



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
KH417  
November 20th, 2018  
7:00PM

## I. Call to Order

Fieldman

- Fieldman calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm

### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

## II. Approval of minutes\*

- 10/09/18 minutes
  - Table until next week
- 11/06/18 minutes
  - Bethanie moves to approve the minutes; Ayesha seconds the motion
  - 11-0-0 motion passes, 11/06/18 minutes approved
- 11/13/18 minutes
  - Jamie moves to approve the minutes; Bella seconds the motion
  - 11-0-0 motion passes, 11/13/18 minutes approved

## III. Approval of the Agenda\*

- Strike gen rep 1, csc
- Move all action items to the beginning
- Everything starting from contingency programming and down will be moved after bylaw change and courtesy presentation
- Ayesha moves to approve the agenda; Julia seconds the motion
- 10-0-0; motion passes, agenda approved as amended

## IV. Public Comments

- No audio, no video
  - None
- Audio, no video
  - None
- Audio & video
  - Hi everyone this is my first public comment. I want to talk about last week's meeting. I just think that what happened last week and the real pressure to turn off the camera is ridiculous. I don't necessarily know what USAC does and I'd like someone to tell me the actual effects you guys do. I don't see the reason why this exists. I don't mean to offend anyone that's just my opinion and may you guys have a nice meeting.
  - Hi my name is Richard White. I want to bring up 3 comments pertaining to eboard. Eboard applications are out now due Wednesday November 28th at 5pm. I would hope to do interviews for the position as soon as we get back from break. 2) On the agenda I actually won't be here since I do have stuff to attend to but I did want to talk about ad-hoc or subcommittees. Eboard does have authority to present amendments of ecode to USAC. Now the constitution review

committee or any ad-hoc committee that's established could bring suggestions to eboard and the eboard has to bring those recommendations to the council. The eboard should be entrusted in which it is established [indiscernible, refer to USAC live]... I want to make sure that USAC does not over-step its boundaries in the ecode. The third thing I want to talk about is conflict of interest has been a huge topic it seems. Fortunately the e code establishes parameters for eboard members to not have bias or you know we can't run the campaigns or office. However, that's not established for council members who are looking to run for election. Council member if they do want to be in the e code they should refrain and be ineligible to run for election. However if they do want to fulfill their duties they should abstain from all aspects of the e code itself. I will be leaving but I will listen to USAC live to hear what's said at this table. Thank you.

- I'm the vice chair for calpirg chapter at ucla. Today we had a no bees no Thanksgiving conference. Bees pollinate a lot of the foods we eat including foods we eat for Thanksgiving. We had a table full of thanksgiving foods, a sign that said no bees no Thanksgiving, we have chief sustainability officer came to talk about the importance of bees. I spoke about banning bee killing pesticides from UCLA. Second update is that we are working to get a conditional voter registration site here at UCLA. We had some unprecedented student voter turnout. Five times the turn out last year. It's because of the work of bruinsvote and calpirg. But there were some barriers to voting, a lot of students weren't able to vote because either they weren't registered to vote in LA or in general. The next meeting we'll be here to ask each of you to sign onto the letter to support for the conditional voting site.
- Hi everyone, I'm the vice chair of the asucla communications board, last week there was a contentious debate about Israeli/Palestinian politics. An issue emerged that should not have caused [indiscernible] on this council. For those council members present, last week was a bad week for ucla students that care about freedom of expression and the rights to have a public forum. Abusing clauses in usac bylaws in order to silence a member of the media in general body, inventing excuses to turn off recorder access, applying rules arbitrary based on political disagreements [indiscernible] in order to protect members from the council. These are issues that transcend political preferences this is no longer a debate over any specific political issue. Freedom of speech should apply to all, that was the entire point of last week's resolution. It was incredibly ironic that at a meeting about free speech I was interrupted by this council and the general public, and the council did not reprimand the people infringing on my right to free speech. The editor and chief was bullied repeatedly. This usac council room is not a safe space, it is a public forum. Executive session shouldn't be used as a tool to silence the public. Usac bylaws cannot override state and constitutional rights. The asucla communications board is an equal member of the student union. As of last week [indiscernible] our next meeting will be on December 3rd when we plan to deliberate of this issue. If you have further questions about this I'd be happy to discuss it with you. Thank you for your time.

- Adjourned at 7:20pm

## V. Special Presentations

Bylaw Change: Campus Safety Alliance Membership Inclusivity\*

Watson

- under Article V. Section F. Number 2.A., add "IX. Representatives from any campus-affiliated cultural, community, or safety-based organizations that have a vested interest in campus safety. There shall be one representative per organization."
- Bella moves to approve the bylaw change; Julia seconds the motion
- 11-0-0 motion passes; bylaw changed as proposed

Courtesy Presentation/Approval of Change of Usage of Surplus USP Allocation\*

Watson

- By Johana Guerra Martinez, Manuel Cruz, Daniel Ocampo, and Lilian Moran from IDEAS at UCLA
- Goals for presentation: Review the 2017-2018 spring expenditure that was submitted to USAC, present the new budget for the 2018-2019 fall expenditure plan to USAC, discuss feedback and reasoning for changes in budget priorities.
- Spring 2017-2018 expenditure: \$1,000 scholarships given to 40 students for need based-grants. New programs line item used to purchase laptops + Adobe and meal vouchers. \$3,278.26 remaining out of 50k budget for Spring; rollover into Fall
- Breakdown of New 2018-19 Expenditure Plan: Need Based Grants budget decreased from \$40,000 to \$10,000. Expansion of MAP Budget (6k for Transportation Scholarships by end of winter quarter, 10k for Meal Vouchers, 7k for more Books and iClickers.) Printing at USP 5k→ new resource. USP Programming + Food (5k for programming, 7k for food to be available for the following quarter(s) [winter and spring])
- Reasoning for new plan: Not as many beneficiaries from the initial 50k allocation as we would have liked
  - Only 40 students out of our ~700 undocumented student population able to receive scholarships; ~6% of population
  - Unfair usage of funds: non-AB540 students still unable to access scholarships; face extreme financial need that 100k can't resolve
- Seek to support resources that all 700 students can have access to
  - Expanding MAP
    - Loaning More Textbooks, Buying iClickers, More Transportation scholarships\*\* (non-ab540 excluded but identified other options)
  - Allowing Access to Computers
  - Having Printing at USP

Q&A

- Watson: I really appreciate you reaching out bc this allocation you all got last year and the fact that you're keeping us updated on how you're using those funds. I appreciate you reaching out so early.
- Jay: How many iclickers were you looking to purchase?
- A: I did submit a comprehensive breakdown to Robert
- Jay: If you wanted to instead use that for something else. FSC has iclickers and AAC as well so it might be better suited for a transportation gift card or something like that.
- A: I think the intention behind it is to make sure that we're aware of different financial issues but if y'all are willing to support us with additional iclickers that'd be great.
- Nidira: I can donate clickers to I already have 10.
- A: I will let them know so that we can shift our budget if we need to
- Geller: The changes that you're suggesting really are fully in line with the original intent of the funds and I commend you for working with the BRC to find effective ways to make the needs of the students
- Fieldman: What part of this budget is able to go towards students legal fees?
- A: This budget doesn't account for that because we already have funding for legal services through our legal services component of USP.
- Hello everyone my name is Manuel, also we have money from the spark campaign for legal services.
- Comment: In the past creation of the expenditure plan we did have a townhall for the large undocumented community. Currently the current financial aid is not enough especially for non ab540 students, so this next expenditure plan [indiscernible] But just wanting to acknowledge especially with our second point we feel like it's unfair to continue to provide scholarships when some of our most financially in need students are still left out and how they have no way to access that funding. [indiscernible] We want to acknowledge that we're doing the best we can and trying to figure out the most effective ways to use this money while we figure out how to make it reach to others
- Also a lot of our undocumented students aren't allowed to work so that's why we need more funding and resources.

- Nidira: I was here last year when the last council took on the conversation. We were really trying to figure out the whole scholarship situation and I would really like to further that conversation. Because originally the pot was like 150,000,000, and that's how the 100k manifested. How can we support and get involved?
  - A: This is where I have a question in regards to the bylaws that were being presented so to be transparent ideas leadership wasn't involved in the initial 100k allocation. [indiscernible] It just can't go to scholarships. We have the most leeway with how we want to utilize our funds. Resources like USP and MAP makes us feel reassured. That position is originally funded by UCOP but now we have more leeway.
  - Jay: How will the coordinators salary... like where would the money come from for future years?
  - A: That's a point of contention. We are going to be working with Vice Chancellor Monroe to see if he can allocate portions of the budget to pay for their salary because we do have a program director [indiscernible] really helps and highlights navigate this institution.
  - Nidira: So what can we do to service our support for you?
  - A: I'll have to get back to you we haven't really thought about that we just came here to present this. We'll keep in communication. Thank you for having us.
- Letter endorsement by council for changes made and appreciation for sharing details.

## VI. Officer Reports

### A. President

Fieldman

- I have my quarterly meeting with Chancellor Block, VCSA Monroe Gorden, and GSA President Michael Skiles this week. Topics of discussion include UCPATH, proposed changes to Federal Title IX regulations, basic needs security initiatives, conditional voter registration sites on campus, and AFSCME strike demands.
- The OP South Campus Engagement Team will be hosting a STEM Research Information Workshop with representatives from the Career Center on Nov. 27th from 6-8 PM in Haines 118.
- The website for the 2019 LEAN In UC Women's Leadership Conference, leaninuc.com, is now live. My team would love to collaborate with other offices or campus organizations, so let me know if you have any ideas or connections to relevant speakers/corporate sponsors. The conference will be hosted from 10 AM-4 PM on March 3, 2019.

### B. Internal Vice President

Watson

Overall very proud of office

#### -Meeting with the Chancellor

- Topic of discussing how to support students that felt hurt
- Forum regarding Speech on Campus with Admin and Student Gov't leaders

#### -Institutionalized Events:

- Food Trucks (December 9th-11th) and Study Halls for Finals (Free food, bluebooks, scantrons, school supplies)
- Off-Campus Living Fair (January 20th AGB)
- PRIDE WEEK: February 11th-15th -> Assisting Queer Alliance with this event

#### -GCGP

- Working with an idea Bella developed, we developed over a dozen large, all-encompassing care packages for the Camp Fire
- Meeting with Christine Wilson, Director of Career Center, went great! Career peers!
- Re-secured our TGIF Grant of 10,000 dollars, thank you Julia!
- Last week the redistribution center had been used by over 200 students
- UCLA Store advertising for supplies

#### -Campus Safety Alliance

- Getting out resources for reporting on the hill, and resources besides CARE and CAPS

-A lot of your offices are doing things that have to do with Safety -> Strongly encourage going through CSA

-Student Org Reachable-ness Campaign

- 15 Student Orgs have secured funding or spaces through IVP
- Over 100 we have been in communication with and have assisted virtually

-Receptiveness Committee

- PROJECT RAISE (Due Feb 1st) : Bylaw change institutionalizing RAISE within the IVP Office
- The Director of the LGBT Center wanted to come introduce himself to council in an effort to familiarize himself with the functioning of UCLA

C. External Vice President

Kennerk

UC Regents

- Meeting with student affairs
- Title IX advisory board
- UCPath
- Undocumented Student Coalition Budget Asks
- 2019 UC Budget Proposal

Aidan was STAR on thursday, able to make grounds on deferred maintenance

Got over 1,000 sign ons to our demands letter. Helped make huge headway, now in contact with the COO of UC Rachael Nava, and systemwide program heads Mark Cianca and Dan Russi. Will be having a meeting with them in Oakland on Monday. Big shoutout to Michelle, the grad EVP here, and Leihua, the grad EVP at UCSB who were big parts of this work and will be calling into that meeting also. Also since I'll be in UCOP I'll be dropping by student affairs to talk voter reg, etc. Also now in contact with Ming Fu, who is the UCLA coordinator and Michelle and I will be meeting with them on Tuesday.

Title IX

- Have one pager on updates if you want it.
- Public commenting period on the proposed Title IX guidelines will become open once the guidelines are published in the Federal Register (believed to be next week). From then, they will stay open for 60 days for the public to provide their comments. We would like as many people as possible to send in their public comment to the Department of Ed regarding this proposal. Stay tuned for my email next week when the public commenting period opens!
- UCSA is separately and as an organization going to provide an official statement of stances and recommendations on the new guidelines to be included in the Department of Ed's filings for the Title IX Reforms.

Between this week and last week, had about 10 in district lobby meetings which have gone very well. District representative will provide immigration services to you and if not then Congressperson Judy Chu's office is more than willing to

On that note, UCLA student family is at risk of being split up, her father is being detained. There is a gofundme page that y'all should share

~~G. General Rep 1~~

Haleem

H. General Rep 2

Martin

Textbook Campaign

- collaborating with Calpirg's textbook campaign,
  - access codes are being pushed on universities so aggressively that they'll become synonymous with course essentials in about 2 years
  - the initiative on campus has to be stronger than transparency and push for immediate change
- CalPIRG at UCLA is currently reaching out to students, TAs, and professors to gather data
  - winter priorities will be signing professors (15) over to a commitment for adjusted curriculum & connecting them to Open Education Resources (OER) in our libraries
- Working to lobby academic senate to institutionalize our joint ideas

Bike Lanes

-excited to work closely with new neighborhood council, transportation committee which i will be attending regularly.  
Please come attend their meeting on transportation Wednesday December 5th

#### Food Security

- running into issues with coordination efforts between our office and the sorority house moms
- may need to dive into an awareness campaign to combat institutionalized prejudice

#### Clothes Security

- greek life bins fare filling up quickly!
- we have partnered with victims of the fire to provide them with care packages

#### I. General Rep 3

Solis

#### E. Facilities Commissioner

Ho-Gonzalez

- Appointment applications are still open for SAC BOG and COD. We'll be publishing a new application with the same information for those two positions shortly. We're trying to get those done by the end of this quarter.
- The Safe and Sound team in FAC is working on gathering data on students knowledge in regards to Bruin Alert, Bruin Safe App and Bruin Ride. As well as any general concerns with campus emergency preparedness.
- Our #FixItUCLA project team received funding to purchase smart moisture sensors and a data console that will allow us to track water usage on specific areas on specific parts of campus.
- Blank space team is coloring with Ivp to host a study hall on December 9th from 1-9 PM at AGB.

#### F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Manzano

#### J. Campus Events Commission

Madison

#### K. Transfer Rep

Kim

#### L. Student Wellness Commissioner

Faour

#### ~~M. Community Service Commissioner~~

~~Sonola~~

#### N. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Stephens

#### O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Khasawneh

#### P. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

### VIII. Contingency Programming\*

- Total required: \$17,573.80
- Total requested: \$11,593.79
- Total recommended: \$8,843
- Bethanie moves to approve the contingency programming; Bella seconds the motion
- 11-0-0 motion passes, contingency programming for USAC and non-USAC entities is approved.

### IX. Supplemental Funds for Service (SFS) Allocations#

Sonola

- 7 applications
- Total requested:\$6,191.03
- Total allocated: \$4,711.20
- No oppositions, allocations approved; motion passes by consent

### X. New Business

#### Discussion: CoI Bylaw Change\*

Watson

- The way that we handle these changes to bylaw and e code they're handled differently. Whereas ecode handled by richard, bylaws are councils, and the definitions apply to appointees and council members themselves. Conflict of interest is already in the bylaws, the issue with it is that it's very inaccurate because it's dealing with financial conflict

of interest and not other types of conflicts of interest. The second is that it talks about perception which is also a misconception. That's just not what conflict of interest is, it needs to be changed and updated to apply to everybody fairly. I think we should do a vote on whether or not we should make that happen.

- Geller: [referring to the current conflict of interest definition] The first part is correct, conflict of interest is indirectly receiving benefits. You cannot vote on something that you are going to benefit from. [indiscernible] allocating funds for USAC office, that office has to abstain. It is the next line, that says officers should avoid the perception of conflict of interest that's inappropriate, it was determined to be inappropriate by the jboard. Conflict of interest cannot be in the eyes of the perceiver because you need to know what you can and can't do in order to avoid doing it. It needs to be more explicit. It's been about 3 years that I've been encouraging council to revise the conflict of interest language, I will continue to encourage that action. It's not about perception it's about reality, there shouldn't be a different definition for the purpose of elections. If you're dealing with appointment to committee, it's the members who have a vote on the committee, if it's a council member you have a vote, if it's a member of the election board they have a vote. Nothing in the bylaws should conflict with the constitution, nothing in the ecode should conflict with the constitution or bylaws. The other is the role of crc as specified in your bylaws. It currently reads that CRC's responsibilities are to review and if necessary recommend changes or additions to the USAC constitution, bylaws and election code. So for any of those 3 entities there shouldn't be a separate process for separate committees for recommending changes. Under the constitution, changes can only be implemented by putting it on the election ballot and being voted on by all of your membership. But CRC has the charge of recommending changes to council that might be put on the ballot. For bylaws they are changed by this body. Any council member can bring something to CRC which would review and then you all would take a vote. For e code as Richard pointed out, the first draft of proposal is required to come from the eboard chair to council unless they advocates that responsibility. If they fail to bring a draft then USAC has the right to bring its own recommendations. CRC is allowed to make recommendations to the eboard chair, they don't have to put it in the draft. Eboard doesn't have a vote, they bring the draft and you all vote. You have the right to edit it. You can't bring your own proposal though until the eboard chair brings you something. Last week I suggested that if you didn't want to wait for the eboard chair to come up on their own that you might want to have a committee do it. I have not refreshed my memory of what language was in the bylaws. Since that is an explicit role of CRC it would be inappropriate to create a separate ad-hoc committee for that purpose. I also want to address something that Richard said which was his position that anyone on council could vote when he brings the ecode forward, should then not run for office. Ultimately, at the time you vote nobody has a conflict of interest because nobody is a candidate. Once the process begins it's too late to change election code. If you're graduating and would like to run and choose to abstain you can definitely choose that but you don't have to. Similarly in the e code it doesn't mean that you can't decide later that you want to run. I might argue that someone who might want to be a part of the process would want to be treated fairly just as they would expect every other candidate to be treated. So if there's no conflict with a prior candidate being eboard chair then there should be no conflict seen with a potential future candidate who sits on council today voting on the election policies.
- Bethanie: Going back to the definition, can that include social benefits?
- Watson: Yes
- Geller: Benefits need to be a tangible thing that you're going to get
- Watson: So there's a legal definition where a factor is benefiting a party that is [indiscernible]
- Watson: The reason for this vote is because I think there's a misperception that we're trying to alter ecode right now when the focus is on the bylaws because if we alter the bylaws to include an updated definition of conflict of interest then it will apply to election code just like it will apply to us so that was the intention behind this vote. I think the first thing we need to vote on is whether we should change it.
- Public comment (to Geller): So you've been pushing for this change for quite some time, do you know if it's just been put off?
- Geller: I can't say why CRC hasn't taken upon itself since the jboard case, I can only make recommendations it's up to council what actions they take, my job is not to tell you how to vote or make you do it.
- Fieldman: I'm going to recommend that council makes a motion to charge CRC
- Bethanie: This is going to sound really blunt but what's the point in voting on this?
- Watson: I think the purpose of it is to hold ourselves accountable.

- Geller: You don't need a vote you can just charge CRC
- Fieldman: Okay so I'm going to charge CRC to review and propose recommendations to the definition of conflict of interest to the USAC bylaws. This will be an expectation of week 1 Winter quarter.

Discussion: Constitutional Review Committee/Ad-Hoc Committee for E-Code Changes\*

Manzano

- Manzano: If CRC were to advocate its power and bring suggestions to eboard chair, is that a possibility?
- Geller: I see 3 possibilities. One, CRC makes recommendations to eboard chair. Two, CRC makes recommendations to this council changing the bylaws and ecode is not covered. Three, CRC makes a statement that it's not going to make recommendations to eboard chair. It doesn't have to, eboard can act in a vacuum.
- Manzano: Could CRC and could council establish an ad-hoc committee?
- Geller: It would do it by recommending a change to the bylaws that action to take ecode out from under CRC. Once that's done then the president could appoint an ad-hoc committee to serve that role.
- CRC is open to hearing everything that you want so just please come talk to someone that's on CRC. I'm super willing to have those conversations.
- Fieldman: I know Richard is working on it. I will hold him accountable to that as my appointment.
- Watson: I think what's important is that CRC is an open meeting [indiscernible]. I also wanted to emphasize is the ad-hoc committee to me raises a lot of concerns because I think CRC is [indiscernible]. Furthermore I'm specifically concerned about this because of my position. If the committee were to be created I think you're removing not only the office's duty to serve and recommend changes, I think that you're removing committee's duty to [indiscernible] that. I want to emphasize again that CRC has the ability to operate like a public meeting. The only thing they can't do is vote.
- Manzano: I want to make sure that the integrity of CRC is upheld. I feel comfortable bringing this concern because it was posted publicly but after last week's council meeting Richard voiced some valid concerns. The one comment I am concerned about was that he directly addressed certain feelings that were expressed by ivp, he said that the ivp stated that this topic, meaning his appointment as eboard chair, in relation to what folks deem as bias or not was heightened with his confirmation which (quotes Richard's Facebook post). Richard I don't mean to speak on behalf of anyone I'm just reading what was publicly posted. And because he publicly mentioned a usac council member.. I myself and robert are 2 members of CRC and because our appointed eboard chair has expressed certain concerns about the nature of the conversations, I just don't know that CRC has the integrity to take this upon themselves
- Nidira: Are you questioning your own integrity just because of what Richard said?
- Manzano: I'm not I'm questioning perceived integrity
- Watson: [indiscernible] which is a concern that we've all expressed. I'm frankly deeply hurt that me being critical of the bylaw that's part of my job and duty.
- Bethanie: If you want ppl to be able to hold you accountable, then allow them to see you. You can only do what you think is right and people can question that.
- Manzano: I don't think our integrity is compromised I just want to make sure that any perception because it's not just that anybody it is our eboard chair that has made these statements. Because it is someone who is appointed to such a high position it naturally carries a certain kind of weight. Just as I'm expected to hold myself accountable I think that's also something that our appointees should also do.
- Fieldman: I'm tabling discussion until minutes are approved.
- Resumed 8:33pm
- Geller: I have total confidence in all of you. I point out that CRC only makes recommendations not decisions. Ultimately, it doesn't have the kind of power where there should be a conflict. There's too much risk in giving power to an outside entity. You've been elected to carry out the charges in your guiding documents. Either carry out the charges or change the bylaws.

Discussion: Council & Community Courtesy and Guidelines\*

Sonola

- Fieldman: So the intention behind this is what's safe during public comment or conversations during votes to make sure that both the safety of council members and public attending these meetings [indiscernible]. We also want it to be civil and productive. I'll start off with public comments, I don't know how folks feel about the changes I've made. I did go against the bylaws by extending it to three minutes so moving forward we're going to keep it to two minutes. I felt there

was a compromise with having folks speak only once but I do feel having them speak only once is appropriate because then it just turns into back and forth with the same things being repeated. I don't know if any other folks have comments on how we can make public comment more civil.

- Nidira: For public comment we've outlined last week if people have issues in terms of what it should look like and what's restricted, that's not the case. The difference is like the daily bruin takes notes of every single meeting, not to say it should be the main source but there's just a certain level of respect. But I think the issue is that because the situation was so controversial. There was an issue in regards to palestinians versus zionists and so it kind took over public comment and overlooked what council members were saying in respecting public comment. I think we should think critically about how we went into executive session. I still hold true to the fact because now it feels that we're not accountable. I don't think we should utilize it for a vote.
- Bethanie: Often times I come here and I feel disrespected. People often come here and shout saying "you're wasting my time" and [indiscernible] There's been several times where I've been talked to in a manner that my parents wouldn't speak to me and I don't think that any student should be speaking to me in that manner. Even though they are constituents and they're allowed to hold us accountable they're not allowed to belittle us and completely disregard us and the work that we do. I think public comment is a place for people to express concerns. A lot of what was said just didn't pertain to what was on the agenda. Public comment is to address things to council and most things weren't directed to council. Also when it comes to time management and timekeeping, the matter of the fact is that people don't care. When you speak for a long time you take away time in general, we want to make sure we're using time effectively. When it comes to media they make valid points. USAC live doesn't get the whole audience, media has to act in a consistent manner. But the fact that their concerns are valid does not invalidate our concerns.
- Fieldman: I would like to attend their board meeting on December 3rd if anyone wants to join that'd be great.
- Solis: So about executive session when it comes to safety that should be our priority. A lot of us have identities that if they were put on a website our safety would be at risk.
- Aly: To your point not only can it be dangerous for certain people but can also inhibit our abilities as council members. I think it can sometimes influence us because of the hostility in the room. It can influence the way that you vote. I think that that is why I felt the executive session is really appropriate. In regards to the media, I felt like my major issue with that is the way we were treated and the lack of respect we're shown. With the way that they were filming is was very subjective whereas USAC live or the way the daily bruin does their reports is objective. That's where I took issue with it.
- Bella: A lot of new faces came to that meeting and this magazine from the tone and conversation went, we don't have a strong relationship with them. I'm not saying we have to prove ourselves. There needs to be mutual respect for each other's spaces. I just think that it's a matter of this is their first impression of us and they don't really know how it goes.
- Fieldman: Every media outlet has its own mission or agenda. Ham has a particular angle, daily bruin is more general, FEM has a particular angle as well.
- Manzano: I see your point, I think what happened last week upon hearing our reasoning they just didn't care. What can we as council effectively do to enforce rules but then on the flip side when we have someone who just blatantly disregards everything that we say or try to reason with them how do we navigate that?
- Nidira: Before I directly addressed him, Robert pulled me aside and reiterated it. Here's the deal, he came because they were talking about nsjp. It's not like there's a specific space where they weekly record. The reality of the situation is that if we did not vote for the resolution we would not have been [indiscernible]... where they want us to either agree confirm or deny a specific position. When it comes to relationships we need to be transparent and have an open line of communication. I don't think that we have to hold ourselves accountable to the likeability of other people. [indiscernible] We need to focus in terms of disrespect.
- Bethanie: I also wanted to say when it comes to safety it's not just physical safety, it's about mental and emotional well being. It can have lasting impact outside of council.
- Manzano: I think that we should not presume that any conversation is going to be heated or that the audience is going to react in any sort of specific way. Obviously we know which issues are much more prominent I just think back to when we talked about nsjp conference, before we even started the discussion we were, I'm not saying we shouldn't set community guidelines because we should but, we were saying things like let's not yell or I forget how it was exactly said but I do remember I made a comment trying to clarify to the audience saying we say this because not that we

intend or presume you'll act in a certain way but more because of the previous weeks conversation. I just think that we should all be cognizant of that. We should not presume that the conversation is going to go in any sort of specific way. The best that we can do is set community guidelines.

- Geller: I see opportunities for CRC to review some things and make recommendations for change. Bruin consent coalition through the student wellness commission set forward a request that the media opportunity for those that wish to speak to the council without being recorded to be able to do so and gave the context of someone who has experienced stalking. Someone who is being stalked may not want their stalker to know where they are or what they look like or how they identify. This allows safety for an opportunity to talk to their council. There is references in Title 9 explaining why these things are set in place. You could say we have our livestream and that is the only video recording that can be made. That doesn't take the media's right away. Through CRC take a look at the bylaws and guidelines and perhaps make some changes to clarify. Executive session ideally is used when you're having a personal discussion.
- Bethanie: Let's say we do allow people to record then that's now accessible to third parties. I'm trying students on campus not the rest of the world. [indiscernible].
- Nidira: The canary has access to students and faculty per student submission. So it's just how students use third parties for events, it's really students that are doing that regardless. [indiscernible] I just felt for executive session, I do understand but I feel as council members it would have been more poignant for us.
- Bethanie: People forget that we're also students. It's about my mental and physical well-being. My question was, you know the signs on the door, no one reads them. The recording pertains to council, not necessarily everyone in the room. Does that extend to the public? Everyone has a right to privacy.
- Aly: A little bit more about student safety. I think we're focusing a lot is on last week's meeting. I think we need to rethink the parameters of that. I feel what really pushed us to vote was external and internal pressures. It's important to think about how it affects our ability to do our jobs and our mental health. I think there's certain ways that we can adjust to how these meetings are run.
- Fieldman: I'd also like to point out that roll call votes we don't necessarily have to do we can transition into other voting modes.
- Bethanie: I understand that but we always get people on council asking can I vote later. If you can't vote when asked does that mean that you have your own vote? It calls that into question. It clearly isn't the mode of which we're operating.
- Manzano: I think vocal roll call works for specific things. Other modes of voting would be beneficial.
- Fieldman: If folks want to vote a different way just tell me and we can vote a different way.
- Jessica: Is there going to be an issue of not establishing a specific way to vote?
- Manzano: I think one good way to go about it is having it be through a motion possibly?
- Bethanie: So like saying I motion for vocal roll call etcetera?
- Manzano: Yeah that's what I'm asking. Maybe in default vote by position but in certain situations if someone wants to vote a different way then they can motion.
- Fieldman: [indiscernible]. I have seen USAC meetings conducted in those two different ways. If folks feel like they need more time I can call recess and we will.
- Nidira: In regards to the voting thing we can't please everyone. Every time we've been in a position where folks have charged us with a specific initiative there's going to be somebody that's [indiscernible]. There's going to be someone who felt slighted with whatever position we took. I think that listening to the level of disrespect we've faced I don't know if restricting or monitoring our votes but it's about establishing our position as council members. We're spending time trying to accommodate ourselves and I don't know if that's necessarily fair.
- Bethanie: Having a recess allows people to take a step back.
- Nidira: I think the recess is the most effective way instead of changing how we vote.
- Manzano: What do we do when an individual isn't here to reason or abide by any procedures?
- Bethanie: I think it depends on who they are. I don't understand why this can't be a safe space because it's a space for every single constituent. It needs to be not just us because otherwise it's going to be like we're demanding this of you.
- Fieldman: The last thing I will say and then we can close this conversation is to acknowledge that this is a learning process. It's my job to engage members of the public and articulate these guidelines [indiscernible]. I know that it's a

difficult consideration, it's never my intention to silence student voices or cut off folks who want to speak. But also I'm recognizing now that I can't continue to let people to speak be it turns into something negative. I hope that you all continue to provide feedback.

## **XI. Old business**

- None

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

- Attendance sheet is passed around

## **XIII. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

- Meeting is adjourned at 10:00pm

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