



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
April 23rd, 2019
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Fieldman

- Watson calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes*

- 04/16/19 minutes
 - Table until next week.

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Strike SFS, add Nahian Mashiat Arfin as publicity chair appointment, add discussion item on G Suite accounts, strike gen rep 2, strike gen rep 3, add discussion on ecode change with the endorsement hearing, strike EVP
 - George motions to approve the agenda; Kim seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended
 - Bethanie motions to add the appointment as an action item; Kim seconds the motion
 - 8-0-2 motion passes; appointment approved as an action item
 - George motions to add an action item to the election code change; Julia seconds the motion
 - 8-0-2 motion passes; the election code change discussion is converted into an action item

IV. Special Presentations

- None

Contingency Programming*

Ender

- 28 applications; USAC and non-USAC entities
- Total required: \$164,687.30
- Total requested: \$42,714.58
- Total recommended: \$14,719.00
 - Bethanie motions to approve contingency programming of \$14,719.00; Julia seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming approved

~~SFS Allocations#~~

~~—Sonola~~

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Kennerk

- One application
- Total requested: \$500
- Total allocated: \$500
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

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- 7 non-USAC groups applied
- Total requested: \$5,110.95
- Total allocated: \$3,025.88

- No oppositions; passes by consent

ASRF Allocations#

Stephens

- None

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Stephens

- None

ARCF Allocations#

Khasawneh

- Total allocated: \$28,464.33
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

VI. Appointments

Nahian Mashiat Arfin for Eboard Publicity Chair

- Hi I'm Nahian. I've been involved in USAC my past 2 years. I know last year elections became a really big thing for me. This year I realized that eboard is falling apart so I decided to do something for USAC so I applied to be vice chair and my second choice was publicity. I want to bring a better perspective to eboard. The more that we can fix it the better. I want to create some type of template so the future years can follow that template. I want to ensure the future of eboard stays consistent even if I have to pick up the slack. I'm kind of doing work for eboard already.

Q&A/Comment

- Kennerk: How do you plan on addressing the lack of outreach?
- A: Kyana told me to make the candidate meeting and the endorsement meeting and the debate and I made them all within the two hours. I think the reason Kyana was interested is because I'm involved in the USAC offices. I'm just hoping to make elections more of a campus wide thing. I want all of the school to be involved. I definitely have a lot of connections throughout the campus. I want to amp up the social media for the election board because Kyana had to remake a new social medias and I want to take charge of that.
- Kennerk: How do you plan on maintaining impartiality and making sure there's no conflict of interest?
- A: I am in involved in USAC but I don't have friends. My social realm isn't connect to USAC. This is my job, if a candidate can't handle of me scrutinizing them [indiscernible]. If that's the job of eboard to get scrutinized. My closest friends are very non-USAC related. I've quit all my USAC offices for the sake of eboard.
- Bethanie: What are some issues you think you're going to encounter?
- A: I think that in terms of publicity I think that's a big problem because we're not having enough outreach. I think through connections that not just I have but the rest of the board as well. I don't want to make that a this year thing. I want it to happen every year. The scrutiny that eboard gets in terms of different problems I think we have to hire people that aren't afraid of scrutiny.
- Bethanie: How do you plan to actually reach out to these communities?
- A: Yesterday I spoke with some people and they said how over the years that all the orgs on campus get an email on who they wanna endorse and meet. I think that register of emails we can create connections with all the orgs on campus and try to ask them to reach out to people. We can create good relations with other orgs on campus.
- Julia: How will you keep yourself and eboard members accountable?
- A: If someone is messing up then we're all messing up. If someone is slacking I can call them out civilly.
- Sarena: How do you plan to work effectively with USAC?

- A: I definitely think that within previous councils there's been problems with ignoring concerns and problems. For me personally if that's a problem or if there's any I would definitely bring it up to the board. Eboard is here to make elections a smoother process. The complaints and concerns of USAC is ultimately the problems of us. I will bring it up in our chats and meetings and try to resolve them.
- I know we don't have that much time for eboard but I definitely want to create a path to a better eboard and better functioning of how USAC and eboard works together, and a better election.
 - Kennerk motions to approve the appointment; George seconds the motion
 - 6-0-4 motion passes; Nahian is approved for publicity chair

VII. Officer Reports

A. President	Fieldman
B. Internal Vice President	Watson
C. External Vice President	Kennerk
G. General Rep 1	Haleem
H. General Rep 2	Martin
I. General Rep 3	Solis
E. Facilities Commissioner	Ho-Gonzalez
F. Financial Supports Commissioner	Manzano
J. Campus Events Commission	Madison
K. Transfer Rep	Kim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heather Adams came to do transition for the new office - We will collab on end of the year celebration - Have students volunteering for study hall and events throughout the quarter - Casino Night ASUCLA on Thursday 	
L. Student Wellness Commissioner	Faour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal from Ashe Exec approved to include wheelchairs and crutches in the redistribution center • BRUIN HEALTH WEEK BEGINNING THIS SATURDAY WITH BRUIN RUN/WALK UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY WITH SUPERCPR 	
M. Community Service Commissioner	Sonola
N. Academic Affairs Commissioner	Stephens
O. Cultural Affairs Commissioner	Khasawneh
P. Administrative Representatives	Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

VIII. Public Comment

Fieldman

- No audio, no video
 - 1 comment
- Audio, no video
 - None
- Audio & video
 - I'm Nico. I want to shout out the cool campus challenge. I wanted to say happy birthday George. This is the last council meeting where I will be the chair. Our elections are next Monday. I wanted to say congrats on making it nearly to the end. As a former chief of staff of an office, you all have a lot to be proud of. I wanted to say thank you for being so open to hearing from UCLA students, I wish you all the best.
 - Thanks for voting yes on our resolutions! I wanted to invite you all to this no bees spring event going on tomorrow at B-plate where they're going to feature foods that are pollinated by bees.
 - Hi I'm Zathara, I wanted to give you an update with what CALPIRG is working on. Thank you for voting yes on our resolutions. We are having our pledge drive next week. We're going to sign up 300 new members to our statewide organization which is super exciting. We're also going to be building up support on our campaign to ban [indiscernible] which is also found in styrofoam. We're working to ban the use of this chemical and pollutes our ocean. I'm really looking forward to that.
 - Good evening council. The last time I addressed you all was over 8 months ago. I wanted to be the eboard chair, the response was split. I left you all that day saying appointing anyone after week 4 is a huge disservice to that person and to the candidates. I'm not one to use colorful language but you will find yourselves having a shit show, well instead of a shit show you all have a full on TV series. Truly it's kind of worse than last year's election process. You've had two election board chairs. The directors on the election board appointed and swapped several times. The lowest number of candidates are running for USAC. The judicial board has had 7 cases. The council has moved to have a special election in the Fall wasting thousands of student fees. That's pretty rough. I'm not here to say I told you so. I'm here to be solution oriented and rather give some good news. USAC you have the authority to start fresh. Give the students the opportunity [indiscernible]. it will allow the current eboard to take a deep breath. And most importantly it will save students thousands of fees. I have introduced a petition and with ¾ of a vote you can compel judicial board to take that on and it will solve a lot of things.
 - Sarena: Are you proposing that we do it at the beginning of Fall quarter?
 - I think what you could do is stay mandated to bylaws that USAC [indiscernible]. As you're all aware [indiscernible]. Judicial board struck down the petition by evoking article 10 and has never been evoked before and is somewhat of an overstep. I encourage you all to take a deep look at the effects of the election process.
- Public comments adjourned at 8:18pm

IX. Old business

No Bees, No Food Campaign USAC Resolution*

Ho-Gonzalez

- WHEREAS, recent studies have demonstrated that bees are dying at an approximate rate of 40% of all colonies each year in an epidemic which has been designated "Colony Collapse Disorder"; WHEREAS, scientists have identified the pesticide class known as neonicotinoids as a contributing factor to Colony Collapse Disorder and a general danger to the environment; WHEREAS, the European Union, the State of Connecticut, the State of Maryland, the City of La Jolla, and the University of California, Santa Cruz have already restricted or banned the outdoor use of neonicotinoids; WHEREAS, a national program is administered by the Bee City USA Initiative to certify university campuses as bee-friendly with the designation of being a "Bee Campus USA"; WHEREAS, Bee City USA has established seven commitments that a campus must make to be certified bee-friendly, including: 1) "Establishing a Committee and Develop a Habitat Plan," 2) "Host Awareness Event(s)," 3) "Sponsor and Track Student Service-Learning Projects," 4) "Offer Pollinator-Focused Courses and/or Workshops," 5) "Post Signage to Educate Your Campus and Broader Community," 6) "Maintain a Web Presence to Share Your Bee Campus USA News and Activities," and "7) Apply

Annually for Renewal”; WHEREAS, 554 students at UCLA signed petitions calling for the certification of UCLA as a bee-friendly campus; WHEREAS, in the absence of action bees will continue to die at a high rate with significant consequences for our food supply and the environment; WHEREAS, UCLA can set an example for the city of Los Angeles and the state of California in protecting our pollinators by banning the use of bee-killing pesticides;

- THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 USAC affirms its support for a ban of the use of neonicotinoid pesticides on the UCLA campus. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 USAC affirms its support for the transition to and certification of UCLA as a bee-friendly campus as per the seven criteria put forth by the Bee City USA Initiative.
 - George motions to approve the resolution; Kennerk seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; resolution is approved

A Resolution in Support of Zero Hunger at UCLA*

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- WHEREAS, the Student Food Access and Security Survey used the U.S. Department of Agriculture food security module to assess student food insecurity, WHEREAS, the UC Global Food Initiative has stated that “forty-four percent of undergraduate students” are experiencing food insecurity, WHEREAS, food insecurity is defined as limited access to food or disrupted eating patterns due to limited resources, WHEREAS, food insecurity is also defined as reduced “quality, variety or desirability of diet,” WHEREAS, the Center of Disease Control has found a that lack of “adequate consumption of specific foods, such as fruits and vegetables,” deficits in nutrients, and hunger due to insufficient food intake is associated with lower grades, higher rates of absenteeism, repeating a grade, and an inability to focus among students. WHEREAS, food insecurity is also linked to poorer physical health and mental health issues including anxiety and depression. WHEREAS, food insecurity is more prevalent among African American, Hispanic/Latino, LGBTQ and American Indian students, thus disproportionately affecting the academic performance of minority communities on campus. WHEREAS, the average college generates about 142 pounds of food waste per student each year in dining halls.
- THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Student Associated Council affirms its support for UCLA to become a Zero Hunger campus by 2025. LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Student Associated Council strongly encourages Chancellor Gene D. Block to pass this Zero Hunger Policy, committing to ending hunger on campus by 2025 by redirecting unused and underused resources to food insecure students.
 - George motions to approve the resolution; Kennerk seconds the motion
 - 11-0-0 motion passes; the resolution is approved

X. New Business

ISR Bylaw Change*

Haleem

- Table until next week.

Transfer of Funds*

Ender

- Bethanie motions to move \$10,000 from the computer lab budget to contingency programming; Kennerk seconds the motion
- 11-0-0 motion passes; transfer of funds approved

Discretionary Funds to UCLA Recreation Commuter Lounge*

Ho-Gonzalez/Watson

- Watson: Basically what has happened the past couple weeks thanks to Julia’s office for reaching out to make sure there’s nothing we’re missing. We also been working with Rudy Figueroa who has said that we can give the money to recreation to hold on to
- Julia: Essentially what we been doing is talking to students on campus directly and figuring out what they wanna see there. It was a good way for us to understand the needs of commuter students. We really want to make sure we’re hearing everyone out. I think we’re going to be going in on May 8th for a presentation for the findings on the survey.

- Kim motions to move \$15,000 of discretionary funds to UCLA recreation for the commuter lounge; Kennerk seconds the motion
- 11-0-0 motion passes; funds are moved

Elections Calendar Change*

Madison/Fieldman

- Proposed changes to the calendar:
 - WEEK 4 SPRING
 - Wednesday 4/24:
 - Endorsement Questions Due Via Email: 2 PM
 - Endorsements Hearing: 6-8 PM
 - Meet the Candidates: 8-10 PM
 - Thursday 4/25
 - Candidate Debates: 6 PM
 - Friday 4/26
 - Endorsement Slips Due Via Google Form: 11:59 PM
- Kennerk: As election code stands they would have to go to the endorsements hearing. To change that we'd have to change the election code.
- Watson (to Kyana): My concern is that, and this isn't your fault necessarily but because it's publicized as 6-10pm someone can file a jboard case. Because if we're voting it as it stands then we're saying if a person doesn't stay there for the full four hours then they won't be getting an endorsement. Even if we do change it there's no real way to say you only have to be there for a smaller time. If there is an ecode change it could be something conditional. We all failed to publicize this in a fair way.
- Bethanie: I don't even think people know the endorsements slips exist so I don't think it's going to change anything.
- Watson: the code needs to get changed because someone with a good intention can get sanctioned. It's unfair for candidates not to be able to publicize those endorsements
- Kyana: The endorsements director is being uncooperative and refusing to answer anyone's email about endorsements within eboard until I give him the email I made.
- Nidira: Can we fire this person?
- Fieldman: It would require a council removal.
- Nidira: This is what we should be talking about. We're over here trying to do someone else's job. They shouldn't get paid. Do you as election board chair feel that the endorsement slips are enough time for student organizations
- Kyana: No.
- Fieldman: I don't think we should go past Friday. I don't know how folks feel about that. First we need to vote to see if endorsements are even happening this week and then we need to decide when endorsements slips are going to be due and whether we're going to amend the election code.
- Kim: At this point I feel there's a lot of entities upset with the way elections are. I think a lot of this stuff is by not having the option. I don't think extending it will make much of a difference but I think what they want is for us as council to feel like we're hearing them. I think we should just extend it till friday.
- Kyana: Also the endorsement questions due date has been changed to Wednesday of this week at 2pm.
- Watson: If we're going to make these changes we're going to have to change the election code or else someone will file a judicial board case.
- Bethanie: Can someone give a breakdown of what needs to be changed?
- Fieldman: What needs to be changed right now in the calendar. We need to officially approve amendments to the calendar that reflect 4 things: Endorsement questions being due tomorrow at 2pm, endorsements hearings and meet the candidates taking place tomorrow at 6pm, debates taking place thursday at 6pm and endorsement slips due Friday. If someone wants to make a motion to do all 4 of those things then we can move onto the next conversation.
- Manzano: Can someone break down what constitutes an endorsement?
- Sarena: Can't we just delegitimize endorsements? If we do that it's something that's taken off of their plate.

- Fieldman: I do think that endorsements need to happen. I don't think the answer to this is to take it all away.
- Kennerk: I was a candidate that I feel benefitted from the endorsements hearing. It helped me find out who the leaders were for different clubs and enhanced my outreach.
- Watson: I agree with Claire and Jamie but I feel that in this case considering our situation it can bring up a lot of problems that can easily be turned into a jboard case. I would want us to find some sort of balance.
 - Kim motions to amend the election calendar to make Thursday 04/25 6pm the candidates debate; George seconds the motion
 - 10-0-2 motion passes; candidates debate date and time are approved
- Sarena: I'm not saying we should delegitimize endorsement slips altogether I'm saying just for this year.
- Fieldman: Wo we would say that all endorsements this year are informal and not election board sanctioned.
- Fieldman: I've typed out 3 options. The first is to leave it as is, the second is to get rid of the slips, and the third is to still have slips and the hearing attendance would be optional.
 - George motions to amend the election code to include option 2 to article 10.1; Sarena seconds the motion
 - George withdraws his motion
- Watson: If we do option 2 we have to go through election code and change like four different things. With option 3 we only have to do one change.
- Nidira: Option three still enforces exclusivity.
 - Kennerk motions to amend the election code to include option 3 to article 10.1; George seconds the motion
 - 4-3-4 motion passes; election code amended
- Fieldman: All we really did was just change quotas that already exist. We're not adding any work, we've reduced it. What we need to do right now is vote on this calendar as it stands right now.
 - Kennerk motions to amend the election code 10.1.d accepting extenuating circumstances; Kim seconds the motion
 - 8-0-2 motion passes; election code approved as amended
 - Kennerk motions to amend the election board calendar as proposed; Julia seconds the motion
 - 7-0-2 motion passes; election board calendar is approved
- Kyana: Do the slips have to be publicized? Because Freddy is getting all of these and I don't have access to that. That's what I've been trying to say. I don't know if he's going to be cooperative
- Nidira: Which is why we should do option 2.
- Fieldman: We would have to reamend everything. Let's take a recess.
 - Recess at 10:01pm
 - Resume at 10:08pm
- Fieldman: What I think we should do is eboard make new endorsements form, delete the old one, publicize the new one tonight. I will work with election board to make sure it's publicized. Regardless we're adding labor on election board and we're sorry. If we leave option 3 election board will only have to do a new form. We can remove the endorsements chair next Tuesday. Do folks concur with that judgement? If not I can be over-ruled that's fine.
- Bethanie: If y'all need help with any capacity please let us know.

Discussion Item: G Suite Accounts

Kim

- Discussion on whether or not USAC wants a G suite account and would require some funds

- Consensus that everyone would like a G suite account

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

XII. Adjournment*

Fieldman

- Meeting adjourned at 10:12pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item