

FINALIZED: FEBRUARY 27, 2018



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
February 20, 2018
7:00PM

Present: Arielle Yael Mokhtarzadeh, Vivy Li, Nicole Corona Diaz, Kayla He, Nedda Saidian, Adriana Hardwicke, Malik D. Flournoy-Hooker, Zahra Hajee, Sayron Stokes, Roy Champawat, James Aboagye, Dr. Debra Geller, Jessica Alexander, Rob Kadota (administrative rep attendance is unconfirmed. Please consult secondary sources for verification)

Absent: Chloe Pan, Justin Jackson, Divya Sharma, Aaron Boudaie, Christina Lee, Pratik Malshe

I. Call to Order

- Mokhtarzadeh: Calls the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- Mokhtarzadeh: We don't have quorum tonight so we will run this like a meeting of the committee as a whole if and until we reach quorum. For now, we will not be discussing the agenda or approving the minutes. We will move directly to public comment.

A. Signing of The Attendance Sheet

- The attendance sheet is passed around.

II. Public Comment

- Mokhtarzadeh begins public comment at 7:04 PM.
- NO AUDIO NO VIDEO: None
- AUDIO, NO VIDEO: None
- AUDIO AND VIDEO:
 - Kaitlyn, CALPIRG Campus Organizer
 - We are looking towards next quarter and are looking for people who want to help with voter registration coalition.
 - We are looking for people for both primary and midterm elections.
 - Let me know if you want to be a part of that.
 - We are approaching our application deadline. If you are a graduating senior and are looking for a job, please apply.
 - Thanks so much!
- Mokhtarzadeh ends public comment at 7:06 PM.

III. Officer and Member Reports

A. President

Mokhtarzadeh

1. Meeting with the Chancellor on Thursday, February 15th where we discussed Westwood Forward, the pending tuition hikes, Title IX, Wifi strength on campus, and library hours during midterm season.

2. Our UC Council of the Presidents Meeting with President Napolitano is scheduled for Thursday, March 1st. Please help us spread the form for agenda recommendations that is currently shared on our Facebook page.
3. IDEAS hosted their Town Hall on Thursday, February 15th to discuss how they would like the Undocumented Student Program to spend the \$100k we allocated to them from the USAC Surplus in January.
4. Many thanks to the Council members and staff who sat in on USAC Surplus Funding hearings. I want to extend a special thank you to Adriana and Christina who really stepped up to fill in the gaps of this process when they were void.
5. Our UC Affordability team had a fantastic meeting today with representatives from the EVP office, UC Student Advisor Rafi Sands and UCLA Government and Community Relations to discuss potential collaborations in fight against the pending tuition hikes. If any of you are interested in getting involved in our tuition efforts, please let me know.
6. Now I'd like to ask us all to rise for a moment of silence in memory of the lives and innocence lost last week at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. On Monday, I and members of my staff attended a rally organized by Moms Demand Action calling for gun reform. I couldn't help but flash back to the shooting here on campus on June 2016. In the aftermath we were all upset at the university for the lack of Bruin Alerts, the fact that there weren't locks on all our doors and that many of us were just made to feel unsafe. I can't help but feel like some of our frustrations were misguided. Why is it that a man could buy several assault rifles, drive across the country and bring them on to our campus to kill? I know this isn't usually what we do during Council but I'd like for us to take some time to brainstorm collective action for gun reform.

Discussion

- Mokhtarzadeh: The events in Florida prompted me to think about the June shooting on our campus and my reaction was frustration with the university and lack of preparation. I now realize that that was misplaced.
 - March 14: The organizers of the women's march are doing a national walkout against current gun laws.
 - March 24: March for Our Lives in DTLA.
 - April 20: Another organized walkout.
 - My question to all of you is, are there any actions that we would like to put on the table to address the issue of gun violence in schools and colleges?
- Diaz: What about March 14th?
- Mokhtarzadeh: It's also the week of the Regents' meeting. The walkout is organized for noon. My fear with organizing 2 big actions on campus in the same week is that students will be forced to pick. But we also need to take immediate action and show solidarity. Waiting longer will mean that we lose momentum.
- Hajee: the Regents will be on campus for the first time this year and I don't want to take away from that. So we aren't so keen on organizing 2 actions on March 14th. If there would be a way for us to organize an event on March 14th that would organize students to participate in both, that would be great.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Regents meeting public comment is 8:30 AM to 10 AM. The walkout is actually walking out of our classrooms collectively. For March 24th, students might not be on campus due to spring break. The 20th April march, we can absolutely be a part of. I think it would be really cool if we as a council can make a video expressing our solidarity to the students in Florida. I would love for us to find a meaningful way to amplify and elevate their efforts.
- Hajee: What exactly do we want this to do? What's the goal? Are we pushing for a legislative change?
- Hardwicke: I agree with what Chloe said on the group about waiting till April 20th and truly organizing something meaningful.

- Hajee: We can write letters to the student in Florida in March and then have April 20th be more advocacy focused.

B. Internal Vice President Li

1. Final Food trucks are from 3/17/18 to 3/21/18 at Dickson Court.
2. USAC Alumni Gala is on 4/15/18 in Kerckhoff Grand Salon
3. The Web Designer Benson Han has been revamping the USAC website. Please let us know if you have any ideas or needs. If we want a USAC calendar, we need one google account to put our events on the calendar so it can connect to the website.
4. Our office has received many responses from the UCLA Mobile survey. We will send out the responses to Office of Information Technology soon.

C. External Vice President Pan

Local Advocacy

1. Westwood Forward: The Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and Department of Neighborhood Commissions will be hosting a town hall on February 26 in Westwood to formally review our subdivision application. If they decide to move the new council, then the election will take place on May 22.
2. Westwood Village Trash Haul Town Hall: If you've ever wondered about the state of Westwood's trash collection, particularly with student move-out, then this is the town hall for you! The Westwood Village Improvement Association is hosting a forum this Thursday at 2pm at Skylight Gardens with representatives from LA City and Athens, the designated trash hauling vendor for our area.
3. Homelessness Awareness Week (HAW): Next Monday marks the start of Homelessness Awareness Week. Shoutout to the phenomenal student organizations like Mobile Clinic Project, Bruin Shelter, and the Hunger Project for spearheading this. We're partnering with them for their Housing Insecurity Campaign taking place at the end of HAW on Friday, March 2nd.

State Advocacy

4. UC Student Lobby Conference (SLC): Applications to be part of the UCLA delegation to this year's Student Lobby Conference close tomorrow! They are due by 11:59pm on February 22, 2018 and can be accessed at bit.ly/uclaslsc2018.
5. Budget Hearings: UCSA brought students from across the UC to testify at an Assembly budget committee hearing today in Sacramento. LA Times coverage [here](#). On March 1st, there will be another education hearing on the California Master Plan in Fresno. We'll be providing transportation for students to attend. Please let me know by the end of this week if you have any staffers committed to going!
6. AD54 Candidate Forum: An update on the election is that four candidates officially filed to be on the ballot by the February 14th deadline to declare. These candidates are Sydney Kamlager (D), Grayson Pangilinan (D), Tepring Piquado (D), and Glen Ratclif (R). Write-in candidates have until March 20th to declare. Depending on what happens with the primary outcomes, we will either host a candidate debate in April between the top-two, or host a town hall with the incumbent.

D. Facilities Commissioner Hajee

1. Know Thy Safety
 - 1.1. Weeklong set of bystander intervention trainings hosted through various community lenses. Below is the schedule of events for Week 9:
 - 1.1.1. Monday, 6-8pm: Horchata Talks
 - 1.1.2. Monday, 6:30-8:30pm: Beautiful Mind Project

- 1.1.3. Wednesday, 5-7pm: Hillel
 - 1.1.4. Wednesday, 7-9pm: Bengali Students Association, Pakistani Students Association, Indus
 - 1.1.5. Thursday, 6-8pm: Bruin Consent Coalition
2. This quarter we are filming a video to promote the need for bystander intervention by having students describe their experiences of harassment and discrimination. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form linked here: - -
 - 2.1. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJKw-oqJPXAikTI30jsxaapmj1olkAtp46AAmyuTLHjZdoUQ/viewform>
 3. John Wooden Center Study Nights
 - 3.1. The Study Nights will be held Finals Week, March 17th-22nd from 9pm-2am each night. Food and Coffee will be provided.
 4. Housing Insecurity Campaign
 - 4.1. FAC will be coprogramming on Homelessness Awareness Week with EVP, MCP, Hunger Project, and Bruin Shelter on their Housing Insecurity Campaign March 2nd. Our display will be focused on defensive architecture, a term for urban design (usually in more high income communities) that specifically targets the homeless from using public spaces including benches, sprinklers, and windowsills.

G. General Representative 2 He

- No written report was received before, during or after the meeting. Please refer to the USAC Live recording for the complete officer report.

H. Campus Events Commission Saidian

1. CEC Free Film: Dunkirk 2/20 @8pm in AGB
2. Zoey Deutch Live Q&A! Bruin Film Society + Melnitz Movies + CEC Free Screening: Flower 3/5 @7:30 in James Bridges Theater. Reservations on EventBrite

I. Transfer Representative

Stokes

- No written report was received before, during or after the meeting. Please refer to the USAC Live recording for the complete officer report.

K. Community Service Commissioner Hardwicke

1. Homelessness Awareness Week, a co-program Community Service Commission, Mobile Clinic Project, Hunger Project, Bruin Shelter, Swipe Out Hunger, Bruins Public Health, and Connecting Californians to Care Undergraduates, is next week. There are lots of events throughout the week- you can find out more about them on the Facebook event!
2. The application for the Robert S Michaels Leadership in Service Award is out. This is an \$1,000 scholarship with a \$250 donation to the students organization of the student's choice open to students not graduating June 2018 and that have demonstrated strong leadership in service during their time at UCLA. Applications are due March 4th. Working on the USAC Alumni Reunion with Vivy that will be combined with the award ceremony.
3. Bruin Dine had their first event last week that went really well. Unfortunately they are facing a lot of pushback from administration and will not be able to hold any events this week. New start date is to be determined.

QnA

- Dr. Geller: Do you know more about the context of the pushback?

- Hardwicke: the reason they can't cominute right now is due to UCLA Dining. Dining services is still working out how it wants to work with this program. It's got to do with health code. Students were told that they couldn't bring stuff that had already been in the salad bar but Dining says that they did. Burin Dine is now looking for other food outlets that they can work with.
- Mokhtarzadeh: For the service award, is that Michael's award?
- Hardwicke: Yes.

L. Gen Representative 1

Diaz

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M. Administrative Representatives Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

- Dr. Geller: There are 2 options for Ficom this week. They have discretionary power to go ahead with anything that was \$500 or under. So they can do that without council approval although they should be reported next week when council meets. For the ones over \$500, the events don't appear to be happening this week. The option is to give those organizations the option to either take \$500 this week and that's all or to wait until next week.
- Hardwicke: I am wondering if we can do anything about Christina's funding allocation since the events are next week?
- Dr. Geller: It's a good idea to look at the funding guidelines and to also consider possible revisions.
- Malshe: 2 of the allocations that are presented are from my committee. Would it be ethical for me to approve the allocation?
- Dr. Geller: I would look to Mokhtarzadeh for opinion.
- Malshe: the events are this week.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I will look to council for this. Do you think there is a conflict of interest? I hope we wouldn't penalize students groups just because we weren't there for our meeting. I am personally leaning towards ficom approving their own allocation. I personally feel strongly that this is us allowing for a conflict of interest and so there should be no other situation in the future that puts us in this position. Is there any opposition to that?
- Mokhtarzadeh: Pratik, we hope that you will assess your funding application based on its merit.

IV. New Business

USAC Surplus Allocations*

Mokhtarzadeh

- Malshe: the application takes into account the aggregate score and the total number of attendees. This is to ensure that based on the number of attendees, there's a larger impact happening on the community. Based on that we develop a percentage. Then we divide the percentage by the overall recommended amount. Next, we determine a ratio of how much of the 100K should go to the. Basically, we divide the reallocation amount. This ensure that there's a fixed percentage that is located and that no amount is leftover.
- Dr. Geller: if you have any data you can share about the number of applications that were submitted. Any observations on the general quality of the applications, presentation and the nature of the themes? As far as the algorithm, you don't have to vote on the algorithm, you just have to vote on the allocation. So if there was general consensus about the algorithm, you can go ahead and put an agenda item for next week.
- Malshe: we hand 67 applications. I was there for 3-4 hrs, the overall theme was towards bigger and smaller programs. I realized that a lot of the part of the application could've been funded from BOD or Contingency. Having said that, there were organizations that proved that they required this kind of funding specifically.

- Hardwicke: the feeling that I got was that this funding body was advertised and so students knew about it. This was the most highly advertised funding body and we got 67 applications even though there were only 5 days to apply.
- Dr. Geller: that's interesting especially because the application had information about all the other funding options.
- Hardwicke: I think we should advertise the BOD deadline this week! Its due tomorrow night and it happens only once a quarter.
- Malshe: that would be under Johnny's discretion.

V. Announcements

- Saidian: since you all are working on homelessness awareness week. I can't say enough how much of an impact this one week of programming has. The outreach committee works the whole year for this one week.
- Hajee: tomorrow at 5:30 PM in Perloff Hall, x and x have partnered to teach about the role of art community in gentrification.
- Flournoy-Hooker: Word on Wednesday every Wednesday from 7-9 PM. Concert will resume Monday from 7-9 PM in Kerckhoff Coffee Shop. This week we are bringing some great artists for Hip Hop Explosion. We are having our first DCT tour with a trip to Olvera Street on March 3rd from 11-3 PM. We have a lantern fest happening on aOlvera Street at that time.
- Diaz: I would strongly advocate going there. If you're are stuck in the Westwood bubble and haven't seen LA, you need to go see it.
- Stokes: I second that you should go to he hip hop explosion. Their music is really dope. Rico nasty was on insecure. They are really empowering women. Support women!
- Mokhtarzadeh: I will be meeting with Jeff Roth who is the Associate Vice Chancellor and Interim Director of Budget to talk about the accounting errors that have been happening with student fees.
- Malshe: When Johnny and I are done with the allocations, I will be sending out meeting times. This would allow everyone who was present at the meeting to pose any questions. Please keep in mind to look only at the allocation for which you were present. Be objective. The email for a meeting will be sent out tonight and the whole document shouldn't take later than Friday most probably.
- Mokhtarzadeh: speaking of Johnny and the BRC. you should've received an email from him. Please respond to him because he had trouble getting in touch with council.

VI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

VII. Adjournment*

VIII. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item
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