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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

January 10th, 2017

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Ariel Rafalian, Divya Sharma, Christina Lee, Kevin Yu, Debra Geller, Roy Champawat, Jessica Alexander

ABSENT: Jordan Dang, Michael Starr, Rob Kadota

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

-Shao moves to strike ARC Fund.

-Shao moves to add an appointment on behalf of FiCom for their committee.

-Chowdhury moves to add a FiCom appointment. Mohankumar seconds.

-Geller says anything that is stipend is an action item.

-Yu clarifies that this is a stipend position.

-Sands says he will not vote on this appointment since he has not seen a resume of this person and it is against the bylaws.

-Shao says it is not fair to ask a student to do work and not compensate her for it.

-Shao says everyday that is delayed will not let her get paid.

-Rhee says that is not our fault, it is your responsibility to send in topics for agendas on time.

-Yu acknowledges that it was his fault.

-Zeigler says she does not want to punish a staff member due to a late submission so she will be voting for it.

-Sharma is voting yes on this and asks for a summarization of what is going on since he walked in late.

-Yu informs Sharma about the situation.

7-3-0 vote this amendment has been approved.

-Mohankumar moves to strike Mini Travel Fund.

-Zeigler moves to add an asterisk to each appointment.

-Shao moves to strike the campus events commission report.

-Chowdhury moves to amend the agenda to add a special presentation. Rafalian seconds.

-Borden says we need to follow the bylaws so she will be voting no.

-Zeigler says she will be voting yes because Jabril is here and ready to present.

-Rafalian says he wants to remain consistent with the bylaws and vote no.

-Sharma says he does not understand why there is such a big deal because we just had a long break and things happen, so it is okay to have a presentation.

-Sharma says Chowdhury was out of the country and could not reply so he is ready now.

- Geller says the bylaws are here to benefit the undergraduate students to see what the issues are and decide if it is something that they care about or care to come and hear in person.
- Geller says this is about your constituency not about you.
- Geller says adding a non-action item is simple majority, so there needs to be a voting process still.
- Siegel says when we met with leadership of ASUCLA we remember that our bylaws are there to follow the university and breaking bylaws shows that we are breaking bylaws plenty.
- Champawat says he agrees with Siegel because failing to follow your bylaws is not a good thing.
- Chowdhury says this is more on a case-by-case basis, it is not necessary but this will have a more positive impact than negative.
- Borden says what if we do a presentation after the official agenda items?
- Siegel says or you can do a abbreviated version?
- Shao says this anxiety is coming from last year, so next time to avoid the drama push it to next week or warn people beforehand.
- 4-6-0 vote this agenda item did not pass.
- Zeigler moves to approve the agenda as amended. Rafalian seconds.
- 10-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved as amended.

### III. Approval of the Minutes from November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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

### IV. Public Comments

- Jabril says there is constant controversy going on around campus and the world.
- Jabril says we all accept suppressive systems around our society and many people are not paying attention to it.
- Jabril says Sigma Chi creates a place to have an equitable conversation, to take these people and push them to converse about these issues.
- Jabril says it would be great with your help to create this special space.

### V. Special Presentations

#### A. Office of the President Appointment Presentation – Brian Kohaya

- Brian, Caitlin and Raj wrote a letter about what they did during Fall quarter and summer.
- Brian says we added a paragraph about committees mandatorily meeting once a year at least.
- Caitlin says we addressed the issue of committees not meeting and where you can review them.
- Brian says it summarizes what you will do Winter quarter and what you did in Fall, some are blank because a lot of committees have barely started to meet.
- Brian says we also wrote about how we selected our applicants and our outreach.
- Brian says we looked at everyone's resumes also to help our decisions.
- Brian says we also clarified the fact that we chose people off of professionalism and knowledge, not by friendships.

- Brian says it has a description of each committee.
- Brian says we will release an end of quarter report.
- Raj says the only committee (Student Initiated Outreach committee) was the only report we did not report to you but they did meet and made a goal for each project and had a mid-quarter round-table, they helped with many CPO events, they added things to their own agenda to improve and speak each week about an issue that people of color face, they provided more funding and support for the projects.
- Brian says if any of the council wants our appointments to come to council please email us, they are all listed.
- Caitlin says we would like open up the time for questions now.
- Sands says he appreciates the follow-up and this is great from what we were a year ago.
- Rhee says this looks fantastic and appreciates this update.
- Rhee says going over TGIF and sustainability committee was great.
- Rhee asks what is your plan for the committees that have not met?
- Caitlin says the issue is that these committees are not USAC so we need to reach out to them more since the holidays were blocking this communication.
- Borden says thank you for the thorough work you have put into this.

## VI. Appointments

### A. Finance Committee Appointment

#### a. Amanda Do\*

- Yu says Amanda has done a great job and he vouches for her to get approved.
- Zeigler moves to approve Amanda Do as a part of the finance committee.
- Majmudar seconds.
- 10-0-0 vote Amanda has been approved.

### B. Election Board Appointments

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/>

- Danielle says she can trust all of these people and she knows that these peoples opinions mean a lot. Danielle says she has full faith in her team.
- a. Vice Chair\* – Melanie Ghareptian
  - The Vice Chair will be working on the overall election and working directly with the committee.
  - Ghareptian says she is involved in SSA and she is looking forward to work with the election board to make this the best election possible.
  - Zeigler asks if you were on the E-board last year?
  - Ghareptian says yes.
  - Shao says what will you do differently than last year?
  - Ghareptian says last year she believes we all worked together well and made it a fair election so she will do the same this year to find the best solution.

-Chowdhury says last year we had the highest voter turn out, how can you make that happen again?

-Ghareptian says last year Owen made a great promo video and would love to continue that again.

-Danielle says even the election board chair of Berkeley contacted her after that video.

-Zeigler moves to approve Melanie Ghareptian as election board vice chair.

-Majmudar seconds.

-Rhee says she wishes you could have expanded more on what you plan to work on for this years election board.

-Zeigler says she agrees, but you have only had one experience on this board so you do not have the experience to answer that fully.

-Shao says be aware that during election season make sure you know the terminology, do not say "You guys" so make sure you go to these trainings they offer.

12-0-0 vote Melanie Ghareptian has been approved as Vice Chair.

#### b. Investigations\* – Grant Tobenkin

-Tobenkin says he is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year and is excited to get to work and ensure that we have a free and fair election and respond appropriately to any complaints during election season.

-Shao looking back at previous election seasons is there one season that was not good and how can you change those issues?

-Tobenkin says he does not have the information to speak on that, but last year he investigated many of the complaints and we need to insure that every complaint is looked at fully.

-Chowdhury says how do you plan to follow up on these complaints and enforce action?

-Tobenkin says we investigate them and use precedent and other aspects to figure out an appropriate sanction.

-Mohankumar says you discussed free and fair election, how can you hold that quality for this election?

-Tobenkin says he will hold it by making sure it is open and transparent and everyone understands what is going on behind the board.

-Zeigler moves to approve Grant Tobenkin to investigations on the election board.

-Mohankumar seconds.

-Zeigler says he was in this position last year, which speaks volumes.

-Shao says you are qualified, but last year some things did not go correctly so go back and look at different investigations to not have these issues arise again.

12-0-0 vote Grant Tobenkin has been approved as Investigations Director.

#### c. Finance\* – Suman Padhi

-Padhi says he is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year and was on the board last year as investigations director, this year he would like to be finance director due to a lack of faith in his decisions from last year and he will only be dealing with finances.

-Padhi says I know we had issues last year for debates.

-Zeigler asks do you have any ideas of what you want to change in the finance codes for the election within all of the slates and individuals?

-Padhi says the election code written was very straight forward, so there are no changes he would like to make.

-Shao asks last year there was an issue of intimidation, how would you handle this?

-Padhi says he is not prone to getting intimidated so he will be fine and has faith in his confidence.

-Padhi says if you have any concerns please reach out to him, he is more open than last year.

-Majmudar moves to approve Suman Padhi as the finance director of the election board. Ziegler seconds.

-Majmudar says looking at his resume, there is no one better for this job.

-Zeigler says Padhi is a calm person who can handle this position and has full faith.

12-0-0 vote Suman Padhi has been approved as Finance Director.

#### d. External Relations\* – Sam Ryklansky

-Ryklansky is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year and last year he served as a webmaster for the election board.

-Ryklansky says thanks to that position he is familiar with everything needed for elections.

-Sands asks what did you invent at the InventCon?

-Ryklansky says it is a wearable device that detects your heart rate to see if it abnormal or normal and will administer CPR if needed.

-Mohankumar moves to approve Sam Ryklansky for external relations of the election board. Rafalian seconds.

-Zeigler says he is very fit for this position.

12-0-0 vote Sam Ryklansky has been approved as External Relations Director.

#### e. Media\* – Lauren Kim

-Kim says she is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year and this is her first time on E-board, she is the content creator for a committee also.

-Zeigler says are you familiar with last years media? Do you think that #USACmakeitcount made it count or should we pursue other avenues?

-Kim says she did not understand what the hashtag meant so yes we need to do a different approach.

-Rhee says you are incredibly talented, why did you choose to use your art skills for USAC?

-Kim says Owen saw something in his work that could work for USAC and I was interested.

-Borden asks do you have any other ideas that can increase voter turnout?

-Kim says she would like to create more videos and amp the graphics up.

-Zeigler moves to approve Lauren Kim for Media director on the election board.

-Majmudar seconds.

-Siegel says we spent a trip this break with Kim and she would be excellent at this position.

-Chowdhury says Kim's social media presence is fire and has a pure soul.

12-0-0 vote Lauren Kim has been approved as the Media Director.

f. Endorsements\* – Dickson Chen

-Chen says he is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year and is currently doing research about neuro-mechanisms on mice and last year he worked in endorsements.

-Rhee asks what can you improve?

-Chen says making forms more concise and having less loose papers.

-Chen says he looks forward to making this a nice and fair election this year.

-Mohankumar moves to approve Dickson Chen as endorsements director on election board. Sharma seconds.

-Majmudar says Chen did great last year so I have full faith.

12-0-0 vote Dickson Chen has been approved as Endorsements Director.

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Siegel

-Siegel has nothing to say since he was out of the country for 4 weeks.

### B. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler

-Zeigler says 11am-3pm Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> is off-campus living fair to give an opportunity for students to find places to live.

### C. External Vice President -- Sands

-Sands says my office launched millennial take charge today and next Thursday we will have 3 different assembly members here so please come.

-Sands says today Governor Brown gave his proposal and read it aloud.

-Sands says Brown will increase school tuition and will cut the entire middle-class scholarship programs.

-Sands says we had a meeting last weekend and launched the Fund the UC Campaign and all 10 showed up, our goal is to start looking towards long-term change for our tuition increase.

-Sands says we need to focus on long-term issues rather than small campus issues.

### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

-Mohankumar says Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> is having buses to the Women's March from 9am-4pm and Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> we will have our first quarter stress-free day with puppies and such and Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> we are doing a co-programmed event revolving around networking and resume critiques.

### E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

-Lee says yesterday SWC committees helped with bruin health and members of BCC were protesting a class talk against the professor here that is still working.

-Lee says BCC event is next week, we will have clothes line display all throughout the week and I love my body week will be week 6, Active minds will be giving training for mental health to all of the RAs.

-Lee says Earth will be having a recycling drive this quarter and Total wellness is working on their second issue of the year.

-Dameron says the training this week for the RAs was amazing.

#### F. Facilities Commissioner – Rhee

-Rhee says she is meeting with members of transportation to have safe transportation, the conclusion last quarter during finals week was to secure funding, which is a great step.

-Rhee says composting is growing; there will be a compost booth next to Kerkhoff.

-Rhee says we are looking to do trial runs in Greek houses for food recycling.

#### G. General Representative 1 – Borden

-Borden says her office is working on events, but she will share the information when it is set in stone.

-Borden says they are trying to expand job opportunities for students and working with sports teams in the upcoming season to get more student engagement.

#### H. General Representative 2 – Majmudar

-Majmudar says today we met with the career center director and we established that Winter and different trips will go to different companies and established entrepreneurship workshops.

-Majmudar says we are looking to establish a student advisory board and we have meetings with several deans this week and on Friday the entrepreneurship meeting will be held.

#### I. Transfer Student Representative – Sharma

-Sharma says scholarship account was made and we are finalizing our alumini board to judge those who apply to the scholarships, it will be done by end of Winter quarter.

-Sharma says show me the ropes have created a sheet of their CC information to show how they got into UCLA, they gave them to their CC counselors.

-Sharma says wellness did a mental health chat and spoke about advocacy efforts and met with the Vice Chancellor.

-Sharma says we have a new director for diversity and sexuality and we are working on our advisory board, business transfer network is holding information for many transfers during week 3 Wednesday in SAC room 2.

-Majmudar asks what does the advisory board advise?

-Sharma says an institutionalized coalition.

#### J. Administrative Representatives

-Geller says Rob sends his regards he is at another meeting.

-Geller says her phone line for her office is not working so please email or call her cell.

-Geller says in regards to the role that your student committee's serve, when the students speak up it makes a huge difference; please figure out how all of your committees speak up.

-Geller says if committees cannot make it please bring proxies.

-Geller says the committees want consistency so please send a proxy.

- Geller says not every committee meets every quarter so some of the ones that have not been engaged are likely to have their first meeting this winter quarter.
- Alexander has no report.
- Champawat says there will be expanded services to not increase fees.

## VIII. Fund Allocations

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

- 19 student organizations applied (non-USAC).
- Total required 78,489.77
- Total requested 15,479.81
- Total recommended 6,470.
- Dameron moves to approve the contingency allocation for \$6,470. Mohankumar seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote the non-USAC contingency has been approved.
- SWC and BCC required a total of \$530.84
- Total requested was \$530.84.
- Total recommended is \$400.
- Zeigler moves to approve contingency for programming for \$400. Mohankumar seconds.
- 11-0-1 vote the contingency allocation for programming has been approved.
- Gen Rep 3 required \$663.70
- Total requested was \$339.45
- Total recommended was \$300.
- Mohankumar moves to approve the transfer student representative contingency for \$300.
- Zeigler seconds.
- 11-0-1 vote the contingency allocation for transfer student representative of \$300 has been approved.
- IVP required \$1,500.
- Total requested was \$900.
- Total recommended was \$400.
- Mohankumar moves to approve contingency for IVP for \$400. Sharma seconds.
- 11-0-1 vote the contingency allocation for IVP for \$400 has been approved.

### B. EVP Bruin Defenders # -- Sands

- BCC wants to do a state advocacy trip and the amount is unlimited.
- Sands says a conference limit max is 500 dollars, for advocacy trip there is no limit.
- This allocation has been approved by consent.

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

- A Winter quarter hackathon was requested for \$1,158.
- Chinese students and scholars requested for \$1,750.
- This allocation has been approved by consent.

### D. Student Wellness Programming Fund # -- Lee

- Youth movement for Alzheimers requested \$250.

-Diabeters requested \$294.  
This allocation has been approved by consent.

## IX. Old Business

### X. New Business

#### A. Approval of Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations for USAC Reform Committee\*

##### a. Sharma

-Sharma says his recommendation is Dameron, Zeigler, Sharma, Lee and Mohankumar.

-Zeigler moves to approve Dameron, Zeigler, Sharma, Lee and Mohankumar to the USAC Reform Committee. Mohankumar seconds.

-Chowdhury says it would be valuable to have one of us on this committee.

-Sharma says these meetings are opened to everyone; these people chosen are just accountable for ideas, but not decisions.

-Sharma says yes they have different perspectives, but they will be held accountable for time and meetings.

-Sharma says for the sake of accountability it is good to have these people on the committee.

-Zeigler says nothing is affected by this committee so nothing is changing, it is just bringing forth the best options for these situations.

-Zeigler says if you think your name should be on here make a claim.

-Majmudar asks is this number of people will be set in stone?

-Sharma says yes only 4-5 people are allowed.

12-0-0 vote the recommendations have been adopted to the council.

### XI. Announcements

-Siegel says next Tuesday all of the presidential interns will be giving words during public comment and everyone should come to our interns meeting next Wednesday at 6pm in Ackerman viewpoint lounge.

-Zeigler says IVP is starting a student group of the week that will be on Facebook to highlight student group events to help their publicity.

-Dameron says creating a themed community on the hill got approved earlier today and will take effect next year.

-Dameron says we are creating a floor for the housing app for returners and new students.

-Dameron over the next month we will be shaping the curriculum.

-Sharma says the Wellness committee did not meet with the Vice Chancellor they met with CAPS.

-Chowdhury says in the Kerkhoff art gallery will have an exhibit of self-identity in mental health so please come by, Thursday night to Saturday night.

-Chowdhury says he received a message from Jabril about sending out a sign out form for Sigma Chi so we will send that out, we are here to serve students and it takes critical analysis of the rules.

-Chowdhury says although we can set this presentation a week later, it will set me back next week unfortunately, but you will be informed next week.

### XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

-Mohankumar moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

-Majmudar seconds.

12-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XI. Good and Welfare

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

@ Indicates Executive Session Item