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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

March 7th, 2017

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Ariel Rafalian, Christina Lee, Divya Sharma, Kevin Yu, Debra Geller, Rob Kadota, Jessica Alexander

ABSENT: Sabrina Zeigler, Zoe Borden, Michael Starr, Roy Champawat

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.

-Dameron moves to strike CSC officer report.

-Majmudar moves to approve the agenda. Dang seconds.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes from February 28th, 2017.

-Dameron moves to approve the minutes. Majmudar seconds.

11-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

-CalPirg, Emma, says one of the campaigns they are working on is to move the UC system to entirely renewable energy.

-Emma says nationwide they are working on this and many campuses have already moved towards this.

-Emma says Berkeley and Davis have already passed this, Riverside is almost there.

-Emma says she is drafting a resolution to pass this by next week hopefully because the UC regents are meeting March 16th.

V. Special Presentations

A. Special Presentation on Interfaith Identity and Groups – Ayesha Haleem, Kendall Sweetapple and Zanaira Ahmad

-Ayesha says there are not enough spaces for religious purposes on campus.

-Ayesha says we went to the conferences and met with religious organizations.

-Ayesha says we presented at the URC board.

-Zanaira says URC is an interfaith organization at UCLA that brings diversity and harmony together.

-Zanaira says we held a meeting in November last quarter and had over 22 organizations come and speak about what they would want with this funding.

-Zanaira says the organizations spoke about their issues.

-Zanaira says there was a large emphasis on communication and organization.

-Kendall says long-term suggestions would be more food on campus, biweekly meetings, communal spiritual space, conference with religious information, and religious fair and informative booths.

-Kendall says many religious students expressed their concern of safety on campus.

-Kendall says they discussed a weekend long conference to have members come and bond about each other's faiths.

-Ayesha says they took a poll of students on campus who are religious and majorities are not religious and many encourage a communal spiritual space and quarterly dinners to increase communication.

-Ayesha says there are not enough spaces on campus to help with this issue and the URC really wants this to change, but there is a gap between the URC and student community.

-Ayesha says student input helps and there is also an interfaith dinner at the end of week 9 (Friday March 10th).

-Ayesha says we are going to introduce our group, funds, and religious groups on campus.

-Majmudar says we want to create a student advisory board and pass a constitutional amendment so that it is a presidential appointment every year.

-Majmudar says URC is looking forward to student input; it is up to us to create a position.

-Siegel asks to clarify background of the survey and how representative you think this is of the entire campus.

-Ayesha says this was residential and the results are the same even with the added amount of students we surveyed and we are interested in making it more widespread.

-Ayesha says we went personally to people and how they feel.

-Sands says he supports the idea of having this committee, but we should fight for existing positions on the committee already rather than making a new one.

-Majmudar says from UCLA it is Mic DeLuca and they are open to having students on their side and URC is open for students to join also.

-Majmudar says both sides want students on board, I think if we make a position it will carry on for years.

-Dameron asks do you think you will share this with other orgs?

-Ayesha says yes.

-Dameron says this has a lot of good information, but the layout and format of a final report should be different than this, because we have typos in this and inconsistent formatting so he wants you to edit this before sending it out to credible entities.

-Dameron says the content is good, but being critical and representing USAC edit it.

-Chowdhury says in terms of student advisory committee do you think USAC is the right jurisdiction to determine who can be involved in this committee?

-Majmudar says it would mostly be an advisory committee to UCLA, not directly working with URC.

-Majmudar says the undergraduate students do have a lot to gain to be a part of this.

-Majmudar says being able to create these students funds and having someone from USAC would work.

-Shao moves to extend questioning by 8 minutes. Dameron seconds.

10-0-0 vote an 8 minute extension has been added.

- Shao asks do you find value in extending the work that has already been done such as meditation space in Ackerman? The space you are looking into is not accessible for most students, make more accessible on campus spaces. Secondly, Shao likes the long-term goals, but does not see a feasible plan to achieve them.
- Shao says it would make sense to define diversity and division; some of these things are vague and need to be more in depth.
- Ayesha says we are an outreach committee, not a religious committee.
- Ayesha says the short-term goals are suggestions; they are not our direct input.
- Ayesha says these are ideas that were presented to us that we wanted to share.
- Ayesha says sorry for not putting it together a certain way, but she has personally spoken to people from different student groups and many of them do not feel comfortable in Ackerman spaces.
- Ayesha says we are trying to gather information about this topic.
- Majmudar says this is one of many projects that this committee is working on.
- Majmudar says the many other orgs have put proposals in from this group and hundreds of people are involved in this.
- Sharma says did you think of doing the survey at town hall?
- Majmudar says November we had religious orgs come and we are trying to make that into a town hall.
- Sharma says would this be a town hall type or committee based?
- Ayesha says a committee that meets biweekly would be ideal to increase communication.
- Dang says if you are going to print these in black and white you cannot tell the difference in these pie charts and in one part you said you want to have a committee, but towards the end it says you want to make an entire new office in USAC. Which goal do you mean to look into?
- Ayesha says these were ideas mentioned at the ideas and our moving forward was what we thought we would be able to do.

B. Special Presentation on SWC and their Work – Rajman Randhawa and Soz Mirza

- Raj is the marketing director and Soz is the public relations director.
- Soz says we are going over everything we have done in the past 2 quarters.
- Raj says there are 12 committees total in SWC.
- Soz says body image task force is working on positive body images; biggest event was I love my body week and had yoga, photo series, and much more.
- Raj says AIDS awareness had World AIDS day and RollAIDS that is occurring in Spring.
- Raj says Earth is focused on sustainability because environment influences how you feel.
- Raj says Earth has been working on Great American Smoke Out and vintage clothing drives every quarter for the last year.
- Soz says CPR and first aid has offered CPR class at a reduced cost and offers many internships.
- Soz says they do this regularly throughout the year.
- Raj says Super CPR event happens in Spring where they train students on the hill.
- Raj says Health, nutrition and fitness has had events like Bruins in the kitchen, snacks for DIY, and find you swole-mate.

- Raj says Bruin Run Walk has focused on putting the 5k run that will happen April 30th and registration is open for free for the first time.
- Raj says their mission is to raise money for children's hospital.
- Soz says Search has hosted Bruin Health Week, Stress Less Fair, and a silent disco that is happening tomorrow in Powell.
- Soz says Active Minds has been working on many events such as Stigma Shoot Out, Mind Your Mind, campus walks, a weeklong event about eating disorders, etc.
- Raj says All of Us has many events and is linked with Active Minds.
- Raj says SHA is working on International No Diet Day, Thankful for My Body, etc.
- Raj says Sexpert is all about sex positivity and has had events such as Hookup Hub, masturbating, condom use, and sex addiction.
- Raj says they are working on Get Your Head in the Game.
- Raj says Total Wellness Magazine is a magazine about wellness and health and peer reviewed by professors and faculty and printed as an official magazine.
- Soz says you can find even in Kerckhoff.
- Soz says BCC has worked on awareness and prevention and sexual violence on campus and has their annual domestic violence awareness month and planning their awareness week.
- Raj says SWC focuses on different things each year, last year they focused on oral hygiene.
- Raj says SWC focused on welfare and this past week we had back to the basics.
- Soz says SWC has officially made it the first university to offer free menstrual products and solely student funded!
- Soz says you can get these at the Ashe Center and dispensers and also at the LGBTQ Center.
- Soz says SHN is a liaison between USAC and other health groups on campus to make sure they have funding and help, this past year we created a coalition instead and focuses more on advocacy.
- Soz says we have a conference coming up next quarter.
- Raj says we know many offices are doing great work about student wellness.
- Sharma says what other things are you doing with SWC?
- Raj says SWC committees would love to be integrated into your projects and make sure that if there are topics around health that SWC would love be a part of that conversation.
- Soz says most of the directors have a lot of experience with what they do and want to make sure SWC is integrated into topics of health and wellness.
- Rafalian asks when is the next addition of Total Wellness Magazine?
- Raj says hopefully by week 1 of Spring quarter.
- Majmudar asks that if you were to co-program, we just ask the commissioner ourselves, who do we contact to work with you?
- Raj says Christina, our website is back up with all of our emails, and each committee has their own Facebook page to message them on.

VI. Appointments

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Siegel

- Siegel says last Wednesday he sat with Chancellor Block and Michael Skiles and touched on items such as international student committee and Chancellor seemed to support it.
- Siegel says we spoke about the centennial campaign to include student's issues like food insecurity and other issues.
- Siegel says we spoke about internships with the university as a whole and Monroe Gordan spoke about a UCLA wide body to be in charge of this topic so we are seeing if the Chancellor would prefer a position like that.
- Siegel says last Wednesday his campus climate committee hosted their first event to open up and share their stories, experiences at UCLA.
- Siegel says last Friday he met with Andrew Thomas in regards to student businesses and spoke to property owners and we will present to the bid and go over student interest in the village.
- Siegel says he met with external affairs vice chancellor about scholarships and looking at university raising funds for scholarships to make sure it is going out properly.
- Siegel says BruinUser video has launched their first update and has used his office as a launching pad to pursue the project.
- Siegel says thank you to everyone on BruinsVote!
- Shao says there was anti-blackness on the video.
- Siegel says they looked into that and apologized and that was not intentional.
- Shao says in the DailyBruin there was an article about Bruin Newsroom needs to be separate from council itself, will there be less focus on USAC or more focus on campus?
- Siegel says he will bring that up.

B. Internal Vice President – Zeigler's proxy

- Zeigler says campus safety week will be changed to week 7 or 8 due to venue issues.
- Zeigler says pride week is week 3 and study hall is coming up.
- Zeigler says food truck for finals is Sunday Monday and Tuesday same place and time as last time.

C. External Vice President -- Sands

- Sands says he thanks everyone for working so hard today the polls closed a minute ago.
- Sands says this election really spread and is hoping for the best.
- Sands says last week senators Holly Mitchell and Nancy Skinner contacted him to introduce commercial prop 13 reform legislation.
- Sands says this is a big deal because it has been proposed by elected members, will be introduced this month.
- Sands says the political climate in California right now is progressive than it has been in the past.
- Sands says we received lobby conference applications galore, and he believes everyone will be happy with what we have put together.
- Sands says tomorrow is UC Day Sacramento with hundreds of UC advocates to push for the state to commit to more funding for increase enrollment.
- Sands says they are focusing on graduate students too.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

- Mohankumar says last week had our town hall meeting and it was great.
- Mohankumar says AAC updates are that this month is women's history month so we have featured females in history who have been impactful, tomorrow is international women's day and we will release a video to commemorate this event.
- Mohankumar says next quarter we have our fight for education week and the main event is a dinner with professors on the hill again and an educational carnival.
- Mohankumar says next quarter her pre-professional prep is working on a bruin networking night.
- Mohankumar says TAs hip main concern brought up was regards to how undergraduates feel about TAs hip in general and we will release a survey for this.
- Mohankumar says we are working with Pat Turner to bring to council.
- Mohankumar says Ju Kim updated her on wifi and over the past year there has been 10 in library, 245 in GAC net classrooms, and more all over campus.
- Mohankumar says we will update on the wifi more throughout the weeks to see where else needs wifi access.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

- Lee says tomorrow Search is putting on silent disco in Powell till 9:30pm.
- Lee says free yoga class will be next Thursday.
- Lee says CPR is offering free CPR to kids in high school.
- Lee says we are offering de-stress stuff during 10th and finals week.
- Lee says bruin health week is happening April 23-30.
- Lee says registration is open to participate in Bruin Walk.

F. Facilities Commissioner – Rhee

- Rhee says you can get on your phones right now and text 555888 with the word "askgene" and Gene will reply to you!
- Rhee says this will reply to any questions you have.
- Rhee says CSO van service is launching an Uberpool like app to have a CSO van to come to your location and next quarter we are having a pilot launch to work out bugs.
- Rhee says the food recovery program is working to institutionalize this to be coordinated with their paid staff.

G. Financial Supports Commissioner – Rafalian

- Rafalian says there is a promo video coming up for the phone chargers and we have 50 available in YRL and Powell.
- Rafalian says financial literacy week is coming up.
- Rafalian says FWP is putting on events through out the week and Monday we are having a kickoff event.
- Rafalian says on Tuesday there is a workshop about eating healthy on a budget.
- Rafalian says Wednesday there will be a presentation about home ownership.
- Rafalian says Thursday night there is a financial literacy workshop and we are reserving spaces right now.

H. Campus Events Commissioner – Dang

-Dang says the only event is next week Tuesday, showing La La Land.

I. General Representative 2 – Majmudar

-Majmudar has no report.

J. General Representative 3 – Chowdhury

-Chowdhury says this week is no Sigma CHAI meeting, there is an event this week called Do the Zumba in Hedrick movement studio 5:30-6:30pm.

-Chowdhury says saving hearts foundation is having free heart screenings this weekend 10am-2pm Saturday in ackerman grand ballroom.

K. Transfer Student Representative – Sharma

-Sharma says transfer center opening up week 4 and 5 with breakfast and counselors available.

-Sharma says we have wifi connectivity with student services and transforming the student mentoring board this Spring.

-Sharma says transfer wellness is hosting a program and week 10 we will have mental health chats.

-Sharma says myucla is working to add mental health apps.

-Sharma says transfer identity photo campaign will be Spring week 1.

-Sharma says we only had 3 council members who signed the housing petition.

-Sharma says sign our petitions for recovery students and lactation spaces.

L. Administrative Representatives

-Geller says no report.

-Kadota says reslife is doing a collaboration with BCC to have a pop up video art installation during undie run to present alternative messaging around the event.

-Alexander says she sent an email about Bruin Day display, if you have any photos send those and a short description of what your office does – please send them by this Friday.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming * -- Yu

-4 student organizations applied, non-USAC related.

-Total required was \$6,143.01.

-Total requested was \$3,260,96.

-Total recommended is \$954.

-Dameron moves to approve the contingency allocation for \$954. Rafalian seconds.
11-0-0 vote this allocation has been approved.

B. Capital Contingency* -- Yu

-1 USAC organization applied, USAC CEC.

-Total required and requested was \$313.

-Total recommended is \$313.

-Dameron moves to approve capital contingency for \$313. Lee seconds.
10-0-1 vote this allocation has been approved.

C. EVP Bruin Defenders # -- Sands

-2 applications.

-Alpha kappa alpha conference for \$500.

-Association of mong students for a conference for \$500.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

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

-1 application for united Arab students for \$900.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

E. AAC Mini Travel Fund # -- Mohankumar

-2 applications.

-Asian pacific Americans in higher education for \$200.

-Nigerian student association for \$1,000.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

F. Student Wellness Programming Fund # -- Lee

-1 application has been requested \$750 for diabetes days.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

IX. Old Business

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

-Sharma says this week we spoke about things from last week because new people showed up.

-Sharma says this week we moved towards issue based committees or offices to specialize in specific issues.

-Sharma says hopefully we have a bigger turn out after our town hall.

-Mohankumar says the town hall meeting will be our next big event of the year and to move forward with this committee.

-Sharma says from what we spoke about last week in regards to a campaign, it is too late for that now but we are interested in incorporating this into council.

-Lee says we discussed how this is a long-term project.

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

-Chowdhury says yesterday was the cross cultural center town hall and there is a growing need for a cross cultural center on campus and many people say there is one, but how can we expand these resources to cover marginalized groups on campus.

-Chowdhury says we spoke about funding and about \$8,000 in grants has been allocated.

-Chowdhury says this week is the UCLA sanctuary campus town hall, so come if you want to share your vision of a sanctuary campus on Thursday 5pm.

-Chowdhury says equity, diversity, and inclusion is having a mixer Thursday 1-3pm.

-Siegel asks if you organized these events?

-Chowdhury says no.

-Shao says CAC has 5 different events this week, but CAC Tank is launched this quarter inspired by Shark Tank to hear pitches from student orgs and/or groups of students to create a bridge that jumps over the processes of becoming a sole organizations and to allow students to take advantage of resources to put on an event or promote a plan.

-Shao says reslife, startup UCLA, and many others have agreed to be a part of this as investors.

-Shao says next quarter we will launch the events and invest in mentorship, time and money if possible.

-Shao says applications are up until April 5th.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Mohankumar moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

-Sharma seconds.

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

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@ Indicates Executive Session Item