

FINALIZED MAY 23, 2017
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 Kerckhoff Hall 417
 May 16, 2017
 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Arielle Mokhtarzadeh, Vivy Li, Chloe Pan, Nicole Diaz, Kayla He, Justin Jackson, Divya Sharma, Nedda Saidian, Adriana Hardwicke, Malik Flournoy-Hooker, Zahra Hajee, Aaron Boudaie, Sayra Stokes, Roy Champawat, Jessica Alexander, Debra Geller

ABSENT: Christina Lee, Rob Kadota, Michael Starr

I. Call to Order

-Mokhtarzadeh 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

-Hardwicke moves to strike student wellness programming fund.

-Boudaie moves to strike proposal for USAC bylaws and move it to next week.

-Flournoy-Hooker moves to strike ARC fund.

-Pan moves to strike EVP fund.

-Boudaie moves to strike CALPIRG presentation.

-Sharma moves to move new business after public comment. Jackson seconds.

-Sharma moves to add discussion on public displays of hate speech to special presentations.

-Sharma moves to strike ASRF and travel mini fund.

-Boudaie moves to approve the agenda. Stokes seconds.

12-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from May 9th, 2017 for council 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

-Sharma moves to approve the minutes from council 2016-2017. Hardwicke seconds.

1-0-11 vote the minutes have been approved.

-Jackson moves to approve the minutes from council meeting 2017-2018. Hajee seconds.

12-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

-Bridget from CALPIRG says we finished our pledge drive last week.

-Bridget says we are working 100% renewable energy, textbooks and democracy.

-Bridget says Monday at 9am we are having a meeting to ban Styrofoam cups.

-Bridget says our organizer is gone training so send any CALPIRG inquiries to Jamie.

V. Special Presentations

A. Hate Speech on Campus – Sharma

-Sharma says today there was someone preaching about islamophobia and we need to

step up and protect the campus, so are trying to change this.

-Sharma says hopefully administration can come next week to the meeting to discuss this issue.

-Sharma reads aloud the email as to why they could not attend.

-Sharma says we will add this on the agenda for next meeting.

-Sharma asks council if they have anything to say.

-Flournoy-Hooker asks if there is action if we can take?

-Flournoy-Hooker says he does not feel safe with people holding signs condoning gang rape and wants to prevent this, what steps can we take?

-Geller says this is a difficult topic.

-Geller says she finds the content of those posters offensive and unwelcoming.

-Geller says there is a line between offensive and prohibited speech.

-Geller says if they rose to the level of threat then UCPD would take action.

-Geller says please look back at campus regulations with time and policy of speech.

-Geller says the document is available on the website under policies tab.

-Geller says it describe limits of time, place and manner.

-Geller says there are limits to signs and if the content rise to a level of threat then police will intervene.

-Geller says if it is offensive then you can use your voice to speak out in opposition such as speaking here, making resolution, and writing letters.

-Geller says if there is a violation of the rules then staff can go out and explain the policies and seek to enforce them.

-Geller says if you see someone violating this, let someone in SOLE know.

-Geller says you can bring this to attention with the Vice Chancellor.

-Geller says we want to be supportive, but there are limits since this is a public institution.

-Geller says there are closing hours where the campus is not open to the public during certain hours.

-Geller says if you would like to see certain changes then send them our way.

-Geller says however, we do have to permit speech even when it is against our beliefs.

-Saidian says UCPD will not step in until it is a threat, but it was clearly directly made to women and people standing by so what bothers me is what has to happen for a change to occur?

-Geller says why don't we invite UCPD to come in and speak about this?

-Sharma says when we host marches and protests, UCPD is there 30 minutes before it begins, but it is interesting that UCPD is not even there at times when things like this go on.

-Sharma says he can send an email to UCPD and Vivy should since she is in contact with safety.

-Pan says she appreciates UCPD being there but in her experience UCPD is there for people not for students.

-Pan says there is double standards where these people can spread hate speech.

-Pan says when you see a sign like that, it is traumatizing and although it is not a physical threat it is still threatening so we need to constitute change.

-Mokhtarzadeh says I hope we engage with communities that have been effected by

incidents like this like we have done already.

-Mokhtarzadeh says what process can we do to alert each other and alert administration and what do we want that notification to trigger? Do we want UCPD there?

-Mokhtarzadeh says we speak about these free speech policies that are dense, so maybe we as a council can create an easy know your rights pamphlet for students to know.

-Jackson says his office is definitely going to jump on the pamphlet platform.

B. BruinSpeak Proposal: Centralizing Student Petitions & Visualizing USAC Expenditures – Akhil Nadendla

-Akhil says BruinSpeak is a project from DevX which is a new club that builds projects that helps solve problems for UCLA students.

-Akhil says these problems are wide ranging.

-Akhil says many UCLA students encounter issues everyday and do not know how to voice their concerns.

-Akhil says our goal is to reduce the friction when students advocate.

-Akhil says the solution is to give students easy and quick access to get things done through a website.

-Akhil says we are creating this website for bruins to speak and it will be live by end of quarter.

-Akhil says students can create petitions also.

-Akhil says you create petition, decision maker listing, problem facing and then your petition is on the site and share it/gather support and overtime you get enough followers that your petition gets more visibility.

-Akhil says then it is sent to the decision maker.

-Akhil says if it successful it will say victory.

-Akhil says we want to get as many decision makers as possible.

-Akhil says we want to get this released by Fall 2017.

-Akhil says we want to get spending tracked on this platform because many people do not know where the USAC money is going.

-Akhil says USAC role is to give monetary support, financial transparency, and executive oversight.

-Diaz asks how much support do you need?

-Akhil says it varies on the petition, I guess a percentage would be 10% of students will be enough support where USAC needs to step in.

-Diaz asks is this open to graduate students also?

-Akhil says we can open it to graduate students.

-Jackson asks if the decision maker does not agree with the petition what happens?

-Akhil says most students will face that, but once the decision has been made we can make it visible on the sight.

-Diaz asks how do you plan on advertising the website?

-Akhil says not a part of my.ucla, but we thought of it to be a separate site like bruinwalk.

-Sharma says if you need graduate students involved, go to the GSA meeting also.

-Akhil says he will do so.

-Pan says what is your long-term vision for the project?

-Akhil says we plan to sustain it over time and then hand it over to someone in student

government to take over.

-He says an issue is anonymity.

-Akhil says we will protect those who do not want to be identified.

-Mokhtarzadeh says does this serve as a space to collect data of student's personal issues?

-Akhil says we can expand the platform if other needs arise.

-Hajee says on change.org when people sign on the petition they can provide a personal message, so that is where that data can be collected.

-Mokhtarzadeh says is there any mechanisms to monitor when certain petitions cross the line.

-Akhil says he will look into that.

C. OSAC Allocations – Jennifer Harbeck

-Jennifer says we are showing you our recommendation for space allocations so you can approve it.

-Jennifer says OSAC functions through an audit system where we contact groups based on cleanliness and space they use.

-Jennifer says we take scores for it.

-Jennifer says then groups can apply for that space.

-Jennifer says we have done hearings recently to support that.

-Jennifer says then a spreadsheet is sent then allocation.

-Jennifer says our 2017-2019 is keeping Queer Alliance in room 136.

-Jennifer says we are moving the united Armenian society to another room.

-Jennifer says bruin republicans and bruin democrats are going to be in the same room.

-Jennifer says in room 324 we are keeping ISG and CC.

-Jennifer says many of these groups were under CSC and students were using it as office space, but we still gave them spaces and lockers.

-Jennifer says most of the groups are still in 412.

-Jennifer says room 413 we moved ACA in that room since they are larger and BSU in a larger office space, but shared with Chinese student scholar association.

-Jennifer says we kept Mecha in their room.

-Jennifer says we kept SIM and SAO.

-Jennifer says APA healthcare remain.

-Jennifer says music club is in the same room for the last 2 years.

-Jennifer says not many people applied this year so we have vacancies.

-Jennifer says we added another mailbox for bruin democrats.

-Jennifer says we gave a mailbox to bruin republicans.

-Jennifer says ACA and Chinese student scholar association have bigger mailboxes.

-Jennifer says we are asking for your approval on these recommendations.

-Diaz says is this the first time shenanigans gets an office space? And why did Shakespeare move from lockers to office spaces?

-Jennifer says they applied for an office space this year.

-Geller says did any organization apply and not get it?

-Jennifer says yes, but they had one already and were never using it.

-Jennifer says it shows they were not willing to fix their offices until they were losing it.

-Mokhtarzadeh says there are a couple of repeat organizations; did you find that offices

- applied differently from those applying for the first time?
- Jennifer says many organizations did not seem interested in office spaces.
 - Jennifer says many orgs have spaces in different buildings.
 - Jennifer says we held an OSAC town hall and several orgs attended and did not apply for space.
 - Mokhtarzadeh says how would you improve the OSAC process and what do you want to tell your successor?
 - Jennifer says this position is every 2 years, and many students are unaware that you have to reapply for offices.
 - Jennifer says it would be best to have a position to be in contact with students throughout the year and do audits.
 - Hardwicke says American medical association needs to be changed for the locker portion.
 - Champawat says the student food collective is going under renovations.
 - Mokhtarzadeh asks if the funds have been allocated.
 - Champawat says yes.
 - Sharma says do you all know about that allocation?
 - Jennifer says she was not informed by ASUCLA.
 - Hardwicke asks to repeat what the allocation is for?
 - Champawat says there is always one communal room and when council decided to support an initiative for student food collective and looked at a separate internal space, so council was aware of that sharing of space.
 - Saidian says so that would remain communal?
 - Sharma says yes, do you know anything about that?
 - Jennifer says yes but they did not go through OSAC.

VI. Appointments

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Mokhtarzadeh

- Mokhtarzadeh says it has been so cool that we are all already supporting each other.
- Mokhtarzadeh says our applications are open.
- Mokhtarzadeh says we shorten appointment directors applications and there are 3.
- Mokhtarzadeh says please let people know about these positions.
- Mokhtarzadeh says we spoke about creating a website to make applications easy.
- Mokhtarzadeh says thank you gen rep 1 for making the scholarship resource on myucla.

B. Internal Vice President – Li

- Li says usually she will not put everyone's names down on the agenda.
- Li says send her information for agenda by Thursday 5pm.
- Li says we need to meet during the summer and we need to change the number of quorum so hopefully we can get into that later.
- Li says we are working on reaching out freshmen during orientation regarding promotion of UAC.
- Saidian says she is NSA so please go into specifics.

- Li says she is pamphlet to give to NSA.
- Stokes says she does not live in LA so she cannot attend during summer.
- Pan says next week we should vote on quorum.
- Geller says before the academic year you need to decide what your summer schedule is, you can meet every week or every week or a predictable schedule for everyone to make it.
- Geller says you can change the summer meeting day and time based on when people are available and you can set the quorum to be between 8 and 10 people.
- Geller says proxy's do not count for quorum and cannot vote.
- Geller says it is good for you all to start thinking about this so please come to the meeting prepared with your schedules.
- Champawat says there is a ramification with your stipend so the way you define the meeting schedule.
- Flournoy-Hooker says can we allow Skype attendance to be attendance?
- Stokes says she cannot be here because she does not have housing for summer.
- Champawat says we can look at the recent Roberts Rules of Order to enable Skype calls as attendance.

C. External Vice President – Pan

- Pan says office applications are out.
- Pan says we are busing UC delegations for the meeting tomorrow night and she is going.
- Pan says the issue with audit not being reported and food security is the issue at rise.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Sharma

- Sharma says the advocacy project is in the works and if you are interested in the protest please let him know because we are busing people out very soon.
- Sharma says we are making a wall between Napolitano and us.
- Sharma says applications are out and we are working undocued spark for undocumented bruin alumni list.
- Sharma says BRC is opening up a scholarship with half of his stipend for students who need it.
- Sharma says he spoke to Jan Rife about web platforms and about more online classes and bruincast classes.
- Sharma says we spoke about different platforms for ccle.
- Sharma says if you want to add to this conversation email him.
- Mokhtarzadeh says can you and Chloe please update everyone about the audit that would be great.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee's proxy Mandy

- Mandy says we are finalizing the transition of leadership with SWC.
- Mandy says tomorrow night is Zumba fitness night.
- Mandy says tomorrow Krewella will be performing.

F. Facilities Commissioner – Hajee

- Hajee says office applications are open and close Friday.

-Hajee says she met with office of emergency management to prepare students in emergencies.

-Hajee says if you want to coprogram please let her know it will be in Fall.

-Hajee says implementing bystander training to take more supportive roles.

-Hajee says students can receive administration resources through this.

G. Financial Supports Commissioner -- Boudaie

-Boudaie says applications are open and due Sunday.

-Boudaie says he has speaking to multiple people about appointments and is making his campus retention committee next week.

-Boudaie says he is creating parking advocacy task force next week.

-Sharma says for CRC and parking task force please reach out to BRC they help with those types of topics.

-Diaz says USP has a scholarship for commuters so look into that also.

H. Campus Events Commissioner – Saidian

-Saidian says Malik and her have first meeting for Bruin Bash this Friday.

-Saidian says the financial directors have been announced and start next week.

-Saidian says next week we have 6 events.

-Saidian says tomorrow is Krewella zumba event.

-Saidian says next Monday we have collaboration with BPU, which is a political fest.

-Saidian says May 23rd our 23 annual short take film festival is taking place.

-Saidian says May 25th we have Raven Lenae coming to sing.

-Saidian says May 25th we have free sneak of the big sick.

I. Cultural Affairs Commissioner – Flournoy-Hooker

-Flournoy-Hooker says we met to speak about Bruin Bash.

-Flournoy-Hooker says his applications are closed as of yesterday.

-Flournoy-Hooker says May 29th is jazz reggae festival.

-Flournoy-Hooker says Word on Wednesday is every 7pm so please come.

J. General Representative 1 – Diaz

-Diaz says applications are out and hers are due May 21st at 11:59pm.

-Diaz says she is attending a meeting with USpark about sanctuary campus.

-Diaz says if you want to attend it is Thursday 18th from 7-9pm in YRL.

K. General Representative 2 – He

-He says application closed this Sunday.

-He says she met with project director about project coordination and spoke with the director global program.

-He says if anyone has programming for international students reach out.

L. General Representative 3 – Jackson

-Jackson says his application closes this Friday.

-Jackson says expanding the judicial board is brought up and has been working with the

advisor to expand the role.

- Jackson says we are pushing with the liaison next council meeting with Vivy.
- Jackson says we are looking into funding as to where it is going to Greek life.
- Jackson says he wants to pass around a snack list to bring snacks for every meeting.

M. Transfer Student Representative – Stokes

- Stokes says applications are out tonight.
- Stokes says she spoke to Heather and planning on putting on an event on how to be an ally with students and students of color.

N. Community Service Commissioner – Hardwicke

- Hardwicke says our office staff applications are open but most are filling.
- Hardwicke says this Saturday we have our education projects brought out and put on workshops.

O. Administrative Representatives

- Geller says she was traveling last year and she wants to introduce herself.
- Geller says she is the associate dean of students and deputy title 9 coordinator.
- Geller says at the table you'll find that her role is to be available for questions about policy.
- Geller says if she sees something against policy she will interject.
- Geller says she may ask questions to have you reevaluate certain topics or decisions in order to help.
- Geller says you have full discretion to make decisions and take actions.
- Geller says she is available to support you one on one off the table.
- Geller says if you need help opening doors to meet administrators feel free to reach out.
- Geller says she would love to get to know you all one on one so please let know if you want to get lunch, her treat.
- Geller says the agenda – there is a reason it is published on Fridays to give you all time to know what will be discussed and for students to know.
- Geller says it is important you do not abuse to make last minute agenda actions items you are taking away students to participate.
- Geller says please try to respect putting out your agenda in advance.
- Geller says you do not have a faculty representative who is in the bylaws and help with topics discussed and the only way you can get one is to invite a faculty member to engage and participate.
- Geller says if you know a faculty member who is interested then reach out.
- Geller says please read the USAC bylaws and see what is in them.
- Geller says Robert's laws are made to create order in the meetings.
- Geller says whenever you are in this room, everything is always on record.
- Geller says daily bruin can report even during good and welfare when the video is turned off.
- Geller says she looks forward to working with you all.
- Alexander says she has a signature list for all of your offices and we use this for office

access request forms to verify that you signed this off.

-Alexander says she has a contact list for internal use and verifies your email and add your cell phone number.

-Alexander says Amber (event manager) sent out an email for lottery of office general meetings so this list confirms which time slot you are assigned, if you cannot attend please call or send someone in.

-Sharma asks if other students groups can call by phone?

-Alexander says no, you need to show up in person because then you would have to wait until end of lottery if you do not make it.

-Champawat says he threw in that special exception because he was uncomfortable with the change they were making.

-Champawat says if that makes you uncomfortable we do not need to do that.

-Sharma says to be equitable it is difficult for some to come in person so it is a leg up for those who cannot come.

-Sharma says amending the policy would be better.

-Sharma says we should be just like every other office student group.

-Champawat says he would love to expand it and make this less owner type.

-Champawat says we can drop the telephone thing.

-Hardwicke says we allowed this slot because we only have a 2-hour slot; students have the whole day, if you have class all day then you lose the 2 hours.

-Hardwicke says this is a different way of accessibility.

-Champawat says we are trying to help you decide who gets the room and when.

-Diaz says she is confused on this sheet, is it to book our rooms for our own staff meetings for next year?

-Alexander says yes.

-Hajee says lottery for other rooms, what would the process be?

-Alexander says you are all in lottery and assignment is Friday and posted in Ackerman.

-Alexander says the day you come in is when you can book event space, banner space, etc.

-Li says if you miss the ASUCLA one you can come to the other one.

-Saidian says the lottery tomorrow is just for this room?

-Alexander says yes.

-Stokes says do we have a number to call if we cannot make it?

-Alexander says it is in the email.

-Alexander says tomorrow hiring packets are due if you want to be in payroll for the 21st.

-Champawat says bring written documents.

-Saidian says can we view earning statements?

-Champawat says the whole university is moving towards a new payroll merge system so we are all in testing.

-Pan says is the process the same or different if you are an RA?

-Alexander says it is probably different.

-Alexander says this weekend is installation (May 21st).

-Alexander says an email with times will be sent out.

-Champawat says it is a formal event and the previous council hands their position over to you.

- Alexander says try to keep it to 5 people to invite.
- Alexander says your official move in date is May 23rd.
- Alexander says May 22nd all of outgoing council will have their last day to move their stuff out and removing their access to rooms.
- Alexander says you should have access to your email by that point.
- Champawat says officers can get access to their own assigned office.
- Hardwicke says we need people in my office to have access and there are a lot of people.
- Champawat says there is an annual time and when things expire so we can renew things.
- Champawat says it is not a system wide wipe with dates of expiration.
- Flournoy-Hooker says people have already been losing access.
- Alexander says we have been updating the lock system so that could cause technical issues with the door.
- Alexander says we can add them back on if it was technical.
- Alexander says furniture will be left in the offices and you can order new things if needed.
- Alexander says we are also having the council photo-shoot so please make it.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming* -- Yu

- Total requested was \$18,173.66
- Total recommended is \$10,643.
- Sharma moves to approve contingency for \$10,643. Hajee seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote this allocation has been approved.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

- Mokhtarzadeh says brings summer schedules next week.
- Mokhtarzadeh says SOLE office meeting is Friday at 12pm.
- Hajee says do we discuss summer meetings in meeting or outside?
- Mokhtarzadeh says in meeting.
- Sharma says we can decide the dates and make it very fluid.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Jackson moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm.
- Hajee seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@ Indicates Executive Session Item