



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
KH417  
January 15th, 2019  
7:00PM

### **I. Call to Order**

Fieldman

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

#### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

### **II. Approval of minutes\***

- 01/08/19 Minutes
  - Tabled until next week

### **III. Approval of the Agenda\***

- Add Transportation scholarship discussion item surplus proposal, add IVP commuter lounge surplus proposal, TSR/ISR office reallocation, move EVP officer report before public comment, moving all surplus before officer reports, add discussion item about slates, strike cec surplus app
  - Jamie motions to approve additions to agenda; Bella seconds the motion
  - 12-0-0 motion passes; additions to agenda are approvedMotion to add last 2 additions to agenda
  - Motion to approve; Bella seconds the motion
  - 12-0-0 motion passes; new additions are approvedMotion to make additions into action items
  - Ayesha motions to approve the additions as actions items; Jamie seconds the motion
  - 12-0-0 motion passes; aforementioned discussion items are turned into action itemsMotion to approve entire agenda as amended
  - Jamie motions to approve the entire agenda; Jamie seconds the motion
  - 12-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

### **IV. Public Comments**

- No audio, no video
  - None
- Audio, no video
  - None
- Audio & video
  - Hi everyone my name is Sophia, I just want to let everyone know about an event next Monday the 21st it's a women's networking night in the bruin reception room. The event will include a panel of professional women who have dealt with wage gap and workplace discrimination. We will have 15 different professionals coming to speak with girls who would like to join and it will be a great opportunity. Claire would be happy to distribute flyers to anyone who's interested and thank you.
  - Hi my name is Andrea, I am a 4th year student and also an international student coming from Malaysia, also the international student ambassador at UCLA. I'm here to speak to you about the gen rep 1 award that is open to all students but is inclusive of international students. The reason why I'm speaking to you is because it's endear to my heart. A lot of times it gets me very upset because sometimes I don't even look at scholarships anymore because the second bullet point is always you have to be US citizen or permanent resident and I unfortunately don't have that privilege and so this would mean a lot to me and also one of the things that a lot of people don't know about is that international students are affected by exchange rates that

are happening that are completely outside of our control and it's due to our country's economics and political situation and so during the span of this past year my country has gone downhill economically and the US dollar is much more powerful and I had to pay 20 to 30 percent more than what I thought I had to pay. Please take that in mind when we discuss that.

- I just wanted to voice my support for my 2 offices tonight Eduardo's and Robert's office and what they're requested for funds tonight. I do a couple of things I'm in Eduardo's office, I'm a mental health advocate last quarter we voted [indiscernible]. Robert's office I'm a campus safety coordinator and we coordinated with the suicide hotline and we created a lot of new things like avenues for students who don't have a say in their own safety. Thank you.
- Hi I'm Maya I'm a second year poly major. Today I'm here to discuss the DC lobbying efforts. As members of this democracy it is our right to push our government and that is exactly what we plan on doing in DC. It's important that we help provide these opportunities to students who do not have the expenses. Funding this trip will give us the chance to speak with congress people and advocate for our students, thank you.
- Hi my name is Sadina, basically I'm a first generation Bosnian American. My parents come from a country that doesn't really listen to its citizens so I feel really blessed to be in a country where we have the freedom of speech and the ability to go and lobby. With my first potential lobbying trip I want to be able to stand up for myself, my friends and those whose voices aren't heard.
- Hi everyone I'm Yesenia Aguilar, I come from the central valley. It's low income rural and agricultural. Getting here has been a privilege. I'm also a part of Eduardo's gen rep 3 office and I want to go lobby in DC. One of the things I'm passionate about is higher education and that's what I plan on lobbying for because we have the privilege of being here and a lot of my friends I went to high school with don't. I think it's a very important issue that we should all be advocating for. I believe if we are able to go that would be an extension of what we all do here. Especially being first generation, low income this trip would not be possible out of my own pocket so hopefully you're able to fund it.
- Hi everyone my name is Amanda I'm a first year also in Eduardo's gen rep 3 office. I want to support this trip because mental health is what [indiscernible]. In middle school I was bullied and carried that mindset into high school. It wasn't until the end of high school that I get out of this phase. I'm still reminded that I had suicidal thoughts. I want to lobby in DC so I can talk to administrators about how important it is to instill programs for mental health. Most of the time are afraid to speak up and take the initiative to talk about their problem and I think lobbying DC for mental health [indiscernible].
- Hi everyone I'm Sarah I'm in the IVP office. I wanted to talk about a scholarship. What it is recognizing [indiscernible] and rewarding them with a scholarship. In partnership with the dean of students we have been granted \$5,000. So you all know someone most likely who has helped another student and often they go unrecognized, this scholarship is specifically for those students and they will be receiving \$75 to their bruincard. All you have to do is write a paragraph about how great they are. It's due February 1st so please apply and encourage others to write applications for them as well.
- Hi everyone my name is Nico I'm the chapter chair for CALPIRG here at UCLA. This quarter we're running campaigns for paying for transportation, to save the bees and protect our food supply, for affordable textbooks and to get UCLA committed to a zero hunger policy. I wanted to give you all an update on our recruitment. Over the past week and a half we've made 75 class announcements and have spoken to over 80,000 students at UCLA about our campaigns and victories. We have hired over 30 interns and we've had 75 unique students volunteer on our various campaigns. Over the past week and a half we've collected interest cards from over 1200 students we're very excited to be hitting our goals and getting students involved in social change. Wednesday of next week the 23rd at 6pm we're having our huge kick off meeting. Last quarter we had Senator Deleon come and speak about the importance of student organizing. It's going to be a lot of fun, thanks y'all.

- Public comments closed at 7:36pm

A. Discussion: Surplus Allocation

- Fieldman: Thanks to Nidira for bringing this up I think we should have some sort of discussion about surplus before moving forward. Following up from last week I think the appropriate course of action would be to hold some sort of a town hall or open forum where students groups, individual students could come and share their thoughts and opinions on how surplus funding could be spent with the intention that it's not necessarily going towards programming which would already be eligible for contingency, BOD, etcetera but entities that are being missed by traditional funding sources. From there we can figure out how much we want to reroute to the endowment. One option is having a town hall meeting before ours next week but that would maybe be too long. Another option would be next Wednesday evening if we can secure a space.
- Sonola: I feel that next Wednesday is too short notice. It has to be at least two weeks from now for people to actually show up
- Fieldman: Sure. How do we feel about doing it week four then right before council meeting like at 6pm or 5:30pm?
- Could we do it Wednesday of week 4?
- Fieldman: I'll send it out in the groupme so we can figure it out but I just wanted to bring up a couple options. It sounds like next week is a little bit too early so we'll focus on week 4 either Tuesday or Wednesday. Are there any additional thoughts on how to proceed moving forward? I think following the town hall we can either create or initiate some sort of formal proposal and application mechanism complete with hearings or we can have it be more council initiated. I think the more fair and democratic way will be through applications and hearings.
- I think we should definitely go through the application process.
- Sonola: Okay so Dr. Geller pointed out last week that if we have applications we need to move so that the people who are creating are consistent throughout the applications [indiscernible].
- Manzano: Another thing I kind of thought of last week and I want to reiterate is will council provide any sort of support to these initiatives. I brought up last week perhaps taking inspiration from other initiative oriented funding sources on campus like BEST. One of the things that BEST does that is really cool is that through graduate student mentors they help students hone in on their projects and support them through the process. If we are looking to make this more intentional for long term projects versus just event oriented then are we able to also provide something like that. So that this money isn't just being given out without any sort of support from our end as well.
- Fieldman: Absolutely that's a very important point and we can look towards maybe pairing the applicant with the commissioner or council member whose work is most directly relevant to that area.
- Kim: Is there a way to have someone there just because I don't understand [indiscernible]
- Fieldman: As we move forward with the hearing process and coming up with a rubric we'll have to have more sensitive conversations about exactly how we'll evaluate and how much money we have to give out.
- Sonola: Kind of going off of what Jay was saying, I'm very wary of that because we don't know if offices right now have the capacity to actually really involve themselves and actually assisting these people in doing the long term project. And that's not pointing fingers it's just a logistical thing.
- Watson: When I visualize follow through is like checking in and communicating that their goals are being met. It's more about checking that they're operating and don't need anything further from council.
- Sonola: I feel like what you're saying is my worry.
- Watson: I feel like follow through with council is more than what you're describing it.
- Manzano: It doesn't have to be council. I don't know if on the administrative side someone from student affairs or dean of students could perhaps serve as like a guide.
- Nidira: So we're suggesting that if we were to allocate funds from the surplus [indiscernible]
- Manzano: It's less about the funds it's more about ensuring that we're providing these students who want to achieve long term goals to plan something through.
- Nidira: But that's why most student organizations have sole advisors
- Watson: Yeah individuals couldn't get money from surplus they would have to be affiliated with an organization.
- Geller: Since it has to be an organization if it's a student program it already has an advisor assigned to sole and that is someone who would be glad to sit with them.
- Manzano: So they would get the guidance only if they ask for it from their sole advisor? Could we possibly maybe have then a series of workshops like the ones we did with sole, sga, over the course of 3 weeks where the sole advisors get together with the all the surplus recipients get together over lunch. I feel like something like that could be beneficial

that way we don't just leave it up to the students requesting and moreso the advisor taking active role to if you need it we're already providing you these 3 series workshops.

- Nidira: We already do that, I feel like if we just really want to [indiscernible].
- Fieldman: So I know there's members of the public here to hear us speak about surplus funds so are there any other more general comments?
- Nidira: I feel like the not important thing is not so much how we spend it but how do we as a council intend to administer. Are we trying to like subset like \$100,000 for USAC and then a certain amount for student organizations? How are we trying to equitably allocate this?
- Fieldman: I think it's necessary to look at what surplus was created to be and to do which is really just a pod of money for council sponsored initiatives rather than an additional funding body. I think the way we're treating it this year is kind of focusing on the intention of the body which was council sponsored initiatives and then from there seeing what we can make available. I think when we make decisions tonight council does it with the understanding that we will be taking away from the pool but also understanding that student groups can apply to other funding bodies as well
- George: I was just wondering before we talk about everyone's proposals, if I can get a ballpark number of how much in the surplus we can allocate for proposals and how much we need to go to the endowment.
- Fieldman: We don't need to send anything to the endowment.
- Ender: There's \$275,000 right now.
- Nidira: Whatever we put into the endowment like whatever is in the grand total student councils will only be able to take out what percent of that.
- George: But the interest is compounding right? So basically the more we put in over the years the more we gather in the future?
- Fieldman: Correct.
- [indiscernible]
- George: I just want to get a show of hands of people that haven't written a proposal for next week.
- Jessica: Do we have to vote on it next Tuesday?
- Nidira: When you run funds you have to look at your entire pot to make sure you're funding things equitably. After reading all the presentations there's 133,000 that's being asked for tonight. These are important numbers that should be thrown out. We have to be mindful fiscally what are we portioning out. There has to be some type of numerical or percentage base of how we're trying to allocate so we understand how much it is that we have.
- Ryan: Is there gonna be some type of numbering system we use? Beyond that I just think we need to know how to allocate before we decide on allocating these case by case.
- Watson: Once again for time sensitive things I think those are two conditions that definitely should be voted on tonight. I'm not down to not have pride week. I'm also not down for money that's in the surplus right now. Those are 2 things that I definitely would want us to vote on tonight. Even if we located everything tonight we'd still have over 100,000 in surplus which is per context sake. I don't see it as a difference in treatment
- Fieldman: Here's something I think we can work out. Anything that's super time sensitive, we can make the decision when it comes up tonight. Everything that's not time sensitive we'll decide whether to table or not. We're going to ask that folks that are going to submit do so soon. There's also a possibility that we can vote next week and council can decide about that as well. Council please come prepared to vote next week or suggest a smaller more limited amount on proposals next week.

## V. Special Presentations

- None

## VI. Appointments

- None

## VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Fieldman

- We are in the process of hiring for winter interns and staff. Interviews will be conducted this week and decisions will be released over the weekend.
- Our office photo shoot and overnight retreat this past weekend was a success and has facilitated integration of our wonderful fall interns.
- Our LEAN In committee is hosting Women's Networking Night on Monday, January 21st from 6-8 PM in the Bruin Reception Room. We will begin with a panel and then have time for networking with accomplished women in a variety of industries including law, consulting, politics, and PR.

B. Internal Vice President

Watson

- Off Campus Living Fair 1/22/19
- New internship application out!
- Pride week coming up
- We have 6 different surplus proposals

C. External Vice President

Kennerk

- Main update is that UC regents will be voting on student regent advisor, UCSA voted to sunset the program rather than try to continue it (it was set to end this year, as it was only a pilot program). This is mainly because the student advisor position has been found to have minimal, if any, impact on student representation and we believe that additional STARS and student committee observers will offer the same -- if not better -- opportunities for student representation on the board of regents.

G. General Rep 1

Haleem

- January 15th, 6:30-9:30, the U Do USAC Committee is conducting a student group speed dating event at the Bruin Viewpoint Room. This event will be an informative but exciting night of networking and support between various student organizations and student resources.
- January 30th, Student Identity Panel with the Mixed Student Union. Our Community, Our Discourse, a committee within our office is help facilitate a panel discussion about Mixed Student Identity. The event will be held at the the Bruin Viewpoint Room and will be open to all.

H. General Rep 2

Martin

I. General Rep 3

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E. Facilities Commissioner

Ho-Gonzalez

- OSAC is hiring committee members, they are looking to hire about 3-4 students by the end of week 3. The application can be found on the USAC FAC FB page and it will also be on the USAC page.
- Our sustainability oriented project groups (#FACsourced and #FixitUCLA) are partnering up with REA to host a Bruin Bazaar or a swap meet on Thursday from 10AM -5 PM
- Our office is in the process of hiring fellows and a graphic designer.
- We'll have some of our commission members attend the UCLA Student Sustainability Leadership Council held by UCLA Facilities management to give updates on our sustainability oriented projects and hear from other organizations.

F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Manzano

- Apartment hunting workshop, cohosted with Financial Wellness Program and Transfer Student Rep will be taking place Thursday January 17th!

J. Campus Events Commission

Madison

- CEC is hiring! Applications due Monday, 1/21
- Arctic Film Screening, 1/22 @ 8PM in JBT
- Steven Lim Speaker Event, 1/23 @ 7PM in KGS
- Omar Apollo, 1.24 @ 6 PM in Northwest Auditorium

K. Transfer Rep

Kim

- Transfer Pride Week is coming up
- Events all of week 3 of winter quarter (photo booth, hike, boba, workshops, veteran garden, and etc.)
- January 23rd if the non-trad celebration event
- Heavy social media campaigning for Transfer Pride Week, please help share!
- Bylaw changes are in the works for the TSR office, lobbying, and non-trad coordinator
- Trying to plan an office retreat

L. Student Wellness Commissioner

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1. National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week
2. In observance of National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW), the [USAC Student Wellness Commission \(SWC\)](#) along with partnered organizations, including [Bruins 4 Recovery](#) and [Collegiate Recovery Program at the UCLA Bruin Resource Center](#), will be hosting a series of events on campus to support recovery and to raise awareness about the risks and consequences associated with substance use!

Here is a description of our upcoming events this week:

Tues, 1/22: SOBERFEST

Location: Bruin Plaza

Time: 10:30am-1:30pm

Join the nation in celebrating NDAFW at the main kick-off event of the week! The Student Wellness Commission (SWC), [Collegiate Recovery Program at the UCLA Bruin Resource Center](#) (CRP), [Bruins 4 Recovery](#) (B4R), [UCLA Healthy Campus Initiative](#) (HCI MindWell & BreatheWell), and [UCLA Student Health Education & Promotion](#) (SHEP) will be there hosting various activities. Come check out our FREE giveaways, including hand sanitizers, mints, webcam covers, and MORE! Even the SHEP Bruin Luv Station will be there to provide safe-sex contraceptives and sexual health education!

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Wednesday, Jan 23: "If You Booze, You Lose"

Location: Kerckhoff Patio

Time: 10am-2pm

How do you beat a hangover? What steps can you take to be/feel safer on a night out? Come learn some tips and hear about what others have to share in their comments and confessions! There will be giveaways for participants who can successfully stack a set of plastic party cups while wearing DRUNK GOGGLES!

Thursday, Jan 24: Thursday Reflection

Location: BRC Recovery Lounge SAC B44

Time: 5-6pm

Join members of the student club Bruins 4 Recovery this Thursday for an open discussion meeting. Anybody can attend for any reason! Come in and chat with us about how drugs and alcohols have had an impact on your life!

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Friday, Jan 25: Drug & Alcohol Awareness Art Gallery

Location: Kerckhoff Art Gallery (KAG)

Time: 12pm-5pm

How have alcohol and drugs influenced your life? Share your experiences and see what other students, alumni, and staff have to say about substance use for our Drug & Alcohol Art Gallery, which will be displayed by SWC [Active Minds \(UCLA Chapter\)](#) during Week 6!

In order to participate, you have the following 3 options on-site:

1. Take a photo with our photographer on-site! Don't be afraid to get creative!
2. Paint on canvases (All supplies and paint will be provided.)
3. Submit your OWN artwork! (Items can be accepted as long as they can be hung up on the walls or framed.)

Artwork and captions will be kept anonymous, unless otherwise suggested by the participant. ALL work will be displayed at Kerckhoff Art Gallery throughout Week 6!

Retreat at Lake Arrowhead this weekend!

3. SWC Active Minds' Strength through Vulnerability- Thursday, Jan 24th 6-8pm
  - a. Have people be more comfortable with talking about mental health by practicing in a safe space
4. SWC BruinNecessities Menstrual hygiene boxes added to Reiber and Sunset Village Reslife offices today!
5. SWC BITF I love my body week will be the week of Jan 28th
6. SWC BCC Consent Week is Week 4!
7. SWC Bruin Run/Walk will be April 27th
8. SWC CPR/FA will be May 4th
  - a. This is the beginning and end of Bruin Health Week

M. Community Service Commissioner

Sonola

- **Nonprofit Networking Night (NNN)**
  - It will be on January 30th [there is a Facebook event with more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/269766203729982/>]
  - Registration information can be found here: <http://uclasc.org/nonprofit-networking-night/>
- **Retreat**
  - Very successful
  - Talked about more ways to reach out and cater to service organizations outside of CSC/ how to better connect with CSC projects
  - Focused on inclusive and compassionate language as well as intention + social justice and the roles they play in service
- **Robert S. Michaels + John H. Sarvey Award**
  - Applications are open. \$1000 scholarship for the individual and \$250 for their service org of choice
  - Due Sunday, Feb 24th [Big social media push coming soon]
- **Wednesdays of Odd Weeks (WOW)**
  - Public office hours with specialized directors in Kerckhoff State Rooms from 8-9pm
  - Week 3 is the first public pilots
  - May have another one later in the quarter (probably Week 7)

N. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Stephens

O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Khasawneh

**VII. Old business**

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**VIII. New Business**

How to distribute surplus money:

How much are we considering students

**Bylaw Change: Conflict of Interest\***

Manzano/Watson

- Anything removed is stricken, additions are in **bold**.
- Article I, Section D: No Association member, elected or appointed **or pending appointment**, shall directly or indirectly receive improper benefits, as defined below, as a result of his or her position. Officers or appointed members shall **must** avoid even the perception of ~~such a~~ conflict of interest that **is so great that it would create mistrust of the democratic institutions and processes. Within these parameters**, no Association member, elected or appointed **or pending appointment**, may have an unauthorized financial, **familial, organizational or political** interest or obligation which might cause divided loyalty or even the appearance of divided loyalty **to the position which they serve or potentially will serve. Notwithstanding, conflicts of interest shall not be defined based on religious, age, racial, ethnic, national origin, citizenship, sexual orientation, ability, or gender identities.** In the event of a conflict of interest, the member shall fully disclose to the Council all **relevant, material, and non-material** terms of such activity, and the member shall refrain from any vote in which such ~~issue is~~ **issues are** involved. Should any officer or appointed member willfully engage in any activity determined to be conflict of interest, all such **cases** ~~“self-dealing transactions”~~ shall be governed by the definitions, standards and procedures of the USA Constitution and subsequent Bylaws.
  - Manzano motions to approve the bylaw changes; Watson seconds the motion
  - 9-0-2 motion passes; bylaw changes are approved

**OP UCWLC Surplus Application\***

Fieldman

- The UC Women’s Caucus was established in 2016 by a coalition of female student body presidents from across the UC system who recognized the significant barriers faced by women in student leadership and in the professional world. The first two Women’s Caucus Leadership Conferences, held at UCLA in 2016 and UC Irvine in 2017, featured workshops and keynote addresses from elected representatives, UC Regents, and female advocates in a range of industries.
- LEAN In UC is a renewed commitment to the vision of the women who have come before us - but we believe this vision can be pushed further.
- We strive to create a network of strong and confident femme-identifying UC students, alumni, and community members. We aim to share the narratives of female leaders from this generation to inspire the next. We recognize the realities of a world far from achieving gender equity and commit to amplifying the voices of our most vulnerable: women of color, queer and trans women, and survivors of sexual violence/sexual harassment.
- We pledge to always LEAN In - but, more importantly, we vow to stand up and speak out.
- The conference will run from 10 AM-4 PM on March 3, 2019 and will be divided into four major components:
  1. Keynote addresses by notable femme-identifying politicians/professionals at the beginning and conclusion of the day
  2. Two panels of 3-4 women working directly in relevant fields, moderated by UCLA faculty and/or student leaders:
    - A. Feminism and the #MeToo Movement: Supporting and Centering Survivors
    - B. Inclusion and Intersectionality
  3. Breakout sessions split up by career field with smaller panels, also likely moderated by UCLA faculty (e.g. women in tech, women in politics, etc.)



4. Networking lunch during which companies will have the option to table with recruitment opportunities and/or free swag, with a portion highlighting student businesses

- All sessions will be held in Ackerman Grand Ballroom with the exception of the breakouts, held in smaller rooms (Bruin Viewpoint, Bruin Reception, Kerckhoff Grand Salon, classrooms).
- Like other USAC offices without dedicated referendum funding, the Office of the President annual budget only amounts to around \$1,900 to cover all events, internal costs (e.g. T-shirts), and presidential travel that is not funded via UCOP. This budget unfortunately does not allow for any staff stipends, and staff members are often asked to cover internal costs out-of-pocket (including some travel costs).
- The conference is not able to charge for student tickets (nor would we choose to, to maximize accessibility) due to receiving funding from USAC. For reference, a similar event held at USC annually, USC OWN IT, charges USC students \$30 to attend and non-USC students \$40 to attend. In addition, despite this being a UC-wide event, we are not receiving substantial support from other UCs due to the cost of transporting their delegation. If UCLA had not volunteered to host, the event may not have happened at all this year, as is what happened last year. We are also not receiving any support from GSA at the moment though we hope to forge a stronger partnership moving forward.
- At present, the conference is almost entirely reliant on corporate sponsorship, as our BOD allocation for facilities was only \$185.39 when the total cost (between AGB and breakout rooms) of facilities alone will be \$1,000+ (We applied for \$994.50 from BOD). We do not expect other funding bodies we will be applying to (Contingency, EDI, ASRF) funding to cover our full cost either and would rather not divert these funds away from other student groups if USAC surplus can serve as an alternative.
- What is our ask from USAC surplus funds? We are asking for an allocation of **\$10,000** from USAC surplus.
- Below is a ROUGH breakdown of conference costs that we have envisioned thus far:
- **Item & estimated costs**
  - Lunch for conference participants: \$10,000
  - Facilities : \$1,500
  - Website/PR materials: \$144 (covered through OP budget)
  - Flyers/Bruin Walk giveaways: \$100
  - Conference swag (programs, lanyards, bags, stickers, etc): \$2000
  - Parking and gifts for speakers: \$500
- \*We are hoping to receive food donations for coffee, tea, dessert, and snacks, but do not expect full donations for a meal for 500+ students and thus plan to order from ASUCLA Catering.
- We appreciate your consideration of our proposal. We hope this year's UC Women's Leadership Conference will be the most successful yet and would love to collaborate with other USAC offices moving forward as well.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Nidira: What other funding sources have you applied to?
- Fieldman: Just BOD
- Bethanie: On average what's the number of people you plan on having to attend, is this a consistent average?
- A: Looking at USC's numbers we're looking at about 500. I felt the need to be imperative. We'll see in terms of how ticket sales go.
- Julia: How are students invited?
- A: Registration is through eventbrite, the Facebook event will be going on next week I think. It's a first come first served basis. I'm also working with other UC's and also working to provide some sort of monetary support towards us. They're not necessarily super willing to contribute to food.
- Bethanie: So 500 for me sounds like a lot of people, is it something you consider to reduce the

number? Something to consider is having less people. I don't know how you feel about that.

- A: It is something to consider
  - Aly: Did you already put in the process for keynote speakers?
  - A: Yes
  - Fieldman: if we don't receive this allocation we're going to have to be realistic about changing the size, changing the location... [indiscernible]
  - Sarena: Have you thought about programming us like with the women. I'm sure CAC would love to sponsor/help. I know CEC has experience. So if we can jump in on that and be other sources of funding.
  - A: I would love that. I'm really open to any shifting. I would love to receive any support from you all.
  - This isn't time sensitive it can wait until next week.
- Item will be voted on next week

**Discussion: IVP GCGP Reclaim Surplus Application**

Watson

- Watson: I ask that we do vote on this tonight
- Asking for \$6,000, the surplus we didn't spend last year. Now that we are up and running we do need the funds.
- How are we using this funding?
- Big belly metal trash bins: Clothing collection: these bins are fire marshall approved with sensors to alert us when they are full.
  - Maintenance/renovations: General upkeep of the center: replacing broken clothing racks and repairing wall/cabinet damage; renovating the rather outdated technology offered by the center.
  - Professional attire: Our professional clothing is currently offered on free rental. We are collaborating with the Career Center to publicize our professional attire, and would like to transition away from rentals and into allowing the customers to permanently keep the attire.
  - Supply restocking: Basic school supplies: notebooks, pens, pencils, bluebooks, scantrons. Basic hygiene supplies: shampoo, conditioner, combs, soap, condoms, menstrual products, etc.
  - Storage units: To store clothes before we are ready to put them out.
- **Why should we get this funding?**
- Good Clothes Good People has served the UCLA population greatly in just the little time since its opening. Just since opening in November, we have had over 415 visitors utilize our resources -- this doesn't even include the numbers of people who forget to check out or list what they have taken.
- Every single day new people are accessing the center, reminding us of continual growth that our center is experiencing. The funding is critical to maintain and sustain this success -- we need money to keep up daily operations, from buying new bins to transporting more clothes. In addition, we would need funding to purchase new clothes, replace broken supplies, provide a greater number of storage units, and purchase more environmentally-friendly bins. USAC empirically supports these initiatives -- funding was granted to us last year on these same premises.
- **Why do we need money from the USAC surplus?**
- The main reason we are applying for supplemental funding is because many of the costs we are currently incurring will ideally be one-time costs. We just opened a new center, and we have taken numerous steps to personalize and improve the space - all of which have required much time and effort. Additionally, we had to buy our bins anew, but the idea is that our renovations and our bins will last for at least a few years, meaning that these costs will not continue to affect our budget for the coming years.

**Q&A/Comments**

- Nidira: What's the long term goal?
- A: Contingency
- Bethanie: I'm somewhat confused with relationship between GCGP and IVP?

- A: I started it here on campus 2 years ago and established last year and removed myself from the organization and dissolved myself with responsibility of it. Beyond that I provide a lot of institutional knowledge since I still own the nonprofit outside of UCLA. It kind of serves as like a chapter of the non-profit.
- Bethanie: That's confusing because technically you still own the organization. It's this kind of half step removed that's confusing me. This is not to discredit the work you're doing it's just because we're doing USAC initiatives and projects first. Are we defining this as constitutionally affiliated?
- Watson: I view its permanence as not involving me, so I believe as part of my office's project
- Geller: The relationship between the project and USAC is there in the space. Rco's don't get access to space unless it's provided. Other rco's don't have designated space so the partnership is what was able to make that space available. Whether it stays as IVP or its USAC, as long as the space is there there will need to be a relationship with USAC.
- Julia: The space was obtained through scuba
- Watson: Through scuba on behalf of USAC.
- Fieldman: What would you all do if you didn't get this money?
- A: I think we would have to wait , it would delay any sort of progress we have going.
- Watson: We actually got this surplus last year and council approved it. When we got it we didn't have any way to spend it because the space wasn't secured. The biggest point I'm getting at, this money went back into surplus because it went unspent. I view it as a problem if we don't get it back, they just didn't have time to spend it.
- George: I realize that the way we are talking about GCGP is kind of like an outside student group... if you make it a sort of committee or project that is directly tied to IVP office?
- Watson: We actually talked about that.
- George: So you can change the bylaws to make it so that it's sort of a committee
- Watson: We wanted to do that we just haven't had time
- Bella: I would kind of envision GCGP as it has training wheels right now, last year it was barely getting off the ground. This year we're still getting the pieces in place. I think that future is not too clear right now they still need this money and the resources to make sure if Robert were to graduate tomorrow it would still continue.
- Nidira: So all these things you're asking for, was the number based on what you didn't spend last year?
- A: Yes and we've already calculated this so we'd be using all of the money. I like Bella's analogy. This would be the final push.
- George: I just want to propose we move to the next one and want to thank GCGP.
- Watson: I would prefer it's voted on this week because I won't be here next week and I want to advocate for it.

#### Motion to take vote on this funding allocation

- Bella motions to vote on this funding allocation; Ayesha seconds the motion
- 10-1-1 motion passes; moving forward with voting on this funding allocation

#### Motion to approve the surplus application

- Ayesha motion to approve IVP GCGP Reclaim surplus application of \$6000; Kim seconds the motion
- 10-1-1 motion passes; surplus application is approved

#### **Discussion: IVP GCGP Worker Pay Surplus Application**

Watson

##### **- What are we asking for?**

\$7000 paying workers

15 workers would be able to get paid a stipend of \$450 each

##### **- Why should we get this funding?**

Students in GCGP are unlike other organizations in that they are assigned shifts and have been working hard numerous hours a week. In addition, they have been really instrumental in getting the center started up and operational. Many of them have also been extremely dedicated to the center.

The workers at the Redistribution Center operate normal hours and must dedicate time to regular shifts staffing the center. The center is open for as long as possible everyday, which is only made possible by each worker showing up for regular shifts.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Geller: Saying worker pay is problematic because it implies that they get paid an hourly wage. It's more of a thank you stipend to volunteers.
  - Watson: Which is why it's a 1 year thing that that would be stipended.
  - Julia: So long term you would want people from the career center to be working there and then volunteers to be working here and there.
  - A: Career peers get paid through the career center. Next year it's going to be mostly career peers. But as of right now it's 100% volunteer.
  - Bethanie: What would the volunteers be doing subsequent to them being replaced to career peers?
  - Watson: So the volunteers now with main tasks are signing people in and out and sorting the clothes. The volunteers would still be volunteers but their focus would shift towards advocacy. Instead of working at the center they'd be out advocating and bringing awareness to the center.
  - Julia: How would you choose which 15 would get paid.
  - Watson: I think 15 people have already been identified, and they're people who have been consistent in working the center and making sure it's running smoothly.
  - Nidira: The people on this list are people who been working?
  - This stipend would be to honor our committed volunteers.
- Voting on this item is tabled.

#### **Discussion: IVP Queer Alliance Surplus Application**

Watson

- We strive to create safe and inclusive spaces for self-expression, inspire a sense of activism in the continued fight for equality, and celebrate the diverse cultures of LGBTQ+ communities and its allies on campus.
- Our five core values are:
  1. Awareness
  2. Inspiration (Activism)
  3. United
  4. Mindfulness
  5. Authenticity (safe place for self-expression)
- Through events we have planned throughout Pride Week, we aim to bring awareness and shed lights on issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community, encourage conversations within and outside of the LGBTQ+ community, and celebrate the diverse communities on campus.
- Events planned throughout the week include awareness workshops, career panel that encourages professional development, social events, and photo campaigns.
- We are not just raising awareness of this community, but we are also empowering the LGBTQ+ community.
- Pride Week consists of the following events:
  1. Queer Day Dance Party & Dialogue, accompanied by a photo campaign and a performance by Taste the Rainbow (TTR) at Bruin Plaza
  2. Open dialogue led by Intergroup Relations and LGBT Center about topics pertaining to queerness
  3. Queer Sex Ed Workshop led by Sexperts on inclusive sex-ed
    - a. Giveaways of sex toys
    - b. Promotion of HIV self-testing/counselling sessions hosted by HCAT
  4. Career Panel & Networking with professionals from LGBT organizations around the area, followed by networking session, focusing on queer activism
  5. Queer Café where it is a safe place for dating on Valentine's Day, with an emphasis on sharing QTPOC stories and experiences

6. Queer Prom, inviting drag performer and Britney Spears impersonator, Derrick Barry
- All events are held at different places, mainly in Bruin Plaza, LGBT Center, and Carnesale Commons.
  - Pride Week has traditionally been mainly organized by Queer Alliance, with partnerships with various other student organizations. We strive to provide best experiences for students by including a wide variety of events throughout the week. However, with large-scale events like these, external sources of funding are needed to cover costs such as catering, supplies, venues, and honoraria.
  - All events during Pride Week are open and free to all students, instead of exclusively for LGBTQ students. As a student organization, we have very limited internal sources of funding, and hence we rely heavily on external sources of funding, including Contingency. However, due to certain limitations set by Contingency (for example, the maximum amount for hospitality is \$300), we need USAC Surplus Fund to cover for large catering orders. For example, for Queer Prom, we are providing ASUCLA catering for about 150 attendees, and for Queer Café, we are providing light refreshments from ASUCLA catering to about 150 attendees.
  - Our current sources of funding include funding from Contingency, SWC, AAC, and GSS Floor Fund, which only covers some of the costs of supplies. We do not have corporate sponsors and we do not expect other funding bodies we are currently applying to to cover the full cost of all the events, and would rather not divert these funds away from other student groups if USAC Surplus Funds can serve as an alternative, especially since a lot of organizations we are partnering with are USAC offices, which have very limited budgets.
  - We are requesting an allocation of **\$8,000** from USAC Surplus Funds.
  - Below is a rough breakdown of the costs of ALL events we have planned so far:
    - Catering: \$4,000
    - Supplies (flags, decorations): \$2,000
    - Venue costs: \$2,000
    - Thank you gifts (Career panel & networking): \$200
    - Honoraria: \$1,000
    - PR Materials: \$100
  - We appreciate your consideration of our proposal, and we hope this year's Pride Week will attract even more students, both those that are in the LGBTQ+ community and those that are not.
  - If you have any questions, please contact queer alliance or Robert Blake Watson

#### Q&A/Comments

- George: Aside from this I would highly encourage you to apply for the SWC fund
- A: We are looking at various funding bodies in case we don't get this
- Sarena: What are you changing this year so that you are changing how black LGBTQ voices are at the forefront?
- A: We been constantly trying to work with the black queer organizations [indiscernible] everyone's trying to serve in their own communities. What I plan to do is hold an anti blackness awareness training in our retreat. It's a very important... I want to start that conversation. I'm not sure if that answers your question.
- Nidira: Of all the offices that are collaborating with you are they actually contributing funds?
- A: We haven't confirmed any other funds
- [indiscernible]

#### Motion to approve the surplus application

- Watson amended Bella's motion of \$8,000 to IVP Queer Alliance surplus application to \$5,000; George seconds the motion
- 11-0-1 motion passes; surplus application of \$5,000 is approved

#### **Discussion: IVP Massage Chair Surplus Application**

Watson

- As an organization that helps alleviate stress that emerges within finals week, the IVP office recognizes that, with the help of the USAC surplus fund, we can provide a simple solution that can be used at anytime, not just finals week. The

addition of 2 massage chairs would offer an easily accessible, comfortable, stress alleviating mechanism. Massages are currently offered for a low price for students only with USHIP, or through recreation only by limited appointments. With the placement of these massage chairs in an easy access open area we can include students who cannot afford USHIP, we can present a resource that has no time restraint or limit, and we can give students the choice to decide between a mechanical massage or a massage from a person.

- The IVP has been in communications with Roy Champawat, director of ASUCLA to place these chairs in an accessible and ideal location, specifically the second floor Kerckhoff lounge or the third floor kerckhoff lounge next to the reclining chairs.
- Examples of where Chairs are Offered:
  1. *UC Berkeley- Tang Center*
  2. *UC Davis*
  3. *UC San Diego*
  4. University of Wyoming
  5. University of Oregon
  6. University of Rochester
  7. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
  8. West Chester University
  9. University of Little Rock
- Item & estimated cost: 2 black massage chairs for \$1,540, upkeep and refurbishment for \$1,300, total of \$2,840

#### Q&A/Comment

- Manzano: I'm sorry if you've felt any sort of bad way for council member's reactions. I have back problems I feel you. My only concern with the specific chairs that we have. There's one customer review that has a 2 star. Are these the best chairs we can be providing our students?
  - A: Robert has had conversations with Roy about specific chairs.
  - George: I in general support this idea, I like this idea I think it's great. I think in general it's less important than other proposals. So I think maybe we should weigh that into it. I think later SWC can support. I don't think
  - Watson: This came through my office and I want to be clear that when offices fund certain things. I would want it to be something collaborative through IVP or SWC.
  - George: I think we fund a lot of different organizations. I think yeah we should definitely talk, I would be more than willing to talk to you.
  - Bella: To be candid, last week when Robert did bring it up, I think maybe presented it in a joking way. I personally laughed and I'm sorry for that. Today listening to your testimony it'd be hard for me to disregard that. I don't think that we should be in a position to say if this is important or not. I think this would also promote kinship between the students in USAC... How would we regulate people?
  - A: It's usually a first time basis. I'm thinking 15-20 minutes.
  - Watson: Berkley did an actual study and over 1,000 students use it per semester.
  - Bethanie: I sympathize. I understand, however the issue shouldn't be only addressed from the massage chair. Is there a way in which we can address [indiscernible] there's these kinds of things to consider
  - Watson: The reason we chose chairs is because there's somewhat of a problem is that they're not comfortable with people giving them massages and would rather have a chair do it. The spaces we found were not spaces that aren't heavily used, they're much more private. The reason we identified these spaces were for that purpose.
  - Roy: Let's make sure we fund a sufficient amount of money. In what we have in this situation is a very high demand commercial application. This chair is on the low end of the cost. Putting it in certain spaces. Let's make sure we get something up to the demand.
- Voting on item is tabled

### **Discussion: IVP Office Pay Surplus Application**

Watson

- Table until week 4.

### **Discussion: IVP Commuter Lounge Proposal Surplus Application\***

- The Commuter Community Lounge is an envisioned space where commuter students have an area to congregate before, inbetween, or after class, including late at night, or early in the morning! Many commuters arrive early on campus and stay late to maximize their commutes, and there is no space currently appropriate for commuters to maximize their time on campus. This location would provide a place for commuters to come and meet their commuting peers who previously could have been isolated from one another due to the commitment of commuting, different class schedules, and lack of opportunities to be a part of the campus climate. Commuters could be able to coordinate with each other for carpooling, on campus involvement, and in turn make the commuters of our university more integrated with each other and the general student body.
- This lounge will include elements from existing spaces from campus, but make them specific toward the needs of commuter students. There will be plenty of lounging space around the room in order for the students to debrief from their day, and finishing some readings. There is to be study tables in the middle of the lounge for work to be done, and desks with computers for commuters without access to these technologies to have at their disposal. The space will include bulletin boards to update the students on happenings within both the transfer and commuter communities. Other amenities such as television, computer access, and a shared library space is also envisioned to provide a holistic student experience. We will also include breakfast and dinner vending machines.
- Items: Couches, rugs, desks, tables, television, computers, recliner chairs, paint, labor, pillows, chairs, bulletin boards, electrical extension cords, charging ports, sign, shelves and cabinets
- Why are we asking for the USAC surplus funds?
- The proposed budget of this space would be \$20,000, as stated by the Assistant Director for Recreation, in order to convert the space into what the commuters need for their living situations. This would include the above amenities, labor costs, and general funds to keep the space alive and well for years to come, and this USAC funding would provide the start for this vision of the commuter lounge to manifest.
- Thank you for your consideration in approving this space to integrate the commuter population of our school with each other, and provide them with the resources to assist them in their academic and social needs they can find on campus.

### **Q&A/Comments:**

- Kim: I just want to know the line drawn between whether this is a student organization program or something we should be prioritizing this week?
- Watson: I just thought the commuter committee isn't registered with sole?
- Kim: I can ask Heather. I know this is the commuter committee's first year and I know they're still trying to figure out the structure of their own club but I just want to keep this as organized as possible. I don't want to be hypocritical in saying I believe we should prioritize this and then the standard changes I just want to hear where everyone is on council.
- Fieldman: Why is this coming to USAC and not other entities on campus?
- Kim: From my experiences of just talking to Heather and space on this campus is so limited. With transfer and commuter issues it can be hard to get those identities on this table so I think a lot of times it can be very hard to get that public support. UCLA was once a commuter school and has transferred over to an on campus school so the need for a commuter lounge isn't as there. I just don't know if voting on this this week... I do think everyone should have a chance to look at the \$20,000 is there. I really don't think voting on it this week or next week is going to make a huge difference but I'm saying that the desire for the space is needed.
- Nidira: So this is your initiative to help transfer students who are commuters?
- Watson: Heather met with us and identified she needed USAC's specific help to find space for this among other things she had requested that USAC become involved. From there we took up the task with Rudy Figueroa who is the director of recreation and asking if we could process of what it would look like to

secure a lounge specifically in the John Wooden Center and the basement at SAC. That's why this is a USAC collaboration, not a student organization.

- Sarah: The commuter committee has tried for the last 10-15 years to secure a space and this is one of the first times that we've actually progressed in presenting it to USAC
  - Nidira: And you guys have line items for all these things too?
  - Watson: Rudy did a line item budget for us for recreation because those spaces are under recreation they calculated the cost would be 20 grand.
  - Julia: So, space we don't have much of it and I know you've calculated in recreation but is there any other spaces that you've looked at? We have underutilized spaces on campus. And also have you tried working with other entities on campus like facilities management?
  - Watson: Yeah so our main concern in working with facilities management was that transfer students and our commuter committee wanted a space that was open as long as possible for 24 hours. The best place for that was the John Wooden Center because it's open during the week 24 hours Monday-Thursday. Part of the budget adds dinner vending machines, breakfast vending machines, couches and that sort of thing.
  - Julia: That would be my main concern too so definitely having a space that could be open as long as possible and that's safe for students.
  - Sarena: So is the option SAC basement or wooden?
  - Watson: So the basement that's in between the meeting rooms, the B level. To be clear though my office isn't deciding the space, the commuter committee is. The biggest thing we did was secure the meeting with Rudy.
  - Manzano: I'm not sure if my appointments to the parking advocacy task force were contacted or looped into the conversation and they're both commuter students. I think they should also be part of the conversation.
  - Sarah: So Heather has reached out to us about getting a representative [indiscernible]. So that they meet once a month so that you guys can be present [indiscernible].
  - Sonola: So I think the issue is that sometimes people organize things and then kind of invite people to the party afterward and it's something to keep in mind when people need to be involved in conversations.
  - Kim: I think it's more of even though Jay's appointments aren't necessarily in the committee, I think it's because other offices do look over commuter issues. I just want to make sure because it is in the bylaws that if we do have a council member that doesn't feel like they haven't gotten the information given to them then we as a council need to be cognizant of that.
  - Geller: You may want to consider leaving enough funding unallocated so that if this becomes a place of reality you have the resources to make it happen. The centers would have to approve and if you decide that yes you want to have them do that knowing that there are resources to support these one-time costs will impact their decision when they get there. There's nothing that could happen with funding today. Perhaps considering a commitment to leave 20,000 dollars unallocated to revisit at a later day when the space proposal is finalized.
- Voting for this item will be tabled.

**Discussion: EYP Undocumented Student Conference Surplus Application**

Kennerk

- Johana Guerra Martinez:
- Purpose:
  - Provide information about the Second Annual UC-Wide Undocumented Student Summit
  - Request allocation of *x amount* of funding for the UC-Wide Conference
  - Provide breakdown of budget items
- 2019 Undocumented Student Summit
  - 2nd annual conference organized by the UC Undocumented Student Coalition
  - May 4th-5th from morning to afternoon, for between 200-400 undocumented students + community guests (local CCC/CSU students & organization reps)
  - Purpose: to empower, educate and organize with undocumented students from across the UCs to allow them



- to network and organize collectively
- Budget for UC Undocumented Student Summit
  - Food: \$3600
  - Materials/handouts: \$433
  - Honorariums: \$1350
  - Swag: \$2354
  - Total: \$7737
- Primary concerns: must provide notice to EVP offices & UCSA ASAP, conference logistics- UCLA students as a host campus, conference logistics- UndocuCoalition, lack of funding from UCOP and UCSA.

Q&A/Comments:

- Nidira: Thank you for being so thorough. As a student organization have you thought about student funding that would help subsidize the cost and what is the date?
- A: May 4th-5th, as far as student organization goes this is a collaborative effort between all the UC's no one organization is willing to take all the credit for this conference. IDEAS is a historic organization that is advocating for our community but our funding sources are very limited. It extends beyond IDEAS and even the EVP office even though I work for it. This is the only source of funding we're looking at.
- Manzano: Prior to being in FSC I was in EVP for 2 years. I know that EVP has a lot of money relative to other USAC offices. Would it be possible for EVP to do a budget transfer to fund this event?
- A: I'm not in any of the executive positions of the UC office and I don't know what our budget is looking like so I can't really speak to that. As far as my relationship with Jamie goes she hasn't notified me about EVP being able to fund it ... I don't know if EVP has it in their budget maybe I can ask Jamie but she's not here and she hasn't expressed willingness to fund the conference besides allowing me to take charge in hosting this and figuring out the logistics here.
- Bethanie: I'm not sure what she plans on spending the money on but in regards to seeing how much money there is, you can see it. It might be worth considering if EVP can provide some of the amount.
- A: I can only speak to what I'm being told. So if I got a portion of the budget I would definitely look at this to see what we can pay out of our pocket and what does that look like. I feel like the coalition really came together to decide what was important. I've met with Jamie several times about this and I feel like if it was in her mind to fund it through her office I think she would have done that.
- Fieldman: I just texted her and she replied. There wasn't room for it in the budget because EVP budget is an advance through UCSA conferences so that's students of color conference, student lobby conference, and UC sos and the EVP office provides transportation, housing in addition to UCSA membership fees. There just wasn't room for it in the budget but I know this is something she's really supportive of.
- Sarena: Have you thought of solidarity housing?
- A: Solidarity housing isn't something we really think about because it doesn't seem peaceful given that we're in Westwood and it's 200 students that we want to host. EVP is already compromising [indiscernible] because we are asking they transport us through automobiles and buses.
- Sarena: So which one is housing under?
- A: It's not under any of those [indiscernible]
- Nidira: Do your honorariums serve an academic purpose?
- A: To give students knowledge on their experiences and compare the different perspectives of career opportunities.
- Manzano: So from my understanding there were around \$46,000 left over from last year's budget for EVP and currently there's \$89,000 in EVP's budget still. I think perhaps it might still be worthwhile talking with the finance director at EVP considering that there's still a substantial amount of money that EVP has for the rest of the year. It's been consistent where in previous years where money is left over from EVP and ends up here. Like there was \$46,000 left over last year. I encourage Jamie and their finance director to consider funding this.

- Sonola: And that's not just for them it's for every office, we have to make sure we're using all the money
- Kim: I was just wondering is this something the other office's could help with funding?
- Fieldman: I think it's challenging because it's technically UCSA's conference and technically EVP [indiscernible] and I just don't know how receptive those dynamics...
- Sarena: I just want to caution us when we try to determine how other office's should spend their money. Because I come from an office that gets a lot of money but when we get it that money is immediately divided up.
- Sonola: I definitely understand I know CEC has one of the biggest budgets but we add cushioning around it and some of it goes unused, sometimes having left over money means you're being efficient with how you're spending it.
- Martinez: If you fund this it would show your support to undocumented students on campus.

Motion to approve the surplus application

- Nidira motions to approve EVP Undocumented Student Conference surplus application of \$7,737; Eduardo seconds the motion
- 12-0-0 motion passes; surplus application is approved

**Discussion: GRI Scholarship Surplus Application\***

Haleem

- About 12% of UCLA students are international, and this percentage might continue to grow given the current trends of increase in incoming international students yearly. Not only do international students bring a diversity of perspective to the UCLA population, but they also, on a national scale, contributed \$39.4 billion to the US economy and supported 455,000 jobs in the country.
- It is a common misconception that all international students come from financially stable backgrounds, and over the past years, as the international students' awareness movement has emerged on our campus, more and more students are sharing their financial struggles. This is particularly exacerbated by what seems to be a yearly discussion of tuition hikes on the non-resident population.
- We are requesting an allocation of a portion of the surplus to support international students financially. This award will be used primarily to meet basic needs. On the whole, the scholarship fund would help international students in the event of housing insecurity, food insecurity, currency volatility, unpredicted political changes, immigration/visa support.
- Why do we ask for money from the surplus funds?
  1. International students are one of the most excluded populations from UCLA's scholarships (merit and need-based). Comparatively speaking, international students have no access to financial aid.
  2. Most research grants require US Citizenship or permanent residency. Therefore, international students have less access to opportunities even if they put in the same amount of work (i.e. hours of research per week). This is despite the fact that many international students pay for exorbitant tuition fees.
  3. Loans meant to provide immediate relief generally exclude international students. Even banks and other external entities do not consider international students for loans.
  4. International Students are incredibly vulnerable to global financial volatility, which includes but is not limited to, changing exchange rates that disproportionately affect the international student body.
  5. International Students have to incur many additional costs during their time at UCLA, which include but are not limited to, travel costs, visa processing costs, winter-stay costs, storage costs over summer and additional orientation costs.
  6. International students are not eligible for more than 80% (Only 20% of companies coming to UCLA Career fairs sponsor international students for jobs) of the jobs, so even if they have some means of securing a loan it is difficult for them to pay it back.
  7. International students are only allowed to work on campus, with a maximum of 20 hours per week. Additionally, many on-campus jobs give priority to work-study, which international students are not qualified for.

8. International students' OPT is only applicable to jobs that are connected to their graduating majors, which means that their potential job options are limited. Hence, even after graduation, international students have limited employment opportunities, leading to potential financial instability.
  9. The Dashew Center is underfunded to the extent that they utilize a portion of students' orientation fees for their operation funds, hence it is unable to provide any financial help to students in crisis.
  10. Currently, the only form of scholarship available on campus for international students is a Kurnitz Writing Award, totaling \$3,800, awarded to 3 international students each year.
  11. No other body on campus would be able to fund such a scholarship because it does not fall under a service or a program.
- Due to the aforementioned reasons, and more, we ask that you consider allocating a portion of the USAC surplus funding to fund a financial award pool of \$50,000 for international students.
  - Logistics of the allocated fund
    - a. Funds to be allocated to Dashew, and awarded with the consultation of the International Student Representative.
    - b. \$50,000 request
      - Need-Based (80%)
        - I. Housing
        - II. Textbooks
        - III. Minor Tuition Support
        - IV. Addresses issues such as:
          - Family crisis/loss
          - Natural disasters in home country
          - Drastic political changes
          - Currency fluctuation
          - Eviction notice
      - Merit-Based (20%)
        - I. Distinguished Seniors
        - II. Research/academic accomplishments
        - III. Graduating Seniors with financial need
        - IV. Support the Existing Dashew Centre Scholarships
    - a. Allocation of \$30,000 in 2019-2020 and \$20,000 in 2020-2021
    - b. Two different pools for needs-based awards:
      - Quarterly funding process administered by Dashew
      - Rolling application for a \$5,000 Discretionary fund to address unexpected, immediate crises
    - a. Dashew will convene an advisory board that includes the International Student Representative, and will help the ISR office share the funding information. Consultations with other campus partners will also be initiated.
  - Need-based (Housing, Textbooks, minor tuition support): \$40,000
  - Merit-based (academic/research accomplishments, community service, senior recognition awards): \$10,000
  - Total: \$50,000
  - This is our proposed financial breakdown. We will consult the international community once the funds are approved to make sure that are being representative of the community's needs. We plan to host a townhall and circulate a survey once the funds are approved, and then establish a concrete plan to disseminate funds.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Sarena: Who decides who is poor or not?
- The government
- Sarena: So then the government is controlling this?
- Ayesha: So the dashew center is controlling this and already has financial documents of when we come in because we're supposed to be similar to FAFSA demands [indiscernible]. It just doesn't require social security and things you don't possess

- Geller: I'm concerned about how you're gonna do this in a way that people who are not international students can apply because you can't use USAC money for a program where eligibility is based on ethnicity, nationality, or citizenship. I'm not aware that the dashew center has \$50,000 under certain funds that it could do a swap. I heard you say that you don't need a passport to be international but I'm not following how you would define it [indiscernible].
  - Ayesha: Basically you don't have to be international but it is a fund that international students can apply to. I think what you're saying is something we haven't explored and is something we can potentially talk to dashew. I know that they're very under funded. Essentially the idea is that this funding would be open to all including international students.
  - Geller: Then you may want to look at other entities. And for merit based scholarship they would have to be worked through financial aid so you may want to look at alternatives to dashew if you're truly considering this as a basic needs scholarship. Dashew's charge isn't really to administer things for all students so they may not be the best fit in any type of scholarship they have to be coordinated through financial aid. It sounds like there may need to be more research done to find out the best way to administer a program like this.
  - Nidira: For some of the proposed line items does the dashew center cater to those needs like textbooks, family issues and crisis?
  - A: They don't, they don't have enough funding.
  - Manzano (to Geller): Which has to go to financial aid, all of it?
  - Geller: Yes all of it
  - Manzano: So would their need base have to go through financial aid?
  - Geller: Yes
  - Manzano: This might be a reach but what if they channel this money to the international student representative, it went to SGA and instead of calling it a scholarship they called it a reward.
  - Geller: It's a possibility
- Voting for this item is tabled

**GR3 DC Lobbying Surplus Application\***

Solis

- Background: This school year, I have been involved with UCLA's immigration policy team that was formed by Gene Block shortly after the presidential election win. Gene Block appointed Abel Valenzuela, Director of the UCLA Labor Dept, as his immigration advisor. Valenzuela created the immigration policy team which includes the Diversity Chancellor, USP Directors, BRC Director, other administrators, and undergraduate and graduate students. Being involved in this policy group is a privilege, but it is within this space that I was warned that DACA will go to the Supreme Court and a verdict would be announced in late Spring. The likelihood of DACA ending is very high according to Valenzuela and his legal team.
- As all of you know, DACA and immigration issues are very close to my heart. It is also a close issue to the hearts of students in my office as many of them are undocumented or come from undocumented families. For many in the GR3 office, as I have previously mentioned in USAC meetings, it is their first time involved in USAC spaces. Many of them did not even know what lobbying was. I have been more than privileged and grateful to allow folks who have been historically ignored by USAC to be involved in such spaces.
- Knowing all of this, I am asking for \$2,620 to lobby at the federal level in D.C. for immigration, LGBTQ issues, mental health, and college affordability. I plan to take a total of 8 people from the office who will share their personal stories that they have on these issues to elected officials. Members of Congress, especially during this current political climate, need to hear the stories of the people that their policies will directly affect. Again, many of the folks that would go on the trip have never lobbied before so it would give them access to an activity that is often inaccessible due to the high cost of federal lobbying.
- Item & estimated cost:

- Airplane tickets: \$1900
- Airbnb: \$1000
- Meals: \$220
- EVP Bruin Advocacy Grant: -\$500
- Total: \$2620

Q&A/Comments

- Fieldman: Is this time sensitive and when do you plan on going?
- A: Yes and February 22nd.
- Sarena: This is like your office initiative?
- A: Yes.

Motion to approve the surplus application

- Kim motions to approve the GR3 DC Lobbying surplus application of \$2,620; Nidira seconds the motion
- 11-0-1 motion passes; surplus application is approved

**FSC Attire for Hire Surplus Application\***

Manzano

- Attire for Hire is a student initiated project that seeks to provide students in need with professional clothing and shoes through a series of scholarships
- This initiative was started by low-income students and aims to address the lack of financial support and access that students with a low socioeconomic status have while traversing employment and internship opportunities
- Attire for Hire's goal is to provide students with an opportunity to feel confident to succeed in spaces that have traditionally not been representative of them.
- We hope to raise \$10,000 to fund around 33 professional clothing scholarships valued at \$300.00 each
- Through the creation of this scholarship we hope to facilitate a long-term impact in students' educational and professional endeavors.
- Through our initiative we also hope to bring forth the discussion about the financial burdens that deter students from many opportunities.
- 77.5% of students felt that they did not have the funds to buy professional clothing for school or for job/internship opportunities
- 51.8% of students have missed out on a professional opportunity because they felt they didn't have the proper attire
- 85.9% of students have felt "out of place" at a professional event because they felt they didn't have the proper attire
- As you all may be familiar with, we wanted to create an opportunity similar to the Suit-Up event
- We've been in contact w JCPenney for the past quarter and we've been able to secure a day for those 33 scholarship recipients to spend their scholarship money at a 40% discount, access free transportation, and access an on-site tailor for proper fitting
- We were also able to negotiate a 40% discount for the greater population that would run for April 20th-27th. All a student would need to do is provide their own transportation and ask for a manager at the register
- What we are asking for:
  - The Attire for Hire Committee will be utilizing GoFundMe as the crowdfunding source for our initiative. Currently, GoFundMe charges a 2.9% processing fee for every donation transaction + an additional fee of .30 cents per donation. This means that if Attire for Hire was able to raise the \$10,000 from 10k \$1.00 donations, GoFundMe would take a total cut of \$3,290
- Today, we are asking the USAC to fund Attire for Hire \$10,000 to:
  - Offset the cut that GoFundMe will take
  - Use the remaining money (\$6,710) to increase the number of scholarships from **33** to a total of **55**
- Thank you for your time!

Q&A/Comments:

- Bethanie: Have you considered other way to raise funds that might have a small percentage?
- Manzano: Gofundme is the most viable because of the recognition that it has but also because it's something that ASUCLA can help us with.

- Alexander: So we never used gofundme before but we have a wepay account which can link to the gofundme. But to clarify, I did look into other crowdfunding platforms and they all charge this standard percentage.
- Manzano: This is the most maximized scenario. We would keep 67 cents. By going with gofundme it affords us the flexibility to expand our timeline and combine these funds more easily.
- So this is time sensitive, JC Penny wants us to confirm by this Friday.
- Manzano: They are in contact with the regional director for JCPenny, when we're striking a business deal it's always better to say we have this much and shows how much we're committed to raising. Frankly you walk in more confident saying we have this much and are going to go this much further so in that sense it is time sensitive.

Motion to approve the surplus application

- Jessica motions to approve FSC Attire for Hire surplus application of \$10,000; Julia seconds the motion
- 11-0-1 motion passes; surplus application is approved

**Discussion: CEC Surplus Application\***

Madison

**FSC Transportation Scholarship\***

Manzano

- UCLA Transportation Services provides an annual fund of \$1,000 to the FSC to use towards transportation subsidies
- Historically, past commissioners have utilized the money that UCLA Transportation provides to award 10 scholarships of \$100 to subsidize the cost of parking permits/transportation
- This year, the FSC transferred \$700 from their office operational funds to increase the number of transportation scholarships it is able to provide to students
- This year FSC intends on providing 10 \$100 scholarships to subsidize the cost of parking permits. Utilizing the \$700 from the budget transfer, FSC also plans to provide 14 bus pass scholarships of \$50 to subsidize the cost of a monthly bus pass for a student.
- We are asking: For the USAC for \$5,000 that will be spread out over a time period of 5 years, to go towards future FSC's transportation scholarship initiatives. This will serve to match the yearly \$1,000 that UCLA Transportation provides.

Q&A/Comment

- Bethanie: have you considered that the subway may be coming close by?
- Manzano: Yes but if we did a budget transfer it would stay in our account. What we were saying is whether to put it as council is matching \$1000 each year [indiscernible]
- Watson: Is there any ideas you have on collaborating with those offices in particular with those sort of things?
- Manzano: The major reason is because transportation funnels its money to FSC specifically.
- Watson: My concern is like in the past, there was responsibilities that have shifted at some point that were not reflected in the bylaws. So my concern is that we should change the bylaws to be more direct on this matter or to collaborate more directly because one of the top things in my bylaws is the IVP should be the representative along with the chancellor student rep and facilities commissioner to UCLA transportation services on issues that affect [indiscernible]. We've made efforts to reach out to them with no avail so I'm fine with you leaving this charge, I think we should just change the bylaws.
- Manzano: We're not opposed to working with other USAC offices. If we're honoring the history it was FSC commissioners who made the efforts to reach out to transportation and hone that relationship to the degree that it is today so that UCLA funnels this money to FSC. With the bylaws we should reshape them to perhaps grants other offices that weren't created at the time

[indiscernible] maybe we should also reevaluate the responsibilities of the new commissions at the time that didn't exist might have now [indiscernible]. Leading this charge because again we're not opposed to collaborate with anyone.

- Watson: My concern is not that you are leading this charge or not it's that you are communicating with other offices that have been attempting to get into the book with UCLA transportation services. I just think if you could communicate with my office so we can reach out to UCLA to know what's going on.
- Fieldman: Can we continue this the two of you offline please? We're going to move on.

- Item will be voted on next week

**Discussion: TSR Surplus Application\***

Kim

- Background

- The Transfer Student Representative's (TSR) office was created through a referendum that was approved by the UCLA student population during the 2014 election. The referendum was created to guarantee a representative seat for transfer students on the Undergraduate Students Association Council. Similar to the TSR, the International Student Representative position was created out of the rising desire to have a representative that would be solely focused on the needs of the international student community on UCLA's campus. The TSR and ISR positions differ from the three General Representatives on the Undergraduate Students Association Council because the TSR and ISR are obligated to focus on the needs of transfer and international student community, while the General Representatives are given the flexibility to decide on which communities they want to focus on.
- The current location for the TSR office is located in Kerckhoff 313 with the three other General Representatives. Many of the issues that have come up with the current TSR office space is because there just is not enough physical space to house all four offices. The TSR office will continue to grow as the transfer student population increases on UCLA's campus, and with UCLA being known as the number one destination for transfer students, the population of transfer students will only increase. One problem that can arise with reallocating office space is that reallocations occurs every two years, which means if this need is not addressed this year, the next two TSR's will also face office space issues during their terms. At the same time, the incoming ISR, who will be elected during the 2019 USAC elections, will/does not have an office space allocated for their position. To prevent the same experiences I have faced as the current TSR, applying to surplus for a new office space will allow us as a council to prepare a space for the ISR before they are elected.

- Solution

- Kerckhoff Hall does not have enough space to house an incoming representative without weighing the possibility of removing another student organization from their current office space. At the same time, the ISR position must have an office space since they are a representative on the Undergraduate Students Association Council. In order to prevent taking away space from another student organization, the best solution would be to redistribute current student government spaces. After talking to administrative representatives, Jessica Alexander and Roy Champawat, the best solution that we all came up with would be to remodel Kerckhoff Hall 314, the current printing room, into the new TSR and ISR office. This solution would be beneficial to all parties since the ISR will have office space allocated for their position, the TSR will be able to address the needs of their office, the cost of operating Kerckhoff Hall 314 would be utilized better, and because the timing of this year being a reallocation year of office space.

- Budget

- The TSR office will be asking for \$6,000 total from surplus. Surplus would help cover the costs of reconstructing KH 314 into a functioning office that ASUCLA maintenance would not be able to cover, as well as provide a guaranteed budget for office supplies. Surplus also is a solution for the possibility that capital contingency is not guaranteed to be awarded to either of our offices for supplies. Since construction

costs are a rough estimate, asking 65,000 dollars will guarantee enough of a cushion in case other problems arise during the construction and remodeling process.

- The budget would ultimately go to:
  1. Removal of junk, furniture, and supplies
    - a. Printers, copiers, computers, Wi-Fi, built in furniture, and any remaining waste
  2. Construction of the space
    - a. Patching, painting, and fixing the walls
    - b. Fixing the AC
    - c. Installation of new flooring (carpet or any other material)
    - d. Altering the design of the current space
  3. Furniture
    - a. Desks, chairs, computers, and locking cabinets (x2)
    - b. Wall divider (If one cannot be constructed)
    - c. Regular cabinets
    - d. Couch
    - e. Extension Cords
    - f. Printer
    - g. Rug
    - h. Table w/ chairs

Motion to approve the surplus application

- Eduardo motions to approve the TSR surplus application of \$6000; Bella seconds the motion
- 11-0-1 motion passes; surplus application is approved

**Discussion: Council-Admin Speech Dialogue**

Watson

- Tabled until next week.

**Discussion Item: Slate Existence**

Manzano

- At our CRC one of the things that we were possibly looking to explore is language that evaluates the legality of having slates and/or political parties on campus. I at least wanted to hear your opinion before CRC recommends anything.
- Fieldman: So the first has to come from the eboard chair I would say. I just don't know if we can legislate that because I think we might run into US constitutional freedom of association issues.
- Geller: There are other campuses that don't have slates. The requirement is that you not hold against someone with who they affiliate or associate with. But it doesn't mean that you have a formal slate.
- Watson: Eboard has to bring the ecode first but we're allowed to recommend
- Geller: You can recommend but you can't take votes, you have the ability to amend whatever they bring forward which may or may not be what you brought forward.
- Fieldman: Maybe this is something to table.
- Manzano: I think it would not be transparent on our end to propose this on the spot. We want to bring some language of what our recommendations are next week so it gives eboard time to evaluate our recommendations.

**Contingency Programming\***

Ender

- 12 applications, none USAC entities
- Total required: \$16,939.28
- Total requested: \$10,478.92
- Total recommended: \$5,580.00
  - Ayesha motions to approve the contingency programming of \$5,580; George seconds the motion
  - 12-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved



**SFS Allocations#**

Sonola

- Total requested: \$1,516
- Total allocated: \$1,516
  - No oppositions; SFS Allocations passes by consent

**IX. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Attendance sheet is passed around

**X. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

- Meeting is adjourned at 12:55am

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