



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
August 21st, 2018
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Fieldman

- No recording of call to order

- A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
- No recording of signing of the attendance sheet

II. Approval of minutes*

- No recording of approval of minutes

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- No recording of approval of the agenda

IV. Public Comments

- No audio, no video
 - None
- Audio, no video
 - None
- Audio & video
 - Good evening council. [indiscernible] I applied to be election board chair, I was not appointed but I'm here to speak on behalf on what I believe the election board chair should speak on. So first and foremost, definitely do with your vote as you will [indiscernible]. I'd like to take the time to appreciate the council for appointing a person of color. [indiscernible].
 - Fieldman: Would you mind emailing all those things to me?

- Public comments closed at 7:16pm

V. Appointments

Election Board Chair Mher Mkrtchian

Fieldman

- Openings: One (1) position, 1-year term, July through June; stipended
- Chairs the Election Board, and nominates and supervises members of the Election Board Executive Committee. Is responsible to USAC for the administration of all aspects of USAC elections. Makes any necessary revisions to Election Code. Extensive time commitment before and during regular Spring Election. The Chairperson will also oversee any Special Elections that occur during their tenure.
 - Kim motions to approve the appointment; Watson seconds the motion
 - 3-6-0 motion does not pass; Mher is not appointed to election board

VI. Special Presentations

Bruin Advocacy Grant

Kennerk

- The Bruin Advocacy Grant (BAG) will provide funds for travel, lodging, meals, and conference registration fees depending on the occasion.
- The purpose of this Grant is to provide UCLA students with the opportunity to advocate on behalf of themselves or their student groups for issues important to them.

- The Bruin Advocacy Grant Board will be chosen by the External Vice President each year and will be the governing body of BAG.
- Eligibility:
 - Must be a UCLA student enrolled in at least 8 quarter units.
 - If an individual applies, they must be in good academic standing.
 - If a student group applies, they must be registered with SOLE.
- Conference eligibility: 1) Conferences describe a large gathering organized by a large reputable group or movement for the purpose of discussing, networking around, training and preparing for, and generally workshopping actionable advocacy. Must relate to advocacy, local/state/national/international issues, or a student group's core mission statement as stated in the group's bylaws or constitution.
 - (i) Grant may only fund transportation, lodging, and registration fees.
 - (ii) Conference must have taken place and ended on or before Monday of Week 10 of Spring 2019 Quarter
- State advocacy eligibility: 1) State advocacy describes in person visits to Sacramento based state officials and lawmakers. Must relate to advocacy, local/state/national/international issues including UC Regents or UCOP, or a student group's core mission statement as stated in the group's bylaws or constitution. For individual students, the interest of advocacy must relate to advocacy, local/state/national/international issues.
 - (i) Grant may only fund lodging, airfare, ground transportation, gas reimbursement.
 - (ii) State advocacy must take place and have ended on or before Monday of Week 10 of Spring 2019 Quarter
- Federal advocacy eligibility: 1) Federal advocacy describes in person visits to Washington D.C. based officials and lawmakers. Must relate to advocacy, local/state/national/international issues, or a student group's core mission statement as stated in the group's bylaws or constitution. For individual students, the interest of advocacy must relate to advocacy, local/state/national/international issues.
 - (i) Grant may only fund lodging, airfare, ground transportation, and subsidized meals.
 - (ii) Federal advocacy must take place and have ended on or before Monday of Week 10 of Spring 2019 Quarter.

For state advocacy, funds account for airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and gas reimbursement only.

- Air fare expenditures are capped at \$200 per person
- Ground transportation expenditures are capped at \$100 total
- Lodging expenditures are capped at \$150 per night and should accommodate all individuals traveling.
- Gas reimbursement expenditure is at the discretion of the vehicle used. The vehicle used needs to be under the ownership of one of the students going on the advocacy, no rental car will be covered under Bruin Advocacy Grant.
- For federal advocacy, no more than three persons, including External Vice President staff counsel, will be covered by Bruin Advocacy Grant funds. For federal advocacy, funds must be requested no less than five (5) weeks in advance of the departure date, unless
- The applicant student or organization demonstrates that the applicant could not have, by any means, been aware of the pending action which requires their advocacy; AND The advocacy is critically timesensitive AND The applicant could reasonably influence the pending action.

Direct federal advocacy funds account for airfare, ground transportation, subsidized meals, and lodging.

- Airfare expenditures are capped at \$350 per person.
- Ground transportation expenditures are capped at \$8 per person, per day.
- Meals may be subsidized up to \$15 per person per day.
- Lodging expenditures are capped at \$180 total per day and should accommodate all individuals traveling.
- Conference funding: Registration costs are paid for student organizations for conferences,
- Registration costs may not be funded if they include membership fees.
- Information required by the committee is as follows: conference itinerary, detailed outline, printout defining the registration prices, and contact information of who the registration is paid to.
- Bruin advocacy grant total budget:
 - \$15,000 allotted for the year
 - \$5,000 each quarter

VII. Officer Reports

A. President	Fieldman
B. Internal Vice President	Watson
C. External Vice President	Kennerk
G. General Rep 1	Haleem
H. General Rep 2	Martin
I. General Rep 3	Solis
E. Facilities Commissioner	Ho-Gonzalez
F. Financial Supports Commissioner	Manzano
J. Campus Events Commission	Madison
K. Transfer Rep	Kim
L. Student Wellness Commissioner	Faour
M. Community Service Commissioner	Sonola
N. Academic Affairs Commissioner	Stephens
O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner	Khasawneh
P. Administrative Representatives	Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

VIII. Contingency Programming*

- 5 applications; all non-USAC
- Total required: \$4,896.74
- Total requested: \$4,602.76
- Total recommended: \$2,215.00
 - Kennerk motions to approve \$2,215.00 to non-USAC entities; George seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved

IX. Old Business

- None

X. New Business

FiComm Bylaw Change*

Ender/Fieldman

- Changes to Article VII, Section B, Part 3.b; Article VII, Section C, Part 3.c
- (Additions should be in **bold** and removals should be noted with a ~~strickthrough~~)
- The first bylaw change increases the FiCom vice chair's signatory power from \$250 to \$500:
- b. The Finance Committee Vice Chair shall have restricted signatory power on
- Personnel Change Notices and Requisitions for supplies, travel, or programming in
- which the proposed expenditure does not exceed ~~\$250~~ **\$500**.

- The second bylaw change makes advertising in the Daily Bruin OPTIONAL for funding bodies. It also eliminates requirements that dictated the size of the advertisement:
- c. At the beginning of each academic quarter, an ad, ~~no smaller than one-third (1/3)~~
- ~~page, is to~~ **may** be placed in the Daily Bruin notifying the campus of the various funds
- and the amount(s) of those funds that will be available for allocation and the
- appropriate mechanisms for accessing those funds. In addition, an email is to be sent to all officially registered student organizations (student organizations who have registered through the ~~Center for Student Programming~~ **SOLE**, and have signed the Statement of Non-Discrimination). **Each year, when presenting updated guidelines, the various funding bodies will also present strategies that make funding information widely available and accessible.**
 - George motions to approve the bylaw change; Bella seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; bylaw change is approved

Contingency Guidelines#

Ender

- No oppositions; passes by consent

Arts Restoring Community (ARC) Fund#

Khasawneh

- No oppositions; passes by consent

SWC Bylaw Change*

Faour

Agenda Requests/Changes Discussion

Stephens

Discussion Item: lawsuit against fraternities

Madison

- Fieldman: Content warning for everybody this does have to do with sexual violence and sexual assault so please feel free to leave the room at any time and remember this is a very sensitive topic we are talking about.
- Aly: On Monday a Daily Bruin article came out about a lawsuit that was filed on a student by a current UCLA student against the interfraternity student council and zbt frats based on the students experience with a member and an assault that happened. Something that stood out for me was the fact that the frats weren't taking any accountability for this. They were doing a lot to cover it up. They had a lawyer that was affiliated with one of the frats. Also ucla's very recent history with how we've reacted to instances. In the greek life system specifically earlier this year in January they've put a ban on alcohol. By February, IFC put an alcohol ban. We all know that alcohol isn't what causes sexual assault. There has to be something that we can do to put pressure on the IFC. There's going to be tons of new bruins coming in who want to get involved in the frat system and they need to know what they're getting themselves into. Everyone in greek life who is staying quiet needs to bring it to light so students know. I'm wondering what we can do as council.
- Fieldman: I been in contact with IFC the past 2 days. I would hopefully the next couple days they'll do something to publicly address this. Something important to me, was making there some sort of training for frat presidents. Similar to what we all went through as council members but maybe more extensively and making sure there is more programming for frats. I really think we need to start with the leadership of these organizations.
- Nidira: In terms of the person who's been accused, he was actually expelled as well. They also do have go through training for members of the organization. I think when it comes down to instituting new members I think it's appropriate for them to have title 9 training. It should be part of their inclusion in this.
- Bella: The training sororities had to go to was an absolute joke. It basically addressed toxic masculinity and how guys are allowed to cry. Let's make sure these people aren't speaking out of their ass. This didn't even address women. If we the governing voice kind of take more responsibility to make sure they're dotting their I's and crossing their T's to make sure there's something done.
- Kennerk: Maybe put forward a list of expectations of what should be included in those trainings. I agree I've seen some sexual assault trainings that aren't great it doesn't break through to the people that need to be addressed the most.
- Fieldman: I want to see trainings that aren't this outside person and instead peer lead. I heard it's effective to have a conversation and would make a space more able to ask questions. Smaller peer lead trainings are so much more effective. I would love to see the IFC president doing this.

- Manzano: I also think we should put pressure on IFC so the presidents of these chapters go through more extensive training because if they're not properly trained then they're just set up for failure when they don't know how to approach emergencies like these.
- Aly: I think we need to be very direct with our statement and show a lot of solidarity with the survivor and her case. Especially when you're reading the article it's shocking. It happened in 2016 and the student wasn't expelled in late 2017 and the president knew about it the whole time. These are huge very wealthy institutions so that's a lot for a survivor to go up against.
- Nidira: I think we should send out our statement right away
- Aly: Yeah I don't think we should wait, we should take swift action.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- No recording of signing of the attendance sheet

XII. Adjournment*

Fieldman

- No recording of adjournment

XIII. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item