AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
February 4, 2020
7:00PM

I. Call to Order
- 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*
1/28/2020
- Lalo motions to approve minutes from 1/28/2020, Jonathan seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, minutes from 1/28/2020 are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*
- Make CAE redesign an action item
  - Lalo motions to make CAE redesign an action item, Jonathan seconds
  - By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, CAE redesign is added as an action item

- Strike TGIF, strike Travel Grant Mini Fund, strike SWC programming fund, table Election Board presentations, strike BAG, strike Lalo’s discussion item

- Naomi motions to add AAC Travel Grant Bylaw Change, Lalo seconds
  - By motion of 11-0-1 the motion passes, AAC Travel Grant Bylaw Change consent item added

- Lalo motions to approve agenda as amended, Lily seconds
  - By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

IV. Public Comment
No Audio No Video
4 comments

Audio No Video:
- Hi my name is Sachi Cooper, I'm part of the Facilities Commission on the Blank Space Committee. I’m also here to advocate for the full funding of the CAE re-design. I think this is really important because USAC as a whole advocates for accessibility in a variety of different ways whether that’s academics, environment, working with different programs for the campus community. When we look at one of the basic forms of accessibility being physical and mental we’re really not doing nearly enough to address this. Working on the Blank Space Committee has made me realize that
finding space on this campus is really difficult, there’s lots of groups that want it and lots of groups that deserve it. But the fact of the matter is, is that in this case we have a space it just needs a little bit of work. This proposal, fully funding it would do so much. Student survey found that 60% of students who identify as having a disability physical or mental don’t take advantage of the services here on campus because the services for accessibility are inaccessible themselves. Working towards this small step to making this place a little more welcoming and a little more helpful to students who need it something that USAC can do to make an impact on this really important issue.

Audio and Video:
- 0 comments

Public comment adjourned at 7:21 pm

Capital Contingency*  
Total Requested: $375  
Total Allocated: $375  
- Lalo motions to allocate $375, Kelechi seconds  
- By motion of 11-0-1 the motion passes, capital contingency allocation approved  

Contingency Programming*  
Total Requested: $21,500.69  
Total Allocated: $7,450.83  
- Lalo motions to allocate $7,450.83, Jonathan seconds  
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, contingency programming allocation approved  

SFS Allocations#  
Total Requested: $7,734.64  
Total Recommended: $5,488.38  
CSC and non-CSC groups  
- No opposition, recommended allocation approved  

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#  
------- Sridhar  

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#  
------- Guerra  

ASRF Allocations#  
Total Recommended: $2,000  
Non-USAC entities  
- No opposition, ASRF allocations approved  

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#  
------- Riley  

ARCF Allocations#  
Total Recommended: $4,625  
- No opposition, ARCF allocations approved  

TGIF  
------- Shaw
V. Special Presentations

CAE Updates and Presentation*

Shaw

The Psychology of Design - Mental Benefits

- Rooted in biological human needs
- Use natural patterns to reduce stressors and increase productivity
- Environments that are complex, asymmetrical, unfamiliar or unorganized cause a sensory overload
- Ex: McDonalds versus office space

The Psychology of Design - Physical Benefits

- “The modern world sets off stressors more frequently, which wear down our immune systems”
- Hospital colors can reduce amount of pain
- Even images of real or simulated nature can improve recovery times

ADA Compliance and Universal Design

- Specific requirements from desks to pathways
- Logically, the Center for Accessible Education needs to be ADA compliant

- Universal Design is "a design process that enables and empowers a diverse population by improving human performance, health and wellness, and social participation" (Steinfeld and Maisel, 2012).

Why CAE?

- The current design is not functional and offensive
- Overwhelming clutter and bacteria filled carpets
- Staff members are overwhelmed and overworked
- Lack of organization makes it difficult to find necessary information that helps students

The Goal of the Design and the Programming

Design

- Accessible for all students with disabilities because there are few truly accessible places where this underrepresented population can come together in community
- To obtain as many mental and physical benefits as possible, for both employees and students

Programming

- Increase awareness of disabilities, both physical and mental
- Create a community and provide speakers and activities
- Peer mentorship and bridge different departments
The Budget - How Much and Why

How much - 30,000
Why
- Removing a non-load bearing wall - 1000
- Wall paint
- Uplift carpet and redo with hardwood floors
- ADA Compliant desks
- Storage cabinets and filing cabinets on wheels
- Desk Chairs
- Waiting bench for people who need to rest, and excess seating for activities
- Many other additions such as heat pads for injured muscles and snacks for diabetics

High Budget
- One and done - there will be no need to ask for more money for this room in the future
- Allows for any unforeseen issues
- Will not need to be redone or replaced for decades
- Truly ADA compliant and accessible

Why You Care
- needs to be done now because we need to work around their schedules
- I have been doing research for months. We have a whole committee and people who care
- We’re ready, we’re waiting on you.
- It’s the only minority you can join

- Isabel motions to allocate $30,000 from surplus to the CAE Re-design, Lalo seconds
- By motion of 13-0-0 the motion passes, $30,000 from surplus is allocated to CAE Re-design

Election Updates:

Election Calendar*
Social Media Guidelines*
Election Code*

VI. Appointments
- None

VII. Officer Reports
A. President
- Laundry updates coming soon
- Gender recognition task force completing a lot of their work this week
- Office retreat last week, turnout was good
- Internship program is going well
- Assisting with elections when they come up

B. Internal Vice President
- Campus safety alliance meeting next Wednesday at 5pm
- True Bruin R.A.I.S.E. results announced on Friday
- GROW has a networking fair on February 19th
- IVP Partnership Fund application dropping on Friday

**C. External Vice President**

- Student regent recruitment selection, opened to all registered students. February 12th
- Tuition hike vote was postponed, trying to organize student voices to be at next regents meeting, advocating against tuition hike
- Working on bruins vote stuff

**D. General Representative 1**

- Releasing a survey about issues with UCPath for students or staff, presenting this to admin, releasing Thursday or Friday

**E. General Representative 2**

- Doing research into things like move out, maybe have a discussion with OCHC

**F. General Representative 3**

- Started meeting with local Westwood business about creating special rates for student events
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**G. Academic Affairs Commissioner**

- Office hours with TSR regarding priority enrollment, students with dependents trying to be added to the list of priority enrollment
- First senator retreat last week
- Vice Chancellor Gordon came in and talked about reorganization of student affairs
- CAE will be under Dean Blandizzi
- Mental health event this week went really well
- Going to release study space survey

**H. Campus Events Commission**

- Currently have screening of Birds of Prey
- Thursday finale of campus movie fest
- Next Tuesday, screening Hustlers in Ackerman Grand Ballroom
- Potential speaking event next week
- Week 7 screening Midsomer
- Week 8 concert on Tuesday in Ackerman Grand Ballroom

**I. Community Service Commissioner**

- Impact is next week
- Started Approved Driver Training, implementing a new training to drive the vans
- Office hours tomorrow from 8-9pm in Kerkhoff State room
- Last week non-profit networking night went well
- Meeting with Assistant Vice Chancellor for Alumni affairs about the Volunteer Center
- Dim sum fundraiser next Tuesday from 10-2
- Alternative breaks, self care booth on Thursday on Bruin Walk from 10-4

**J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner**

- Hip Hop congress has film screening and panel on Friday
- Word is tomorrow
- Meeting with someone from the Mayor's office about

**K. Facilities Commissioner**

- Bruin Bazarre next week on Wednesday
- Launching petition at Bruin Bazarre for Ozzie
- Screening of Come As You Are, Co-Programming with Lalo, Week 9

**L. Financial Supports Commissioner**

- Out of state student workshop February 11 from 6-7pm
- Working with covel commons to revamp online portal
- Organizing social media campaign for online public comment
- Released petition to increase meal swipe value on campus
- Beginning sit down negotiations with ASUCLA about increasing meal swipe values
- Reproductive Health Center flyering, goal is to have it up and running by Week 1 of Spring quarter
- Women in finance break out session on March 8th
- Hosting financial literacy workshops
- Apartment hunting workshop on February 19th from 6-8pm in Bruin Viewpoint room

**M. Student Wellness Commissioner**

Sridhar
- BruiNecessities: Menstrual Hygiene Fair 2/13; Hygiene Drive with Bruins for Accessible Resources Weeks 6-8
- Bruin Run/Walk: Registration is opens for the 21st Annual Bruin Run/Walk on Sunday, April 26th and is currently FREE until Saturday! Register [here](#).
- CPR & First Aid: SWC-wide free CPR class this Saturday
- EARTH: Began Sustainable Change Contests, where eco-friendly prizes to a winner who sends in the most creative picture of them making the sustainable change of the week (this week: 5 bamboo toothbrushes)
- SEARCH: Stress Less Fair this Monday 12-4pm in Bruin Plaza; “We Regret to Inform You: Reflections on Rejection and Resilience” KAG exhibit is all of next week (2/10-2/14)
- Sexperts: Snacks and Sex Ed next Tuesday (2/11) with Queer Alliance for Pride Week!
- Student Health Network: Sign the Students With Dependents [Petition](#) for Priority Enrollment

**N. Transfer Representative**

Oraha
- Share the petition for students with dependents at tinyurl.com/parentingpetition
- Date for transfer lobby day : April 29th
- Study hall in transfer center next Tuesday

**O. International Student Representative**

Tariq

**P. OCHC Representative**

Gupta
- Energy games on Wednesday
- Appreciation event for staff on Friday
- Week 7 Casino night
- Residential life town hall Monday Week 6

**Q. Administrative Representatives**

Alexander, Champawat, Geller, O’Connor

**VIII. Old Business**

- None

**IX. New Business**

**Discussion Item: Student Advocacy Groups**

Velazquez

AAC Travel Grant Bylaw Change#

Riley

All we’re adding is bus passes or go metro passes to be included towards reimbursement.

- No opposition, AAC Travel Grant Bylaw Change is approved

**X. Adjournment**

Watson
- Robert adjourns meeting at 8:17 pm