

# FINALIZED: April 24, 2018



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
Kerckhoff Hall 417  
April 17th, 2018  
7:00PM

Present: Arielle Yael Mokhtarzadeh, Chloe Pan, Nicole Corona Diaz, Kayla He, Nedda Saidian, Adriana Hardwicke, Malik D. Flournoy-Hooker, Zahra Hajee, Aaron Boudaie, Sayron Stokes, James Aboagye, Dr. Debra Geller, Jessica Alexander,

Absent: Vivy Li, Justin Jackson, Divya Sharma, Christina Lee, Roy Champawat, Rob Kadota, Pratik Malshe (Proxy: Ryan Enders)

## **I. Call to Order**

**Mokhtarzadeh**

- Mokhtarzadeh calls the meeting to order at At 7:02 PM.
- Seeing as we don't have quorum, we will start with public comment.

### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- The attendance sheet is passed around.

## **II. Public Comments**

- Mokhtarzadeh begins public comment at 7:03 PM.

No Audio, No Video: None

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- Todd, EVP of International Student Leadership Coalition
  - I'm here to share my feelings about how students don't know about USAC.
  - The election endorsement process, it is bureaucratic and difficult.
  - The endorsements orientation itself was posted on Facebook the day the orientation was supposed to happen. So if I didn't know anyone in USAC, I wouldn't have attended the orientation itself.
  - There is a lot of misinformation; we were told that we submitted our questions after the deadline and so they were rejected. The deadline on the application is April 14th, other sources said April 13th. The e-board said that they had the right deadline on other platforms but not on the submission form.
  - With regards to the endorsements hearing tomorrow. I received an email with updates, but there is a change to the endorsements hearing which is not in the email. I am expressing my concern about how information has been spreading.

Audio and Video: None

- Mokhtarzadeh ends public comment at 7:07 PM.

**III. Approval of the Agenda\***

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- Mokhtarzadeh Adds a discussion in executive session under new business to discuss a personnel matter and that we allow Dr. Geller, Jessica and James to remain on the table for that conversation.
- Hajee: Can I add a discussion regarding e-board operation logistics.
- Mokhtarzadeh: let's put that before the executive session.
- Pan: strike BAG
- Flournoy-Hooker: strike ARC
- Reports that have been struck for tonight : IVP, AAC, CEC.
- Funding allocations struck due to absence of officer member: SWPF, ASRF, TGMF
- Dr. Geller: I heard from divya today. He is dealing with family matters. He has travel allocations. He said he will try to get them to someone during the meeting so that they can respond. He said he will try to get to a computer asap.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so we unstrike the travel grant mini fund
- Boudaie moves to approve the agenda as amended, Saidian seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote, the agenda is approved as amended.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes from April 10th, 2018\***

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- Tabled to the end of the meeting.

**V. Officer Member Reports**

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**A. President**

Mokhtarzadeh

1. We have a good number of events coming up in the next few weeks:
2. Last week we hosted a Campus Safety Week with a Self Defense Class on Monday, a panel on intersectionality and allyship on Tuesday and an active shooter training on Friday.
3. Yesterday we co-hosted an event called "Food for Thought" with the University Religious Conference and Center for the Study of Religion. It was an interfaith dinner and we had about 50 students in attendance, so thank you to those of you who showed up.
4. Next week is DYF or Declare Your Feminism. We have an incredible lineup of events:
5. On Monday we have the F Word: Feminism, a panel on the importance of intersectionality in the feminist movement, co-hosted by IGNITE at UCLA and we're partnering up with The Dream Project to assemble care packages for women experiencing homelessness in LA, on Tuesday we're co-hosting the Women in Power Lunch with the UCLA Career Center, UCLA Alumni Association and UCLA Athletics. On Wednesday we'll be hosting a Femme Fair, featuring organizations that are committed to women's empowerment and leadership at UCLA. On Thursday we'll be hosting Women March & Demand during which time we'll deliver a list of demands to the university based off of the feedback our Title IX Team received in response to the survey they put out on students perceptions of UCLA's commitment to education around and prevention of sexual violence and sexual harassment. And on Friday we're extremely proud to co-host the first ever Advocates for Women's Empowerment and Leadership Reception at the Chancellor's Residence with Student Affairs and Mrs. Block.

**Questions**

- Diaz: I think it's going to be a great week so congratulations!

**B. External Vice President**

Pan

1. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Hill Voter Registration kick-off event! We had over 200 students attend the GOTV program. Emerald and Citrine (our baby goats) were a big hit and one of them kept jumping over the fence to bound towards freedom by Feast so we had volunteers constantly chasing them down. It was a great time.
2. This week, we have four students lobbying in DC as part of the first ever UC-wide Hill Day. They'll be focusing on bills related to the federal Pell grant, immigration, and Title IX protections.
3. We released our winter updates report some time ago; you can access it via our Facebook or Twitter pages.
4. Next week I will be gone to attend a higher education committee hearing for AB 3153, which would extend Cal Grant eligibility to the summer.

**C. 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.

**D. Financial Supports Commissioner** **Boudaie**

1. This week is Financial Wellness Week co-programmed by FWP and FSC; check out my cover photo for a list of programs.
2. Check out my office's End of the Year report on our Facebook page, which highlights many of our accomplishments from this year in FSC.

**E. General Rep 2** **He**

1. We are having our international career fair tomorrow from 5-7pm in De Neve Plaza room. We now have 16 companies coming and around 300 students register for the career fair.
2. We also are hosting body positivity fair in bruin plaza next Monday from 10am to 3pm. We have a few tables that a different activities and photo campaign, and we also invited a nutritionist to answer questions from the students.
3. Lastly, we are hosting our dinner for globalization next week, Wednesday. We are hosting 24 students, 12 international students and 12 domestic students. They will have different topic cards about culture, stereotype, experience at UCLA, and have food from 6 different parts around the world.

**F. Transfer Rep** **Stokes**

1. Transfer Alumni Networking Night is on Thursday from 6-8

**G. Community Service Commission** **Hardwicke**

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

**H. Administrative Representatives** **Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota**

Dr. Geller:

1. Rob sent copies of next year's on campus housing brochures. He wanted you to have them and to know that Chloe is in one of the pictures.

Alexander:

1. The REQ deadline is next week. Since all of you are in charge of your budget, that will still include the rest of the academic year. Even after the incoming council is installed, you will still be in charge of signing off the recs.

**VI. Funding Allocation 1: Contingency Programming\*** **Malshe (Proxy: Ryan Enders)**

- 22 applications.
- Required: \$ 41,152.93
- Requested: \$ 24,868.05
- Recommended: \$ 13,380.80
- Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve the allocation of \$ 13,380.80 to Contingency, Hajee seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote, the allocation is approved.

**Funding Allocation 2: Contingency Capital\***

**Malshe (Proxy: Ryan Enders)**

- 3 applications.
- Required: \$ 3,593.66
- Requested: \$ 3,593.66
- Recommended: \$ 3,093.63
- Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve the allocation of \$3,093.63. Hajee seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote, the allocation is approved.

**VII. New Business**

**1. CSC Funding Guideline Amendments\***

**Hardwicke**

- Hardwicke: Background story is that last years commissioner passed guidelines for a funding body but never started the funding body. This year we have been working with people on campus to put together a more comprehensive funding body.
- Hardwicke: Out goal is to have a pilot run before the next commissioner comes in
- Hardwicke: It's a really long guidelines document.
- Hardwicke: It's a supplemental fund so we are unding what you can't get funded elsewhere
- Hardwicke: One is for service related conferences for individual
- Hardwicke: Others will be for service related organizations as a whole
- Hardwicke: Funding for volunteer appreciation and development events
- Hardwicke: It will fund up to \$ 1500 and it will have \$ 25,000 for allocation every quarter
- Mokhtarzadeh: the funding comes from #uclaxxx and youve ensure that the language is consistent with the bylaws (CONFIRM LINGO)
- Hardwicke: Dr. Geller, I talked to you about putting a line so that in case there is no quorum, the commissier can approve the funding allocation. Could you look at it; it's on the second the last page, "In the events that usac is unable...up to 500 in funding...for the following week"
- Geller: I would add the word "discretionary" "for events happening before the following council meeting"
- Stokes moves to adopt the CSC Funding Guideline Amendments, Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote, this motion passes and the amendments have been approved.

**2. Spring 2018 USAC Election Ballot\***

**Price**

- Price: so this is the ballot. 39 candidates, 1 constitutional amendment. Presented in eh order as laid out in the constitution.
- Geller: Are the names going to appear in this order on the ballot?
  - Price: UCLA IT told me that last time the e-board paid a one time fee to randomize the ballot for every student.
- He: does the constitutional amendment shows up at the top or bottom?
  - Price: bottom.
- Hajee: on MyUCLA when people vote, will the ballot have names and candidate statements or will they have to click on a separate link to see the statements?
  - Price: you'll have to click.

- Mokhtarzadeh: have you thought about how the MFA will affect students' ability to vote.
  - Price: once people get used to it, i think it will be fine. Sabrina is putting together a plan for physical polling places with iPads. We have ads going up on the hill. We will do our best
- Hajee: one recommendation for MFA is. If students don't have access to phones at a time, there are tokens they can get at Murphy Hall for authentication. That can be something you are sharing.
- Stokes moves to approve the Spring 2018 USAC Election Ballot. Hardwicke seconds.
- Diaz: because my name is on there, should I abstain?
- Mokhtarzadeh: it's up to you.
- 9-0-0 vote, this motion passes and the 2018 election ballot has been approved.

### 3. Discussion On Election Board Operation Logistics

Hajee

- Hajee: in light of the public comment that was made today, I have some personal concerns. A lot of candidates and their campaign teams have been having issues about getting info and adjusting to last minute changes. For example, the changes to the expense form guidelines
- So the info is not being disseminated in an accessible way. People are having issues accessing and keeping up. We don't want to chaperone election board. Is there a solution?
  - Price: the best practices that we've been following is that our External Relations Director, Isabelle Bock, is the first line of communication. When we ,make a change, she immediately emails the candidates.
  - Price: With regard to the public comment made earlier. the April 13th deadline was approved, was on our calendar since March and was advertised on social media. we emailed clubs beforehand.
- Hajee: But on the forms itself the date was different?
  - Price: yes. my Endorsements Director changed that a few days prior to the deadline. It still said Friday, just the date was messed up. I appreciate the concern and w don't want to make mistakes.
  - Price: we are all working hard, we are students and we are trying to juggle 39 candidates. We will make sure our job is done better than it was in this instance.
- Hajee: it would be nice to have a more concrete set of steps in place for what you are going to do in situations. With all the future stuff that's due, what is your process for disseminating that info so that it gets to the people that it needs to.
  - Price: Isabelle Bock has been working on press releases. She drafted it, I looked it over and approved. We will get as many eyes on it as we can before we want it to Dickson. Isabelle will send it to candidates and Dickson will put it on social media. If you can think of other ideas for adding additional safeguard, I will be happy to incorporate them.
  - Mehr: we make people sign forms. So try to get them to confirm that they understood the new communication is something we do. We can't guarantee 100% success that everyone will respond to us but we try our best.
- He: there's also the change that if they heard about something but the form has different deadline, it's confusing. I personally emailed you guys that a constitutional amendment was not put on the form, and after my email you added it.
  - Price: Sabrina has been doing a great job with troubleshooting. I totally understand that you are worried and all of us are under stress. We think our job is to make campaigning and participating as stress-free as possible. Especially in regard to ISLC's situation, I responded to their email and said that it's a tough situation for us but these are the 3 ways for you to get around it. We've been working on this based on feedback from last year that we reach out to candidates 48 hrs prior for outside endorsement events
  - Mehr: we are constantly in touch with candidates and campaign managers and student groups. The problems are little generally speaking. We are keeping everything on a case by case basis.
- Mokhtarzadeh: maybe if you're sending any emails, you can CC council.

- Price: I'll communicate that you the executive committee.
- Mokhtarzadeh: can you explain to us the reason behind making the Endorsements Hearing event closed rather than open?
  - Price: 39 candidates , 27 clubs asking questions. The first Meet The Candidates event will be open to public but in order to hold both events ads make sure that we keep time, Sabrina consulted with Mehr and I and we decided that it'll be best to close it and livestream it. We need to keep the endorsements hearing under 4 hours.
- Mokhtarzadeh: what are you doing to ensure that debates can be open to all students?
  - Price: debates are still being held at DeNeve Auditorium. We think that DeNeve will be able to house a lot of students. We are working on getting some part of the Bruin Media team to livestream. Isabelle is working on trying to secure overflow room where we can have folks view the livestream.
- Mokhtarzadeh: you could project it outside the wall outside Northwest Auditorium.
  - Price: tomorrow night, we are doing facebook live. And hte same thing at the debates too.
- Hajee: I don't think facebook live will be best. You'll have to find something more secure.
- Saidian: I think the auditorium has Bruincast.
- Hajee: in the future if you need stuff from candidates, it shouldn't be posted on social media, there need to be emails sent to individuals.
- Mokhtarzadeh: have you calculated how long you estimate endorsements to go on for.
  - Price: at the most, 4 hrs. So by 11 pm. That's why we are having a second meet the candidates event. 27 clubs asked questions and we have 39 candidates so it's going to be tough. But Kris Kaupalolo told me that before this was regulated, every club could participate and it went on for 3 days and till 1am.
- Hajee: how do you plan to improve logistically speaking from this day forward?
  - Price: We will be doing the following:
    - Cc-ing council in emails.
    - Email communication
    - Better coordination
- Diaz: I have the TGMF funding allocations now so we can do that whenever we get a chance.

#### 4. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter

Mokhtarzadeh

- Executive session began shortly after 7:30 PM.
- Mokhtarzadeh: we move out of Executive Session at 8:01 PM.
- There were no votes taken during the session.
- We have 2 items left on the agenda but we don't have quorum for either.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Minutes approval tabled until next week.
- Mokhtarzadeh: for Travel Grant Mini Fund, can you see if any of them will be happening before next week?
  - Diaz: Yes, some of them will be.
  - Dr. Geller: Do you want to authorize him to use discretion?
  - Stokes returns to the room. Quorum requirements met.
  - Mokhtarzadeh: Nicole, do you mind forwarding the email to all of us?
  - Diaz: If anything is before or on 4/17 then it's not going to be approved. So I added and subtracted figures accordingly.
  - Mokhtarzadeh: Is there any opposition?
  - Mokhtarzadeh: Seeing none, this TGMF allocation is approved.

#### VIII. Travel Grant Mini Fund# Sharma

(Read by Diaz)

- 9 approved applications.
- Total approved: \$ 4790.00
- Mokhtarzadeh: In the future, for those of you who have consent item forms, it would be good to send them out so everyone could see them for the sake of transparency.

**IX. Announcements**

- Flournoy-Hooker: Breakfast week is next week. On Friday, CAC is having a walk-out in response to gun violence.

**X. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- The attendance sheet is passed around.

**XI. Adjournment\***

- Boudaie moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote, the meeting is officially adjourned at 8:11 PM.

**XII. Good and Welfare**

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