



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
January 14, 2020
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:13 pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Sign in sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes*

- 9/11/2019
- Lalo motions to approve 9/11/2019 minutes, Kelechi seconds
- 11-0-1 motion passes, 9/11/2019 minutes are approved

- 9/24/2019
- Lalo motions to approve 9/24/2019 minutes, Kelechi seconds
- 12-0-1 motion passes, 9/24/19 minutes are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Table resolution until next week, strike Gen Rep 1 officer report, strike CEC officer report, strike President and CAC officer report, strike AAC travel grant and ASRF, strike ARCF, strike Capital Contingency, add surplus proposal for BAG allocation, strike OCHC officer report

- Add Executive Session Personnel Matter under New Business
- Lalo motions to add Executive Session under New Business, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-1 motion passes, Executive Session item is added

- Lalo motions to approve the agenda as amended, Kelechi seconds
- By the motion of the 13-0-0 motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

IV. Public Comment

Watson

No Audio No Video:

- 1 comment

Audio No Video:

- Transfers are at a disadvantage from the start. You have 2 years to make a home upon arriving at UCLA, freshman have 4 years. Living in transfer dorms is a great way to build a community quick yet if you don't have money to live on campus here you're kind of out of luck. But the Transfer Center and all its amazing programs does a great job of already having a community ready to go from the start. The Transfer Student Center is important [indiscernible] for the success of [indiscernible]. For this reason I request an increase in funding to the Transfer Student Center.

Audio and Video:

- Hi guys I'm Sithara, I'm the chapter chair of CALPIRG students. We are working right now on our recruitment drive and so far we've actually been able to talk to over 7,000 students about our program to learn more about activism, develop skills, and work on our campaigns to phase out single use plastics across LA county, fight food insecurity, help students register to vote, and get the open access textbook program across the UC's. We're really excited to have all these new students coming out so I wanted to invite you all to our kickoff meeting which is gonna be Wednesday of Week 3 at 6pm. I also wanted to remind you guys that our Bruins Vote Coalition will have its first meeting this

Thursday at 6pm so we can get ready for our upcoming primary elections and ensure this generation votes in this really important election. Thank you guys.

- I'm here because the Transfer Center has been a really nice home for me and the people that work there have really been family to me. They were there during a personal breakdown I had there and it's really just a shame that funding has been cut and a place that I call my second home is disappearing. I would like to request more funding for the Transfer Center.
- Hi my name is Michelle. I'm a transfer student as well. When I came here I felt really alone, I felt alienated because there's just a small portion of transfer students compared to a whole student body. When I went to the Transfer Student Center I was amazed by how many people were there and the programming has really helped make me feel like I belong here and I would really like it for the Transfer Center to have the funding that it would need to support and help more people so they don't feel that sort of alienation anymore. And therefore I would want to help the Transfer Student Center to raise more awareness.
- Hi my name is Millie I'm a fourth year and I'm a transfer student as well. I'm here not only as a student but also as the chair of the Transfer Leadership Coalition and I'm here to support Isabel's budget proposal to allocate \$15,000 to the Transfer Student Center programming. The transfer center has been a huge source of community for me. That's the reason I'm here as a transfer student. I just want to say that while UCLA is a leading institution that provides transfer community and resources it still has a long way to go. I think the fact that the transfer center is not guaranteed consistent funding is evident of that fact. Transfers continue to face obstacles and I strongly believe that if it was funded events it would help with those obstacles.
- Hi my name is Zuelika Bravo and I come here not only as a student but also as a co-chair to the Transfer Leadership Coalition. I want to reiterate everything that she said. The Transfer Student Center is really like a platform for students that supports transfer students and if we were to lose funding to get our programming out there to grow our community among transfers it would be really hard on our community and would impact us. I really hope that you consider Isabel's proposal.
- Hi my name is Tabitha, I'm here to support Isabel's budget proposal. One of the many reasons I wanted to come to UCLA because there was a tight transfer community and a lot of resources provided to transfer students. Transfer students have very different needs, we have a different community that we really need to establish. The transfer center has those resources and the community and was a place that I felt like I belonged here even though [indiscernible]. I think it's really important for incoming transfer students as well as transfer students.
- I'm also here as a fourth year transfer non-traditional student. I came here to Southern California and UCLA without knowing anyone, having any friends, or having any sort of roots. And UCLA and the Transfer Center has given that to me. Without the transfer center I wouldn't be as excited to come here everyday. I drive down here every single day because I'm excited to be a part of something that is shaping so many lives. I also work in the transfer center where more than 20,000 people come every year for services, or to talk, or to have a breakdown. [indiscernible] The money that I make in the transfer center, I'd say 85% of it I turn around and put right back into the transfer center to do things for other transfers. It's a great source of pride for me and it's my home, my home away from home, really my home is my home away from home because I spend more time here than I do at home. So please approve the funding, actually I think \$15,000 might be low so if you wanna double that.
- My name is Georgia I'm a fourth year senior here at UCLA and a second year transfer. I'm a non-traditional transfer student which means I'm over 24 years old. Also first gen. Something I want to talk about that is really unique to the transfer community is the Transfer Mentorship Program. I also work at the transfer center. The Transfer Mentorship Program oversees 600 hundred transfer students here at UCLA and about 500 incoming transfer students and 100 mentors. We pair them up with seniors and juniors to help give them guidance because transferring here can be a really scary thing to do especially when there's such a negative stigma about transferring especially from a community

college. Every year we do a legacy project which is where you get to leave your impact behind and basically what you got to do with your mentees. Some examples of projects last year were one student created an entire medical school guide which is about 125 pages on how to get into medical school as a transfer student. Some people make simple artwork which is still super meaningful. We had someone make a podcast, someone made a video. That was with a limited budget so I can't even imagine what it would be like to expand that budget and to see what more we could do. It's even more telling because the Transfer Mentorship Program is only one really small thing that the Transfer Center does for transfers here. We had about 20,000 people come into the transfer center last year alone. I volunteered there last year and I have staff this year and the budget change between years has made me see how different the transfer center operates just between years. So please do consider funding us.

- My name is Karina, I also work at the Transfer Center. I think the transfer center is the only reason I've stuck to UCLA truly and honestly. I don't think anyone really gets it unless you are a transfer student but try to put yourselves in our shoes for a little bit. We have this two year timeline where the turnout is quick, where the pressure is high, and where we're faced with a lot of stigma. Having a community here is really unique. UCLA is super big on transfers. We have a vibrant community here and we have a huge amount of resources whereas other universities, even USC doesn't even have a center, they don't even recognize the difference between a transfer student and a regular student. We are the leading example for the country. We want to keep being the example and we want to keep advocating for transfer students. Just to give you an idea, you heard a lot of different identities here, the transfer student group can encompass a lot of different people. We have a lot of transfers that were formerly incarcerated, we have a lot of transfers who have kids, students with dependents, we have a lot of students who are non-traditional, we're not always that demographic but a huge part of us are. It's not just about transfer students coming from community colleges in California, you're coming from a bunch of different identities. I support Isabel's budget proposal, please consider funding the Transfer Student Center.
- I'm President of the Pacific Islanders Student Association. I want to speak a bit about the surplus money and the decision y'all made about the use of it. I just wanted to understand why was it that you guys [indiscernible] the entire process of it, I also wanted to understand why it is only being used for only USAC offices. Coming from a marginalized community, Pacific Islanders only make up less than 1% I wanna know how my community as well as other smaller communities and student orgs in general will be accounted for. I also want to know how we're going to allocate that money to different funding bodies such as CS mini as well as Contingency, BOD. Because those directly affect our community and I want to see the money go toward that.
- Hi everyone my name is Patricia Macias. I'm here to advocate for the surplus funding being open to all student orgs. I think that the funding being limited specifically for USAC offices to apply to is seems really shady and lacks transparency and the meeting where you all decided to do that, there were maybe 10 students tops in the room, me being one of them. I think all student orgs should have access in dividing the money amongst offices. I also think it looks wrong for USAC to be deciding who gets the money among yourselves when you all apply for it. I also wanted to make a comment that although it is easy for the council to feel defensive when students come here and don't agree with the decisions you made, but I want to make it clear that as a council, your job isn't to be defensive, it's your job to listen to us and to let the student body tell you what we need from you. So I understand that you make decisions on what you think is best for us, but when we come to the room and we advocate and we tell you what we think is best, it's your job to listen to us, not to be defensive, not to fight us on it, but to listen to us and really take into account what we have to say. I think that student orgs that do a lot of the work and a lot of the programming for these communities and get students to come to UCLA that wouldn't have the chance to without those programmings should have access to those funds. And I think the way you've chosen to divide it really limits the access that these orgs have to it and I don't think it's okay.
- I just want to say that since you have chosen to restrict surplus funding only to USAC offices it's a big conflict of interest because we don't know where it's going to, who is spending that money. I mean last year when I was on E Board y'all had to talk shit that it was conflict of interest for students of color since y'all really fired our chair. And it was a conflict of interest [indiscernible] I think it's a severe conflict of interest with y'all handling money. Who is

going to be advocating for the smaller communities, I mean I don't think any of us were really advised when this decision was going to be made or when the actual surplus voting choices would actually be happening. I just wanted to make sure that y'all hear us out and that if any money is going back to your USAC offices to be transparent about it.

- To echo some of the concerns heard here, almost \$300,000 that's a lot of money. It's not just my money, it's our money. So I don't understand how you are going to pass a law saying that you are going to keep my money without me having a chance to say something about it. I really don't like you Robert. I think you guys sit there and you shit all over your own communities in order to push your own political agendas and I think that's garbage. A lot of you here are going to go into politics and I think that this is a great training round. I don't even wanna be in the same room as you, like looking at you just makes me want to vomit.
- My name is Salvador. So again this is public comment this is an opportunity for constituents to actually speak up on the behalf of our beliefs. At the end of the day we have a lot of public comment going on, and I see a lot of faces looking down at their Instagrams or their laptops or their computers and this is where you guys as elected officials, even though only about 10% of the student body actually voted for you guys actually have to listen to what we have to say. At the end of the day we see more of council active on their social media accounts but at the end of the day public comment is where you can actually take and put from us as constituents so again when people don't know what you guys do, saying this and that, is because at the end of the day, at the end of the public comments, most of you guys either ignore them. You guys should really take heed and listen to us as a student body and advocate on our behalf. So please take these public comments seriously.
- I speak only for myself as a concerned student when I say that I believe the best allocation of the money would be to put the majority of it towards contingency fund, where all students have an equal chance of applying for it and all student groups have a chance to apply for it. The funding decisions should be decided slowly and carefully and deliberately. It would make things much easier for everyone, I think, if this meeting was shorter and the first few votes could allocate the majority of it to contingency. Thank you.
- My name is Fernanda, I just wanted to reiterate some of the other things my peers have been mentioning. One of the things is the lack of transparency of the surplus allocation process, specifically I know someone mentioned the minutes, but if you pull up the USAC website the last minutes you find from it is 12/3/19. So the lack of transparency. Y'all hold other communities on campus accountable for that, update your minutes as well. In addition to that, a lot of students are not aware of the surplus allocation process and a lot of committees including contingency and CS Mini have a committee that deliberate and decide how much money are going toward those organizations that are applying, so who is holding you as council accountable when you deliberate? Who has a voice and who gets a decision to ultimately say how much money of the surplus goes to each office?
- I just wanted to reiterate a few points. One, what Salvador said was really important I feel like actually giving your full attention to us who come out here in the middle of the night to speak to y'all is really important. Other thing I wanted to reiterate is what he said about contingency fund because I feel like contingency does a lot of good work and try to be equal in regards to the funds they give out. Another thing is that when y'all made the decision about surplus funding I feel like me as a regular undergrad student, I didn't know about anything that was going on with USAC, and sure it could've been my own ignorance but really how much was USAC reaching out to let students know about the decisions about how money they put into the committee was being made, especially in regards to like how that money would be split up, who was going to be in charge of the money that was split up, and what happens to that money when it is split up. I understand that a lot of offices are trying to do good work, and yeah you guys were voted in but as Salvador said the voter turnout wasn't very high. But at the end of the day y'all represent the student body, so just being open about it and showing people that yeah, you don't mean to be shady although it does seem like that, I'm sure a lot of you have good hearts and are trying to do good work so I'm just trying to give y'all the benefit of the doubt. I just feel like knowing more about what's going on and knowing more about how the money is being split up and just ensuring that a lot of the small communities on campus, like the Hawaiian population that has less than 1%, the American Indian

population on campus is also less than 1%, and this being stolen land at the end of the day, I just feel like y'all need to take care of the smaller communities that don't necessarily have people to fill a room like this. I know the transfers showed, and much respect for that. Let those voices that don't get heard often be heard. [indiscernible] Give us the attention that people out here deserve.

- I'm here to advocate for the surplus being open for all student orgs to be able to apply to. USAC should not be keeping the money within themselves. In terms of conflict of interest with y'all, you guys are the first ones to point that out anywhere else on campus so why don't you guys apply it to yourselves? As a concerned student and on behalf of other concerned students I would like you guys to apply the issues you waste on other student orgs to yourselves. Keep your own selves accountable as well.
- My name is Nicole and I would just like to reiterate what everyone here has been saying and just tying it back to being transparent. You all represent the student body, and not all students are here to voice their opinions and I'm damn sure that not all students even know what the fuck is even going on with USAC. Like if you go around asking students what is USAC doing, what does surplus even mean, not a lot of students would even know that. So for you all to sit here and make these policies without letting students know is very disappointing and this is not how student government should be run, especially when we pay fees for you all to get paid. Students are the ones who need these resources like for example I wouldn't want my brother, my sibling, my community, my friends to not come to UCLA because of people being selfish and trying to keep the money to themselves and not spending it on resources that will get more students to UCLA. That's what I'm big on advocating for students that can't really advocate for themselves, who can't really talk about these issues because they don't really know about it. And for you all to not even do like a poll to all students about whether they would want surplus money allocated to that, little things like that, we deserve a chance to give our input and our opinions about how this money is being spent because it is our money. So just making sure that you all know that too and keep that in mind because I'm pretty sure you all have your own personal goals that you want for your offices and if that goal aligns with bringing more students to higher education, giving them resources, making sure they are retained on campus, etc. , then it would be in your best interest to advocate for students and not support your own personal biases.
- Hi my name is Danielle Espinoza, I'm a second year transfer. I'm here to speak on behalf of the funding we are requesting for the Transfer Student Center which is \$15,000 as you all know. This isn't hardly more than 10% of the over funds that are currently available, this is something that we need. It's not enough for us to ask anymore. Our community is a very niche community but with that said, we are advocates for all students. When it comes to transfer students we prefer to not be secluded when we are acclimating to our transition here. We are here for half the amount of time that most UCLA students are here for and have to advocate double the amount. Which is why I'm here speaking on behalf of all of the 700 transfer students on the hill that I work for and currently RA. The opportunity that I've been afforded would not have been possible if it weren't for the transfer center. The transfer center provides a safe haven for students who struggle through continuation high schools, other high schools, wherever they come. Given that they are only given half the amount of time that most students are given here, I think it's fair to say we deserve that extra advocacy. Community is the #1 source of support to succeed in college. If it weren't for the transfer center I guarantee you that we would not have the transfer success that we are so proud to represent here at UCLA. We would not be the number one university for transfer students nor would we be the number one university in the nation.
- I know there's a lot of conflict and that you kind of look bothered with what we all have to say about surplus funding but I just ask that when you do make the vote about what happens to it, please don't be biased and have the students best intentions in mind. Make the best choice for the students.
- My name is Persia. Basically to reiterate on what everybody else said, I personally feel like it's deeper than student organizations. I was a student that was actually served by one of the student organizations. Truth be told, if it were not for that organization I would not be in this room right now or at this university and I would probably be incarcerated. Knowing that you guys are ultimately in charge of administering that money to those student orgs, those student orgs take that money and go to communities like mine. I'm also the 1% I'm a Pacific Islander, I don't make up much of this

school for the simple fact that I'm not aware that college is realistic for me. I was not aware of that until that program came to me and told me that it was. So hearing about how USAC is going to keep that money to themselves instead of going to kids that really need it, it just seems real selfish to me and it just hits home a little different especially because I was that kid just like 6 months ago. I hope that you guys listen to us and really consider what we're saying in that it's not just the students that go here, it's about the students that are yet to come here.

- My public comment is just asking questions of transparency, I know you've reached out to me about transparency for my committee, so in terms of appointing to SACBOG, I would like to know what was the process, my committee is also a student elected committee and why my consideration was never put into place. That's just my personal say. This literally was put on me today.
- Public comment adjourned at 7:52 pm

Capital Contingency*

Komzyuk

Contingency Programming*

Komzyuk

Total Requested: \$17,091.04

Total Recommended: \$6,981.96

- Lalo motions to approve \$6,981.96 to USAC and non-USAC entities, Kelechi seconds
- 12-0-1 motion passes, recommended contingency allocation is approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested:\$ 4,443.82

Total Recommended: \$3,693.82

- No opposition, recommended SFS allocation approved by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

Total Requested: \$2,687.28

Total Recommended: \$1,937.28

- No opposition, SWC allocation approved by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

————— Guerra

ASRF Allocations#

————— Riley

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

—— Riley

ARCF Allocations#

————— Iheanacho

V. Special Presentations

- None

VI. Appointments

Joshua Roizman for ASUCLA Communication Board*

Watson

Jimmy: I had the pleasure of speaking with Joshua last week for the ASUCLA Communication board position. I felt Joshua had really good ideas about how to improve the campus, how to prevent bias, [indiscernible]. He also had really good ideas about how to improve communication with outlook and how to improve student media on campus in terms of more publicity, new ideas, and how to improve things so that more students have access.

Joshua Roizman: Thank you for taking time out of your agenda to consider my appointment for ASUCLA Communication Board. My name is Josh Roizman and I'm a proud 3rd year transfer and a first generation student. I study anthropology and I'm passionate about understanding other people's cultures. During my time as Communication Board member I plan on empowering each publication on campus and representing their respective audience. I have three goals I want to complete by the end of my term. I want to meet with every chief or representative of every publication on campus in order to better repair communication between Comm Board and publications. Second, I plan to work with publications to move toward a more user friendly digital platform to increase [indiscernible]. Third, I want to give transfer students a voice on campus. Thank you so much.

Naomi: Hi, I just wanted to ask what will you tangibly do, other than meeting the editors and chief, to tangibly uplift communities that haven't or the publications that haven't such as [indiscernible]?

Joshua: Yeah so I actually coming in as a transfer student I don't have any prior [indiscernible] towards these groups. So I'll be coming and giving my all to effectively work one on one with the editor in chief to improve students in these publications. As far as tangible ways of doing it, I think the most practical way is communication and coming to an understanding. I need to do my research when I come to my position and I look forward to making that happen.

Johana: I would like to know more about your background and your experiences that motivated you to apply to this position, especially leaning on Naomi's question in regards to what experiences do you have reaching out to communities, whether that's just your own, where you transferred from, anything like that would be applicable.

Joshua: Yeah so when I came in as a transfer I really wanted to give transfers a voice here at UCLA. I felt like getting involved in the political process or media was the most effective way to make that happen. [indiscernible] I was involved in student government, I was involved in student works so I was in the process of working with different student organizations to come up with great initiatives on campus. So I have a lot of experience working with student government and working with different student leaders on campus to effectively come up with great representation through my experience at community college and my experience outside of school life. I have experience in public relations and media so I have understanding about how media works and I would effectively work with the student groups on campus.

Brandon: How will you work to increase, I was on the communications board before I came to USAC, we had some issues at times with transparency issues and making sure that all the publications had clear communication with the board. What are you gonna do as a board member to try and increase the communication and the consistency between the board and publications?

Joshua: So I was able to find Communication Board's social media page, I want to find a way that I could maybe send a daily report or update the communications board and the public directly so that students, administrators, anyone that wants to know what's going on between me and publications.

Lily: A big issue last year with UCLA Radio and Daily Bruin were Comm Board decisions on our general manager and Daily Bruin's Editor in Chief. Ultimately, Comm Board chose not to go with the voted candidate they picked someone else and it caused a lot of issues. So I guess how will you be more transparent about making those selections in leadership?

Joshua: So I don't have any prior knowledge on what happened with UCLA Radio or Daily Bruin and I think that is an advantage here as a transfer and a new voice on campus here. I will be able to effectively communicate with leaders on campus and come to an understanding [indiscernible].

Johana: Since this is a board, how do you plan to work with other people to influence these kinds of settings?

Joshua: Yeah so I'm a natural born leader. I was able to get myself on this campus and connect with and enter groups on this campus and take leadership positions head on. So I'm use to delegating different [indiscernible] and resources in order to get different jobs done effectively. So my prior experience would basically be the answer to that.

Joshua: I just look forward to working with you all and I really want to represent students and organizations on campus. You all can reach out to me personally and we can have some great discussions, I look forward to it. Thank you.

Kim: Appointments Review Committee recommends Joshua Roizman for ASUCLA Communications Board. I personally voted for you because I saw your passion and I know that you're motivated and driven, I think that you come from a very outside perspective which could help with reaching out to those publications that haven't been reached out to.

Shahamah: I also voted for you because I felt you were very passionate about your work. Not only were you committed but also very passionate about it and I think that's very important considering the position that you were in and I think you were able to answer a lot of our doubts that we had about bias, relationships, the languages in communications so hopefully you will stay up to your word and do a good job. Good luck.

Johana: When I think about people who serve ASUCLA I think a lot of times in the past those people have been very separated from student groups and student life on campus and I would just urge you to really think about different strategies for outreach. Think about which communities get showcased at which events. I think there's a lot of easy decisions we make when things come up and you reach out to those that are close to you. But when it comes to marginalized communities and how they are being represented especially at this school, I think it's important to really think about other ways that we can really truly show the things that they are experiencing at this campus and moreover how we can go about tackling different issues that they deal with. I feel like a lot of time I don't see UCLA really publish a lot of the issues that these students face. So I want to urge you not only to push yourself, but also people on the board to really think critically about our institution and how we're working to improve other student's lives.

Naomi: Just piggy backing off of what Johana was saying. I think you're very capable of actually reaching out to the communities and making sure that their voices are heard but I would really hope that that's something that is done so that magazines and radio shows that are not heard of do get the representation that they deserve because representation matters.

Brandon: Your time on the board is going to be somewhat limited and I think one of the things we really dealt with is increasing the communication between publications and the board itself. One thing that would happen a lot is the board would make a decision, and one thing that I worked on a lot was that we got more communication going at the operations committee level which I'm sure you'll see when you get there. So as long as you get communication going I think you'll be good.

Robert: Just to clarify this is for the remainder of the one year term.

- Johana motions to appoint Joshua Roizman for ASUCLA Communication Board, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-1 the motion passes and Joshua Roizman is appointed to ASUCLA Communications Board

Navi Sidhu for Election Board Chair*

Watson

Jimmy: When I first spoke to Navi I was really impressed not only with the way he communicated but also by his passion about wanting to serve as Election Board Chair. One of the things I wanted to bring up is his personal goal in making sure elections are run fairly and with transparency especially given the issues with the last Election Board Chair. I asked him how he would hold himself accountable and he gave a lot of really good examples. Some of the things he brought up was about responsibility in elections and additionally working with different groups and entities on campus.

Navi: Hi I'm glad to be here. I'm Navi Sidhu, I'm a fourth year psychology major, The reason im applying for E Board Chair is to uphold support for USAC offices. I joined USAC as a freshman and did an internship with the Office of the President and

applied for different roles. I ran a campaign my freshman year. I kind of got frustrated with just some general inefficiencies that USAC can generally have. And now I'm back here again because I want to complete my ASUCLA story full circle but also because I still believe to some extent that USAC is still riddled with inefficiencies and is inaccessible but I think that it has a tremendous amount of power over the student body and other students continue to take advantage of these positions of power to [indiscernible].

Brandon: Thank you for applying to this position and take on this role. I'm wondering what are you going to do to clear the election process for people who historically might not be involved with USAC and who might not know how elections work or how they can get informed?

Navi: That's a great question. E code right now is a really huge document and I think the simplification process is just the E Board Chair meeting with an executive committee and coming up with some simplifications. For example if you really can't campaign on the hill, then why not just replace the one page section about what you can and can't do on the hill with something that says "you can't campaign on the hill except for putting a poster on your dorm" I think simplifications like that would bring the language to a modern tone which is also going to help. And I think providing candidates with a cheat sheet is a good way to simplify technical knowledge.

Shahamah: What efforts would you make sure that the election board does to reach out to students?

Navi: I strive to be quite honest and transparent. [indiscernible] So, publicizing elections is a shared responsibility not just of E Board but of USAC as well because it's E Board's responsibility to make sure that elections are fair and open and that people participate in them but with that being said [indiscernible]. First is introducing programming. So one of my ideas is to introduce programming to work with USAC and non-USAC entities to host events for the purpose of raising awareness of what USAC does. And I think the second thing is being a little more diligent in reaching out to different community organizations. I think recalibrating the focus to make sure we are really reaching out to all these different communities is definitely going to be a priority. Third is just working with council and working with [indiscernible] to increase social media and general knowledge of USAC.

Johana: How do you plan to go about the sanctions process?

Navi: In terms of transparency, I would just say a few years ago they were all just uploaded to the website and everybody could see them and I think a similar method would work. A note about that, it's a pity that E-board does not get enough funding to even keep its website up through the entire school year. Also being active on social media.

Naomi: How would you manage to remain impartial regarding your history with elections and your frustration with elections?

Navi: I've served in a wide variety of leadership positions where I have to make decisions regarding confidentiality. I think it won't really be an issue with me. I think one of the things with why impartiality can occur, I mean we all have biases as humans but how we act on it is what's important. I think checking your own biases before acting on them is probably the most critical step.

Lily: How will you work with myself and J-Board to appropriately share the office space especially during election season?

Navi: I think during election season it's hectic and we would probably need access to the office immediately. So I think I would reach out to see what everybody's individual needs are starting off and try to be honest and cooperate.

- Naomi motions to extend the question and answer by 20 minutes, Shahama seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 motion is passed, question and answer session is extended by 20 minutes

Isabel: How will you build a relationship with council and how do you feel you will hold yourself to the expectations that we have for you?

Navi: I want to collaborate with USAC and promote USAC. I'm already coming from a place where I value collaboration and I think I also have a dual perspective as someone who's been in USAC, I've had some great experiences and also hated it so I understand what is a good relationship between us and USAC.

Jonathan: This position historically is one that is mired in controversy and is unpopular. I just want to hear a little more about your motivations in wanting to step into this specific role and how you will respond to criticism.

Navi: Quite honestly, I want to fix things. I really am just doing this because I like to do it. Criticism is a natural part of E-boards position, but if your actions demonstrate no bias and they're equitable and fair, then I think the likelihood of you receiving negative attention is dramatically lower. Leveraging communication transparency and fairness is the way that I'd probably handle it.

Navi: In closing I'd just like to say that E-Board needs some support from council, not just in terms of personnel but promoting elections and promoting what it does but also financial to increase E-Board's allocation that way we can do additional things we haven't done in the past.

Kim: ARC has no recommendation, I think that we didn't feel comfortable or confident enough to provide a recommendation.

Kelechi: I think after this it clarified a lot. I appreciate that you expressed your frustrations with USAC because that's important.

Lily: We are all willing to help with the elections, we are really trying to help you, not work against you.

Lalo motions to appoint Navi Sidhu to Election Board Chair, Kelechi seconds

- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion is approved, Navi Sidhu is appointed to Election Board Chair

SACBOG Appointments#

Watson

Zuelika Bravo for SACBOG

Robert: As you all know, we already appointed Zuelika to serve on CRC. Zuelika has done an incredible job, Zuelika contacts me very frequently, which is great, to just talk about how things are going, any updates on USAC, how she can support. Obviously, you've been a great representative from everything I've seen, and I think you would do a great job serving as a CRC rep for SAC Board of Governors.

- No opposition, Zuelika Bravo is appointed to CRC SACBOG

Briana Aguilar for SIOC SACBOG

Naomi: For those of you that don't know her, she's my appointment, she's great, she always keeps me in the loop. She's been affiliated with the space for years, She has an immense knowledge about the SCIOC space, she cares about access, she cares about retention, and she knows UCLA needs to be better in terms of access.

- No opposition, Briana Aguilar is appointed as the SIOC representative to SACBOG

Anthony Garcia as CPO representative to SACBOG

- Lalo motions to appoint Anthony Garcia as CPO representative to SACBOG, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 10-1-0 the motion is approved, Anthony Garcia is appointed as the CPO representative for SACBOG

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

—————Watson

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- True Bruin race scholarship nomination form due on the 17th
- Off campus living fair coming up

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- Bruins Vote has first kickoff meeting this Thursday
- UCSA meeting was this weekend
- Regents meeting going on today

D. General Representative 1

—————Velazquez

E. General Representative 2

Smedley

F. General Representative 3

Broukhim

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

- Books for Bruins is going to be distributed
- Planning to do a study space series at the end of the quarter

H. Campus Events Commission

—————Steinmetz

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- Office hours next week 8-9pm
- Non-profit night next Wednesday
- Meeting with Robert, Lalo and Vice Chancellor Gordon went well

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

K. Facilities Commissioner

—Shaw

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Srivastava

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- Body image task force
- Total wellness magazine zine launch
- Event to normalize rejection and failure

N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- Next week is transfer pride week
- Having a transfer lobby day

O. International Student Representative

Tariq

- Doing spring celebration event week 4 in Bruin Plaza

P. OCHC Representative

—Gupta

Q. Administrative Representatives

O'Connor

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

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VIII. Old Business

- None

IX. New Business

UCLA Uyghur Divestment Resolution*

Watson

- Tabled

@Executive Session on Personnel Matter

Watson

- Lalo motions to move to executive session, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, council moves into executive session at 1:18 am

Allocate \$5000 from Discretion to USP*

- Action item taken in executive session to allocate \$5,000 of discretionary fund to the Undocumented Student Programs for their programming,

Discussion Item Big Blue Bus Transportation

Riley

Naomi: So fee went up to ride the bus and they're also not taking student discounts anymore. So originally it was like \$0.50 and then it went up, and right now it's \$1.50. It's becoming increasingly inaccessible for students.

Lily: I think it would be helpful if multiple of us tried to meet with Transportation Services.

Surplus Proposals:

Student Organization Free Food Fund

Broukhim

Highlighting Food Insecurity on Campus:

- Food insecurity affects 42% of students across the entire University of California system
- Food closets have limited options
 - Students may feel embarrassment utilizing the food closet
 - Finding food may hinder a student's ability to attend club meetings
 - Food closets also do not address organization-wide inequities

Implementation of the Food Fund:

- \$50,000 will be allocated to Contingency for food at meetings, events, and programs
- FiCom would handle allocation of funds
 - ALL Student Organizations that have more than 15 members present at general meetings are eligible to apply
 - Student Orgs would be eligible for a maximum of \$300 per quarter
 - This would operate through the Contingency Fund, which is currently underfunded and would directly benefit student organizations
- Gen Rep 3 office would assist Student Organizations by working with Westwood business to create a vendor list that would provide discounted rates for student organizations.

[Lily motions to extend discussion by 10 minutes, Kelechi seconds, By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, 10 minute extension is approved]

BAG Allocation

Johanna: I am asking for \$5,000 to be allocated to the Bruin Advocacy Grant. Each year, it usually has \$15,000 for travel grant.. I'm asking for more funding because we've had a lot more organizations applying recently than in the past. This is a travel grant and it can go towards different things like conference fees, travel, housing, all of those things. This would largely go towards the labor conference in February. I have already given out funding under BAG and currently we only have \$8,000 and that's between

this quarter and last quarter. For this conference I feel like funding is going to be really tight. So \$5,000 is the request and it would be largely for travel.

Surplus Allocations*

[Lalo motions to move Surplus Allocation and Discussion above Officer Reports, Kelechi seconds. By motion of 12-0-0 motion passes and surplus is moved to the top]

Robert: Just to confirm and kind of respond to some of the public comment, surplus is derived from left over office and council funds, that is usually why surplus in the past went back to council and our entities that exist. Only in the past two years was surplus “open” to student orgs through a council application. That being said, surplus is still open to student orgs, surplus is not just restricted to council offices. Surplus in fact tonight will mostly go back to student orgs through funding bodies, so I just wanted to address that. Secondly, the dichotomy that’s established between our offices and student orgs is largely a false one. Both are serving students. We ran on platforms and we were elected by students in often competitive elections because of our ideas in what we wanted to do and what we wanted to accomplish. We should be able to accomplish them. And that is what surplus does. It enables us to accomplish them. None of this money is going back to us, none of this money is going back to our personal accounts, this is all going to serve students. The first \$150,000 always goes back to contingency, we always prioritize contingency and our student organizations. The money has always been open, we literally always do the deliberation of surplus in public so members of the public can view it on USAC live or in the public. Money is, once again, not restricted to council offices, we are directing money largely tonight to funding bodies and to entities that serve student orgs

Robert: Last week we did proposals, we are going to do two more tonight. We are going to look at those proposals in the contexts of what we established on the Google doc. So as you all know, we made a Google form and averages were compiled. So the way this process worked was that every council member inserted a number of what they think it should be funded. Once we did that we added those numbers together, divided them by the number of council members and came up with an average ask. With that, I’m happy to say that we’ve gotten the number down to \$139,000, it was above \$300,00 before we did this process. I understand that almost everybody tonight is not going to get full funding. I understand that there will be disparities, some people will get less funding than others. I ask that you respect the fact that we have all done our due diligence in looking at these proposals, considering these proposals, and making an educated and informed decision about how much should be allocated. So with that I am going to read the averages that were created.

- IVP Partnership Fund - \$15,000: **\$8,307.69**
- True Bruin R.A.I.S.E. - \$2,000 : **\$1,538.46**
- Office of the President Office Pay - \$4,000: **\$3,500**
- Transfer Center Funding - \$15,000 : **\$6,038.46**
- Books for Bruins - \$10,000 : **\$7,538.46**
- Contingency Programming Fund - \$56,000 : **\$20,307.69**
- BOD Fund - \$30,000 : **\$15,769.23**
- General Representative 2 Office Staff Pay - \$4,000 : **\$946.15**
- Student Organization Free Food Fund - \$50,000 : **\$13,596.153**
- CommUnity - \$45,000 : **\$22,923.07**
- CAE Disability Student Union Redesign - \$30,000: **\$11,307.69**
- CS Mini Fund - \$74,000: **\$15,538.46**
- FSC Office Pay - \$2,000: **\$1,615.38**
- Reproductive Justice Health Center Funding - \$4,800: **\$2,007.69**
- Bruincard Fee Waivers Funding - \$3,750: **\$2,576.92**
- Transportation Representation - \$8,000: **\$1,692.30**
- International Student Representative Office Pay - \$3,950: **\$3,392.30**
- BAG Allocation - \$5,000- **\$4,423**

TOTAL: \$143,019.23

DELIBERATIONS

Lily: I want to start by saying my funding proposal is pretty much a one time cost, it's not going to be a recurring fund. It's to completely redesign CAE and make it a student space. I told y'all the exact number that I got from CAE to do this. My point, if I do not meet that threshold, I don't know if I want to take any money because if I cannot get the minimum requirement the whole plan will be off. I do have concerns about putting money back into Contingency because I worry it's not sustainable and it's going to create another crisis like the one we're already experiencing where no organization has enough money. We need more than anything a referendum.

Shahamah: I would like to understand more about the transportation money and ask if it is still going towards that initiative. I personally support money going into Contingency because it is something that most student orgs know about. It would be a nice way to give back to student orgs.

Orion: I talked with lots of different people and had meetings with lots of different people. And I realized that this money is very valuable to all the projects they want to do this. I talked to housing and it sounded like they were willing to fund this on their own. I think this money should get put back into Contingency because it makes it more accessible for students. We originally had a discussion on what option we are going to do because USAC is not a funding body. We already have funding bodies in place like Contingency and BOD, so one option we have is to put everything in BOD right now. So one thing we can do is put everything in BOD right now.

- Orion motions to put remaining surplus in BOD, Isabel seconds
- By motion of 1-11-1 the motion does not pass, the money is not moved into BOD

Robert: This average that was recommended for you was not to go to Contingency, so I feel like if you are scratching that proposal and proposing that the same amount go into Contingency I feel like we should do an averaging of that that reflects that proposal. If you wanna do that what you can do right now is you can strike your two proposals or keep them, and then propose that that same amount be put into contingency and we can average it. Because right now these numbers reflect averages for your projects not the money we agreed upon for Contingency. Do you want to keep these as are or make a new proposal for contingency?

Dr.Geller: There's only one proposal out of all these proposals that is dollar sensitive. The funding for the CAE remodel is really an all or nothing initiative. I would strongly encourage you all to first address the CAE project and think about do you want to fully fund it so it can happen or not. If you want to give anything less than the amount, then it may not happen. Then you can see what's left and you can look at all of the others. All of the funding sources would love to have more money but will take anything you give and be able to use it. The request that Lily submitted for the CAE furniture is a different type of request. Think about it differently than the others, perhaps take a look at that one first.

Dr.Geller: If you are interested in this project setting aside \$30,000 from surplus to either be allocated to that or something else at a later date and to give at least another week to gain clarity on what the level of support is. You can always come back and if it's not allocated towards that, use it for any of the other projects, it may be preliminary to allocate funding if there isn't clarity.

- Isabel motions to set aside \$30,000 for 2 weeks in order to gain clarity on issue with CAE, Shahamah seconds
- By motion of 12-0-1 motion passes, \$30,000 is set aside for two weeks

Tara: I just wanted to propose a solution for this, I agree with Dr. Geller in that if we are saying yes, we are willing to put the \$30,000 if everything pulls through, we're able to get confirmation, I think we should put that aside right now. Maybe if you guys could re-create the document you made earlier and give us maybe five minutes to redo our allocations, focus for five minutes,

and come back to it, and make new judgements and then in two weeks time, we now have a \$30,000 pool to reallocate and do the process again. So everyone calculate based off \$99,000 and take out Lily's proposal, assume the \$30,000 has already been allocated.

- Jonathan motions to move forward with Tara's proposal, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-1-1 the motion passes, moving forward with Tara's proposal

Robert: Orion, did you want to strike you proposals and instead advocate that the money be allocated towards Contingency?

Orion:Yes.

Robert: Okay, so we're going to move the \$8,000 onto the asked amount for Contingency is \$64,000.

[After \$99,000 re-assessment] :

BAG \$5,000- \$3,392

IVP Partnership Fund \$15,000 - **\$7,178**

True Bruin R.A.I.S.E. \$2,000- **\$1,357**

Office of the President Office Pay \$4,000-**\$2,928**

Transfer Center Funding \$15,000 - **\$8,178**

Books for Bruins \$10,000 - **\$6,571**

Contingency Programming Fund \$64,000- **\$15,230**

BOD Fund \$30,000 - **\$7,991**

General Representative 2 Office Staff Pay \$4,000- **\$178**

Student Organization Free Food Fund \$50,000- **\$7,000**

CommUnity \$45,000- **\$22,140**

CS Mini Fund \$74,000- **\$6,986**

FSC Office Pay \$2,000- **\$1,138**

Reproductive Justice Health Center Funding \$3,750 -**\$1,561**

BruinCard Fee Waiver: **\$1,788**

International Student Representative Office Pay \$3,950- **\$2,767**

Total: **\$96,390**

[Discussion]:

Naomi: I would like to make Books for Bruins a flat \$7,000

Kim: Let's just round everything up to the nearest hundred.

- Orion motions to move remainder of surplus to Contingency, Brandon seconds
- By motion of 7-6-0 the motion passes, the remainder will be sent to Contingency

Johanna: I would like to add \$2,100 additional funds to the Transfer Center's amount.

Robert: Do we like the \$96,900 that was allocated through the Google form? Do we like the proposals?

Kim: I would like to make Books for Bruins \$7,000 flat. So an increase by \$400.

- Brandon motions to move \$400 to Books for Bruins, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-2-0 the motion passes, \$400 additional is given to Books for Bruins from the remaining surplus

- Brandon motions to put \$800 of the remaining surplus to the Transfer Center fund, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, increased transfer center funding by \$800

- Millen motions to add \$200 to BruinCard Fee Waiver fund, Lalo seconds
- By motion of 11-1-0 the motion passes, \$200 additional funding given to BruinCard Fee Waiver Fund from remaining surplus

- Orion motions to move \$700 to Contingency, Brandon seconds
- By motion of 5-6-0 the motion does not pass, \$700 of remaining surplus not moved to Contingency

- Lalo motions to move \$300 to CommUnity, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 9-1-2 the motion passes, \$300 of remaining surplus moved to CommUnity

- Orion motions to move \$400 of remaining to Contingency, Brandon seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motions passes, remaining \$400 allocated to Contingency

Final Totals :

- BAG - **\$3400**
- IVP Partnership Fund: **\$7,200**
- True Bruin R.A.I.S.E. : **\$1,400**
- Office of the President Office Pay: **\$3,000**
- Transfer Center Funding: **\$9,000**
- Books for Bruins: **\$7,000**
- Contingency Programming: **\$15,700**
- BOD Fund: **\$8,000**
- Gen Rep 2 Office Pay: **\$200**
- Student Organization Free Food Fund: **\$7,000**
- CommUnity: **\$22,500**
- CS Mini Fund: **\$7,000**
- FSC Office Pay: **\$1,200**
- Reproductive Health Center: **\$1,600**
- BruinCard Fee Waiver Fund: **\$2,000**
- International Student Representative Office Pay: **\$2,800**

Total: \$99,000

- Millen motions to approve \$99,000 of surplus allocations, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-1-0 the motion passes, surplus is fully allocated to USAC entities

X. Adjournment*

Watson

- Robert adjourns at 1:23 am

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

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