



FINALIZED 11/20/18

AGENDA

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Bruin Viewpoint Room - Ackerman Union

November 13th, 2018

7:00PM

## I. Call to Order

Fieldman

-Fieldman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Attendance sheet is passed around

## II. Approval of minutes\*

-10/30/18

- Jorge moves to approve the minutes; Ayesha seconds the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passes; 10/30/18 minutes approved

-11/06/18 & 10/09/18

- Will revisit next week

## III. Approval of the Agenda\*

-Add discussion on the definition of conflict of interest along with bias definition

-Strike csc, fac, gen rep 2, & evp

-Add executive session as action item right above resolution

- Aysha moves to approve the agenda; Julia seconds the motion
- 9-0-0; motion passes; agenda approved as amended

## IV. Public Comments

-no audio, no video

- 11 comments

-no video, audio

- I would just like to vocalize my support for Palestinian human rights. We support the students to safely express their solidarity. I denounce the attempts to silence the students for sjp. I hope that's taken into account when you vote on the resolution
- First I would like to acknowledge that we're on the ancestral lands of the Tongva nation. I'm with Eagle and Condor Liberation Front and I'm here to show my support for sjp and for Palestinian liberation.

-audio & video

- My first name means my light in Hebrew. My parents named me this because they said the world can be a very dark place especially towards Jews. I learned that message when the atrocious and horrendous details of the holocaust were commented to me and I sat addressing that fact that 6 million of my people were killed. The Holocaust started with small anti semitic sayings, propaganda and stereotypes. I naively thought that such anti semitism has been eradicated. However, what I had learned during college has truly woke me up. Jews are the #1 targets for hate crimes according to the FBI. 11 Jews were killed in Pittsburgh for simply being Jews and practicing their religion a few weeks ago. That could've been me, the nsjp conference is another glimpse into antisemitism present on our campus and country. With

speakers and members that promote death onto the Jews. These are the tropes that have been used against Jewish people for decades and are still used and present on our campus. Just last week, Jackie Shafer expressed public comment here, she was harassed by a council member and others in the room. She was flicked off and laughed at when she mentioned the Pittsburgh shooting. The trend on silencing our truth however was also demonstrated on May 17th. Some sjp members shut down a Jewish-Armenian event due to their apparent message of anger at the Jewish indigenous to Israel. The same organization that shut down an indigenous peoples event in May is the same organization claiming to champion free speech today. I ask the council why they do not forcefully condemn anti-Semitism throughout the resolution as well. I ask council why they mention it at the end because it is disingenuous. Stop overlooking antisemitism!

- My name is Justin, what we witnessed last week was the overwhelming denial of Jewish student concern. Rolling your eyes and sucking your privilege of not being Jewish in this world. Seeing that sjp wants to be validated for their racialized experiences but deny the same to a Jewish student leader voicing the same as a victim of white supremacy and all forms of antisemitism. I'm denouncing sjp for their dismissal of accountability in the racist messaging they put out there but brand others racist when they are called out. Abusing social justice language and using rhetorical coercion and gas lighting [audio recording not clear, please refer to USAC live] and accusing them of prejudice for calling out hate. Sjp when you call for freedom of speech but shut down the freedom of speech such as on May 17th with sirens and signs of anyone saying anything different from you that's fascism, that is hypocrisy. What we witnessed last week how acts of violence get painted as acceptable. You're defending hatred but moralizing it as justice... You hate me and you don't know me.. Everyone in this room you are complicit in silencing my voice and a Jewish American, even though I see yours. Your hate is nearly an affirmation. My community will never allow you to define our freedom, our identity, and our oppression.
- Nidira: As a member of this council I do not want it to be interpreted that we are not [audio recording not clear, please refer to USAC live] Even though our focus is on the sjp conference, separate from that I do not condone those hate crimes. I do want to make sure that one I'm being specifically clear in that I'm acknowledging and expressing my condolences for those events and that's separate from this conference. Those things on their own are beyond our control.
- Jay: I appreciate your comment and I validate your hurt and I think some of the things that you said were striking. I think this council unanimously stands against anti-Semitism. It might be hard to believe that sometimes especially which some of the rhetoric you were mentioning but we did pass a resolution condemning anti-Semitism and the reason why I bring that up is because I had a very meaningful convo with Claire before the resolution was brought up to council because when the attacks took place there were also hate based attacks that took place in Kentucky against 2 Black people. We decided that we wouldn't add anti-blackness to the resolution because we wanted to address these separately to not turn it into all lives matter. We do not want to do a disservice to a community that was hurting at the time. From my perspective any resolution that is passed I think we've held ourselves accountable to that. I wanted to provide context that we've tried to do that in the past. We didn't want to dilute that issue by mentioning other incidences.
- Did you guys pass a resolution?
- Fieldman: Yes.
- I just want to reiterate I personally read a lot of articles regarding this organization and according to stanfordu.org there are affiliates of [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] I don't mean to say that students in this organization are affiliated with these people because I genuinely believe in a solution for advocating for Palestinian rights is by not associated with this organization because of what this organization is associated with. So if you don't want to be associated with Hamas, you can start an independent organization that is not associated [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] I've been silent multiple times and I just want to say that again members of sjp did come to the event on May 17th even though it was not sjp organized event. I don't understand what people are saying in those meetings that makes members want to go and do that. And I can't go to sjp conference and I don't think that's fair because I want to know what they're saying about me and don't like me.
- Fieldman: I just want to say to the public, you cannot yell out fuck you when someone's speaking, I'm going to ask you to leave. Zero tolerance for speaking to members of the public like that, zero tolerance.
- How about zero tolerance for calling us terrorists, zero tolerance for that shit!

- Fieldman: We're going to continue with public comment
- Hi my name is Hiram, my indigenous name is Hiram. I'm speaking with the full knowledge that everything I'm about to say is going to end up on Canary mission. My profile went up last night and it has a link to my soundcloud. First of all, there is no peace on stolen land, just like in Palestine every single one of us is on stolen land. So we need to think about that when we're talking about colonialism and the fact that we are living in a settler colonial state and engaging with a settler colonial structure. My father's side of my family is metis, a small tribe. My mother's side is [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live], it's a larger tribe. My mom's side was colonized by the British, but also colonizes the metis people. Colonized people can perpetuate colonialism. I understand that Jewish communities all over the world have experienced colonialism, oppression and anti semitism. That's real, but at the same time it's very easy and non-contradictory to recognize that Israel is a settler colonial state. The language we're seeing in this room, people calling each other terrorist. The word terrorist came out of Michael Beck's mouth. People saying we're affiliated with himas. The colonizers will label any attempt at anti-colonialism as terrorism. So let's all recognize what the discourse is in this room and what people are actually saying. I want to finish, that colonizers, and there are colonizers in this room, do not have the right to dictate the terms and tactics of anti-colonialism to the people they are colonizing.
- Hi everyone, it made me feel very uncomfortable when this girl called out sjp members having affiliation with himas. [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. USAC should be zero tolerance for people like her who are colonizers to call other people terrorists there is no evidence and it made me feel extremely uncomfortable as we [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. I know the Jewish community has been through a lot and there's historical evidence but at the same time but it's a classic example of when the oppressed becomes the oppressor.
- Fieldman: Again I want to reiterate let's challenge ideas, not individuals.
- Nicole: [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. Even though sjp already said they didn't organize that protest, it was very disappointing for her to go up there as if it were true. And that just makes me think that a lot of the statements made from everyone who has spoken we can't always believe them. There's facts being thrown with no evidence. I would just encourage everyone to think before they just start believing. I'm fully in support of the sjp conference. The conference is happening so whether or not you all decide to pass it it will go on.
- My name is Maddie. I think some of the conversations having here [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. I also just want to add that we talked a lot of free speech, regardless of your opinions... [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. I think they should be able to have this conference. I would also like to add that the student advocacy project officially endorses this conference.
- I'm the vice chair of the asucla communication board. I believe in free speech. I will not be at this event this weekend, [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] even though sjp claims that they were not affiliated with the protest. Though I disagree with this conference I believe it must go on. If pro israel groups try to disrupt the conference I condemn them now. Just as sjp invites anti semitic speakers, so does the council have a right and obligation to strongly condemn anti semitism. Why does this resolution not mention anti-semitism until the last paragraph? Where are the stands and claps for anti semitism instead of these speakers who actively condone hatred. There is no way to explain that zionist throats should be cut as peaceful protest. My family comes from a country where as a jewish person where you could not walk on the same side of the street.. Sjp specifically called that the jewish journal had a conspiracy with administration which is the most anti semitic thing someone could say. The Jewish journal is a major jewish publication for ravis to honor Jewish news. I hope that this council at least condemns ... [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. This conference must go on but this council must condemn anti semitism.
- Bella asking Hiram: Will you reiterate is that speaker going to be speaking? (in regards to the individual whose tweets are being quoted).
- Hiram: He will not be coming to the conference.
- I also want to acknowledge that we're on stolen land. As a person whose people are affected by colonialism I just wanted to voice my support for sjp. [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live].
- I just wanted to voice my support for sjp. Personally I've never seen such external pressures. I've never seen so many entities that have tried to exercise an organization's right to exercise free speech. We all have our own political affiliations but we should recognize at the very least our first amendment right. I call on council to pass the resolution.
- Solis: Please use gender neutral pronouns.

- I wanted to emphasize the importance of not generalizing muslims and palestinians as one party. Not all Palestinians are anti semitic, rather when we advocate for the rights of palestinians it's with an emphasis on the oppression of Palestinians and mistreatment. I'm palestinian and I strongly support sjp because my family was displaced by a 1948 exodus.
- I'm Eva. I wanted bring a conversation to the issue at hand [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. In Palestine, we get body counts every week about how many people have died. [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. I'm in support of the palestinian movement and this conference.
- My name is Gabriel. I just want to say that I stand in support with the palestinian people and the nsjp conference.
- I want to make the distinction between anti semitism and zionism [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] NSA is in support of sjp. We are against zionism and what that stands for.
- Hello everybody, I was born, raised and graduated high school in Palestine. I've been here since 2014. I have personal friends that are in jail because of Facebook posts... I came here because of freedom of speech. I came here because of I was silenced in Palestine. The difference in Palestine is that we are oppressed by Israel. I speak because we have the right to speak and have been silenced my entire life. I can criticize Israel because they've imprisoned people in my family for no reason, have taken my land, they have killed my people. We're living this struggle every single day. The media never mentions what Palestine is going through. That's why we make this conference. We make this conference because we have the right. When I criticize zionism is because they continuously oppress Palestinians. They separate where Jewish people to walk and where Muslims can walk. Zionism is the idea that they only want Jewish people over. USAC should criticize the bias that's put towards sjp. Thank you.
- I'm an undocumented organizer in campus. I cannot help but stand in solidarity with palestinian justice. [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. IDEAS at ucla stands in solidarity with the conference.
- I completely understand that Israel is not perfect. There are reasons why anti-semitism and zionism cannot be separated. If you go to museums that used to be synagogues, all the Jews are gone. [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]. This is a complicated issue, I'm not trying to come up with a resolution, I don't plan to but I think that saying that they want to take everything, some people do but not everyone. At least I've tried to differentiate between extreme pro palestinian activists in the mainstream I ask that you keep the same respect towards Jewish and pro Israeli. Thank you.
- I wasn't going to speak up because I feel uncomfortable. I think it's really shitty to be called a terrorist. Im part of sjp as well. [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live].
- Will the vote be carried out in executive session?
- Fielmand: It may or may not it's up to the council.

-Public comments adjourned 9:37pm (recess)

-Resumed at 9:51pm

## V. **Appointments**

-None

## VI. **Special Presentations**

Policy 110 and its Enforcement: AVC Michael Beck

Fieldman

Q&A

-Q (Aly):Can you start by giving us a quick run down of the policy changes?

-A: Policy 110 is about 30 yrs old, the original, then the update was released last week. It focuses on a couple different things one is the mandate that university departments use follow the designed guidelines. Which means all of the unique logos each department created will no longer be allowed to be used, they would have to use the standard university logo. Some changes were made to student groups in making more of the property available for students, specifically some of our trademarks ...[audio recording not clear, please refer to USAC live]

-Q (Bethanie): Is this being communicated through sole advisors? Who is mediating the policy enforcement?

-A: It'd be done through sole.

-Q (Watson): Was that done this time or was the first line of communication through a cease and desist letter? In the context of the sjp, was it done through the mode of student affairs officers or was it immediately done by sending out a letter?

-A: The letter was sent to NSJP. We provided a copy to the campus sjp as courtesy.

-Q (Bethanie): In regards to the new update is there a question period in regards to what it says like for student orgs and if so how is that publicized?

-A: Policy 110 is distributed for a minimum of 30 days. We've received a few comments.

-Q (Bethanie): Through which means were you asked the questions?

-A: We receive any means it can be written, email.

-Q (Watson): There have been students who have come here and have said that the way that they have been treated has been different for each organization. Can you add to that as to why that may be the case? Do you have any comments to add to that treatment?

-A: We would treat the campus organization differently than we would treat a third party. It would be done in a less formal process

-Q (Ayesha): Could you explain the process to explain a public record? What was the process of it?

-A: By making a public records request for it. The jewish journal had made a request for had made a request for what the UCLA response was for the potential misuse of the university logo. When we completed the letter we made sure it was sent to nsjp first then distributed to sjp at ucla group then after that it was sent to jewish journal per their request

-Q (Sarena): So basically if you have a suspicion about something that is going on on campus you can contact UCLA and be like hey if anything else develops can you let me know as soon as you let the organization know?

-A: No

-Q (Sarena): Isn't that what you said just happened though?

-A: No I said they asked for a university response to the issue but if there was not a violation we would have responded to them and let them know that there wasn't any violations.

-Q (Sarena): Don't you think a cease and desist letter is a little personal?

-A: It's a public record

-Q (Watson): Is there a member of SJP here? I have a question for you that might help answer a question for Vice Chancellor. From my understanding from last week it was sjp at ucla was actually organizing much of the event

-A (Hiram, sjp member): Yes it was our conference.

-Q (Watson): So my question to vice chancellor is if sjp at ucla was almost entirely running the conference, it seems like a less formal approach could have been taken

-Q to Hiram: it was sjp at ucla who was organizing

-A: right this is our conference

-Watson: it just seems like a less formal approach could have been taken, is there a reason that wasn't done? If they were the ones putting it on. It seems there could have been a less aggressive route.

-A: The use of the names were found on a 3rd party site. The individuals responsible for the 3rd party site will receive the letter.

-Q (Nidira): Does ucla formally recognize Facebook or Instagram sites that are utilized by student groups on campus and 3rd party sites as well.

-A: It depends on who's responsible for the page and who's responsible for posting. If we don't get compliance then we'd contact the web service.

-Q (Manzano): do you have a personal stance to the LA city council's resolution that was passed?

-A: I haven't seen the resolution

-Q (Watson): If you could add a little more clarity within the administration was there ever consideration of asking them to change it before writing a cease and desist letter?

-A: We try to handle each of the cases consistently because if we don't handle it with consistency it impacts our ability to enforce the use of our policy

-Q (to hiram): Did you organize the logo?

-A: We made the logo ourselves and we ran it by jake (sole advisor) several times to make sure it was okay.

-Watson: My concern is that the student organization was the one designing the logo, designing the conference but since it was posted on Facebook that's why they were not given a chance to take it down?

-A: It was actually posted on NSJP. That's where we sent the cease and desist letter, to the email on that website.

-Q (Watson): So it was just as simple as that. Looking that it was on NSJP and not the student org

-A: That's correct

-Q (Nidira): Was it that UCLA didn't want to be specifically affiliated with this conference? The reason I ask is because following the cease and desist letter they only had a couple of days to comply. And what they took out was ucla. Not necessarily a seal. What if a student organization isn't partnering with a 3rd party per say. How is it that you want them to indicate the location?

-A: You're allowed to say the event is occurring at UCLA.

-Q (Bethanie): I understand that you're saying you're trying to be consistent but there has been cases of organizations in the past that say otherwise. Who is enforcing the policy?

-A: My office is responsible. And we do it when we're notified. Only if it's brought to my attention. We clearly aren't notified of every instance.

-Bethanie: So this doesn't provide an equal playing field for everyone since you have to be notified.

-A: Yes it has to be brought to my attention, we can't take an action if we're not aware.

-Watson (to public): We ask people to not record because it's already recorded on livestream

-Public comment: I'm with student media, I'm supposed to be taking photos and recording

-Watson: Photos are fine.

-Q (Sarena): I feel that feels a lot of room for discrimination because then you don't have your own investigator going through making sure these orgs are uniformly using the logo and trademarks of UCLA, you have people reporting on it and you have groups that are more targeted than others.

-Q (Nidira): How does the university or what steps would be appropriate in terms of litigating a specific group being targeted?

-A: The intent is to create uniformity to it, the enforcement of the policy and the use of our name and marks. We defer most of that attention to sole to be able to work with students to groups who have much more knowledge about the materials student groups are preparing.

-Q (Jorge): Are you able to disclose the student groups that report these materials?

-A: I'm not sure who reported these materials, we get emails all the time.

-Q (Nidira): But if you had the opportunity to bag check would that be something that you're willing to do?

-A: I'm happy to check back and see who notified us

-Q (Watson): In the policy, does to obtain authorization and cease and desist, are those two separate things? Was there another option where you could've just ask them to obtain authorization or are they the same thing?

-A: They would be the same thing. If we felt that there was an opportunity to authorize then that would've been approach to it but in this case they were not authorized.

-Q (Nidira): Are you the authorizing agency or are students organizations encouraged to meet with their sole advisors?

-A: Under the new policy it'd be through the sole advisors to be able to implement that. So they'd have the authority to authorize the use.

-Q (proxy): If free speech constitutes for all sides to be heard and addressed, why has administration and local legislators been working to shut down this conference especially when these student organizers are exercising their right to free speech?

-A: We support their first amendment right. We're not making any attempt to shut down the conference

-Proxy response: Right but coming from an administrator and giving that cease and desist letter especially when it's a student group which could've been contacted through the sole office, it has a very different connotation than saying oh yes exercise what you have to through this conference.

-A: The letter didn't address the conference in particular, it simply said they needed to become compliant with our policies.

-Watson (to member of the public): Okay I'm just going to ask again, is there a reason why you're using a tripod?

-Response: Yeah I actually want to record and feel I have the right to. It's a public university, is it against the rules for recording?

-Watson: It's not. Can I ask why you want to record it when there's already a recording provided?

-Response: Yeah I'm on a news magazine and we're going to livestream it to our organization. If you want to kick me out for doing that that's fine. It's already live streamed in another place

-Bethanie: I understand what you're saying, don't get me wrong but we haven't allowed other students to record it's kind of an unfair treatment if we allow you to record.

-Response: I'm not really asking for your permission. I'm just saying I'm going to do it and I can and I will.

-Watson: We will not kick you out, that's not what our intention is, our intention is the council members feel uncomfortable discussing issues that are politically charged knowing that these things are used for tactics of interrogation

-Response: This is your platform you guys are elected on this position.

-Sarena: I definitely have a right to feel uncomfortable because I'm on canary mission so I prefer if my face wasn't on this magazine.

-Fieldman: I want to be respectful about chancellor Beck's time are there any other specific questions for him and then after that we can have this conversation about recording.

-Q (Bethanie to chancellor): You said you get notified about whether or not the use of the name is being used by a third party site, is there potential that there's an issue with that, someone has to bring it to your attention?

-A: We actually don't directly approve of student use of name provided that it follows the policy that's delegated to sole advisors and they can approve the use of name

-Q (Bethanie): I understand that but for lack of a better word is there a check on sole advisors? Because in this particular issue it was mentioned to their sole advisors several times and there was no issue, but is there a double check even just for ucla

-A: It makes perfect sense and I think it's a legitimate concern that you raise and I'd be happy to discuss that with student affairs. If there's any questions then they should seek additional information. In this case it was very clear that it wasn't consistent with the policy.

-Q (Sarena): I just wanted to ask what are other instances of cease and desist letters that were given this year since it is public knowledge?

-A: I'd be happy to provide other letters that have been issued

-Sarena: I'd like to cede my time to someone in the audience.

-Q (Hiram): I was just wondering who tipped you off on this violation. The same day that you sent out the letter, we first before you sent it we received an email from a journalist for the Jewish journal asking us why we decided to use the kite for the bear. Soon after we received that email, he published in the journal talking about our use of the kite and the bear. Hours after that article went out you sent your cease and desist letter. So was it this person or someone from the Jewish journal who tipped you off in this violation?

-A: I'm not sure who actually notified us, I did respond earlier saying I'd be happy to find out who did.

-Q (Hiram): Also included in the cease and desist letter was a lot of information and commentary on the bear and the kite which to my knowledge are not at all covered by policy 110. So what was your motivation in including those in the letter when they weren't in violation with any policies?

-A: We believe certainly with the use of the bear was in violation with the policy combined with the use of the UCLA name. It was really about the association of the bear with the name it inferred that it was the UCLA bear.

-Q (Hiram): Well we had several lawyers who specialize in trademark law verify that that wasn't the case. How about the kite.

-A: That's a legal opinion we have a different legal opinion.

-Q (Hiram): Alright can you talk about the kite?

-A: We didn't articulate that the kite was in association with ucla, it was just the use of the kite in circumstances is viewed as a tool of terrorism associated with the bear and the use of our name. They're separate issues once you remove the use of the ucla name.

-Q (Hiram): What possessed you to represent people with that view of the kite versus other people who don't have the view of that kite?

-A: It was very easy to identify. The internet, very common open source shows how people view the kite.

-Q (Hiram): You provided two links which were to the Washington post and [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live], so where did you find those links?

-A: I did not find those links. I'm not sure if it was found by our legal council

-Q (Sarena): I would also say that Israel thinks that chocolate, pasta, and feminine hygiene products are all violent when in the hands of Palestinians, would you then stop organizations from putting those images on their adds too?

-A: So I think the question is what is it related to the use of our name

-Sarena: I'm saying where do you draw the line between who gets to decide if an item is violent or not?

-A: Well we did draw the line and identified the fact that they were using an unauthorized use of our name and that was the focus of our letter. Both of those items have been removed so those issues aren't relevant to the discussion.

-Q (Watson): The kite had no violation of the trademark, so what was it referenced then?

-A: It was referenced in a way that clearly identified that, that's why we would not authorize the use.

-Fieldman: UCLA was in the logo in addition to the kite which therefore intentionally or unintentionally connotes association of the university with the kite which I've articulated before and asked members of the public has a very clear statement of what sorts of view UCLA may or may not spouse and for that reason I do feel that that was a necessary part in enforcement of the policy.

-Q (Watson): Generally organizations aren't allowed to use the ucla name logo trademark without approval right? It's not about if it's violent or not violent it's about whether they sought approval for use of the ucla logo. Is that generally correct?

-A: Well in this case the issue is whether they could have sought approval and making it clear that we would not authorize the use in that association.

-Q (Watson): In general they were using something they didn't get approval for? So why was the kite used as an example, like including a personal opinion into a cease and desist letter?

-A: It was done to articulate that we wouldn't provide authorization for that use because of the association.

-Q (Sarena): SWC uses tampons and pads but it's the association with SWC and tampons that makes it safe. But again, Palestinians have been villainized for using tampons and pads in different ways. So if sjp put a tampon and a pad there was also a condom. Someone sent us a picture of a condom and was like Palestinians use condoms as weapons to. So when SWC uses condoms for their adds it's not a problem because they aren't violent. But when sjp uses condoms it's seen as violent. Do you see where there's a disparity between the way you represent an item as violent or non-violent?

-A: I'm guessing the connection between the item you're describing and the issue at hand which is the unauthorized use of the university logo...

-Sarena: But you didn't talk about the authorization of the of the logo you talked about the kite.

-A: Well you asked me a question in regards to the kite and I answered the question as to the reason the kite was mentioned in the letter was as a way to clarify that the university would not authorize the use

-Sarena: And I just want to highlight that the reason you wouldn't authorize the use of the kite with sjp is because you inherently see sjp as violent.

-A: You're putting words in my mouth I didn't say that.

-Sarena: That was the connection I made between swc and condoms and sjp if we had used condoms.

-A: I think that's an inaccurate assessment.

-Q (Bethanie): Is it common practice to cite specific things that need to be removed apart from at ucla consistently across all cease and desist letter?

-A: We try to be consistent but every case has some unique aspects to it so I wouldn't be able to comment.

-Q (Bethanie): Do you write these letters?

-A: It is drafted by legal council and I review.

-Q (Manzano): You addressed the kite because of the connotations it has with terrorism is that correct?

-A: Yes

-Q (Manzano): So then when we're republicans publicizes a trip to the shooting range why did they not get reprimanded? There's a clear connotation with guns and shooting. So I just want to ask, is that not a view the university doesn't want to be associated with an organization that is publicizing it with their name and bruin?

-A: Student groups are to have bruin in new policy

-Bethanie: But these are old instances.

-A: Right and I think I'd have to see whether they were using it properly because if they said at ucla then they'd be able to use the logo. In this case if the indication was sjp at ucla then that would be within compliance.

-Q (Manzano): You said you haven't read the resolution?

-A: I haven't read it but did hear about it.

-Q (Manzano): Hearing the headline what is your response to it?

-A: I try not to make an opinion based on a head line.

-Q (Manzano): But then you do want to make an opinion based on a kite or based on the bear

-A: Well the references associated with it.

-Fieldman: Make sure your questions aren't repetitive and over things already brought up.

-Q (Melissa): So do you think it was 100% necessary to include your personal politics in the letter?

-A: I don't believe there was personal politics in the letter.

-Melissa: Right so in number two it says immediately cease and desist from use of ucla and or the bruin bear associated with the Palestinian kite which some may interpret as an intention to endorse violence against Israel. Doesn't that inherently say that ucla thinks of this as violent? You wrote this letter, so aren't you saying the Palestinian kite endorses violence?

-A: I'm saying that there are some that do believe that's related to violence.

-Q: Why is that included but not the other side? What was the necessary reason that this was included?

-\*No recording of audio for a few minutes, please refer to USAC live.\*

-Q (Bethanie): Can you not council on his behalf? (to fieldman)

-Fieldman: Yes

-Q (Manzano): I think chancellor block speaks in a way that is biased. Does that make you feel any kind of way. Do you not believe that you

-Public comment: I'd appreciate it if you didn't take things out of context.

-Manzano: My reference is to a specific portion. When the chancellor makes a statement like that it speaks on sjp as an entirety. I think the chancellor stepped over guidelines that we even police ourselves.

-Public comment: you were neglecting a different part of the article.

-Q (Nidira): Would you be interested in developing a model where you can call on a student organization to then raise the concerns of whatever items they may have in conflict so that there's a conversation? Would that be something you'd be interested in implementing and adding to your policy?

-A: I think you raise a very good point and that's how we would proceed if the infraction was used through a student group site but it was on a national site and so it was different.

-Q (Nidira): Would you be willing to reconsider that? Part of the reason council is questioning is being we're trying to be mindful of student groups and had this been a 3rd party and solely a 3rd party we probably wouldn't have engaged. We're just doing our do diligence.

-A: I would certainly take that into consideration if we receive a future violation by a third party that's associated with a campus organization.

-Q (Nidira): In regard to follow through and up could either of us follow up with you to share our ideas for the process?

-A: absolutely my email address is [michaelbeck@ucla.edu](mailto:michaelbeck@ucla.edu)

-Fieldman: Thank you for joining us and answering our questions.

-Ayesha: Can we backtrack into recording from the public? Because there was a comment saying you were elected into this position so you should feel comfortable saying whatever. Not all of have the privilege to have our identities revealed. I personally don't feel comfortable being filmed, if you want to go on USAC live you can get the footage from there. I feel like if we've set that precedent before then we should honor that.

-Public Comment: I think the precedent that's been set about not recording is ridiculous and I'm even surprised that you have asked so many times to stop recording.

-Watson: Let me explain why this exists. We're not asking you to stop recording, you are allowed to record. What I'm saying is that council has a policy on votes that are high tension, highly political to move into something called executive session or close session. Tht is only reserved in cases that are politically charged. We don't like to do it

because we want you all to be here but when council members are feeling uncomfortable or concerned about their safety that's when we have to move into executive session. What executive session is basically everyone leaves their room. We don't want to have to move into that early because we want you all to participate in discussion. So you can continue to record but we're warning you that this motivates us to move into executive session because we have council members that are literally scared. That's why

-Public comment: Even if this goes into executive session, he should be able to sit here and record because he should be allowed to share what's going on in this council. I understand you might not feel safe, I'm about to give public comment and I don't feel safe either, but at the end of the day you have an obligation to stand by comments, to stand by discussion

-Bethanie: Separate comment. Public comment has separate phases, one is no video no audio and that is to respect Title 9 policy for people who would like to speak freely. Would you please not record there?

-Response: If it's in the policy, written down somewhere I'll accept it.

-Watson: I'm not saying this because I disagree with you. For my own safety I don't care but for other council members and what's written down in the bylaws. It's literally my job on council to tell you this.

-Geller: The policies call for the meetings to be live streamed except for two scenarios. One, the portion of public comment which is without audio or video and the portion of public comment that is with audio no video and executive session. So the approval that you have received from council is consistent with the respect that council has given to student media is different from other media sources. It would be necessary to observe the same policies about video that exists for the livestream. As far as executive session, if there is one then there would be no livestream of it, the meeting would resume in its regular public session.

-Public comment: I'm just wondering do these policies supercede the first amendment? Even if it's a policy at the end of the day it's just a policy. It can be overridden by a constitutional right. We all pay for this council and make decisions. It looks so bad if you think it's a good idea to turn off cameras and kick us out of the room. So i just hope you all keep that in mind.

-Bethanie: Don't get me wrong, you got rights. Safety, this isn't only about this particular issue. Some people have things to say that don't pertain to this issue and that's why the policy exists. It's a consistent policy to make sure people who have identities that are highly politicized, they don't feel safe. We do this so that they can come to council and feel safe to speak. We have to allow people to feel safe.

-Fieldman: So moving forward we will allow recording with the exception of no recording during the first round of public comment and if there's executive session.

## **VII. Officer Reports**

### **A. President**

Fieldman

- The website for the 2019 UC Women's Caucus Leadership Conference, LEAN In UC, has officially launched ([leaninuc.com](http://leaninuc.com)). The conference will take place at UCLA in Ackerman Grand Ballroom and other rooms on campus from 10 AM-4 PM on Sunday, March 3, 2019. We aim to bring together over 500 femme-identifying undergraduate and graduate students from across the UC. The conference will include panels, keynote addresses, and breakout sessions by career interests. Our planning committee is looking to collaborate with relevant on-campus organizations and USAC offices with the shared mission of women's empowerment and professional development. Look out for more details coming soon.
- Our South Campus Engagement Committee will be hosting a STEM Research Information Workshop. We will have a speaker from the Career Center discuss CV/resume building and another speaker discussing how students can get involved in research. The event will take place on Nov. 27 from 6-8 PM in Haines 118.
- My quarterly meeting with Chancellor Block, along with GSA President Michael Skiles, is this Monday (11/19). Feel free to send me any agenda items you'd like for me to bring up.

### **B. Internal Vice President**

Watson

- Campus safety alliance meeting went extremely well! Good conversations about our 3 agenda items
- Upcoming meeting with Career Center Director for employment within GCGP

- Continuing student org outreach and communications

#### IVP also read EVP's report

Voter turnout for youth increased nationwide which is super exciting and we saw more than a 5x increase in undergrad turnout here. We'll be waiting on this year's NSLVE report to get a more accurate breakdown of voting statistics, but we're super excited with how the campaign went. System-wide, we are now turning our attention towards ensuring same day voter registration satellites will be placed at every campus as well as finalizing and expanding pre-populated voter registration on school portals.

Jamie is at the regents meeting in San Francisco focusing on problems with UCPATH. They, along with graduate EVPs from UCLA and UCSB, authored a letter with demands including the UC

1. Immediately correct the payroll system to ensure workers will get paid correctly and on time;
2. Give financial reparations and expand financial crisis services to the students affected;
3. Halt further implementation of UCPATH at other campuses until the aforementioned problems are addressed.

They are looking for student leader sign ons so if you haven't already, Jamie posted a google form link in the USAC groupme, fill it out and spread it within your circles to sign on!!!!!! She'll be presenting the first round of sign ons to the regents at tomorrow's meeting.

EVP legislative team has started doing local lobbying visits and had a successful meeting with Assemblymember Nazarian today. We will be finalizing plans for lobby core recruitment by the end of the week so we can send out applications and start prepping people for our winter lobbying blitz.

We went to Merced this weekend for the UCSA board conference, some report backs from that

- Regents will be creating a committee to address basic needs
- debriefed our Janet Napolitano meeting. UCLA pointed out heteronormative language found in the Title IX policy update and UCSA had a follow-up meeting with Suzanne Taylor, the UCOP interim Title IX director, to address them, as well as other necessary clarifications to assure policies make students feel safe reporting.
- We got presentations about the upcoming multi-billion dollar budget that the regents will be voting on as well as their plans for state funding advocacy. We largely will be looking at a 2020 bond measure to pay for deferred maintenance and state funding for a tuition buyout. They are confident we will get an in-state tuition buyout in the budget but also mentioned that the regents may vote on a non-resident tuition increase of 2.6% (rate of inflation) at the January meeting at UCSF. UCSA pitched them on waiting to do so until we have a chance to work with the legislature on more funding and those conversations, as well as our advocacy plans, will be developing throughout the month

in good news, the north westwood neighborhood council was sworn in last week and had their first meeting (hi melissa shoutout yourself)

Will keep y'all updated on how the regents meeting goes, stay tuned.

~~C. External Vice President~~

—————Kenmerk

G. General Rep 1

Haleem

International Education Week

- Free Coffee from around the world at World Cafe at Kerckhoff Grand Salon as a part of International Education Week
- Conversation Cafe to be held at Powel Library this Friday. The following topics will be talked about
  - DACA/ Undocumented Students
  - Studying Abroad
  - Being an International Student
  - Refugees and Refugee-ism
  - Coming to the US from a developing country
  - Speaking other languages
  - Religion
  - Studying different disciplines in foreign countries

- Students at various International Education Week to receive early copies of the UCLA common book (based on availability)

H. General Rep 2 Martin

~~I. General Rep 3 Solis~~

~~E. Facilities Commissioner Ho-Gonzalez~~

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
- Bruins on a Budget was a success! We had over 40 students attend

J. Campus Events Commission Madison

- Green Book screening tonight 11/13, 8 PM, Ackerman Grand Ballroom
- Campus Movie Fest Reception/Finale, Thursday 11/15, Ackerman Grand Ballroom
- Anna and the Apocalypse Sneak + Q&A, Thursday 11/29, James Bridges Theater

K. Transfer Rep Kim

L. Student Wellness Commissioner Faour

1. SWC's Total Wellness Magazine will be putting up a new website this week, with new articles, video content, and a revamp of marketing
2. CPR confirmed to have Greek Life certification for February for over 100 members,
  - a. They will learn about heartsaver CPR, alcohol poisoning, and choking
3. HCI
  - a. HCI might be working on designing a set of UC-wide metrics for evaluating wellbeing. They might be following in the footsteps of UCSF to advocate to remove sugar sweetened beverages from our campuses (and instead replacing that with "hydration stations")

~~M. Community Service Commissioner Sonola~~

N. Academic Affairs Commissioner Stephens

The academic Affairs Commission has been working to find professors to sponsor mental health courses as a part of the diversity requirement.

We also just completed out counseling quarterly, the first of three events that will be taking students to talking to counselors from the Student Resource Center as well as the Academic Advancement Program. We were also able to plan their last minute courses.

O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Khasawneh

P. Administrative Representatives Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

## **IX. Contingency Programming\***

-16 applications

-Total required: \$24,511.41

- Total requested: \$24,302.16
- Total recommended: \$9,788
- Ayesha moves to approve contingency programming; Julia seconds the motion
- 11-0-0; motion passes, contingency programming is approved

## X. New Business

### ASRF council member

Stephens

-We need for the funding body one member of council member to be a part of the funding party. So I wanted to open it up to anybody who would be interested. You would just have to be the designated council member to participate. It's basically consenting to be a part of a funding body.

-Sarena: I'll do it if I can send a proxy.

-Nidira: it explicitly says a member from the council who isn't from AAC; but you also have to be approved by majority vote of USAC. It has to be an actual council member. The time commitment is on a rolling basis, per application for funding then we'd set up a meeting. Applicant has until week 7 to apply then.

-Fieldman: I'm happy to do it. I nominate myself.

### Discussion: Establishment of Definition of Bias and Conflict of Interest for Election Board\*

Watson

-Richard White (eboard chair): I would like to be contacted for anything in regards to election board to be a part of any conversation you all have.

-Bethanie: I feel it's the proper thing to do to let them know in advance to let them come equipped.

-White: I think you made a good point because I didn't know about the discussion so any type of communication would be great.

-Watson: My thought process behind this is my biggest concern is council's ability to summon the election board chair and also remove them in instances of conflict of interest or use of bias. So the purpose of the agenda item was more so to delineate when that would happen like what the standard was for when we would summon you to council. I obviously see the argument for you to be here as eboard chair.

-Geller: Council doesn't get to make any decisions in a meeting that isn't open to the public. The eboard chair has the right to be present. The only time anything would happen in a closed setting would be if there actually were a discussion on removal, that happens in executive session. Discussions and decisions would need to happen in an open meeting.

-Watson: Just to clarify the bylaws, I understand that this is your personal opinion and I respect it. I think we need to change the bylaws then if that's what we're going to consider the standard from going into executive session or at least have a discussion about changing that. I wasn't implying that you shouldn't be here, there's just certain times where we summon eboard chair and certain times where we just leave it open. Essentially you're welcome to come if you want. That was the distinction I was making.

-Manzano: Instead of focusing so much of establishing these definitions, should we instead define it for any appointment that goes through us broadly?

-Geller: Your guiding documents have a definition of the terms conflict of interest and they are openly broad in saying that anything that is a perception of conflict of interest but perception is not conflict and a past jboard case pointed that out [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] I would absolutely encourage that that get done this year. In regards to your expectations of eboard chair and members that can be a separate convo. What you put in the election code should be binding. The ecode should spell out all of the prohibited behaviors.

-Bethanie: When we outline what constitutes conflict of interest, you said it applies to people who are appointed does it apply to us as members as well?

-Geller: Changes in bylaws apply to all council members, changes in ecode is anybody running and eboard itself.

-Ayesha: As members of the community, can they make suggestions?

-Geller: What you can't do as council is put something up for vote. Anyone from the public can make suggestions.

-Watson: Conflict of interest we can modify our bylaws, would a definition of bias be something we can also add in our bylaws?

-Geller: Maybe both

-Fieldman: The reason why I've been wanting legal council is because we're inherently biased as individuals. So I don't feel qualified to provide a definition of what it means to be biased in the election because I myself am biased. Maybe we should just make this a longer conversation and continue in a special meeting. I don't know how engaging this is going to be.

-Manzano: Since eboard chair has to bring any changes from the ecode, the first draft has to come from them so then would the creation of an [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] committee really mean?

-Geller: A committee of usac could come up with a list of suggestions. You can invite the eboard chair to be a part of that committee

-Richard: Hearing this conversation made me think about how council has been looking for an eboard chair, has this conversation been going on before. I'm concerned that current council members might be threatened that I'm the chair. And also we're supposed to work together. I hope to be contacted even if it's something up for discussion.

-Manzano: I think that just as you're requesting council members invite you to these conversation, I think it'd be wise to have conversations on how you think council has been treating you. Instead of releasing [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] that some folks can feel did not represent the intentions of the council per se. I'm so sorry that you felt attacked, I wish I had found out about that person to person. I do hope that this can be an ongoing conversation.

-Richard: usac, the eboard, and the jboard need to have a greater conversation. Of course I am entitled to an opinion and I can publish it publicly. And that's the process I went through, I was basically scrutinized for an appointment on campus.

-Manzano: I don't know if it was a member of the council who was hinting at that [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live]

-Richard: I think the point is the reason why this conflict of interest is being brought up because of my appointment.

-Watson: I feel like your comments were obviously directed at me. If you think that I particularly or any council members are in some way [indiscernible, please refer to USAC live] tell me and we can discuss it. I'd be glad to consider abstaining. All of us on council have an obligation to vote on bylaw changes and I will vote on that. My main interest is mainly when coming up with definitions for the person we're coming up in the definition for that can lead into sticky situations when that person is there to monitor. I'm obviously glad to discuss one on one.

-Richard: My issue is that it looks like you are coming up with the definition because I'm appointed chair.

-Watson: What I'm saying that eboard was included, and you're right this conversation was heightened when you were appointed chair. The reason for that though is because we care about appointing past students that were engaged in politics to a position that is generally supposed to be apolitical.

-Bethanie: It's regardless of the appointments we made

-Watson: We ask the same exact questions to other appointments of chair.

-Fieldman: Conversation is closing at 11:41pm

## **XI. Old business**

Resolution on EQUALIZED ACCESS TO UCLA FOR NON-COMMERCIAL SPEECH EVENTS\* Khasawneh

-A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF EQUALIZED ACCESS TO UCLA FOR NON-COMMERCIAL SPEECH EVENTS; SPECIFICALLY IN REGARDS TO SJP

-Co-Sponsors: ASUC President\*, ASUC EAVP\*, USAC Cultural Affairs Commissioner, USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner, Student Labor Advocacy Project, Muslim Student Association at UCLA, Students Organize for Syria at UCLA, Students for Justice in Palestine at UCLA, Bears for Palestine at UC Berkeley, MSA WEST, Eagle and the Condor Liberation Front, Environmentalists of Color Collective, Afro-Latinx Connection, FEM Newsmagazine, USAC Office of General Representative One, Philosophy Club at UCLA, Anakbayan LA

-Whereas on October 31st, the Administrative Vice Chancellor sent Students for Justice in Palestine at UCLA a cease and desist letter that asserted that NSJP's logo "inaccurately state[s], suggests], or implies] that the University sponsors, supports, endorses or affiliates with" the NSJP conference; and followed with a change in policy regarding use of UCLA Markers. Whereas the Student Labor Organizing Conference (2018) "advertised its conference with a sign that prominently featured the abbreviation "UCLA" in font size larger than that on the rest of the sign – which the October

31st letter orders NSJP with SJP courtesy copied to cease and desist from doing. SLAP has confirmed that no similar administrative action was taken against them;” and whereas The Vice Chancellor also asserted that NSJP’s use of the bear in whole can be associated with UCLA’s official mascot, the Bruin bear, referencing Cal. Ed. Code Section 92000. The wording of the section does not legally apply to the NSJP logo and the statute only prohibits “use [of “the University of California”], or any abbreviation of it or any name of which these words are a part,” according to the ACLU of Southern California; Whereas The ACLU of Southern California also stated that contrary to the Vice Chancellor’s assertion in his cease and desist letter, “the bear on the poster is not the Bruin Bear, but a general California grizzly, the official state animal of California since 1953, and which adorns the state flag of California. Cal. Gov. Sections 420, 425. California grizzly bears have been associated with the state of California since the 1840s, predating the existence of the University of California”; Whereas “Viewpoint discrimination against supporters of Palestinian rights at UCLA is not new. Several such incidents at UCLA are detailed in a 2015 report by Palestine Legal and the Center for Constitutional Rights. These include incidents in which, for example: the university investigated a professor for posting links with information about the boycott of Israel to his course website, and a student government official conditioned funding for an event on the requirement that organizers maintain “zero connection” with anyone who supports divestment of companies doing business with Israel. On at least one other previous occasion, UCLA incorrectly warned SJP that its slogan “We the Optimists Divest” violated trademark law according to the ACLU of Southern California; and, Whereas, The ACLU of Southern California concluded that the “University’s motivation for silencing SJP seems to be opposition to the group’s viewpoint and/or perceived viewpoint. This can also be highlighted in the Vice Chancellor disassociating UCLA’s name from certain aspects of the logo to be UCLA’s endorsement of violence, a view held by numerous external entities. The ACLU of Southern California states that simply, “restrictions based on viewpoint are prohibited. Pleasant Grove City, Utah v. Summum, 555 U.S. 460, 469 (2009)”; Whereas, Given the rise of anti-Arab, anti-Palestinian and Islamophobic rhetoric utilized by white supremacists and some politicians, there are many students at UCLA who fear being targeted simply because they are exercising their constitutionally protected right to express their political views. Students and faculty face harassment and abuse for simply supporting pro-Palestinian causes, from websites such as Canary Mission, “a campus watch-list with a history of relying on student-given footage and material to target pro-Palestinian student activists: causing direct personal repercussions, including limiting their travel and employment opportunities.” Canary Mission regularly targets the Muslim Student Association, an organization that serves to create a community for Muslim students and is a Mother organization on campus, in whole as a place for fostering radicalization; Whereas, Muslim women were verbally harassed and physically assaulted on November 6th by individuals protesting the NSJP conference and have received minimal support from the university regarding the instance; Whereas, UCLA students and faculty members wrote to Chancellor Block to “firmly advise UCLA to refrain from intervening against the planned NSJP conference and to take extraordinary measure to protect attendees.”; Whereas, External organizations like the US Palestinian Community Network, The American Arab Anti-discrimination Committee, Jewish Voice for Peace, etc, have all come out in support of SJP at UCLA hosting the National Students for Justice in Palestine conference; Whereas, the Vice Chancellor wrote to the ACLU of Southern California stating that NSJP has complied with his request to remove the UCLA name from their conference logo and have committed to include ‘at’ or will otherwise clearly indicate the reference to UCLA as the place in which the event is being held.

-Let it be resolved, the Undergraduate Student Association council of UCLA recognizes and condemns the threats and harm that students have faced from external forces for expressing their protected constitutional rights. Let it be further resolved, the Undergraduate Student Association council of UCLA condemns the use of watchlists that exist to put student organizers under constant surveillance, limiting their comfortability and safety to organize. Let it be further resolved, the Undergraduate Student Association council of UCLA supports the decision for SJP at UCLA to remain the host for the upcoming NSJP conference, as confirmed by Gene Block in LA times. Let it be further resolved, that the USAC commends the pre-existence of a Jewish Caucus within NSJP but recognizes that inclusion of the Jewish community and condemnation of anti-Semitism amongst registered conference attendees must be ongoing; Let it be further resolved, that the USAC denounces the resolution passed unanimously by the Los Angeles City Council as it sought to pressure UCLA administration to infringe on the rights of student groups registered under the Student Organizations, Leadership and Engagement office at UCLA and employed gross generalizations. Let it further be

resolved, copies of this resolution shall be sent to: the office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Dean For Students, and Chancellor Gene Block. Let it finally be resolved, the Undergraduate Student Association council of UCLA denounces the perpetuation of any and all oppressions that dehumanize student identities, including but not limited to Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, etc.

-Move into executive session\*

- Jay motions to move into executive session; Nidira seconds the motion
- 9-1-1; will be moving in to executive session
- Executive session begins at 10:51pm; executive session ends at 11:04pm

-The resolution passed by unanimous 11-0-0 vote

Supplemental Funds for Service (SFS) Allocations#

Sonola

-2 allocations of \$649.73

-SFS Allocations passes by consent.

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

-Attendance sheet is passed around

**XIII. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

-Meeting is adjourned at 12:12am

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\* Indicates Action Item

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