



FINALIZED 11/13/18

AGENDA

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

October 30th, 2018

7:00PM

## I. Call to Order

Fieldman

-Fieldman calls the meeting to order at 7:01pm

### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Attendance sheet is passed around

## II. Approval of minutes\*

-approval of minutes 10/23 extended until next week.

## III. Approval of the Agenda\*

-strike strike evp, gen rep 2 & 3, facilities commissioner, transfer rep, community service commissioner, academic affairs commissioner,

-add discussion item on hate crimes (after old business)

-conset item appointments of Augustine Tongson, & Melissa Vanpell

-Bella moves to approve the agenda, Julia seconds the motion

-10-0-0; motion passes, agenda approved as amended

## IV. Public Comments

-no audio, no video

-none

-no video, audio

-none

-audio & video

-Niko: I know a lot of you have probably heard of calpirg but in case you haven't, we are a student run non-profit chapter out of 8 of the UC campuses. We run grassroots campaigns to protect the environment, make college more affordable and promote civic engagement. A couple of our recent victories: we recently won 5 million dollars in federal funding for open source textbooks which are free for students. Just this fall we had a huge victory, we helped pass SB100 which committed the state of California to getting 100% of electricity from clean reusable sources by 2045. Each year we have a lead campaign which is our top priority and this year it's Save the Bees. You guys have probably heard that bees are dying and they pollinate most of our food. So we're working to pass a statewide ban on a class of bee killing pesticides. The reason Calpirg is such an effective group is that every year thousands of students pledge to add \$100 calpirg fee to their tuition each quarter. At our kick off meeting we had 152 students in the room to get involved in our work. As a part of Bruins Vote coalition we registered almost 2000 students to vote and we collected over 600 petitions to help ban the pesticides. How we'd work together in the future is that I'd reach out to your offices and ask if I can present what we're doing and ask students if they can help out and get involved. I encourage you to pledge, adds \$10 fee to tuition and fees to help calpirg.

- Fieldman ends public comments at 7:12pm

## V. Appointments

Katherine Woo for Campus Sustainability Committee Appointment

Ho-Gonzalez

-1 year term position fall 218 spring 2019, non-stipended

-came for hearing last week, we will take a vote right now

-Mission of the UCLA's sustainability committee is to create a culture of sustainability in which the entire ucla community is aware of how to engage and get committed to advance sustainability through education, research

operations and community service activities. Time commitment would only be about an hour a quarter. The position is

more about facilitating and working directly with facilities management and chief sustainability officers to see how they can help them.

-no opposition, appointment passes by consent.

Carla Chavez Parking Advocacy Task Force

Manzano

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-no opposition; passes by consent Carlos is appointed

Evelyn Gramajo Parking Advocacy Task Force

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Richard White for USAC Election Board Chair

Fieldman

-1 year term, stipended, nominates and supervises number on the election board; responsible to USAC for the administration of all aspects of USAC elections; makes any necessary revision to election code; extensive time commitment for and during Fall Quarter; oversee any special elections.

-Richard: Good evening student council and thank you for having me. Thank you to all the students who came here during midterm season. I'm a 4th year from San Bernardino, CA. Last year I did run for USAC but didn't get the position. I still want to get involved in UCLA. During election season I talk about having equal representation at USAC and elections in general. Now, I hope y'all can stand up for what you preach and actually appoint because I don't know when was the last time y'all had a black man chair the election board. Now beyond that it goes into my qualifications. In terms of accountability, I've had that experience already. i know it seems that usac's goal right is to reform the election code so we need someone with experience in writing policies. I work for city government policies. It's week five and you need someone with experience to do that. So once again thank you for having me, I'm open to answering any questions, getting people open to collaborating with other groups and individuals. We have to be about what we campaign for.

Q&A/Comments:

- Q (Solis to Fieldman): if you didn't find anyone from the second round you would find somebody from the first round?

- A (Fieldman): yes,
- Q: how do your previous involvements as a candidate inform your duties as eboard chair, how have these lessons that you've gained through you involvements fuel your desire to be eboard chair?
- A: Fortunately with the code in general if you're on eboard you can't be running for elections. What fuels me to run for eboard chair is that I got the experience, I see the lack of structure, the lack of welcomeness in the eboard. Candidates weren't fully aware of time and it was very difficult to get endorsements going on because students had to follow certain deadlines that weren't explicitly stated. The eboard didn't necessarily follow its own rules per say. That needs to be explicitly stated. Another thing is sanctions, 2 groups can be doing the same act and be sanctioned differently. That cannot happen. My process throughout running, we should make it more understandable and comprehensive. What does election board want? Making sure people are aware of the time frame
- Q: you were talking about making changes in the election code? Any other concrete things that need to be changed?
- A: the investigations itself; identifying which violations are deemed for certain sanction. Also, I would love to have eboard and usac more present throughout the year. Getting ppl more involved in general. Maybe students don't want to run because they don't know the process and that needs to be explicitly told. Eboard chair person needs to have more dialogue with the campus.
- Q: during election season you were notified that a candidate coerced and put students in a hostile environment. Can you please explain how you would address this situation?
- A: First and foremost coercion should not be tolerated. Before that even happens the eboard needs to outline during election season what will not be tolerated. If I was in that situation then of course I'd properly report it to begin an investigation on that. Then if it's proven that it did happen then that person should not be allowed to run
- Q: What kind of autonomy would you give your investigations committee? How deeply would you be involved in each investigation case?
- A: Investigations committee should have autonomy of the investigations. What they do to find their findings I should get the whole committee to agree on that and then move forward with that.
- Q: How would you remove yourself from instances where you might be biased like if you're apart of communities where they're asking for funding?
- A: Just a small little speel on SFAC, that body in general would not receive any funding. In terms of departments, we work with everyone so it's more of keeping the majority's vote at hand and if there's a dispute we need to talk it out. Needless to say if someone does disagree with me i'm okay with that, you have to have a team that will tell you that you're wrong
- Q: How do you plan on making usac elections accessible to students? Last year I thought it was cool that there was this reimbursement for students. How do you plan to continue those efforts so that students aren't having to pull 500+ dollars from their own pockets?
- A: I appreciate the effort that usac and eboard did last year with the 10% reimbursement. First and foremost we need to make sure that students even know about usac elections because last year our voter turnout was 26.5% and I don't like that at all. We should have at least 45% so making it more feasible.
- Q: do you have a plan to increase voter turnout?
- A: One of course is presence, people don't even know about eboard or usac, how will they know to apply? I encourage myself and the rest of the eboard to make a presence all year. We should attend forums and utilize the hill bring snippets of what we do throughout campus and the hill throughout the whole year, not just election season and not simply targeting students who already know about or who are heavily involved in USAC. We need to talk to people who don't know too much about this because we need to give power to those students.
- Q: how do you plan on institutionalizing that in eboard so that it will continue into the next year?
- A: it should be written down through law; making a code
- Q: do you plan on still being closely associated with CPO? I don't know if your close proximity with CPO will affect the way you judge candidates and referendums
- A: I'm a student on campus and I'm a student who needs a job on campus. CPO or any department can't be allowed in student elections. So referendum and candidates are not through the department
- Q: how will you manage your time being intern for CPO and with everything going on during election season?

- A: I actually have two jobs. Needless to say those are my main priorities. I've always worked 20 hours a week while being a student so that's not a problem.
- Q: how do you plan to distance your previous slate?
- A: The code says we cannot be both on student campaigns and we can't run for election. Plus you should just have the integrity to not do those types of things.
- Q: how are you going to ensure that those people in your committee aren't just people that you know of and that you will remain objective and fair? Do you have a plan for how you're going to reach out to certain communities?
- A: Of course facebook is the way we solicit applications but I also don't think going online is going to gain everybody. So I would like to make sure presence of the eboard is there and going up to random people and asking if they want to apply. Also, when applications are filled out we need to make sure that everybody has a fair chance of getting an interview or even getting discussed in conversation.
- Q: what is something that you're gonna do to make sure your board is diverse and representative?
- A: My time as FSAC was a great attribute because you have to make sure you facilitate a conversation and make sure everyone is heard. Having a dialogue with your board. Silencing anybody's voice should not be tolerated or as if you're unworthy of the position. The eboard should not just be some exclusive right for veto power.
- Q: how would you combat sexism and misogyny in allegations against the investigations against candidates and in the allegations against candidates?
- A: I think what happened last year was very disgusting and disgraceful. Asking a woman what was she wearing at a party, how many guys was she talking to shouldn't be tolerated. First during the election season, the election board needs to have a conversation with themselves and say we will not tolerate this in our own group and when we go into the candidates the eboard will not accept this. And no woman or anybody should feel like they were targeted against the election board. They shouldn't repercussion for that. That shouldn't be even allowed.
- Q: are you still involved with any sort of campus slate?
- A: no not at all.
- Q: what specific plans do you have outside of social media to actually get people to join the election board?
- A: Send out mass emails soliciting applications
- Q: how closely would you like to work with this current USAC council in revising the e code
- A: very closely but there should be autonomy where it shouldn't be a forced type of relationship. Instead of USAC saying "this is what we want" it's about how can we make sure things run smoothly and make sure the process is fair.
- Q: how do you see yourself as a leader?
- A: My leadership style is seeing the vision, what's the end goal, making sure tasks are completed. Like at my time at SFAC, when we felt like an item was discussed for over 30 minutes, how can we bring it back to the focal point and make sure that you're at the topic of discussion. My ultimate thing is facilitating and having a voice. When a person like that is in the room you can encourage other people to speak. If I see someone not talking I'll mention their name and ask for their thoughts, bringing people in.
- Q: how would you define conflict of interest? have you been in a situation where that's been an issue? How did you handle it? What would you consider conflict of interest for eboard chair?
- A: Conflict of interest by the USAC definition and definitions in general is when you're able to benefit from something. Specifically through monetary benefits. In terms of how I've been involved I want to say directly i was not involved but there's someone in this room who previously sat with me in SFAC, Ashra, who mentioned that since we're student workers and worked for the department that we have conflict of interest. But like I said SFAC wasn't to negate student workers. Just because you work does not mean you cannot sit and talk about student fees because 1) you're a student and 2) you pay these fees. And as for how will I make sure I'm not in conflict of interest for eboard is by making sure I'm not involved in campaigns, and I'm not running for election
- Q: why eboard chair? What brought you to us?
- A: My overall goal is making sure all voices are heard. Eboard does lack of equal representation. Black men are highly not involved in policies as we can see. Black men are largely not represented at UCLA, poor students aren't represented but we all speak about it. As eboard I think this would give it a new start a new way of seeing things to make fair elections in general. And when we talk about accessibility like when it comes to online voting. We should not

take off online voting because some students do have to work off campus such as myself. Simply having a voice not just for myself but for every student

- Q: how can you ensure that in your role you maintain that sense of autonomy where whether it be any council member/ administrator doesn't influence not only your opinion and the opinion of the eboard?
- A: It is decent enough for the election board to use their advisors and get advice on how to handle things but at the same time this is a student body. We should not have administrators making decisions on behalf of the student body. Let eboard be accountable for their decisions. If there's an unpopular decision then that's a decision that they need to not let administration swing here and there.
- Q: can you identify some certain parts from the last election code that you think we need to revise?
- A: Well in terms of that like the Daily Bruin. The Daily Bruin really focused on the veto power of the chair person, so of course that should be tackled too. But I was thinking eboard and usac needs to think progressive, what's the long term thing such as voter turnout. It is too low for the past few years, we need to change that.
- Q: how do you plan to prioritize your responsibilities? Do you think all of your plans are feasible?
- A: Yes, I think it's all feasible. Where I grew up in San Bernardino, we had no time to make a mistake, we had no time to slack off because in the city it was sometimes life or death. This is easy for me, going to a few meetings a week and listening to what they want that should be an easy task.
- Q: how do you feel about eboard itself being transparent? Has it been transparent in the past? And if it hasn't what are the changes that need to be made for eboard to be more accessible?
- A: Eboard should be transparent and it should be public. It's about being straight up with the students and working with them week and quarter and year
- Q: how do you feel about closed sessions?
- A: I actually dislike the idea of closed sessions just because what are we hiding? Let's be honest. Students are paying for this, they should know what's going on. But maybe if there's super private conversations then those should be happening outside of the eboard meetings.
- Q: have you read the election code in full?
- A: yes
- Q: if the judicial board recommends an action that is contradictory your opinion or to your board's opinion, would you follow it?
- A: yes
- Q: the funding that you were receiving for your job, did that come from sfac?
- A: no
- Q: what's your understanding of role of administrators in elections?
- A: They shouldn't be involved in student elections, not at all.
- Q: what would be a reasonable sanction for attempted order of coercion?
- A: Voter coercion should not be tolerated, a person should not be allowed to participate if it was proved that they performed coercion
- Q: You were able to bring students who have not always engaged in usac. I think there's a lot of merit in that. To me that signals that you believe that usac can do more. As someone who's trying to represent the student body, what communities do you think you as eboard chair can bring into voter turnout and our elections?
- A: Everyone is important but it's important to note who isn't being represented. One of course is black students, black men, pacific islanders, any minority group who feels targeted. In general, out reaching for them is making sure it's a welcoming environment. We don't just do this because we get paid to do this, we do this because we want to service to students and making sure each student can participate in elections.
- Q: Do you think that there should be one place for all eboard definitions so that it'd be consistent across all entities?
- A: Definitely but I don't think it should be solely on the eboard to figure that out. All the groups involved need to come together.
- Q: how do you plan on communicating with USAC, council, and jboard?
- A: again it's about coming together, it shouldn't only be on eboard to make that happen, it should be us three deciding we need to meet and have a conversation.
- Q: so what does coming together look like?

- A: I would love it to be public
- Q: what's your perspective on meet the candidates?
- A: students should come out and meet who's running for election but at the same time, meet the candidate shouldn't be so exclusive. Usually people who show up already know who they're voting for and what they're discussing. Meet the candidate has been good in name but in the practice of it it hasn't been so good.
- Q: in 2016 there was a referendum which over spent and according to the code it didn't follow certain guidelines so if you could talk about the e code more. If something similar were to happen would you act differently?
- A: I actually have the election code from 2016 and I highlight the part that you're talking about if you wanna read it real quick.
- Q: can you read it aloud so everyone can hear?
- A: \*reads the code\* the problem isn't the referendum itself, it's the election code that wasn't written properly. So we have to take that away and fix the code itself.
- Comment: I just want to clarify I wasn't targeting the referendum itself. I just wanted to see how that was the case in 2016 what would you do if that happened again.
- Q: When you were a candidate what was something that bothered you the most and what would you do to change it as eboard chair?
- A: I feel like last year's campaign in my opinion was a fun one but the orientation was disorganized.
- Would you be an advocate of deformatizing events and making them a bit more casual in terms of attire?
- A: Yeah. Even for me I didn't come here wearing a suit and tie because at the end of the day we should feel comfortable in the spaces that we're in and feel like we're connected to one another.
- Q: What are concrete steps you plan to do?
- A: send out mass emails, utilizing facebook, get involved in residential life and going to floor meetings
- Q: 2-3 amendments you would make to the code?
- A: office hours, voting (interested in figuring out different voting schemes).
- Q: overspending is not okay, coercion is not ok, how would you combat all of these?
- A: Eboard is a special place because we need that reactionary assett. Being proactive, during campaign season explaining what's appropriate and what's not. What eboard and the university will not tolerate such as coercion. Make sure students have integrity and if they don't, we need to have reactionary steps in the code and what you're going to be penalized for.
- Q: One thing that struck me, and I don't mean to speak for my fellow council member, but Ayesha was giving her input question and I felt a little uneasy with the interaction that you had with her. You will be asked as eboard chair certain questions so how will you step aside from the things you have been involved with? How can you maintain welcoming of questions and maintain level of impartiality?
- A: it was more of asking if you've read the code but of course I will be welcoming of all questions and open to all.
- Q: are you willing to come out against over spending?
- A: Yes
- Q: As an undocumented student this election means alot to me and I know for several other undocumented students. What are the commitments you're willing to give for the next election?
- A: We need to say what will be tolerated during the election and at UCLA in general. True bruin values were not upheld when other groups weren't being sexist, that should not be tolerated. My commitment is to make sure that those reports are reported to the election board so that they can be handled correctly.
- Q: should majority of the money be spent on advertising? Where do you think it should go?
- A: Not at all. At the moment, no concrete details on that
- Q: would you be willing to have that money go into reimbursements?
- A: Yeah that's why I really liked the idea of the 10% reimbursement that we talked about earlier.
- Q: USAC needs to prioritize whether that be amending the election code, so I want to know what steps are you willing to take to ensure that that happens? Can you recall a specific part of the ecode that you want to change? But also how will you work with the council to do that? What is the process that you envision?

- A: I think it should be 2-tiered. 1) I should come to the council with thoughts in mind, come to the table with something to present. 2) Coming together and having a constitutional write up but at the same time codes from the eboard should be presented to USAC and then move forward
- Q: how will you make sure womxn and lgbtq voices feel welcomed on eboard?
- A: Making sure that first, any application that comes through the eboard should be read regardless of who it is. Then if the application is suitable then they should be called in for an interview. So that's the first part, do not discriminate against any group, man, woman, homosexual. Anybody should feel like they can come to eboard. But also to take a step forward, address it with administration because there's only so much students can do in terms of addressing harassment on campus.
- Q: Would you be open to appointing women?
- A: Definitely. The goal is to make sure we're all working together.
- Comment (Jay): When you used the word homosexual I was a little cautioned, like the intentionality of that word just because it's rooted in an egregious medical history to diagnose queer people as mentally ill. I'm sure that wasn't your intention but I just wanted to provide some context because it had been used to institutionalize people.
- A: I would like to apologize for using that word. I think that this is a good learning experience. I did not know the history of the word itself so thank you.
- Question from the public: is the intention to increase voter turnout or not?
- A: yes
- Q: (regarding Jay's comment) if that question wasn't meant to derail the conversation then why bring it up?
- Comment from Richard: I think it's a good learning experience for all of us
- Comment from council: I think Jay kind of wanted to bring it up because I felt uncomfortable about the word being used, I felt uncomfortable with the phrasing of that sentence. As someone who identifies as gender-fluid and bi I didn't like the use of the word
- Comment from Jay: this was not meant to detract from the conversation. It's just that it's been used a certain way in history.
- Closing statement (Richard): thank you for inviting me out to this. It was nice answering questions and seeing what the council wants out of eboard to make sure that we're doing it correct. Thank you Jay for bringing up that learning experience for me because I didn't know about that. I think that's an important thing, using something as a tool to learn. That's what we're all here for. Hopefully throughout this year and throughout the quarter we can build better elections for future students.

-Fieldman: My reason for choosing Richard for this position was because of Richard's experience. If you all know he came here his freshman year and he also ran as a candidate in the last election. I also understand the concern about bias I think Richard has demonstrated that his engagement with elections has been a positive tool rather than detriment. It has taught him things that he would like to see reformed and changed. The second thing is Richard's character. He has always been extremely honest and transparent. He is someone who has the character to navigate. He also is a person who does things for his community and for the right reasons.

-Disapproval was 2-1 majority.

-Ayesha: In terms of this position we are so much more critical about this appointment because the entire election cycle rests on this entire appointment. I voted to disapprove. I appreciated his intentions but I feel that there's some lack in concrete ideas and about the code. I feel that this last election had far bigger problems than things like meet the candidate.

-Ally: I just felt very strongly about Richard's character. He really showed to be really committed to opening up this election to students. He seemed to have a different view on it. He also emphasized things that may not seem as important to USAC but I appreciated his sense of morals and values.

-Jessica: the problem that I had that as a transfer student we always have this conversation about how we can't take space because we want to make space. How do we continue to have this argument of making space when my very narrow scope of knowing people on this campus is very narrow compared to many of you in this room and yet I knew instantly who Richard White was because he ran in elections last year. I believe Richard has every ability to be impartial, I think he has great ideas but we always ask what do we do to be more inclusive? I don't think it should be his role. I think fresh faces should be able to apply who may not have experience but should have the chance.

-Fieldman: there is an eboard and it's not just Richard where we can bring in people who are transfers or non traditional. I don't think I can put someone up on the board who doesn't have experience in the election process. During our interview he was the most prepared. I do believe that for the capacity for this chair his knowledge outweighs anything else. We can encourage Richard to nominate people in the chairs who are transfer students. I can't stand behind a chair who doesn't have a degree of knowledge.

-Sarena: When is institutional knowledge good and when is it not?

-Fieldman: Difference between Richard and Justin in regards to their characters and their ability to do the job.

-Nidirah: we're not going find anybody that's completely impartial. We should voice whether we think he's good for it or not.

-Manzano: this is a conversation that we should have had before about what we want to see in an eboard chair. We're not all on the same page and we should've done so beforehand.

-Fieldman: i hope that when everyone votes they realize that there probably won't ever be an applicant where you're gonna feel 100% about. So think about which ideas outweigh the others.

- Public comment (Ashraf): I hate being here. I've worked with Richard for a long time. The disagreement was Richard did not believe that he couldn't be biased towards that department and I disagree with that. So, I think that impartiality is a top priority for anyone that is to hold this position. it's important for the council to have their own definition. Richard believes that you need to have financial gain in order to be biased but I disagree. Disagreeing on that principle with Richard showed his impartiality. I don't want to stand in front of black man who comes from an underrepresented community. I hate to do this so much but because of this personal experience of conflict of interest and our disagreement that I felt that there was a degree of partiality that wasn't considered in the process.
- Nidirahh: what ppl are dancing around is that folks from that space have ran for usac offices. Can you speak to the integrity of his decisions? Can you actually say that regardless of his bias can you speak to his integrity.
- Public comment by the same person: i struggled to implement this very specific conflict of interest. I felt that this issue was being framed as something different.
- Richard: I'm a student worker not a staff member. Do we really want to start nitpicking and say student workers cannot join committees? On the board people come from greek life, cpo, recreation. Should we say people from recreation shouldn't serve on sfac? Should we say people from low-income communities shouldn't work in sfac? We should not have to say due to your involvements you shouldn't have the position.
- Richard: Last year we had a black woman who went up for sfac and again the same process of this year. Ashra came and tried to derail another black student. It's a disgrace. Two black students in 2 years; you say it's not for your personal vendetta but I see you trying to shut people when they're speaking. It clearly is racist. People need to speak on this and you're taking up all the time.
- Public comment: I think it's important to remember. Everyone should be held to that standard representing the entire student body. Apparently sfac believed in him because he was elected chair the very next year. Hold ourselves accountable and believe in the integrity of people.
- Kim: i believe as students here you all have good intentions. I think we need to be careful on both sides. Throwing out the term racist is a huge impact and we're not in a space where we can bounce off back of eachother as a debate. When it comes to the question of someone's character we need to be careful of how we speak about it. As students we're all learning, earlier Richard made a mistake and that's fine we're here to make mistakes and to go to such an extreme term instead of letting someone learn from this mistake is ridiculous and all of us need to consider that.
- Richard: There's a difference between describing someone versus holding them accountable and letting them know what their actions are. This is the second year in a row that this has happened.
- Nidirah: if there's a pattern there and someone calls it out we can't just say "you're throwing that out there".
- Ashra: I want an explanation as for why you're calling me racist.
- Comment: This is not the time. The issue at hand is the appointment.
- Nidirah: i think we should really be mindful of what our intentions are.
- Fieldman: let's keep further comments and questions concerned to the appointment.
- Comment: As of now it feels like we're attacking CPO as a department and not richard's qualifications
- Bella: it's week 5, i personally would not feel comfortable with someone else being brought up week 7. We talk about making space and bringing people to the table and Richard embodies this. Trust the people that are here and his integrity. Give him the chance to govern.

- Public comment: what a better way to increase voter turnout than by seeing one of their own students. Seeing someone that we can relate to is a great way to begin.
- Jamie: I'm someone who experienced homophobia from the election. So it's hard for me to let that go although I know you will work on it. It's hard for me to know that that won't happen again. I don't know if I can in conscious put that forward.
- Public comment: as a queer latina woman of color. There's room for growth, I think it's especially important that he himself acknowledged that he needed to grow and thanked Jay for the opportunity for education.
- Public comment: his integrity has always been out there. This is the best possible candidate. You're not going to find anybody better than Richard.
- Public comment: to say you can't trust a student when they're qualified speaks to the toxicity of USAC. we talked last year about not making it a toxic space but it's becoming a toxic space.
- Public comment: i think we should acknowledge towards certain sympathies. Like some people are sympathizing towards the offensive words used towards the lgbtq community but not when he called out racism.
- Nidirah: i had to dig deeply within myself and ask do i think he'll do a bad job? No I don't. I really think you have the capability to do that.
- Manzano: I don't think you'd do a bad job either.
- Watson: i do sincerely appreciate that you're learning. Even i struggle when i get called out for something. You doing that is extremely valuable and beneficial. Whatever this council does I do hope that we can continue this relationship
- Nidirah: i don't think he was coming from a bad place. I do think that that was more ignorance rather than hatred or phobia
- Kim: my concern as a transfer student rep is that I want to feel comfortable that this isn't going to be a continued pattern. Where do we draw the line?
- Richard: people who are willing to learn about the USAC elections, we're here for learning experiences
- Ayesha: I am a brown muslim student who is also international, in that position you would have to be making those decisions I think we cannot throw out terms like that.
- Public comment: you are wasting our time and richard's time. Us students demand that you vote tonight.
- Bella moves to approve the appointment; Jay seconds the motion
- 10-2-1; motion passes
- 9:56pm recess
- Resume at 10:21

**Student initiated outreach committee- AJ Tongson**

Nidirahh

- non stipended
- Committee that allocates funds for all the student access and outreach projects from UCLA's campus. These projects service K-14 students through programming and academic support. This committee itself evaluates the projects as well as organizations that are applying for funding. It's a funding source primarily but they do do evaluations and recommendations that will ensure that the projects are performing up to the standards.
- AJ Tongson worked in this committee last year. He made sure things were transparent and allocated for. He also did a lot of work in making sure we're thinking critically about the curriculum and having access.
- No opposition; passes by consent

**Chair Person of the Academics Success Referendum Fund (Melissa Vampell)**

Nidirahh

- We want to give her that role because students haven't been applying for that. I appointed Melissa Vampell because she has experience in allocated funds. I feel that she would be a very qualified member.
- passes by consent; no opposition

**VI. Special Presentations**

- no presentations

**VII. Officer Reports**

A. President	Fieldman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointments: The final remaining appointments are the last two spots on the Student Conduct Committee. We will be doing a PR push for these in the coming weeks and look forward to having them all filled.</li> <li>• Last week's UC Council of Student Body Presidents (CP) meeting with UC President Napolitano was extremely productive, and I look forward to seeing some of the items that we discussed be implemented by UCOP. A few of these include a Regents Special Committee on Basic Needs, dedicated funding in the UC budget for basic needs initiatives, a presidential fellowship for undocumented graduate students, and language in UCUES/Grad Well-Being Survey to gauge needs of parenting students. We also were able to meet with the Interim Systemwide Title IX Coordinator and the Chair of the UCPD Task Force.</li> <li>• Thank you to those of you who showed your support for and solidarity with the Jewish community this week. Special thanks to EVP for co-hosting the #PittsburghStrong event on Bruin Walk.</li> </ul>	
B. Internal Vice President	Watson
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<del>C. External Vice President</del>	Kennerk
G. General Rep 1	Haleem
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<del>H. General Rep 2</del>	Martin
<del>I. General Rep 3</del>	Solis
<del>E. Facilities Commissioner</del>	Ho-Gonzalez
F. Financial Supports Commissioner	Manzano
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J. Campus Events Commission	Madison
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus Movie Fest began today! (10/31)</li> <li>• Still Woozy Concert tomorrow, 11/1 KGS 7 PM</li> <li>• A Quiet Place Screening tomorrow, 11/1 AGB 8 PM</li> <li>• Michael Kors x Kate Hudson x UN World Food Panel 11/7 Northwest Auditorium 11 AM</li> <li>• Melnitz + CEC Free Sneak: Overlord, 11/8 James Bridges Theater 8 PM</li> </ul>	
<del>K. Transfer Rep</del>	Kim
L. Student Wellness Commissioner	Faour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Menstrual hygiene dispenser came in for SAC -&gt; Plans to install with Jimmy really soon. Supposed to happen Monday but the package didn't come in time.</li> <li>• Active Minds has a Common Scents Sustainable Self-care workshop--Wednesday November 7th at 6 PM in the CAPS Large Conference Room</li> <li>• BruNecessities also set the date for the Oral Health Fair to be November 29th</li> <li>• Body Image is partnering with Psypher for a Body Image Workshop: Friday, November 9th 8-10 PM @ Parking Structure 4</li> <li>• BCC had a candle light display distribution early today, they had about 500 candles lit up</li> <li>• EARTH is co-programming with Active Minds for a beach clean-up in mid-November</li> <li>• SEARCH is having a Work Out Workshop and Free Zumba Class on Nov 15 7-8:30pm @ Bradley Intl Room 300</li> <li>• Sexperts will be planning events for World AIDS Day with PAC, just a reminder- World AIDS Day is on December 1st</li> </ul>	
<del>M. Community Service Commissioner</del>	Sonola
<del>N. Academic Affairs Commissioner</del>	Stephens
O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner	Khasawneh
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**VIII. Contingency Programming\***

- Total required: \$40,101.12
- Total requested was \$19,646.67
- Recommended: \$11,000
- Watson moves to approve \$11,000; Julia seconds the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved

**IX. New Business**

**Resolution on Antisemitism and Gun Violence\***

Fieldman

-on October 27, 2018, a white nationalist opened fire during a Shabbat service at the Tree of Life Or L’Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, killing 11 Jewish individuals, including one Holocaust survivor, and wounding four others<sup>1</sup>; though anti-Semitism has an extensive history, 2017 saw a nearly 60 percent increase in reported anti-Semitic incidents, including the Charlottesville, VA “Unite the Right” rally, on top of a 35 percent increase the year before<sup>2</sup>; FBI hate crime statistics for 2016, the most recent year available, show that more than half of reported anti-religious hate crimes in the United States were motivated by anti-Semitism<sup>3</sup>; social media platforms have shown a sustained increase in anti-Semitic content among alt-right white nationalists since President Trump’s 2016 election, and this is exacerbated for queer Jews and Jews of color<sup>4</sup>; there have been 293 mass shooting events in the United States in 2018 so far, along with a total of 346 in 2017, many of which have involved semi-automatic weapons<sup>5</sup>; gun violence disproportionately impacts marginalized communities and communities of color<sup>6</sup>;

-Let it be resolved that the 2018-19 Undergraduate Students Associated Council (USAC) unequivocally condemns anti-Semitism in all forms and stands with the Jewish community on and off campus. Let it be further resolved that the USAC will continue to organize against gun violence and in support of sensible gun violence prevention legislation. Let it be further resolved that the USAC condemns all instances of identity-based intolerance and violence and stands in solidarity with the marginalized communities who are often targeted. Let it be finally resolved that the USAC reiterates its commitment to fighting against anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and intolerance at UCLA and beyond.

-Ally moves to approve the resolution; Watson seconds the motion

-10-0-0; motion passes resolution is approved

**Discussion item on Hate Crimes**

Manzano

-Jay: I wanted to have a discussion on how folks are doing. I’m specifically referring to the tragedies taking place this past weekend. I wanted to see if anyone has any thoughts and what perhaps our stance as a council should be?

-Watson: for me it was weird because it targeted black folks back home. It hits close to home when it is in your home. It doesn’t hit you until it’s in your neighborhood.

-Bethanie: We don’t need to have a stance. What I think is meaningful and impactful is creating spaces where we can talk about this. We all come from different backgrounds so I don’t think we need to have a certain stance on it.

-Ally: a lot of what we’re hearing right now is “make sure you vote” but I think we need to think about other ways that we can mobilize and hear out people that are being affected. Maybe giving that space in our offices because there was transphobic comments made by the administration.

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-Fieldman: \* do want to recognize the cross community solidarity that has been displayed. I don't identify as someone from a marginalized community. So many of my identities have been outlined with oppressors in the past.

-Ally: if anyone is interested in having our offices collaborate just let me know

-Bella: it's hard with timeliness, there's always this pressure to bounce back with quick resolution. If we don't do it then people will forget. We should never be discouraged by timeliness to stand up for what we believe in. we shouldn't only speak up when something tragic happens, we should talk about it even in the good times.

## **X. Old business**

### **FSC Bylaw Change**

Manzano

-Basically we wanted to update bylaws or change them to fall in line with the kind of message we're trying to create with SFC. Specifically we're trying to update or amend article 1, article 2, article 5

- For Article 1 what we wish to do is to add the words "financial insecurity and". That way we address areas of financial insecurity and financial concerns to the student. The reason for this is that we believe that by adding these two words we're living up to reality that while every student experiences financial concern, not every student experiences financial insecurity. Those two mean vastly different things. We believe that it is the duty of not only this year's financial supports commission but also the financial supports commission for years to come. Specifically why we chose to use the words financial insecurity versus financial security was because insecurity and security mean different things. We want to be specific in FSC aims to address issues of inequality, inequity and approach it through a social justice lens.

- For article 2 what we want to do is to make it relevant to needs of students today because there's so much going on with unaffordable housing or not having enough food to eat or enough money. We believe that there is a lot of power in producing services and developing programs. We also believe that by approaching things in advocacy based manner we can do a lot. That is why we want to add to the bylaws the financial supports commissioner may use a programmatic or advocacy based approach. We want to make sure that future FSC continues to build on these efforts.

-Lastly we want to add to article 5 "and accessibility" because accessibility and affordability can be different. Affordability means you're able to buy something and accessibility means you being even considered with those resources. What might be affordable might be inaccessible to others.

-new one: FSC can use a programmatic or advocacy based approach; the fsc may work with administration and members of the council. We decided to add this because it's necessary for fsc to step out of its own bubble and work with other members of the council.

-Bethanie moves to approve the bylaw; Robert seconds the motion

-10-0-0; motion passes and bylaw is amended

### **Supplemental Fund for Service (SFS) Allocations**

Sonola

-2 organizations applied

-total allocation: \$1,361 to Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE) and

-Watson motions to approve the allocations; Jamie seconds the motion

-10-0-0; SFS allocations approved

### **Travel mini grant allocations**

Nidirah

-So far we've allocated about \$7,000 of our funds

-Most of the funds are for air fare and transportation

-Bethanie moves to approve the allocations; Bella seconds the motion

-10-0-0; allocations approved

## **XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

-attendance sheet is passed around

## **XII. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

-meeting adjourned at 11:05pm

**XIII. Good and Welfare**

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