



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 July 17th, 2019  
 8:00PM

**I. Call to Order**

Watson

- Watson calls the meeting to order at 8:12pm
- A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
- No attendance sheet, virtual attendance

**II. Approval of minutes\***

- No approval of minutes

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

- Strike SWC allocations, strike TSR, strike FAC, strike CAC, strike SWC, strike ARCF allocations, strike gen rep, add action item of \$15,000 allocation to OP from surplus, add action item for bruinbash from surplus
  - Kim motions to approve the agenda; Mihika seconds the motion
  - 6-0-1 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

~~Contingency Programming\*~~

~~Komzyuk~~

~~Capital Contingency\*~~

~~Komzyuk~~

~~SFS Allocations#~~

~~—Wisner~~

~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~

~~————Guerra~~

~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~

~~————Sridhar~~

~~ASRF Allocations#~~

~~————Riley~~

~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~

~~————Riley~~

~~ARCF Allocations#~~

~~————Iheanacho~~

**IV. Public Comment**

Watson

- None

**V. Special Presentations**

- None

**VI. Appointments**

Nicole Nukpese for Campus Retention Committee\*

Sridhar

- Nicole: I've been involved in campus a lot now doing a lot of community work. [indiscernible] I was an intern and now an assistant so I look over the whole department. I overlook all the retention services. Thank you for allowing me to be here.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Mihika: What are some experiences and ideas from working within CPO and in regards to retention projects?
- A: [indiscernible] definitely organization and management. As an intern I really had to manage and oversee the department and also set up meetings. I did funding. [indiscernible]
- Isabel: what do you think is the most important thing that CRC does?
- A: I think mostly being able to give advice and counseling, financial support. That's something I think that's very important.
- Naomi: given that you're not from a specific project how do you see that you'll be able to assist projects since they are one of the main parts of CRC?
- A: I think this allows me to have a holistic view of all the projects at the same level. Because I've worked at this space I can get a sense of how each project runs and the people and be able to help the projects.
- Naomi: what would you say is one of the weaknesses of CRC and would want to improve?
- A: I would say is that what I've noticed is outreaching and being able to reach all students. It can always be better. Also from what students have told me is not knowing about these spaces that are here until it's too late. I think that could change and that's what I would want to focus on.
- Lily: What are ways you think you can collaborate with these projects to gain their trust?
- A: [indiscernible] I believe I'd like to infiltrate that more with each project. So I'd like to incorporate what SWC means and [indiscernible]. I believe that if I'm able to really meet one on one with all the projects then we can work together.
- Naomi: We all know you were a part of eboard for elections this past year so I just want to understand this position given that you were in something so different just a few months ago?
- A: I don't think it's necessarily different, but I have been focusing on retention at college. Doing eboard I believe I got experience from a student government perspective. Even being on it I wasn't on eboard that long as well.
- Watson: To follow up on that, obviously there was a lot of controversy with eboard last year. I think the vice chair and the chair expressed concerns about how appointments on their board were acting on eboard. Can you explain your role more on eboard, what you specifically did?
- A: So when I first even started to be on eboard, I applied as [indiscernible]. The chair was removed and the new chair showed up I had to [indiscernible] and with that I really didn't feel welcomed. [indiscernible]. I really tried to communicate with her and see how we can fix eboard at that point because we started to get a lot of [indiscernible]. When I was finance chair I did notice some things that were a bit unsatisfying from USAC which was helping the chair with eboard. The timing of the chair's coming on board was off and a lot. It was just a lot to deal with. [indiscernible]
- Kelechi: So a lot of students don't know about CRC so how do you plan on making it accessible to students who aren't in these spaces such as CPO and the mother orgs?
- A: Collaborating with like admit weekend, new student orientation, transfer student orientation, different fairs like the enormous activities fair, bruin day. Things like that where we can access a lot of people. Also sending updates and reminders about the resources available to them.
- Kim: How do you see transparency between USAC and CRC?
- A: I believe that just being honest and communicating with one another would help that gap. Communicating constantly would help as well.
- Watson: How do you view the situation of committees that use student fees not publicizing the usage of those fees? Like not publicizing their meeting minutes online?
- A: I believe all that information should be released. Students have the right to know where their money is going and what's happening with it.

- Lily: Where's your comfort level with speaking up whether to admin or other members of CRC or even coming to council when issues arise? How can you problem solve any issues like that?
  - A: I have no problem with expressing how I feel. I've met with admin multiple times and have been to council multiple times.
  - Kelechi: What are some initiatives you'd like to start?
  - A: I think when it comes to mental health on campus that's a big issue that's risen. Also accessibility to classes. I would want to work with administration to see how we can solve that because students are struggling and if we continue to ignore this then it's bad.
  - Lalo: What tangible things do you think could do to address these issues?
  - A: I believe I'd have to hold everyone accountable. You have a responsibility to ensure [indiscernible]. I think during our meetings setting our goals and standards then holding each other accountable.
- Nicole: I just want to thank you for giving me the time to talk and speak the truth. I do hope you all have faith in me to continue this work with the committee for next year.
  - Kim: ARC voted 0-0-3 with no recommendation. This is because we had some hesitation for a confident recommendation for her. I think one of the biggest things was there was a lack of vision or tangible ways that would address what's happening in CRC.
  - Kelechi: I genuinely think Nicole cares about this work and has the potential to do a good job but I voted no recommendation because I couldn't confidently vote to recommend her. I was iffy on some answers.
  - Lalo: For me I was also hesitant because the answers were a bit shaky I feel like they could've been a little more in depth. I know she does put in the work.
    - Mihika motions to appoint Nicole Nukpese to CRC; Lalo seconds the motion
    - 2-4-2 motion does not passes; appointment isn't approved

#### Aaakash Kapoor for Student Health Advisory Committee\*

Watson

- Jimmy: I thought that Aaakash was very knowledgeable. Also a lot of good ideas and goals of what he wants to accomplish.
- Aaakash: I'm a third year here. I'm really passionate about healthcare and public policy. When I heard about shac last year I realized this is a good way to show my passions. I learned how to find my voice and I know a lot of people don't have that opportunity so I've spent some time coaching people to do so. I realize it's important to represent the voice of others.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Kelechi: I love your platform can you talk about it?
- A: There are some fundamental things I'd like to change like increasing accessibility and transparency. One of the things is that it's not comfortable to submit personal issues to SHAC. if you want to report medical issues you want a more secure and anonymous form to communicate with people on this board. I want to create a google form on the website to sort out the information you're receiving. It could be anonymous and could also share experiences with SHAC. get information from the students to receive their concerns. Also when you're raising an issue and you're not able to see whether that was discussed in a meeting, that's another problem. I think my platforms relate to things that [indiscernible]. I think it also needs to refocus on education.
- Kim: [indiscernible]
- A: [indiscernible] at the end of the day what Mihika wants, what Robert wants, what I want aren't the biggest concern when it comes to student healthcare. It matters what the broader population wants. I think my relation to USAC would be to understand your goals but also the resources you have to offer and to increase awareness about SHAC.

- Isabel: When looking at students with dependents or non-traditional students do you have any thoughts or ideas on how to include students who have a more non-traditional background in terms of health?
  - A: That's a good question is that it's not accessible to them. You have to do a lot of digging to find [indiscernible]. The big thing I want to do there is create that platform for education. I have some comfort with the referral process. I don't know exactly what that process is but I do think it's important.
  - Watson: I want to hear more elaboration about how public health policies impact certain communities on campus?
  - A: I was talking to Kelechi about this that people of color have been historically marginalized when it comes to their access to healthcare. I think there's other issues with UCSHIP. We are lucky to be in California but there are still issues like when it comes to undocumented students, trans students. One of the things I stand by is that I believe healthcare is a universal right, it shouldn't be a political issue.
  - Lily: Something I've faced a lot with UCSHIP and ASHE was struggling for treatment for someone like myself with a disability and also people that need attention for mental health or psychiatry. Do you have any ideas of how to make that information more accessible? Especially considering how overwhelmed CAPS is?
  - A: I think the issue is the referral process itself. If you're not in private insurance then your private insurance company handles referrals. But if you have UCSHIP your referral has to start at the ASHE center or at CAPS and that can be a problem for students who don't have access to those facilities if they're studying abroad or out of state. That's an issue that I'd have to bring up with UCSHIP with the representative there. One of the things that needs to improve is communication between ASHE and [indiscernible]. Ways to increase accessibility I've worked with [indiscernible]. I realized how powerful the reslife coprogramming process is to give info out to their students. That's one of the things I'd try to get SHAC to do.
- Aakash: If we focus on accessibility and transparency we're gonna get more info from the students to find out what they want.
  - Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0 to recommend. I voted because you came in really prepared. You are very passionate and knowledgeable. What stood out to me was your proactiveness to work with USAC and the different offices.
  - Kelechi: I voted because I felt confident that you're gonna do a good job on staff. You knew what issues you wanted to tackle and you had concrete ways to do so. You also talked about SHAC's accessibility with meeting minutes.
    - Kim motions to appoint Aakash Kapoor to SHAC; Kelechi seconds the motion
    - 8-0-0 motion passes; appointment is approved

#### Atreyi Mitra for Student Fee Advisory Committee\*

Watson

- Nicole: I do want to be transparent and say that because I'm on the committee the questions we asked are very thorough. We asked what types of decisions they'd be making if on the committee. I was really impressed because a lot of her work and leadership skills started a while ago esp w the work she's done with CARE. she's worked really hard to secure funding for CARE. she's looked at UCOP, chancellor's office. This was done out of her eagerness and willingness to serve the student's needs. She found a way when there wasn't a way possible. Also her understanding and thorough research of SFAC. she came in practically reiterating our bylaws. She came in extremely prepared.
- Atreyi: I'm a rising third year. My pronouns are she, her, hers. I wanted to join SFAC is because I want to amplify student voices. The other reason I want to join SFAC is because I think it's crucial that the office gets more funding. I'm still upset that UCLA dismissed the CARE director, I don't think any office should be a compromising position where if they advocate for themselves they might be looked down upon.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Watson: Obviously you're super passionate about CARE, I know SFAC plays a role in that but it funds a multitude of units. What experiences do you have aside from CARE that you think make you qualified?

- A: I'm going to bring this back to CARE just because I do think it's relevant. I want the opportunity to take a step back [indiscernible]. At least in terms of the way I'm trying to position myself now, I want to [indiscernible].
  - Mihika: A big part of SFAC is that you're representing so many more people, what are some ways you would actively sensor your own priorities in this position? Like who would you talk to or ways you would interact with others?
  - A: I love CARE but it's no longer a priority with me at UCLA. I know I have a very strong bias. I do think transparency is really important. A lot of my ideas come from SFAC. Something that SHAC has is a facebook page where you can ask any sorts of questions you want to and the minutes are there. I think in terms of engaging with students more something like creating a facebook page would help. SFAC does have a webpage but not many are aware of it. It would also be helpful to create a google form that you can put a variety [indiscernible]. I'm also the kind of person that can reach out to people randomly.
  - Johana: Can you let council know about what position you hold at UCSA?
  - A: Last weekend I went with some members of the [indiscernible] office to the UCSA retreat. [indiscernible] with that position it's just basically a broad position but it's to advise the board on things like police brutality, violence, mental health, etc. issues that impact the campus climate as a whole. I take everything I've learned from this space and apply it to the SFAC space.
  - Lily: You keep saying that you're moving away from CARE so I'm wondering where are you moving to and what are some of your goals?
  - A: I'm moving because I think that the work has been done. What I would like to do in SFAC and work on better supporting the groups that already exist on campus. There are a lot of issues that are going on right now.
  - Isabel: Often transfer issues are overlooked in SFAC, what exactly are your plans for representing transfer issues?
  - A: I don't identify as a transfer and can't speak on the experience. I think it's really important to acknowledge who have a lot of expertise working in those issues. I think you as a transfer student rep have a lot of knowledge. I think talking to you would be a great first step.
- Atreyi: I just want to stress that I feel like a lot of people talk about me proactive. I want to serve on SFAC because of my own experiences in funding. I want to continually work on having the same level of dedication. I as an individual have been on the other side.
  - Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0 to recommend. I personally voted yes because she's probably one of the most passionate people I've ever encountered. Her work with CARE has been really amazing and she acknowledges that bias and is willing to share the SFAC platform to other communities.
  - Kelechi: I voted to recommend because I think talking with you it was very clear you're here to uplift student voices. You speak for yourself well and you've been on the other end of things and want to make that process more accessible to other students.
    - Johana motions to appoint Atreyi Mitra for SFAC; Kelechi seconds the motion
    - 6-3-0 motion passes; the appointment is approved

Kareem Ahmed for Student Conduct Committee#

Watson

- No oppositions; passes by consent

Nicholas Thiel for Student Conduct Committee#

Watson

Juana Alcalá for Campus Programs Committee\*

Watson

- Jimmy: Her responses were brief but very much to the point. The way she found out about the appointment was through MEChA. She mentioned in her interview that she wanted to make sure resources in CPC were available to different organizations on campus. She also mentioned she wanted to hold office hours to help people during the funding process of CPC. she also seemed extremely unbiased and was willing to look at all of the different apps even though she is part of MEChA.
- Juana: Hi y'all, my pronouns are she/her/hers. I'm a transfer student. I think I want to go into teaching and I'm from Bakersfield. As a transfer student I came to UCLA and went to transfer raza day. I felt like I had community here. I realized how important these types of funds are for people to feel comfortable here at school.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Kim: Is there a specific reason as to why you applied to CPC compared to the other funding bodies on campus?
  - A: When I was looking on fundings I felt like this resonated with me because it said for cultural reasons on the description and I think that's something very important to me. I know the CPC app itself is pretty difficult and I think being involved I can help other people.
  - Isabel: How do you feel your transfer experience will shape your position in CPC?
  - A: I know how transfer students feel because we have such little bit of time. I think that impacts how I do things because I'm gonna need to offer a lot of help to students. I'd like to show examples on the app from the past so they can see how to do it.
  - Isabel: Is there any flaws that you'd like to change in the upcoming year?
  - A: I think one thing is to be more transparent about where this money is coming from. Like I know it comes from SOLE but where is SOLE getting it from. So just more transparency on that end.
- Juana: Thank you all for listening to me. This is something I'm passionate about.
  - Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0 to recommend. [indiscernible]
  - Kelechi: I feel you're familiar with the space and you have clear goals and ideas for how to make that better this year.
    - Kelechi motions to appoint Juana Alacala to CPC; Johana seconds the motion
    - 9-0-0 motion passes; appointment is approved

#### Natalie Lee for Campus Programs Committee\*

Watson

- Nicole: I was really inspired by her enthusiasm for the position. She was particularly excited about CPC's funding statement. She has experience being a finance director in other organizations and has personally applied to CPC before. She's gone through the process so she knows how to guide others. I asked her what she looked for in applications and she said she wanted organizations to be intentional with what they want to do.
- Natalie: I'm currently a rising 3rd year with an interest in healthcare administration. I want to graduate with a strong academic foundation and my other goal is [indiscernible]. To give a brief background I initially attended UCLA with a very [indiscernible] understanding. For the past 2 years I was able to attend cultural related campus events. It's really helped me in my appreciation for cultural arts. I wanted to be part of a community that would help student programs.

#### Q&A/Comments

- Watson: Can you talk a little bit about your experience with finance and funding?
  - A: I was the finance director for a cultural awareness [indiscernible]. I managed around \$40,000 of finance, i applied for multiple funding applications. I also have experience in budgeting and allocating funds.
- Natalie: I think for me I am trying to find extra curricular activities to do for the next two years at college. I really have to start prioritizing activities that I want to do.
  - Kim: ARC voted 3-0-0 to recommend. I personally voted because I saw the passion in the reason you had for CPC.

- Kelechi: I had the honor of interviewing her twice now. I see that you have the experience in finance and cultural organizing spaces. I also really appreciated your willingness to bring flexibility to the committee.

- Mihika motions to appoint Natalie Lee for CPC; Kelechi seconds the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passes; appointment is approved

Jimmy Zhou for SAC Board of Governors#

Shaw

- No oppositions; passes by consent

Tanner Coe for University Committee on Disability#

Shaw

- No oppositions; passes by consent

Bryson Levisay for The Green Initiative Fund#

Shaw

- No oppositions; passes by consent

## VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

~~B. Internal Vice President~~

~~————— Bonifacio~~

C. External Vice President

Guerra

~~D. General Rep +~~

~~————— Velazquez~~

E. Facilities Commissioner

— Shaw

F. Campus Events Commission

~~————— Steinmetz~~

G. Transfer Rep

~~————— Orah~~

~~H. Student Wellness Commissioner~~

~~————— Sridhar~~

~~I. Community Service Commissioner~~

~~————— Wisner~~

J. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

~~K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner~~

~~————— Ibcanacho~~

~~L. International Student Representative~~

~~————— Shahamah~~

M. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

## VIII. Old Business

- None

## IX. New Business

USAC Budget Proposal 2019-2020\*

Watson

- Roy: The main document that shows your budget is the one shown on the screen now. It's primarily formatted to show you your income in the top area and that will lead to a subtotal called total budgetable income. And then it starts to show the expense area. It shows the way the income comes in and the way your budget is expecting it to be expended. The things you can't really change are things that derive from the voters. There's a whole number of referenda that were voted by the student bodies in the past that authorized these fees to come in that you are the stewards of. Many of those fees are essentially locked into channels that you can't really move the money out of. The way the referenda was written it says shall X amount of money be collected for each of these purposes and it defines how much money in the fee goes to it. What you're voting today is that you are acknowledging the money and enabling the expenditures. The fee that you have the most flexibility is at the top called the membership fee. It's not indexed to inflation. It's from those fees that your stipends are paid. The 5th line says facilities commission and has \$1,000. They don't get direct

funding by any specific referenda. Gen reps are similar. Some of the larger numbers on here like CRC that's defined by the referenda. Towards the bottom line of the document where there's a balance of the income coming in, expenditures, and net budgetable funds. Any other changes you make like if you change the thousand dollar allocations then that money would just go to the bottom. Currently what the budget is proposing is that the student government operational fund is listed as the usage of that \$13,353. The current bylaws you have say that that money is divided equally amongst 9 offices. All offices not directly funded by referenda. The second tab says admin. This is the detail of the administrative overhead line. This is where you're listing officer stipends. It goes up year to year by about \$22,000 or so. It ties your stipends to the California minimum wage. It also recognized a full year of the international student rep. For judicial board a decision was made that stipends will be made to all seven justices. Council discretionary currently has \$10,000. Bank charges are just charges in your bank accounts. On the stipend tab these are all your stipends you see it goes up as minimum wage goes up. Most of you will be recognizing and enabling all these accounts for August 1st for it to be expended.

- Alexander: This money you're approving for you budget this year is really gonna be for the people who are elected in Spring because your installation ceremony was paid for through last year's budget.
- Watson: this also doesn't mean that we have to spend it all and it can be spent on other things as well.
- Roy: Anything that derives from your membership fee, if it isn't expended you can just budget transfer you can vote to move it later.
- Roy: At this point the budgetable expense is \$8,875,268 with \$15,775 going to student government operational fund. This is the budget you're voting on.
  - Naomi motions to approve the budget as amended; Johana seconds the motion
  - 9-0-0 motion passes; budget as amended is approved

Discussion Item: USAC Retreat

Bonifacio

- Table item.

15K to OP from Surplus\*

Watson

- Watson: What Roy was saying is that we are going to have a lot of surplus and that at the very least \$100,000 can be allocated for time urgent matters. I have a partnership with the dean of students for \$15,000. I need that money by August 1st so this is the last time I can ask for it. It would go for supplying bluebooks, scantrons, school supplies for free. I will not come back and ask for surplus.
  - Mihika motions to approve \$15,000 allocations to OP from surplus; Kelechi seconds the motion
  - 9-0-0 motion passes; allocation is approved

Bruin Bash Money from Surplus\*

Watson

- Kelechi motions to enter executive session for contract discussion; the motion is seconded
- 9-0-0 motion passes; council will be entering into executive session
  
- Motion to approve \$60,000 for Bruin Bash; Lalo seconds the motion
- 9-0-0 motion passes; the allocation is approved

Discussion Item: Summer in the Union

Watson

**XI. Adjournment\***

Watson

- Meeting adjourned at 1:15am



**Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

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