

FINALIZED: April 10, 2018



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
April 3rd, 2018
7:00PM

Present: Arielle Yael Mokhtarzadeh, Vivy Li, Chloe Pan, Nicole Corona Diaz, Kayla He, Nedda Saidian, Adriana Hardwicke, Malik D. Flournoy-Hooker, Zahra Hajee, Aaron Boudaie, Christina Lee, Sayron Stokes, Roy Champawat, Dr. Debra Geller, Jessica Alexander, Rob Kadota

Absent: Justin Jackson, Divya Sharma, James Aboagye

I. Call to Order

Mokhtarzadeh

- Li calls the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- The attendance sheet is passed around.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda*

- Lee: struck SWCPF.
- Hardwicke: strikes CAC Bylaw Amendment since it already took place in week 10 of winter quarter.
- Pan: strikes BAG fund.
- Flournoy-Hooker: Strikes ARC fund.
- Saidian moves to approve the agenda as amended, Boudaie seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, this motion passes and the agenda is amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes from March 13th, 2018*

- Stokes moves to approve the minutes as amended, Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, this motion passes.

IV. Public Comments

No Video & No Audio:

- None

Audio, No Video:

- None

Audio & Video

- Grace Pierce, international student from Sri Lanka
 - I am a Bruins beyond borders mentor for international students.
 - We really need representation for international students.
 - UCLA and USA and California are completely different environments than the places we come from.

- I felt like when I came here, there was no guidance for me.
- But it's difficult to do that when we don't have avenues. We don't have advocacy, we recently started with the Dashew Center Ambassadors.
- We need more representation.
- Aan, 2nd year international student from Malaysia
 - EVP for International Coalition.
 - To ensure that there is consistent representation, it has to be institutionalized.
 - If this referenda is successful, then it will be a strong statement to the administration that international voices cannot be ignored anymore.
- Robert, out of state student
 - I'm here to express solidarity for international student representation.
 - I've seen the work Kayla and Ayesha have done.
 - What out of state students experience is a subset of what international students experience.
 - It's unfair to put this possibility on GenRep and I think a separate position should be created. At the very least, it should be students' vote that decides this, instead of council deciding this.
- Kevin, international student from China
 - international students here make more than 10% of population with more than 100 countries
 - They are not represented in USAC.
 - An international representative can help us get better representation and get better responsibility for our campus and it's future direction.
 - A lot of international students like me want to engage in campus affairs but we don't know how to.
 - I would like to ask student officers to pass this motion.
- Member of The Public, Name Unknown:
 - It would be great if we can help international students adapt better and if we can give them more help and advice.
- Ashraf Beshay, President of international students coalition
 - Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our needs and interests.
 - I realize that there is a big difference in how administrators view international student and what our current circumstances are.
 - Even when administrators understand our needs, they lack the power to understand our needs.
 - There are a lot of resources that exist on our campus that international students are not eligible for.
 - It's critical for us to understand the needs of international students.
 - For the past 99 years, you've only had 2 international students elected to government and that shows that we are a severely underrepresented community.
 - I want us to be ahead of the curve in terms of the movement that is happening across the UCs.
 - We believe in the importance of institutionalizing international student representation in USAC.
 - It will help the entire student body.
- Ayesha Haleem, international student from Pakistan
 - I think Ashraf did a great job summarizing international students' needs.
 - I want to highlight the uniqueness of the international student experience, from taking day long flights, currency exchange, etc.
 - Within USAC, there have only been 2 international students.
 - Last year a lot of great work was done. But that work revolved around individuals being passionate about their job.
 - Dashew Center does exist but if you talk to any of the international students, they tell you that it is the place where international students go to get their documents signed.
 - Even regarding the tuition hike, there was no student body that represented international students.

- If there was something sustainable that existed, it would encourage many more students to get involved.
- I think when you come to this country and sign the alien resident check mark, you never really feel like a part of this community and this country.
- We need to change that.
- Unknown Member of The Public
 - I have come to thank some people.
 - I want to thank Christina who gave me a channel and voice to talk about international students' health issues.
 - I also want to appreciate Ayesha for helping me connect with Dashew Center. My teammate spent a lot of time trying to reach out to Dashew Center but got no response; Ayesha helped us get connected.
 - I also want to thank Malik for collaborating with us. We want to bring more Chinese culture to the UCLA campus.
 - I also want to appreciate Jack. he helped me connect with UCLA Career Center so that I could talk about challenges faced by international students looking for jobs.
 - There are lots of other challenges that I want to continue to work on. But it has long been a problem for us to deliver our voice through the right person and through the right channel. Thank you for supporting us in the past and I hope you can support us in the future.
- Patrick, international student from China
 - I don't have a specific story, but I am happy to know that in the near future, we will have more international voices on this table. That's why I am very supportive of this issue.
- Linda Ki, international student from Korea
 - I just came to express my support for the international representative position.
- Katharine, International student from multiple nations
 - All my life I've been an international student in different places. I spent a lot of time trying to blend into the local society.
 - I was in Singapore, then went to China for middle school then went back to Singapore and now I'm here in the US.
 - I think my life experience as an international student is that as someone who is constantly viewed as an outsider, first and foremost we need to stand up for ourselves. It's not the local peoples' community, it's our own community too. Secondly, we need to show reason to these people.
 - With the current political situation, a lot of international people are facing uncertainty.
 - I think we deserve to have a voice being represented in the student council. There are a lot of international students on this campus and we need to be heard, and we need to show not just the local people but ourselves that we need to take action for ourselves.
- Mokhtarzadeh ends public comment at 7:22 PM.

V. Special Presentations

Lt Kilgore Presentation

- Good evening, thanks for having me back.
- Before spring break, we had the Regents meeting so I'd like to extend my gratitude to several bodies that met with us and collaborated with us.
- Ashraf, alex, josh, danny and other names
- No arrests were made so that was positive for everyone.

- This week we have seen a new company come in that is now contending with Bird scooters. It's called Lime's.
- We have spent an extensive amount of time in the education and in stopping folks but next week we will start some enforcement action as well.
- The university administration has dedicated a lot of time on this and we are hoping that you can help spread the word
- We also had the undie run. It was a very quick event, it began at midnight and ended at 12:35 AM.
- We appreciate all of the help that you've provided us with all the events that have been taking place.
- It's important that we continue to collaborate and partner on these.
- We appreciate you, student government leadership, international leadership and university leadership as well.
- That's all i've got. Thanks!

QnA

- Hajee: I know there were talks of using geofencing on Bird scooters; is that something UCLA transport is still working on?
 - I'm not sure., I know we have had some recent meetings with Bird and some more meetings coming up. We are all working to make this an alternative transportation.
- Kadota: I don't know if you saw today that Bird was giving away helmets.

VI. Officer Member Reports

A. President

Mokhtarzadeh

- As I'm sure is the case in all of your offices, these next few weeks our office is focussed on tying up loose ends and finishing strong.
- During Week 2 we will be hosting Campus Safety Week. On Monday we will be hosting a Self-Defense Workshop with UCLA Martial Arts in the John Wooden Center Pyramid Room. On Tuesday we will be hosting an event called, "Creating Space: A Conversation about Intersectinoality and Allyship in the De Neve Sycamore Room. On Wednesday we will be hosting a QPR training with Active Minds, location TBD and on Thursday we will be hosting an Active Shooter Preparedness Training with UCPD at the James West Alumni Center.
- During Week 3 we will be co-hosting an Interfaith event with the University Religious Conference and Center for the Study of Religion and our International Student Engagement Team will be hosting a roundtable discussion and dinner for international students at the Dashew Center.
- Good Clothes Good People has officially secured a space for a student clothing donation space in SAC.
- The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners officially set the date of the election to establish the North Westwood Neighborhood Council for May 22nd.
- As you all know our office is hosting DYF or "Declare Your Feminism" during Week 4. I invite anyone who is interested in co-programming to join us!
- Geller: on the neighborhood council split vote, can staff and faculty vote?
- Mokhtarzadeh: anyone who is associated with the neighborhood in anyway. And registration happens at the location the day of so no advance registration is necessary.

B. Internal Vice President

Li

1. Food trucks for finals successful. Thank you all for coming!
2. USAC Alumni/End of year Gala is at the end of the Week 2 Sunday 4/15/18.

C. External Vice President

Pan

- As you all know, we had the action at the UC Regents Meetings at UCLA during week 10. Unfortunately, the UC Regents voted to increase non-resident tuition but we still have time until May to work on budget

advocacy. Over the course of week 10, we collected 500+ postcards calling on the state to fully fund the UC with our \$140M ask and we delivered these to Sacramento offices.

- Over spring break, we bought a delegation of 40 Bruins to attend the UC Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento. Overall, we had about two dozen meetings with state assemblymember and senate offices, asking them to fund the UC as well as increase protections for undocumented students, increase funding for basic needs, and extend the Cal Grant to the summer. We also had our April UCSA board meeting during this time.
- BruinsVote is up and running! You can sign-up online to volunteer for voter registration that will be happening throughout the rest of the quarter.
- Elections for the AD54 special election are today. You can vote in Ackerman until 8pm.

E. Facilities Commissioner Hajee

- No written report was submitted before, during or after the meeting. Please refer to USAC Live video for this member's complete report.

F. Financial Supports Commissioner Boudaie

1. April is Financial Wellness Month and the FSC office and UCLA Financial Wellness Program have been working together for the past several weeks on the annual Financial Wellness Week during week 3. The kickoff event is on Thursday from 11am to 2pm in Bruin Plaza. On Thursday afternoon, we are going to officially share the line-up for Financial Wellness Week from the FSC Facebook page and it includes informative events about different topics relating to your financial health. And also there will be multiple giveaways so come out to the kickoff event on Thursday at 11 to find out more! Please help spread the word about Financial Wellness Week.

G. General Rep 2 He

1. We are having an event happening right now. It is a trivia night connecting the north campus and the south campus through a friendly competition. And also an event that reminds people that we are not defined by the major and GPA.
2. We are also hosting the international cultural night next Monday 6:30pm in Ackerman Grand Ball room and we are having 16 cultural organizations being part of this. We will have a lot of activities/ food/ performances. You all are also welcomed to come.
3. For the International Career Night happening in week3, we now have 12 companies that signed up and we just did another round of out reach and we should be able to have around 20 companies to come.

H. Campus Events Commission Saidian

1. CEC is hiring - apps due 4/6 - We made a change this quarter where along with a paper application students must also submit an electronic copy. We are doing this in order to track our level of outreach to different student demographics (i.e. age, how many times they have applied to CEC, how many people in total apply to CEC, etc.)
2. Melnitz Movies + CEC Free Film 4/5 @7:00pm: I, Tonya - [UCLA - James Bridges Theater](#).
3. Meet our new and improved online home, courtesy of our amazing web-development staff. Find it at uclacec.com

I. Transfer Rep Stokes

- No written report was submitted before, during or after the meeting. Please refer to USAC Live video for this member's complete report.

J. Student Wellness Commissioner Lee

1. Bruin health Week will be Week 5, all 12 of our committees will be participating
2. Bruin Run Walk 4/29, sign up to run, walk, or volunteer at bruinrunwalk.com ! Benefits Mattel Children's Hospital
3. Working on RollAIDS with UCLA Radio, Thursday Week 3 4/19, 5-11pm in AGB-- benefits UCLA AIDS Institute
4. Working on Sex Week (week 3) with Sexual Health Coalition and UCLA Arts & Global Health Center
5. Consent, Communications and Sexual Health Workshops open: email sexpertsswc@gmail.com if your org or loor would be interested in having a free peer-to-peer workshop!
6. Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) THIS MONTH, Clothesline Display in Dickson Court this week, Poetry as Healing on Weds in Ackerman 3516 7-8pm, Take Back the Night on Thurs in KGS 6-10pm)
7. CPR, First Aid, BLS classes open, visit uclacpr.com to sign up
8. EARTH beach clean up at Venice Beach on April 21, transportation provided-- email earth@swc.ucla.edu
9. Health Nutrition & Fitness Post Workout Refuel event Week 2 Monday 1-4pm outside Wooden! DIY trailmix

K. Community Service Commission

Hardwicke

1. Alternative Breaks led 8 successful trips around the country over spring break with around 80 UCLA students. I want to recognize and appreciate all of the hard work that their leadership and site leaders for the incredible amount of work they put in to plan these trips.
2. Earth Month w/ E3- sustainability panel this Thursday 4/5. There will be awesome panelists talking about food, clothing, and indigenous peoples as they relate to our personal choices and the environment. There will also be a FREE vegan DINNER provided!

L. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

Kadota

- Dr. Geller: it's nice to be back, I hope everyone had a good break.
- Kadota: same
- Alexander:
 1. Orgsync will expire in May so you should start moving your documents. If you have people following you there for updates, redirect them.
 2. Marketing is working on Bruin Display. If you could send me photos and updates by tonight, it would be great.
 3. My office sent out a few weeks ago an email with a link to a google form regarding feedback on the transition packets that you received when you started in office. You received flash drives, for this coming year, we will move to a google website. If you could respond by end of week 2, give us feedback about what documents were helpful dn what were and if you'd like us to include something that's not there right now.
 4. We will also be sending out some information to you all in terms of leaving office so please be on the lookout for that.
- Roy: nothing to add.

VII. Contingency Fund Allocations*

Malshe

- The allocations this week are divided into two sections:
- These applications were assess over spring break:
 - 21 applications were received.
 - Requested: \$18271.34
 - Recommended: \$11,359.07

- None of these events have happened yet.
- Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve \$11,359.07 for Contingency, Boudaie seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, this motion passes.
- The second part was applications received over week 10:
 - 14 applications; 1 USAC office, 13 non-offices.
 - Requested: \$10,217.63
 - Recommended: \$6029.00
 - None of these events have happened yet.
 - Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve \$6029.00 to Contingency, Boudaie seconds.
 - 10-0-1 vote, this motion passes.

VIII. New Business

2. Ballot item: USAC International Representative Constitutional Amendment*

Li

- Li: We can all go over the amendment first and then if you all have questions, I will answer them.
- So the process is that we as a council needs to pass this amendment in order to put this on the ballot. After that, UCLA undergrads can vote on this. There will be a special election in fall 2018. The process will be exactly the same as the process that was in place for Transfer Rep.
- So first council will pass this and then, if $\frac{2}{3}$ of UCLA student body votes yes on this as well, we will have voting for the new candidate in fall 2018.
- Boudaie: last time the Transfer Rep election happened, there was limited turnout. Is there any other option than conducting a fall election?
- Dr. Geller: if you want to move forward with a vote to have a council office designated as the office for international student affairs, no matter how you do it, it a constitutional amendment. You would vote on something that requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to pass.
 - You could go with the model proposed for Transfer Rep. When that was proposed, there wasn't anything else happen with it. If you go with that model and it passes with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, then you are looking at costs for a special election. \$6-9000, plus funding. You are looking to find office space for another office. You are looking to add additional stipend into your budget. You're going to have to take funding away from other aspects that aren't locked in already. That is the only option that will allow you to have a representation in the 2018-19 election.
 - The second option is that you make a commitment to it now, but the first representation would occur in 2019-20.
 - A third option is that instead of creating a new office, you turn General Representative 3's office into an International Rep office. That again would take effect in 2019-20 election.
 - So you can go any of those 3 directions. If the ballot passes, next step is writing the bylaws because they don't get written until it passes. For the special election, you'll have to have the e-board and e-chair in place early enough to have an election. And then you'll have to have the process begin in fall once all students are back on campus.
- Flournoy-Hooker: so the school is charging students \$6-9k to hold elections? For a ballot that is online? Where does that money go? We could've google form-ed that.
- Dr. Geller: for the spring election, you have an election budget of \$32,000. That includes the cost of the programming and administering the ballot itself. As well as promotions, renting the rooms. About 20% of that \$32,000 is for the college to run the ballot.
- Flournoy-Hooker: there's no free alternative?
- Hajee: because this is a big decision, I know students outside the council table had questions, I would like to yield my time to the people not on the council table.
 - Member of the Public, Wahid Ishrar: I'm an international student and an out of state student. I have a merged experience because I lived in bangladesh for 14 years and then in D.C. for 5 years.

I definitely support international representation but I have 2 big questions. One is the funding stuff that was just answered. But the second is that at what point do we start adding seats for communities that don't have representations? International student pay the same fees as out of state students. A lot of stereotypes also apply to both these communities. For example, they are all wealthy. Wouldn't it be more representative to have a non-resident seat instead of an international seat.

- Member of the Public, Ayesha Haleem: I completely get your point. There's a lot of overlap. Similarly for first generation students because most international students fall under that category, too. The mere fact that we are not Americans, means that we can't apply for any form of scholarships, we have to get a document signed when we leave for spring break, there are language barriers. There are specific needs that come from cultural differences that international students are exposed to that aren't same for out of state students. When it comes to tuition and fee, the two communities overlap but we have a unique experience because we are not from this country, culturally speaking.
- Hee: I feel like this past UC Regents meeting was a perfect example of this. They increased tuition but also agreed that if they got more money, they would give scholarships to out of state students but international students were not included in that. And regarding having representation for more communities, I think that if you feel the need for that, then by all means, go for it.
 - Member of the Public, Ayesha Haleem: I think legal status in this country affects a lot of things that we do. I think that being a resident vs not being a resident plays a huge role in your life during and after UCLA. The uncertainty of your status as a student is affected a lot more than out of state students. There are specific issues that exist with you not belonging here.
 - Member of the Public, Ashraf Beshay: Having been in some spaces like that, I can only acknowledge the needs that I've personally experienced but I would also say that an international representative can also focus on issues of affordability that overlap with needs of out of state students. But it's important for USAC to talk about how the international movement has been occurring and how to make constructive changes. I don't want one community to be pitted against another.
 - Member of the Public, Wahid: my issue is that why aren't we proposing a more cohesive movement from the get-go?
 - Member of the Public (GSA), Prashant: I've been in the UC for 6 years and this comes up every time we talk about international students. Yes, there are lots of communities, but I don't think that that's reason to push this issue aside to talk about everything else. It silences the very issues we fight so hard to bring to light. Having this voice doesn't mean every other voice can't be heard.
 - Member of the Public, Wahid: I have no issue with pursuing an international student representative. I don't think it even takes away from the experience of other communities, there's a way that we are classified as students but admistations, but why are we making a call that is automatically... I feel like I have to choose between my 2 identities. I'm saying like I don't want to discredit the desire for international student representative , but I think that if we are going to pursue something, why not to a bigger end? Ideally. I would want a non-resident student representative because that would include a range of undocumented students, international students and out of state students.
- Hajee: this is more of a logistical question for this amendment to get it on the ballot. But each office has it's own set of bylaws. Who and when does one draft the language of what the office is going to look like and what the specific duties will be?
- Dr. Geller: there's the constitutional language and the bylaw language. Vivy has given you draft language for the constitution. Then there's the bylaws piece which cannot be written until after the constitutional amended passes. The absolute earliest it can come to council is the Tuesday after the election results are

announced. That would also be the only time that this council can vote on this. After that, it would become the duty of the incoming council.

- Champawat: the voice of the voter is the constitution; the bylaws is a representation of that.
- Dr. Geller: you can change bylaws every week if you want it. A bylaw change is not lasting the way a constitutional change is. Constitution can only be changed by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority in a ballot vote. Just as with the Transfer Rep, just as all undergrads who have the required number of units are eligible to run, similarly, all undergrad students can run for this. You cannot have an office where nationality, religion, citizenship determine who can or can't run for office.
- Flournoy-Hooker: I will preface this by saying that coming from the perspective of someone who is not international or out of state, I get what you're saying completely. I feel like these issues overlap with so many other communities. Blacks are 4-5% but they don't have a representation on this campus. I think the idea of a non-resident student seat is much more representative than what was initially brought to us. I think this needs to be reevaluated and really look at what other groups need to be represented. A lot of students bring their unique culture to this campus and we should be highlighting all of those and not just one group. I'm more than willing to sit down and look at this from a black student's perspective. We should that this as more intersectional and more representative, we need to highlight international students along with other communities that have small representation on this campus.
- Stokes: Im am out of state student. I feel like if we open up a seat for international students, then we have to open up seats for other communities that are to being heard. I feel like there are a lot of underrepresented communities here and it wouldn't be fair unless this is made more intersectional.
- He: It seems unfair to me that these international students came here today because they haven't been served properly by USAC.
- Stokes: let's see how many black people we've had on council in the last 100 years. LGBTQ community should have representation as well.
- Li: the exact same argument that you're bringing up was written about in DB 3 years ago against your position.
 - Member of the Public, Wahid: there's a lot of merit to this argument, being a queer person of color, I don't see any representation for my community too. So I just want to reiterate that with this particular position, what is trying to be achieved is more equitable.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I want to complicate the idea of representation a little bit. Because the reality is that with just 14 seats on the table, I don't think any community feels adequately represented at this table. So I think the conversation we are having is why there hasn't been enough international student representation. The question I have is, what are the barriers that are getting in the way of international students running for USAC because it's hard for me to think that the reason is that there is no allocated seat.
- He: the barrier is that a lot of students don't really know about USAC. Secondly, not every student comes from a democratic country and don't even know that they can have a discussion with administrators. Another this is that I learnt when I came to America is that I need to be more politically correct. So there were many cultural barriers for me to run against people who were not having the same experiences as I was having.
- Flournoy-Hooker: is it the fact that they are unfamiliar with USAC? Youre saying that a lot of international students don't have the tools to run.
- He: there are things that international students need to learn because they come from a different culture.
- Flournoy-Hooker: So should we be working to supplement this, or create a position for them?
- He: it's hard for everyone to run. But personally for international student it's hard when they're running against domestic students. It creates extra barriers for them.
- Pan: coming from a country where democratic election don't exist, it about having an entirely different paradigm of understanding government. What would it look like to make this an option for countries other

than American. When Ashraf came here, we talked about what it means to be an international student. In my opinion, it could be an international student, undocumented student or refugee student.

- Flournoy-Hooker: you just answered my question.
 - Member of the Public, Kevin: it's about giving a voice to 10% of the student body that faces very unique needs. Our legal needs are very different, our barriers are unique, language barrier, we don't know the USA culture, so it's hard for us to connect with the community.
 - Member of the Public, Ayesha Haleem: I want to acknowledge what you all said and we need to acknowledge that there is a lot of intersectionality within the international community. The specific part of my identity that has affected my experiences the most is being an international student. I think it resonates closer to the Transfer Rep than having a seat for an African American or an Asian student representative. The identity you're born with vs the identity that is imposed on you from the moment you step into this country, there are a lot of different things that come with specifically not being an American. Secondly, I also believe that we could develop this idea further and make it more inclusive. Once the seat is established, financial needs and other needs need to be highlighted as duties. We are taking it the wrong way when we are taking this as one community vs the other. All I'm trying to say is that this is not a debate between communities. It's more in recognition of the fact that international students due to their legal status face very different challenges. For me, I didn't get involved with student government because I thought I wasn't American enough for it. You do not see yourself fit to represent the student body or having a position on this table because you don't know enough. You don't come from those experiences and didn't grow up here. The American way and the way this country works is a very big barrier.
- Stokes: I have a question, I'm reading the mission statement from Dashew Center and it speak about resource center and the events it holds. Is that something that's not being done?
 - Member of the Public, Ayesha Haleem: I'm a Dashew employee. There's no actual space for the international students to congregate there, you enter give your docs and go out. They have visa officers who help with logistical things, not community building things. But Dashew is administration, not a student body, we couldn't know that from the Dashew Center's standpoint. It's not a student run organization. They have more domestic student employees than international student employees.
- Li: today we are passing that constitutional amendment just to put it on the ballot. After that, there's a chance for all students to view it and vote on it. If we don't pass this today, the students won't get a chance to vote on this. And I have always said that this council is the best USAC council. If we let this pass, we can't know the wishes of the students.
- Diaz: I think that the overarching debate is whether or not to title this as International Student Rep or Non-Resident Rep. Would titling it differently really have drastic effect on the job and the duties? Right now it all seems arbitrary because it's just a title and everyone is attaching different meaning to the title. We need to be moving towards talking about the duties and responsibilities of this position before arguing about what type of title we want. It's all very intersectional.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I don't think that title is the issue. Right now there's not one seat that says that non resident students cannot run for offices. I want to understand the true underlying issue. I don't think that just creating a new seat is going to solve any of those issues. Right now passing this when there is no consensus, I think it's more effective for us to commit as a council to educate ourselves and others about what are the barriers to entry and how do we address those. If we create a seat, we don't address any of those needs.
- Li: we could put in on the 2019-20 spring election.
- Dr. Geller: next week at this meeting, you will approve the ballot. You have to decide today to put it on the ballot this year with an effective date for 2019-20. You still have to run the constitutional amendment this year. Vivy is saying that you run the amendment this year but wait a year for the seat to come to life.

- Dr. Geller: you would only get to the special election if the constitutional seat passes.
- Hardwicke: this is so close to deadline and we have so little time. Its creating confusion and pressure. If we pass this, is this the best version of what we should be putting forth? But I understand that students should be able to vote on this.
- He: we brought this up last quarter and unfortunately the meeting went on for so long that we had to strike it. I'm just going to talk about this year. This might answer Sayron's question about Dashew Center. UCLA welcomed me with an online orientation and it wasn't until we brought it up to Dashew's attention when they decided to form a focus group and revise this protocol. In my orientation, they handed us a book that told us how to speak American slang. It was so wrong for me to see that right now. When I started to serve here, I had a meeting with x and x and I fought really hard. I don't know why Dashew hadn't thought of this before. I can go on and on about why these issues are very unique to this community. I also want to say that we need more student representation. These students spent weeks researching the history, the problem, doing outreach and coming here today and just asking you to given them a chance, not even a yes but a chance to put the option out there. English is my second language and I'm trying my best to put my point across.
 - Member of the Public, Kevin LAST NAME: I want to make a brief response, creating such an office would definitely help with those issues. The office could provide legal help, language and cultural help. When other problems come up, as international students we would know that we have representation. What's even more important is being recognized as community members. It's very important to give international students a sense of belongingness.
- Hardwicke: I guess I completely agree that it should be given a chance to go to student body to decide, I'm just struggling with ensuring that what s on this proposal is what should really be voted upon.
- Dr. Geller: they have modelled this on the process that was used for the transfer rep. It's the same process that was used back in 2014.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I want to thank you for the question you raised. I do and this is not directed at any international students in the room. Representation matters and the reality is that we aren't always going to have [representation]. I say this to my community too. I do want to clarify that the questions that I'm asking are about getting to the bottom of the reasons why there isn't enough representation. One of the issues that arose with the establishment of the Transfer Student Representative was Transfer Students being led to believe they couldn't get involved in any other offices. Transfer students didn't know they could apply to other office besides TSR or run for other seats. Simply creating a new seat will provide a space but what about the average international student who doesn't know about USAC, and how will that alleviate the problem?
 - Member of the Public, Ayesha Haleem: besides the cultural thing, we need to draw parallels between Transfer Rep and International Rep.
- Mokhtarzadeh: my comment was in response to the black student representation question.
- He: obviously USAC and UCLA have so many issues. But tonight the student brought their issue to you and I find to frankly unfair that the conversation got carrier away to how we are not doing our job.
- Pan: I feel like this conversation parallels what we had with webstwoof forward. We talked about how we could remove the barriers that prevented students to be on the council and we realized that the institution was created in such a way that it eclpsided students. About having our offices engage in more outreach, it's not just about us doing more for international student, but giving them the seat to do that for themselves and institutionalizing that. In terms of the language of the actually constitutional amendment, do you think there's something in particular that we should change within the draft that has currently been presented to us tonight?
- Dr. Geller: the only thing I noticed was that the last para of the supplemental language would need to be stricken because you don't use the ballot to talk about who's idea something was. But I'll take a look at it and see if there are any other sections that need to be addressed.

- He: I also want to say that having a seat in USAC also means that finally UCLA is also part of my home. When I first came here, I saw America as just a stop for me and thought that I would go back to China my home. For once we are fighting to feel like we belong here.
- Saidian: I think international students totally should have representation but also if I saw that a position on USAC which is a resource for international student and I was in a community that wasn't represented, how would I feel about it? We need to step back and think about a position that serves not just one group but all students who are funding this large body of ours. We can't represent 40k students within us but maybe we should restrict the conversation to writing the resolution in a way that we are comfortable having students vote on it. And after that we can have a vote on whether we are ready for students to see it.
- Dr. Geller: there's one more line that needs to be added, "an additional item "o" in article 2, section c, item 1: International Student Representative" The actual item here would be the name of the office.
- Hajee: I think the last sentence is pretty solid. So the question is if there's anything specify in the duties as well as the the actually wording of the student community we are putting within the language.
- Mokhtarzadeh: the language of the duties needs to be language used in all our positions.
- Hardwicke: Aren't we supposed to be moving away from "shall"?
- Boudaie: Are we okay with having a guaranteed seat for international students when there is no guaranteed seat for commuter students, out of state students.
- Flournoy-Hooker: It's the name of the role for me. I didn't want to take away from the intersectionality of the current proposal. I was saying that we need to be more intersectional, not that it is not intersectional already. I'm standing for this to be "Non-Resident Rep". I really want to understand why can't this title be changed?
 - Member of the Public, Anubha Gupta: I think the reason the title should not be "Non-Resident Rep" is because it changes the meaning of the position. I am an international student and I understand my community's needs; but do I understand the needs of non-resident students, of all Americans who are not California residents? I don't. And because I don't, I will never think that I am sufficiently qualified or confident to run for that position. We have been talking about how 10% of UCLA's undergraduate population is international students, but a much larger percentage is non-California resident students. I will never find myself appropriately qualified to lead a position that is supposed to cater to the needs for out of state students. So invariably, we will have out of state but domestic students running for this position and that would beat the purpose of creating a position that caters to the unaddressed needs of international students at UCLA.
- Li: I have international students in my office and we talked about how we are going to have an International Student Rep. I asked them if they wanted to talk about it/advocate, the first thing they told me is that they are scared of being kicked out of the country. They don't have any parents here, unlike out of state students.
- Li: On the question of non resident vs out of state; The tuition hike was a huge thing and we as Americans benefit a lot from not needing visa, etc. my understanding of what the transfer student seat was pushed for so many years, it got pushed back because people said "what about other communities" and people have tried for year to bring about change. My thought is that if that Transfer Students seat paves the way for an international student seat to be created, I think that maybe this seat would pave the way for other student groups to organize themselves.
- Mokhtarzadeh: is there an validity or significance for it being a separate vote as opposed to it getting lost in the noise of the election. For better or for worse, is there value for the two to be separate?
- Hardwicke: I think there is some disadvantage because you would get a much smaller number of student body to vote.
 - Member of the Public, Ashraf Beshay: when a candidate is running, it's important for the voters to know what the candidate's position is. I think there's no way to create a position that serves all communities. I think what council needs to think about is whether this step is a step in the right

direction for the representation we are trying to create on campus. I don't think international positions are being honored enough on council so I am afraid that sometimes there may be people speaking for other communities but that opportunity is not being given to international students. There's a very good chance that the UCSA vote will pass and it would be remarkable for UCLA to champion that movement. I've heard so many people running for election who say they want to pull a chair next to them, but when they are given that chance, they are not pulling that chair.

- Stokes: What it sounds like to me is that there might want to be a revision to the Dashew Center.
- Hajee: I feel like when Kayla was talking about her experiences, it was about how she hand worked with Dashew to bring improvements. But say there's no international student next year, then there would not be continuity.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I can feel the tension rising so I would like everyone to take some time to cool down. Asking questions does not mean that you oppose a proposal on the table. I want us to take a moment to step back. I want to encourage the conversation.
- Dr. Geller: Has CRC considered this and recommended this?
- Diaz: We were emailed the language? No.
- Dr. Geller: your constitution says that it's not supposed to be voted on here unless CRC is recommending that you voted on it here. So if it went to a majority of CRC, did CRC take a vote on it.
- Diaz: did we formally meet and discuss and vote? No.
- Li: but I asked that if anyone has opposition, they could send it it but I didn't get a response.
- Mokhtarzadeh: why was one councilmember excluded from this email when it was sent out? (Aaron Boudaie)
- Dr. Geller: all of your committees can meet if they meet quorum. So the question is that if they believed to have recommended to have approved it.
- Mokhtarzadeh: there is a serious error here which was extremely unethical if there was ill intent. I and others don't feel comfortable if all CRC members were not included.
- Boudaie: It's bad that I wasn't sent to me and I wasn't included but I don't mind it. However, we never met or voted.
- Champawat: if there wasn't a meeting... or was there a group chat?
- Hajee: it was a group chat, but if CRC didn't meet then does this not get voted on tonight?
- Dr. Geller: did at least a majority recommend that this go to council?
- Saidian: it doesn't matter if there was majority or not, because if Aaron was not included then it doesn't matter if he voted yes or no but he was not included.
- Boudaie: if I had been sent the email then I would've definitely said that we should meet and discuss it.
- Diaz: yes there is a serious error and that's a lack of responsibility. Yes there was no formal meeting or vote. There was an "assumed recommendation". But are we going to let this issue with CRC stop all of the effort and conversation that we've had here tonight? To be honest, you didn't miss out on almost anything within the group chat. Are we going to let this diminish everything that has been put in tonight?
- Champawat: if your consensus is that you want to find a way through this error, then you can adjourn the meeting and set a time to readjuroune. Vacate the room. CRC would meet and make its recommendation and then reconvenen later this evening and that recommendation can be shared.
- Lee: How long do you need?
- At this moment, 2 members of CRC, Justin Jackson and Divya Sharma, are not present at the meeting tonight. They are contacted and Sharma makes it to the CRC meeting while Jackson joins the USAC Council Meeting from 10:27 PM and is unable to attend the CRC meeting.
- Champawat: let's do this in a sober way. We are not trying to make light of your constitution, you want to follow this in a sober and correct manner.
- Lee: quite frankly this should've been done before the meeting. But I move to adjourn meeting until 10:20 and reconvene at 10:20. CRC meeting from 10-10:15 PM and then a 5 minute recess.

- 11-0-0 vote, this motion passes.
- Mokhtarzadeh: calls the meeting back to order at 10:27 PM. The point of this adjournment and re-coming together is so that CRC could meet. Can CRC tell us a little bit about what they decided?
- Diaz: the majority of CRC was there except for Justin. We decided that we do make a recommendation in terms of the proposal. The only thing we had a hard time solidifying was whether or not to continue to call it “International Students Rep” or “Non-Resident Students Rep”. To be quite honest, the recommendation is to recommend the present language. But it feels so rushed that we think it's hard to make a real decision. I don't want to say that there was an official vote because it was very conflicted. There is recommendation of the language with question of whether or not the title should remain the same. We were hoping that even though we didn't fully define the title, it would suffice to bring the conversation to the table where it's not just a 4 person conversation.
- Mokhtarzadeh: okay so now we will re-open the conversation.
- Flournoy-Hooker: I still feel slightly uncomfortable because you didn't have this meeting beforehand. I feel like based off of what I heard from people who are pushing for this, you have not presented any plan for prepping the candidates who will come from this population. I'm probably going to vote against this. This is not a reflection of my feelings or thoughts about the international community. I support everything on campus but I will personally say no. this is my last comment.
- He: we wrote something about what the new representative would perform as duties.
- Li: you can't read it out but you can give an overview.
- He: By prepping do you mean that how we will enable them to run for the position?
- Flournoy-Hooker: you said that this position, a position on this table was inaccessible. But how will you make this accessible in the first place.
 - Member of Public, Ashraf Beshay: that's one of things that we are working on the international coalition. We are going to be endorsing candidates this year and part of that is having students on our board who want to approach us to talk about what international student needs are. Still, they cannot be accessible to all international students. But we want to make sure that the positions are available to students who are not in the international coalition. We will be sure to invest in someone who is willing to take over that role.
- Flournoy-Hooker: I'm still not sure.
 - Member of Public, Ayesha Haleem: Sayron talked about how transfer students only apply to transfer rep positions. But it's going back to what Anubha was saying that she wouldn't feel that she is suitable to apply for a position that does not serve majority of the community that she identifies with. Having that community is important because it doesn't exist in the Dashew Center. This would lead to a chain of leaders from the international community.
- Flournoy-Hooker: how is this position going to be different from other positions if the current position is not accessible.
 - Member of Public, Ayesha Haleem: I think when we talked about accessibility, we talked about lack of knowledge about what your role involves. Creating such a position would make the international students feel more comfortable being a part of an office where they feel that because of their experiences, they belong here.
- Flournoy-Hooker: and this goes back to the title, is the goal to bring more international representation to USAC. I don't feel comfortable vote on something that is going to sustain and is not being used as a political tool to propel someone into this position next year. I don't feel like I'm getting my answer.
 - Member of Public, Ayesha Haleem: we don't want to limit the accessibility of USAC.
- He: could you explain what you mean by political tool.
- Flournoy-Hooker: basically someone using this to propel themselves into a position.
- He: so you mean that someone is doing this because...?

- Flournoy-Hooker: I don't think we should go there.
- He: yes but there are so many students putting their time into it that I don't want it to look like it's politically motivated.
- Boudaie: I think Malik brought up a really good point which is address USAC being inaccessible first. If anything, creating that position will perpetuate that further. If people feel alienated by USAC and we create one position for that then 3 international students run for just that 1 position and only apply to that office.
- Hardwicke: I think the perpetuation thing might be an issues but I don't know how we will know that for sure. I think we've said this a lot, I don't think it is up to us to determine whether or not this position should be on the table. But this conversation should not be about our personal opinion about what should be on the table. Do we want this on the ballot?
- Saidian: I agree with that. Multiple people have said that. I think that we should let the students decide, make a vote and let them decide for themselves. What we should worry about is the way it is presented to students. We can put forth the negative and positive aspects of this position. When I ran, I didn't know what facilities did. If I didn't know that and I was running for office, we need to change that and talk about that.
 - Member of Public, President of CSSA: in the past week I've been trying to educate 600 students in my club about what USAC is. I want to encourage students in my community to learn more. There were people who asked me what USAC actually is. I told them and I encouraged them to know more. And I asked them to come tonight and learn more. We are planning another meeting between USAC and CSA around week 3. That was the first thing I wanted to bring. Some of you debated changing the name. For me international means diversity. But studying in a foreign country doesn't mean that you are travelling to a foreign country. It's different from travel. If I travel to a foreign country right now, language would not be such a pressing barrier. Do you remember the data I showed you in international student mental health? I think if we create an international representative position, we encourage representation.
- He: I want to respond to what Aaron was talking about, having an international rep will stop them from running from other positions: What if a student becomes international rep one year and then learns more and then runs for other position next year.
- Saidian: my open question is what is the grievance with having it be "Non-Resident Students Rep" vs "International Students Rep"?
- He: my personal thought is that it would be a more specific for me. Imagine how many out of state students vs how many international students there are. In terms of language, it would make it think about students living outside California, but not international students. When I was running, I was competing with a lot of people who spoke better than me and knew better than me. And it would be the same situation if I was running for an out of state position.
- Saidian: I understand that but if we are making this position, we would not just throw the title out there, we would articulate the meaning of the title.
- He: the exact wording was a small problem but it's just that the title wouldn't make it approachable for me.
- Pan: the Transfer Rep is responsible for sitting on certain committees. The international rep could appoint people to various advocacy positions across campus like housing and scholarships.
- Saidian: but couldn't it be broader? They can still be appointed to things like immigration, etc but it lends to a better position because it has a broader scope.
- Hajee: for me, I'm having trouble with the title of the position somehow making the position more inclusive with the danger of how would an out of state student be able to improve relations with the Dashew Center or work on language barriers. By making the title more inclusive, it still fragments the duty of the position based on whose in it. If someone came from like Texas, would they still be able to serve the international community?
- Champawat: one thing that strikes me, isn't this distinction between residents and nonresidents kind of like the distinction between California families who paid tax in California all their life. I feel like out of state

and in-state primarily is a distinction of tuition, but it's not that way for international students vs domestic students.

- Member of Public, Ayesha Haleem: the distinction between an American and not being an American is huge. But the anxiety that comes with holding a Muslim country passport at the airport, etc are things that come from not being American. It's this outside perspective and I was talking to people and we've tried to tackle this from many sides but again the conversation that comes up is what about other countries. I am not American, just like another Jewish or Black international students. It not something we chose to do, it's just our legal status in the country. When Aaron mentioned that making a piston wont make USAC more accessible. Arielle mentioned that all transfers apply to TSR office. But we have Divya who was TSR and then Academic Rep.
- Diaz: this is hard for me because I'm thinking about a very hard decision. I heard everything single thing that been said. The only worry we hand in CRC was whether labeling international representative would not convince undocumented students to run for the position. But I realized that it's, at least for me, a lot more important to talk about things like language, status and voting rights. But if we do the non-resident route, then it's a little too broad for my comfort. So it took me a while to get to that process, but ultimately. I think that what I value and what's important to me is language, status and voting- all things that international students very much need. I think I'm going to accept/approve the proposal as it is, fully acknowledging that it might not be the most inclusive way for the people who have spoken today. It's a complicated issue and it's messy and it's not an easy fix and I understand that and it's not going to satisfy everyone on the table. But it's a step forward ultimately. In terms of figuring out the logistics...how will that happen?
- Hardwicke: I'd like to second all of that. Something that Dr. Geller brought up earlier is if this is going to be a new seat or if it's going to be a GenRep seat.
- He: what we had decided was to add another seat.
- Li: I want to be super transparent om this and say that this seat was not my idea. 10 years ago, I was an international student but I don't consider myself that anymore. Someone from my office brought this up to me and I said oh this going to be very hard. I discussed it with Kayla and she said her office came up with this at the beginning of the year.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Can you please tell us about the timeline of this process -- from start to finish?
- Li: my office talked to me in week 4 or 5 and I talked to several offices and administrators.
- Stokes: there are people who advocated for the position I'm in today. The perception is that there's a space for international students in the Dashew Center but we've covered that it's not working.
 - Member of Public, Ashraf Beshay: the focus of Dashew's programs is not advocacy. So when I bring up advocacy proposals, the administration is willing to give support but not actually do anything. So we need to change that. This is a good precedent for us to set. Changing student government and creating a voice for international student can be initial step to reformulate the vision of Dashew as opposed to their current focus on programming only.
- He: I want to share a little about why we are here to pursue this. I heard about a Transfer Rep story from Chloe. I feel like we voting to put this on the ballot does not reflect giving provided to this community but just giving them a chance to prove this to UCLA. I also want to say that if USAC approves this, it shows to all communities that we are a council that welcomes representation.
- Hardwicke: I'm personally comfortable with voting. I think changing the title completely changes the thing that was presented to us.
- Kadota: why don't you consider the change as a amendment?
- Mokhtarzadeh: first and foremost thank you to the students who stayed up and stayed throughout. Thank you for sharing your experiences. I think it's an extremely noble proposal. The way that it was proposed makes me uncomfortable to be honest with you. I think it sucks that this was the the first time it was

brought up. I wish we would've known about the outreach you did. I also think that the timing of it all, the individuals who are proposing it, I know that some of you are running for USAC. On a council wide level too, the fact that at best, CRC wasn't consulted, and at worst CRC was consulted in a way that one person was not consulted and that one person happens to come from a different political affiliation. I had to vocalize that. We can't penalize students so we should go to vote but I had to vocalize that.

- He: Vivy and I talked on March 2nd about this. We outreached to people and to CSSA. Lastly, about a political thing, to be honest, 2 people running for USAC are pushing for this movement and aren't at the forefront of the movement., I might not even go to UCLA next year and Vivy is graduating. I mentioned it to Chloe a long time ago and she educated me about the Transfer Rep. I understand that there's a political thing going on but I don't even know how to respond to it.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I think that could've been proposed to us in week 6 or 7. It's hard for us not to ask such questions when it's so late in the game.
- Saidian: Aaron and I talked about how over and over this year, we were put in positions here we had to take time sensitive decision on things that we wish we had had longer to deliberate over. In a way, I have felt in the past, manipulated, not that you guys have manipulated us to make an informed vote that was not an informed one.
- He: if I may explain, the timing is late because we wanted to make sure of the procedure and conduct outreach. That's why it took a while, we had the UC Regents Meeting in the middle. We are not intentionally holding it back from you.
- Diaz: it's not like we didn't know this was coming. Week 10, this was a discussion item on the agenda. Potentially we could've stayed longer for that meeting. Secondly, Aaron's exclusion was not a political thing.
- Mokhtarzadeh: There was a group chat that was created at the beginning of the and titled "CRC". It's hard to imagine how only one member of CRC -- the one member with a party affiliation -- was the only one excluded from that chat.
- Lee: I think I've taken most of this time to listen to what all of you had to say. In the beginning I had my mind made up already. This conversation has just bolstered my opinion. I want to thank you for bringing that all to us. I don't think any of us were ever against creating a new position and I want to make that clear.
- Jackson: if someone could elaborate on the cons of the "International Students Rep" be a part of council.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I don't think anyone is against it but it's about the manner in which it was proposed.
- Boudaie: the way that it came up, it's not the first time that we have to vote right away. We keep getting into these positions without much debate. Even the way that CRC happened tonight. It was so rushed that we didn't even get to have a real conversation.
- Diaz: this job is really hard. We are unfortunately always on a deadline and we need to have intense heated discussion on the table to come to a conclusion. I enjoy these conversations because I learn so much. I don't know how I will vote coming in. it is uncomfortable and emotionally and mentally stressful. Hopefully one day we can change it.
- Li moves to approve adding a ballot item to the 2017-18 USAC election to elect an International Students Representative for USAC, Diaz seconds.
- Pan: wait, do you still want the special election to be voted on in fall 2018?
- Mokhtarzadeh: our options are to having a special fall election, or to wait till spring 2019 to have someone run for the 2020 term. If we did vote in fall, it would cost us an extra \$6-9k.
- Boudaie: I think we agreed that we didn't want to spend the \$6,000.
- Hardwicke: I don't think \$6,000 should be a deciding factor. You're going to get fewer students out to a special election.
- Stokes: we don't have a location, office, budget.
- He: are people more inclined towards the spring 2019 election?

- Lee: for special election, I don't have full faith that everyone who wanted to get to know their international rep would get to know them.
- He: if that's what we feel, we don't mind changing it to spring 2019 election.
- Mokhtarzadeh: it gives time to figure out the logistics.
- Li: okay I've changed the language in the constitution draft.
- Dr. Geller: it would be better if to read 'to fill this position...'
- Boudaie: the "supplemental" thing in the end should be edited too, to say the same thing.
- Li moves to add a ballot item to the 2017-18 USAC election to elect an International Students Representative for USAC, effecting from the 2019-2020 academic year, He seconds.
- 10-2-1 vote, this motion passes.

3. A Resolution in Support of and in Solidarity with Psychologists and Clinicians of UCLA Counseling and Psychological Services* Lee

- Tabled to next week.

4. A Resolution Honoring the Memory of Stephon Clark, Demanding Justice for His Family and Unequivocally Condemning Police Brutality and Anti-Blackness* Mokhtarzadeh

- Tabled to next week.

IX. Announcements

- Flournoy-Hooker: art gallery event, geek week, concerts will be back next money in Kerckhoff.
- Diaz: all of next week we will have an Immigration Week of Action themed week.
- Malshe: the requisition deadline is coming in week 3. Any requisition after that will take much longer to be processed. For any question with regard to requisitions, FiCom will be holding extended office hours in week 2, 3, and 4.
- Mokhtarzadeh: for those of you who've ignored myUCLA for 2 days. UCLA is pushing all members towards two factor authentication. USAC election orientation is tomorrow 6pm at Bruin Viewpoint Room. E-board is really hyped up about it!

X. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- The attendance sheet is passed around.

XI. Adjournment*

- Stokes moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 PM, Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, this motion passes.

XII. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item
Indicates Consent Item □
@Indicates Executive Session Item