



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 May 7th, 2019  
 9:00PM  
 The Swearing in of New Council

Chapman/Gibbs  
 Watson

**I. Call to Order**

- Watson calls the meeting to order at 9:57pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

**II. Approval of minutes\***

- None

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

- No amendments to the agenda
  - Naomi motions to approve the agenda; the motion is seconded
  - 10-0-0 motion passes; agenda is approved

**IV. Public Comment**

Watson

- No audio, no video
  - 2 comments
- Audio, no video
  - None
- Audio & video
  - Nidirah: I'm so happy for y'all for FTP. I'm so excited for Johanna. I love you guys have a kick ass meeting, be lit!
- Public comments closed at 10:02pm

**V. Special Presentations**

- None

**VI. Appointments**

- None

**VII. Old business**

- None

**VIII. Officer Reports**

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| A. President               | Watson    |
| B. Internal Vice President | Bonifacio |
| C. External Vice President | Guerra    |
| D. General Rep 1           | Velazquez |

- E. Facilities Commissioner Shaw
- FAC is hiring! apps close 5/16/19
  - Office hours coming soon
  - First priority: meeting with ASU and start working on the resource center
- F. Campus Events Commission Steinmetz
- G. Transfer Rep Oraha
- H. Student Wellness Commissioner Sridhar
- SWC is hiring! Apps close 5/14/19
  - Hiring and transitioning new leadership for the rest of the quarter
  - Summer: start logistical work for commission (finances, etc.) and platforms
- I. Community Service Commissioner Wisner
- CSC is hiring! Apps close 5/10/19
  - CSC is looking to expand who gets included. We have resources and privilege as a USAC office and this year I would like to see non-CSC projects involved in our space with those resources. This will start by taking the form of office hours with all of our directors as well as a service town hall, or a State of Service.
- J. Academic Affairs Commissioner Riley
- K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Iheanacho
- L. International Student Representative Shahamah
- M. Administrative Representatives Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

## **IX. New Business**

### Discussion: CARE Program Director

Watson

- Sridhar: On Friday the current CARE program director Alicia was let go on the basis that they're looking to go in a new direction and looking for someone with more clinical experience. There's a lot of people upset about it because she was the director for two years and the other director only took the position to serve under Alicia's guidance.
- Shaw: I just wanted to say to be careful with the language we use because she wasn't fired her contract was renewed. And as Bethanie said this is private so we need to be careful.
- Guerra: When will we be able to discuss it?
- Watson: Most likely next council so I will definitely follow up with all of you.
- Guerra: I think this year undocumented student program also had one of our main staff not have their contract renewed. It definitely is helpful to have a lot more information regarding what it is because even when we have a lot of advocacy regarding we need this position filled there was not a lot of action. I think as much info as possible can help students guide their needs.
- Watson: We will continue this next week.

### A Resolution Condemning the Dismissal of the CARE Director\*

Watson

### Appointments Review Committee

Watson

- Watson: Both of these committees are just recommending. All of council are able to come to these meetings and voice their opinions but these committees are the ones who vote for recommendations. I will make appointments throughout the year and so will your offices, those that are stipended have to absolutely go through an ARC interview process and they have to vote to make a recommendation. In the bylaws it's established that IVP should chair ARC so Kim will be our chair who coordinates those meetings. I will also appoint one alternate. You either approve, disapprove or get no recommendation for both CRC and ARC. I chose this based off of appointments and doing outreach in communities that have not traditionally been reached out to and making sure I have representation. If you have any questions please let me know.
- Kelechi and Shahamah will be our voting members and Johana will be our alternate.
- Watson: Please still be involved in the appointment process, let me know if you have any questions.

### Constitutional Review Committee\*

Watson

- Watson: I have chosen Isabel, Lalo, and Jonathan and Isabel will be the chair. We would need to vote on that.
- Lalo: Is this one of those entities where we should abstain?
- Watson: Yes.
- Kelechi: What's the distinction between the chair?
- Watson: They state when and where to meet.
- Shaw: I know that Claire was working on a document to have all the appointments and the dates of hiring so will we be given access to that document?
- Alexander: Yes we'll help share that with you.
  - Kelechi motions to approve CRC; Shahamah seconds the motion
  - 7-0-3 motion passes; CRC are approved

### Quorum Bylaw Change\*

Watson

- Table item.

### A Resolution Regarding Misrepresentation of Student Organizations\*

Velazquez

- Velazquez: This stems from what happened last Tuesday. So [indiscernible]. It's like an alt-right group that publishes newspapers about different incidents on college campuses but provide misinformation about student groups. They created SJP attending an event that was hosted by students supporting Israel. They created SJP as attending this event as a neo-nazi incident. What was communicated to us is that when they post these things, later on they call out individuals that are involved with these processes. They start naming actual individuals and blacklisting them. This resolution is calling on administration to support students affected by this.
- Steinmetz: Do we need to vote on this right now or is there any option to table it to thoroughly read through it?
- Watson: Yes that can be an issue. There have been council members who have been put on canary.
- Shahamah: To add on to this, if someone is applying to a job and they google my name and it comes up on canary it can affect them, this has happened multiple times, are we just asking for council administration to condemn it?
- Kelechi: That's the intention. The people who we were talking were talking about how even when they're traveling. It's pretty serious.
- Shahamah: Also a lot of times what happens I know certain people have found it difficult to travel because even if you have similar names you have to go through deep processes.
- Guerra: I have a question for the people who wrote and are sponsoring this, do y'all understand the extent to what you could [indiscernible] because while I think it's brave I think looking long term of your year as a USAC council and if we start with this [indiscernible].
- Kelechi: As a sponsor, I'm quite aware.

- Riley: To echo that, I think one of the main things we were asked was that are we going to stand up at the table when ppl are being discriminated against and that's what we took an oath to.
- Shaw: Do we have further plans for this or is this the first step?
- Kelechi: I can't say with any certainty. I think this one was called on directly by the people affected.
- Shamaha: I know it's difficult but what Naomi said, being in this position isn't supposed to be easy. This is difficult for me. I do want to say that it's important and needs to be discussed. Is there anything we can do to not have this newspaper allowed on campus?
- Velazquez: I don't think we could necessarily prohibit that.
- Jonathan: I think this is a good way to start off our year with this resolution.
- Guerra: I think it would help to give council a fair amount of time to digest everything.
- Kelechi: I feel like that's a good idea. I think everyone should have time to consider. I do think it's important to keep in mind that we are public officers and need to take stands publicly.
- Shaw: We need to acknowledge our privilege in this room. We have a lot of control and power. I'm not afraid of getting put on there because to me I have the privilege to speak against it. I think we should all recognize who we are and what we represent.
- Watson: I think we should table this until next week then.

#### Discuss: Student Engagement All-Council Coordination

Watson

- Watson: I just wanted to ask you all on ideas you all had on collaborating between our offices.
- Oraha: I was talking to Jessica Kim and we were saying USAC needs a publicity chair for all of our offices. A lot of students don't know that we all sit on a council together and think we're all separate.
- Shaw: This is a question for admin, FAC doesn't have a website.
- Alexander: We actually tried to get a couple names but ran into some issues because the university doesn't want to give out a domain [indiscernible]. We definitely help you with that and that's something your internal office websites. It's not something we take the initiative we do or facilitate it's up to your discretion.
- Kelechi: I'm just curious about how we would go about choosing a publicity chair.
- Watson: Instead of this simply being a one year platform thing how do we continue this in the long run. The bylaws can easily establish an unpaid appointment as a publicity chair that can be composed of a committee from each of our offices.
- Shaw: How are we going to find these people to appoint?
- Oraha: Well as you hire more people there will be someone
- Watson: You can also make a whole different application dedicated to that position.
- Kelechi: How do we make sure we make this is equal?
- Naomi: I also think it's a disservice to post 10 events to one instagram page because realistically you can attend all 10 events.
- Oraha: Maybe we could post once a week that can outline everything that's going on with USAC for that week.
- Watson: We could also work with SOLE and sign boards and the restrictions that go with that. Maybe we could secure something year long to publicize our work outside of Facebook and Instagram.

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

- Attendance sheet is passed around

### **XI. Adjournment\***

Watson

- Meeting adjourned at 12:05am

**Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

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