



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
April 2nd, 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*

- 03/12/19 Minutes
 - Tabled until next week.

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Strike op, strike gen rep 3, strike gen rep 2, strike BAG allocations, strike ARC, strike travel mini grant, strike ASRF, strike gen rep 1
 - Bella motions to approve the agenda; George seconds the motion
 - 12-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

IV. Special Presentations

UCPD Monthly Update

Kilgore/Lee

- Lee: Thanks for inviting me, I just want to encourage you all to keep communicating with us if you have any questions so we can keep collaborating. Nice seeing you all.
- Kilgore: Welcome back from spring break, prior to it we had the regents meeting. I got to work with Jamie and her staff. There were demonstrations but everyone was compliant with sole and our officers. We appreciate that collaboration. We also had the undie run which was successful. What I am asking for is we thought we'd see an impromptu block party. Someone has tried to make a party for tomorrow. So please, pass the word, please don't come out and take part in that. There's a lot of damage last time to windows and a lot of glass breaking on the streets. Many of the fellow students who didn't take part in that had damaged vehicles. Please don't take part in that event. I'm sure that you don't want administration involved and unfortunately when these things happen we have to respond now. Questions?

Q&A/Comment

- Bella: What's the deal with medical amnesty? What if someone is in an incriminating situation but need medical help, what's the law with that?
- A: We want you to have medical aid first. All we care about is your safety. Our officers aren't there to enforce a law, our goal is to make sure medical aid is given. That's what we want to be the outcome.

What We Don't Know About Sexual Violence

Poyner

- As of March 31, 2019, UCLA has not committed to being part of any campus climate survey regarding sexual violence on campus.
- A campus climate survey regarding sexual violence measures the current attitudes, behaviors and standards of faculty, staff, administrators and students concerning sexual violence on campus. These surveys can also give us important information about where sexual violence happens on campus, who is targeted, and how UCLA can better serve survivors.
- Berkeley conducted such a survey in 2018 and found:

- A top reason for not reporting was concern about whether the incident was sufficiently serious
- 40% of survey takers identifying as underrepresented racial minorities or non-binary gender reported experiencing behaviors classified as sexual violence or sexual harassment, compared with an overall rate of 12% of survey takers and
- Undergraduate students experience more harm, overall, than do graduate students, staff and faculty.
- UCLA's opportunity: Association of American Universities 2019 Survey on Sexual Assault and Misconduct and UC Researchers proposal, with outside funding, to replicate the MyVoice Survey
- What's being done instead is the National College Health Assessment with only six questions regarding sexual violence.
- What we can do:
 - Put pressure on UCLA and UC leaders to support and conduct this research
 - Make organizational public statements
 - Circulate petitions
 - Contact UCLA and UC leaders individually
 - Make it known that we, as students, want to live and learn and
 - in a safe environment—and this will help us get there

Q&A/Comments

- Nidira: In your quest to get people to engage in the survey, do you have questions?
- A: Unfortunately there is no data because it hasn't been done. We need campus climate surveys to get done to get a snapshot. This hinders advocacy for survivors. Only Berkley has engaged with any sort of research on this level.
- Watston: With outreach to UCLA administration, who were the entities that you would talk to and did they give you any sort of valid explanation to do this sort of survey?
- A: I've reached out to the care office, the title 9 office. I haven't been responded to or they told that they don't know. They said that research funding isn't through them.
- Bethanie: Thank you for coming and speaking to us. What do you need from us?
- A: Connections are very helpful. I think if USAC and its connections with admin and saying hey this is something students are asking for.
- Fieldman: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. I will certainly bring this up in my administration meetings. Let us know how we can elevate your work. Do you know if there's any language in the UQ's survey in regards to sexual violence?
- Jamie: There isn't
- A: We do have the researchers and we do have the capacity but they aren't being supported.
- Fieldman: Thank you for coming and presenting!

CARE Funding

Mitra/Hanna

- 1 in 3 women, 1 in 6 men, and 1 in 2 transgender individuals will experience sexual violence at some point in their lives.
- If you apply those numbers to UCLA's cisgender undergraduate population of 31,000, approximately 7750 Bruins will be affected by sexual violence, a number not even accurately representative of other groups on campus such as graduate students or the trans community. And yet, there only exists 2 CARE advocates to support the undergrad community.
- The UC's response, Janet Napolitano condemned the title 9 changes. The next step is to support survivors we must also support those who are already actively doing the work. CARE advocates work 24/7.
- The UC's response talks about true Bruin values. What happened over the summer felt like everyone was yelling at each other and we're forgetting about those who actually know how to do the work.
- We firmly believe in recognizing those who already do the work.
- Only 2 advocates isn't sustainable and won't help the community and those who need the resources
- Following 2013 there was a wave of student sexual violence activism.

- A list of recommendations was made, #7 was to establish independent confidential advocacy office for sexual violence and this is how CARE was created. The recommendation said the office would be appropriately staffed but that's definitely not the case. They also said they would only give 3 years of funding.
- The money is dwindling and we need more funding. I spoke to the chancellor and he didn't know what I was talking about. It just shows that there needs to be more awareness when it comes to funding on the administrative level.
- A reason why UCLA needs to invest in more funding for CARE is if there's more advocates, more support for survivors. CARE at UCLA started in 2015. 2015-2016 there were 207 clients, 2016-2017 there were 388 clients, 2017-2018 there were 770 clients. More people are coming forward seeking this service and it's evident there's a need for it yet there's no funding. Roughly 900 clients for only 2 advocates. Keep in mind they don't only serve undergraduates.
- Another reason is if there's more funding there's more prevention education and we can reach all parts of campus.
- The third reason is the administration can be triggering for survivors.
- Next steps: spreading awareness, setting up meetings with Monroe Gordon, talking to UCOP and the regents
- Basically what we need from y'all is your support for more CARE funding.
- Therefore let it be resolved that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council (USAC) calls on Chancellor Gene Block, Vice Chancellor Monroe Gordon, and relevant student committees to advocate for and increase funding for CARE so that it can better support survivors and engage in better prevention education.
- Additional asks:
 - Know anything about CARE being under-resourced, under-staffed, and under-funded, send information to Suzanne
 - Understand how funding + budget allocation at UCLA works
 - Ideas for other advocacy methods, please share

Q&A/Comments

- Bella: I'm in Greek Life and each individual have all implemented a mandatory fee that goes towards the Office of Fraternity and Sorority life. It's 10\$ a person per year or by quarter I'm not exactly sure that goes towards Title 9. Maybe that could be a source of you guys collaborating for you guys to hire like another CARE advocate.
- A: I think that would also be great.
- Bethanie: I'd say don't take money from students especially because it's an unsustainable source. Taking money from students is also an easy way out for administration.
- Sarena: Is it feasible to get someone on the hill specifically? Because the hill has a lot of money
- Nidira: [indiscernible] Do you have a figure for how much a CARE advocate would cost
- A: Across the UC's there are disparities. Also with inflation the numbers are changing but as of right now including benefits, it'd be roughly \$100,000.
- Watson: I think that a conversation dialogue on the hill about this would be beneficial.
- Fieldman: Thank you once again!

V. Public Comment

- No audio, no video
 - None
- Audio, no video
 - None
- Audio & video
 - Hi I'm Zathara. Hope you all had good restful breaks. We just had our spring break [indiscernible]. We had students from all over the state come to LA to collaborate with communities, knock on people's doors and talk to people about [indiscernible] which is found in styrofoam and other plastics that are affecting our ocean. This is all apart of our campaigns and supporting bills. We've been working to mobilize a lot of folks

in these communities. We were able to collect 1,000 petitions as well as fundraising \$20,000 on this issue. All of our campaigns for clean transportation, as well as getting affordable textbooks. Thank you all.

- Hi y'all my name is Nico I'm the chapter chair for CALPIRG. I'm here to voice my support for the textbook resolution Bella has brought up. We all know that textbooks are too expensive. There are too many students being negatively affected by really high textbook costs. Thank you all so much for considering it.

- Public comments adjourned at 8:34pm

VI. Appointments

- None

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Fieldman

B. Internal Vice President

Watson

-Enormous Activities Fair next Tuesday
-Our Reachableness campaign is allocating 5k to student orgs made from Off Campus Living Fair
-Campus Safety Alliance is meeting this week and week 3
-GCCP has reached it's 1,000 visitor!
-IVP is creating an item-by-item budget so Recreation can begin purchasing items for the Commuter Lounge in the Game's Lounge of the John Wooden Center

C. External Vice President

Kennerk

Tuition hike

Basically what happened:

Wednesday - up to 180 people signed up for public comment (about 50 were through EVP's google form), so its great that there was enthusiasm but also meant that many of the students who signed up to speak didn't get to. That's something UCSA is going to be debriefing for how we can work more with unions or other people expected to be at the meetings to we can strategically turning out folks to speak because we want the space to be as accessible as possible

Finance committee met in the morning and voted 6 for and 4 against the tuition hike, compared to last year when it basically passed by consent.

Realized that we had a shot at stopping it, students behind the scenes including myself, aidan, ashraf, caroline from SD, Varsha and Nuha from Berkeley, and Brenda from the Undocu-coalition so shoutout to all those folks for their amazing work -- we were able to convince enough regents to speak ON THE RECORD in support of non resident students and against the tuition hike and the vibe was very different from last year, so the chair decided to "table" the vote.

We're keeping an eye out and are continuing conversations behind the scenes with UCOP and the regents and are making plans for how to get students to UCSF in the offchance they decide to bring put the hike back on the table. We won't know for sure until the agenda is released 10 days before the meeting (May 3rd) but again I'm feeling good about it.

Sacramento spring break

I was in Sac most of finals week for a number of important committee hearings and to lobby on UCSA's bill priorities, including summer cal grant, our budget asks, and the deferred maintenance bond measure bill.

Big topic was the admissions scandal.

Many of UCSA's bill priorities are up in committee tomorrow and we're sending 3 students to support summer cal grants, bond, access to abortion medication on campuses (reintroduction of SB 320), and athlete bill of rights (makes it so Universities and the NCAA cant prevent athletes from being compensated for their work as student athletes / being compensated for use of their livelihood).

SLC

Went great, we had about 25 meetings and a press conference about summer cal grants
Police brutality, access to reproductive care, budget, grad student access and affordability

Regents meeting 4/9

How to sign up for public comment (Tuesday at 10:00AM)

Email anne shaw 48 hours before the meeting, which would be by April 7th at 10:00

Gender recognition act letter

UCLA specific because we're really behind, however still presenting to the regents because the demands outlined should be used as a guide at other schools to make sure they're keeping up to code. Also Chancellor Block is part of the Health Services committee so we'll actually be able to give it directly to him this way.

Dignity health

SOCC revisioning summit

~~G. General Rep 1~~

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~~H. General Rep 2~~

~~———— Martin~~

~~I. General Rep 3~~

~~———— Solis~~

E. Facilities Commissioner

Ho-Gonzalez

-Our "fixit UCLA" team is working with facilities management and ucla grounds to install sprinkler system that will audit the amount of water that is being used in certain areas. The reason for this is we want to see if we are being efficient and sustainable with plant water usage.

-Our access on board team that focuses on disability advocacy is meeting with the campus architect this week to discuss infrastructure needs.

-We've made a short survey to ask students what they would like to see in a commuter lounge. That would really help to ensure that the money that was allocated is going towards resources that students need. Reached out to GSA non traditional and computer students.

-TGIF mini fund is due this Friday. Projects applying to the TGIF Mini Fund can request a maximum of \$500 so please apply! ask me questions if you have any

F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Manzano

J. Campus Events Commission

Madison

K. Transfer Rep

Kim

- Internal Election
- On-boarding process
- New staff and directors
- Study hall, end of year celebration w/ ASUCLA, etc.

~~L. Student Wellness Commissioner~~

~~———— Faour~~

~~M. Community Service Commissioner~~

~~———— Sonola~~

N. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Stephens

O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Khasawneh

P. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

VIII. Old business

- None

IX. New Business

Resolution Endorsing Afrikan Student Union's Demands*

Stephens

- Whereas, Black students across the diaspora represent 4.8 of the student population on campus; Whereas, Black students have the lowest retention rates and exposure to resources on campus; Whereas, Black students are unable to identify the entity or individual responsible for investigative responsibilities of campus climate as a whole within administration; Whereas, the administration has dismissed the Afrikan Student Union's constant demands to address and eliminate anti-Blackness and racism on campus. Measures to uphold retention rates and establishing UCLA's ethnic studies centers have been led by unpaid Black students, rather than administration. The institution has failed to provide a space of openness and inclusion, in regards to the Afrikan Student Unions 2016-2017 demands and addressing incidents of anti-Blackness.
- Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) urges UCLA's administration to prioritize the well-being and success of Black individuals in order to sustain UCLA's Black population. The USAC asks UCLA, as an institution, to provide needed resources, support, and funding in order to sufficiently service its Black community; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC exhorts UCLA's administration to act immediately and with full effort to work with students to meet the proposed list of demands and finally serve students adequately; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC supports the establishment of a Black Bruin Resource Center on campus; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC urges UCLA administration to establish a \$40M endowment to fund the center and the different resources it will provide; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC compels UCLA administration to establish an anti-discriminatory policy and mandatory training with appropriate repercussions for policy infractions; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC urges the UCLA administration to establish a committee or position responsible for investigations pertaining to student-onto-student acts of discrimination and anti-Blackness; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC supports the relocation or adjustment of the Afrikan Diaspora Floor (Black Student Housing) to meet the needs of Black students; Let it further be resolved, that the USAC supports a name change of Campbell Hall to Carter-Huggins Hall; Let it further be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council stands in firm solidarity with all of the Afrikan Student Union's demands. The USAC will not accept UCLA's continuous negligence, lack of support, engagement, and effort with the Black community; the USAC demands more.
 - Bethanie motions to approve the resolution; Ayesha seconds the motion
 - 11-0-0 motion passes; the resolution is adopted

GenRep2 Resolution

Martin

- Whereas, the cost of college textbooks is often a major affordability issue for students, who take on additional loan debt to pay for textbooks; Whereas, students often lack access to their full textbook lists until after course registration, sometimes not until their first day of class, Whereas, faculty find that students may not acquire textbooks until after the add-drop deadline, negatively impacting their grades, Whereas, faculty and students both share concerns about textbook affordability and its impact on student success; Whereas, it is the sense of the US Congress that students ought to have greater price transparency at class registration; Whereas, university systems such as the Connecticut State College System, the California State University and Community College systems, and others have adopted such price transparency measures; Whereas, an 'open textbook' is defined as an: online, free to access, easy to share, and affordable to print textbook written by education professionals under an open copyright; Whereas, 'low-cost' is defined as: a course section whose textbooks, materials, lab fees, and other costs total to less than \$50;
- Therefore, let it be resolved that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council recommends UCLA adopt disclosures in the course listing to indicate open and low-cost textbooks with a logo or some other clear indicator of its status. Let it further be resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council recommends UCLA make clearly visible in the course listing the price in dollars for materials, which may be presented directly in the course description or via a direct link to the college bookstore's records for that course section.
 - Watson motions to approve the resolution; Watson withdraws his motion
 - Watson motions to convert the resolution into an action item; Jamie seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; the resolution is converted into action item
 - Watson motions to support the resolution; Jamie seconds the motion

- 10-0-0 motion passes; the resolution is adopted

CARE Funding Resolution*

Fieldman/Faour/Watson

- Whereas approximately 1 in 3 women, 1 in 6 men, and 1 in 2 transgender individuals will experience sexual violence over the course of their lifetimes. If these statistics are applied to UCLA's 31,000 cisgender undergraduate population, roughly 7,150 Bruins will experience sexual violence at some point in their lives; Whereas at a university where sexual violence and sexual harassment remain pervasive, the CARE office has only two Advocates; Whereas experienced sexual violence can increase the risk of anxiety, substance abuse, PTSD, and depression; Whereas from 2015-2016, the Campus Assault Resources & Education (CARE) office had 207 clients. From 2016-2017, there were 388 clients. And from 2017-2018, CARE had a total of 770 clients. From 7/01/18 to 12/31/18 alone, there were 428 clients; Whereas in the realm of prevention education, two dedicated staff members are expected to reach and/or train not only undergraduates, but graduates, faculty, staff, and administrators (or nearly 80,000 individuals); Whereas UCLA's CARE office does not have the capacity to fully pursue effective, far-reaching prevention education programming to mitigate the sexual violence epidemic on campus because it is so overwhelmed with the demands of survivor advocacy and healing; Whereas the U.S. Department of Education's proposed changes to campus sexual assault and harassment policies and the recent California appellate court case ruling that California colleges and universities must hold live hearings to resolve certain sexual misconduct cases create a triggering environment for survivors. Without appropriate funding and resources, CARE cannot fully support survivors during this difficult time; Whereas it is often argued that UCLA can not allocate more funding to CARE because Student Affairs has so many competing priorities. Instead, administrators have suggested going to the UC Board of Regents, the UC Office of the President (UCOP), and the governor to advocate for more funding for CARE; Whereas both the UC Board of Regents and the Governor of California also have many competing priorities and each of their relative inaccessibility renders effective CARE funding advocacy difficult and unlikely; Whereas in September 2014, UCOP published its recommendations for implementing better prevention, response, and reporting strategies out of its UC Task Force, one being that an appropriately staffed confidential advocacy office for sexual violence and assault be created on each campus. UCOP gave each campus funding for three years to help start this project. The agreement was that after three years, each individual UC campus would fund their CARE offices completely itself. Therefore, UCOP will not be giving more funding; Whereas while CARE offices across the UC are relatively understaffed, under-resourced, and underfunded, certain UC campuses receive significantly more funding for these offices. In fact, UC Berkeley's PATH to CARE Center has a staff of ten with three full-time CARE advocates and soon to be two part time CARE advocates. UC Santa Barbara's CARE office has a staff of eight, including three full-time advocates. Given that funding for CARE comes largely from student tuition, the disparities become more stark when comparing UCLA's 31,002 to UC Berkeley's 30,853 and UC Santa Barbara's 21,574 undergraduate population; Whereas the inconsistency of CARE funding becomes more manifest when finding the disparity of compensation for CARE advocates across the UC, a finding that can not fully be explain by standard of living alone. It is understandable why the staff may feel unsupported, overworked, and overwhelmed; Whereas through the hiring of additional staff at the CARE office, the CARE staff will feel more supported and better be able to support the survivors that come to them and implement more and better prevention and healing programs;
- Therefore let it be resolved that the Undergraduate Student Associated Council (USAC) calls on Chancellor Gene Block, Vice Chancellor Monroe Gordon, and relevant student committees to advocate for and increase funding for CARE so that it can better support survivors and engage in better prevention education. CARE can then allocate any received money to programs as it best sees fit. Let it further be resolved that the USAC recognizes the significance of trauma-informed and survivor-centered confidential care that CARE uniquely provides and the important work the office does on campus in education, advocacy, and healing. Let it further be resolved that the USAC supports increasing pay compensation for the CARE staff because of the emotional draining nature of this work and the lack of institutional support currently. Let it further be resolved that the USAC will not forget advocating for CARE in discussions about both increasing funding for mental health services on campus and sexual violence and sexual harassment. Let it further be resolved that the USAC understands that effective sexual violence advocacy and prevention comes from supporting, funding, and recognizing those who already do the work in the most survivor-centered and trauma-informed manner as possible.

- Bethanie motions to approve the resolution; Julia seconds the motion
- 11-0-0 motion passes; the resolution is adopted

Contingency Programming*

Ender

- 61 applications; USAC and non-USAC entities
- Total required: \$156,582.76
- Total requested: \$84,817.02
- Total recommended: \$27,357.00
 - Bethanie motions to approve the contingency programming; Julia seconds the motion
 - 11-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved
- Ender: we're going to revise the minutes to change the number to the correct amount which is \$34,767.00

SFS Allocations#

Sonola

- 4 applications - all non USAC
- Total requested: \$3,205
- Total allocated: \$2,830
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~

~~Kenmerk~~

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Faour

- 5 non-usac groups applied
- Total requested: \$4,953.57
- Total allocated: \$3,493.40
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

~~ASRF Allocations#~~

~~Stephens~~

~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~

~~Stephens~~

~~ARCF Allocations#~~

~~Khasawneh~~

X. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

XI. Adjournment*

Fieldman

- Meeting is adjourned at 9:34pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item