



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
February 26th, 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\*

- 02/19/19 minutes
  - Bethanie motions to approve the 02/19/19 minutes; Ayesha seconds the motion
  - 9-0-0 motion passes; 02/19/19 minutes approved

## III. Approval of the Agenda\*

- Move all funding allocations right after public comment, add appointments Dakarai Moses and Alexandria Davis to the legislative assembly, strike gen rep 2
  - Bethanie motions to approve the agenda; Jay seconds the motion
  - 10-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

## IV. Public Comment

- No audio, no video
  - None
- Audio, no video
  - None
- Audio & video
  - I'm here on behalf of gen rep 1 office today. That office is putting on an basically the event is a chance for a pretty diverse group to network [indiscernible]. Basically we're trying to get and advertise for events as well. If you want to you have your own tables. From about 6-7. You can print flyers whatever you want. There will be free food. If you want you to can contact Ayesha.
  - Good evening everybody, Richard White. I want to reiterate something that Bethanie said last week, if you're going to overrule eboard's recommendations you should just do it quick and not sugar coat how you feel about the process. If you want to overrule the eboard then over rule it. That's public record that ultimately people that are running for election in Spring they basically want it to benefit them and and people that work within their offices. Again, if you're running for election I highly recommend that you should abstain from voting. It's detrimental and it stops a fair election for the campus. I have knowledge that the IVP Robert Watson has been trying to form this campaign for the USAC presidential campaign. He should remove himself from the ARC appointment process because he is inherently trying not to appoint people into election board so it can benefit him. Robert watson has inherent biased towards low-income people of color. That needs to be addressed, he doesn't want black people on council. For anybody on council that knows that they're running they need to address it.
  - Hi my name is Joey Russell I'm from the Northwest council. The elections are coming up and the deadline to register is March 4th. You can go on the powerla site. I have some brochures, Thank you.
  - I'm a first year, I'm also a CPO intern for the academic year. Some of my responsibilities include [indiscernible] and maintenance of our food closet. USAC gen rep 3 Eduardo Solis has lost its petition against the CPO food closet stating it [indiscernible] ucla student population. Please allow me to read CPO's

mission statement for the food closet. It was created in 2009, it's open for any students who may be experiencing hunger and are struggling to attain food. [indiscernible]. Solis thinks UCLA food closet fails to provide UCLA students fresh food. Not only is this statement offensive to the community at CPO [indiscernible]. The team of basic needs drives miles to pick up fresh produce. This petition states CPO fails at food security [indiscernible]. CPO has dedicated itself by being a social justice [indiscernible]. I believe usac is failing to acknowledge the efforts of CPO.

- Hello everyone my name is Patricia Macias. There should be more space for the food closet. I think it's ironic because last year Robert Watson bypassed [indiscernible] to a space that hosts the gcgp closet, this was his own initiative and his own platform through USAC.. That space coulda been easily used for the food closet or for caps to be of help [indiscernible] apparently that wasn't the important stand. Thank you.
- I'm going to finish Alberto's statement. As a concerned student [indiscernible] Rather than slandering the efforts of CPO and demanding more. I ask the council why are you belittling my efforts and the efforts of basic needs coordinator when the council has not made a single effort. Thank you.
- Hi everyone my name is Nico, I wanted to thank you all first for considering the resolution on clean cars and busses. Make sure we have a united campus around this bc that's the only way we'll be able to tackle this. I'm looking forward for meeting with all of you in the upcoming weeks.

- Public comments closed at 7:19pm

## V. Special Presentations

### The Election Code\*

White

- White: We discussed the signatures. Eboard has moved to keep it at 200 signatures. We want the candidates to have more campus involvement. Collecting 200 signatures is not that hard. USAC didn't have any real justification to move it at 100. At the end of the day it's really disrespectful. Ayesha laughed at certain matters. It's an important matter, please be attentive.
- Ayesha: You mentioned \$2000 I mentioned why I was baffled by that term. And that was exactly when I had the reaction what I did. Trust me I was listening to you the entire time. I really don't appreciate you calling me out 3 different times. If you really want to have a productive conversation I have reached out to you.
- White: I understand this is a public space, I can call you out.
- Bethanie: You decided to keep it at 200 so be it. You were not listening to what people said in council. I understand you said 100 is arbitrary. I still think it should be 75. I'm talking about someone who has access to 200 people. Does that mean I don't do work in the community? No. Also you're not allowed to campaign during that time. Why should someone sign a form to allow you to run. You have to see both sides to that.
- White: Ultimately you're already chosen by secret individuals.
- Bethanie: Please don't make assumptions. If you want to ask me a question then ask.
- Manzano: I think we should keep it at 75 because think about students who just got at ucla. They might have trouble collecting 75. I really do believe that 75 is a good place to keep it.
- Fieldman: Is the consensus to keep it at 75?
- Bethanie: Yeah
- White: 5.2 I added the recommendation USAC gave about having a valid excuse. Spending limit is 9.1.1. I'd just like to say since Robert has been initiating I don't think he should serve his opinions on the ecode. He said the spending limit should be lower than \$600. A lower spending limit, a higher spending limit enacts and helps lower income people and helps you get your name out there. That's why a \$1,000 spending limit. I won't go further. I want to let it be known publicly that Robert wanting it lower makes it benefit him.
- Manzano: You all may have had a conversation about this last week. I personally disagree with this. I understand where folks can say as a low income student. As one myself I can barely sometimes make rent. If I were to be running this year I'd have to figure out where to get \$1,000 from. I personally would not be able to raise \$1,000
- Ayesha: I think we're going in with the assumption that people have networks. All I'm trying to say is maybe look at other avenues. We should see if there's way to go about it and we don't have to put the burden on candidates.
- Bethanie: What is the calculation that went towards making it \$1,000?

- White: Just vote it down.
- Fieldman: Is the consensus to leave it at \$600? Okay we will do that. There's also a different spending limit for referendum campaigns if you want to talk about that.
- White: Yes, it's good that Nidira brought this up. It's under 9.5. About propositions we took into account, the point is being referendum does have a greater stake than actual candidates. It should take a little more to get this [indiscernible]. I would actually speak Nidira on her take from it
- Nidira: The reason I referenced that is because that was a referendum during my time. I like that you put \$5,000. I'm just curious as to the number?
- White: For those who were on this campus, we do know what happened with that spending limit. Looking at some expenses I think \$5,000 was appropriate because of the expense it cost for the sign board. The tshirts was a huge impact. Ultimately tshirts and flyers is what's going to get people to notice you.
- Bethanie: It'd just be nice to understand the building up of the referendum. I'm open to the idea but I'm not comfortable without knowing where it came from.
- White: If you're going to utilize T-shirts can go over \$2,000, with that being said, that's the largest cost. We'll only have one sign board up.
- Fieldman: Do you happen to know how much other referenda have been in the past?
- White: Not concrete figures but for the daily bruin fairly low because they're able to publicize themselves.
- Fieldman: What's the consensus about the \$5,000?
- Kim: I definitely see where the increase is coming from. But because I'm not aware of referendum, I'm just wanting to make it clear that if a candidate does choose to support a referendum.
- Fieldman: Is the consensus good with the \$5,000?
- Bethanie: I just want it backed by figures.
- White: I mentioned references back from years ago.
- Fieldman: Do folks want to present an alternative to \$5,000? To review the only amendments that USAC will be changing would be the 75 signatures and leaving \$600 instead of \$1,000
  - Bethanie motions to approve the election code with the given amendments; George seconds the motion
  - 9-0-1 motion passes; election code for 2019 elections are approved

#### Infractions and Penalties Guideline\*

White

- White: The only change made to the guidelines was 8.2 that's why we added disqualification.
- Nidira: When you said except in the manner available to the student population, you say ie student lockers but what do you mean?
- White: I'm simply putting what the code takes and we're saying the eboard is adding a sanction to this.
- Ayesha: I know that we've talked about access to campus.
- White: Any folks who have access to SAC, it's not permitted.
- Bethanie: I know you didn't write this, student lockers what would they be?
- White: Needless to say of course not everyone has access to the locker room but that was just an example of what's considered public.
- Aly: I wonder how this would hinder student with different abilities or students who commute?
- White: It's true, I know we want to create a process to open the office to the general public. But in reality, are you really going to open your office to 41 students?
- Kim: Can you be more specific towards who's considered general population?
- White: Basically anyone who's an undergrad.
- Nidira: I think because we're actually putting disqualification to it. As opposed to saying I'm going to confiscate to your things.
- White: This is reference to what we're going to do.
- Roy: That's in general my concern, we go to disqualification a lot. The notion of confiscation of materials, I think we need to address clarity on whether we want people to behave correctly.

- Nidira: I'm not saying you should get rid of disqualification, I would just say list things leading up to it and that would give you even more room.
- Alexander: I just wanted to throw out a possible sanction that could be similar to disqualification. Would you maybe consider if you have some certain violation maybe you're not eligible for reimbursement?
- Fieldman: Would folks feel comfortable copying and pasting the words right above it?
- Roy: My concern isn't just about this specific clause it's that it says disqualification throughout the whole thing. What are they supposed to do before they go to that dramatic action?
- Fieldman: There's also an option of not approving this tonight and asking eboard to look further into it.
- White: Ultimately I did this as a courtesy because this is a guideline it doesn't have to be approved through usac.
- Fieldman: I need some action, do we table for next week? Approve it as it is.
- Bethanie: Can we vote on it next week?
- Fieldman: We will table this and I will email you our comments.

#### Council recommendations for the guidelines

- we ask that you work on a version with further clarification and gradation, including listing all of the possible sanctions and considering a penalty less severe than disqualification for storage of campaign materials in university buildings. We look forward to reviewing such a document next week.

## VI. Appointments

### Angel Aguilar for Election Board Vice Chair\*

White

- Election Board Vice Chair responsibilities and duties include to:
  - a. Assist the Election Board Chair in their duties;
  - b. Be responsible for the actions of Election Board members, as well as office maintenance;
  - c. Assume the duties of the Election Board Chair in the event of the resignation, removal, or temporary or permanent inability of the Chair to perform their duties, until such time as a replacement is selected;
  - d. Act as the primary liaison between all candidates and the Election Board;
  - e. Conduct, or delegate the conduction of, the Candidate Orientation Meeting; 4
  - f. Design and provide all filing forms;
  - g. Maintain a file of all Election Board records, papers, forms, reports, or statements filed by each candidate, slate or group;
  - h. Verify the validity of all filing form information, including candidate names, and to inform affected candidates, so far as possible, of any problems or inconsistencies;
  - i. Assist the other members of the Election Board when necessary;
  - j. Carry out other functions and duties as required under the USAC Constitution and Bylaws.
- Thank you for having me. I'm a 2nd year poli sci major I'm from boyle heights East LA. I had a focus on government so that I can give back to my community. I fulfill the requirements and qualifications. Being involved in the elections is an interest of mine. I was in student government my high school year. I want to see what it'd look like at the university level.

#### Q&A/comment

- Bethanie: Can you expand more on your experience in high school?
- A: During high school senior year it was my first time with student government. It was very rough, I had no experience but I did have experience of running a campaign. I learned a lot. My mentor at that time told me about how my mistakes affect those around me. And I was able to learn from those mistakes. I was able to run meetings and create agendas.
- Sarena: In your application you said that you followed the elections closely the year before and saw many shortcoming, what were those shortcomings?

- A: Time management as well as clarification and outreach. I believe it's very difficult to know what was happening. As a first year student not aware of the buildings. That's one of the things I saw as a shortcoming.
  - Sarena: Do you have any proposed solutions?
  - A: [indiscernible] Some of the candidates were not aware and as a result created confusion. I feel that other questions could have been relevant. Time could have been useful and wisely.
  - Fieldman: What are your strategies that you employ in terms of holding yourself and peers accountable?
  - A: Compromise, I'm very great with compromise. I learned that dwelling on conflict is detrimental to processes. I've learned that I have to meet my peers halfway and not only exerting my opinion.
  - Manzano: What do you mean by the second part? Can you explain your broader vision?
  - A: Going back to the candidates debates. It took too much time of students. I think the election board failed to recognize that. For USAC as a whole, I envisioned an election board that would only find the solution right then and there.
  - Bethanie: How are your various campus experiences going to inform the decision making process of elimination?
  - A: For example I've gotten experience with funding with a project. I'm a social justice representative for CPO. I advised them. From there I've gained management skills.
  - Sarena: How do you plan on holding yourself accountable to the women in the eboard?
  - A: I have a high respect for women. I would not take any justice or criticism. And if my peers do act out with that I will make sure to hold them accountable
  - Sarena: But how do you plan on holding yourself accountable?
  - A: I've learned that women are resilient and more resilient than men. I wouldn't have the thought of being sexist. I put women on a pedestal speaking from experience especially with my mother.
  - Nidira: How do you respond under high pressure?
  - A: My senior year my first time being in student government I had no idea what I was doing. I learned to take my time and create agendas for myself. I learned to ask for support and myself when I need it.
  - Fieldman: What does impartiality mean to you?
  - A: It means a level playing field for candidates. I myself have faced impartiality and have learned that at the end of it. From there on I've learned that I wouldn't want someone to go through it.
  - Manzano: How do you plan to increase outreach efforts?
  - A: I would work with publicity and external relations. I would think that constant outreaching not just once in a while.
  - Bethanie: How are you going to consider communities outside of your own?
  - A: I have high respect for anyone who is of any other culture. I enjoy new experiences but the reason behind those experiences and those ideas. I would encourage anyone outside my own identity to speak up. I just want to thank everyone for the opportunity.
- Watson: I wanted to clear the air of misconceptions about ARC. So appointments review committee is a committee that recommends votes to council via the vote approval, disapproval or no recommendation. As chair of ARC I have the responsibility to retain my vote. As chair it's my responsibility to reach out to appointees. Yesterday when arc did its review, I've abstain myself from every vote and appointment made. At the council meeting on 02/19/19 I was tasked with voicing the opinion of the committee. It came from the voices that wrote to my office. It comes from my office like muslim students association, from queer alliance and who did not have their voices heard throughout this process. I've consistently requested that eboard reach out to me personally at any context about what they view as my process with ARC. And to clear of any doubt I have not in any way shape or form publicly announced that I would run for election. When people are making broad statements about council members it's not being fair or equitable. I'm open to meeting with anybody who wants to meet with me personally. I sincerely hope that we can discuss criticisms in a way that's fair. I'm going to proceed as chair. I'm not going to abstain from announcing those recommendations. With Angel, we voted 3-0 to approve

- Aly: I voted to approve because I felt very confident in Angel's ability and assurance within his own capacity to make decisions and have a little bit of autonomy within the board.
- Kim: Similar to Aly I really appreciated your answers. To see so many commitments that you had also that you were a part of and you were very honest and genuine. You were very willing to take criticism which I think is very important with your position. For those reasons I said yes.
- Ayesha: I voted to approve for Angel similar to Aly and Jessica.
  - Bella motions to approve the appointment; Julia seconds the motion
  - Motion passes; Angel is approved as eboard vice chair

Dickson Chen for Election Board External Relations Director\*

White

- Election Board External Relations Committee responsibilities and duties shall include to:
  - a. Be responsible for communication and coordination with such bodies as the Daily Bruin, Residential Life, MyUCLA, and other administrative groups, throughout the elections process;
  - b. Be responsible for organizing an official debate as outlined in Article X of this Election Code for all interested designated campaign representatives no later than two (2) school days prior to the commencement of voting. Designated Campaign Representatives and/or candidates are not required to attend this debate;
  - c. Be responsible for the organization of "Meet the Candidates" event;
  - d. Be responsible for administering the Debates which includes informing participants at the Candidate Orientation Meeting about the layout and regulations regarding the debates and the "Meet the Candidates Event";
  - e. Carry out such other functions and duties as required by the Election Board Chair and the Election Code;
  - f. Carry out such other functions and duties as required under the USAC Constitution and Bylaws.
- Hi everyone. I'm a senior, neuroscience and biology double major. Thanks for having me.
 

Q&A/Comment

  - Bella: I don't know if y'all misheard me last time I talked about this so I'm going to read what I wrote again. On May 5th about an hour before elections went on I was invited into the investigations room where three men asked me the following questions: what were you wearing last night when you went out to the frats? What kind of top specifically? Can you describe to me how low cut it was? How many men did you talk to? How many of these men did you know before that night? Oh you have a boyfriend? How much did you drink? Dixon was one of these men. You came before us and said that you would elevate women's voices. I'm sorry but what the fuck? This is so disrespectful. So many from the last election board said that he was sexist towards them. I'm talking to Richard.
  - White: In terms of last year I didn't really know eboard.
  - Bella: I said Dixon was in the room.
  - White: When Dixon did apply I talked to my advisor and they said it was a conversation between him and eboard [indiscernible].
  - Bella: Also to clarify everyone thinks I got a lawyer, didn't get a lawyer, went to title 9. They eventually closed my case, title 9 said that those were grossly inappropriate questions that eboard needs to have title 9 training. If i get an accusation that I'm soliciting my body for votes. Did you ever consult me about how you think about I would feel?
  - White: I was not aware to the event that you were speaking about Dixon.
  - Chen: I just want to address these issues because I hold my integrity to my highest standard. The first allegation about me being in the room. I was on that committee serving as the adhoc investigations committee. I'm very happy to share the questions. We understood from our advisor specifically not to address anything that was related to title 9. Everyone was made note of that. At this point it's her word against ours. I

can show I've done nothing wrong. Regarding Isabel, she came there was a lot of sexism on the board. I messaged every single one of the people who was a female serving on the board and asked if they felt that way.

- Kim: I feel like on social media, I understand what you're saying by trying to follow up with communication. Don't you think that that communication should have been intimidating?
- A: I think it definitely creates a dialogue.
- Fieldman: When Bella says that that's her experience, that's her experience. I understand that you have a right to respond since you're standing in front of us but I don't want anyone saying that didn't happen.
- Bethanie: Can we vote to retract this appointment?
- Fieldman: We have the ability to vote against this appointment right now?
- A: I officially withdraw myself.

- Recess at 8:57pm
- Resume at 9:14pm

#### Nicole Nukpese for Election Board Finance Director\*

White

- Election Board Finance Committee responsibilities and duties shall include to:
  - a. Administer and enforce the USAC campaign finance provisions and regulations as stated in the USA Constitution, USAC Bylaws, and Election Code;
  - b. Be responsible for financial records of all USAC candidates and slates;
  - c. Administer and regulate USAC campaign funds raised and spent to influence USAC elections;
    - i. If a majority of the Executive Committee votes to find reason to believe that a violation of USAC campaign finance rule has occurred (whether or not a complaint was filed to the Committee), the Finance Committee will investigate the matter.
    - ii. If an audit reveals inconsistencies or that a registered party, independent candidate, or candidate running with a party has exceeded the spending limits and/or used funds for purposes against the USAC Constitution, Bylaws and/or Election Code, the case will be investigated by the Finance Committee.
  - d. Issue guidelines before elections at the Candidate Orientation Meeting as necessary regarding campaign finance, with advisory opinions being formal guidance on the application of USAC campaign finance law to specific activities. This shall not be interpreted to expand the power of the Finance Committee beyond their stated duties;
  - e. Carry out such other functions and duties as required by the Election Board Chair and the Election Code;
  - f. The Finance Committee shall oversee the distribution and management of candidate reimbursements from the budget allocation pursuant to Section 9.2. Clause 2.
  - g. Carry out such other functions and duties as required under the USAC
- Well I just wanted to thank everybody for taking the time to interview me again. I've been through this process 2 times and it's very draining. I want to make sure that I'm being heard. It's very important especially as a black woman on campus. I've already experienced certain things, I don't wanna be overlooked.

#### Q&A/Comment

- Fieldman: why finance?
- A: I wanted to be involved on eboard. I wanted to be involved in leadership where I can express my opinions. I was the treasurer for key club so I do have that background for finance. I am interested in this and have interest in multiple aspects of eboard position.
- Sarena: How do you plan on spending the money that won't be used for bruin advertising anymore?
- A: We've all noticed that outreaching has been a big problem so we can use it for other techniques. \$16,000 is a lot of money. If we go back into outreaching and if that's a big problem we can all decide on other ways.
- Bethanie: How will you stay motivated in a finance position considering you weren't intended to go into that role in the beginning.
- A: I do still want to be involved. I feel like finance is a great way to get involved because of my experience and finance does take a big part in the campaign.

- Nidira: What's your bookkeeping in finance history?
  - A: I'm very organized and I feel like that plays a big role in this position. When you're able to keep organized and make sure things are up to date. In regards to book keeping as a treasurer in high school. I had to make sure that everything was in place. I kept a record of everything and made sure everything was organized.
  - Sarena: Do you think \$600 is enough for a campaign?
  - A: You can't really do much with \$600 because if you look at campaigns they are very expensive. But also I do understand there are students who could help themselves out with \$600, we do have to find that equal balance.
  - Thank you again for the opportunity and for the time.
- ARC recommendations: 3-0 to disapprove
  - Aly: With nicole I really appreciated seeing her commitment with wanting to be on this board. On a couple of diff questions we asked about how would you deal with challenging authority and I wasn't fully convinced that that would happen. I feel more comfortable with individuals who are willing to challenge the rest of the board. That's why I voted to disapprove
  - Kim: At first I said no, but I'm willing to give you the benefit of the doubt because of your commitment coming here twice. You said you were going to be honest and hold everyone accountable. I'm changing my answer to yes.
  - Ayesha: I really appreciated the fact that she wants to serve on this board. I would love to see you again in a different position.
  - Kennerk: If you get approved I'd like to sit down with you to go over how to better spend the \$16,000 from daily bruin.
    - Nidira motions to approve the appointment; Kennerk seconds the motion
    - 9-1-2 motion passes; Nicole is appointed

Legislative Assembly Appointment: Dakarai Moses#

Stephens

- The Legislative Assembly is empowered to act in all matters for the Los Angeles Division, subject to provisions of Divisional bylaws. Members of the Assembly approve all changes to the Senate Bylaws and Regulations, ratify slates for each of the Senate's Standing Committees as recommended by the Committee on Committees, review and approve annual reports of each of the Standing Committees, and consider campus-wide issues. Proposals having a wide effect on faculty life are always brought before the Legislative Assembly; for example, changes in faculty disciplinary procedures, a mentoring plan for assistant professors, and revisions to General Education. Assembly members elect the six at-large members of the Senate's Executive Board, choosing three each Spring quarter. The Legislative Assembly meets four times a year, in the months of November, February, April, and June.
  - No oppositions; passes by consent

Legislative Assembly Appointment: Alex Davis#

Stephens

- No opposition; passes by consent.

## VII. Officer Reports

### A. President

Fieldman

- South Campus Engagement held the second annual South Campus Research Fair, co-programmed with the TSR office, last night. We had over 130 students attend and over 10 different labs/STEM student organizations there as well.
- Our #TimesUp Committee, along with Bruin Consent Coalition, is hosting TITLE M(IX)NE: Sexual Violence Town Hall from 6-8 PM TOMORROW, February 27th in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Jerry Kang, Title IX Deputy Director Candi Smiley, and CARE Director Alicia Oeser - along with other representatives from Title IX and Student Legal Services - will be joining for a student-moderated panel and Q&A from the audience.
- The UC Women's Leadership Conference is this Sunday, March 3rd from 10 AM-4 PM! Spots are almost sold out; registration and more information can be found on our website leaninuc.com.



## B. Internal Vice President

Watson

- IVP's Study Halls for Finals-> 3/16/2019- 1:00 PM- 9:00 PM in AGB
- IVP's Food Trucks for Finals->
  - 3/17/2019 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Portola Plaza
  - 3/18/2019 9:00 PM - 11:59 PM: Portola Plaza
  - 3/19/2019 9:00 PM - 11:59 PM: Portola Plaza
- IVP's Pets and Prep-> 3/11/2019 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM: Bruin Plaza
- Homelessness Awareness Week (March 4th-March 8th)-> GCGP Committee Collaborating via collecting donations and offering some of our items
- GCGP has had it's 700th new visitor.
- RAISE Recognition Banquet is Thursday at 7pm in Bradley Hall! Council members are welcome to attend
- IVP's Spring Enormous Activities Fair is happening Tuesday Week 2 from 11am-2pm! We've have 150 orgs sign up-> Cost is about 5,000 dollars. If your office hasn't signed up yet, please do!
- This coming Monday at 5pm in Bruin Viewpoint Room, GR1's Konversations and Kerckhoff and IVP's Receptiveness Campaign are hosting a Q&A on Free Speech on Campus with the Dean of Student Maria Blandizzi! There will be food!
- Campus Safety Alliance sent a letter to Michael Beck requesting that he meet with us to discuss UCLA Policy 133 and becoming the the Designated Campus Authority! Meeting March 7th 5pm - 6pm in Ackerman Union 2408
- IVP will be opening up a "Let IVP Sponsor Your Org" Application with the remainder of the money in our office-> Will partially fund, provide rooms, and publicity for any event that supports students on campus
- Our IVP Reachableness Campaign has now actively assisted and partnered with 30 organizations as of this week, and has contacted 183 to ask if they need assistance from our office.

## C. External Vice President

Kennerk

UC we vote chair, been working with other schools along with admin to talk about what 2019 and 2020 will look like  
Lots of lobby meetings

- Financial aid sb461: summer cal grants
- 7.5 million for basic needs to go towards food and housing insecurity programs
- Working with undoc coalition
- Today was first DC trip, they're getting back tonight so can give more of an update next week about how it went.
- Today had non-office affiliated students come with us to talk about financial aid and basic needs insecurity which was really great.

Regents meeting first meeting went great

- 3 biggest issues are the tuition hike for non residents (UCSA and Gen Rep 1), telescope on muana kia (PISA leading charge, had a teach in yesterday about it), and labor contracts (lead by slap) also gender recognition act, students housing and homelessness, etc.

## G. General Rep 1

Haleem

- Student Org Speed Dating event on Friday to talk about co-programming opportunities with different student organisations. Over 30 organisations have signed up to participate, various campus resources and USAC offices would be present at the event to talk about how they can be a resource.

- The International Student Resource Taskforce is working with the International Ambassadors to arrange an info-session to talk to international students about their rights when they protest, this is in regards to the upcoming regents meeting.
- GR1 and IVP is hosting a Q&A session with Dean Blandizzi about Free Speech on Campus the coming Monday.

H. General Rep 2

Martin

I. General Rep 3

Solis

E. Facilities Commissioner

Ho-Gonzalez

- We're working with Facilities management and the Healthy Campus initiative to instal three outdoor ada compliment water fountains in various locations on campus. We're working with the campus architect and engineers to get the places approved. If everything goes we'll have them up by the end of summer.
- I attended the TSAB Meeting and we spoke about all things related to transportation. One of the big updates is that they will be moving from from physical name plates to what they call a Bruin ePermit. It will be an online system that uses a cars license plate to determine parking permits. We're hoping to play
- We hosted our "Greater Visibility" Photo shoot kickoff at Kerckhoff Patio yesterday. We asked students what accessibility means to student and had them answer some surveys.
- We had like 8 more people join our team this week and it's amazing. Trying to engage students more in USAC.

F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Manzano

- Unpacking Professionalism Event on march 6, from 6-7:30 PM in the Bruin Reception Room
- Creating the Perfect Elevator Pitch event on March 7th, from 6-7:30 PM in the Bruin Viewpoint Room

J. Campus Events Commission

Madison

K. Transfer Rep

Kim

1. [tinyurl.com/bruinprint](http://tinyurl.com/bruinprint)
2. Transfer Mentor Carnival
3. Internal Election
4. Onboarding in spring
5. NASPA
6. Speaking at Transfer Bruin Day

L. Student Wellness Commissioner

Faour

1. SWC Active Minds is having an Affirmation station tomorrow at the CAPS Large Conference Room
  - a. Open Up, Open Mic
2. SWC Total Wellness is having a Heart Health Panel - This Thursday, 2/28 from 5-7pm at Dodd Hall 167.
  - a. Professionals in the healthcare/wellness field will be talking about how to live heart healthy. Open to everyone interested in heart health
3. SWC Total Wellness is also working on their spring publication titled Plants + People
4. BruinNecessities is having a Menstrual Hygiene Day on May 28th!
  - a. Details to follow
5. Our interns are working with our webmaster to create a fun little "meet our staff" tab on the SWC website
  - a. A little late in the year but better late than never

M. Community Service Commissioner

Sonola

- Meeting with Alumni Affairs and Undergraduate Admission next week regarding Bruins of Freedom Summer resolution

- Robert S. Michaels
  - Deadline extended till March 10th at 11:59 PM
- Supplemental Fund for Service
  - Keep applying
- Went to IMPACT this past weekend: very educational and impactful engaged in a lot of reflection
  - Going to have a mini IMPACT conference being planned to overlap with Higher Education day and Fight for Education week and potentially the ceremony detailed in Bruins of Freedom Summer resolution.
- Spread the Word to End the Word
  - <https://www.facebook.com/events/378087232776666/>
- Homelessness Awareness Week
  - Collaboration with Mobile Clinic, IVP, GCGCP, OCHC and Bruins Public Health
  - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1182728568574436/>

N. Academic Affairs Commissioner Stephens  
 The Academic commissions is working on

O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Khasawneh

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

## VIII. Old business

- None

## IX. New Business

### Surplus Application Discussion

Ender

- Ender: there was a lot of applications for the surplus fund there were about 86 applications. There's about 1.2 million dollars being requested. I don't think having hearings is going to be a great use of anyone's time. If we all wanna be involved in this I just worry about what kind of power dynamic that would be. I think we should all take our own time and review the applications and submit our answers then come together and discuss it.
- Fieldman: How would we even begin to look at allocations? What's the mechanism we would use?
- Ender: The way it worked last year is that everyone would grade on a 1-10 scale and there were 4 different questions. Students were awarded up to 43 points. It's kind of the same as BOD.
- Sarena: What if we create subcategories like cultural nights, outreach programs, like umbrella terms.
- Nidira: We would have to make an adjustment. Last year there was a big range. We need to follow the same algorithm as last years so that it's more feasible. It's harder to administer ourselves if we're not going to hear people.
- Fieldman: I like Sarena's idea. If there's a way that we can kind of work with that basic format. Within the subcategories we can figure out how we're going to allocate.
- Nidira: Because we're not doing the hearing we should come up with two other questions. We could do financial plan and demonstration.
- Watson: Is it possible that we decide these things and act on them tonight. Getting the funds this late is extremely difficult to put into a system to make it work before it expires. I think we should formally decide what we're doing tonight.
- Bethanie: Some people have really tiny asks and I don't think it'd be fair to not fully fund them. Other people could be fully funded through other funding bodies they don't know exist.
- Nidira: We just have to be careful because some are through sole
- Bethanie: I'm referring to just us.
- Nidira: We can all sit down together and dedicate a few hours out of our day this week to discuss the applications.
- Fieldman: maybe we can assign council members to an amount of applications instead of having each member reading every application.

- Ender: So are we definitely not doing hearings?
- Fieldman: Correct.
- Fieldman: What's the number we want to go with for view for application?
- Ender: 4 can still average out the numbers
- Fieldman: We'll have a google form with the subcategories and each council member will be assigned a random number of applications. We can also have a separate tab for smaller asks.
- Ayesha: What is something that contingency cannot fund for and surplus can fund for?
- Council: T-shirts.
- Fieldman: Many for the small asks we can have a working group like the folks who have funding bodies.
- Sarena: What if we split the asks at an amount like under \$5,000 goes to people who have funding bodies and y'all read the bigger applications?
- Fieldman: So maybe we'll task y'all with the 20 that are asking for under \$1,500. And the rest of us will divide up the rest of the applications.
- Fieldman: I think we should move forward with the system that's proposed.

2018-2019 Support for AB-40 and 100% Clean Transportation in California\*

Kennerk

- WHEREAS, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports that any delay of aggressive actions combating climate change will engender "severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems, and long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system". WHEREAS, 176.05 million metric tons of CO2 emissions, or 41% of emissions in California, originate from transportation-related causes; WHEREAS, California AB-40 (Ting and Kalra) directs the California Air Resources Board to create a comprehensive plan ensuring that all "sales of new motor vehicles and new light-duty trucks in the state have transitioned fully to zero-emission vehicles by 2040"; WHEREAS, the University of California has already committed to 100% clean purchased energy by 2025 and is phasing out diesel buses in exchange for electric and natural-gas-powered buses; WHEREAS, 1,100 students signed petitions by CALPIRG Students at UCLA supporting clean air, clean energy, and clean transportation. THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 USAC affirms its support for a transition to zero-emission vehicles and other forms of clean transportation. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 USAC endorses California AB-40 and its goal of furthering the proliferation of zero-emission vehicles in California.
  - Watson motions to adopt the resolution; Ayesha seconds the motion
  - 10-0-0 motion passes; resolution is adopted

Resolution for Removal SAT in Admissions Process\*

Kennerk

- WHEREAS, There is a national movement where institutions of higher learning are abandoning the requirement of SAT and ACT scores due to new studies illustrating their ineffectiveness; and WHEREAS, "A major study of more than 950,000 applicants to 28 colleges and universities found the tests failed to fully identify talented students capable of college success"; WHEREAS, Colleges and universities that adopted an optional test policy saw an increase in the total number of applications to their respective institutions, by an average of 29 percent at private institutions and 11 percent at public institutions; WHEREAS, Higher numbers of Black and Latino students applied to institutions that adopted an optional test policy and were admitted; WHEREAS, At present, the University of California policy on the matters is as follows: "All prospective freshmen must submit scores from either the ACT with Writing or SAT with Essay"; Whereas, the SAT has no mention in the ELC, the Eligibility in the Local Context. Whereas, despite the change in the new SAT in years the University of California Los Angeles had consistently admitted 10% of students who measured 3.4-3.89 unweighted GPA, for the past Five years. WHEREAS, This is an opportunity for the UC to implement an equitable policy by removing additional barriers and reminding students that they are more than just numbers; WHEREAS, The University of California faculty leaders, including the University President, Janet Napolitano, have announced that they would launch a study aimed at figuring out whether standardized tests like the SAT and ACT accurately predict a student's qualifications for college admissions purposes; WHEREAS, "California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White said that he has asked academic leaders to study whether the SAT and ACT are valid predictors of student success"; WHEREAS, Standardized testing fails to accurately measure the potential and capabilities of minority and low-income communities because it has become a measure of wealth with an industry of test prep built around it that does not make it a fair assessment; and it has been found to harbor culturally relevant questions that can induce some students to do poorly simply by not being part of the aforementioned culture. WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 USAC passed the resolution "Dismantle Standardized Testing from the UCLA Admissions

Process". THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, The 2018-2019 USAC reaffirms calls for UC to cease requiring SAT and/or ACT scores for admission. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2018-2019 USAC call on UC to offer alternatives to submitting standardized test scores that better exemplify student abilities, such as work samples or portfolios.

- Bethanie motions to approve the resolution; Ayesha seconds the motion
- 12-0-0 motion passes; resolution is adopted

Contingency Programming\*

Ender

- 24 applications; USAC and non-USAC entities
- Total required: \$27,332.15
- Total requested: \$17,164.49
- Total recommended: \$12,178.00
  - Ayesha motions to approve \$12,178.00 for contingency programming; Julia seconds the motion
  - 9-0-1 motion passes; contingency programming is approved

SFS Allocations#

Sonola

- 5 organizations; non-USAC
- Total requested: \$2,194.73
- Total allocated: \$2,194.73
  - No opposition; motion passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Kennerk

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Faour

- 4 organizations; non-USAC; 7 different applications
- Total requested: \$4,008.23
- Total allocated: \$2,009.59
  - No oppositions; passes by consent

ASRF Allocations#

Stephens

- None

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Stephens

- 5 organizations
- Total allocated: \$2,300.59
  - No oppositions; passes by consent

ARCF Allocations#

Khasawneh

- None

**X. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Attendance sheet is passed around

**XI. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

- Meeting adjourned at 11:40pm

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\* Indicates Action Item

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