



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
October 8th, 2019  
7:00PM

Watson

### **I. Call to Order**

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm

#### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Sign in sheet is passed around

### **II. Approval of minutes\* (Outgoing/incoming)**

- 10/1/2019 minutes
- Shahamah motions to approve 10/1/19 minutes, Johanna seconds the motion
- 7-0-1 motion passes; minutes from 10/1/19 are approved

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

- Strike SFS, strike ASRF Allocations, strike AAC Mini Travel Grant Allocations, add discussion item about SOOF memo, add OCHC action item, add action item in Executive Session to new business (USAC Business) , add discussion item about business cards for student government office to new business, strike Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations
- Lalo motions to approve adding action item in executive session to new business, Kelechi seconds the motion
- By motion of 8-0-0 the motion is approved and new business executive session action item added
- Naomi motions to add OCHC action item/discussion item to agenda, Lalo seconds the motion
- 8-0-1 motion passes; action and discussion item regarding OCHC representative added to agenda
- Mihika motions to approve the agenda as amended; Naomi seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes; agenda approved as amended

#### OCHC Discussion\*

- Arsh: Hi my name is Arsh Gupta, and I'm the [indiscernible] coordinator for res life here. Within USAC I work with Lalo and Kim's offices. This year I really look forward to bridging the gap between OCHC, res life, and USAC because I feel like working together on a more collaborative level we can reach out to more students and organizations than any of us could accomplish by ourselves. I really look forward to working closely with all of you, thank you for having me.
- Robert: In the past, there has been an OCHC representative that comes to council and spectates, obviously without a vote. My proposition and maybe a discussion among council members is do we want to have him sit at the table as a representative for OCHC?
- Shahamah: I think it's a good idea.
- Naomi: What does bringing them to the council table do specifically?
- Robert: He would just be able to speak more and add his voice more than just being a regular member of the audience.

- Shahamah motions to add OCHC representative to sit at council table, Johanna seconds
- 7-1-0 the motion passes, OCHC representative invited to sit at council table as a representative

**Elections Board Updates**

Shajari

- Presentation of the ballot
- 1 Candid withdraw
- Johanna motions to approve ballot, Lalo seconds,
- 9-0-0 ballot is approved

**Contingency Programming\***

Komzyuk

- Total Requested: \$6,468.58
- Total Recommended : \$4,580.00
- Non-USAC entities
- Lalo motions to approve recommended amount, Naomi seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes

**SFS Allocations#**

—Wisner

**~~Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#~~**

—————Guerra

**SWC Programming Fund Allocations#**

Sridhar

- Allocating \$30 to one non-USAC group, either See Clear or transportation for a visit to a local Thai temple
- No opposition, approved

**ASRF Allocations#**

Riley

- Allocating 5,300 to non usac entities
- No opposition, SWC programming fund allocations approved

**~~AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#~~**

—————Riley

**ARCF Allocations#**

Iheanacho

- ARCF is allocating \$3,500 to non-USAC entities
- No oppositions, ARCF allocations approved

## **IV. Public Comment**

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### No Audio, No Video:

- 0 comments

### Audio, No Video:

- 0 comments

### Audio and Video:

- 0 comments

## **V. Special Presentations**

### **Academic Senate Presentation**

Riley

Naomi: AAC works very closely with the Academic Senate. We are charged with appointing student representatives to different committees within the Academic Senate. Because that body is so important, I felt like it was really important for all of council to understand how Academic Senate works since it's the body that passes all legislation and policy here at UCLA.

-Eric wells: one of the analysts from academic senate.

### What is Shared Governance?

- Board of Regents "The Regents", UC Academic Senate "Systemwide", Academic Council, Academic Assembly, UCLA Academic Senate "Academic Senate", Senate Committees, Office of the President "OP", Council of Chancellors, Chancellor Block, Administration

### Shared Governance cont.

- Academic Senate
  - Parliamentary Legislature
  - Sets Policy: Academic Policy, conditions for admissions, granting of degrees, authorization and supervision of courses and curricula
  - Formal Advisory: academic personnel actions, planning and budget, other campus governance regarding teaching, scholarship, and service, collaborates with administration
- Administration
  - Executive
  - Sets Policy: Budget, facilities and infrastructure, hiring and firing of faculty
  - Formal Advisory: Academic policy, authorization of courses and curricula, collaborate with Senate

### Senate Committees

- Legislative Committees: Legislative Assembly "LgA", Executive Board "Exec"
- Educational Resources: Library and Scholarly, Communications "COLASC", Council on Research "COR"
- University Community: Academic freedom, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion "CODEI", Faculty Welfare
- Academic Programs and Policies: Undergraduate Council "UgC", Graduate Council "GC", UG Admissions "CUARS", Continuing Education "CCCE", International Education "CIE", Teaching "COT", Planning and Budget "CPB", Athletics "IAC"
- LgA: Elected members from departments (voting), Chancellor, Exec Board, Student Reps (non-voting)
- Exec: Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair "Leadership"
- Committees: Chair, faculty members, Student Reps (voting), analysts, guests, administrators (non-voting)

### Student Impact

- Online course
- Syllabus Guidelines
- Learning Outcomes
- Title IX
- Mentoring Policy
- Academic Proposals ( BAs in Education and Public Affairs)
- Priority Enrollment (on-going)

- CAE and CAPS (on-going)

### How To

- Propose a Policy:
  - Collect Data- research the current status of the policy, and find data to support your proposal
  - Determine which Senate Committee has authority/oversight for this issue
  - Email the Committee Analyst
    - Explain what you want to do
    - What you have already done/who you talked to
    - Ask for their recommendation on the next steps

## **VI. Appointments**

### **Willie Lieberman for OSAC Chair\***

Shaw

- Lily: Willie had the most thorough application. OSAC is not an office that gets a lot of attractions nor is it a glamorous job. The appointment needed to be a very organized student and a student that is willing to do the work which Willie is.
- Willie: I'm Willie, I'm a 3rd year history major and classics minor. I applied for OSAC because this space is really important at UCLA, and having space for all organization is very important. I think because I'm so organized and objective, I think I'd be able to do the job well and streamline the application process and kind of make everything more transparent.
- Lily: What are some of your transparency ideas?
- Willie: I would probably do office hours once a week, so tenants can come up to me personally and ask questions.
- Kim: How do you plan on evaluating old and new tenants?
- Willie: I would see how good they are at turning things in on time, keeping their area clean, see if they're respectful about space, and if they're respectful about campus.
- Lily: Is OSAC a sole person?
- Willie: No. I'd be the main person but have a committee of about 5 people to help me review the tenants and go through the applications.
- Willie: I hope you all trust me doing this, like Lily said it's not a glamorous position but I think I am ready to do it. I have lots of leadership experience, and I think it's an important job, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to do this.
- Kim: I personally voted for you because I know how passionate you are when it comes to [indiscernible], you've been giving extra time to really get to know the different student organizations that are housed in Kirchoff and you did have a pretty good plan when it comes to keeping them accountable.
- Jonathan: You were highly recommended and you lived up to my expectations. I think it's a very special position and I don't know of anyone else better to fill it.
- Mihika: You're an incredibly impressive applicant. You were super prepared for all of our questions and you're confident enough to take on this role, and that's important too. I hope we elect you, you did a great job.
- Kim motions to appoint Willie as OSAC chair, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 8-0-1 motion passes, Willie Lieberman is appointed as OSAC chair

## **VII. Officer Reports**

### A. President

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- Gender recognition task force
- Slac happened this week
- Affordability initiative, working with basic needs dept to see how they can be more accessible
- Meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon on Thursday

- B. Internal Vice President Bonifacio
- Office retreat last weekend
  - Internships meetings happening right now, 10 interns
  - Starting to interview for staff members
  - Meeting for True Bruin scholar
  - Meeting with USAC connect committee, trying to create a filter
  - Meeting with Vice Chancellor Beck next week
  - Campus safety alliance meeting happening next Thursday
- C. External Vice President Guerra
- D. General Rep 1 Velazquez
- E. Facilities Commissioner Shaw
- Hiring for fellows, hiring 18 new fellows
  - Disability awareness week is this week
  - Town hall is tomorrow from 6-8 in Bruin reception room
  - Lyft code is live : F19UCLA \$5 ride within a 5mile radius
  - Tgif main fund is open, closing this week
  - FAC initiative to provide reusable mugs at kerkhoff, giving students options to be sustainable
  - Still need Bruin bazarre donations for next week, accepting anything that's not trash
- F. Campus Events Commission Steinmetz
- Application period ended last friday
  - Reviewing apps this week
  - Screening of "Us" this past weekend went really well
  - Oct 17: Getting Clitorate Event
  - Halloween film- planning on showing Doctor Sleep on Halloween day
- G. Transfer Rep Oraha
- The Transfer Leadership Coalition will begin having meetings tomorrow from 5-6 in the Transfer Resource Center. Meetings will be every even numbered week, and all transfer leaders are welcome to attend.
  - The TSR office internship program application will be closing on wednesday at 11:59 pm.
  - The office will be tabling at the Involvement Fair on the Hill on October 15th.
- H. Student Wellness Commissioner Sridhar
- SWC has its Fall Leadership Retreat this weekend in Fullerton/Downtown Disney this weekend!
  - Bruin Consent Coalition: RVAM: "BaeGoals" healthy relationships event is on Thursday, 5-7 p.m. at Sproul Hall Lecture Room 110a and "Purple Thursday" is on Oct. 17th 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in collaboration with CARE.
  - EARTH: Attended a Sustainability Leadership Council Meeting where they made connections with other sustainability groups on campus and made plans to collaborate on future events!
  - BruiNecessities: Complete the project to change "Feminine Hygiene Products" stickers to "Menstrual Hygiene Products" throughout campus bathrooms.
  - SEARCH: Event Evaluation Program will begin Week 5 to assess the efficacy and impact of all SWC programs.
  - Basic Needs Fair: BruiNecessities and SWC Student Health Network aided CalFresh and CPO for their Enrollment Day and Basic Needs Fair this past Monday.
  - Recruitment: Excluding Body Image Task Force, all committees as well as the SWC Internship are still accepting applications.
- I. Community Service Commissioner Wisner
- Fellowship applications due this Friday
  - Info session going on right now
- J. Academic Affairs Commissioner Riley
- Retreat in Carlsbad this past weekend
  - Applications are closed

- In the process of selecting interns
- Books for bruins has been a really big hit. Applications opened last night and already has 50 applicants
- Meeting with chair of black , how aac can support black

K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- Applications closed on friday
- Monday is the first concert of the year

L. International Student Representative

Shahamah

- International education week happens in November, trying to have it more international student friendly
- Trying to have an initiative where people talk about their birth names, why they felt like they had to change their names, etc.
- Struggling to connect with admin about funding (\$2.9 million from gov) that would not apply to out of state, international, or undocumented students

M. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

- Gupta: LGBTQ resource fair last friday, was a success
- Regional leadership conference upcoming
- Programming to get freshman familiar with USAC
- Presentation week 4
- Trying to push social media presence for tgif fund @tgifucla
- Training workshop this past wednesday on contracts
- UCLA link chancellor certificate program apps out now

## **VIII. Old Business**

### Discussion Item: SOOF

Members of the Undergraduates Students Association,

Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns about the Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF). Recently SOOF was removed from the USAC website as an active fund due to the rapid decline (by roughly 33% since 16-17) in funds available to allocate to student organizations.

SOOF is funded by 80% of the remainder of the Membership Fee (\$10 per student, per quarter, not adjusted for inflation) after it is allocated to various line items within the USA budget; as the costs for line items increase with inflation, the remainder available to allocate shrinks.

The USA Contingency Programming Fund guidelines and application were subsequently amended to expand the scope of the fund to fulfill operational needs. Contingency is now able to fund T-shirt requests for student organizations, among other line items. Since Contingency is available in an on-going fashion, this change provides student organizations more accessibility and flexibility when applying for funding. We look forward to continuing support for student organization needs throughout the year.

Undergraduate Students Association Council

Budget Review Committee

Finance Committee

- Jessica: SOOF is a funding source that shrank significantly and got removed from USAC budget. This memo is a summarization of what SOOF is, where the money comes from, and why it has shrunk over time. The idea of this is that it'd be signed off by council.
- Lalo motions to make this discussion item an action item, Kim seconds

- 9-0-0 motion passes and discussion item becomes an action item
- Kelechi motions to approve letter, Lalo seconds
- 9-0-0 motion passes, letter is approved

Discussion Item: Veteran Student Representative

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Discussion Item: Allegations on Chancellor Block

Velazquez

- Lalo: Basically the article stated that Zak Fisher, the Graduate Student Association President, reported that Gene Block had violated the SFAC bylaw back in 2017. It was a bylaw that dealt with conflicts of interests. There was a bylaw that got proposed by SFAC and Chancellor Block didn't respond within the time that was needed.
- Robert: The concern with this is that there's a 14 day policy for the Chancellor to respond when SFAC gives their recommendations and votes on changes to the bylaws and that wasn't done. It was done much much later than that. That was a major concern at the time because the way that funds were being allocated was being done in a pretty disproportionate way. I know the chancellor is aware, but I'm not really sure what the next step is in terms of moving forward with this.
- Kelechi: Is there a consequence procedure?
- Robert: From my understanding there's not. Zak submitted a formal complaint to the UC Office investigator but I don't know if that will do anything at this point.
- Shahamah: Was there an explanation given about why it happened?
- Robert: From my understanding the chair at the time did not tell the committee they were submitting the recommendation and somehow that led to a miscommunication.

Discussion: Recent USAC Business (Executive Session)

Shaw

- Isabel motions to move into executive session, Shahamah seconds the motion
- 10-0-0 the motion is approved and council enters executive session at 9:29pm, excluding OCHC
- Lily motions to end executive session, Lalo seconds the motion
- By motion of \_\_\_\_\_ executive session is adjourned at 10:19pm

Discussion Item: Business Cards and Credit Cards

Guerra

- Johanna: We were talking about how beneficial it would be for our offices to have credit cards given the expenditures that come up for our offices. For my office, I have to reserve tons of hotel rooms, tons of plane tickets, tons of transportation expenses for conferences. While I do work with the finance people here at UCLA to cover those things, other times it's really difficult to do things in a timely manner. It becomes complicated and stressful to pay for things out of pocket. Students are expected to front money and then get reimbursed, and that's kind of the expectation. Where do they expect this money to come from? Those are difficult things for my office to handle.
- Lily: You are forced to front your stipend, it creates a wealth inequality barrier. I've dropped about \$1k just since school has started, and I'm supposed to be getting it back through reimbursement but that process takes a really long time. It's unfair to force students to take out a credit card in their name. In order to be a more inclusive organization we need to address this systematically.
- Naomi: This way is not sustainable and goes against barriers we are trying to break in USAC.
- Jonathan: At this current moment in time this university owes me \$8,000 in reimbursements. I've been fortunate to use my credit card and financial aid but I should never have to give this university \$8,000 that they're going to give back to me. So I am in full support of this. Even if it's not a credit card, it can be a debit card if that's what they're worried about.

- Lily: I don't think students understand that our stipends go directly back into our offices, so it's not even like we're getting paid.
- Johanna: If Roy can send us info about what has gone on in the past and policies. Other universities have a card systems and it lifts a huge burden off of students.
- Kelechi: If we can't get cards is there a way we can support SGA so that they can expedite the process of reimbursements?
- Mihika: In terms of supporting SGA, they're switching to online rec forms. One thing my office implemented last year was a rec tracker which is just like an excel document and that has been so helpful.

### **IX. New Business**

- Isabel motions to move to executive session, Shahamah seconds
- 10-0-0 to go into executive session, excluding OCHC. Council enters executive session at 9:29pm
- Lily motions to ends executive session, Lalo seconds
- Executive session ends at 10:19pm

### **X. Adjournment\***

Watson

-Robert adjourns the meeting at 10:19 pm

### **Good and Welfare**

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