



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 May 28th, 2019
 7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Watson calls the meeting to order at 7:04pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes*

- 05/21/19 Minutes
 - Kim motions to approve the 05/21/19 minutes; Eduardo seconds the motion
 - 7-0-2 motion passes; the minutes from 05/21/19 are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Strike BAG, strike SFS, strike AAC travel grant and ARCF, strike TSR, add bylaw amendment, add discussion item on townhall about policy 133 and 890
 - Jonathan motions to approve the agenda; Naomi seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

Contingency Programming*

Komzyuk

- 17 applications; USAC and non-USAC entities
- Requested: \$1,4847.47
- Total recommended: \$6,932.00
 - Tara motions to approve \$6,932.00 of contingency programming to both USAC and non-USAC entities; Lily seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; contingency programming is approved
 - Shahamah motions to amend contingency programming to \$7,232; Tara seconds the motion
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Capital Contingency*

Komzyuk

- 1 application; 1 USAC entity
- Total requested: \$620.00
- Total allocated: \$620.00
 - Jonathan motions to approve \$620.00 of capital contingency to a USAC entity; Naomi seconds the motion
 - 8-0-1 motion passes; capital contingency approved

~~SFS Allocations#~~

—Wisner

~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~

————Guerra

~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~

————Sridhar

ASRF Allocations#

Riley

- 5 groups applied
- Total allocated: \$4,802.00
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~

_____ Riley

ARCF Allocations#

Iheanacho

IV. Public Comment

Watson

- No audio, no video
 - 2 comments
- Audio, no video
 - None
- Audio & video
 - Hi I'm Sithara I'm the chapter chair for CALPIRG. I'm here to invite you to our clean car show this Friday. We passed Senate bill 100 this past Fall. We're working to move our transportation system across the system towards clean energy. We're working to build up grassroots support on our campus. Come out and sign some petitions. We're going to be having a press conference also at noon. I hope you all can come and check it out.
- Public comments adjourned at 7:30pm

V. Special Presentations

ASUCLA App

Cordola

- Cordola: I want to talk about the ASUCLA app. It launched its own app about a year ago. We want this app to be utilized by all students as a resource. Adding events to the app was crucial to make sure there was a one stop to see what's going on on campus. One of the things that we wanted to do is to have each 15 members of USAC be able to enter events on the back end of the app. Right now we're entering everything that happens in the union, in our building. My administrators and I try to diligently find out details about any events going on to help put it in there. We want to give each of the offices their own username and password to enter events that are happening. We're also promoting the app for new student orientation. You can enter the description, the location. If you add a graphic, it can't be deleted. You can change the graphic but can't take it off. Download the app, pass this on to your marketing staff.

Q&A/Comments

- Naomi: I think you also wanted to talk about if it's for other groups to use?
- A: Other groups that are holding things on campus that's not in the student union, they have to submit that to the student union advertising team. We're giving you guys the privilege to do that on their own.

VI. Appointments

Kyana Shajari for Election Board Chair*

Watson

- Watson: I'm going to start off with why I appointed you. The process for my office is extensive. We have a presidential search committee. We publicize the applications, send them out, and review. My coordinators review them and they make a recommendation to me then I decide. Both my coordinators recommended you. This is your third time as election board chair, once at community college, once here before. You obviously came into this position at a time that was very difficult and with student's before you who had the intention of disrupting the election process. Given that, I think that you did a phenomenal job. You didn't have access to social media or a board you can necessarily rely on. The day you found out there wasn't access to social media pages you made new ones. You came to multiple meetings

to have a dialogue with us. Your appointments did your job incredibly well. I want to be careful about criticisms around publicity. I don't think that does fall on you. You are someone that I have seen work well under extraordinary circumstances. I want this appointment to go through. Obviously this appointment comes with controversy and council members are probably going to ask you some of those things tonight and I want you to be prepared for that. The other thing I will say is that the goal isn't to find the perfect appointment but someone who has good intentions and potential. I think you've fulfilled both of those.

- Kyana: Robert thanks for those kind words. I am Kyana I was the previous eboard chair. I'm a 3rd year transfer psych major. I hope to go into law some day. I hope to be appointed tonight I do have some good ideas about what I could tweek about the elections process.

Q&A/Comments

- Shahamah: What things do you want to improve?
- A: Publicity is something I want to improve. I want to implement a sanctions guideline because there was no guideline last cycle and it was crazy. I want to fix sections of the ecode that were confusing to candidates that were sanctioned. I wanted to change a section in the code extending the time that the investigations director is given to impose a sanction possibly to 36-48 hours. I just want it to be a place so that there's a proper investigation done.
- Johana: What improvements would you suggest to help popularize more candidates to run?
- A: Appealing to student's individual needs are important. I was informed stem majors don't get involved so maybe appealing to those people. Maybe talking to them, making people feel like it will affect them in particular will get people more interested.
- Lalo: How would you manage [indiscernible]
- A: Hopefully I'll have a really great team in place. I have a good relationship with the eboard advisor. I've been meeting with him very often to check in and see what I need to do. I've been through it before and I think I'd know what to do.
- Naomi: What are you currently involved in? And your involvements for next year too?
- A: I applied to be on the board of the Iranian student group, that's about it.
- Naomi: What's your hiring timeline going to look like?
- A: I will do an extensive interview on them. I don't want people I had last time. It was a crazy process so I'll try to get people that I trust. Not necessarily people I know, I do have someone for publicity already. I do think she'll thrive in that capacity. I will work with her to get as many people as possible and see who's the best fit. I guess you can never really tell when someone has a bias. I'll do my best.
- Isabel: How do you plan to reach out to groups that are usually not represented in elections?
- A: I think social media is a very powerful tool. When I was investigations director I posted on social media and got so many responses. I would also go to STEM classrooms.
- Isabel: Do you feel prepared handling a big level of scrutiny?
- A: I think I faced a ton of scrutiny this past election. At my community college I was on the council as well and we also faced a lot of scrutiny. I do have a lot of experience with this but I know who I am. I know the work that I'm doing, I try not to let any of that stuff get to me. I try to maintain a good sense of self and I'm doing my best for the board and students.
- Watson: Could you talk about your summer availability?
- A: So I'm doing nothing over the summer. I will be out of town a little bit. I'd mostly be here and I live like 5 minutes away.
- Watson: Dr. Geller has indicated a desire to rewrite the code in its entirety, are you committed to extensively meeting with dr geller this summer?
- A: I am willing to meet with her and do that.
- Watson: Is there a timeline that you could some time tonight give us on when we could expect the presentation of that code?
- A: Late July.
- Lily: what do you see a realistic timeline of electing new council members for the special election?

- A: I'm not really sure how special elections work so this would be a very new territory for me. So I'm not sure when they're supposed to start or end. I think week 3 would be fine because everyone should have their classes settled.
- Lily: How will you advertise USAC and elections leading up to that?
- A: During zero week I can do a lot of work on that. I will be living in the dorms so I can try to work with reslife to see if they'll let me pass out flyers. I'm going to work with my publicity director too.
- Shahamah: How do you see yourself in terms of professionalism?
- A: I'm a very candid person. I do say things interestingly. I do think I can professional when needed.
- Watson: Obviously you went through an intense election process, why do you want to do it again?
- A: I feel like I wasn't able to do the stuff that I wanted to do. I was very new to the whole process. I had to learn everything while having to perform all the things I literally just learned. I know all the forms now and send emails out to people. I want to show people what I'm capable of.
- Naomi: What is your vision for running elections?
- A: I do really want a lot of student engagement. I'm really willing to try to get that going.
- Jonathan: How do you plan to avoid complacency and burn out?
- A: I'd like to set goals for myself. I want people to be proud of me. I want people to be proud that they put me up for a position. I use that as motivation. I don't want to do a bad job and I want to be proud of the stuff that I did.
- Lily: How are you going to work on rebranding USAC to get voters engaged and candidates that are qualified?
- A: I think really gearing USAC to the needs of the students. Making USAC not to be this big monster to be afraid of. Humanize USAC more.
- Lily: For the special elections, what is your current knowledge of gen rep?
- A: I don't really know that well.
- Lalo: Typically the gen reps cater to the community that they come from while also making sure that they're still giving to larger campus communities as a whole.
- Tara: We definitely do have an issue of needing to rebrand USAC. I do agree we should be presenting ourselves as human and that this space is accessible to them. We also want to be taken seriously. I think some of us have discussed concerns with professionalism. I want to give the reminder that when you take this position you are becoming a public face for UCLA [indiscernible] those have to be managed in a professional way. What do you see the balance between being candid and professional?
- Shahamah: Just to give an example so when you were announcing the results of when we got elected. Maybe like for an uncontested position to say something like that wasn't a surprise who didn't see that coming I understand it didn't come from a place of wrong intent but just the message that it can give is that it was easy for council members even though we were not contested. Being was not just an easy journey. So things like that.
- A: I guess that's kind of a hard question to ask. I do find it a little bit hard to be always professional. that's not who I am. I don't mean to hurt anyone's feelings. I'll try my best to do better.
- Lily: None of us are going to get our feelings hurt necessarily. It's about how you represent USAC. What's a way to rephrase that in a professional way and still being honest? How can you be candid but still represent USAC?
- A: Maybe keep that word in my own circle.
- Watson: Given this incident. I think even if elections are going bad, I don't think that saying it in that way does good or benefit. I think explaining the challenges of what makes elections difficult. I think there's a desire among council that you really be somebody acting in that representative way rather than the candidness that I do admire at some points but do need to be held back during those times.

- Lily: I don't think it's a criticism because we all have this challenge. It's about being transparent and also looking positively at USAC.
 - Kim: How will you ensure that you're not coming from a biased point of view? How will you ensure election process is fair?
 - A: We all have our biases and it can be very hard to put them aside. I don't have a very big stake on who sits on council. I would try to maintain an unbiased perspective like I did this past election. I would give candidates the same treatment. Asking them more or less the same questions during debates.
 - Watson: When would you expect to have appointments for your board?
 - A: July 30th
 - Naomi: I feel like July 30th kind of cutting it too close, does anybody disagree?
 - Lalo: Having the board would be good for setting the code.
 - Watson: What's your relationship going to be like with council?
 - A: I think the eboard chair and council should be civil.
 - Watson: What's your process of negotiating with council going to look like?
 - A: I'm against increasing the spending limit. I'm not a very combative person when it comes to things like that. I like to try to take feedback from things I may not have a lot of knowledge about. I would like to compromise. I do want to open you guys to sending me recommendations about things in the code you want to change. I will also go over it with my board.
 - Shahamah: Can we have a potential date of when you'd have your vice chair, publicity director, etc..
 - A: My publicity director I already have on board with it. I would like to put the application out by tonight or the next day. It really depends on other people as well.
 - Watson: We also bear the responsibility of this. It's also our role to help you publicize this.
 - Johana: I do want council to know that you have been very transparent. You have nothing but the best to your ability.
 - Watson: Obviously you know there was controversy with your last appointment process. I think certain council members wanted to hear your reflection on that.
 - A: I did put something on my bio that was offensive. It was a poor way to defend myself against comments against people that have made against me before. I'm very apologetic about it. I now realize that those kind of things should not be tolerated. I was coming from a place a self-defense but I could have done a better job. It was obviously a bad thing to say and it will not be coming out of my mouth ever again or anything like that.
 - Watson: I do have a recommendation of keeping all the applications open even if you do have someone in mind.
- Kyana: I hope my answers were good enough for you guys to vote yes. I do want to be able to flex what I can do in this position in a way I wasn't able to previously.
 - Kim: We had a 3-0-0 vote from ARC. I personally voted because you have the experience. I definitely hope to see more tangible plans for publicity.
 - Shahamah: I voted yes. I want to acknowledge that you did take everything council had to say right now. I like how you acknowledge what didn't go right.
 - Lily: I also voted yes. I know you're capable of doing this job. I just would hope to see a little bit of change.
 - Johana motions to approve Kyana as election board chair; Shahamah seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; Kyana is appointed

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

C. External Vice President	Guerra
D. General Rep 1	Velazquez
E. Facilities Commissioner	Shaw
F. Campus Events Commission	Steinmetz
G. Transfer Rep	Oraha
H. Student Wellness Commissioner	Sridhar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Body Image Task Force: The Beauty in You Photo Exhibit in Kerckhoff Art Gallery June 10-14 to showcase members of the student body and what they love most about themselves and why. ● BruiNecessities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Menstrual Hygiene Fair on Bruin Plaza, May 28th - gave out free Diva cups ○ Dental Health Fair on May 30th - providing free screens by UCLA Dental students 	
I. Community Service Commissioner	Wisner
J. Academic Affairs Commissioner	Riley
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Board interviews are underway. My full team should be out by next Wednesday. ● Robert and I are also in the process of selecting CRC and SIOC appointments, that process should be completed by Friday. 	
K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner	Iheanacho
L. International Student Representative	Shahamah
M. Administrative Representatives	Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

VIII. Old Business

- None

IX. New Business

- A Resolution to Call for a Congressional Hearing on Human Rights Violations in the Philippines* Bonifacio
- Whereas according to the 2005 census, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) hosts more than 1,178 Filipino undergraduates and graduates. In 2019, the numbers have doubled, not including the service workers of Filipino descent, many of whom continue to have family and maintain close ties with the Philippines; and whereas the registered student organization Anakbayan UCLA, a Filipino youth and student organization that aims to educate, organize, and mobilize Filipino students, workers, national minorities, and women towards genuine freedom and democracy; and whereas there is a long history of solidarity and intersectionality between the Filipino community and student groups and allies including international students, residents on the hill, and many Filipino students that are either directly impacted or concerned about the plight of those victims of the Philippine government's drug war and martial law in Mindanao; and whereas students are impacted by this issue from the hundreds of millions of U.S. tax dollars supplied to the Philippine government's human rights violations, instead of students education; many working Filipino students and international students are devastated from the high cost of tuition and student loan debt, causing anxiety and other mental health issues due to the precarious financial instability as well as the constant fear for the safety and security of their family members in Philippines, ultimately affecting their retention and overall, well-being;

and whereas Filipino working students and their families are dismayed by the United States inauguration of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs by giving \$26.5 million U.S. taxpayer money to the Philippine police in the name of "counter-terrorism" and "anti-narcotics" activities; the amount has exceeded \$108.2 million for fiscal year 2019 through a program called Operation Pacific Eagle that is exempt from congressional limits on spending; and whereas U.S. taxpayer money to the Philippines should be spent on social services, housing, education, and healthcare rather than military aid, including weapons and aerial surveillance, to the Philippine military and police; and whereas the Trump administration supports the strong-arm rule of Philippine President Duterte, whose brutal drug war and other anti-people campaigns have taken the lives of over 29,000 urban poor, workers, indigenous and environmental activists, human rights defenders, religious leaders, and peace advocates; and whereas Philippine government agencies themselves report 4,948 suspected drug users and dealers, including 60 children, died during police operations from July 1, 2016, to September 30, 2018, and, according to the Human Rights Watch, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has reported that a total of 22,983 deaths have been classified as "homicides under investigation," since the "war on drugs" began; and whereas the language for Foreign Military Financing to the Armed forces Philippines (AFP) in the House Appropriations Bill of 2019 states that "Extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, including those committed in the conduct of the anti-drug campaign, erode confidence in the Government of the Philippines' commitment to human rights, due process, and the rule of law"; and whereas Maria Ressa, a U.S.-born Filipina journalist and one of *Time* magazine's Persons of the Year in 2018, has been continually harassed and arrested for her continued critical reporting on Duterte's drug war and the breakdown of democracy in the Philippines, and who recently met with Facebook and Twitter regarding the use of their platforms by the Duterte regime to spread misinformation and harass critics; and whereas on April 16th, 2019, the San Francisco Labor Council unanimously has passed the resolution to support this campaign on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 190423 and has passed on May 5th, 2019.

- Therefore let it be resolved That the 2019-20 Undergraduate Students Associated Council (USAC) urges Representative and UCLA alumni Brad Sherman—who sits on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and is the Chair of the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation—to call for a congressional hearing on the human rights situation in the Philippines and the impact of U.S. aid to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP). Let it be further resolved that the USAC supports the usage of U.S taxpayer money to the Philippines on social services, housing, education, and healthcare instead of military aid, including weapons and aerial bombs and surveillance, to the Philippines military and police. Let it be further resolved that the USAC unequivocally condemns Duterte's Drug War in all forms and stands with the Filipino community on and off campus. Let it finally be resolved that the USAC reiterates its commitment to fighting against imperialism, extrajudicial killings, and intolerance at UCLA and beyond, through convening with Anakbayan and the masses, in order to build solidarity and discuss the human rights violations in the Philippines.
 - Lily motions to approve the resolution to call for a congressional hearing on human rights violations in the Philippines; Isabel seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; the resolution is approved

Council Summer Quorum - Simple Majority*

Watson

- Watson: For the summer quorum could be 7 which is the simple majority.
 - Tara motions to approve the simple majority as quorum for the summer; Shahamah seconds the motion
 - 10-0-0 motion passes; quorum for the summer will be the simple majority with 7 officers.

Supporting Judicial Board Clarifying Petition as Council*

Watson

- Watson: It's a petition that will go to judicial board that will clarify the meaning of this constitutional provision that says quorum is a certain standard of council officers.
- Jamil: My reasoning was to have a greater case for accepting the petition. I'm just trying to present this to the board and have it as a strong case.
- Watson: This would be something that would extend beyond our term.

- Johana motions to make USAC the formal petitioner for the judicial board case of quorum; Naomi seconds the motion
- 10-0-0 motion passes; council will be the formal petitioner for this case

Continuing Judicial Board Assistance Funding into Next Year*

Watson

- Watson: In the future we're going to have to potentially consider moving money from the election board's daily bruin advertising budget into the judicial board stipend budget. It's important that the judicial board is stipended for the work that they do and will be done in the future. Is there a way to preemptively vote to hold their money and not let it go into surplus?
- Alexander: Any money that's not expended in the fiscal year will roll over into surplus. It depends on where the money came from. Surplus has different restrictions based on where the money came from. Right Now it might be too early to make that vote. I think you definitely can commit to supporting jboard but it might be too soon to commit the source it'd come from.
- Watson: How much money total did we allocate you?
- Jamil: \$13,000
- Watson: Okay I just want everybody to keep that in mind because I do want to continue supporting them. I'm going to support reinstating that surplus. We'll table this vote when our budget actually comes out.

Council Virtual Participation#

Watson

- No oppositions; passes by consent

Schedule of Meetings#

Watson

- Watson: First summer meeting will be Monday June 17th at 7pm. The agenda will be sent out thursday and items sent out wednesday. The next time would be July 1st at 8pm. After that the next date will be July 17th at 8pm. The next date will be July 31st at 8pm. The next date will be August 14th at 8pm. The next date will be August 28th at 8pm. The next date will be September 11th at 8pm. The final one for summer will be September 24th at 7pm.
 - No oppositions; passes by consent

FSC Appointment to OP Bylaw Change*

Watson

- Watson: Since we don't have an FSC I think it'd make sense to have them under op for now. This is a temporary solution.
- Alexander: I don't think you need to necessarily make a bylaw change. I think the president could fill in the appt. I don't think it needs to be a complete bylaw change given that there is no FSC.
- Watson: We'll table this in the meantime and I'll submit it for approval from crc.

Discussion Item: ASUCLA Summer in the Union Tour

Watson

- Alexander: ASUCLA is responsible for facilitating summer in the union with orientation where we put on programming for students. We do a tour of the student union. We were thinking we can offer the jamba juice space as a USAC programmable space to engage with students and talk to them about what USAC is. There's also a big barbecue and activities fair where USAC can have a table. There's a lot of opportunity there.
- Shahamah: What I noticed as an NSA is that not many students will go to that area. During the UCLA tour when we come to the store I don't know if this has already been done, can we somehow mention USAC during that tour?
- Alexander: Yeah we definitely talked about that. The tour right now ends at kerckhoff and we discussed putting some signage that advertises USAC and also train the tour guides.

- Tara: I think if we are using that space for USAC but I think we should be smart in how we do it and not group us all together like explaining what each office is.
- Isabel: I think we need to be intentional with the words we use because we want people to know the branches are a part of USAC.
- Tara: I think it'd also be a good idea to try to market eboard and jboard so I think that's a larger conversation to have.
- Johana: I think the president's media team should take a lead on this to make sure this is properly marketed.

Discussion Item: Bruin Day

Wisner

- Jonathan: This is something Bethanie and I had talked about. It's our job to engage with the student body. Starting at bruin day is a really good place to engage people. We have the ability to be part of bruin day officially. You have to start that process in the summer and having Kim spear head it as the IVP. The way CPO has an open house, kerckhoff would have an open house and incorporate USAC.
- Isabel: I want to voice my support for that.
- Watson: This definitely sounds like something we should continue. A USAC information tent would be helpful.
- Lily: And each office should also have it's own spot so we can have a tent as a whole and each office has a spot.

Discussion Item: Marc Kalis

Watson

- Watson: A former USAC staffer in the facilities commission has been missing for the past 2 weeks. I wanted to make sure all of council knows and assists and spreads the word. I think we should publicize this as much as possible. As student government we have a big voice on campus so we should use it.

Discussion Item: Townhall about Policy 133 and 890

- Watson: Dr. Geller suggest we pass resolutions support or not in support with suggestions of each policy recommendation. These policies are huge that change how our campus operates. Policy 133 is a security camera policy that council and campus safety alliance kind of grappled with last year. It puts all security cameras under the jurisdiction of the vice chancellor Michael Beck. And policy 890 which is gender neutral facilities on campus. Dr. geller suggests we pass some sort of resolution. I think it was very unfortunate that the town hall had to happen tonight during council. I think if there's some way for us to meet with Michael Beck. I think he's been a really receptive vice chancellor to come in and talk with us.
- Naomi: Does anyone know what was said at the event tonight?
- Lalo: I was there for a little bit [indiscernible].
- Watson: Would having the chancellor come in and talk with us be beneficial?
- Council: Yes

X. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Attendance sheet is passed around

XI. Adjournment*

Watson

- Meeting adjourned at 11:21pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item
 # Indicates Consent Item □
 @Indicates Executive Session Item