



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
KH417
December 4th, 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*

- 10/09/18 Minutes
 - No approval of minutes
- 10/16/18 Minutes
 - No approval of minutes
- 11/20/18 Minutes
 - No approval of minutes
- 11/27/18 Minutes
 - No approval of minutes

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Strike gen rep 1, strike tsr, add discussion item Council Communication Platform after Bella's discussion about media access
 - Bella moves to approve the agenda;
 - 9-0-0; agenda approved as amended

IV. Public Comments

- No audio, no video
 - None
- Audio, no video
 - None
- Audio & video
 - None

Public comments closed at 7:09pm

V. Special Presentations

IVP Office Welcomes Andy Cofino- Director of LGBT Campus Resource Center

Cofino

- Hi folks how's it going my name is Andy Cofino. I use the pronouns he/him/his, they/them/theirs. I started this July as the director of the LGBT campus resource center.. Thank you so much for inviting me into this space tonight. I just wanted to offer some info about myself, the center and its mission. I know that USAC has supported the lgbt campus resource center and we're very thankful for that. As I mentioned I joined this past july I was previously at Princeton's LGBT center where I would do all kinds of works that I will be doing here at UCLA such as coordinating events revolved around LGBTQIA+ communities on campus. That includes undergrad students, grads and staff. I also did some work around policy and advocacy change in terms of supporting UCLA campus community. So the LGBT

resource center is located in SAC basement level 36. We provide allyship trainings to learn what does gender and sex mean, those trainings are also offered to faculty and staff, we also offer programming and events to support professional development. Some of those events include our annual drag show, all of our work is centered around student experience so all of our programming comes from student initiated efforts. We staff students at our center in addition to our full time staff as well. The drag show being cookies and queers. And then we do smaller events like intersex awareness week, we also have other kinds of services in our center, we have drop in counseling. Our drop in space for counseling does not count for the CAPS max. Our drop in hours aren't a part of that. We also provide academic counseling so students can come to us directly. We have over 20 student interns and volunteers. They help up with all kinds of things such as help us with programming and events and also work at our student desk, advocate certain policy changes. When I think about the center moving forward, our center has a long standing history as it relates to our programming and our advocacy we're ranked the top. I think that our students and our staff continue to maintain those statuses and sorts of things. I want us to look a little deeper. I been asking students every week what are their experiences, what are their gaps in their experiences here. And we find that especially transgender, non-binary and students of color experience different gaps. Some of those things look like policy issues, systems issues. [indiscernible] And even though we have that policy in place there's still more room to grow in that class rosters student's legal name are on them, their name is outed to their classmates. Those are the gaps of support that we're having. And really getting our center because when we look at our mission, it was written a long time ago. Ensure that everything that we do. That's some of the work that we're working on now I would love to work with this organization. Thank you so much for your time I'm happy to answer questions.

Q&A

- Is there a main vision for pride week?
- A: It's around awareness, bringing folks in community to awareness
- Q: I just wanna say thank you so much again, I wanted to go off of some of the stuff you been on. With usac how can we support you in tangible ways?
- A: Around policy and advocacy change. Things like those very concrete efforts would be very helpful
- Q: Are there any specific state policies?
- A: There's something called CA gender recognition act which is a state law that requires all systems must have a non-binary option even when we're asking for gender identity. That is a huge one because it's about state law and enforces compliance. All systems need to be in compliance.

UCPD Monthly Update

Kilgore

- Good evening, November was very busy w all the events happening on campus. Significant and effective communication during sjp conference. Event was successful and safe for all who attended. For that we are greatly appreciative for the discussion you all had leading up to it, all for the thoughtful time you put into making sure that that word was spread that people were respectful. Next week will be [indiscernible] we will look forward to seeing you all there. We wish you all happy holidays.

CalPirg Report

Gist

- Organizational structure: how CALPIRG students operates
 - Mission: CALPIRG Students' mission is train student leaders to act on problems that affect the lives of all Californians and to promote solutions.
 - We do this by combining the energy of students with the expertise of professional staff including advocates and organizers who work both on and off campus to advocate for the public.
- Statewide:
 - Chapters at eight UCs
 - Board of Directors: 36 students from 8 UCs
 - Budget, Campaigns, Statewide Priorities
 - Statewide Executive Committee: 6 members elected from the BoD
- UCLA Chapter: Five board members, campaign coordinators, internship program, volunteers, campus organizer
 - Each of our campaigns has a campaign coordinator so that it's effective

- Then we have interns coordinating specific portions so maybe an intern will work with tabling events
- Campaign progress
 - No Bees, No Food: Lead campaign this Fall, 1900 petitions, educated 6000 students, No Bees No Thanksgiving press conference
 - Our Santa Cruz chapter found someone to sponsor our statewide ban
- 100% Renewables
 - SB100 won!
 - Tactics: we collected 20k petitions, we met with leaders, administration, the chancellor at ucr, met with uc regents, uc office of president, worked with state legislators
 - 100% renewables on campus: 100% renewable energy, we been seeing the impacts directly in our daily lives. We know that one of the roots causes of climate is the overuse of fossil fuels, we need to transition to no fossil fuels. This is the biggest climate change bill that has ever been passed in the US
 - 100% clean electricity win!
- New Voters Project
 - BruinsVOTE! Coalition
 - Helped register 2,000 voters
 - UCLA turnout over 5x that of 2014 midterm election
 - Ballot Bowl press conference
 - CALPIRG Students
 - Conditional voting site sign-ons
 - Student PIRGs success nationwide
- Affordable textbooks: Textbooks are too expensive, so we are working to get professors to use open educational resources and stop using access codes, as well as get administrative support for OER.
- In 2017, we won \$5 million in federal funding for open source textbooks programs at educational institutions that make open educational resources or promote their use on campus. We also won our campaign to renew funding this year.
- This year, we have been building support from students and faculty. This year, at our National Textbooks Day of Action, we got 39 professors to pledge to give preference to affordable course materials like OER.
 - Open source textbooks at UCLA
 - Federal budget win!
 - National textbooks day of action
 - Working with libraries
- Organizational Highlights
 - Kickoff meeting: biggest one yet, 152 students, guest speaker Senator Kevin De Leon
 - Fall Pledge Drive: CALPIRG Students is funded through a voluntary, opt-in fee of \$10 per quarter
 - this year we got over 2000 students to pledge to add the \$10 fee
 - Regents meeting: Thanked UC regents for 100% electricity commitment and support for voter registration efforts and spoke with Lt. Gov Newsom about bee die-offs
 - Fall statewide conference: gathered students across 8 UCs, developed new student leaders, held trainings on key skills, and discussed statewide priorities and campaigns
- Next quarter
 - Campaign Mix: new lead campaign for Winter/Spring → 100% renewable transportation
 - Continuing: No Bees, No Food and affordable textbooks,
 - Adding: Zero Hunger, Hold the Antibiotics

VI. Appointments

Student Conduct Committee - Chloe Tamadon#

Fieldman

- 3 year term; 3 positions, 2 have been filled. Non-stipended
- Responsibilities: Provides hearings for all cases referred to it under the Student Conduct Code. Must attend an Orientation in early October. Meets when there is a case to be heard, including summer and breaks.

- 3rd year majoring in Material Sciences, treasurer of the club materials research society
- Watson: I voted yes, she has real devotion to student conduct committee and true bruin values
- Ayesha: I voted yes similar to what Robert said
- Jessica: Kind of what robert said I think her not being a north campus major can and she has a really good understanding of true bruin values
 - No opposition; appointment passes by consent

VII. New Business

Winter BOD allocations#

Kristy Vang (Budget Review Director)

- 31 organizations applied
- Average allocation: \$1,938.71
- Total allocated: \$60,100.00
 - No opposition; Winter BOD allocations passes by consent

Contingency Programming*

Ender

- 8 applications; None USAC
- Total required: \$53,937
- Total requested: \$8,963
- Total recommended: \$5,823
 - Jay moves to approve contingency funding of \$5,823 to non-usac entities; Bella seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved

Supplemental Funds for Service (SFS) Allocations#

Sonola

- 2 applications
- Total requested: \$3,000
- Total allocated: \$3,000
 - No opposition; SFS allocations passes by consent

ASRF Allocations#

Stephens

- **\$2,000 for jay's textbook scholarship program**
- **Manzano: Fsc is trying to do a textbook scholarship, provide students with giftcards to asucla bookstore with an allocation of 2,000 dollars. We're looking to give 50 dollar gift cards.**
 - **No opposition; passes by consent**

Preliminary Surplus Allocations to Contingency*

Fieldman/Ender

- Restricted surplus of \$555,702.49
 - Ayesha moves to approve the restricted surplus allocations; Aly seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; restricted surplus allocations of \$555,702.49 is approved
- Preliminary surplus of \$150,000
 - Bella moves to approve the preliminary surplus allocations; Jamie seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; preliminary surplus allocations of \$150,000 is approved

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Fieldman

-Presidential Appointments have all been FILLED.

-This morning, I had my quarterly meeting with Vice Chancellors Beck and Gorden. Topics of discussion included safety protocol including Bruin Safe and BruinAlert, meal vouchers on campus, development updates, and Policies 110 and 133.

-The OP LEAN In committee will be handing out free blue books, scantrons, and pencils in exchange for notes of encouragement on Bruin Walk this week. The notes are geared toward uplifting and inspiring women and will be distributed accordingly.

-I will be taking part in a webinar with UCLA Parent & Family Programs next Tuesday, December 11 at 5 PM about legislative advocacy with representatives from UCOP and Government & Community Relations.

-OP will be opening up applications for a limited number of winter staff and interns over the break. We are also in the process of integrating our fall interns into office operations.

B. Internal Vice President Watson

C. External Vice President Kennerk

~~G. General Rep 1~~ ~~Hateem~~

H. General Rep 2 Martin

I. General Rep 3 Solis

E. Facilities Commissioner Ho-Gonzalez

F. Financial Supports Commissioner Manzano

J. Campus Events Commission Madison

~~K. Transfer Rep~~ ~~Kim~~

L. Student Wellness Commissioner Faour

M. Community Service Commissioner Sonola

- The SFS committee is not going to be considering any more applications this quarter. Students are still free to apply but all allocations receive from now on will be consider for allocation during Week 1 of Winter Quarter.
- IMPACT Application is up. We are particularly trying to get students who aren't graduating to apply as we want the knowledge imparted at these works shows to be brought to the UCLA community - particularly those interested in community service.
- Please fill out the NNN Interest Form if you haven't (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfe0WgvNE0hyj8AmyX6VbeeGyuloSD8lEpG2Ow59ZaOMGOdqg/vie/wform>). Registration information in the coming weeks.
- Alternative Breaks is getting ready to go on their winter breaks. Will share more about their experiences when they get back. This winter there are two sites - one in Fresno and one in Seattle - with the prior exploring food insecurity and immigration in the Central Valley and the latter centered on approaches to reducing stigma and creating long-term solutions for young people experiencing homelessness.

N. Academic Affairs Commissioner Stephens

O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Khasawneh

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

- Whereas almost 7,000 Central Americans are in the exodus fleeing to the U.S to apply for asylum. Whereas the Central American exodus are “fleeing violence or political repression there [Central America] and hope to apply for asylum in the U.S.” Whereas “Experts cite violence, poverty and family connections in the U.S. as the primary forces driving migrants from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador– as well as the possibility they might be able to remain once they arrive”. Whereas the first asylum process of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) includes investigating whether refugees have a credible fear of persecution in their home country. Whereas, earlier this year, an additional exodus occurred in which “more than 90 percent [of the refugees in the exodus] passed a credible fear screening, according to a DHS spokeswoman.” Whereas, LGBTQ+ folks are part of the exodus escaping violence due to their gender identity or sexual orientation. Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of California, Berkeley passed the “In Support of Central American Refugees in their Pursuit of Asylum” resolution which provides \$1,500 in aid to the Central American exodus in the exodus. Whereas, The University of California, Los Angeles, is composed of 21.3% Latinx undergraduate students. Whereas, UCLA students in MEChA de UCLA, Transfronterix Alliance Student Organization at UCLA, and the UCLA Department of Chicana/o Studies mobilized earlier this year to support Central American refugee in the exodus. Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) states in its bylaws that “legislation and programming in accordance to the perceived needs of the student population” should be introduced. Whereas, the University of California, Los Angeles, claims in its Bruin Values that UCLA students “will make an impact in our global community through public service.” Whereas, the University of California, Los Angeles, has proudly claimed that “UCLA is dedicated to nurturing an inclusive community in which we support everyone’s right to live, learn, work and pursue the American dream free from fear or discrimination”. Whereas, the immigrants in the exodus have endured widespread xenophobia and USAC passed a resolution in the 2018-2019 year which called for USAC to “reiterate its commitment to fighting...xenophobia...at UCLA and beyond.” Let it further be resolved: USAC acknowledges that the advocacy for one cause does not belittle, ignore, or threaten the advocacy causes for other issues going on within the campus and beyond. Let it further be resolved: USAC commits to providing aid to Central American refugees via the allocations of \$1500 from its Council Discretionary fund that will be given to the Registered Student Organization: UNICA de UCLA to use solely for providing support to refugees and UNICA de UCLA will be transparent to USAC and UCLA’s student body about their use of the allocations. Let it further be resolved: USAC expresses solidarity for the refugees in the Central American exodus and supports UNICA de UCLA in providing aid to the refugees.

Discussion:

- [No audio recording of first few minutes of the discussion]
- Geller: The funds that you collect from students cannot be directly transferred to a non-UC non-profit unless first the chancellor personally approves the transfer and second, you can justify that there’s a direct educational benefit to the UC’s current students from the expenditure. Finding a way to give actual cash through CARECEN LA is going to be nearly impossible whereas if there were a different way that UNICA could support the population with their needs and issues without transferring dollars then you can find ways to do that within policy. There might actually be a contingency application that’s consistent with the proper process. There might be something that you did with some of the surplus funds that are going to come forward because you would be doing it as a USAC initiative. You just need a little time to do some of the research. So if you wanted to take tonight to wordsmithing the resolution, put together your endorsement and support of the issues without the final let it be resolved. I think you’re going to need a little bit of time to find out how to comply with the policies.
- Manzano: I know there’s members of the public who want to say something so I’d like to cede my time.
- Hello everyone my name is Lizzie, I’m sure all of you are all aware of everything going on. It’s a US issue. Given the conversation I see where it’s heading I really don’t know how this space works. Some of us are gonna be putting our bodies on the line and will be going towards the border after finals week. If there’s a way that y’all can translate and allocate funds to us we will make sure those funds will go towards buying supplies because now that the winter is approaching many of these people will need raincoats or anything that will help them survive.
- Hi everyone my name’s Isaac, I’m a 4th year. I myself was raised and live in Tijuana region and have been there since the beginning of everything that’s happened first hand. [indiscernible] It is a humanitarian crisis and there is a dire need for things right now. Another bus with about 700 people mainly unaccompanied minors and womxn arrived to Tijuana. There is a need for camping tents, blankets because there’s nowhere to go in the city itself. The infrastructure of the city isn’t built to hold that many people. The so called shelters that are provided don’t have liveable conditions and you have also have Mexicans enforcing Mexican hegemony. There has been physical altercations and people have been hurt. There has been attacks on the my community, the LGBTQ community. This is a pressing issue, and there is ways and this council has done it before where you have allocated contingency funds to a student organization and it’s up to the discrepancy and autonomy of that organization to spend that money. It’s still compliant to uc policies, we saw it at Berkley. That doesn’t mean that resolutions cannot be rewritten [indiscernible]. The easiest solution is to make sure

that unica is allocated the funding and from there students utilize that money. As someone who crosses the border every day, there's still a lot of items that are needed. We need as many supplies as possible. We need to pass this resolution.

- Lizzie: And if it isn't passed then we know where we stand.
- Hi my name is Hiram I'm a board member of SJP. SJP wants to voice its solidarity with UNICA and CARECEN. First I want to say that the projects of imperialism against centroamericanos towards this border is completely parallel towards palestinians. The treatment that caravanistas have experienced at the border is very parallel with the experience of the [indiscernible] in Gaza. I want to make a moral case where the president of uc system is Janet Napolitano who is the former secretary of homeland security under Barack Obama. During her tenure she really developed the infrastructure of the deportation apparatus. A lot of difficulty that the caravanistas are experiencing is directly due to the intervention of our uc president. As americans on the safer side of the border we have a responsibility to make things easier for people and I think a small way to make up for the fact that our university is lead by someone who's made this so violent for people is to make this small transfer of funds.
- My name is Alex, I'm the policy coordinator [indiscernible]. We're in solidarity and stand for this resolution. Members of the exodus have been for decades making a journey aware from dire conditions. Especially those among them who represent a community such as lgtbq community. As other people attending this meeting have said [indiscernible] I feel like it's our obligation to stand on the other side and as an institution make a difference. As students who have the privilege of access to resources where we can make a change.
- Hi everyone I'm Andrew, 4th year undergraduate with the student labor advocacy project. We stand in solidarity with the caravanistas. We want to acknowledge that the exact same imperialist forces that have allowed for cheap labor in LA and the UCLA system it comes from exactly the same place that forces these people from their homes. We want to make sure that the UC is in line with its values.
- Fieldman: I'm gonna propose that we do suspend the bylaws and change the last to be further resolved and changing right above it to USAC commits to providing aide. The need is extremely accued and is not something that can wait. The caravnistas are facing very harsh realities. [indiscernible]. It would be passing the resolution and allocating 1500 dollars to UNICA de UCLA and trusting that it would go through the mechanism of getting cash advance from SGA, providing supplies, whatever is in accordance with UC policy.
- Roy: Just wanted to give the guidance that in order for this to work, you'll need to frame it as being a for being purchase of supplies. I think the cash advance mechanism is probably not the most efficient way. Maybe we can get funded if you choose with a purpose, and then through sga you can probably put out a purchase order. I don't know that it needs to be in the resolution, I wouldn't mention anything about cash advances. Specify allocation for a purpose. Once council flags it for a purpose then I guess it needs an agent. I think it'd be a good mechanism to flag that to the gen rep 3 office.
- Isaac: So when you all mean supplies just because we are acknowledging the fact that usac the guidelines under it is very limited under sga. The freedom that comes with the cash advances is that we're able to utilize the money and then provide receipts and it's a little bit more retroactive. I think that personally we're willing to provide this help rather than constrain the amounts supplied and that we just give the money directly and buy the supplies that are needed. Right now what a lot of people are doing in the shelters is that they're providing updated lists that they need. Women and children are in hunger strike because of the conditions. I think it'd be a little bit better within our own humanitarian endeavors.
- Roy: The guidelines are for purposes, putting into effect the rules that need to be in place or the conditions defined by council. Often they're the way in which were able to ensure that the intention of the council/funder are followed. Those are the purpose for those, if we use something like council discretionary then it's not necessarily within certain funding bodies that has specific guidelines. Most of your experience is probably based on certain funds have certain defined purposes. If you're choosing to use council discretionary that's a much broader, whatever the constraints are might not be as strong. Another thing i'm concerned about is a cash advance is never something we really like to do in sga the problem with it can be that you're sort of at risk. If a student gets something that cannot be reimbursed then they're liable. [indiscernible]. As long as you've got the signatures, it's a matter of focusing on it, defining what your purpose is and then sga's role is to make sure that that purpose is followed. That is something that will need to occur here.
- Manzano: What sorts of freedom do they have by using the discretionary funds?
- Geller: It might be easiest to say what they don't have. They can't give cash.
- Roy: The mechanisms are for making sure that the money stays within the purposes. Using discretionary makes it broad.
- Geller: in many ways you're turning it into a community service project. And if you want you can even spend it on transportation expenses for some of the students who are going to go make the deliveries. So you can look more broadly at what you do and how you do it.
- Manzano: So then if you don't recommend using a cash advance so then would it be through a purchase order?
- Roy: Purchase orders, we can find a way to work through that. Whatever the mechanisms I think we can work [indiscernible]. We will work with gen rep 3's office to get to those expedited outcomes.
- Jessica: Is there a way we can agree to pass the resolution? Just for student well being
- Fieldman: We would have to formally vote to allocate tonight. We can figure out the mechanisms and whenever it'd be a cash advance etc, whatever yall would prefer. I don't believe we have to necessarily dictate the mechanism tonight.

- Roy: If we're talking about the mechanism is we see some urgency. The most expeditious path I think it's keeping it in gen rep 3 office. If we keep it one of the council's office I think we can move it to the fastest possible execution.
 - Isaac: I know I'm personally going to be working close with this and I have experience of 4 years of working with student funding. I have dealt with a 20,000 dollar student budget by myself. I am very familiar with guidelines and in fact students of color, the cash advances actually serve for us to purchase things for the event. Really if you give cash advance to the organization, we know how to handle these budgets. Really we already are managing these amounts of [indiscernible]. I don't think it's fair to assume that unica isn't going know how to handle the money when you already are allocating other student orgs to put on their parties and events, it's like any other contingency allocation.
 - Roy: Again some of my concern comes from concern to not expose students to liability. What we need is receipts and if we got the receipts and you're familiar with the process and that's the quickest path, as long as it translates into goods.
 - Isaac: I'm always welcome to provide my resume to yall. I've been in these spaces long enough and if you can trust students with 20,000 to put on an event I don't see why you can't trust unica with 1500.
 - Jessica: I just want to clarify because I feel like my point wasn't specific. I want to make sure everyone in here isn't making the choice of the mechanism. All we're doing is allowing it, but I don't feel as usac we should choose the mechanism.
 - Fieldman: When you apply for contingency you can decide whether or not you want it to be a cash advance etc and that's on the student org.
 - Manzano: In terms of the timeline, if the money was to be distributed directly, how long would the process be to get the money, purchase the things?
 - Roy: You make an allocation tonight, we're gonna need a signature from ryan, we can expedite a check and get it within a few days. You just need to vote.
 - Manzano: By when do they need to provide receipts?
 - Isaac: Usually as long as you turn in your requests by either Tuesday when they make them or Friday the deadline, immediately after you get the receipt [indiscernible]. It's like getting the money ahead of time so you're not fronting the [indiscernible].
- Suspend bylaws to create multiple actions items on resolution
 - Jamie moves to suspend the bylaws; Jessica seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes and bylaws are suspended
 - Locate budget allocations
 - Jay moves to locate the budget allocations; Robert seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes and 1500 allocated to unica de ucla
 - Approve the resolution as amended
 - Solis moves to approve resolution as amended; Ayesha seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; resolution approved as amended

Discussion Item: Media Access and Distribution of Contact Information

Martin

- Aly: I didn't get my number distributed but I know eduardo did
- Solis: When I got the phone call [indiscernible]. Knowing that a non media person got my number it just weirded me out. Safety is my priority.
- Aly: When I heard about all of this I remember she would get students numbers, I started talking to her about it a little bit and they don't have a student directory to get anyones numbers, they get them through other sources. At the end of the day the relevant reporters have their numbers. I personally think that is permissible because it is their job. My understanding is that they're not trying to do anything that would put us at risk. I think in that instance that is something that you might want to report. I've also had multiple reporters contact me and the distribution of work for this one feature was a little bit messy. It can get really messy. So I think that that was the case here. I do think they shouldn't be allowed to do that. I think that's something we should move forward. I just wanted to speak about my views and my position. I think them having access to us is absolutely necessary.
- Sarena: I feel like I disagree with that though because my phone number is for my friends and family. And yes I'm an elected representative and that's why my email is public but for you to have direct access to my phone. Everytime I look at it right away I think it's a loved one but when it's someone demanding a comment within 5 minutes I'm just like fuck like that's why I check my email because I have time in the first place. Also someone from daily bruin gave my number and email to someone at kcrw and it was on comments for nsjp so it wasn't even about this position.

- Aly: I think we do need to set the precedent of how we should be communicated with. But they do need to have access to us in some form at more at a distance I think that's totally respectable. I totally respect with not wanting to interfere with your role as a person. We should establish a presence with how we would want to be communicated with.
- Jay: Is anyone from the daily burin here?
- Fieldman: The editor and chief is here
- Manzano: I wanted to know what's permissible for emailing answers?
- Chief: It kind of varies. [indiscernible] more explicit comments, that may call more for a phone call. Last year the policy was we couldn't take any email answers at all.
- Bella: Can you speak to why Eduardo's situation, is that like suggested?
- Chief: So that's very much not what we do, if that's happened I apologize I'm not sure where the communication is with that.
- Bella (to Solis): I know it's week 10 but maybe you can find the person that emailed you in the first place?
- Sarena: How do you get our numbers in the first place?
- Chief: Mostly by asking
- Sarena: So if I gave my number to someone during election season
- Chief: It'd be passed along to the next editor.

Discussion item: Council Communication Platform

- Jessica: I feel there's so much noise on social media. I think groupme is great. But sometimes when we get into a conversation and if I'm not immediately in there I feel like I can't add to the conversation. I'm wondering if council would be okay with using a different social media platform. I think really starting winter quarter I think we need to start as a council focusing more on collaboration in USAC in general that doesn't need to be an individual office program. It'd be nice to have it organized in different channels. Like if we wanted something usac related then that's in a specific space and so on. I kinda wanted to bring this conversation with the other members with being more accessible as a council. That was it.
- Kennerk: For me I hate slack, I feel like it's kind of 50 percent of people love it or hate it. I don't really know what the best answer is but I don't think it's slack
- Manzano: What do people use in their offices?
- Fieldman: Last year slack was a disaster so this year we used to groupme
- Manzano: From my end every single person has to be on the same page because in my experience over the summer I used slack as a student advisor, our staff is like 90 something people, the boss says you gotta get on slack. I think it works when there's that level of enforcement. Either we all commit to something or figure something out because slack can be very successful. It's only as successful as we all choose to commit to it.
- Fieldman: We need to be better at posting your events. Maybe because we're the ones that are responsible for posting on the Facebook page [indiscernible].
- Jessica: It's kind of the conversation about how we communicate in general. I know we're all admin but I don't really know what each of our roles within usac is. For someone who is a transfer student and hasn't been in this space nearly as long I think there's certain things we can do as an organization overall. I think it'd be nice to have all of us as an office working specifically on USAC itself. I think we just need a body whether that be us or sometimes we're so busy focusing on our offices like honestly it's really hard to just look at USAC itself. I don't know if that means having a separate body or like adding in another person who's on this person but all they deal with is marketing, I don't know.
- Aly: I think I would agree with you in terms if someone mentions something and maybe another council member is interested, it is kind of like groupme inhibits that conversation and I personally love slack, I think it opens the door up between collabs between offices.
- Fieldman: Let's table this discussion and come back week 1

IX. Old business

- None

X. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

XI. Adjournment*

Fieldman

- Meeting is adjourned at 9:53pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item