



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
October 1st, 2019
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:08pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Sign in sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes* (Outgoing/incoming)

-none

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- strike SFS, strike swc programming fund
- SWC motions, ISR seconds, motion passes 7-0-0 to strike items from agenda
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- Robert adds executive item to old business,
- CSC motions. ISR seconds, 7-0-0 motion passes to add executive item to agenda

- -Robert add action item vote for addition of constitutional amendment for the fall quarter special election
- Mihika motions, Shahamah seconds
- 7-0-0 motion passes, added to the agenda
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- Robert to add action item to executive session,
- Jonathan motions, Shahamah seconds,
- 8-0-0 executive session action item is approved

- Isabel motions to approve agenda, lalo seconds, by motion of 8-0-0 agenda is approved

UCPD Updates

Kilgore

- Kevin gives updates to scooter and bike policies
- Scooters continue to be a problem on campus, enforcement regulating around Bruin Walk. The law changed, if you are 18 or older you do not have to wear a helmet

- Cannot operate bikes or scooters on a walk zone

Contingency Programming*

Komzyuk

- Total requested: \$4,640.40, total recommend \$2,901
- SWC motions to approve recommended amount, ISR seconds
- 8-0-0 recommended funding approved

~~SFS Allocations#~~

Wisner

~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~

—Guerra

~~SWC Programming Fund Allocations#~~

—Sridhar

ASRF Allocations#

Riley

- Tabled

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

-none

ARCF Allocations#

Iheanacho

-none

IV. Public Comment

Watson

Audio No Video:

- 1. Shaunt: requests to stay present if council goes into executive session.
- 2. Hi everyone my name is [indiscernible] and I'm from an Asian Pacific Coalition as well as the [indiscernible] and I'm here to make a comment regarding the public charge resolutions that is on your agenda today. I just wanted to voice how that does affect my community and how passing that resolution will really help students of color to [indiscernible] on this campus. So the public charge resolution is a charge that is going to come out October 13th by the Trump administration that basically states if you have public assistance, like medical or anything state provided you are [indiscernible] to deportations or not getting naturalization or not getting a green card and things like that. So there's a strong fear in my community that oh, if I enroll in medical or get food stamps or things like that if you're low income that's the only option you and your family have. A lot of people now, because of that fear are ending up not wanting to

enroll in those programs, so knowing that UCLA is an institution that is promoting such a support for students, I'm really hoping that you sign, even though that's something that's going to be passed, I'm really hoping you sign it and take a step in supporting programs against public charge that allow student communities of color to access public assistance without fear of being not naturalized and getting the necessary assistance that they need. Thanks.

- Hi you guys my name is Sithara, I'm the chapter chair for Calprig students here at on campus. I hope you guys are having a good week 1. If you guys know, Calprig is our student run, student funded non profit here on campus and we cross over 8 UC campuses so this quarter we were working over welcome week to sign up 300 new members for a statewide organization in support of getting the UC's to go plastic free to help protect our oceans and our waterways. Right now we are running our recruitment drive where we get tons of new students involved in our campaigns and activism. So far we've signed up 1,000 students who are interested in getting involved and joining a movement for social change so that's super exciting. We're going to be having our big kickoff meeting for the year, it's going to be Wednesday of week 2 at 6:00pm in Young Hall CS24. You're all invited. I'll be there, Robert will be there, it will be a fun time to hear about all our campaigns and meet a bunch of students on our campus who are really excited to move forward with activism. I hope I see you all there!
- Hi my name is [indiscernible] and I'm the Political [indiscernible] Coordinator [indiscernible]. I also wanted to make public comment in support of the resolution against public charge. Even though this is something that will ultimately be determined by the courts whether or not it will be put in place. I think it is important for USAC to put out materials helping educate students and their families determine whether or not they will be affected by this new rule and what resources they can still attain. This school has a really [indiscernible] community, numerically it will disadvantage Asian Americans the most out of all the groups and about 60%-70% of [indiscernible] citizens in the US is that [indiscernible] to not be allowed access into the U.S. or to not be eligible for a green card under the new rule. So again, I'd just like to emphasize, because of the impact on my community, that we support the public charge resolution.

V. Special Presentations

-none

~~Elections Board Updates and Calendar~~

Shajari

VI. Appointments

Jenny Wang for Finance Committee#

Komzyuk

- So Jenny and Christine actually joined FICOM last year so they have been working with me for the past year and both of them have been really really great and I've really enjoyed working with them and I just hope to get them appointed so they can keep being ficom with me.
- No oppositions, passes by consent, jenny wang is appointed to the finance committee

Christine Tseng for Finance Committee#

Komzyuk

- No opposition, passes by consent, Christine is appointed to the finance committee

~~Antwan Adams for E-Board External Relations*~~

~~—Shajari~~

~~Sainamratha Gorijavolu for E-Board Endorsements*~~

~~—Shajari~~

Reconfirmation of Summer Appointments*

Watson

- Shahamah motions to reconfirm summer appointments, Lalo seconds
- 7-0-0 motion passes, summer appointments confirmed

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

- Slack this Sunday
- Potential pairs to host break out sessions, 4 rooms booked, different theme for each room. health and wellness, advocacy etc. Topics need to be very broad and inclusive, health and wellness one would be beneficial, broadly speaking.
- Meeting with Nick Deluca and Antonio Sandoval to discuss ongoing relationships and how to improve ongoing relationships between USAC and campus departments
- Next week is my pre meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon and the week after that is my meeting with the Chancellor
- Meeting tomorrow with res life and housing about gender inclusive housing and what we can do to reform those policies so that people who are joining roommate groups can live with people regardless of what their gender identity is. I'm serving on a committee with Dean VanDeesy with the gender recognition task force this year.
- Bunch of initiatives, some to drive voter turnout

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- The IVP Office is hiring staff until October 6 at 11:59 pm.
- I am meeting up with Vice Chancellor Beck in regards to campus safety and security.
- Campus Safety Alliance's first meeting is happening on October 17 at 5pm in John Wooden Center.
- My Office's GROW Committee is co-programming with the Career Center on a workshop on early career engagement for folks wanting to work in NGOs, non-profits, etc. This workshop is happening on Tuesday of Week 4 from 6-8pm in Bunche.

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- Meeting with robert to robert tomorrow to meet with some government relations people
- We had our first staff meeting yesterday and it went really well, it sets a good tone for the office this year

D. General Rep 1

Velazquez

- Two open director position due friday
- Gen rep applications are open now

E. Facilities Commissioner

Shaw

- Updates to office hours , Mon/Wed from 12:30p-2:30pm and Thursday 3:30-5:30pm they're open to the public as well as staff to discuss any FAC related matters you guys want to talk about, we will also be accepting BruinBook Bizarre donations during these office hours
- Disability awareness is week next week, FAC will be hosting a series of events including flyers and giveaways for pick up on Bruin Plaza on Monday from 12:00pm-2:00pm
- A town hall meeting for combating barriers with speaking panels from the OCOD, the ADA, and the 504 office and CAE, the disability facilities department, and two hand selected students on Wednesday from 6-8pm in the Bruin Viewpoint room.
- An interactive art exhibit on Kirkoff patio on Friday from 2-5pm.
- Bruin Bazarre take place in the Bruin Plaza , please encourage your staff members to donate literally anything that isn't trash to the Bruin Bazarre distribution

F. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Apps due this Friday, Oct 4
- Free film screening of Us on Saturday night October 5th to kick off October's Spooky Season
- Cec all staff retreat is October 11-13th, we're hoping to complete our hiring in time so that all of our new members can join us at this retreat
- October 17th from 7-9pm is our "Getting Clitorate" event with Rachael Bloom from "My Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" and Dr. Laurie Mince and they will be talking about female sexuality. We are partnering with UCLA Sexual Health Coalition and Care and Care will be giving away baskets for the first number of students that come and we are very excited to support such an important resource on campus as well. We are also likely to be doing a fun little sex toy giveaway to go along with the event promotion.
- Planning on having a Halloween film, likely Midsummer at 7pm on Halloween

G. Transfer Rep

Oraha

- The office is having their first official meeting tomorrow evening, and our internship application is releasing this week.
- We are also compiling an involvement pamphlet for transfers, so if you know of any deadlines coming up for your office or other organizations, please send them my way.

H. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- SWC Healthcoming: Bruin Plaza, Oct 8th, 10AM - 2:30PM. All twelve committees will have activities (educational, engaging) for students and focus on recruitment. SWC's Student Health Network will be holding an affordable nutrition fair during it.
- BruinNecessities: Added a new menstrual hygiene box at Powell Library. It is located on the 2nd floor rotunda inquiry desk.
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Today is the beginning of Relationship Violence Awareness Month (RVAM), a few events are coming up including Bae Goals on Oct 10th.
- Student Health Network: working with CPO and CalFresh to help in holding the Basic Needs Fair and CalFresh Enrollment Day on Oct 7th.
- EARTH: Beach Clean-Up with CALPIRG on Oct 26th.
- Bruin Run/Walk: The sole beneficiary for the annual 5k will be the Chase Child Life Program at the Mattel's Children Hospital, as it has been for the past few decades.
- SEARCH: Implementing an SWC-wide Event Evaluation Program this year, operationalizing variables like attendance, efficacy, and education.
- Committee and Internship applications are out, Body Image Task Force closed theirs this weekend.
- Prepping for Health for Heritage Week and Health Insurance Literacy Day in Winter 2020!

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- First staff meeting of the year tomorrow
- Fall retreat this weekend
- Fellowship applications are still open, we have an info session next Tuesday at 8pm in our council room Kirkoff 417, apps are due on the 12th.
- SFS , the app will open up for that on Monday at 6pm so we'll start accepting applications for that at 6pm meaning that first allocations will happen not next council but council after that

J. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- In hiring process, upcoming retreat,
- Still hiring until the end of Week 1

L. International Student Representative

Shahamah

M. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

- First training on Monday of week 2, for staff to take advantage of the trainings on specific topics. Each training session will be a different topic.
- New applications for (tgaf?) online now on website, new applications are live. Requests up to \$1,000 you can apply to mini fund and you don't have to attend a hearing, requests over \$1,000 you need to apply to the main fund and attend a hearing.

VIII. Old Business

- Calendar change: changing the date of Endorsement Slips to be due the 25th j
 - Johanna motions, Kelechi seconds, 8-0-0 motion passed, calendar changed is approved
- Personnel matter in executive session.
 - CAC motions to go into executive session and to include Shaunt, ISR seconds,
 - 7-0-1 motion passes and council goes into executive session including Shaunt at 7:55pm
- - CSC motions to end executive session , SWC seconds,
 - By motion of 9-0-0 executive session end at 9:08pm
- Recap of executive session involving the election board, no action taken

IX. New Business

Constitutional Amendment

- My name is [indiscernible]. I am the chairperson, secretary, treasurer and [indiscernible] as well as the Peer Advisor for Veteran's Education Team Leader on campus. I do a lot of work with veterans. Throughout my experience as I engage with the veteran community and the student community and the greater veteran community as far as LA, what I tend to realize is there's a huge kind of stigma of what it means to be a veteran student and what it means to just be a UCLA student. My goal is to break that down and make sure that the veteran group is not outcasted and doesn't just do their own thing but is integrated with the fabric of the campus. So one of the things I've initiated in doing so is created a Student Veteran Representative that way it ensures that the student veterans are always there for all the events going on plus it gives a position for incoming veteran students to always be at that specific chair. That's essentially the goal behind it.
- Robert: Today is the last day that council can add something to the ballot.
- What are typically some of the reservations that go along with adding something like this?
- Robert: Logistics, stipends.
- Jessica: I don't think this is enough language to go on the ballot as a constitutional amendment, I think you need additional language explaining the position, you'd also need to include what exactly in the constitution would be changing because this is going to affect a number of different things in the constitution and how they're numbered. You'd need to give the voters enough information to decide what they're voting on.
- Robert: I have a couple questions involving cost and space. And my other question is how much support do you have behind this? How many people in the veteran community have you talk to or reached out to that feel really passionate about this?
- As far as Bruin supporting veterans, they are in support of this. The director of the VRC and the assistant chancellor for Student Life are also in support of this. As far as getting signatures, everyone is on board.
- What is the cost?
- Robert: \$10,000 for the stipend and a little over \$1,000 for the office budget.
- Naomi: Logistically, there's a lot of flaws in the proposal. What you possibly need is more administrative or network links as opposed to a whole office dedicated to this position. We'd need more info to be able to support.
- Jonathan: What percentage of our student population is veterans?
- Less than 800
- Is it students that are eligible for VA benefits, or those who have served?
- It is open to all students, not just those who are directly connected to the veteran community.
- Sithara: I just wanted to add that as someone who's not at the council table I've found that there are a lot of opportunities to engage with the community and work within this network while not necessarily having a seat at the table to still fight for these things. There's a lot of spaces that you can still get access to these resources, you don't necessarily need a seat at USAC to do that.
- Shahamah: Is there anything else to add on to tell us how students want this position on the council?
- The biggest thing to realize is that this is not a position for me. This is essentially my dream of what could be done at UCLA to make this community a better place.
- Robert: Does anyone have any other comments on this before we move into the vote? How about we vote to see if it's worth to work on the amendment.
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- Lalo motions to move forward to work on the amendment, Shahamah seconds.
- By motion 0-8-1 the motion does not pass and we will not move forward with working on the amendment.

- Universities across California are trying to divest from fossil fuels so they're trying to get as many universities to sign onto this
- Want us to sponsor them to asking their community to divest from fossil fuels
- Johanna motions, Kalechi seconds the motion
- By motion of 9-0-0 motion passes to add UCLA name to the support letter

Resolution on Public Charge*

Guerra

- Johanna: To simplify it, Public Charge is something that is being rolled out by the Trump administration this month against immigrant families. It is a program designed to punish people who are trying to receive state benefits for their family members. When this rule goes out, it will make those who are trying to change their status of possibly getting a green card, they could now be punished or have this used against them which would lead to them not getting naturalized or receiving a green card.
- Shahamah: This also affects the international community as well and I do support this letter.
- Shahamah: We should express that so many communities are affected by this.
- Naomi motions , Kelechi seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes, resolution is approved

Books for Bruins from Surplus*

Riley

- Naomi: Robert gave me the idea for the initiative that my office has launched in the past that I'm looking to get more support in financially. Books for Bruins is technically known as the Textbook Scholarship, but basically every quarter we offer a textbook subsidy scholarship program where students can apply and then they're funded \$50. They receive a UCLA textbook gift card where they can go and purchase whatever book they're buying. In the past, we got 131 students to apply. The average amount asked for was about \$120. The amount that was asked for in total was \$5,000. Our office personally only funded \$2,500 worth of books and we were able to fund 200 students overall, fall and winter quarter. We are looking to expand the number of students we fund. I'm coming to council for more support.
- Naomi: My office would put up \$1,500 per quarter and then I'd ask for \$2,500 from surplus per quarter.
- Robert: Could you use more funds for this? If we gave you more could more students get scholarships?
- Naomi: Yes. We were debating on increasing the fund because on average for students one book was costing about \$120. With the total amount that I've allocated to this we would only service 240 students over the year, we could increase that number if we added more.
- -Kelechi : I say ask for \$15,000
- Johanna motions to give Books for Bruins \$10,000 of surplus, Kelechi seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes to allocate \$10,000 of surplus funds to Books for Bruins

X. Adjournment*

Watson

- **Robert adjourns the meeting at at 10:47pm**

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item