



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
May 14th, 2019
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Watson calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes*

- 05/07/19 minutes (outgoing council)
 - Kelechi motions to approve the 05/07/19 minutes for the outgoing council; Mihika seconds the motion
 - 6-0-4 motion passes; (outgoing council) 05/07/19 minutes approved
- 05/07/19 minutes (incoming council)
 - Jonathan motions to approve the 05/07/19 minutes for the incoming council; Kim seconds the motion
 - 6-0-4 motion passes; (new council) 05/07/19 minutes approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Strike discussion item on EVP, strike gen rep 1, strike BAG, strike SFS, strike ARC, strike CSC, strike ISR, strike ASRF, move USAC funding application right before officer reports
 - Shahamah motions to approve the agenda; Naomi seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

Discussion Item: CARE Continuity and Funding

Watson

- Hi I'm Susanne. One of the departments that I oversee is the CARE program.
- Hi I'm Nicole I'm the executive director of CAPS.
- Good evening my name is Maria I'm your dean for students. Susanne and I sit at the executive management group. I follow the work and conversations you all have.
- Watson: We were talking about the ongoing transitions happening with CARE, how CARE is continuing to be supported through a time of transition. If council members are interested in asking questions that's something that'd be very appreciated.
- Susanne: We are very committed to the CARE program. CARE came into existence from some money that was provided by the office of the president. We started off with a small team. We got a second care advocate and a director. Right now we also added trauma informed yoga and healing program is wrapped into CARE. The very positive news is that the institution has recognized the high volume of cases that need to be seen. In their trauma informed work they're seeing a significant amount of case load so we're looking to add two additional advocates to the CARE program. Because their work is so heavy as it relates to trauma informed support we are needing to have someone who can supervise the nature of that work in terms of our CARE advocates have typically and will continue to seek out this expertise. Having that kind of background is critical as we move forward. Nicole as we said [indiscernible] the CARE director also meets with our vice chancellor at least quarterly so there's attention at the higher level. Given that we have 2 or 3 layers Nicole will step in directly to oversee the program. We will seek someone that has the background, potentially up to 4 trained staff members. Happy to answer any questions.
- So just to clarify is that Alicia's contract isn't renewed is because she doesn't have the clinical background?
- Susanne: What I can tell you is that the direction we're going is a larger staff. Those staff members have had social work degrees [indiscernible] we'll increase through hopefully 4 advocates and we do need somebody who has a similar kind of background.

- So you're talking about social work background?
- Nicole: Yeah in that work or psychologist or something with a more clinical focus.
- I totally see what you're saying, Alicia has been there for me so many times. She made me feel like I can take up space. She is the person that taught me what it means to be trauma informed. Alicia has done this work for 12 years so she's been doing this there's so many students who have gotten close to her over the years. She's a very loved person I just don't get it. It just feels very unfair.
- Susanne: So what I can say is she's contributed a great deal to our program. I want to recognize in terms of her contributions.
- Watson: The administration are prevented from discussing the details of personnel matters
- Everything that you mentioned I know everything that you're talking about. The key thing about CARE was an advocacy office. I feel Alicia has done nothing but expanding the office. It just doesn't feel fair for someone who has this vision. I also know a lot of students care about her. It just feels like a very administrative thing and it feels like our input as students is being disregarded.
- Maria: I would offer that we often times include students in the hiring process. Any new position we have in the CARE program we have a complete commitment in letting students be a part of that.
- Naomi: How does Nicole's role in CARE affect her role as a CAPS director too?
- Nicole: I can say before the CARE office took off, I have a lot of familiarity with the CARE program. In my role at caps because it's a big organization, care has less infrastructure but I've kind of been involved in it all along. Caps luckily isn't as affected during the summer so it gives us a chance to organize for the next year.
- Maria: We also fill in for each other at different times.
- Johana: When it comes to a new care director can we know how long the contract would be for? Because I think the turnover can have an impact on the students. Having a new person come into the space can disrupt the environment.
- Susanne: It is not uncommon for us to have staff, typically the contracts are one year and renewable up to 4 years. It's a university policy. There are a number of staff on contracts throughout student affairs. When a contract ends we sometimes have staff that take on other opportunities, we definitely recognize the impact of staff turnover. We don't take that lightly. We want to do all we can to make sure the services we promise to deliver continue to be delivered.
- Johana: It doesn't make sense to me that UCLA doesn't prepare ahead of time when they're going to let someone go
- Susanne: In many ways we do prepare in different aspects. What might be that overlap at times we do do what you're suggesting. The circumstances do range across the board.
- Kim: How can students be involved in the search process?
- Nicole: When the search is posted I'll let everybody here know and if you're interested you can let me know.
- Maria: We're always available, talk to us, engage with us.

Contingency Programming*

Ender

- 41 applications; non-USAC entities
- Total required: \$176,080.91
- Total requested: \$52,937.60
- Total recommended: \$23,705.00
 - Mihika motions to approve \$23,705.00 of contingency programming for non-USAC entities; Shahamah seconds the motion
 - 8-0-2 motion passes; contingency allocations approved for the week

Contingency Capital Allocations*

Ender

- 1 application; USAC entities
- Total required: \$299.60
- Total requested: \$299.60
- Total recommended: \$199.88
 - Mihika motions to approve \$199.88 of contingency capital to USAC entities; Shahamah seconds the motion
 - 9-0-1 motion passes; contingency capital allocations approved

SFS Allocations#

—Wisner

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

————Guerra

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

- Total requested: \$1,723.80
- Total allocated: \$663.72
- 5 non-USAC groups
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

ASRF Allocations#

————Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

- 15 applications
- Total allocated: \$3,750.00
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

ARCF Allocations#

————Iheanaecho

IV. Public Comment

Watson

- No audio, no video
 - None
- Audio, no video
 - None
- Audio & video
 - Hello everyone. So I just want to talk about my family a bit. 1979 was the Iranian revolution. My parents fled. They never had a college degree, I'm a first generation college student. My more distant family and this is the story of a lot of people on their travels. Really terrible things on the way here. I have one question? I heard that the agenda changed and I was wondering if that's true and if so why? I heard that there was jewish interest involved in USAC's meeting. I'm still here and ready to discuss.
 - Hi I'm Sithara I'm the chapter chair for calpirg here. I wanted to update on our zero hunger campaign. We want to further administrative support. I wanted to invite all you to check out our art gallery tomorrow where we'll be showcasing art to destigmatize student hunger. I would love if you all would come and check it out.
 - Hi everyone my name is Nick I'm a member at large. I want to give an update on our no bees no food campaign. A big factor to this is bee killing pesticides so we're trying to ban this pesticide. We just had our first committee meeting. We've started to est bee friendly members.
 - Good evening council, I'm the incoming chief justice of the jboard. I wanted to formally introduce myself. Lastly if any of you have any questions you can reach us at uclajudicialboard@gmail.com
 - I'm Justin, I'm a 3rd year transfer student. I just want to express a little bit of my family's story. I'm an Israeli American. [indiscernible] My mom's family fled as refugees in 1957 from Morocco to Israel. Really why I'm telling this story is to break the normalization of the Jewish experience being of the West and express how anti-semitism manifests in various different forms. That isn't limited simply to white supremacy. I would still hope that this council would issue a formal recognition of that even some type of resolution. This misinformation resolution can also disrupt misinformation in terms of how do we denormalize anti-semitism as a solely western phenomenon. I would kindly ask all of you to reflect.
 - Hi y'all my name is Nico, I'm the former chapter chair for calpirg. I'm going to be a full time staff member with calpirg at UC Davis. Our lead campaign from this past quarter. We're working across the state to push for clean transportation. Our big event this quarter we're going to be showcasing electric cars and educate students on the issue of clean transportation and climate change.

- I just want to say that I support the resolution and I applaud Naomi, Lalo, and Kelechi.
- Public comments adjourned at 8:00pm

V. Special Presentations

Daily Bruin: Media Expectations

Chavez-Martinez

- Hi I'm Melissa I'm the now former.. That I covered USAC for the entire last year. Basically we're just going to run through some things that caused some snags last year. Basically the first, please reply to your emails. We don't want to constantly bother you but when we're trying to get a comment. I apologize in advance when that happens. We had some individual office coverage about things that were opening, some resolutions. [indiscernible] I wanted to stress that this is different from what the opinion section does. While I am in the editorial roles, those two are separate. Feel free to reach out if you need anything covered.
- Martinez: Feel free to ask me any questions. Edit board is separate from news. I provided you links [indiscernible] if you'd ever like to submit. Also there's a contact form for you to fill out.
- Watson: We're really excited to have you this upcoming year.

Budgeting and Requisitions

Ender

- Ender: I printed out all of the budgets as of right now. If you look at the document I just gave you. The account codes always begin with a 1. The fund you can look at it like source of funds. The fund is telling you where this money is actually coming from. If you go to bruinbill you'll see different fees and that's where the fund will tell you where the money is coming from. The easiest way to think about the division. For example CEC has different accounts the division would be 100. The next part of the account code is your department, that's listed at the top of the budget report. A lot of you have multiple department codes so just be aware of that. The last part is the event code, for a lot of you the code will be 0. If you apply to funding bodies SGA will give you unique codes. The document is what SGA makes public every monday morning, it's super useful. If you want more details you can ask someone in SGA for a copy. It tells you every expense that's been made from whichever department you're looking at. This will help you track where your money is going internally. Any questions? If you're willing we can meet with your finance directors and try to get people more familiar with these documents.

Discussion Item: USAC All-Encompassing Funding Application

Watson

- Geller: I was posing the possibility whether there might be an opportunity to combine a single application of the funds of all your offices and not need to submit multiple applications. I ask that because it's my understanding that student groups often apply for more than one fund. Just trying to figure out if it's feasible.
- Mihika: I think that sounds like a good idea because it would help with publicity of the programming funds.
- Riley: I have a level of concern only because of the application deadlines because I know they differentiate. I also think the kinds of questions we would ask too because travel grant is different from the funds of CAC. If there's a way we can figure out those nuances.
- Mihika: I don't think it'd be one application, I think it'd be a general information section followed by different subheadings. I know because SWC does this with hiring. Depending on which multiple choice option is selected it takes you to a different set of questions.
- Riley: Can multiple people access that?
- Ender: On myucla there's a funding cap on there where you can go to and answer a number of questions and it will redirect you. Last year we tried to get USAC funding on there but there were issues but that's something we're going to continue working on over the summer.
- Watson: When we and Dr. Geller were talking we were thinking how can we make this as accessible as possible. Shared publicity across our offices is a way to accomplish that goal. Any final thoughts?
- Riley: I'm not against shared publicity I just want it to be beneficial.
- Watson: This will be an ongoing discussion throughout the summer.

V. Officer Reports

- A. President Watson
-Bruin Nights Centennial Pre-Party
-Applications for the Office of the President are Out
-Drafting a campus-wide introductory email that will hopefully be sent out in the next couple of weeks.
-Communicating with administration about the CARE transition and ensuring students are continuing to be supported
-Communicating to plan meeting with ResLife and Housing to work on queer and trans inclusivity on the Hill!
-Working with Afrikan Student Union to publicize appointments to ensure support on ASUCLA BOD and SFAC for the creation of a Black Resource Center
- B. Internal Vice President Bonifacio
- C. External Vice President Guerra
- ~~D. General Rep +~~ ~~Velazquez~~
- E. Facilities Commissioner Shaw
- F. Campus Events Commission Steinmetz
-Jimmy O Yang, from Crazy Rich Asians tomorrow
-Shorttakes film festival with free food on Thursday, come support student art
-Ultrabloom is coming up Week 9. It's an EDM concert/festival that will be held in AGB and website just dropped. Look out for lineup coming out soon.
- G. Transfer Rep Oraha
-Working with CAMBIO on Friday to speak to high school students about what it is like to be a transfer
- H. Student Wellness Commissioner Sridhar
-SWC is hiring! Apps close today at 11:59pm.
-Total Wellness's Well & Tasty Foodie Festival had over 500 students attend and had many organic food vendors and student organizations take part.
-Sexperts presents: A Fucking Comedy Show: Cum for the comedy, stay for the sex (education), Sun 5/19, 8:30pm at the Improv Space
-Active Minds:
 Mental Health Networking Night Mon 5/20, 6-8 PM Bruin Viewpoint Room
 Music in Mind Concert Tue 5/21, 6-8 PM Fowler Amphitheater
-BruinNecessities:
 Dental Fair on Hill, May 24th
 Menstrual Hygiene Fair on Bruin Plaza, May 28th
- ~~I. Community Service Commissioner~~ ~~Wisner~~
- J. Academic Affairs Commissioner Riley
- AAC is hiring directors and executive staff members. The application will close May 20th and then interviews will start.
- AAC worked with the Office of the President to create a joint appointment application for the three appointments the AAC has to make by this quarter. We are currently working on publicizing as the application closes the 26th of May at 11:59pm, and then interviews will follow..
- K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner Iheanacho

VI. Old Business

Resolution Regarding Misrepresentation Surrounding UCLA's Students for Justice in Palestine* Velazquez

- Tara: I would like to say as my position as the only Jewish student on council right now. I have met with certain members who wrote the resolution, to make it more precise and accurate. I still hold issue with the paragraph about chancellor block. I will still struggle with this resolution so long as other students define what anti-semitism is. I am not the authority to say what anti-semitism is or isn't. With a statement like this until Jewish students are asked how we define our own experiences.
- Oraha: I spoke with a professor of mine who is on Canary mission. I asked him to read this and we discussed it for a while and we think it's important to reach out to the communities who are mentioned and affected by this. To just clean up the language a little bit. He used a word in arabic that doesn't translate very well [indiscernible] because he discussed his own feelings on being in canary mission. The issue with canary mission it's like a blog type website so a lot of people are on there for a lot of different reasons. Even if there's one person on there who isn't anti-semitic they are being slandered.
- Kelechi: Are there any specific clear parts?
- Oraha: His recommendation was to be very clear about how to address anti-semitism.
- Watson: One thing that I've heard should be changed is with the portion that talks about the chancellor, regardless of whether or not that exists. I think that part could be clarified a lot more. Instead of saying that that's what directly happened, I think saying that's alluding to that. Something that clarifies.
- Tara: I guess it gets at a deeper issue that I see. There were anti-semitic acts that were committed from a Jewish perspective. For us to put this in here I feel genuinely uncomfortable.
- Eduardo: I know we're saying with wanting to make edits. Can we make those edits now?
- Watson: We can do it now and it can be voted on now.
- Johana: I feel it's still important to bring this up because it was mentioned in the news article that we are condemning. If we're calling on administration to be held accountable to responding to this incident as a whole as we have that incident that involves administration and how they failed back then to address those issues appropriately. I mentioned it's still important to bring up those things. I think we need to hold them accountable for the past, present and future. I think that's the biggest reason why that portion of the resolution to stay in. If I do something in the past that's problematic and I don't correct it, then how is that effective towards me being corrected? Chancellor says he has fundamental disagreements with SJP, so if we're gonna hold administration accountable and you as a member of an organization have your chancellor telling you that they don't like you basically, that they have disagreements with you how are they supposed to be able to work with you and move on in the future? I think that's why we need to leave that portion of the resolution. That's discouraging to see as a student.
- Tara: I think then the issue is what is being said here is different than what you're saying. I think if that is the primary issue we want to focus on then I think the wording should be different.
- Kelechi: If we did change it to alluding would that change anything?
- Tara: Yeah I don't think it's just that word that is bothering me.
- Oraha: Maybe restructuring the entire paragraph to state more of what he actually said. I think what this paragraph is trying to address is that the resolution is upset with what he said.
- Watson: I think quoting his direct words rather than us implying something in the resolution.
- Riley: Are we upset with what he said or that he said it?
- Kelechi: I feel whether someone is upset with what he said or isn't the goal. SJP's issue was with what was said and the context on which it was said and I think that's what we should focus on.
- Riley: I feel like the last part of the sentence is something that Kelechi was alluding to. Ultimately the council is condemning fear and repression.

- Johana: I keep looking over this article and at the very end [indiscernible]. He literally is implying and saying that he's compounding anti-semitism with the conference. He talks about how awkward it is to be discussing this but he's the one literally saying that this is what it is. Or am I wrong?
- Watson: I think he uses very strategic language. Which is why the word alluding or implying I think would help.
- Shahamah: I think even though he's distancing himself he's still putting the thought in the reader's mind.
- Watson: Yeah we could just quote what was said in the resolution.
- Public member: I want to ask a point of clarification as to what was said that was so offensive that a resolution needs to come about?
- Eduardo: This whole resolution came forward because [indiscernible] in that newspaper they specifically quote the chancellor. That's why it was brought up here. It's more providing context.
- Justin: Just a point of clarification, sometimes I understand it's hard to define anti-semitism. Where the line is drawn is your commentary, are you demonizing jews, are you holding jews to double standards. I think it's dangerous to say that only one manifestation of anti-semitism exists. Anti-semitism permeates. I would invite all council members to reach out to other student leaders.
- Orahah: Based off of those requirements that you've listed, what exactly is apprehension with including anti-semitism in this paragraph? Is it that you agree with chancellor gene block's statements or is it something else?
- Justin: I want to disregard that jewish communities are responsible for blacklisting students. The notions of criteria I just mentioned [indiscernible]
- Watson: Are there any potential changes that we want to implement? I think if we use a quote or something more objective would make it more reasonable.
- Tara: I personally would maintain what I said earlier. That's why I liked Kelechi's idea of what is his role with supporting student groups.
- Public member: I wanted to draw attention to something that was mentioned in the article. I think it's important to give credence to specifically what he's saying.
- Watson: I think the debate we're having is, is that the chancellor's place to give that sort of criticism?
- I think he could have clarified. He's speaking on behalf of a community on campus but he shouldn't disenfranchise another group to do so.
- Kelechi: I think we have to center this back to the issue that is what made them feel unsafe. I think we'd be moving away from their intention.
- Orahah: It's hard to make tweaks to this when SJP isn't here to communicate their vision.
- Watson: I think their issue is that their meetings are at the same time.
- Shahamah: I understand that they have meetings but maybe if we express this concern for them maybe they'll be able to arrange representation at the council meeting?
- Orahah: so members of SJP knew that this was happening tonight?
- Justin: We do have to take into account that it's Ramadan.
- Watson: I can message people who are in those circles, if nobody shows up then we can table it.
- Hannaan: I'm the current president for the Muslims student association. As Robert said, this resolution was brought to my attention about 3 days ago. I guess at the very least it was disturbing to read. I didn't think it was okay at all. I think this is coming from an outside source. I mean I appreciate that council is trying to take action against that. This university is a campus that practices freedom of speech and [indiscernible] to that point. I appreciate that SJP is more on the forefront of this because it is something that should be addressed.
- Watson: From what you've heard about this portion of the article that we're discussing, has the discomfort with the article stem more from engaging in the criticism with a student organization or does it stem more from the opinion within itself?
- Hannaan: Everyone has the right to their own opinion, my problem is that they are held to a standard where they should be neutral. They shouldn't be favoring one group over the other.
- Isabel: I understand that you have only had about 3 days with the resolution, but what is the main purpose of the resolution? What would you want accomplished from it?
- Hannaan: From what I understand, you all want to bring it to administration attention. What I want is I guess a letter of support or an address that SJP are student organizations on campus and deserve to feel safe. I believe it is within

administration's duty to make sure that while propaganda like this is being spread the communities being slandered are well aware of their resources and aware that this university is for them.

- Kim: Would you want Gene Block to clarify?
- Hannan: I can't speak on behalf of anyone, I think the very least in a way just making clear at what capacity the university can engage in these sort of situations.
- Kelechi: In regards to the resolution we're having a hard time with what to keep or what can be removed without losing the intention. I guess I'd want to know your opinion on if you feel it's necessary to include this statement on Gene Block?
- Hanaan: My question would be is it precedent for university administrators to pass [indiscernible] on student organizations in general? I think this is the first time I've seen something like that. If you serve as a chancellor, I feel there's a certain capacity of what kind of language you should use. For him to be passing this sort of judgement I can see why it alienated people.
- Johana: Some SJP members are saying that they would like to table it until next week.
- Watson: I think respecting that would be good too. So we'll table this for next week.

Discussion Item: Student Engagement All-Council Coordination

Watson

- Mihika: We had a couple thoughts. For me one thing I was concerned about was the commissions like if we have a publicity initiative we have to be careful about publicizing the frequency or methods of which we choose to publicize. We don't want to be doing a disservice to anybody.
- Kelechi: There were cute ideas about concepts that UCSD did [indiscernible]. I definitely support all of council initiatives and stuff.
- Watson: If anybody else wants to talk about this I just want us all to prepare.
- Oraha: To Mihika's point, creating a calendar with monthly events happening. We could spotlight one time events to make sure they're getting the publicity versus the weekly events. What does all-council coordination entail?
- Watson: The only time we ever post on the USAC Facebook page is the live and the agendas which is really boring. Obviously this has to change. As a student government institution we have very little engagement.
- Kelechi: I just want us all to know what we're getting into and stick to it.
- Tara: I think the more centralized it is the better. It would be easier than all of us trying to juggle.
- Shahamah: New student orientation has scavenger hunts and maybe we can have a spot dedicated to USAC. But also talking to new student orientation a lot of things are spoken about but USAC clubs aren't really mentioned.
- Jonathan: If this is something we want to do I think we should make it institutionalized.
- Watson: I definitely think that's possible.
- Kelechi: I think we have to clarify what parts of this publicity campaign should be institutionalized.
- Watson: I do think this is something we should continue talk about but I do want to get back to the resolution.

VII. New Business

Budget Review Committee Assignment

Watson

- Watson: there were four of you who said you'd be willing to. I chose Naomi, Jonathan, and Mihika.

Discussion Item: Liaison between the TSR and the EVP Offices

—Oraha

Discussion Item: USAC Appointments Application

Watson

- Watson: I personally feel strongly that we should have a combined appointment application. It's more accessible for students and it's also the way administration is going with this. But also many of our appointments are shared appointments. I want to know what you all think about that. I know that there's certain applications that have very specific questions.
- Johana: For those people those are basically chiefs of staff and they're not an appointment.

- Watson: That makes sense
- Johana: That's the only thing for EVP.
- Watson: How do the other offices think?
- Naomi: I feel like for me that would be ideal.
- Kim: For FSC will that move to fall quarter?
- Watson: yes
- Geller: Note that you as a council will begin making appointments in the next few weeks. You can continue to make appointments through the summer. You would reconfirm all appointments made during summer in the Fall. So you don't have to wait until Fall.
- Watson: I think if there's a mechanism where they can be some sort of drop down, it seems kind of intuitive to have it in the same place but if that's not possible then there can be separate applications.
- Naomi: I feel like we should get together and meet to see what that would look like.

Discussion Item: All-Campus Quarterly Email

Watson

- Watson: In my opinion this has been an underutilized resource this year. I would love to have a quarterly email before this quarter ends and invite all offices. I want to know what your alls thoughts are.
- Johana: I think it's a good idea.
- Naomi: I wanted to point out that I don't know if the email has the ability to communicate what USAC is. How can we utilize the email to make sure people know who we are?
- Watson: Maybe I can make a google doc and share it with you as a draft email and edit it together.

VIII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

IV. Adjournment*

Watson

- Meeting adjourned at 10:53pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item
 # Indicates Consent Item □
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