



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
July 1st, 2019
8:00PM

- I. Call to Order** Watson
- No recording of call to order
- A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
- No recording of signing of the attendance sheet
- II. Approval of minutes***
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- III. Approval of the Agenda***
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- Contingency Programming*** Komzyuk
- No recording of this item
- Capital Contingency*** Komzyuk
- No recording of this item
- SFS Allocations#** Wisner
- No recording of this item
- Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#** Guerra
- No recording of this item
- ~~**SWC Programming Fund Allocations#**~~ ~~—————~~ Sridhar
- ASRF Allocations#** Riley
- No recording of this item
- AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#** Riley
- No recording of this item
- ~~**ARCF Allocations#**~~ Iheanacho
- IV. Public Comment** Watson
- No recording of public comment
- V. Special Presentations**
- None

VI. Appointments

Dawson Khoury for Judicial Board*

Watson

- Dawson: I came in as a transfer and my first introduction to student government was when I saw an advertisement on a page for judicial law position. Law is always something I've been interested. The judicial board does have an obligation and that's to ensure that there is order and precedent but also to ensure that there's also justice among the voices and concerns of students. I see this position as being able to make a difference.
- Jamil: This year he served as a law clerk and after that helped all of the justices with compositions of memorandums and such. He had a big role in the 19-1 case and handled the logistics. That was the first time the jboard had both audio and video recording and he spearheaded that. It'd be a great privilege to have him serve alongside me.
- Nicole: one of the really beneficial parts of him is that he has a lot of experience being the law clerk. The most stand out thing he said was his take on judicial activism. He sees the position as one which he should be unbiased and strictly follow the bylaws. He sees jboard as a way to interpret the bylaws that are laid in front of him and basing everything off.

Q&A/Comments

- Isabel: Since this is your last year how do you think that will impact your impact on jboard?
 - A: Whether I was a junior or a senior I don't think it'd change the way that I would adjudicate or make my decisions. It's always important to apply prudent judgement so that future terms can use that precedent. Given that it's my last year I want to make sure that I make the best of it. I see it as I want to go out with a bang.
 - Watson: What do you think of the balance between being impartial but also trying to keep in mind people's humanity?
 - A: I don't think what's expected of a justice is to be a robot. Emotions factor into decisions. I don't think emotion doesn't hold a place. To do your job as a justice effectively you should be adhering to the precedence because it's what binds the board. If you're wishy washy with that you don't maintain the integrity of the court. However I think there's a remedy where if you have a decision that is morally dubious or wrong I think you can rule on the basis of precedence but make a recommendation where the amendment should be re-wrote or redacted.
- Dawson: I just want to thank everybody for the interview process. It's an honor to have been able to be selected for this position if I'm confirmed.
 - Kim: ARC voted 2-0-1 to approve your recommendation. Personally I voted for you because I saw how experienced you are with judicial board and that's something we need for the upcoming year. I saw how you analyzed some bylaws need to be changed.
 - Kelechi: I felt very much the same. I liked that your experienced because it's gonna be a jboard with new justices. It seems like you're very thoughtful.
 - Mihika motions to appoint Dawson Khoury for judicial board; Tara seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

Ranhita Bora for Judicial Board*

Watson

- Nicole: I think she's very passionate about the position and I think she's really well-informed. I thought she was incredibly aware about her responsibilities. One thing she brought up as the only flag was about her other commitments for the year but she mentioned this position would be her ultimate priority.
- Ranhita: I am a rising sophomore and a poly sci major. Corruption runs rampant in so many parts of the world. Something special about the US was that corruption isn't a big issue here due to the system of checks and balances that is able to keep each power subdued. I think that the supreme court plays a big role. I'm passionate about jboard because it allows USAC to keep its democratic nature and uphold the ideals of democracy that the US holds within our own

campus. I'm really passionate about serving us justice in order to uphold our democracy as well as in order to bring the UCLA community closer together and promote just rulings and fairness.

Q&A/Comment

- Watson: What are some experiences you pointed out in your application that made you qualify for this position?
- A: I serve as an intern at Congressman Sherwin's office in Sherman Oaks. It's given me great interaction with the actual political system in the US and I think that's something I can apply to the position of justice. I have a lot of experience typing up correspondence and working with other people in order to achieve a common goal. It's important we're able to be a liaison between the student body and USAC.
- Oraha: Can you elaborate about your other commitments for the upcoming school year?
- A: I'm going to be in cheer and I realize this is a huge time commitment but I want to be very clear in the fact that I care much more about jboard and my future. Jboard will help me bring a larger sense of community to UCLA as a whole. It's going to help me learn more about government as well and be better prepared for law school. I will hold jboard as a top priority.
- Oraha: Is there anything about jboard that you can improve?
- A: It is very election [indiscernible]. While I do think elections start a lot of conflict I think it's really important to get the word out there to the undergraduate student body because I'm very connected to the law and government aspect of ucla and if I didn't hear about it my first year I probably wouldn't have been aware so I think it's very important we get the word out there about jboard. Some ideas would be setting up presentations before classes start in lecture halls.
- Lily: So we'll be having an election in the Fall cycle so how do you see yourself managing the election like with football games?
- A: Fall does bring a lot of opportunities but as a rookie I most likely won't be chosen to be traveling for a lot of football games and I can definitely decline if there's an essential meeting for jboard. Also a lot of football games are on weekends and usually only for one day and I will know about them ahead of time so hopefully we can avoid schedule conflicts.
- Ranhita: Thank you all for allowing me this opportunity to possibly serve this position. The general student body doesn't have much awareness about jboard and as a proud bruin I really wanna change that. I look forward to using my own lack of experience as an asset because it will allow me to be impartial in any ruling that I make. I also look forward to building a stronger sense of community at UCLA and hold up the just and fair rulings of jboard in the past.
- Kim: ARC had a 3-0-0 vote. We really felt that you were genuine and passionate about the position you're applying for. We saw that you really want to improve the community at UCLA and make sure students are comfortable to go to jboard and we really appreciated that.
- Kelechi: I did appreciate talking to you and I really liked your ideas.
- Lalo: [indiscernible]
 - Oraha motions to appoint Ranhita Bora for Judicial Board Justice; Mihika seconds the motion
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

Aniq Chunara for Judicial Board*

Watson

- Nicole: Aniq talked a lot about how he doesn't have a lot of involvement with USAC currently and how that can benefit to being unbiased. It was impressive because he talked about how much prior communication he had with prior justices. He had multiple conversations to have more knowledge. He did a lot of research before coming to the application process. He also talked about the professionalism he will be carrying to the position.

Q&A/Comments

- Johana: What kind of work have you done with marginalized communities?

- A: I'm part of a foundation that works on alleviating poverty in the US and around the world in developing nations. Every year there's a walk and run and I volunteer at that every year. I became a part of their ambassador program so I would help do projects for local communities within the [indiscernible]. We started gardening programs and also have read for kids in LA. I go read at underprivileged schools.
 - Isabel: Can you walk us through your vision for your time at jboard?
 - A: my vision stems into this being an opportunity to educate the student body on the accessibility and what work the judicial board does. We don't want jboard to be compromised, should always have faces coming in. to ensure this vision would be to educate the student body and make sure they keep it in check.
 - Watson: Can you go more into your experience of working as a judicial advocate?
 - A: back home in Texas there's a [indiscernible] and it's for any students under the age of 18 who committed misdemeanors or theft under 100 dollars. This really taught me to be a professional when it comes to being in contact with students who committed something you don't really believe is correct or not but in the end you have to help them and become an advocate for them in front of the court and really help them get off with some type of community service hours. You can't bring your personal opinions into work sometimes. I've done that for three years now and before that I was a jury member as well.
 - Isabel: how important is the notion of stary decisis and respecting previous ruling of the jboard?
 - A: Always looking back at past cases you always have to be able to follow that. Viewing htat in the decisions that you make is really important.
- Aniq: Unfortunately the ARC interview wasn't a great opportunity for me to show my visions and knowledge of [indiscernible] given technical difficulties. I hope that through today's hearing I showed that being a justice to me means listening to each other respectfully, cherishing different points of view, and seeking consensus whenever I can. I will treat all students with the same respect. My judgements will never be a representation of the people before me but of the law. A case isn't just a number or name but it is a life story, thank you.
 - Kim: ARC voted 0-0-3 meaning we abstain from any recommendation. It's not that we didn't see your passion but we really wanted to see empathy and [indiscernible] and taking holistically the cases you'd be viewing for the whole year. But I think tonight you really showed that.
 - Kelechi: This is just a recommendation, not a vote and people can still vote to appoint you. We had no doubt about your qualification but we also wanted to see empathy. I definitely feel like the answers you gave tonight gave me more confidence in your appointment.
 - Lalo: Similar to Kelechi and Kim I wanted to make sure these people are humanized but for me today your answers reassured me.
 - Isabel motions to appoint Aniq to judicial board; Mihika seconds the motion
 - 7-0-1 motion passes; Aniq is appointed to judicial board

Shubham Gupta for Judicial Board*

Watson

- Shubham: Hi everyone I'm a rising 2nd year planning to major in public health and double minor in global studies and chinese. I think a quality that really defines me is my passion for talking. I was in speech and debate in high school. [indiscernible] I really want to help other people. I've continued this passion through organizations like unity. I hope to take this passion for philanthropy into a future career in justice and law.
- Nicole: [indiscernible] I think he was a stand out in all of the questions he responded to and you can tell a lot of his passion and eagerness to serve on this board. I hope that comes across really clearly in this interview because he did really incredible.

Q&A/Comments

- Isabel: What do you seek to gain and give through sitting on judicial board?
- A: I hope to provide a perspective on the other side of the table that from doing mock trial for so many years about understanding what it takes to reach a particular decision or understand the logical stream it takes to follow an argument. I hope this past experience and attention to detail that I can provide to this position. I

hope to get the other side of the table as well and understand the stream of logic from judges, associate chief justice and justices.

- Kim: What do you foresee as your biggest challenge going into jboard and how do you overcome that challenge?
 - A: The fact that I'm not an insider when it comes to USAC. I know that's going to be somewhat difficult for me but I do think it'll benefit me in that I'll have an unbiased opinion. Also from looking at past cases I could get a gauge of how exactly does the judicial board functions in how to execute decisions or evaluate certain cases. I know it'll be a barrier but it can also be advantageous.
 - Isabel: How do you foresee your lived experiences impacting how you see cases?
 - A: My lived experiences will be beneficial. Like how mock trial taught me how to present myself in a court case and I can bring the skills from those experiences to the table.
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- Shubham: I'd like to thank you all for this opportunity and am thankful for the chance to have all these interviews and I've learned more about what it would take to be a justice. I promise if you decide to appoint me I will do my best to ensure fairness and justice.
 - Kim: ARC recommendation was 3-0-0. We felt that you were very passionate and driven to learn more and to make jboard be known to the UCLA community. Your statements about emotions and how it connects to logic that's what stuck with me and blew us away.
 - Kelechi: I felt much of the way Kim and Nicole said. You were clearly well-informed and well-prepared. You were everything I hoped for in a jboard candidate.
 - Motion to appoint Shubham Gupta for judicial board; the motion is seconded
 - 9-0-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

Anthony Garcia for Judicial Board*

Watson

Omaid Matal for Community Service Committee Minifund*

Watson

- Omaid: I'm a 4th year as a UCLA transfer student. I applied to this position to gain leadership experience and help give out UCLA organizations funding.
- Jimmy: I reviewed the application and I feel like a lot of his answers are very consistent. I think his reasons for applying is something we're looking for.

Q&A/Comments

- Isabel: Since you are intimately experienced with CSC minifund, how did you find out about the appointment and figure out USAC?
- A: I'm a muslim student and I follow the muslim student association group on facebook. The president posted applications for USAC appointments and he recommended it to me. I was looking through it and I decided to apply. Before MSA I was a part of the funding head for back to back events.
- Isabel: What's your understanding of it?
- A: We fund UCLA organizations that are catered towards marginalized communities.
- Watson: Do you have experience working with any sort of budget in the past?
- A: Yeah one of the events I was a part of was [indiscernible]. The budget for that was \$15,000 and I pretty much applied to many funding applications from sole offices nsga, I have a lot of experience with requisition forms. I was also a leader for funding for a networking night and those events were back to back and I was funding director for both of those events.
- Watson: Is there any way that you envision publicizing this committee?
- A: Definitely through Facebook I would say. Also finding organizations and letting them know personally.

- Omaid: My main reason for applying here was to gain a lot of experience but more so to give people opportunities specifically those who are marginalized so thank you.
- Kim: ARC recommendation of 0-0-3 so we abstain from recommendations but this does not reflect the decision of other council members. During the interview we were looking for your vision in making this fund more accessible and visible. At that time we didn't get that answer but you clearly improved on that.
- Kelechi: My reason was the same situation with Aniq where I didn't want to vote to not recommend you because I simply didn't have enough information.
- Isabel: Can ARC just elaborate a little bit more on the difference between his original answers and the change you saw tonight?
- Kelechi: I didn't state I saw a change
- Kim: I guess he definitely did elaborate more on the work he did in community service projects.
- Omaid: I did state earlier that I was concerned with the time consumption. I will say this, I thought that initially we would get these interviews after the summer ended because of that I thought I had more time to actually think about it. My majors take a lot of time to study and I'm also looking to be a funding director for incarcerated youth. I kind of felt like it would be too much time commitment to do this.
- Isabel: So is this an appointment that you still want?
- Omaid: To be honest, I don't think I want it anymore
- Watson: well thank you for still coming out and talking with us we really appreciate it.

- Omaid withdrew from the appointment

Maya Stehle for Community Service Committee Minifund*

Watson

- Hi I am the current co-executive director of [indiscernible] and I was prior to this year the finance director. I had an amazing experience and I'm looking to overall grow. Having experience to funding processes and how it affected my organization. I'm excited being able to allocate that money and empower other organizations as well.

Q&A/Comments

- Watson: What's your experience with a budget and allocating it?
- A: as co-finance we had a \$15,000 budget that we used to buy supplies, for field trips, tickets, on a various scale. In terms of allocating money I've only had to manage budget on an organization level. I haven't had to allocate money. I do have experience in applying to community service mini so I've seen the application and I've been to the hearing.
- Watson: What's one thing you feel you could improve?
- A: I think overall what I found frustrating is the start and finish the process with communication. Like knowing when my hearing will be ahead of time. Hopefully CS mini will be able to explicitly state what the process looks like.
- Maya: Thank you so much for considering me. I look forward to grow with CS mini I'm appointed
- Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0 to recommend. We saw how passionate and how experienced you are when it comes to CSC and also applying for funding. We also saw how critical you are and your vision.
- Kelechi: You're definitely passionate and it seems like you're trying to be on this committee for the right reasons.
 - Kim motions to appoint Maya Stehle to CSC mini fund; Kelechi seconds the motion
 - 7-0-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

Angela Li for Community Service Committee Minifund Chairperson*

Watson

- Table item

Jose Luis Herrera for Community Service Committee Minifund*

Watson

- Table item

Samantha Zimmer for Community Activities Committee*

Watson

- Table item

Vinh Nguyen for Community Activities Committee*

Watson

- Vinh: at UCLA I'm involved in many things ranging from professional to personal. One of the things I do is volunteer at companion care. I also dance with [indiscernible]. I am the student affairs director for [indiscernible] which is a CPO organization. The reason i want to apply is to extend my reach to others.
- Jimmy: By looking at the application I noticed that Vinh stood out because of his pre-med background. I was looking at a lot of his leadership experience. Seeing that he was the student affairs director that would be really good for CAC. I saw he had a lot of experience with funding and has an idea in terms of managing budgets.

Q&A/Comments

- Isabel: How do you feel your experience in the past will be able to inform your decision on the committee?
- A: Although I haven't been in charge in moving a large amount of finances but I've been involved in multiple events that require financing. In the past in high school I was the senior [indiscernible]. Pretty much all activities require funding and a lot of thought has to go into it. I think because I've seen all the aspects of what an organization needs to run that will help.
- Vinh: I'd like to thank for the patience you had for me when this initially started.
- Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0 for recommendation. Personally I voted because we saw you were passionate and determined.
- Kelechi: You definitely showed you were passionate and this is important for you.
- Shahamah: I voted because you showed you're willing to learn and share your point of views.
 - Isabel motions to appoint Vinh for Community Activities committee; motion is seconded
 - 8-0-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

Zuleika Bravo for Campus Retention Committee*

Watson

- Zuleika: Hi everybody, I'm a political science major, I'm a transfer, non-traditional, parenting student. I chose to apply for this position because being at UCLA I feel there's a misrepresentation of non-traditional students and there isn't a lot of representation on many of these committees that we see.
- Jimmy: The person who interviewed her highly recommended her because of her unique perspective and I think that's something that USAC wants. I think your prior work experience I think really helps if you are appointed. Your motivation to address the needs of non-traditional students is also something that really stood out to me.

Q&A/Comments

- Johana: What are some of the goals you have for CRC?
- A: A lot of my community, a lot of our problems are financial, it's housing, lack of resources. So I want to really expand our resources and for other communities as well. I also want to help the retention of non-traditional students because of the lack of finances, transportation. I want to keep them on their academic path.
- Lalo: How would you see yourself changing CRC?
- A: CRC's main goal is the retention of students. I'm not aware of how it stands at the moment but from my understanding it's really traditional student based. It doesn't really represent transfer students or aim at that

experience. I feel what I can do is understand this perspective and expand the types of resources we can offer them and give input on different programming we can input.

- Isabel: How do you see your work intersecting with your roles in the transfer community?
- A: I am very passionate about the identities I represent. I feel like a lot of the work that I do, I'm also a part of the transfer leadership coalition and being a part of that I can get the perspectives of other transfer students. I also work with students who have dependents and see how our resources can help them stay in school and support their children as well. I work really closely with Underground Scholars Initiative. I feel all the positions I hold really work together really well.
- Mihika: What experience do you have, if any, with CPO and different projects that the SRC runs? Also what unique experiences pertain most to your role if you were to be appointed?
- A: I do work with the bruin resource center, we are different departments and there's a misunderstanding that they're under each other. CPO seems to be a very powerful program on campus they have a lot of control on a lot of things. Some of my personal experience is that they try to support lower-income families. The only problem is that they say that they represent my community when I've never seen any programming that would help me personally as a non-traditional student. Another thing is that because of them they reduced funding in a lot of the programming that are really specific to transfer identities at the BRC and because of this we can't hire students. So that disenfranchises my community. That's my experience. SRC what I know is that they do programming and providing resources for student retention. They really focus on issues that students have. I'm very passionate about helping people. I feel I can offer a different perspective to what's been offered before. From what I'm aware of is there hasn't been an older, non-traditional student in the committee. I feel I know the issues of this community so if we can come up with programming to limit these issues.
- Watson: I know others have had issues with transparency in CRC like with them not posting their meeting minutes and getting access to their meetings that talk about funding. Do you share a commitment to try and reform that?
- A: Most definitely I don't understand how a committee that is focused on student retention don't have this information out in the public. I can't see a committee succeeding without transparency. I honestly didn't know that it was under CPO but now that I do it gives me an incentive to improve.

- Zuleika: I take these positions very seriously so I want to create a more inclusive atmosphere at UCLA. I really want to help and serve people. I feel like me being in these different positions I'm able to do something with this type of leadership that I have. If for any reason I'm not chosen for this position I do hold other positions that I can assist with in your offices.
- Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0. We are completely confident in your appointment. We really love your criticisms they are very real.
- Kelechi: To be brief you're awesome. We love that you have a vision and we're sure you will ensure that CRC is student initiated and will stay that way.

- Kelechi motions to approve Zuleika Bravo for CRC; Isabel seconds the motion
- 8-0-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

B. Internal Vice President

C. External Vice President

~~D. General Rep +~~

~~E. Facilities Commissioner~~

F. Campus Events Commission

Watson
Bonifacio
Guerra

Velazquez
Shaw
Steinmetz

G. Transfer Rep

Oraha

H. Student Wellness Commissioner

————— Sridhar

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

J. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

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

Discussion Item: Letter Pertaining to SIOC Elections

Watson

- Watson: They were gonna have elections without our USAC appointees. It felt somewhat an attempt to not have our appointees run for election because they wanted to run for chair and vice chair of SIOC. Luckily the elections were delayed until October. But apparently at their retreat from what I heard through word of mouth they have voted to allow proxies for the project but not allow proxies for the two USAC appointees. Larger than this problem I think we don't really know what happened because the minutes aren't posted and there's no recording of this so that's obviously a big concern.
- Kelechi: What is it we're going to do?
- Isabel: Is there any way to re-write their bylaws to require minutes be posted?
- Lalo: So their bylaws, the SIOC [indiscernible]. There's a statement of understanding and policies and procedures. Policies and procedures can pass directly through the committee.
- Isabel: So the change has to come from within?
- Watson: I don't think it has to come from within but USAC does have ultimate authority over the funding in these committees so we control their perks.
- Lalo: I feel like that's not the best way to do this though [indiscernible].
- Watson: I think the route we were thinking was sending a letter asking them to post past minutes, present and future. I think once that doesn't happen then that's when you would pursue other options. I do think there does come a point where I'm not comfortable giving funding or continuing to support and entity that is illegitimate in the sense that it doesn't represent the committee members it's supposed to have on it.
- Kelechi: What jurisdiction do we have in this? What else can we do beyond writing a letter?
- Lalo: I think we can maybe show up to committee meetings
- Isabel: Are these meetings public?
- Watson: No none of it's public. I want this to be resolved quickly.
- Geller: So the one thing you can do not just with SIOC but any committee that receives funds from any referendum that's ever passed you have the authority to require that each of those entities comes in front of council and gives you a report on how it's using the referenda based funds. You can definitely tell them they need to come and give a budget report on how they've used the funds in the 2018-2019 year. You can also ask for a report on how they plan to use the funds in the 2019-2020 year. I would encourage you to send letters to every entity and let them all know they're required to do this.
- Isabel: Rob suggest that we put them on a schedule where each one does it once every 2 years so this is something future council don't really have to deal with and it's on its own schedule.
- Geller: If you decide to do something like that I suggest that in the years they don't have to come in personally but they still give you a written report.
- Watson: Okay we'll table this to see what happens with the next two weeks.

Letter Pertaining to SIOC Elections*

Watson

Discussion Item: Letter to Chancellor

Watson

- Watson: I was thinking we could write a letter to the chancellor about having more time when we meet with him.
- Kelechi: What is discussed or what do we hope to achieve in those meetings?
- Watson: The idea is that Claire would gather action items/discussion points from council members and bring that to her meeting for like 30 minutes. The problem a lot of the time is that each alone we might have issues that can't be answered in a 30 minute block. I think the amount of time we have isn't normal compared to other student governments.
- Geller: Because of the chancellor's travel schedule you probably won't get more than one meeting a quarter with him. What you should anticipate is that at or close to fall quarter there will be an event plan that will give council access to the chancellor. You can have regular access to vice chancellor Gordon. If you want to try and schedule for the year those appointments you can maybe have monthly meetings with them. They can then carry your concerns to the chancellor. He's ultimately responsible for the university's policies, education, and research. He does a lot of fundraising work. He makes a lot of decisions.
- Watson: I feel at other universities I heard people saying that their chancellors have their cell numbers and I can get in contact immediately. I just feel like that's different from how we operate.
- Geller: You can definitely count on the vice chancellor and the dean.
- Kelechi: It sounds like we should talk with them then.
- Watson: Yeah for me it was more about legitimacy.

Discussion Item: Summers in the Union Publicity

Watson

- Watson: Kathy has been working hard to get us USAC logos on cups and lanyards and really cool things. She's even working with Jessica to get us a spin prize wheel that will go in jamba juice. She has taken Lily up on her offer on which type of USAC are you quiz. She's doing the work but the problem is she needs people there to assist and help publicize your offices at the orientation sessions. So it's on the first day of the freshman orientation sessions. The first one starts around July and continues throughout the summer. So I strongly suggest you get in touch with Kathy and make that happen.

USAC Budget Proposal 2019-2020*

Watson

Discussion Item: Budget and Surplus

Iheanacho

- Tara: The reason we put it on the agenda was just to put it out there for people to start thinking about it.
- Mihika: SWC our plans for surplus as of now we are giving like \$10,000 grants to the [indiscernible] and the LGBT resource center. The rest of our surplus is going to CARE because it's severely underfunded.
- Kelechi: Do you mean your guys' left over money?
- Mihika: Yeah
- Kelechi: Yeah we're talking about USAC surplus.
- Watson: My thing is the school supplies initiative I'm working on. The dean of students might match whatever money we give to this so we're looking at around \$15,000. My intention with that is not to take that from surplus but from council discretionary fund and the reason for that is because it's extra large this year. I'd rather it come from there than from surplus because we'd get it quicker. I don't align with the view that we should have surplus applications for student organizations. Usually it goes back to offices and their initiatives which ultimately benefit students anyways.
- Kelechi: I feel like it's done better through individual offices but I don't know if that's a biased opinion.
- Lily: I really want to use surplus to fund project directors in my project. I'm the only paid stipend person in FAC. there's no incentive for people to stay besides just like FAC.

- Geller: Surplus money can be used for any USAC function. It's intention is to be used for council because it's origination is from previous council money that wasn't meant. Over the previous years council decided to allocate a large amount to student groups. You can decide as a council what to do with it. Typically some portion of it is put into a USAC endowment. As a council you can always vote to now allocate to the endowment.
- Tara: I feel if we are proactive and looking for things to put it towards then we can use the money well.
- Kelechi: Anyone can talk to us outside of this.

XI. Adjournment*

Watson

- Meeting adjourned at around 12:50am [indiscernible]

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item