



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 Kerckhoff Hall 417  
 October 9th, 2018  
 7:00PM

**I. Call to Order**

Fieldman

-No recording of call to order

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

**II. Approval of minutes\***

-Previous meeting's minutes unavailable; no approval of minutes

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

-Agenda approved as amended; 10-0-0

**IV. Public Comments**

-No general public comments; comments adjourned at 7:09pm

**V. Appointments**

Finance Committee Vice Chair: Nadiya Komzyuk#

Ender

-Returning member of finance committee; confirmed by consent

Finance Committee Member: Nancy Alvares#

Ender

-Returning member of finance committee; confirmed by consent

Finance Committee Member: David Minasyan#

Ender

-Returning member of finance committee; confirmed by consent

**VI. Special Presentations**

**UCLA Piano Project Presentation**

Jeremy

-Building community through music

1. Encourages creativity, collaboration, and happiness at UCLA
2. Piano donated by Dean Smith of the Schoenberg Music Building
3. Location secured, next to Bruinwalk
4. Needs funding, hoping to get immediate funding to start project by Fall
5. Part of budget set aside for repairs
6. Needs funding for a canopy, advertising money, inaugural event, locks on legs of piano
7. IVP comfortable supporting this project
8. Have not contacted fire marshall yet, but will work on that
9. Concerns about Jeremy doing this as a single individual and creating an organization for it later
  - a) Urgent matter - wants to execute the project while it still has momentum
10. CAC concerned about student support

**Greek Life Special Presentation**

Lewis

**Bruin Bash/EAF Referendum**

**VII. Officer Reports**

**A. President**

Fieldman

-We are continuing to work on filling outstanding Presidential Appointments and would appreciate help publicizing appointment applications.

-Applications are open for the Fall OP Internship and will be closing this weekend.

-My #TimesUp team and I are working on gathering student input from this year's mandatory Title IX trainings for Greek life to develop recommendations for future trainings. We are also engaging with the IFC and Panhellenic Presidents regarding their priorities/strategies for sexual violence prevention.

**B. Internal Vice President**

Watson

**~~C. External Vice President~~**

~~Kenmerk~~

**G. General Rep 1**

Haleem

**H. General Rep 2**

Martin

**I. General Rep 3**

Solis

**E. Facilities Commissioner**

1. Appointment applications are still open for multiple positions including SAC board of governors, committee on Disability
2. Our office is still hiring FAC Fellows
3. We are hosting our First Bruin Bazaar event of the quarter on October 17th at the UCLA's Farmer's Market

Ho-Gonzalez

**F. Financial Supports Commissioner**

Manzano

**J. Campus Events Commission**

Madison

**K. Transfer Rep**

Kim

**L. Student Wellness Commissioner**

Faour

1. Internship application is open
2. SWC CPR/FA will be holding large training class for Greek Life students (100-120)
  - a. Planning on covering Heartsaver CPR, alcohol poisoning, and choking
  - b. Planned to be in february
3. SWC BruiNecessities is finalizing a few more things before the Menstrual Hygiene station #1 is officially on the hill
4. SWC's Body Image is having a screening of a movie about how body image issues are portrayed through media
5. Fall Leadership Retreat: 10/12-10/14.

**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\***

- 10 groups applied, none from USAC
- Total required: \$16,647.10
- Total requested: \$7,788.69

- Total recommended: \$4,625
- Ayesha moves to approve the contingency programming; motion is seconded
- 12-0-0; motion passes

## IX. Old Business

- None

## X.. New Business

### 1) Discussion: ResLife OCHC Constitution

Le/Watson

- OCHC is basically the student government entity that runs the hill
- They operate all the programs you see whether it's the Haunted Hill, casino nights, they do a lot of advocacy work on the hill
- All students; all election based; they do elections spring quarter then the following quarter they're elected
- There's also resident government council so each building on the hill has their own council
- All of these things are dictated by a constitution. The constitution was originally designated by administration but throughout the years has been continuously drafted, updated, and modified by students.
- Over the summer, that constitution disappeared. It still exists on the website. The old one is still there, I had trouble finding the new one.
- Basically they, when I say they I mean administration, somebody that wasn't students went and changed what the makeup is resident government council, they abolished multiple elected positions on the hill and replaced them with program assistants hired as staff that are not elected positions
- Everyone that I've talked to so far about this including Vanessa the president that's coming, were not informed of this
- I don't know what happened, I'm trying to find answers because I think it's extremely concerning that a constitution was not edited by students and modified by people who weren't students and student government on the hill weren't notified about this. I don't want to do anything without the consent of Vanessa or presidents coming to speak tonight. I do think it's concerning, I do think it's something we should talk about in council. I do think we have the ability to put out some sort of statement that at least asks the questions of what happened with the constitution and making sure that we reiterate that it should be students who are making these recommendations. Presidents went into this thinking they would have a council that was elected and they don't
- Q (Nidira): Do we know which administrators made this change?
- A: No we don't. I know administrators that work in reslife and I think they have really good intentions. I don't know who specifically did this.
- Q (Nidira): Have you had the opportunity to reach out to them?
- A: I met with Vanessa twice about this and she's coming tonight. I also wanted to address it to students first before going to the administrators because I want to make sure that we're not misinterpreting anything and that we're not conflating the issue to something that it might not be because I know they've done a lot of work with administration to discuss this. So I want to make sure that they're the ones speaking so that we can support them rather than us going to administration first.
- One thing I talked about is that there's the option for a resolution
- Q (Nidira): What kind of decisions would On Campus Housing Council make and how does it impact students?
- Watson: So part of the fees students pay who live on the Hill go to OCHC, so they put on programs on the Hill. all those things are concerned with pleasure, community building. Usually it's all centered around community building and under that there's pleasure, social justice advocacy, mental health, those sort of things. So whether it's a huge program that costs \$8,000 like Haunted Hill or programs around social justice
- I'm Vanessa I'm this year's president of OCHC.
- Hi I'm Cameron I am the president for Hedrick Hall.
- Hi I'm Diana.
- Vanessa: I worked for RGC last year at Rieber Hall and basically all of the council was cut in half and opened up for paid positions called programming assistants. They're hired under the university, they're not paid by reslife.
- Cameron: all the PA's should be hired by now so that they can be in the HR system and start training by this week.

-Vanessa: we weren't notified until like a week before they started training so we were all caught pretty off guard. Presidents and treasurers have gotten together to discuss pros and cons about it and how we can move forward.

-Q: do you know who made the changes by any chance?

-A: They told us that they were going to get feedback from past residential directors, past RA's, past student presidents and treasurers and past people who were in charge of it.

-Comment: so everyone but you all.

-Watson: have you found evidence to show that that is true? Did OCHC discuss this?

-A: we discussed amending the constitution but we never actually had time to get to it.

-Watson: So abolishing those 3 positions wasn't discussed?

-A: We are in discussion now like after we have come back from the summer we have been meeting with them weekly to kind of follow up on we feel like this is unfair. And there's been progressive steps

-Q: does each building have its own RGC?

-A: yes

-Q: so all of those like smaller entities if you will are all together in OCHC.

-A: Yes

-Manzano: So my question would be why should the students on the hill care about this, like how is it relevant to them? And what sort of support would you want to see from our end?

-Cameron: It's an important issue because it's student government. The changes on the Hill that are supposed to be by the student government should be by the students. So the fact that this organization does have a student created constitution that outlines both how this process should have happened and how the constitution should have been changed that was not necessarily followed. That's probably our biggest concern. Besides that I would say if student government wasn't run by students then what voice would students have with what goes on in their living spaces. As for support I'm not entirely sure at this moment because a lot of what we're doing has been collecting past treasurers and holding meetings with who implemented changes and seeing what we agree with and what we don't so that conversation is still in the works. Besides that I would like to open up the conversation about how this reaching of our constitution should be handled in this case and in future cases. I think that the main point that hasn't been answered yet is what's preventing this from happening again.

-Cameron: So one reason why I'm confused on what steps we should take is because part of me does support some of the changes that they made. Before these changes and the reason for these changes is that prior the RGC role very much functioned as creating programming and events for their communities, and that work I personally feel should be a paid position. I believe that the only reason now we are able to have this discussion is because those programming, event planning responsibilities have been kind of delegated to a new position and we're now actually able to act as student government and get angry about these issues.

-Watson: Some of these things can come from a resolution. From what I understood from my talks with you and Vanessa is what you all really want to solidify is should this stuff happen again and that you are all trying to send a message to administration cannot come in whenever they want and change the constitution. So if this does happen again then there's literally a resolution to refer to that shows that we voted on that.

-Nidira: Don't do a resolution but do what he's saying. You need to figure out in your constitution, there has to be a law in your constitution.

-Manzano: I want to be sure that if we were to draft a resolution I want to make sure that it's your effort we're supporting so that we're not hijacking any influence. Also I've been part of reslife for the past 4 years in different capacities and this has been a reoccurring issue time and time again. I do want to support you all but I want to make sure that this comes from you all specifically.

-Sarena: So CAC has been anti reslife because we know it being controlled by administration rather than the students. So for us a way to support it would be co-programming on the hill which is really tempting because I know y'all really have monopoly on 1st and 2nd years. But maybe if we say if you don't listen to the students then we're not going to co-program with you because that's basically what they're doing.

-Watson: The only about that is that OCHC is the one putting on those programs so if we boycott that we're not necessarily boycotting reslife we're boycotting student government is my concern. Is that correct? It's you all who are in charge of those programs?

-Vanessa: Yeah we plan it we go through it like the haunted hill.

-Watson: Before doing such drastic measures, I think that giving a statement with demands in the constitution then seeing if they make those things happen is really good first step because then if they don't then councils do have a lot of leverage in a more drastic manner. I don't know how the rest of council feels about that but I do feel like that's a good first step. I really believe if we all came together on this issue administration would do it.

-Cameron: They've been very good with working with us so far. We've had 2 meetings so far where we voice our concerns and a lot of them were like "yeah that's how it's supposed to be". So we're kindly trying to force their hand on certain things and they've been willing to change certain things. One large [audio recording not clear, please refer to USAC live]... hasn't been fully fleshed out yet.

-Were they being polite or receptive?

-Cameron: I believe that they were being receptive. They basically got rid of the RGC specific fund and we complained about that and they immediately said they'd change it. That's just one thing that they were immediately receptive to and changed.

-Vanessa: We were also concerned about the relationship between PA's and government like whether they'd be working together so we're just going to see how it goes for the year because they've hired them already.

-Bethanie: Do you think they'd be receptive about reviewing the constitution and not having any changes made without consent

-Cameron: Yes I think if we went to the next meeting with that as our focus and number one demand, yes I think they'd go along with it. But from my own perception they weren't eager for that, they weren't particularly eager for us to be revising the constitution. I think if we don't push hard enough they'd let it pass but I don't think they'd actively try to stop us.

-Bethanie: My second question, would you be able to do that without the help of USAC. I'm not saying that because we don't want to help you but I want to know if a resolution would help or not

-Vanessa: Right now off of the two first meetings they've been pretty receptive but the constitution hasn't been our priority in the conversation so maybe bringing that up and seeing how they react to that first

-Nidira: Since they've been so receptive maybe try doing the bylaw change after?

-Kim: If they acknowledge and say it won't happen again then what would happen to the changes?

-Vanessa: They'd probably stay since they're already hired.

-Kim: Do the PA's know about these changes?

-Cameron: Most aren't aware of the changes that have occurred.

-Watson: The main concern here is about how administration shouldn't have been modified by them and only should be modified by students.

-Fieldman: Let us know in the future how we can support you. Thank you for coming.

## 2) Discussion: UC Anti Semitism

Martin

-The incident that Bella is referring is yesterday on UC Davis' campus, some really ignorant, really upsetting anti-semitic posters were put up and submitted by the daily stormer.

-I'm working on a statement put together by the Jewish community leaders across the UC's.

-The UC Davis student body president is Jewish, obviously I'm Jewish, the UC Santa Barbara president is Jewish

-When I get that draft with a statement I will let you all know. I can answer any questions.

### Q&A/Comments:

- Comment: I just want to put it on people's radar, it's not crazy to think it could happen here.
- Q: Can you give more context as to what the daily stormer is?
- A: I don't really know, it's like an alt-right group. Let me send the Facebook post
- Comment (Bella): I saw as I scrolled through the senator's Facebook page and it looks as Berkley is having a hear and healing in light of the event. I really liked that idea, I don't know if that could be something to think about for us
- Comment: I really like the idea of the healing thing but i'm just wondering about the timeliness so that we can make it not focused on the trauma but a more uplifting space

- Comment (Manzano): I just saw the flyer that was posted and I think needless to say, it's horrible that these things continue to happen in this day and age.
- Comment (Fieldman): If you know anyone that's Jewish just reach out to them and let them know they're not alone and you don't stand what's going on. When I finalize the statement I will let you all know.

3) SOOF Reassessment

Sonola

Bethanie:

-There is currently no campus entity apart from SOOF that funds T-shirts.

-I personally believe that about remodeling SOOF so that it can serve a better purpose. And if it can't be done then absorbing it as quickly as possible

-Right now we can't do anything for Fall because it's due next week, but at least in the future we'll be funding shirts doing something that will at least take effect Winter and continue to be effective from then.

-We can't make any decisions now because I wanted her to potentially be here but she had a prior commitment and this was last minute as well.

-I'm bringing this to y'all's attention and want to hear your thoughts.

Q&A/Comments:

- Comment (Bethanie): Risk management saw that the funds weren't being used for risk. So they moved away from it completely.
- Q: does BOD fund T-shirts?
- A: no, no one but SOOF.
- Q: where do you think it should go if it's not absorbed?
- A: I mean I think if it's absorbed in contingency it would be doing what it's already doing so if that's the most useful. If you really wanted to do something, maybe make a specific T-shirt fund using some of the SOOF money? And then SOOF would stop funding T-shirts and you could make a T-shirt. Also SOOF applications are due this Friday and basically half of the money is SOOF is going to be allocated probably by next Wednesday. We can still try to take the other half in January and do T-shirt specific funding
- Comment (Bethanie): If y'all want to talk about this later as well that's totally fine with me. I just wanted to bring it up because a lot of campus requests funding T-shirts like CPO in their outreach projects, a lot of organizations do it so I think it pertains to the whole campus. I was only told last Thursday that they will not be funding shirts. The new pledge fund guidelines are about to be published in the next coming days and you'll see there's no longer funding for shirts. I'll probably bring this up another time and hopefully she'll be here. But that's it.

**XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

**XII. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

-Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm

**XIII. Good and Welfare**

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