
- Khosravi says student workers have nowhere to go to when work is not going well.
- Khosravi says student workers hours can be cut just because the supervisor wants to be malicious.
- Khosravi says we only have one single line in our policies regarding student workers.
- Khosravi says the UC Employee Group Classification and unit code does not even mention student workers.
- Khosravi says student workers have been increasing and yet there are not rights or benefits for any of them since this is a rising issue.
- Khosravi says the UC has been pushing to replace workers with student workers.
- Khosravi says by October 2017 they will be allowing a wage increase of \$15, but students are not included in this plan.
- Khosravi says by helping the UC students get \$15 wage or remove the cap on the maximum number of hours to work will help this issue.
- Rhee asks can you expand upon the communication we have had with UCSA, UCOP, etc.
- Khosravi says they have given us a deadline between the two options we have created, but each solution does have cons as well as pros to it.
- Khosravi says by giving all student workers \$15, it could lead to major economic impacts on the UC’s.
- Khosravi says employers could take advantage of student’s hours if we go with the route of excluding the cap on student workers’ hours.
- Khosravi says we do have a deadline coming up for what our solution will be.
- Majmudar says UCSA should be representing us, but Carrera how did the Daily Bruin popularity on you effect this campaign? And you said they felt as though they were retaliating against you, what exactly is going on?
- Carrera says during the summer, the administrators shifted the blame on managers and it trickled down.
- Carrera says her managers pulled away from her and once she brought up this issue she was also chosen over another person for a promotion.

-Carrera says her coworkers are all distancing themselves because they do not want to lose their jobs.

-Carrera says the attention on this issue did not solve anything.

B. Presentation on New AAC Travel Grant Guidelines -- Mohankumar

-Taylor, Archie, and Jay introduced themselves.

-Mohankumar says we wanted to see how we can incorporate this mini-grant for students and want to make it more advocacy based.

-Taylor says this came from the social justice referendum and says straight in the guidelines that it will assist you in further collegiate situations.

-Taylor says this fall quarter is a pilot program and could change next quarter to fit the needs of the students.

-Taylor says you must be an undergraduate student, good academic standing, and first come first serve basis.

-Archie says you must qualify in 1 of the 4 categories → presenting work to a university symposium in the student's field of study, academic and leadership based conferences, and graduate school informational sessions.

-Archie says this fund does not cover cost for student advocacy and lobbying efforts that would be with Bruin Defenders grant.

-Jay says funding is capped at \$500 per event, \$200 per person for airfare expenditure and must be a US airline.

-Jay says meals are only applicable for overnight stays.

-Jay says basic requirements are that the application must be turned in 3 weeks prior to the event, all the other information must be submitted 1 week before the event, and receipts, payments and summary must be turned in 1 week after the event.

-Jay says applicants must write a summary about their trip afterwards.

-Jay says fall quarter amount is \$7,088. Winter \$7,500 and Spring \$7,500.

-Chowdhury says academic standing is a 2.0?

-Taylor says yes.

-Yu says what is the rationale for 8 units?

-Mohankumar says to make sure you are a student here at UCLA and able to qualify for this grant.

-Yu asks you cannot be half-time student?

-Mohankumar says 8 units is a half-time student.

-Majmudar says fix the part where it says 13 council members because it is wrong.

-Majmudar says can a student apply during other quarters?

-Mohankumar says as long as it is prior to your event it is valid.

-Majmudar says under eligibility can we make that more clear?

-Mohankumar says yes we will work on it.

C. Presentation on SWC's amended Programming Fund Guidelines -- Lee

-Lee says this is capped at \$500 per event.

-Lee says groups in our student wellness group are capped at \$750.

-Lee says we took out the part that says, "higher allocations are at the discretion of the student wellness commissioner."

-Lee says we included a little blurb of what the event could be on.

-Lee says all proposals are more detailed and allocations are used towards only items that are approved.

-Lee says applications are voted by Executive Board members during SWC leadership meetings from 5-6pm on Tuesdays.

-Lee says this is not to be used towards food, but if about nutrition then it is necessary.

-Chowdhury moves to continue this meeting as a whole. Mohankumar seconds.

9-0-0 vote we will continue meeting as a whole.

VI. Appointments

A. Drug Free Schools Committee

Meets each quarter to guide campus development and reduce drug use on campus.

a. Marissa Ericson

-Marissa Ericson has been approved by consent.

B. Student Health Advisory Committee *

SHAC exists to provide student participation in advising the administration of the UCLA Student Health Services (SHS) at the Ashe Center. Ensures that SHS promotes and provides high quality, economical health care for UCLA students. Advises regarding the development and evaluation of Ashe Center programs. Advises the Ashe Center leadership on student concerns and priority matters. Makes recommendations regarding the Ashe Center budget and campus insurance plan benefits. Holds at least 12 General Meetings during the academic year. The four undergraduate members are appointed by the USAC President. Two year staggered terms. (No student may serve on SHAC for more than two years).

Website for Further Information: <https://sites.google.com/site/shacucla/home>

a. Virginia Su (1 yr term)

-Zeigler says ARC does not have any recommendations for this candidate.

-Su says she is a senior here.

-Su says she is in her second year on SWC and wants to get into why it is important to get into this position.

-Su says UCSHIP is the only program international students have good access to so it important to amend this to accommodate students.

-Su says she does not have much more to add on to, but thank you for listening.

-Mohankumar moves to approve Virginia Su for the student health advisory committee.

-Chowdhury seconds.

-Sharma says she was great and has a great perspective on this committee.

-Chowdhury says he worked with Su last year and has always been geared towards health and benefitting students and can take her knowledge to help the students.

10-0-0 vote Virginia Su has been approved.

C. Finance Committee Vice Chair *

-Focuses more on working out workshops and it is a stipend position.

- Yu says this is not an action item, the finance committee consents this.
 - Geller says this may be something that SRC wants to look at this later on, it is stipend, and it is in best interest to move forward with a formal interview and action item.
 - a. Pratick Malshe
 - Malshe says last year he joined the finance committee and watched them hold workshops and what adjustments to make.
 - Malshe says as a vice chair he plans to use his experience, to better facilitate workshops, and to help students who are applying.
 - Majmudar says as vice chair you hold quarterly meetings, how will you improve these meetings?
 - Malshe says he would still require other organizations to come so they can learn how to fill out the forms and would like to focus on the workshops that student organizations can attend.
 - Malshe says even by personally talking to them it can help.
 - Malshe says hopefully you will appoint me and he is excited to work with FiCom and has learned from USAC how to function as an organization.
 - Malshe says he hopes to increase student workshops and functioning of this position.
 - Majmudar moves to approve Pratick Malshe as the finance committee vice chair.
 - Mohankumar seconds.
 - Zeigler says all 3 of these appointments were alternates last year and Yu believes that they are great appointments and would not choose anyone else.
- 10-0-0 vote Pratick Malshe has been approved.

D. Finance Committee Members *

Committee members focus on reviewing applicants.

a. Lynda Bui

- Bui says she is a second year and joined FiCom last year as an alternate member and also stepped in while Kevin was away and feels this has helped her gain experience.
 - Shao asks if you were to improve the committee in itself since you were already a member before, how would you do it? How would you be critical about reviewing applications?
 - Bui says we make sure that each application is reviewed by 3 committee members, we could abstain from reading applications from organizations that we have been involved in the past to avoid biases.
 - Bui says she has learned a lot in FiCom and is really excited to return as an official member.
 - Mohankumar moves to approve Lynda Bui as a finance committee member.
 - Lee seconds.
- 10-0-0 vote Lynda Bui has been approved.

b. Ryan Ender

- Ender says he is a second year and was also an alternate last year.
- Ender says FiCom has been a great experience and has given him a lot of new abilities and skills.

-Ender says he is excited for this year and would like to reach out more this year, so maybe if council could share our facebook page or something that would be great!

-Mohankumar moves to approve Ryan Ender as a finance committee member.

-Dang seconds.

10-0-0 vote Ryan Ender has been approved.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler

-Zeigler says we had our first staff meeting with all of our interns and staff, which went great.

-Zeigler says if you get an email from my office, please respond!

B. External Vice President – Sands

-Kevin Kato has come to fill in for Sands.

-Kato says EVP has been focusing most of its effort on BruinsVote!

-Kato says last day to vote is coming up so please email me or Rafi with concerns.

C. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

-Mohankumar met with Comstock last week and wants to see if there could be a USAC survey where we explain how the student body teaching was like.

-Mohankumar says Comstock wants to know if we are interested in a paired system.

-Mohankumar says over-enrollment could cause issues and the teaching track could help and see how undergraduates could fit paired teaching into their schedule.

-Mohankumar says she is trying to address these questions with other council members.

-Mohankumar says today she met with Rife and Divya and our main goal is a focus group to see what the ideal view of education at UCLA will look 10 years from now.

D. Administrative Representatives

-Geller says it was nice to see those of you who made it this morning.

-Geller says she knows that the challenge we had getting quorum tonight, it is important that the schedule be something where we know we will get quorum.

-Geller says elections coming up on a Tuesday night, it is time to meeting and decides whether there will be quorum that night or postpone meeting.

-Geller says luckily it worked out tonight where quorum would be reached, but it is important to revise the schedule of the meeting next time.

-Zimmerman says we are having office safety inspection this Thursday to make sure our safety and fire codes are implemented.

-Zimmerman says make sure the hallways are clear, boxes aren't too high, etc.

-Zimmerman says if you have large items please keep them in your office and label them or take a photo of it.

-Zimmerman says email her staff directly and we can pick up things directly from you.

-Zimmerman says there is a dolly in here and if it is yours please remove it.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

- Lee says she is still talking with the Ashe center regarding free pads and tampons to say we are going to have products available in Fall.
- Lee says we are looking to install machines to give out free menstrual products.
- Lee says Bruin Consent coalition is still collecting toiletries for the shelters.
- Lee says she is waiting to meet with Green from CAPS.

F. Facilities Commissioner -- Rhee

- Rhee says the presentation we heard today regarding Carrera was saddening.
- Rhee says an administrator said they invalidated 154 signatures and progress has not been made.
- Rhee says she looks forward to this being escalated.
- Rhee says this involves every single council member.
- Rhee says if you are interested in representing students please let me know so she can say that all 14 offices are behind this effort.
- Zeigler says can we email you if we would like to be involved?
- Rhee says yes and we have a sit-out lined up and more activity in the next couple of quarters.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming * -- Yu

- 12 organizations applied.
- Total required is \$13,160.92.
- Total requested is \$8,931.30.
- Total recommended is \$2,575.
- Yu says usually organizations tend to hyper inflate their numbers so keep this in mind.
- Lee moves to approve the contingency programming fund for \$2,575.
- Mohankumar seconds
- 10-0-0 vote the contingency allocation has been approved.

B. EVP Bruin Defenders

- The Muslim student organization applied for \$5,000 for a retreat.
- EVP Bruin Defenders has been approved by consent.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Approval of AAC's Travel Grant Fund Guidelines * -- Mohankumar

- Majmudar moves to approve AAC's Travel Grant Fund Guidelines. Chowdhury seconds.
- Mohankumar says we changed the amount of student body officer's and also specified that only undergraduate students can apply under section 2 A and B.
- Mohankumar says if you look at section 2D points 8-10, we changed it to be more detailed and clear as to deadlines and how funding will be capped at \$500 per event.
- Mohankumar says section 3 says applications will not be reviewed during winter and spring.
- 10-0-0 vote the AAC's Travel Grant Fund Guidelines have been approved.

- Zimmerman says in your guidelines there are actual allocation numbers, this number will change every year so it should be changed.
- Mohankumar says the maximum total allocation of 1/3 is ok?
- Zimmerman says yes.
- Mohankumar says do I need to bring this up again for Winter then?
- Geller says no and you can just say 1/3 of the funds will be allocated each quarter.
- Zeigler says at the end of this quarter you can look it over and do changes too.

B. Approval of SWC Programming Fund Amended Guidelines * -- Lee

-Mohankumar moves to approve SWC Programming Fund Amended Guidelines. Rhee seconds.

10-0-0 vote the SWC Programming Fund Amended Guidelines have been approved.

XI. Announcements

- Sharma says his meeting with Jan Rife went really well and discussed technology on campus.
- Sharma says transfer pride week is going great.
- Sharma says transfer scholarships are on its way this winter.
- Sharma says happy coming out day!
- Chowdhury says last week we had our second meeting and would like to start meeting with breathing exercises to calm us and it is beneficial.
- Chowdhury says we are hoping to do this quarter and rest of the year, he spoke to the Live Well Initiative for a healthy lifestyle and that SWC is already jumping on this.
- Chowdhury says they wanted him to ask if our offices would be able to take a mind lexicon survey and it is used to see what words are used that people describe their emotions.
- Chowdhury says he would like to incorporate everyone's personalities that can mediate our outlets.
- Chowdhury says there is a Big C Creativity project that tunes into everyone's creative side to mediate any traumas they have.
- Chowdhury says we should consistently take care of our mental health.
- Chowdhury says hopefully once we find out what MindWell, LiveWell, and CAPS can do it will be great and October 20th they invited me to their meeting.
- Zeigler says the meeting on election night (November 8th) should be spoken about, how are you all feeling about that?
- Borden says it would be good to reschedule this meeting since we are all so invested in this.
- Majmudar says gen rep is also throwing a watch party so Rafi and I will definitely not be here.
- Zeigler says should we change it to a different day or time?
- Council says a day would be better.
- Zeigler says she will send a doodle to see everyone's availability.
- Borden says everyone should think about the aftermath of this election and to be safe since it will be a rough climate campus.
- Zeigler says should we have a meeting after election or before?
- Council is unsure.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Majmudar moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm.

-Mohankumar seconds.

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

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

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