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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

February 14, 2017

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Zack Dameron, Sandra Rhee, Christina Lee, Debra Geller, Roy Champawat, Jessica Alexander

ABSENT: Michael Starr, Amy Shao, Rob Kadota, Ariel Rafalian, Kevin Yu, Divya Sharma

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

-Dameron moves to strike ARC fund.

-Mohankumar moves to approve the agenda. Borden seconds.

9-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from February 7th, 2017

-Zeigler moves to approve the minutes. Mohankumar seconds.

9-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

-CalPirg is here to update us about their pledge drive to ban fracking and pledge CalPirg.

-CalPirg says they have full time professional staff who train the students to outreach and recruit.

-CalPirg says they got 2,000 students to pledge in just one week and add the fee onto their bruinbill.

-CalPirg says next week they are giving these petitions out to their conference and are super excited.

V. Special Presentations

A. Special Presentation by Parking Services Staff – Lisa Koerbling and Debbie Corral

-Lisa is the parking services director who is updating USAC about transportation and fees.

-Lisa says the goal of transportation services is to have a campus trip to no more than 139,500 trips per day and to reduce the employee drive alone rate to 48% by 2025.

-Lisa says everyone needs to park and everyone needs access to campus, we are limited and we need to help everyone have access.

-Lisa says we facilitate access by campus traffic systems, parking management, subsidized public transit, vanpools, and carpools, campus shuttles, education and incentive programs.

-Lisa says we do this to reduce parking permit fees.

- Lisa says we have 3,000 cyclists on campus everyday and have 155 buses that come to this campus everyday.
- Lisa says we offer support services like the Bruin Commuter Club that has reduced fees and daily parking, vouchers, and car-share vehicles.
- Lisa says we also have the Amtrak bus and flyaway buses.
- Lisa says the drive alone rate is about 53%.
- Lisa says we have more students who walk than drive to campus.
- Lisa says greenhouse gases are a huge issue for us all so the less commuter the better for us.
- Lisa says we are trying to add bike lanes also.
- Lisa says we do promotions to entice the use of public transit and will be formalized next year called, New Bruin Commuter Benefit.
- Lisa says we will give new students one time free so that we can get rid of commuter.
- Lisa says we also have Bruin Bike Smart to have traffic school to get tickets waived.
- Lisa says hopefully next year 2% of permit parking will be available as well as charging stations.
- Lisa says we have 2 electric buses that began this year.
- Lisa says we have reduced the driver loan rate, vehicle trips, greater activation transportation participation, reduced GHG and healthier campus environment.
- Lisa says these methods work for those we have reached, but we have not gotten to those who do not know and we do not have contact with.
- Lisa says if you can help us reach the undergraduate students that would be very helpful.
- Lisa says we did a good job with transfers, we would like more progress though.
- Lisa says we have a limited amount of parking here.
- Lisa says 80,000 people are here on campus everyday and only have 23,000 spaces for parking.
- Lisa says we are responsible for our expenses and manage our parking fees over a 10 year horizon.
- Lisa says we look at how we can be effective in doing our business.
- Lisa says very few of the spaces we have are for visitors.
- Lisa says we are trying to convert virtual permits to link with your license plate.
- Lisa says the daily fee visitor is not going up, but other fees are going up.
- Dameron says thank you for coming out, in regards to parking revenue you have 51.3 million in revenue this year and then a huge drop in revenue later on, why is that?
- Lisa says due to the Luskin Conference Center the revenue is not coming through.
- Dang says he currently has the transpass, is there going to be expansion on what this encompasses?
- Lisa says the MetroPass works on the Expo line and Purple line, there is a pass that has more global-ness that we offer but we could not reach agreement with Metro to have a student rate.
- Aaron asks are there any plans to have additional parking slots or units?
- Lisa says at the time there is not.
- Lisa says when the Purple line comes; it will be a vast change on how students can get to campus.
- Aaron asks how will students access transportation subsidizing?
- Lisa says if you buy a pass it will already be subsidized.

- Mohankumar asks Lisa to go more into detail about projection of future plans.
- Lisa says we have a model of known and unknown expenses for the future and certain fees about what can pass.
- Lisa says we try and have 2-3 dollar increases per month every year without triggering certain financial benchmarks.
- Siegel tells Lisa to please share information about this to him so he can send it out.

B. Student Health Advisory Committee and the Executive Oversight Board on adding a transgender benefit to UC SHIP – Karina Keus

- Karina says she is talking about insurance in our student plan.
- Karina says UCSHIP is self-funded and performing well.
- Karina says not all UC systems are on this plan.
- Karina says by it being self-funded that means that any risk is completely on us students and if anything goes wrong our premiums go up.
- Karina says we have a high surplus (\$31,000).
- Karina says we are very volatile because we are young and healthy.
- Karina says we make our own rules due to being funded on our own.
- Karina says nothing will change unless it becomes illegal.
- Karina says the transgender benefit has had many negatives and positives from people.
- Karina says we are considering having surgery for sexual changes such as breast augmentation.
- Karina says WPATH sets guidelines for transgender benefits and that surgery is something that should be covered for both genders.
- Karina says another option for male to female is hormones, but not available for female to male.
- Karina says Berkeley covers breast augmentation and they are starting hair removal also.
- Karina says we are aiming towards breast augmentation.
- Karina says there are certain issues in regards to who can receive it or not, Berkeley has limits such as doctor recommendations.
- Karina says the financial risk of doing this unknown right now and no insurance covers this except Berkeley.
- Karina says there could be a selection bias for people to come to school to receive this benefit.
- Karina says it would be at least a 0.1% increase every year and this will impact middle income students the most.
- Karina says we want to be forward thinking plan and it is equitable, but we also need to look at what occurs down the line.
- Lee says no other school offers this right? Have you looked into services at Brown?
- Karina says we are currently only looking at California plans.
- Aaron asks how students can get a risk, can you expand about that in regards to UCLA and Berkeley?
- Karina says we are self-funded so it is a different plan than Berkeley.
- Karina says we have more uncertainty.
- Mohankumar says in terms of surgeries that are allowed, how would that transpire to UCLA if we adopted this?

-Karina says there is a disconnect to how students see this and how medical plans see this, if students are deciding between colleges they may decide to come to UC for these surgeries over other schools.

-Karina says our premiums would increase if more people came.

-Chowdhury says would this help fund people who need it this year?

-Karina says there are a lot of things that we still need, if we decide on this the surplus would not be used towards this but it can impact what we can use the surplus for.

10-0-0 vote the council has agreed to extend discussion for 5 more minutes.

-Dameron says he worked for Kaiser in health plan management and they were still figuring out how to rule this out in other areas so his thoughts are to not to do it because we have the option from a year out from now.

-Dameron says if big companies cannot do it yet, then that shows we should not be able to do this yet either, not until the future.

-Karina says we will have other input and I appreciate your input.

-Lee says are there extra ways to make students aware of how they feel about this, we are only 14 or so people so dig deeper.

-Karina says it is hard because the topic is complicated, so if you have suggestions please let us know.

-Sands emphasizes that Karina was appointed to this position for a reason and do your best to speak to other people, but at the end of the day this is all on you.

-Karina says David (grad student) and herself have spoken and will have a vote on this for the sake of students.

C. Books Not Bombs USAC Resolution – Sabrina Zeigler, Inan Chowdhury, and Divya Sharma

-“**Whereas**, the number of Syrian refugees now exceeds four million individuals, of which 450,000 individuals are between the ages of 18 and 22;[1] **Whereas**, based on prewar enrollment rates, 90,000 to 110,000 Syrian students were qualified for university admission;[2] **Whereas**, Syrians face an “academic emergency” due to a breakdown of higher education within their country, resulting from frequent attacks on university campuses, destroyed facilities, closed campuses, and dangerous roads leading to campuses;[3] **Whereas**, the maintenance of a population of educated students and the prevention of a “lost generation” is necessary for the post-conflict development of Syria; **Whereas**, the Institute of International Education (IIE) is addressing this emergency by creating the Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis, which includes universities and colleges worldwide who offer scholarships to assist Syrian students;[4] **Whereas**, dozens of institutions in the United States, including the University of Southern California, Tufts University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Bryn Mawr College, and others have joined the consortium and are offering scholarships to Syrian students;[5] **Whereas**, students and scholars of all backgrounds—including refugee scholars and students—have contributed to making America’s universities the best in the world. **Whereas**, American universities have a long tradition of opening their doors to refugee scholars and students, dating back to World War II, when dozens of colleges and universities offered refuge to German Jewish scholars and students. **Whereas**, given the

past contribution of refugee students and scholars, American universities bear a responsibility to act as a force for internationalism and human dignity and to offer continuing support to refugee students and scholars. **Let it be resolved** that the Undergraduates Students Association Council at the University of California, Los Angeles will urge the university to join the IIE's Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis to commit to offering increased academic seats and funding to students displaced by conflict, notably Syrian students, in the form of partial or full scholarships, by no later than the end of the 2016-17 academic year; and **Be it further resolved** that the Undergraduates Students Association Council at the University of California, Los Angeles will urge the university administration will release a statement detailing the funding for reserved scholarships and spaces that it will provide to educationally displaced students, including Syrians, by no later than the end of the 2016-2017 Academic Year."

-Siegel asks have other schools done this?

-Reem says yes many others have.

-Majmudar says change "urges" and clarify university administration.

-Chowdhury says that is a good point.

-Sands says the regents will talk about it, was there an update?

-Reem says they expressed a lot of support and interest.

-Sands asks why does it need to be a system wide level?

-Borden says I would like to clarify what you mean by "spaces"? It could be interpreted differently.

-Zeigler says it technically does mean both spaces.

-Borden moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes. Majmudar seconds.

10-0-0 vote discussion has been extended by 5 minutes.

-Geller says you say to not waive the admission requirements, this seems as though you are asking for quotas.

-Chowdhury says I guess it would mean access to come here in the first place and giving them the scholarship would reserve them to come.

-Geller says this can be misinterpreted.

D. Special Presentation on South Asian Conference – Zoya Chhabra

-Zoya is a fourth year and says Indus is hosting the first ever UC Wide South Asian conference at UCLA to express activism.

-Zoya says it starts Saturday morning February 18th and there will be 16 student health workshops on mental health, colonialism, white privilege, etc.

-Zoya says you can register to go on <http://tinyurl.com/UCSAC>.

-Zoya says there is a registration fee and she can waive it for USAC.

-Zeigler asks if there will be a followup of workshops after this?

-Zoya says we are trying to provide an update of the conference by having a live stream during the event.

VI. Appointments

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Siegel

-Siegel says last week he addressed the biweekly meeting of neighborhood council and emphasized the issue that there needs to be more of a relationship with students.

-Siegel says he also spoke about the issue of entertainment here in Westwood or liquor licenses.

-Siegel says he has a meeting with President Napolitano in a few weeks so any agenda items you would like him to add please let him know.

-Siegel says yesterday the Daily Bruin there was a cartoon of a discriminatory Jewish person and any threats towards a member of the Daily Bruin is strongly opposed to and he has heard there are many threats going on so please do not engage.

-Siegel says yesterday's display got a reaction and he would like to look into the Comm board of having respect for different backgrounds here.

B. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler

-Zeigler says she is posting another student group of the week tomorrow.

C. External Vice President -- Sands

-Sands says we have been out on Bruin walk campaigning before the election.

-Sands says next Monday is the last day to register to vote, if you are not registered here you will not be able to vote for this specifically Measure S.

-Zeigler ask if this will be in LA city or LA County?

-Sands says both elections are in LA city and LA County and measure S is only in LA City.

-Sands says he will be in D.C. next week and he is very excited.

-Sands says we have identified 4-5 different bills relating to travel ban, pelgrants, student loan debt, etc.

-Sands says he is working with students now in regards to the travel ban to make sure their stories are being heard and shared.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

-Mohankumar says our last enrollment workshop is February 16 in Ackerman 3508.

-Mohankumar says Wifi Sucks Committee is undergoing and analyzing results to change the wifi connectivity on campus and a meeting is set up to see if we can get access portals.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

-Lee says this week is I love my body and so far there has been body image and dance workshops and Word on Wednesday, Thursday will be a speaker panel for body image.

-Lee says health imitative and fitness is offering free fitness classes this week.

-Lee says the workshop conference applications are due soon and the conference is in April.

-Lee says BDSM 101 is having a panel this week.

F. Facilities Commissioner – Rhee

- Rhee says we are working on a texting service “555888” to send food, study rooms, or rentals to give information for those topics to each students, it is a demo right now.
- Rhee says we just finished a video of 5 random students going vegan this week at school and it was very funny.
- Rhee says our safety committee is working on a Title 9 task force, Jessica Price is the inner rim Title 9 coordinator.
- Siegel says in regards to Title 9, have you spoken to BASH or BCC?
- Rhee says we plan to have 1-2 members from those.

G. Financial Supports Commissioner – Aaron Boudie (Rafalian proxy)

- Aaron says FSC met with head of financial wellness program and finalized the date of week 2 of spring quarter to since April is financial literacy month.
- Aaron says FSC is trying to work with CalPirg.
- Aaron says we wrote letters to Mayor Garcetti about Measure S.
- Aaron says increase enrollment will effect commuters in Daily Bruin so read that please.
- Aaron says we will have weekly office hours in our office and it is a great way to have more student input.

H. Campus Events Commissioner – Dang

- Dang says CEC is trying to screen winners from Golden Globes and showing Loving tonight.
- Dang says feb. 21 we are showing Manchester by the Sea.

I. General Representative 1 – Borden

- Borden says today Zander Barbar and I met with Nicole Green to discuss models for increasing CAPS engagement on the hill and residential areas.
- Borden says there have been 2 submissions in the daily bruin about this issue.
- Borden says we are speaking with Assistant Vice Chancellor about this too.
- Borden says we launched a scholarship spotlight to increase scholarships that students can be eligible to apply for and each week will give out information on FB about specific scholarships.
- Borden says give it a like and share.
- Borden says she has met weekly with Leslie Thorn to increase effectiveness of career week in April and increase diversity.

J. General Representative 2 – Majmudar

- Majmudar says this week was a deep compression week.
- Majmudar says we have started a letter writing campaign.
- Majmudar says he toured the Anderson accelerator and working on the interfaith fund and there were some hiccups with that.
- Majmudar says next week there is the entrepreneurship networking night from 7-9.

K. General Representative 3 – Chowdhury

- Chowdhury says this week we received 2 good notifications, Sigma CHAI was approved as a campus organization!
- Chowdhury says hopefully it will carry on even after I graduate.

- Chowdhury says stay tuned for the topic this week, it will still be here from 4-6 on Friday, but we are changing the time and date probably.
- Chowdhury says Bruin Games of 3rd week has been approved to be a its own organization.
- Chowdhury says we would like to concentrate on the cultural and education part of this.
- Chowdhury says there will also be philanthropy for Alzheimer's.
- Chowdhury says we are partnering with UCLA housing and in the process of spread awareness about certain topics.
- Chowdhury says we spoke to healthy campus initiative about our pamphlets and they liked it.
- Chowdhury says they approved us to send the pamphlets out.

L. Community Service Commissioner – Dameron

- Dameron says last week our external programming committee had its health campaign about different health issues.
- Dameron says the CSC and Presidents office do a scholarship every year to students who are not graduating, so we are working on that right now.
- Dameron says this upcoming weekend CSC is taking 26 students to the conference for the service organizations, it is the largest amount of people we have ever been able to take.
- Dameron says CSC has 40 service projects we are always doing fundraisers, so this Thursday in Bruin Plaza AAT is having boba sales so please support.
- Sands says where is the conference?
- Dameron says Washington University in St. Louis.

M. Administrative Representatives – Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota, Starr

- Geller says the argument on today's bruin about student conduct, probably because of the live publication that is not entirely accurate. All students were asked to participate in training for their first hearings and no ones schedule could accommodate that.
- Geller says this depends on them making themselves available.
- Geller says we are excited to train them!
- Majmudar says the fact that there was no student input in the hearings before, how is that changed?
- Geller says it is based on availability of trained members and there is not remedy needed.
- Alexander and Champawat have no report.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming * -- Ryan (Yu proxy)

- 16 student organizations applied, one being a USAC organization.
- Total required was \$36,385.93.
- Total requested was \$11,976.91
- Total recommended is \$5,558.
- Zeigler moves to approve the contingency allocation for \$5,558. Mohankumar seconds. 10-0-0 vote this contingency allocation has been approved.
- USAC organization total required was \$300.
- Total requested was \$150.

-Total recommended is \$75.

-Mohankumar moves to approve the contingency allocation for \$75. Borden seconds.
9-0-0 vote this contingency allocation has been approved.

B. EVP Bruin Defenders # -- Sands

-1 application was from Justice Work Group for conference March 3-5 for \$500.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

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

-2 allocations were made.

-Financial supports commission allocated \$520.

-Chicanos and Latinos for Medicine allocated \$500.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

D. AAC Mini Travel Fund # -- Mohankumar

-3 allocations were made.

-Pacific Islanders Student Association allocated for \$2,000 -- \$100 each for 20 members.

-Reform, Education, Diminishing Incarceration allocated for \$900 for 9 members -- \$100 each.

-3 people for a research/work presentation allocated for \$100 each (\$300 total).

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

E. Student Wellness Programming Fund # -- Lee

-1 application from Gen Rep 1 and funded them \$150.93.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

F. USAC Surplus Allocations* -- Siegel

-Zeigler says the total remaining is about \$100.

-Zeigler says it is confusing but 12% goes to capital contingency.

-Zeigler says what is left over is \$21,094.12.

-Siegel says it is great to see this money go back to student groups this year.

-Zeigler says compared to last year this is great.

-Siegel says in terms of this \$21,000, we have allocated the remainder to the USAC endowment.

-Siegel says this will be a returned investment and over the years the interest has come back to students, so we recommend returning the \$21,094.12 to USAC endowment.

-Zeigler says with the endowment it is a big picture type of thing, the interest varies each year. Around 5% gets back to students and if we put surplus into it, it will be a legacy of interest to students.

-Zeigler says at the moment only a couple 1,000 dollars gets back to students so it will eventually get large enough to fund students especially since SOOF is no longer for students.

-Siegel says this can become the third rail of funding for students.

-Champawat says one of the reasons why we decide to do this is because surplus can be volatile and unstable, so if surplus is low it would hit students hard.

-Champawat says it is safe to smooth it out.

- Champawat says it will be a reliable source of money that is not stingy.
- Zeigler moves to approve USAC Surplus Allocation for \$21,094.12 for 2017. Borden seconds.
- Dameron says looking at the nature of when the endowment was first created, we have bylaws that divvy up the balances to contingency, what if we cut the contingency in half even though it breaks bylaws and moving it to the endowment?
- Zeigler asks what percentage were you talking about for now?
- Dameron says there is no percentage; right now 64,500 is going to contingency, so cut that in half.
- Siegel says since this is the first year of it being collected, I am concerned about how this can effect others.
- Ryan says it is doable because last year we only spent 25%.
- Champawat asks the budget would project the wellness funding available to contingency, are you sure your budget does not account for those funds?
- Ryan says of the money we wanted were included.
- Zeigler says it is a good idea because it is does give more than use more.
- Siegel says would this year lead to a shortage for student groups if we took this action?
- Ryan says maybe not, but I do not have the actual numbers so speak to Kevin.
- Siegel says if we decided to propose or table surplus to next week would that be ok?
- Zeigler says it would prevent student groups.
- Zeigler says it does not matter what week we do it because it will break the bylaws regardless.
- Siegel says council needs to consider proposing a bylaw changing soon and then voting on the allocation because if we voted now it would not be relevant.
- Geller says you can also approve as set forth here with the designation that anything left in contingency at the end of June gets sent to the endowment so you can give yourself the flexibility.
- Geller says or you can set an earlier date to see where you are at with the end of your terms.
- Champawat says identifying un-allocated funding is a good idea.
- Champawat says if you want to do that this year, it is simply a vote.
- Zeigler says since we do have a high surplus this year, breaking the bylaws this year to half would change contingency and in the future changing the bylaw change.
- Champawat says within the next few years this will come in and some kind of change will have to be made unless new fees are coming in.
- Champawat says this is the core; almost all the rest of your money is coming in from overhead budget.
- Champawat says given that there is a bylaw that comes from contingency right now one thing I can think of to address for a number of years is to change the bylaw to this contingency 10% of the membership.
- Champawat says taking more steps without getting ahead of us could be proven and I intend to bring numbers and solutions to you.
- Dameron says that would be a really good thing to consider with this council so when we start next year, but also in regards to Geller to mention it is contingency at the end of the year, is that doable?
- Champawat says that is correct and we are talking about the un-allocated money.

- Champawat says we allocate to you for you to potentially spend and not everyone carries through on the program, you cannot over spend it or spend the exact amount so that is why we end up with surplus.
 - Champawat says when we cross into next fiscal year surplus will occur.
 - Zeigler says we should bring this forward next week.
 - Champawat says the insight with changes that are upcoming bear scrutiny so we need to consider the option.
 - Zeigler says can we just say that though or do we need to change anything?
 - Geller says yes but set the date on which that will happen.
 - Zeigler says by week 7 then.
 - Siegel says we are going to allocate these as you see and then say in the last council meeting of our term (Spring week 7) allocate it to endowment.
 - Zeigler moves to table this until next week. Majmudar seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote this has been tabled to next week.

IX. Old Business

A. USAC Reform Ad Hoc Committee Update – Ad Hoc Committee Members

- Zeigler says we are releasing our Google form asking student's times are available to do a focus group and recommend changes.
- Sands asks do you know how you are planning to advertise that?
- Zeigler says we are just posting a Google form to all USAC pages and hoping that you all would post it as well.
- Sands says he is concerned about that because getting student input is difficult to see how many students feel in reality.

X. New Business

A. USAC Resolution on Books Not Bombs Approval* -- Council Discussion and Vote

- Mohankumar moves to approve USAC resolution on Books Not Bombs. Majmudar seconds.
 - Zeigler says we added another Whereas in regards to clarity of scholarships and help from IIE.
 - Zeigler says the first let it be resolved was changed to have admission requirements clarified to make sure they meet these requirements.
 - Zeigler says UCLA urges university to release a statement to provide education to these students.
 - Chowdhury says we wanted to tailor to specific administrators and hopefully once it is adopted we will let them handle that aspect of it.
 - Sands says it is illegal to allocate academic seats.
 - Zeigler says it does not say allocating and it is not a quota.
 - Sands says we do not have admission requirements so there is not such thing as this.
 - Sands says there are many people who follow the requirements and do not get accepted, so it seems illegal.
 - Zeigler says we will take that out.
- 9-0-0 vote the USAC resolution on Books Not Bombs has been adopted by council.

B. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

XI. Announcements

-Mohankumar says she is meeting with Pat Turner and wants to open up to council in regards to what enrollment or educational based interests or concerns you have please email her.

-Lee says BCC released their new social media campaign called #PictureConsent across all social media.

-Lee says please share and send images to start conversation.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Mohankumar moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:24pm.

-Dameron seconds.

9-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

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