



FINALIZED 11/20/18

AGENDA

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

November 6th, 2018

7:00PM

## I. Call to Order

Fieldman

- Fieldman calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm

### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-attendance sheet is passed around

## II. Approval of minutes from 10/23/18 and 10/30/18\*

- 10/23 Bella moves to approve the minutes; Ayesha seconds the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passes; minutes approved
- 10/30 will revisit next week

## III. Approval of the Agenda\*

-strike gen rep 3 officer report

- Ayesha moves to approve the agenda; Julia seconds the motion
- 10-0-0; motions passes, agenda approved as amended

## IV. Public Comments

- no audio, no video  
-none
- no video, audio  
-none
- audio & video  
-none

-Public comments closed at 7:21pm

## V. UCPD Update

Kilgore

-Good evening, not a whole lot of changes since we last met. We have some upcoming events on campus, the main thing I want to talk about this evening is that we as a police department would like for you to help encourage your fellow students to be mindful that we do have a university that is open to the public. We're fortunate enough to be in a place where we're nationally known, people want to come here, they want to engage in conversation. We understand that that is sometimes not what everybody necessarily believes in. We understand that there are also high passion beliefs that come with events that happen on campus whether that's in support of or not in support of certain sides. In that I would ask that you would encourage people to engage in constructive conversation. All in all, we show respect for one another just for the mere fact that we are all humans. We understand that beliefs run deep and it's good to have a passion for a cause. But when conversations become extreme and confrontation occurs people don't necessarily act the way they would act normally and that drives people to not listen and can also be a conflict for confrontations and words that are used that are hurtful. As we embrace these events that are happening and we all understand that there are people who are in support of events that happen on campus. Embrace the fact that we are in a university that allows people to voice their beliefs. We can make certain that we can control how we act as a person. Encourage people who are taking part in events to do so in respect for others. Make sure that the conversation amongst the group is heard.

It's a conversation that people want to listen to. Having that conversation in a very low tone of voice is more beneficial than to yell and scream. Sometimes you just gotta walk away and be the bigger person. Sometimes it's better to not say anything at all than to yell and scream. Keep those things in mind. Any questions?

Q&A:

- Q: What happens when people who are coming from off campus are inciting violence or they're saying things that constitute as hate speech, what happens then? What is the protocol?
- A: Many times people will say things that are hurtful to others. Some people may consider things hate speech others may not. Sometimes the party that is hearing it considers it hate speech but by law it's not. Unfortunately, we don't have the ability to hold people responsible when they're coming from the outside and aren't a student at the university. I don't have the ability as a police officer to limit someone's speech because of certain laws. It's tough to be able to avoid that. Our role is to make sure that there isn't a physical altercation. If that conversation continues it continues to perpetuate. We encourage both sides to walk away from one another. Hateful speech falls under hate incidence matters. I wish i had a different answer.
- Q: Is there some sort of protocol or way that they can be more consistent with people walking on campus one day and starting that? Is there a protocol when it comes to not scheduled speakers?
- A: A lot of this that happens that is unscheduled, we don't know about it until it's the last minute. We don't know about those things until they actually happen. When we do find out, they respond. SOLE is very good about getting their administrators out and notifying us as a police department.
- Q: Under what circumstances would a student be arrested for engaging another person on campus in a specific way? Like when a protestor who spilled chocolate milk on someone who was saying nazi stuff. In what sort of instances would someone be arrested?
- A: The criteria we would use is if there's a physical confrontation between two people, that is considered assault. The other thing that could qualify is if there are threatening words that has the ability to carry out the threat. So if someone makes a threat to someone and that threat can be carried out. We simply deal with just the law, not the university's rules and policies.

## VI. Appointments

Jenny Wang for Finance Committee#

Ender

-Ryan (speaking of both appointments Jenny and Christine): Mainly what they would be doing as new members is reviewing continuous applications and holding office hours to student groups about different funding opportunities, participating funding workshops. They're both new UCLA students, both first years. Jenny is a Math/Econ Major and Christine is a Math Major. We interviewed like 11 people and felt that these 2 were the best fit. We're confident they'll be able to excel and do a great job.

-No opposition, appointment passes by consent

Christine Tseng for Finance Committee#

Ender

-no opposition, appointment passes by consent

## VII. Special Presentations

-none

## VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Fieldman

- Applications for the final remaining Presidential Appointments to the Student Conduct Committee are still open - please help publicize!
- At a system-wide level, I am working with the Student Regents, UCSA, and UC Council on Student Fees to organize around a \$7.5 M ask for UC-wide basic needs initiatives in the 2019-20 UCOP budget.

- This past Saturday, I had my quarterly meeting as a member of the UCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Topics of discussion included Volunteer Day, Virtual Alumni Day, and presentations from Vice Provost of Enrollment Management Youlanda Copeland-Morgan and Alumni Scholars Club President Megan Ren.

B. Internal Vice President

Watson

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C. External Vice President

Kennerk

- Election day today. Had 350 people halfway in come to party at the polls, Eric Garcetti came and spoke to students about the importance of voting, based on what we've been seeing today we're definitely going to beat the 11% turnout from 2014
- UCSA meeting this weekend. UCPATH will be big topic, send me grievances or updates. Also will be looking at basic needs issues
- Regents meeting next week, Also big talking point is UC path because they've largely been kept in the dark. Approving budget for '19-'20 year. Will be at UCSF.

G. General Rep 1

Haleem

- Konversations at Kerckhoff event with Mick Deluca on Wednesday, free Coffee at Kerckhoff patio
- South Asian solidarity picnic at the Sunset Rec, December 1st. Co-programmed with a bunch of cultural organizations such as: Pakistani Student Association, Indus at UCLA, Indian Student Union. The event will feature cricket, games and snacks. Meant to be a way for students to destress and for various South Asian Organizations to work with each other.
- Our Community, Our Discourse team is working with the Afro-Latinx Union and the Mixed Student Union, in order to facilitate a series of dialogue centered around the issues of their communities.

H. General Rep 2

Martin

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~~I. General Rep 3~~

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E. Facilities Commissioner

Ho-Gonzalez

- We our hosting our Disabilities Rights Town Hall event tomorrow from 6PM-8PM at Carnesale Commons Venice Room. The event will allow students the ability to share their opinion and concerns with campus administrators from various entities on campus on how the campus infrastructure is inaccessible. Students know the day to day issues that are affecting them and we hope they feel comfortable enough to share those areas of concern with us so that we can work together to address them. and make sure maintenance is up to par.

F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Manzano

- Lab coat drive taking place between December 3rd-14th
- Secured \$6,500 from Financial Wellness Program to help expand the FSC/OID iClicker loaner library

J. Campus Events Commission

Madison

- Hiring finished: 11 n00bs
- Michael Kors & Kate Hudson, tomorrow 11/7 @ 11 AM, Northwest Auditorium
- CEC & Melnitz Movies Free Sneak: Overlord, 11/8 @ 8 PM, James Bridges Theater
- CEC Free Sneak: Green Book, 11/13 @ 8 PM, Ackerman Grand Ballroom
- CMF Premiere at UCLA, 11/15 @ 8 PM, Ackerman Grand Ballroom

K. Transfer Rep

Kim

L. Student Wellness Commissioner

Faour

- We hired 10 interns!! Interns will be shadowing eboard members, committee directors, learning more about what SWC does, help out with what is needed.
- One of my platforms was to observe National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week to remove stigma around drugs and alcohol. That will be from tues 1/22- fri 1/25
  - HCI's Breathewell pod is on board
- Active Minds has a Common Scents Sustainable Self-care workshop--Wednesday
- Active Minds Mental Health Fair also tomorrow, Wednesday
- Active Minds Speed Friending Event on Thursday
- Body Image is partnering with Psypher for a Body Image Workshop: Friday, November 9th 8-10 PM@ Parking Structure
- Sexperts, in collaboration with SHEP just released the Bruin Love Station schedule, hit me up if you want it! Or let me know if you would like to have it at one of your events and I can ask for you.

M. Community Service Commissioner

Sonola

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N. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Stephens

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O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Khasawneh

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P. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

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## IX. Contingency Programming\*

-17 groups applied (none from usac)

-Total required: \$15,353.68

-Total requested: \$10,178.30

-Total recommended: \$8,792

- Ayesha moves to approves the contingency programming; Robert seconds the motion
- 13-0-0; motion passes and contingency programming is approved

## X. New Business

-**Fieldman**: I wanted to set some ground rules before starting, especially because of last week's rather emotionally charging hearing

- Each person from the public gets two minutes each
- Each person from the public speaks once unless they have something pressing they need to say
- Challenge ideas on individuals that are relevant to the issue
- Freedom of speech does not mean freedom of accountability
- Use gender neutral pronouns
- No filming, refer to USAC live
- One mic
- Can call for recess at any moment

-**Watson:** I just want to point out that we're not trying to silence anyone, we want you to speak up just preferably stay seated and no yelling to not cause any social anxiety, so that's all we're asking for.

-**Nidira:** It's cool for y'all to speak freely, just be mindful of personal space

-**Fieldman:** I'm looking forward to facilitating this conversation, and with that I will let Asha speak.

Discussion Item: Administrative over-step in regards to the SJP Conference

Isse

-Hello everyone my name is Asha. I do want to have a disclaimer I don't want to talk about the conference specifically but I do want to put external pressure including the administrative over-step. But first and foremost Abjay is going to talk about what SJP is just in case individuals who are in the room don't know of the organization

-It was created in 2005. It's about Palestinian liberation and solidarity call for liberation. If you want to know more specifically about what they're about please visit their website, please visit their meetings etc.

-We're going to talk about the timeline that lead to administrative over-step and external uc regents etc. So we can go

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the UC regents meeting at ucla that was held September 25th through the 27th. There was an open session which students can give public comments. A student gave one in opposition of a conference being held here in reference to UCOP policy. In summary it basically says if an organization is funded by student fees then it must be open. This doesn't necessarily relate to SJP because SJP conference is being privately funded but this public comment lead the regents to automatically institute investigations into whether ucla was violating any uc regents policy. This is

important

because the UC regents technically own the mascot UCLA logo. Moving forward, October 11th

representative Brad

Sherman represents the San Fernando Valley, wrote to chancellor Gene to denounce the SJP conference. SJP conference is happening November 16th-18th, so next Friday. So chancellor's response basically said that one of the consequences of robust freedom of expression is having conferences like this go on. There is an obscure policy called the first amendment. Specifically the administrative over-step that we want to talk about is specifically on October 31st, an article was published questioning the use of SJP using the logo, the same day of vice chancellor Michael beck let out a cease and desist letter. The following day the cease and desist letter was obtained and published on a website. In summary Michael beck is referring to ucla's policy 110. So basically, the letter says that NSJP cannot be associated with UCLA in the way of the bruin bear, in the way of UCLA's name being there because it violates policy 110. The bruin bear itself is a product of UC California. This letter was sent out October 31st and they had until November 5th to comply or could potentially face the cancellation of this conference. We've had numerous conferences at UCLA some being right-wing speakers and they were not faced with this aspect of policy 110. It seems that policy 110 was used to undermine the NSJP conference. This letter is coming out of bias and undermining freedom of expression and freedom of speech. The letter only referenced one policy. Today the LA city council unanimously voted to stop the NSJP conference from happening at UCLA. So let's look at the logo difference. The only thing that was taken out was the UCLA name. The UCLA name has been used in several other instances in other organizations. It's interesting to me that a cease and desist letter was sent out to SJP for a removal as a strategic pulling of the strings by the administration. In summary, there's a lot of external pressure on the SJP conference from LA city council. We're here to ask council to support the SJP conference happening here at UCLA.

Q&A/comment with council:

- Q: how do they expect you to express the location of the conference without utilizing UCLA?
- A: Yeah, that's the thing. It's more about has this policy been used on other organizations or is it more of a strategic thing that administration is trying to do to try to pull the cards on SJP conference
- Q: when you speak about not having access, from what entity are you speaking?
- A: So we can't apply to any funds, to anything inside of UCLA. so all of the money that we got came from fundraising and then from NSJP fundraising. So the funding that people usually use for conferencing we don't have access to because if we do that then we have to open the event to everyone and so that would allow disruptions to happen inside of the conference which is counterproductive to what we needed.
- Q: Can you outline the council so we can have an idea on what you want us to do?
- A: I'm asking for the support, letter of support, whatever y'all best see fit. Condemning Michael Beck and the administration's manipulation and abuse of power in trying to shut down this conference.

- Comment (Aly): Obviously this refers to one component you were talking about but, in terms of name use for UCLA, recently with our event tomorrow the UN food program we're not paying of that it was offered to us. We wanted to have the hashtag UCLA XNK Michael Kors and we weren't allowed to do that it was shut down because we would need approval from vice chancellor as well. They are doing that to other organizations, of course the circumstances are different it's about consistency.
- Comment (Fieldman): The administration specifically the office of the administrative vice chancellor is in the process of implementing a new policy. They're likely going to be announcing that this week. The reason that this incident may seem to be different is because it is the first opportunity of the AVC office to enforce this student policy and the student protocol. So, something I propose is asking the member of vice chancellor's office to come and present to us on this new policy next week if that's something that you're all interested in.
- Comment (Nidira): See that's the issue though, like I'd be down for that but it's like how can you enforce a policy that hasn't been in the making yet, so therefore if the timings don't add up then there's a big fundamental issue here.
- Comment: (Sarena): you don't punish someone and then host the town hall.
- Comment (Geller): Policy 110 does exist. There is a draft being worked on that will get revision. I think you might be able to ask him to come and explain the current policies as well as talk about the revisions that they're hoping to make. You're correct that the actions they're taking now have to be consistent with the current policy and not a future draft that's not yet admitted.
- Comment/Q (Watson): I'm wondering if with these various instances if the response was the same. I'm interested in looking into finding if there are more contradictions. Can you go over again the collusion side of things?
- A: It's all in the air, there was a lot of overlap that confused me. The Los Angeles Jewish journal on the same day released an article questioning why SJP was ceasing that right and on that same day Michael Beck released a cease and desist letter. Then the following day there was an article published by the same newspaper that's not under media relations basically publicizing the letter and the following day there was another article published of the same entity. So it was more about questioning how I reached out to the vice chancellor and requested a public record of how this happened with media relations and they didn't really have an answer to this specific entity.
- Q: So specifically, the cease and desist letter you don't know how it got into the hands of an organization so quickly?
- A: Yeah it was the following day, the letter was written the same day the article was written and the following day there was an article with letter so we were curious as to the requesting process because there's so much overlap with administration.
- Comment from Administrative Rep: I thought it was my impression that you can't say UCLA justice conference but you can say justice conference at UCLA.
- A: Yeah we do understand that there's a lot of entities that have "at UCLA" at their events but it's more about the letter used the policy and then by enforcing the policy it gave them less than a week to comply with the policy before taking steps to shut down the conference. So that's what we have the issue with.
- Comment (Sarena): Just for your first question, about CEC was given the warning. So administration has known about NSJP having the conference for a longer amount of time. They've known since probably late July so I would like to put the argument out there that the reason they are stressing this among other orgs is because they have the intention of trying to stress it inside of SJP but that's just because I'm Sarena and I like to distrust everyone in administration.
- Comment (Asha): also there are people from the conference that feel that SJP is being the test of these policies.
- Q: Would you be down to write a resolution?
- A: Yes.
- Comment (Watson): Yeah that's what I would recommend that way we can put it down as an action item next week and take a vote on it.
- Q (Ayesha): Can you still use the bear? Because that's not identifiable as the bruin bear.

- A: Yeah that doesn't look like the bruin bear to me. We were allowed to dispute that, we're keeping the bear.
- Q (Manzano): what kinds of changes are they trying to make to the policy? And is SJP being held to the new version or the version of 1988
- A: right now SJP is currently being held to the policy 1988.
- Comment (Watson): even just condemning the policies would be good too.
- Q (Nidira): did sjp comply or not comply?
- A: yeah the graphic was changed.
- Comment (Sarena): The idea is that we're being attacked in a way that others are not. The idea is that we'll take it off but make sure everyone else does too.
- Comment (Ayesha): one of the things i'm concerned about is the timeline because yall had to comply because of the conference. Think about how much time were they given.
- Watson: the resolution is supposed to have evidence so if there is evidence which I believe there is, put it in and if council members refute then they're refuting evidence.

Q&A/Comment with public:

- No audio, no video  
-two comments
- No video, audio  
-none
- Audio and video  
-Hi everyone my name is Jackie Chafer I have no intention to issue a referendum on anti zionism or SJP or administrative action. I have no interest in partaking in the annual circus of Israel versus Palestine or SJP debate on this campus. What i do want to talk about it what happened about a week and a half ago I had about 7 fb msgs asking me if I've heard of this speaker at the nsjp conference. His name is Samara, he is a queer Palestinian activist. He's spoken at previous nsjp conferences. The students brought to my attention a recent tweet, "jews are so ugly". This was not too far removed from Pittsburgh, the Jewish community not only at UCLA but the greater Los Angeles community as you've seen erupted. So from this point onwards I will read you his tweets, starting with his announcement of the speaking position so there's no accusation of bias, I will let his words do the talking. "NSJP is right around the corner, this year SJP UCLA is hosting it in LA, come support the Palestinian community and attend the workshops." "i eat like a hog and my nose is bigger than a jews." "I want to rape my crush omg." "People with down syndrome are ugly and cruel, they should pay for surgery so that I don't have to go through the pain of seeing them." "How could black people love raising the roof but can't raise their own sons." "I respect females that like black men because that means they're willing to be a single mother." "I always look up rape porn but can't find any." "Y'all are black anyways I shouldn't have had high expectations." "Are you black because my TV was there a second ago."  
-Comment: I don't think it's helpful to say these words in front of people, I think if you just say that he has tweets that you find offensive then we'll understand and then those of us who feel comfortable and are willing to look at them, will.  
-Response (Jackie): I think that everyone had a chance to speak and I respect that there are members of the Jewish community and-  
-Comment: will you give trigger warnings then? For the words that you're going to say  
-Response: Yes I apologize that I haven't. I'll give a trigger warning for this one although it's my last one. Sorry that I did not give a trigger warning before. "Shut up about gay marriage and go kill all the Jews." I just want to say that let's not intellectualize racism and anti-semitism by talking about administrative over-step and about bias. Let's not play games and mental gymnastics. This is about the safety of students on campus. This is about hate and this is about an organization and a conference who won't disinvite or publicly condemn this man. I will not feel safe on campus as a jewish student and as a woman. If you care about the safety of Jewish student on this campus then you will not offer a letter supporting this conference at the very least until this man is disinvited.  
-Fieldman: We're going to not have USAC respond right now

-Watson: I'm not responding to that, I'm responding to enforcing our bylaws which is if we extend the time allotted to public comments to public speakers can we actually have a formal request to do that? Because in general if we go over two minutes then we need to discuss the bylaws for that to happen.

-Bethany: Also, trigger warnings are very important, like personally I am very bloody triggered by what you just said, no offense so please anyone if you're going to be saying these things because there's certain words that maybe you shouldn't be saying.

-Jay: Also let's be mindful of our body language. I saw several eye rolls when she said that about 11 Jewish people were killed, and that is separate from the NSJP conference. Let's just be mindful of that because tragedies are tragedies

-Let's extend public comments to three minutes

- Nidira moves to extend public comments; Watson seconds the motion.
- Motion passes by consent; public comments extended to three minutes.

-Public comment: I want to address the comments, that was really fucked up [recording unclear, please refer to USAC live]. What really made me mad was trying to conquer and divide us by highlighting all of the anti-black tweets. So I just want to read these tweets because those tweets that she read were from years ago and none of us are born out of the womb "woke". I used to be problematic, I used to talk shit about Mexicans, about undocumented people I used to say send them back to the border, I used to make terrorist jokes.

\*audience makes comments about trigger warnings\* Oh I'm sorry! I'm sorry, but I'm just saying now look at me. I'm at the forefront fighting for these people because I was uneducated, I was stupid, I was dumb. Like I said nobody is born out of the womb woke. With that being said I want to read his recent tweets that she somehow I guess magically missed and this is the same guy that she talked about I'm going to read this recent tweets. "I want to address the screenshots about my old tweets floating around again and offering real accountability. I was a horrible troll trying to belong to Twitter. And we all know what twitter is, it's anti-black and problematic as fuck. I followed a lot of trolls accounts and decided to perpetuate jokes for attention. When I hit college I began to educate myself. That's when I started my activism and it was all due to Black Lives Matter. The whole point of me being a community organizer now is to mobilize my community towards national liberation. The reality is that we all live in an anti-black world, all colonized societies have anti-black structures. Y'all who have been following me now for some time know me and know my colloquial line of closeness with the black liberation movement. The work I put in now for black liberation is a genuine central to liberation for all oppressed nationalities. I know as a palestinian organizer that our strongest allies have actually been black folks... My expressions of racist disrespect and colonial tropes of hypersexualized black bodies for consumption is never okay. This stems from an inherent lack of self understanding and lack of material understanding of deliberation... I understand what my past posts reflect. Its a mirror of how i saw and respected myself and black folks. This was a huge injustice to afro-palestinians as well, the most oppressed of us." You bringing up tweets from years ago and now he's at the forefront for black lives, he's been endorsed by Black Lives Matter, everybody knows him. And the fact that most of those tweets have to do with black people, I just feel the need as a black person to respond and make sure everybody is straight in this room and to avoid this divide and conquer attack. "We're all fighting for liberation... No lie I fill my lines and ultimately my ability. I truly am sorry for my past posts. They're not reflective of my current political views..."

- Hi my name's Rain. I'm honestly speechless. I'm gonna be honest with you, today's the first time I hear about this Palestine and Israel thing call it ignorance or just uneducated. I've never been so hurt about the situation until I was taught about it. This is an education system, this is a conference for information to be let out. To know that the administration is trying to work through these loopholes to shut down information to be given to students is it like a slap in the face. It's like censorship in a way. It's just a conference it's a really important conference and you know, the other side should have a conference too!
- My name is Maddie, I'm part of the student labor advocacy project. Over the summer we co hosted student labor organizing on campus. Basically our cover photo for the event just said the word ucla, it didn't say "at UCLA" and no one came after us. This event was public and it was shared at all the uc campuses. I do believe this is a targeted attack on the NSJP conference because this policy hasn't been used consistently.

- My name is Hiram, i'm a board member of sjp. If people do have questions I can answer them. Samara, he will not be disinvited because he was not invited. We never published who our speakers will be so I'm not sure how she got this information. He did apply, we reviewed his entry, we decided that now is not the time. So I just want to lay that out there. So if anyone is saying oh so and so is speaking at the conference I just want to challenge the veracity of that because there is no way that anybody besides like four of us in this room that know who is speaking at the conference. Sjp is a group about liberation, freedom, justice and the end of oppression. Some people feel uncomfortable because of our presence and the things that we talk about. It's not a controversial fact. Some people feel uncomfortable about the fact that we fight oppression. If that makes you feel uncomfortable, maybe you should ask yourselves why. Asha was really knowledgeable about specific policies, I wanna zoom out a little bit and talk about our non-political context. The political status quo in our country is unambiguous, unconditional support for the state of Israel no matter what human rights violations they commit. The push back we've received from people like Trump's legal aides, representatives, we believe are consistent with the fact that we are going against the political status quo. We're asking that ucla administration don't vow to that same political status quo. Again I'm on the programming committee and a handful of other committees so I'm available for questions at any time.
- My name is Diana, I have been attending sjp for about a month. When I came in I didn't know much about the organization and I was brought awareness. I just wanna say that every time I go to the meetings I feel like I'm safe, I learn and I engage with the group. I've enjoyed being there and learning about what's going on. I want this conference to happen because I'm planning to volunteer, I already asked for time off. I want to attend the workshops.
- Justin: I want to talk to you all tonight about intellectualization and student safety with regards to the first amendment, protection of hate speech on campus. National SJP has also hosted terrorist people directly responsible for the murder of civilians in 2015 and 2012. After Pittsburgh the massacre of 11 Jewish Americans I find it odd that sjp would have solidarity with all communities they claim to support, including the Jewish community, by even considering hosting speakers hovering these actions. My question to you is this, why is jewish life outside of America worth less than inside of America. Hate is hate and blood is blood. Saying otherwise is directly counter to intersectional theory. We have heard about students asking about free speech [audio recording not clear, please refer to USAC live]. We know that this protection of freedom of speech as well as hate speech is extremely hypocritical. In regards to the rest, I seriously question the accusations of defamatory over-step and collusion. If there was, then there wouldn't be a delay for the uc regents to answer a 24 hour time sensitive request to find out of their own policies. There wouldn't be a conference to take place for an organization that shuts down free speech at UCLA and intimidates students of various backgrounds. I challenge each individual here to use their conscious and compassion when addressing this violation. Sjp is not an organization to be normalized while its activities have been on record to violate free speech and student safety. Thank you.
- I wanna say 2-3 things about this conference, it's very important for us to understand both sides of suffering because Palestine is also suffering and so is Israel but we're not going to talk about that. It's very important that this conference to happen because it will teach about what's going on. Also I want to say that using speakers who are in the past is totally unfair to blame it on the whole organization. I do not condone those comments. It's important so people can learn about what's going on in palestine. It's important to stop blaming sjp for expressing free speech. Just because it's a closed event doesn't mean that they're limiting people from expressing free speech. I've attended the event all you have to do is participate in the event and you get in. So if you really want to go out and speak just participate in the event.
- Bella: how can a student go to the conference?
- Hiram: This is a conference for sjp members and ally organizations. Other than that nobody is allowed to attend. Because there's a website called canary. It's a web that exists to stop and harass palestine activists. To scare people away from talking about palestine. When we're asking palestinian students to come to our conference and feel safe. The way you end up on canary will keep track of what you're doing. Its a security measure.

- Sarena: Real quick, don't go to the website, I know it's tempting but the more clicks it gets the more counterproductive it is to the movement to get it shut down.
- I just wanna speak since everyone's speaking on safety. There was a protest against sjp. And I received multiple messages from friends of mine speaking about the verbal abuse. And they were abused further in ways that they are going to talk to me about tomorrow. We were also approached by the ravi [please refer to USAC live]. The second thing I wanna say is I was born and raised in palestine. I know people in Palestinian universities, the president for student government was arrested for simply speaking about stuff and people are arrested for posting things on Facebook. The reason I left Palestine to come to the United States is to be able to speak about anything that comes to me. To be able to speak about the oppressions by the Israel government. I'm not here to be silenced by zionism again. This conference is way for everybody to express the oppressions that they face on a daily basis in Palestine and educate the UCLA folk.
- Fieldman: To provide some context, I am so horrified to hear about the events of today. External groups did the protest not in any way associated with UCLA. Jewish Bruins and Israel orgs on campus don't support this and we were not reached out to regarding this visit until after the fact. That's very unacceptable that that happened to you and I'm very sorry and I want to validate that.
- Hiram: I wanna respond to some comments, i think we can all agree that some comments were saturated in racist dog whistles around terrorism, something that was rooted in anti-Palestinian racism. I want to problematize that discourse. Justin you spoke at the regents community a few weeks ago and you brought up policy 7020, I'm curious how you found out about that, can you talk about that?
- Justin: Can you elaborate on that?
- Hiram: you're the one who brought it to the regents. Like who told you about it? Did you find out about it yourself?
- Justin: I decline to respond to that comment.
- Justin: Something else to respond to, the letter itself I want to talk about the content and symbolism you guys all saw the image. When it comes to freedom of speech and bias, the kite that was depicted with the bruin bear is a flaming kite used to burn down Israeli farm lands and nature preserves. I know that because it's impacted my own family. I got to hold one of these kites myself. Since march 30th 2018 this has gone on burning over thousands of acres of Israeli land. I would like to say if burning is just I cannot imagine what full blown justice for sjp advocacy is. You can go on social media and find this at your fingertips.
- Nidira: Like many other people who aren't from Israel or Palestine I feel like I'm in a position of having to educate myself. I think sitting here and listening to everything, we need to be mindful of the data that we're presenting because when we're talking about things like burning things and protesting like looting people would say the same things or attach that to Black Lives Matter. I feel like that's important because from both sides it seems like they're calling on USAC to make a decision out of which way. I think it's super important that if you want us to make a decision that's in your way and this is for anybody on either side. Because coming from my perspective and having seen a lot of things and using that sort of level of having compassion and understanding that it's very hard to say that because if there's a decisions there's gonna be people reacting in the ways they can't. You see a lot of stuff written down about sjp, someone trying introducing the idea of Palestinians burning things down, let's just be mindful of what the facts are and not use [refer to USAC live]... Because it can also be used to demoralize humans that are actually for people. For instance like what happened in Ferguson. The news media tried to make it seem like people were disoriented. I think we should be mindful because what happened in Ferguson was nothing compared to the Watts or LA riots. Let's speak matter of factly.
- I would like to vocalize my support. Its unacceptable for sjp to be targeted. We should not allow and accept for forces on campus [refer to USAC live]... I wanted to vocalize my support.
- I just wanna mention that if you do wanna talk about sufferings you have to look at the other side too.
- Recess at 9:42
- Resume at 9:47

-Fieldman:[No audio recording of beginning comments, refer to USAC live]... With that being said, I respect the democratic nature of this council and that my voice is only 1 of 14 who are all elected with different purposes and different experiences and

empower you all to proceed as you may. I simply ask that my position and my identity is to be taken into account and respected on this council. And most of all I ask for the safety of my Jewish and Israel communities are not left as an afterthought. With that I'm going to open it up to discussion with members of the council.

-Bella: can you reiterate what the call to action is and what would be articulated in a potential resolution in support of the conference, to the freedom of speech directly tied to the logo just to bring it back?

-Asha: Also I would just like to clarify that I'm not SJP, SJP has asked me to present to them so if anyone has any other questions aside please direct them to SJP board members. So my action item specifically is in regards to the policies that administration have been talking about that have undermined.. [Refer to USAC live]

-Watson: I just wanted to validate everybody's feelings here. I can see a lot of the discourse, I guess what I wanted to say is that you're targeting something very specifically. My main concern is that this doesn't become something broader. What i'm looking for is you addressing the specific instances that happened and putting that in your resolution with evidence and I think if you do that then you have my support.

-Bella: a couple different representatives spoke and talked about the different kind of logoing and that nature. I thought it was interesting how it wasn't presented through a sole advisor, would that be something that you're articulating in your resolution? That y'all were treated in a separate manner other than other communities that have had logoing and licensing issues?

-Asha: Yeah that can be something that SJP decides

-Aly: Did you sole advisor know anything about the logo

-Sarena: No

-Jay: If we were to draft a resolution condemning the ucla administrations over enforcing a policy that hasn't been enforced on others, at the focus it'd be to upholding free speech. How can we ensure this resolution is not then used by other groups on campus who want to bring Milo to UCLA. I want to make sure SJP's freedom of speech is being protected. If we were to pass a resolution how do we ensure that other groups who bring actual hateful speakers don't use the resolution as a way to justify those speaker's presence?

-Watson: The issue that they're getting at isn't about hate speech versus free speech it is more so about administration specifically looking at their instance targeted and trying to shut it down because fuck Milo, but he's allowed to be here because he is, it's a constitutional protection that he can say anything that's hateful and he can speak here. The main point I'm getting at is that their issue is how they were treated about using the logo. They just want equal treatment.

-Geller: The university does have policies about its trademarks and it does rigorously enforce them when it's aware of these violations. What I'm hearing is that there are allegations that perhaps the enforcement has been selected and done in a way that isn't viewpoint neutral. What I've heard is an allegation that the policy 110 might have been done in a way that has at least been perceived as not being viewpoint neutral and selective. I think it's different from an attempt to silence anybody's speech. What they showed us was a new logo that they have complied and based on that the chancellor's statement about the conference to occur. I'm not aware of any ongoing efforts by the institution to stop the conference from happening. There might be value in separating those two and focus on the issues of how the enforcement put out rather than questions of attempts to silence. What is the policy? Is it consistently enforced? Only sometimes enforced, done in different ways? What is the role of the sole advisor? What is the role of administration? If that's the direction you want to go, is it both or one or the other?

-Sarena: I think it's by stifling organizers, it makes it harder for the organizers to make the event.

-Geller: From reading the letter, it says if they used @ then they could've kept the UCLA

-Bethany: That may be true but there's still inconsistency. Be transparent and be consistent.

-Geller: Maybe consider asking the chancellor to come in next week to answer questions. I think it's fair to you all to ask him these tough questions and confront him.

-Bethany: Yes he can come to us but maybe he should be coming to sole.

-Nidira: I think there's room for both... When it comes down to this the initial proposal was about administrative over-step. As USAC we are the student's representative for administration who a lot of us have access to administrators and a lot of us engage with them. When it comes down to what we were initially asked to do we should really pay attention to that fact. It's a policy thing. Sjp isn't the only political organizations from many different backgrounds.

-Sarena: UCLA is very specific with the policies they introduce and when

-Fieldman: Show of hands to have vice chancellor to come to next week's meeting?

- Majority raises their hands

-Fieldman: Okay I will do so thank you.

-Geller: Whether you do a resolution or a letter, you can still put in a call for action, but a resolution you are saying that every single one on council you are speaking for all of council, the letter is specific to who's taking the position. You can go either route, that's the difference. Require 3 council members to be the sponsors.

-Fieldman: Moving forward we won't include sponsors. Options are a resolution or my preference we keep it as a letter.

-Watson: If we were to make this specifically tailored to administration intervening with evidence clearly biased you still wouldn't feel comfortable?

-Fielmand: That is correct.

-Watson: Dr. Geller this is a question for you, I don't know which one I think is better or not I think there's something being misdirected about how council resolutions are supposed to be interpreted in the sense that like obviously it being a resolution from council gives it a platform that it wouldn't have from a public statement from some of us acting on their individual accords to do so. Is that true, that a resolution has a platform from council. From my understanding in the past, resolutions have been disagreed upon plenty of times

-Geller: Resolutions aren't always passed unanimously but once passed they are the position of the entire council.

Discussion Item: Civil Discourse and Comfort Concerns on Council

Watson

-Item tabled until next week

**XI. Old business**

Supplemental Funds for Service (SFS) Allocations#

Sonola

-2 requests of \$358

-no oppositions; allocation passes by consent

**XII.. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

-Attendance sheet is passed around

**XIII. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

-Meeting is adjourned at 10:28pm

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\* Indicates Action Item

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