

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

July 18th, 2017

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Arielle Mokhtarzadeh, Chloe Pan, Nicole Diaz, Kayla He, Justin Jackson, Nedda Saidian, Zahra Hajee, Christina Lee, Divya Sharma, Pratik Malshe, Debra Geller, Roy Champawat, Rob Kadota, Jessica Alexander

ABSENT: Vivy Li, Adriana Hardwicke, Malik Flournoy-Hooker, Aaron Boudaie, Sayra Stokes

I. Call to Order

-Mokhtarzadeh calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm

A. Vocal Roll Call of Attendance

II. Approval of the Agenda

-He moves to add her officer report.

-Lee moves to suspend the bylaws

-Lee moves to approve the agenda. Jackson seconds.

7-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from June 29th, 2017

-Hajee moves to approve the minutes. Saidian seconds.

8-0-0 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

-Mokhtarzadeh says we must suspend bylaws because there are conflicting provisions, such as the resumes were sent out Thursday (not in a weeks time) so in order to make the appointments we need to suspend the bylaws.

-Mokhtarzadeh says she is against suspending bylaws but it is needed in the matter of time.

-Saidian moves to suspend the bylaws.

-Diaz seconds.

8-0-0 vote the bylaws have been suspended for the appointments section.

A. Natalie Bagaporo for Campus Retention Committee *

-Lee says ARC did not interview, she does not have a description of the position either.

-Natalie says she is a 4th year and a double major.

-Natalie says she wants this position because retention on this camping is hitting all time lows despite the progress we have made.

-Natalie says retention has been a very big issue for the past year and a half.

-Jackson asks what novel ideas can you bring to CRC that you would like to use?

-Natalie says the ideas are secular around different programming and about UC as a platform.

-Natalie says there is institutionalized support, but this does not aim towards certain communities.

-Natalie says the people who know how to solve these issues are helping everyday and we want to bring forth more ideas.

-Pan asks what do you plan on doing to making the communities less toxic or a safe, how can you make sure it is open and inclusive?

-Natalie says we need to revisit the guidelines and procedures of the roles early on.

-Natalie says there is a discrepancy between what the people roles are and everyone needs to be accountable.

-Natalie says she would use her position professionally and she is not sure if restructuring is needed.

-Geller asks if Natalie can share her knowledge of what the CRC is?

-Natalie says last year she was president of the samahang and it was different set ups and that allowed her to see the funds and spaces and student fees.

-Natalie says her experience has taught her how to analyze retention and evaluations.

-Natalie says she has relied on the coordinator to give information.

-Sharma moves to extend questioning by 3 minutes and 30 seconds.

-Hajee seconds.

8-0-0 vote question time has been extended.

-Sharma says if you could go into one of the discrepancies you saw in CRC in the past please do so and looking at past actions CRC has taken are there anything you want to improve?

-Natalie says in the past community meetings had been canceled and rescheduled so the meetings usually were supposed to last 2 hours and they used to only last 20 minutes.

-Natalie says getting paid based on attendance was also something.

-Sharma moves to extend time by 5 minutes.

-Diaz seconds.

8-0-0 vote the question time has been extended.

-Mokhtarzadeh asks what are you going to do to mitigate tensions about programs not being fully funded?

-Natalie says if things are not being adjusted to CRC then we should utilize the chairs and the retention of the community is linked.

-Sharma says CRC has worked on advocacy for expected cumulative progress; can you talk about the work you would improve on?

-Natalie says before deciding on moving forward or revamping we need to work on that progress first.

-Natalie says she would reevaluate the need for that project.

-Natalie says there are logistical issues and we should be able to work through.

-Mokhtarzadeh asks in the event your community applies for funding, what will you do so it is fair?

-Natalie says she would consult other community leaders so there are no biases and would not feel comfortable to do anything that is coming off as biased.

- Natalie says thank you for having her and working class people have been dropping out so she is excited to work on this position if she can do so.
- Sharma says ECP policy says students must complete certain hours by the time of doing certain positions.
- Saidian says how does the hold lead to this?
- Sharma says when you fall behind on units it is troublesome.
- Hajee says she found it interesting how Natalie says communication is the most important thing.
- Mokhtarzadeh says that question came up with was used in previous appointments and Natalie answered it great, but she is concerned because Natalie is a chair of an organization and she wonders how other communities will interact with her.
- Jackson moves to approve Natalie to CRC.
- He seconds.
- 8-0-0 vote Natalie Bagaporo has been approved.

B. Ty Pearson for Student Health Advisory Committee *

SHAC exists to provide student participation in advising the administration of the UCLA Student Health Services (SHS) at the Ashe Center. Ensures that SHS promotes and provides high quality, economical health care for UCLA students. Advises regarding the development and evaluation of Ashe Center programs. Advises the Ashe Center leadership on student concerns and priority matters. Makes recommendations regarding the Ashe Center budget and campus insurance plan benefits. Holds at least 12 General Meetings during the academic year. The four undergraduate members are appointed by the USAC President. Two year staggered terms. (No student may serve on SHAC for more than two years).

Website for Further Information: <https://sites.google.com/site/shacucla/home>

- Ty says he has learned many tasks on his own and had access to health care available to him.
- Ty says healthcare is a privilege not a right that is not just because healthcare is a right.
- Ty says as students we must have access to a great healthcare system.
- Diaz says she is confused on the role of the appointment is so can you go over that?
- Ty says he will make sure students have access to healthcare and if appointed he would make sure that the transparency of SHAC is good and will do so by making a more effective advertising.
- Diaz asks Ty to extend on the benefits of UCLA healthcare.
- Ty says SHAC has a very effective facebook page and we have many different services on campus to help students in regards to finances and education, but not about healthcare.
- Ty says we should do a platform during incoming student orientation.
- Jackson says how particular do you want to improve access at UCLA?
- Ty says he went to work with CAPS student advisory committee to enhance it.
- He says do you have any past experiences in health?
- Ty says he interned at Kaiser Permanente in healthcare advocacy.
- Ty says he spoke with families who could not afford healthcare and studied intersectionality of healthcare.
- Sharma says what is your knowledge of this year and how will you improve next year?

-Ty says he plans to help students understand their benefits as students, having STI screening events, and we need SHAC to be more visible.

-Pan moves to extend question period to 5 minutes.

-Diaz seconds.

8-0-0 vote the question period has been extended.

-Saidian says SHAC is not accessible and not aware, so how would you manifest change to make it more accessible and aware?

-Ty says he plans to be physically present at student org meetings to help them understand.

-Pan asks that students are scared with the health changes that are occurring politically, what can you do to help and make sure you are working together?

-Ty says he wants to provide detailed coverage for students.

-Mokhtarzadeh says what is one thing that SHAC has done that you do not agree with?

-Ty says having students be so unaware.

-Ty says without healthcare he would not be here today and with his passion and knowledge he will work tirelessly to help students here to get what they deserve.

-Ty says every student should be informed about his or her healthcare coverage.

-Geller asks if this is a 1 year or 2 year appointment?

-Mokhtarzadeh says 2 years.

-Jackson says his personal experience has helped him have such a great passion, he wants him to have a little more knowledge but he can do it.

-Saidian says he seemed a little overwhelmed, but he is very passionate about it.

-Lee says she interviewed Ty before this and before this it was a very flowing conversation and he is very passionate.

-Lee says he was definitely overwhelmed.

-Lee says he touched on things in the interview that he did not touch on here, which is unfortunate.

-Diaz says he did point out how to be present and SHAC Facebook is very small so that is a concern.

-He says he mentioned about orientation to inform students so that is great.

-Sharma says Ty did not give adequate answers for this discussion, but just from seeing what he has seen Ty is not prepared.

-Sharma says with that lack of knowledge I am not sure.

-Saidian says Lee if you said he said more during interview please let us know.

-Lee says he spoke about working on vending machines, increasing cultural competence, increasing transportation, and lack of diversity in healthcare in general.

-Jackson says he has faith in Ty.

-Pan asks Lee when you interviewed Ty did you provide any information on how to achieve certain goals?

-Lee says no we spoke more about things he wanted to do.

-Hajee says there were SHAC members who reached out to her and it was interesting because I am not sure if he spoke to committee members about this and he did do research about it.

-Sharma says there was not enough knowledge given at this interview.

-Jackson asks if we can table this and have him come in next week?

- Lee says we have done that before so yes.
 - Mokhtarzadeh says Ty is a very passionate and emotionally invested person and looking at his resume is great, his interview was not up to par.
 - Mokhtarzadeh says his personal experience is something that can enable him to connect with students.
 - Diaz says looking at his resume shows that he is very experienced in the subject of healthcare.
 - Emma (Boudaie proxy) says that when he spoke about other programs and institutions he did not have enough information on.
 - Emma says this worries her a little bit about the time he has to learn this.
 - Sharma says he does not have enough knowledge to be a major asset for SHAC.
 - Mokhtarzadeh says SHAC is 2-year non-stop appointment, so he would have to reapply 2 years later.
 - Jackson says he moves to table his appointment to see if he can be more prepared.
 - Jackson rescinds the motion.
 - Lee says she will be abstaining from this vote since she has prior knowledge about Ty.
 - Jackson moves to approve Ty.
 - Diaz seconds.
- 3-4-1 vote Ty has been declined to this position.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Mokhtarzadeh

- Mokhtarzadeh says we have many UCLA representatives and met with Devon today and he is open to meet with any of us.
- Mokhtarzadeh says her sister is applying next year and UC adopted a policy to accept letter of recommendations for applicants.
- Mokhtarzadeh says this weekend we have undergraduate presidents retreat!
- Mokhtarzadeh says Nancy Greenstein is retiring and we are having a going away event and UCPD has decided to not fill her position and will have an officer just fill in.
- Mokhtarzadeh says our office will look into more discussions about this decision since we would prefer a civilian.
- Mokhtarzadeh says we do not have priority parking this summer it is only during the school year.
- Hajee says if someone wants to send a personal message to Nancy is her email still active?
- Mokhtarzadeh says she will provide it.

B. External Vice President – Pan

- Pan says today is the 30 year anniversary when the UC raised \$3 million for countries in Africa.
- Pan says congress is reassess in August so both places are pushing through a lot of legislation.
- Pan says the white house has provided a skinny budget for education and cut \$8 billion from those institutions.
- Pan says our office has called many offices about these issues.

- Pan says DACA expires in September.
- Pan says Bridge is making the effort to help DACA survive.
- Pan says we are advocating for the Bridge Act.
- Pan says Governor Brown is focusing on affordable housing.
- Pan says next week we are attending an open house and we have 1 or 2 extra seats open so anyone is welcome to join.
- Pan says there is a package of food security legislation and lets students knows if they can apply for CalFresh.
- Pan says last weekend she went to Oakland and people spoke about organizing advocacy day for all SoCal schools.
- Pan says some UC's want to break off.
- Pan says we are hiring another full time staff so I am going back to Oakland soon.
- Pan says she spoke to Ted about openings for the council so we are trying to select another student to join.
- Pan says we are creating a scholarship program also.
- Mokhtarzadeh says in light of the race in November is your office doing any voter registration efforts?
- Pan says yes and working with student affairs.
- Pan says there is hopefully a feature on MyUCLA to help you do the forms online.

C. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Sharma

- Sharma says academic equity so we are working on helping students know about breast cancer this October and we will have pink ribbons displayed.
- Sharma says we are trying to get more classes cross-listed.
- Sharma says Powell is making numbers accessible in an activity log.
- Sharma says you can see how many people are there per hour.
- Sharma says appointment applications are open tonight.
- Sharma says he attended a gay public comment at Merced.
- Sharma says Merced is fighting for these people and we need to work on this because Merced is a sister school.
- Sharma says the DA is not responsible for dropping the charges so they are filing within the next week or so.

D. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

- Lee says the open house for Title 9 interviews so it Tuesday July 25 from 1:20-2:05pm and Wednesday July 26th.
- Lee says these are open for you to come and interview potential candidates.
- Lee says we have a new teaching kitchen area also.

E. Financial Supports Commissioner – Boudaie's proxy, Emma

- Emma says no real updates.

F. Facilities Commissioner – Hajee

- Hajee says she met with a co-director of FCC and made sure the presentations were targeted towards our school.

- Hajee says escape the quake event; make sure we are on the same page with the event.
- Hajee says we have co-programmers for the event now.

G. General Representative 2 – He

- He says international student orientation has second impressions going on where Berkeley reached out to us to do.
- He says we are aiming to break stereotypes of populations.

H. Administrative Representatives

- Geller says we have been doing hiring in the student organization and we have a new case manager, Matthew.
- Geller says we have a new ADA compliance officer, Julie who will work with students about harassment and discrimination.
- Geller says we will find an opportunity to have her come and talk about her office.
- Kadota says western alliance of council meets tomorrow and attending, the city officials can speak and share concerns.
- Kadota says you can see other councils outside of Westwood.
- Kadota says Alex is an independent investigator to look into police matters.
- Alexander and Champawat have no updates.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming * -- Malshe

- 3 orgs applied.
- Total requested \$3,739.33
- Total required \$5,539.93
- Total recommended \$2,085.
- Hajee moves to approve contingency for \$2,085. Jackson seconds.
- 8-0-0 vote the contingency allocation has been approved.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. USAC Budget* -- Champawat

- Champawat asks if anyone had new questions that came to mind after the last meeting?
- Malshe says part of contingency can be reallocated to SGOF, can that be done during Fall or Winter?
- Champawat says areas that have range of motion that could affect it such as changing bylaw to go to contingency.
- Champawat says there is \$209 that has to go to this allocation and it would be a miss to not point this out.
- Champawat says there are other things that can be done as well.
- Saidian says this is an accurate idea of what the budget is?
- Champawat says based on your votes.
- Mokhtarzadeh says regarding the discretionary, can you tell us the money initially?

- Champawat says the ability to consent membership fee and lines also give about the administrative budget.
- Champawat says it is identified as a resource for the council as a whole that are unforeseen.
- Champawat says there is little history as to what it is spent for.
- Champawat says you do need to rely on funding bodies to have effective criteria.
- Champawat says the \$16k that is in there now; there is not enough history to justify what the number should be.
- Champawat says when you look at the 2 bottom lines about 5 years ago; 13 and almost \$3k divided the 2 numbers approved in office to spend.
- Champawat says last year offices did not have referendum money split evenly.
- Mokhtarzadeh says she proposes for discussion to decrease the council discretionary fund to \$10k to allow offices without budgets to serve students effectively.
- Sharma says SGOF does not cover and does not coincide with student need or program.
- Mokhtarzadeh says \$500 is a small amount for us each to do.
- Sharma says that is just a contingency application.
- Sharma says he understands but the president office did not have an issue with this and SGOF is not the right fund to allocate the money to, contingency would be best but I do not think it is possible.
- Malshe says adding up 2 numbers from wellness and 30% we have nearly \$300k to allocate for.
- Sharma says you would apply to BOD if doing a huge event.
- Mokhtarzadeh says she did not apply for SGOF money because she is trying to get creative; SGOF office is not respected and just trashed.
- Hajee says she agrees with the reallocation of that money, but personally not SGOF maybe just SOOF.
- Champawat says the current bylaws indicate the remainder and describes how you deal with the remainder and it is split 20% SCOF and 80% SOOF.
- Champawat says the number for SOOF is low.
- Hajee wonders if it is a lack of funds or misunderstanding of the funds.
- Diaz says the problem with untouched money has to do with how rec forms are handled.
- Diaz says students do not know there is a problem because they are waiting to get notified.
- Geller says SOOF and SGOF have many restrictions on what the money can be used for so I challenge you to look into that.
- Geller says if you loosen the guidelines afterwards, it could be a serious discussion to make for future change.
- Champawat says he agrees and SOOF is not too late to apply for and each office has to have a certain amount of money to function.
- Champawat says SGOF and SOOF sit at the bottom of this document.
- Champawat says last years revised column are all equal and you can see the divided sum.
- Champawat says whatever is on SGOF is divided by those offices.
- Alexander says SGOF is \$3,984.
- Mokhtarzadeh says each of us gets \$498, which is not a lot.

- Champawat says you can increase the amount or not change it at all.
- Champawat says contingency is getting a huge influx this year.
- Champawat says if you increase SOOF then funds will go up.
- Diaz says for the offices with lower budgets, the applications we can submit for money that just given this past year with this past gen rep office I noticed how much money was spent on a project and it disappeared, she is worried about the misuse of money in offices.
- Diaz says keeping those funds available for each office might be easier.
- Hajee says SGOF is not what we applied to and with the other fund would go into contingency, so the stuff you can buy with SGOF you cannot apply for contingency for that then.
- Diaz asks what fund would I apply to then?
- Hajee says contingency, SGOF you already have.
- Geller says things related to offices are what you would get that money for.
- Saidian asks what council discretionary fund is used for?
- Champawat says it is broad.
- Geller says if you do not have any other funds, it can fund council wide initiatives.
- Geller says when it is gone it is permanently gone.
- Champawat says this is on the second tab under admin.
- Mokhtarzadeh says if \$6k is scaring you she is sorry and that travel for her is not paid for so it will be out of pocket.
- Sharma says you can apply at other budgets.
- Sharma says how did they pay for past officers flights?
- Champawat says membership fee is \$10 since 1982 and inflation ate the money.
- Champawat says it depends on each year.
- Diaz says it might be beneficial to give the extra money to offices with smaller budgets.
- Saidian says last councils did not use the budget to their benefit and each of us should come together and make things happen.
- Sharma says last year we approved funding from the discretionary fund?
- Champawat says last year the U.S. secretary line was used and redirected.
- Saidian says if we are concerned about the funds given back to students we can set a tone with \$16k and make an image for USAC that has not always been positive.
- Hajee says if offices do not have enough funds and people are paying out of pocket, that is not okay.
- Jackson says he would love to focus on the main point Saidian says, but looking at the president office and it is in no way acceptable.
- Jackson says if we allocate more to SGOF we can help more.
- Emma says why not factor that into budgets with the extra money.
- Mokhtarzadeh says maybe we reallocate those funds to offices to reach a healthy compromise without touching council discretionary and reallocating USA secretary fund ahead of time.
- Champawat says USA secretary is the fund used by president's office to have a sufficient office structure.
- Champawat says you want to have enough resources to have an effective body.
- Mokhtarzadeh says just because we get allocated a fund does not mean we have to use it so leftovers can be put into the endowment.

- Hajee says some of the things we are allocating for are just nonsensical.
- Hajee says it would be great to have a summary of each allocation.
- Mokhtarzadeh says as budget stands right now, is that \$5k for 2 years?
- Champawat says no 1-year.
- Mokhtarzadeh says it is possible to disperse that?
- Champawat says cut it in half for each fiscal year could work but you will have the stipend.
- Mokhtarzadeh says \$5k for OSAC chair is high and would push for us to keep the money and split by year.
- Champawat says when no one is in the office it is like a landlord so if you have a partial amount of money it would be because of reduced workload.
- Sharma says last year spoke about OSAC being consistent, so if we take money out we need to have a consistent audit.
- Mokhtarzadeh says she just said that and Jen was not recommending that.
- Hajee says so OSAC would not longer have rooms.
- Champawat says if you made a number of changes and reduce a piece of overhead expense it would split 80-20.
- Champawat says other expenses have grown and shrinking the bottom line.
- Mokhtarzadeh says lowering it would be best, cutting it in half.
- Saidian says the tension is not rooted and the frustration is based on the money allocated to offices based on the nature of work they do in those offices so if you do not receive money it is based on your work.
- Sharma says it is not okay to pay out of pocket for your trip and they most likely took it out of EVP funds last year.
- Mokhtarzadeh says we have an issue in the offices now.
- Champawat says the historical patterns show that USA secretary lines because inflation did not erode them.
- Sharma says Arielle you went through many different topics like flights and business cards so what do you want to do?
- Mokhtarzadeh says she cannot speak on behalf of offices before her.
- Sharma says last year it was \$500 so how did they do it last year and she will continue to have trouble the rest of the year either way then.
- Jackson says we do not want to use student orgs money to fund our offices and we can apply for other funding.
- Jackson moves the USA secretary budget to SGOF.
- Saidian seconds.
- Sharma says last year the money was used for stipend.
- Champawat says no last year we did not use any of it.
- 8-0-0 vote the USA secretary budget will be moved to SGOF.
- Geller says you need to make your decision before you appoint someone.
- Hajee says can we add descriptions for line items?
- Champawat says yes.
- Jackson moves to approve USAC budget as amended. Diaz seconds.
- 8-0-0 vote the USAC budget has been approved.

XI. Announcements

XII. Vocal Roll Call of Attendance

XIII. Adjournment

-Saidian moves to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm.

-Jackson seconds.

8-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

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