I. Call to Order
-Siegel calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
  A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
  The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda
-Zeigler wants to add the SOOF allocations under fund allocations.
-Dameron moves to strike ARC fund.
-Mohankumar moves to strike ASRF.
-Mohankumar moves to approve the agenda. Chowdhury seconds.
9-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved as amended.
-Zeigler moves to amend the agenda further by adding the SOOF allocations. Dameron seconds.
-Zeigler says she wants to add this so students can get their funding ASAP.
-Siegel says if we wait then the students will have to wait to get this funding.
-Zeigler says the student groups were not done with their allocations yet, so that is why it was not added.
-Sands says we should have expected them to have this done on time though.
-Sands says we need to avoid these motions.
-John from SOOF says it was difficult organizing the budget review committee, so that is why it took a longer time.
-Chowdhury says it took about 3-4 hours and they put a lot of work to get those hearings in on time, so I have respect for them and their organizations that applied.
-Chowdhury says we should allow this time, but definitely not again if this happens again.
-Sands says he agrees but wants to make sure that if this happens again is there something we can do to help? Possibly moving the deadline date?
-John from SOOF says yes.
-Sands says please plan a few weeks ahead.
-Rhee says she agrees with Sands because there are deadlines every week.
-Yu says John just came back from his study abroad and the deadline was not concluded from what he thinks.
-Zeigler says it was confirmed to be Thursday.
-Geller says we can add it next week as an action item, yes it will delay but in history there has never been a pressing need for SOOF funds to be added so promptly.
- Yu says SOOF funds for retreats, so it pressing for that reason.
  9-0-0 vote the SOOF allocation has been approved to be added to the agenda.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 24, 2017.
- Mohankumar moves to approve the minutes. Sharma seconds.
  8-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations
A. BASH Special Presentation – Bruins Against Sexual Harassment Members
- Viola and Allie both are graduate students.
- Viola says BASH is a group combating sexual harassment.
- Viola says BASH works with other organizations and many have publicly endorsed BASH also.
- Viola says BASH became active due to the Pieterberg case, this was an incident where Professor Pieterberg was claimed to have sexually harassed female students and was not guilty for it, he only needed to pay a fine.
- Viola says this case shows there is no justice for survivors.
- Viola says our platform is to immediate removal of all serial offenders, clarification and specification of UC Title IX policy and its application, and to have a democratic community oversight board.
- Viola says faculty, staff, and administrators who commit multiple acts of sexual violence should be removed from the campus.
- Viola says Pieterberg is teaching 2 classes this quarter and there was no transparency or justice in his case.
- Viola says UCLA had to pay very expensive fines in regards to this case and that is not fair to UCLA to have to do so.
- Viola says USAC can endorse in our platform or spread the word to everyone about BASH and our petition against Pieterberg.
- Viola says last week we had a teaching/public discussion about alternative ways to approach issues like this.
- Viola says our next steps are to reach out to GSA, have events, demonstrate our dissent, and do magazine/newspaper interviews.
- Siegel says thank you so much for being here and we are really excited to see the resolution that you will bring next week.
- Siegel says thank you to Lee for this and for her help.
- Chowdhury says there are many protests about this issue and they reallocated his space for his classroom for safety, how do you hope this platform will play out considering how much protection he has gotten from the school?
- Allie says we are trying really hard to get a lot of support from undergraduate organizations since they are listened to the most from administration.
- Allie says we are trying to target the higher positions of administration since he is unfortunately so protected.
- Viola says we want Title 9 to address this issue directly.
Sharma says in regards to removing those who sexually harass others, does this include students?

Viola says our presentation does not say students, however, we are aware that there is a high rape culture among students so we are working on that also.

Viola says our platform so far is not there, but if you think we should go there then I am on board.

Sharma asks is that on the resolution?

Viola says we are currently writing the resolution.

Viola says the email to reach them is -- uclabash@gmail.com

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B. Dashew Center Special Presentation – Andrew Bottom

- Andrew is the DCISS coordinator and would love to see USAC collaborate this year.
- Andrew says we have 3 full-time staff and that is rare to find.
- Andrew says our international student population is 4,200 students in undergraduate programs from 99 countries making up 51% of the world’s countries.
- Andrew says the top 6 countries here that students come from are China, Canada, India, South Korea, Mexico and Hong Kong.
- Andrew says we help students adjust here.
- Andrew says our benefits are language improvement, understanding Los Angeles, cultural adjustment, building friendships, and leadership opportunities.
- Andrew says for language we have language exchange which is 2 students trying to learn a new language so they teach one another and Dashew usually gets about 500 applications.
- Andrew says we have our American culture and conversation program that is once a week for 2 hours and local students help international students.
- Andrew says we also have World Café to interact with international students.
- Andrew says we have our little sibling program, which is beneficial.
- Andrew says we have many social and cultural events, speed dating is happening next week.
- Andrew says we used to collaborate with CAC for Bruin in the Kitchen and would love to do more programs like that in the future.
- Andrew says we also give tours of fitness and health services.
- Andrew says today we had a workshop about the executive order recently to calm the fears of the students who will be affected by this.
- Andrew says we provide transportation to and from campus to attend events in Los Angeles.
- Andrew says we do excursions for long events or travel trips that are over 3-4 nights.
- Andrew says if you have any questions please reach out.
- Siegel says thank you and his director Jack Woe has been working closely with Dashew and we appreciate that.
- Sharma says how are you going over AP540?
- Andrew says specifically an international student is someone who is here learning on visa.
- Andrew says we are not experts in that area, in the sense of the legalities.
Sands says I hope we can do something more institutional for international students, it was shocking to hear that many international students did not know that they could vote for student elections.

Andrew says we are definitely interested in adding language and content for student leaders and work on campaigns to get the message out.

Chowdhury says he is meeting with Amy this week because we are holding a few events this quarter to get student affairs to be more politically active and one event next quarter we plan to have is an Olympic style event from different cultural groups to have a good mix, would you have a database or something with those listed?

Andrew says no, but on Friday we are meeting with Jack Woe and starting monthly meetings to see what the students want from us, are you at that meeting tomorrow?

Siegel says reach out to Jack to fill out the form.

C. Academic Senate Appointment Updates Presentation – Miranda Baker

Miranda says she is the executive director of appointment of AAC.

Miranda says the academic senate is a really cool opportunity for students to voice undergraduate concerns so that faculty have a better understanding of these needs.

Miranda says if you would like more information about the academic senate go to [http://www.senate.ucla.edu](http://www.senate.ucla.edu)

Miranda’s information is miranda.f.baker@gmail.com

Miranda says she is the liaison between the academic appointments to the academic senate.

Miranda says Academic Freedom met October 22 and spoke about faculty sexual harassment goal is to meet February 29th, prioritize needs and concerns of students in regards to the freedom to learn and explore.

Miranda says Continuing and Community Education has not met yet, but Diversity and Equal Opportunity has met a lot recently and are working towards keeping diversity.

Miranda says the Faculty Executive Board has already updated USAC with their meetings, but they are continuing to form relationships with GSA and represent students.

Miranda says Faculty welfare has met and spoken about policy changes that will not affect students.

Miranda says Instruction and Technology has not met and we have emailed them a lot so hopefully this quarter they will meet.

Miranda says Intercollegiate Athletics is meeting to provide student athletes with guidance.

Miranda says International Education has not met, but they will meet February 22 to bring awareness to study abroad programs.

Miranda says Legislative Assembly has met and Gene Block attended to speak.

Miranda says Library and Scholarly Committee has met and have done a lot. They are trying to increase funding to the libraries and create a referendum.

Miranda says Planning and Budget has met and they have not created any concrete decisions.

Miranda says Council on Research committee met and spoke a lot about how to get grants for research and how faculty get funded for research.

Miranda says the Committee on Teaching has met a lot, but only has discussed departmental teacher awards and wants to improve the standard of teaching at UCLA.
- Miranda says the Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools met 3 times last quarter about application processes.
- Miranda says the Academic Appointments Town Hall is this quarter week 8 Thursday March 2 at 6pm in Humanities A68 so please attend.
- Zeigler says make sure you send this to the USAC Webmaster to get on the USAC website for people to know about your town hall.
- Sands says thank you, do you receive these updates from the meetings right before you do this or after it takes place?
- Miranda says usually after it takes place she emails them to update her about what happened during specific committee meetings.
- Sands says this is great but there is too much, is there any way we can get those reports when they come out?
- Miranda says she can work with Ashly to see what they can do.

D. USAC Measure S Resolution – Rafi Sands, Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Sandra Rhee
- Sands says Measure S proposes creating a moratorium on general plan amendments for buildings and other various structures in the city of Los Angeles, essentially stopping all new housing construction.
- Siegel says Measure S leads to greater sprawl, limiting the development of more compact communities and therefore limiting the use of public transit, cycling and walking.
- Zeigler says this initiative will lead to more reliance on the automobile, leading to more pollution, carbon emissions, and traffic in an already congested city.
- Rhee says in stopping all new housing construction, Measure S severely limits building of new affordable housing, which will reduce the overall supply of housing, reducing the amount of middle-income housing.
- Sands says by preventing affordable housing from being built, there is a higher probability of increasing homelessness in Los Angeles.
- Siegel says Los Angeles’ slow growing economy, without housing construction projects, would lose thousands of job in the construction and manufacturing industry, as well as workplaces that would not be built if this law passes.
- Zeigler says by limiting available housing, Los Angeles’ high rents and housing costs will continue to increase, forcing citizens to find housing outside of the city, in turn creating more congestion and traffic.
- Rhee says Measure S will stop all new housing construction and additions in Westwood by capping all apartment sizing to a maximum of three stories high, forcing prices and congestion to increase.
- Sands says with instruction from Governor Jerry Brown and University of California President Janet Napolitano, UCLA must increase its intake of admitted students, which means more students must find available and affordable housing.
- Siegel says there is a need for availability for additional housing in Westwood that is convenient and accommodates an increasing student population.
- Zeigler says with limited space already, Westwood cannot afford to halt construction of additional apartments and complexes.
Rhee says voting no on Measure S has the endorsement of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, and the Republican Party of Los Angeles County.

Sands says LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC supports making off campus housing more easily accessible and affordable in the Westwood area, something that will not occur if Measure S is passed.

Siegel says LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the USAC is against the passage of Measure S in Los Angeles County’s Municipal and Special Elections on March 7, 2017.

Sharma asks do you have numbers?

Sands says we can put in numbers from economic forecasts.

Sharma says what if you add how much costs for living are right now and how infrastructure in Westwood right now to make it more concrete like citing sources.

Zeigler says we can do that, but it is tricky because students as a whole live in North village so that makes it tough.

Sharma says it would just make it more concrete with numbers.

Chowdhury says there should be a line there where gentrification will be avoided.

Geller says if you have citations where someone else has said this will happen that would be great rather than you as a council predicting these outcomes.

Sands agrees.

VI. Appointments
A. Internship Engagement Committee Chair # – Kshitija Shah

Siegel says Jack Woe is no longer in this position so that is why we are appointing a new member.

This appointment has been approved by consent.

VII. Officer and Member Reports
A. President – Siegel

Siegel says sorry for not attending last week, instead his office was hosting with other organizations working on incarcerated young gang youth and we had a very good turn out.

Siegel thanks Rob for helping.

Siegel says it is important for undergraduate and graduate students to be unified and work closely with Michael Skiles in GSA.

Siegel says thank you to all of the council members who spoke to our interns last week.

Siegel says last week he met with appointment of the student health advisory committee, Karina, to get an update of what they have been working on.

Siegel says thank you for those who have started with the Measure S campaign.

Siegel says last week we met with Pete Angeles and Michael Skiles to speak about how housing rates with increase and enrollment will increase too.

Siegel says the brunt of that cost will be for students right now.

Siegel says we just released our off student living booklet to give guidance for students living off-campus.

Siegel says he sat with Roy, Jessica, and Debbie Simmons to speak about surplus and will be bringing it to council next week to vote on.
Siegel says due to the recent executive orders in the White House this weekend, I have spoken with faculty to see how we can help these students in fear and given appropriate services and how council can react appropriately to support the students here.

B. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler
-Zeigler says tomorrow is the Off-Campus living fair 11am-3pm.
-Zeigler says she met with a preacher today who wants to create a casual listening “thing” with students involved in faith and anyone else involved, so please let her know if you are interested.

C. External Vice President -- Sands
-Sands says next Thursday 6-8pm will be the kickoff for mobilizing students to get out there in regards to Measure S campaign.
-Sands says February 22nd we are hosting a forum for these elections and our role can be significant.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar
-Mohankumar says tonight is the Hidden Figures premiere in Westwood if you would like to go.
-Mohankumar says our first enrollment workshops will be this week and week 5 and 6.
-Mohankumar says next Friday is Winter Stress Free day to alleviate stress for our students.
-Mohankumar says AAC Loft internship is working with students this week about internships and various projects and committees.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee
-Lee says all of us in the campaign for mental health is doing their 3rd conference this year and they are recruiting workshop leaders so you can apply, it is due February 9.
-Lee says Active Minds is hosting a mental health networking night and body task force is during February 13 week to have a body positive event.
-Lee says SEARCH is doing a silent disco during week 8 or week 9.

F. Facilities Commissioner – Rhee
-Rhee says the solar umbrellas are being installed tomorrow and Thursday there will be a snapchat filter for this too.
-Rhee says we are working on Measure S and hoping to have flyers at the table tents in the dining hall.
-Rhee says we are trying to make a Buzzfeed type of video of bruins going vegan for a week.

G. General Representative 3 – Chowdhury
-Chowdhury says we are putting together a pamphlet for resources relating to mental health on campus.
-Chowdhury says this includes zumba, yoga, and other activities that will help students more.
- Chowdhury says special projects committee is working on an event with CalPirg to reset the plastic bag ban to spread the word about that.
- Chowdhury says we are going to give reusable bags and it will be on the same date as the Farmer’s market.
- Chowdhury says this week is Sigma CHAI’s second event and had a very good conversation about identity and how technology influences that.
- Chowdhury says it will be here again Friday 4-6pm.

H. Transfer Student Representative – Sharma
- Sharma says we have our scholarships funded and 2 undocumented students and one transfer.
- Sharma says this is not a sustainable fund so with our $3,000 dollars we will give $500 out.
- Sharma says we are also having mental health events for CAPS.
- Sharma says our parking permits have been settled and we have had about 200 transfer applications each quarter so we are hoping to get more than 36 parking permits
- Sharma says we spoke to VC Monroe Gordon and he has a plan to work out an $800 to $700 rent fee.
- Sharma says we have a petition coming out this week so please fill that out.
- Sharma says we have a transfer course to help them because orientation is only one day for transfers.
- Sharma says we are working on lactation rooms in north campus since we do not have any and we are looking to allocate funds to TSP for students within the AAP communities.
- Sharma says TSP helps students immerse themselves in classes before Fall.
- Sharma says we need to have a discussion on campus climate in general and come from a bottom-up approach so I will add that on next meeting.
- Sharma says we need communities to come together on what the needs are and to discuss these needs.

I. Administrative Representatives
- Geller says no report.
- Alexander has no report.
- Champawat has no report.

VIII. Fund Allocations
A. Contingency Programming * -- Yu
- 13 non-USAC organizations applied.
- Total required was $18,558.09.
- Total requested was $7,879.95.
- Total recommended is $3,265.
- Dameron moves to approve the contingency allocation for $3,265. Mohankumar seconds.
9-0-0 vote the contingency allocation has been approved.
- Yu says finance committee collaborated with CAC this week for an event for $150.
B. EVP Bruin Defenders # -- Sands
-4 applications were requested, 3 for conferences and 1 for advocacy.
-Samahang Filipino lobbying trip requested for $500.
-3 conferences were from Reform, Education and Diminished Incarceration, Pacific Island Student Association, and Bruin Israel Public Affairs all maximum of $500.
-This allocation has been approved by consent.

C. AAC Mini Travel Fund # -- Mohankumar
-5 allocations were made.
-Karen Rocha requested for $500.
-American Society of Civil Engineers requested for $1,000 for 24 members.
-Chichi Nguyen requested for $100.
-American Israel Public Affair Conference requested $300.
-Amy Aldana requested for $500.
-This allocation has been approved by consent.

D. Student Wellness Programming Fund # -- Lee
-1 application for 910 but it was not approved because it was not a health program.
-This allocation has been approved by consent.

E. SOOF Allocation – Winter 2017
-Overall budget review committee allocated $5,615.96 to a total of 74 student orgs.
-The average allocation was $76.93.
-The standard deviation is $11.77.
-Johnny says there is a possibility that this is the last time students will allocate from here.
-Dameron says CAC got funded from SOOF, I though USAC offices are not eligible for SOOF?
-Johnny says they can still apply for the funds through SOOF.
-Yu says CAC was denied because of Jazz/Reggae festival, so I do not understand.
-Siegel says the office is not eligible to apply so this amount is ineligible.
-Johnny says everything is reallocated without CAC.
-Zeigler moves to approve Winter SOOF allocations for 207. Mohankumar seconds.
9-0-0 vote the SOOF Winter allocation for 2017 has been approved.

IX. Old Business
A. USAC Reform Ad Hoc Committee Update – Ad Hoc Committee Members
-Sharma says we have come up with a way for students to come and we have input from UCSD and UCI.
-Sharma says rather than having structural meetings we wants constitutional understanding of the meetings and positions.
-Sharma says we are looking to change AAC.

X. New Business
A. Election Board Calendar Approval* -- Danielle Fitzgerald
-Danielle says starting with February slate/candidate packets will be available until March 27.
-Danielle says orientation starts week 1 in April and present the ballot to council April 11.
-Danielle says endorsement questions will be due by April 14.
-Danielle says week 5 campus campaign begins and actual debates will happen.
-Danielle says voting ends on Friday May 12.
-Zeigler moves to approve the election calendar for 2017.
-Zeigler says the only issue she has is last year elections ended week 6 and then you cut into week 10 to get a staff together which causes chaos so maybe have week 5 election week, so move it all up one week earlier.
-Danielle says she had a week 5 calendar and presented it realizing my.ucla would not allow this so it was not possible so it has to be week 6.
-Zeigler asks is this date publicized already?
-Daneille says yes.
-Siegel for results does it say 5pm?
-Danielle says yes.
-Siegel asks having debates on Friday nights is on a Jewish holiday, is that date flexible?
-Danielle says we went back and forth and voted on Friday and we decided to choose to accommodate commuter students.
-Rafalian says a lot of commuter students do not come on Fridays, so maybe move it to a Thursday night?
- Sharma says so happy you thought about commuter students, but there are Friday evening classes!
-Mohankumar says if candidates could not make endorsements on debates, could you go into detail about that?
-Danielle says we are not sure about offering a proxy, but we will cross that bridge when we get there.
-Dameron says expense accounts should be released before hand because last year was not that smooth and for transparency.
-Danielle says in the election code it says expense accounts need to be done on voting day, not before.
-Dameron says last year it was due Thursday before voting, do you know where this code is?
-Danielle says it for sure says it in there so I can find it for you later.
-Siegel says would it be possible to look into Thursday night debates?
-Danielle says we can approve the rest of it to book rooms?
-Zeigler says we can do that or you can amend it right now and then we can approve the amended calendar.
-Danielle says we need to speak with our team so right now lets vote on the debates.
-Dameron says he found under article 9 the expense account will be due on the account of the election board chairperson on a date designated by this person.
-Danielle says it is for sure in there I just need to look into it.
-Geller says since you are changing the code tonight, then just change it.
-Zeigler says SRC did not meet with the election board and we will vote next week on the changes.
-Danielle says we do not need to meet with SRC so we need to finalize these as soon as possible.
-Siegel asks if council would like to approve the rest and bar the others?
Zeigler says the deadline for expense forms should be at a time during the election week, so we can change the date to be earlier.

Danielle says not tonight, but yes we can change that.

Sands says for candidates who are uncontested there is no reason for them to show up to debates and that is problematic, everyone needs to show up, so keep that in mind.

Zeigler says last year everyone who was uncontested showed up.

Zeigler moves to approve the 2017 election board calendar, but barring candidate debates. Sharma seconds.

Geller says I thought you were eliminating the dates for expense accounts.

Dameron says he would like to go over this with e-board so I am not sure how to go with this.

Zeigler says we can bar both dates and then make a new election code change.

Zeigler says you will need to come back for this change.

Danielle says I am fine with barring the expense accounts.

Zeigler moves to approve the election calendar 2017 barring the expense account dates and candidate debate dates. Sharma seconds.

9-0-0 vote the election calendar has been approved.

B. EBoard Recommendations on Election Code Changes* -- Danielle Fitzgerald

Danielle says we explained what we changed; it was mainly grammatical changes such as page numbers, punctuation, alignment, etc.

Danielle says we amended the write-in candidate’s portion on page 16 to clarify that you need to be an eligible candidate to be a write-in candidate.

Danielle says we do not use paper ballots and we are not comfortable publishing anything anonymously so write-in candidates work by being eligible.

Danielle says page 33 we amended the ballot proposition to make clear that they will get the same amount of money as a candidate.

Siegel says why can they spend the same amount?

Danielle says it was part of the election code so that is up for debate.

Sharma asks what was the difference between executive member and non-executive members?

Danielle says it does not specify so that is up for discussion with e-board.

Danielle says she cleaned it up more than changing it entirely.

Siegel says based off of last years cycle and spending limits for referenda, do we want to think about giving referenda a different spending cap?

Siegel says do we feel comfortable to referenda to get the same amount as a candidate?

Sharma says in the election code it says a referendum is not part of slates correct?

Zeigler says she is against that.

Dameron says after seeing last year with 2 referenda passing more than 60% vote it is not necessary.

Sharma says is there any way we can reevaluate this funding?

Siegel says spending limits were established 2 years ago from council, for us to decide that right now might not be a good idea.

Danielle says this is reevaluated every 3 years so next year it will happen.

Siegel says creating a focus group sounds like a good idea to get their opinions.

Sharma says if you want to head that then go for it.
-Zeigler moves to approve the election code as amended. Dameron seconds.
9-0-0 vote the election code has been approved as amended.
-Danielle asks for a vote for Thursday date change and it was 9.
-Danielle says election code changes work by us bringing it to you, so shoot me an email and we are meeting with SRC so if they make changes we will try to present them next week.
-Zeigler says the main thing for election code is taking out the voting week wording so that you can set a date for expenses.

C. USAC Measure S Resolution Approval*  -- Council Discussion and Vote
-Zeigler wants to move to table this to next week.
-Zeigler says we will have a finalized resolution next week.
-Chowdhury moves to table the Measure S resolution to next week. Mohankumar seconds.
9-0-0 vote the Measure S resolution has been tabled to next week.

XI. Announcements
-Siegel says the Leadershape event is due February 10 and if you are interested in this please let them know.
-Chowdhury says there has been executive order for 7 muslim countries to enter the U.S. even if they have green cards and this is affecting a lot of students here.
-Chowdhury says we (MSA) are having a panel discussion tomorrow from 6-8pm in Ackerman Viewpoint Lounge so please come.
-Chowdhury says Thursday 12-3pm there will be a rally so please try to come.
-Chowdhury says tomorrow we are speaking about future changes.
-Chowdhury says how can we build solidarity with these groups and provide support for these students.
-Chowdhury says this is messed up that these things are even allowed and civil rights are being demolished through Trump.
-Chowdhury says how can we as a student body combat this? Hopefully we can find ways to provide support.
-Dameron says tomorrow CSC annual event is happening from 7-9pm at Covel grand horizon.
-Mohankumar says we are working on an academic survey to engage students on their experiences in academics here.
-Lee says SBC was able to buy menstrual hygiene products in Ashe in second and third floor.
-Lee says BRC had a conference last Friday to support those in recovery.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
*The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment
-Zeigler moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.
-Sharma seconds.
9-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.
XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item
# Indicates Consent Item
@ Indicates Executive Session Item