



AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
February 18, 2020
7:00PM

I. Call to Order

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:11 pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Sign in sheet is passed around

II. Approval of minutes*

- 2/11/2020 minutes
- Lily motions to approve minutes from 2/11/2020, Lalo seconds
- By motion of 10-0-0 the motion passes, minutes from 2/11/2020 are approved

III. Approval of the Agenda*

- Lalo motions to add Executive Session item for Personnel Matter: Appointment, Lily seconds
- By motion of 10-0-1 the motion passes, item added to the agenda

- Strike TGIF, strike ARCF, strike FAC officer report, strike Capital Contingency, strike CSC officer report, strike OCHC officer report, strike Gen Rep 1 officer report

- Jonathan motions to add Executive Session Action Item to the discussion item: Internal Elections, Shahamah seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, action item vote in executive session is approved

- Lalo motions to approve agenda as amended, Kim seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, agenda is approved as amended

IV. Public Comment

Watson

No Audio No Video:

- 1 comment

Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio and Video:

- Hey guys my name is Cam. I'm one of the [indiscernible] directors at the EVP office. I'm here to advertise for the SLC [indiscernible] conference at the end of this quarter. It's a really cool trip that we do on an annual basis. [indiscernible] and you get trained for two days [indiscernible] about things like basic needs, food, housing, things like that. Another reason why it's great is it's all expenses paid so like food, housing, it's all covered. I think Tabitha sent you an email as well.

- Hi guys I'm Nia from CALPIRG the statewide student advocacy group. As you probably know we have 8 chapters across the UC system. So far across the state we've collected over 5,000 new members that are looking to grapple used plastics and protect our oceans. So we're going to go to Sacramento in a few weeks to lobby our elected officials in support of [indiscernible] and SB54. Let us know if you want to join us, it will be all expenses paid.

- Hey my name is Dylan, I'm also here with CALPIRG. CALPIRG is part of the nation's oldest and largest youth led, non-partisan mobilizations efforts. Across the state our chapters have registered 2,000 students to vote in the primary elections. Here at UCLA we managed to get 1,044 students registered. So that was really awesome. Special thanks to

the EVP office who helped us out with this initiative. Early voting at our vote center here in Ackerman will start this Saturday.

- I'm also from CALPIRG. We're working to make textbooks more affordable for all UC students by implementing a UC wide open textbook program. We are in a really special place here at UCLA, we are the number one public university but most of the other UC's currently have an open textbook program. [indiscernible] We're going to be doing that from 11-1 tomorrow.
- Hi everyone. I'm here to give a brief public comment about the resolution on today's agenda. First of all, thank you to Millen, Brandon, and Robert for sponsoring this resolution. The basic purpose of this resolution is just to highlight Sikh history and who Sikh's are because we are the 5th largest religion in the world but often times not anyone has heard of us. Just to throw some numbers out there, there are about 700,000 Sikh's living in the United States and over half of them are in California. Sikhism is listed as an ethnic identity in this year's census for the first time ever. Just here at UCLA there's about 206 majoring in anything from biology to film. Thank you and I hope to have your support on this resolution.
- Public Comment adjourned at 7:24 pm

Capital Contingency*

Komzyuk

Contingency Programming*

Komzyuk

Total Requested: \$39,614.22

Total Recommended: \$11,785.14

42 applications from USAC and non-USAC groups

- Lalo motions to allocate \$11,785.14, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 12-0-0 the motion passes, Contingency allocation is approved

SFS Allocations#

Wisner

Total Requested: \$6,886.21

Total Recommended: \$6,860.00

6 applications

- No opposition, SFS allocations passes by consent

SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

Total Requested: \$2,049.03

Total Recommended : \$1,600.75

- No opposition, SWC allocation passes by consent

Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Guerra

ASRF Allocations#

Riley

Total Recommended: \$1,310.00

Non-USAC entities

- No opposition, ASRF allocation passes by consent

AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

Total Recommended: \$2,186.00

Non-USAC entities

- No opposition, AAC allocation passes by consent

V. Special Presentations

Student Group Conduct Code Presentation by DOS

Bonifacio

Blandizzi: My name is Maria Blandizzi and I'm the Dean for students.

Zoya: Hi I'm Zoya, I'm the Chief of Staff for Dean Blandizzi.

Blandizzi: We come with some information about a new code of conduct that we have been working on for the past three years. So to break this down, there are 28 rules that govern the expectations that the university has for individual students. It's things like making sure that if a faculty believes there is academic misconduct, plagiarism, or if something is happening in the residence halls that is threatening. Disruption in an academic setting, so all of these rules, there's a whole process. Often times if a student is found responsible, there's things like suspension, dismissal, probation, it can be very high stakes. Graduate and undergraduate students go through this process. There is nothing currently in the code that governs groups of students and their behavior that might be an allegation of one of these 28 codes. So what we've done over the past two years is develop a similar code of conduct for groups of students. And by groups of students, I don't just mean the RCO's, I mean athletic teams, I mean any group of people that gather together to do some kind of joint activity. And in the code we define this in all different ways. So this could be academic student groups, this could be the band, this could be any kind of sponsored activity that is cohorted in nature with a group of students doing some type of activity. This process that we've been working on outlines how we would go through an engagement with a group of students. This creates a baseline for standards. This process also allows us to be more transparent. When we are concerned about a student's activity, your activity is completely governed by privacy. When we're talking about groups of students, we will be more transparent about that. We will say the "flute club was doing something that violated the code and they are on suspension for three terms" or whatever the case may be. The point is that we would be more transparent with the campus community about the behavior of groups of students that might be compromising the safety of the campus community. We will be more transparent about what sanctions are budding against that organization and we would have a thorough process by which we would investigate the alleged allegation, and then there would be a group conduct board. We will have a group of 8 individuals, 8 students, to review these allegations if the group of students does not accept responsibility. What I'm here to tell you is that this process/code will go live July 1, 2020 and it's going to go live with some revised concepts around the student conduct code. So we have gone through legal council, actually your predecessors sat with me two years ago and reviewed the process and gave us feedback along the way, and we've finally gotten a process that we're prepared to launch. We will launch this for the next academic year but it will go live. The role you have as USAC is that you will get this in your appointment process, we want you to appoint an undergraduate student, the GSA will also appoint a graduate rep, and then there will be an application process for students to apply should they want to sit on the board. They will be advised by a university administrator. All of this is in the policy and how it's laid out.

Zoya: I'm gonna walk you through the process. We receive a report of alleged behavior about behavior that we're concerned about during USAC election. This can involve a violation of student group student conduct code and the election code. So there might be two parallel processes where the slate in question goes through the election board process of investigating an election code violation an election code and they go through our process of conduct code violation. If the report is sufficient and could potentially result in a campus climate concern, we refer that to the [indiscernible] office, per campus policy 240. If we don't pass it on, the case will stay with our office and will go through this process. The student group will receive a notice from our office and will have a week to two weeks to get back to us and to speak with us. We try to give notice a couple different times. When they come in they'll be able to see any information we have, any pictures, screenshots, videos, camera surveillance, so that they have all the information that we are using to be concerned about their behavior. They have the option to either accept responsibility for the violation. If they don't accept responsibility but we're still concerned about their behavior, that's when they get transferred to the group conduct board, and given the information they have in front of them, they'll have a hearing with the student conduct board. If the group conduct board determines that a code was violated, then they get transferred back to our

office where the dean assigned to their case will provide a sanction. The vice chancellor has the final decision on conduct matters.

Blandizzi: My questions to you are: what spaces do you think we need to go to inform your peers about this process? And where should we advertise the application process?

Lily: I think you should reach out to OSAC allocated spaces and the orgs that are in those spaces.

Naomi: I don't know if you've thought about this already but department chairs usually send out constant updates on opportunities and I feel like maybe this would be a good one.

Isabel: Also the Transfer Leadership Coalition. They meet even weeks, except week 10 on Wednesdays at 5pm.

Naomi: I think even AAP has several programs housed under them, CCP is one of them, the peer counseling department as well. They also have various email chains to different students so that would help outreach underrepresented students as well.

Shahamah: Dashew center also sends out periodic emails.

Jonathan: CSC, we have general meetings where we have at least one representative from all of our projects every other week on even weeks, and you're more than welcome to come and chat. Even weeks on Wednesdays at 8pm starting next quarter.

VI. Appointments

- none

VII. Officer Reports

A. President

Watson

- Meeting with President of the University of California on Thursday in Oakland
- Trying to get scantrons and blue books free permanently

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- True Bruin R.A.I.S.E. ceremony tomorrow night from 6-8pm, 19 awardees
- Networking fair happening in Bruin Plaza tomorrow
- IVP Partnership Fund has been launched

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- Bruins Vote, partnering with them to register students on campus
- Student lobby conference application is live

D. General Representative 1

—————Velazquez

E. General Representative 2

Smedley

- Just had a meeting with facilities, agreed to do signage updates

F. General Representative 3

Broukhim

- Forwarded to CRC a constitutional amendment, lots of transparency bylaw changes upcoming

G. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

- Released study space survey today
- Central American counter spaces art submissions being collected through this Friday
- Marketing team has looked through the archives for black organizer students that lead a lot of changes here on campus

H. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Thursday screening Midsommer on the hill

- Next Tuesday : both at 7pm, concert with in Ackerman Grand Ballroom, screening Parasite in James Bridges Theatre at 8pm
- Week 9- Bruin Plaza concert at noon
- Week 9- screening The Way Back
- Week 10- Little Fires Everywhere with a Q&A with the director

I. Community Service Commissioner

—Wisner

J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- Word tomorrow 7-9pm in Kerckhoff Art Gallery
- Hip Hop Congress has a fashion show called Breaking the Chains from 7-10pm on Thursday in Ackerman Grand Ballroom
- Clothing donations to Bruin Bazarre at the fashion show

K. Facilities Commissioner

—Shaw

L. Financial Supports Commissioner

Srivastava

- UC regents collecting and reading public comments about Dignity Health
- Launching social media campaign against tuition hikes
- Hosting out of state student workshop
- Meal swipe petition
- Hosting an apartment hunting workshop tomorrow tinyurl.com/apartmenthunting2020

M. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- Active Minds: Thu 2/27 5-8pm Mental Health Monologues in Kerckhoff Art Gallery; Fri 2/21 5-8pm Writing Love Letters to Yourself/Navigating Relationships at RISE
- BruinNecessities: Destigmatizing Menstruation Art Exhibit at Kerckhoff Art Gallery this week; Tabling at QCH's Gender Affirmation Fair on Thu 2/20
- EARTH: Upcycling event w/ Medical Aid Initiative Wed 2/19 at Royce 152 from 6-7pm.
- Sexperts: A Fucking Comedy Show Fri 2/21 8-9:30pm in Bruin Viewpoint Room; Tabling at QCH's Gender Affirming Fair Fri 2/21 in Kerckhoff Grand Salon
- Total Wellness: Bullet Journaling Workshop Wed 2/19 (Covel Commons West Coast from 7:30-9pm)
- [Health For Heritage Week](#) is all of Week 8!
- Active Minds: Wed 2/26 7-9pm Utakatawan: Physical x Mental Health in the Pilipino Community in Bradley Hall
- BruinNecessities: Hygiene Drive w/ Bruins for Accessible Resources Weeks 6-8 (Donation boxes outside SWC Office Kerckhoff 308, Good Clothes Good People in SAC, and the RISE Center in Lu Valle); Dental Hygiene Fair Thu 2/27 at Bruin Plaza
- Body Image Task Force: Queer Alliance collaborative panel on body image in the queer community Mon 2/24 6-8pm (share this [speaker interest form](#) please)
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Mon 2/24 6-8pm Sexy Jeopardy and CARE conversation with ASU
- EARTH: Beach Clean-Up w/ ISU and PSA on Sat 2/22 9:30-2pm
- Health, Nutrition & Fitness: Mon 2/24 6-8pm snacks and allyship w/ Special Olympics and Access on Board (FAC) in JWC
- SEARCH: Unpacking Medical Racism w/ ASU and AWC on Tue 2/25 6:30-8pm in De Neve Auditorium; Love Potions w/ MEChA on 2/24 6-8pm in Kerckhoff Art Gallery
- Sexperts: Mini-Resource Fair with BLAIDS for students w/ and w/o UCSHIP Weds 2/26 2-4pm
- Total Wellness: "Caught on Film: Food for the Feed" interactive mental health art exhibit w/ SEACLEAR on Fri 2/28 10-12pm in Kerckhoff Grand Salon

N. Transfer Representative

Oraha

- We submitted priority enrollment proposal, they invited us to present on Friday at 9am
- tinyurl.com/parentingpetition for students with dependents

- Housing panel first couple weeks of spring quarter

O. International Student Representative

Tariq

- Trying to get in touch with ECRT about funds we were able to secure last year

P. OCHC Representative

~~Gupta~~

Q. Administrative Representatives

Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

O'Connor

Jessica: Just a reminder to fill out the form for room 417.

VIII. Old Business

- None

IX. New Business

A Resolution to Recognize the Sikh Genocide of 1984*

Broukhim

A Resolution to Recognize the Sikh Genocide of 1984

SPONSORS: Sikh Student Association Brandon J. Broukhim,
General Representative III Millen Srivastava, Financial
Supports Commissioner Robert Watson, President

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles has a sizable population of Sikhs, and each Spring, students join in celebrating Sikh Awareness Day to bring to light issues facing the Sikh community both on campus and the broader American context; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world; and ¹

WHEREAS, there are over 700,000 Sikhs living in the United States, immigrating from Punjab, over 125 years ago; and ²

WHEREAS, The California State Assembly, on April 16, 2015, unanimously passed Assembly Concurrent Resolution 34, which recognizes the systematic and organized killings of Sikhs by the Indian government in New Delhi and remembers those who lost their lives during the 1984 Sikh Genocide; and ³

WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means; and ⁴

WHEREAS, California is the first state legislative body in the nation to recognize the grave human rights violations that took place against Sikhs; and ⁵

WHEREAS, The Sikh Genocide of 1984 took place in New Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra beginning on October 31, 1984 and lasting four days, an estimated 5,000+ Sikhs were brutally murdered or died as they were hunted in their homes, hacked, and burned alive: and ^{6,7}

WHEREAS, more than 250 Sikhs were butchered by Indian security forces in fake encounters and more than 250,000 were arrested during this period while peacefully demanding state autonomy for Punjab and the rest of the state in India and their

just share of Punjab waters as stated by international riparian laws; and

⁸ <http://www.religionfacts.com/sikhism/facts> ¹

<http://www.sikhfoundation.org/sikh-punjabi-language-studies/a-century-of-sikhs-in-california-by-bruce-la-brack/> ² Assembly

Concurrent Resolution 34 (ACR 34) ³ <http://www.ensaaf.org/publications/reports/20years/20years-2nd.pdf> ⁴

http://www.indiawest.com/news/global_indian/california-state-assembly-resolution-calls-riots-sikh-pogrom/

⁵ [article_e8cc7628-e913-11e4-9747-db62847ebda1.html](http://www.indiawest.com/news/global_indian/california-state-assembly-resolution-calls-riots-sikh-pogrom/article_e8cc7628-e913-11e4-9747-db62847ebda1.html) <http://www.ensaaf.org/publications/reports/20years/> ⁶

<http://www.sikhsforjustice.org/?q=content/know-the-facts> ⁷ http://www.panthkhalsa.org/raj/raj_1984.php ⁸

WHEREAS, as recent as 2011, mass graves have been discovered in the villages of Hondh- Chillar and Pataudi in Haryana, and many more will continue to be discovered in the future with Indian government officials and police flouting impunity; and ⁹

WHEREAS, the Government of India, despite numerous resolutions by Special Investigation Teams convened by the Supreme Court of India, has never punished the Indian government officials and police that were complicit and orchestrated the violence and in some cases has elevated these perpetrators to cabinet and other leadership positions (Kamal Nath and Jagdish Tytler); and ¹⁰

WHEREAS, the "Widow Colony" (the Tilak Vihar neighborhood in New Delhi) still houses thousands of Sikh women, who were forced to bear mass rape and witness the hacking, burning, and murder of their husbands, fathers, and sons, still are calling for justice against the perpetrators; and ¹¹

WHEREAS, many of the survivors of the Sikh Genocide eventually immigrated to the United States and established large Sikh communities in places such as Fresno, Yuba City, Stockton, Fremont, Glenrock and Los Angeles, among other places; and

WHEREAS, the 700,000+ strong Sikh community in America has recovered from the material damages of the Genocide, they continue to keep the memory of the Sikh martyrs alive and will never forget the Sikh Genocide of 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) has been at the forefront in encouraging awareness and education surrounding human rights violations; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC solemnly commemorates the 1984 Sikh Genocide and condemns attempts made by the Indian government as well as the U.S. government, to distort the historical reality of the Sikh Genocide; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC supports the efforts of the Sikh American community at UCLA to establish November as Sikh Awareness Month and the official month of remembrance for the Sikh Genocide; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC supports the efforts of members of the Sikh Student Association to continue to push for a permanent Sikh studies department and course to be established on UCLA's campus.

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution shall be sent to the UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Monroe Gordon Jr, University of California Office of the President (UCOP), University of California President, the Regents of the University of California, and Daily Bruin.

http://archive.tehelka.com/story_main49.asp?filename=Ne120311EXCLUSIVE.asp ⁹
<http://www.ensaaf.org/publications/reports/20years/> ¹⁰
<http://www.thewidowcolony.com> ¹¹

- Lily motions to approve the Resolution to Recognize the Sikh Genocide of 1984, Orion seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, the resolution is approved

FSC Appointment Bylaw Change*

Srivastava

- Tabled

Discussion Item: Referenda

Watson

Robert: The reason this is being prefaced is because the council will have to eventually vote on this. Essentially over the past multiple years many of my predecessors but also myself have been involved in a discussion of an ASUCLA space about the future. Discussions about the future of ASUCLA and the old loading dock. So to the right of the student union there is an old loading dock that has the capacity to build a six story building. It's an ASUCLA space, the loading dock is no longer used it's right by Westwood turn around. This is something that has been discussed with the Chancellor, with the Vice Chancellor, and with the CEO of ASUCLA. Essentially the proposal that has been brought forth is one that advocates for a referenda to be passed to cover a portion of the building and also programmatic purposes before and after that would allow students to have a direct say about what is actually placed in that building. When I found out about this, initially a lot of conversations happened internally with ASUCLA folks, with the Chancellor, and started to slowly reach out to the communities we thought needed this space the most and could best utilize this space. Obviously something that I personally ran on and something that I've been working on since last year is the Black Resource Center and the continuity of that, the space that its been given isn't adequate. Obviously the space that's given to the cultural organizations isn't adequate, and any space that's student run and student led should probably be prioritized in that way.

Lalo: From there Robert kind of reached out to me. With that came the idea of bringing the MO's into this potential referenda. Last week, Naomi, Robert and I were at the MO meeting basically giving them the run down of what the process would look like. We came to the agreement that we'd work on the language this week, ideally finalizing it, and then presenting a finalized language to council next week. Then we will eventually be voting on when the ballot is presented.

Robert: This language will be presented to SFAC tomorrow for consultation which is a requirement and then by Week 8 it must be sent to UCOP for approval. That process is happening. Ultimately we want the council to be included, obviously Transfer Leadership Coalition is being involved in this, obviously [indiscernible], obviously this has major AAC implications, IVP as well.

@Discussion Item: Internal Elections*

Watson

- Isabel motions to enter executive session, Lalo seconds
- By motion of 9-2-1 the motion passes, council enters executive session at 8:50 pm

@Personnel Matter: Appointment

- Lily motions to end executive session, Kelechi seconds
- By motion of 11-0-0 the motion passes, executive session is ended
- Discussed a personnel matter pertaining to an appointment. No action was taken.

X. Adjournment*

Watson

- Robert adjourns at 10:07 pm

Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@Indicates Executive Session Item