

AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
March 5th, 2019  
7:00PM

## **I. Call to Order**

Fieldman

- Watson calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm

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

- Attendance sheet is passed around

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

- 02/26/19 Minutes
  - George motions to approve the 02/26/19 minutes; Manzano seconds the motion
  - 12-0-0 motion passes; 02/26/19 minutes approved

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

- Move funding to the beginning besides surplus allocations, strike SWC, update on transition document bylaw
  - Bethanie motions to approve the agenda; Kim seconds the motion
  - 13-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

## **IV. Special Presentations**

### UCPD Monthly Update

Kilgore

- Good evening we have an exciting week coming. It'll be the UC regents meeting. I'll be there so I can be your liaison and work with the student groups that are going to be there. The following week is Undie run which I will not be there. We've had some special events pop up on campus but everything has remained respectful for everyone involved. The police chief's advisory council is starting to look into the next academic year. We'd like to bring in other student groups into the police chief's advisory council. If you have any representatives or student groups you'd like to send my way I'm more than happy to talk to you about that. I don't have a whole lot else so if you have any questions

### Andy Cofino LGBT CRC SWC Presentation

Cofino

- Mission: The UCLA Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Campus Resource Center is the crossroads of the LGBTQ community at UCLA, providing a comprehensive range of education and advocacy services supporting intersectional identity development.
- We foster unity, wellness, and an open, safe and inclusive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex, transgender, queer, asexual, questioning, and same-gender-loving students, faculty, staff, alumni, their families, and the entire campus community.
- Why the grant matters: national trends
  - LGBTQ students of color do not have adequate resources to sufficiently meet their unique needs.
  - LGBTQ students are significantly more likely to be survivors of sexual assault, with bi women disproportionately impacted.
  - About 3 in 5 middle & high school LGBT students had been sexually harassed at school, and nearly 18% reported such events occurred often or frequently.
  - Hostile school climates negatively affect LGBTQ students' educational outcomes and mental health.
  - The GLSEN 2013 National School Climate Survey found that fewer than five percent of LGBT students had health classes that included positive representations of LGBT-related topics.
  - Among Millennials surveyed in 2015, only 12 percent said their sex education classes covered same-sex relationships.
- \$9,000 student wellness grant funding for:

- Provision of LGBTQ student wellness and leadership programs, such as the annual leadership institute for students, trainings for students, and HIV self-test kits.
- Funding allocation of grant
  - \$8,400 on LGBTQ Student Leadership Retreat
  - \$400 on safer sex supplies
  - \$200 on supplies for student trainings/education  
→ \$9,000 of \$9,000 expensed
- Student leadership retreat
  - Over 50% of currently enrolled retreat participants from last year now hold formal and informal leadership roles both in LGBTQ settings and throughout campus and are thriving.
  - Over 100 students over 3 years
  - 33 student participants
  - 5 student facilitators
  - Over 3 days of content at UCLA & offsite
  - 100% of respondents who participated in our Leadership Initiative achieved their intended “hope/goal” for attending the retreat.
- Student wellness: safer sex supplies
  - 23,800+ visitors to our Center/year
  - 5,500+ graduate & undergraduate students/year through our programming
  - 20+ LGBTQIA student groups/orgs, many who use our space
  - 1000 condoms & 500 dental dams
- Student trainings and education
  - Student interns & LGBTQ Allyship trainings
  - We serve 1200+ students/year, as well as the faculty and staff who serve them, through our education efforts
- The LGBT CRC: the space and services we provide
  - Study & Lounge Space
  - Rae Lee Siporin Library
  - David Bohnett Cyber Center
  - Drop In Counselors from Counseling and
  - Psychological Services, Financial Wellness, Academic Advancement Program & Queer Peers
  - Meal Voucher Distribution Site
  - Sexual Health & Menstrual Products
  - Resource Wall
  - Campus-wide Consultation & Advocacy
  - Education & Training for Students, Staff & Faculty
- New partnerships with LGBTQIA+ students
  - Support new LGBT CRC initiatives with student leadership:
    - Queer and Trans Student of Color Assessment
    - Unpacking whiteness series
  - Support for new student initiatives:
    - Queer Peers Mentorship Program
    - QA’s Queer Trans Person of Color Cultivating Unity, Solidarity, and Pride, Lounge

#### Q&A/Comments

- Nidira: Is this going to be in partnership with all the LGBTQ orgs on campus? Or just the new position on queer alliance?
- A: I’m not sure how much they’ve engaged with other student groups but I’m glad to get more information and follow up with you on that .
- Bethanie: Thank you for coming to present because it lets us know the efforts the LGBTQ center.
- A: Thank you I really appreciate that

- Kennerk: I'm going to email you because we're working to get queer people at the UC regents center

## V. Public Comment

- No audio, no video
  - None
- Audio, no video
  - None
- Audio & video
  - Hi everyone my name is Zathara I'm with CALPIRG. I just came to give an update with the work we're doing. We just had our annual lobby day in Sacramento with our eight chapters across the state. We came on an electric bus and had a press conference where we had 2 calpirg students speak. We talked about the importance of fighting with direct and quick action with fighting climate change. We had a lot of media come to the event. On Monday we were able to meet with elected officials and assembly members and let them know about the work that we been doing. We're actually able to get our assembly members to come to an event in support of this as well. Additionally we also had a recent victory on fighting climate change and Berkeley's campus. We're hoping to make sure we pave the way on this issue as well.
  - Hello everybody my name is Joanna. I came to speak here today because I heard about you all be talking about Richard White and his removal from eboard chair. It's funny how he hasn't even started this position yet and people are already talking about him being bias and saying negative things. He's not here rn to defend himself. For him not to be here and you all to have this hearing without him I find it shady. Also usac preaches this thing about being biased and for all you to claim that and push things. I haven't heard anything about this. I have a paper from daily bruin that they were already talking things about him when he was barely running his position. Just last night they wrote another article. There should be a thorough investigation. I just find it really shady for y'all to be pressing this matter when he's not here and hasn't started his position. I just feel it's messed up.
  - Watson: Thank you and with that I'm going to switch my chairmanship over to Claire.
  - Hello my name is Cecilia and I'm also here to comment on that. I think it's real funny how y'all are going to talk about him when he's not here. It ain't cool y'all call that sneaky. There's a reason why nobody trusts y'all. This is why y'all need people like Richard. When y'all voted him in there was drama before that. He's already proven himself. Nobody was trying to give him this position. He called y'all out. I want y'all to understand that you do the same shit. I just want to reiterate my point that the way y'all moving isn't cool. This is exactly what he was trying to change. Look at y'all selves.
  - I am the recently appointed eboard vice chair. We been told today that USAC will be voting for the removal of Richard White. Eboard believes it's unfair and unjust to vote for his removal today when he isn't here. We believe due to the time constraints his removal will be detrimental to the election board. We believe that chair is a key member [indiscernible]. I am aware of the motives behind this removal but we believe there is no real evidence to support it. Either delay this vote or vote not to remove the chair. The committee will really consider resignation from the eboard.
  - Hello everyone my name is Paja I'm the appointed publicity chair for eboard. I would also like to speak on Richard White. I've had the pleasure of working with him the past few weeks and he's been a vital position for things to run smoothly. I can attest he's been attending endless amounts of meetings. As publicity chair I think removing eboard chair would be detrimental and unfair especially since elections is now up and running.
  - Hi I want to comment on my discontent on the fact that USAC will be holding a hearing today and Richard and that Richard can't be here to defend himself. CPO should not be called an organization because it's not it's a department that hires students. If you all were concerned about the bias of CPO then maybe you should hire students from other places. This is where students work and this is where they need to get this money to survive on campus. He also called out the fact he thinks some folks are being racist. The fact that daily bruin

came out with an article that sided with the person who was being accused is very discriminatory against the safety against black students. It's 2019 and racism is gonna be called out for what it is. I'm sure all of you have been part of other organizations so how is Richard a conflict of interest. Robert I know you've reached out to QA and worked with them on the proposal for surplus, that's a conflict of interest and bias too. My community didn't know about that. It's very hypocritical. Richard is more than well suited to be eboard chair. Again, Richard is a black student on this campus. He is the same student as you all besides the fact that he's a black student trying to be in this position.

- Hi I'm a friend of Richard's it really saddens me to hear that there's supposed to be a meeting today. I think that's super shady. I think you should at least give the man a chance to defend himself. If you can't do that then what are you trying to hide?

- Public comments closed at 7:43pm

## VI. Appointments

- None

## VII. Officer Reports

### A. President

Fieldman

- Our LEAN IN team is hosting an event on Bruin Walk for International Women's Day this Friday from 10 AM-2 PM. We're partnering with HerCampus, Sister Complex, PINK campus team, elf cosmetics, and Disney's Captain Marvel for giveaways, photo opportunities, and educational information.
- Today, I had my quarterly meeting with UC President Napolitano and UCOP staff in my role as Undergraduate Chair of the UC Council of Student Body Presidents. Topics of conversation included CARE funding, revision to UC SVSH/Federal Title IX policy, support for undocumented students, basic needs security, and emergency response.
- LEAN IN UC: the UC Women's Leadership Conference on Sunday (3/3) was a meaningful and successful event bringing together about 300 UC students, 65+ speakers, corporate sponsors, and campus partners for a day of empowerment and networking. We're evaluating successes and shortcomings to incorporate for future years - thank you all for your support!

### B. Internal Vice President

Watson

- IVP's Receptiveness campaign and GR1's Konversations and Kerckhoff hosted a Q&A on Free Speech with the Dean for Students on Monday
- Spring EAF is happening, and we have around 250 sign ups, so need to order more tables and chairs.
- IVP Released it's end of quarter banner- Lot's of events that I said last week.
- IVP Partnership Fund-> 5,000 dollars allocated to any orgs that want to partner with us!

### C. External Vice President

Kennerk

### G. General Rep 1

Haleem

- IVP's Receptiveness campaign and GR1's Konversations and Kerckhoff hosted a Q&A on Free Speech with the Dean for Students on Monday
- Working with the Ambassadors at the Dashew Centre to mobilize for the regents meeting against the tuition increase and the enrollment cap
- Hold a "know your rights" workshop for international students so they are aware of their rights to protest

### H. General Rep 2

Martin

### I. General Rep 3

Solis

### E. Facilities Commissioner

Ho-Gonzalez

- The SWC /FAC Needs Assessment Survey is live and we are gathering data on students perspectives in regards to our current infrastructure. You can find the link on our Facebook page and on the greater visibility Instagram page.
- We've been working to see if we can try extending the CSO Van hours. If y'all have had any issues or feedback on the UCLA Safe Ride App please let me know.
- Update on the water fountain project, we have one location approved as of right now which is somewhere near ms and the court of sciences. Our team has been on the ground trying to find two more sites but we've had 11 locations rejected. So if y'all know any places that are ada compliant let me know. General rules for these spaces are that it be wheelchair accessible and that it have water access so anywhere near vending machines or restaurants.

F. Financial Supports Commissioner Manzano

J. Campus Events Commission Madison

K. Transfer Rep Kim

L. Student Wellness Commissioner Faour

- SWC is in the midst of planning Roll Aids, it will be on Tuesday, April 2nd in Ackerman Grand Ballroom
- SWC Active Minds is having an event titled Mental Health Monologues this Friday, March 8th, KAG from 6-8PM
- SWC BruiNecessities is having another Oral Health Fair tomorrow afternoon on Kerckhoff Patio
- SWC BITF is offering two spin classes next week on Tuesday and Thursday, with 15 free spots per class, message me or email SWC if you want more info!
- SWC and FAC are making progress on the Needs Assessment Survey, we have almost 200 responses, our goal is 500.
- We had our General Meeting today, and it was a good time for a lot of our leadership and members to learn more about cultural/mental health wellness

M. Community Service Commissioner Sonola

- Chancellor in Service Award
  - Graduating seniors
- Robert S Michaels Award
  - Deadline extended to March 10th - this Sunday at 11:59 PM
  - Need to be continuing for at least one quarter to receive award [that includes Summer Session A/C]
- Collaborating with AAC and CPOSA
  - Spring Week 4
  - Antonio (Education Caucus) and Nidirah
  - More to come in the coming weeks
- Spread the Word 2019
  - #spreadthewordtoendtheword
  - Special Olympics & Best Buddies
  - A week long awareness week to end the use of the R-word
  - Promoting inclusivity and respect of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
  - All the events and info is all here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/378087232776666/>
- Homelessness Awareness Week
  - All the events and info is all here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1182728568574436/>
- Van acquisition
  - Secured 2 new vans

- ADA compliant van we are working on because we are trying get a hybrid vehicle to be both accessible and sustainable

N. Academic Affairs Commissioner Stephens

O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Khasawneh

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

## VIII. Old business

- None

## IX. New Business

### Contingency Programming\*

Ender

- 13 applications; USAC and non-USAC entities
- Total required: \$96,526.76
- Total requested: \$15,530.95
- Total recommended: \$8,886.00
  - Bethanie motion to approve the contingency programming of \$8,886.00 to USAC and non-USAC entities; Jay seconds the motion
  - 13-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved

### Spring Quarter USA/BOD Programming Fund#

Vang

- 91 applications; 64 organizations
- Total allocation: \$286,091.53
- Average allocations: \$2,902.72
- Standard deviation: \$4,460.54
  - Kennerk motions to change the BOD programming from a consent item to an action item; Bella seconds the motion
  - 13-0-0 motion passes; BOD programming is now an action item
  - Aly motions to approve the BOD programming funds of \$4,460.54; Watson seconds the motion
  - 13-0-0 motion passes; BOD programming funds are approved

### SFS Allocations#

Sonola

- 3 organizations applied; non-USAC
- Total requested: \$3,325.45
- Total allocated: \$2,863.76
  - No oppositions; passes by consent

### Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Kennerk

- None

### SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Faour

- None

### ASRF Allocations#

Stephens

- 1 organization applied

- Total allocated: \$1,800
  - No oppositions; passes by consent

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Stephens

- None

ARCF Allocations#

Khasawneh

- Total allocated: \$57,289.55
  - No oppositions; passes by consent

Update on Transitions Document Bylaw

Sonola

- So Jessica has been great and has been working on the template. Obviously it's a guideline so you can add things but not subtract. It should be sent out soon.

Resolution Endorsing Afrikan Student Union's List of Demands\*

Stephens/Watson

- Table until next week.

Surplus Allocations\*

Ender

- Ender: Basically what we did was score each application out of 15 and multiplied by how much they're requesting. Some applications had to be removed. I made the minimum allocation \$250 and max 2,500. I made them proportional. Here the smallest allocation is \$246 unless they ask for less than that. The max was \$2,531.04.
- Fieldman: Thank you so much for taking the time for this process.
- Watson: Julia Robertson said that they applied funding for the black resource center.
- Fieldman: That one was emailed to me and I forwarded it to you Ryan.
- Watson: I think we should definitely include them in this before moving forward.
- Fieldman: It was sent to me a week after the deadline. Monday after 12:01 which is a minute.
- Watson: They said they sent the email at 11:58pm. I think we should try to somehow include them.
- Bethanie: Did you disregard the ones submitted after Friday.
- Ender: All the one submitted after Friday were still accepted. I can fix it right now and we can revisit this.
- Geller: I wonder if there was any programmatic component to their request?
- Ender: I did reach out to them and they said that they were confident the money would be used in some type of capacity.
- Fieldman: How would we like to proceed?
- Bethanie: The question is we don't know the people who applied. We have to reach out to everyone. I don't think it's fair that some people have access to email or text and others don't.
- Fieldman: Our options are we approve the surplus funding as it stands. Or we make an effort to reach out to folks. Or we consider trying to support this proposal through another avenue like one of our other office's funds or contingency. They're applying for 43,000 for a resource center.
- Bethanie: I think it'd be unfair to consider the application. I think there's other avenues in which to support them. I don't think we should turn them away but help them in different ways.
- Fieldman: Shall we move forward with the allocations Ryan has presented? We would need a motion.
  - Sarena motions to approve the surplus allocations of \$104,885.00; Ayesha seconds the motion
  - 11-1-1 motion passes; surplus allocations are approved

Personnel Hearing\*

Fieldman

- Council moved into executive session at 8:35pm
- Council moved back from executive session at 9:37pm
- Fieldman: Hello everyone thank you for your patience. We did have to move into executive session because it's USAC's custom whenever a personnel matter or personnel hearing arises. We did have to proceed this way because the student in question declined offers to participate virtually via phone call, written statement or a representative. Due to

the time sensitive nature of the election process we felt it was appropriate and only right to move forward with the hearing and vote tonight. I'm going to be reading the initial letter of charges sent to Richard. I will present the decisions of council and the implications this will have moving forward. I'll be happy to answer questions offline.

- The USAC finds the eboard chair in violation of the following items from the election code:
  - "Maintain absolute impartiality in the administration and conduct of all elections." (Election Code Article II, Section 2.4.c)
  - Clarify existing rules intended for ensuring a fair and safe election as necessary and publish them at discretion of the Election Board Chairperson; (Election Code Article II, Section 2.4.e)
- In addition, we are deeply concerned by:
  - Blatant bias and disrespect he has displayed towards Council members, particularly women
  - Legitimization and perpetuation of misogyny via your nomination of Dickson Chen for appointment to the Election Board. Even though Dickson's appointment was withdrawn, we worry such judgment not in fact "ensure a...safe election".
  - Verbal degradation of potential candidates for office, which completely undermines "absolute impartiality"
  - Lack of outreach to students and student groups when appointing Election Board members - as brought up by organizations during public comment at past USAC meetings
  - Increasing hurdles to election for low-income students via proposed raises of spending limits
  - Failure to provide prerogative for individuals to respond to specific allegations and then have a specific, oriented sanction, giving Election Board wide discretion. Lack of mechanism for candidates accused of violating a policy to have the opportunity to respond.
- Fieldman: This last item I'm about to read was removed from consideration in accordance with our general procedure but I will read it out loud anyways:
  - Allegations of conflict of interest, specifically within your time on SFAC, that had not been previously brought to USAC's attention
- Again we did remove this because it wasn't pertinent to his time on eboard.
- The council took a vote for Richard White's removal. The council voted unanimously with the removal. He will be compensated for all his work up until today. I will be moving forward with appointing a new chair next Tuesday at this time. We did find that Richard violated the following election codes. This is how council has proceeded moving forward. We felt that this was the method of action that would validate this.

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

- Attendance sheet is passed around

## **XI. Adjournment\***

Fieldman

- Meeting adjourned at 9:41pm

## **Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item