



AGENDA
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
 Kerckhoff 417
 January 23, 2018
 7:00PM

1. Put full stops everywhere.
2. See if there are any proper nouns for capitalization: committee names, etc. “daca” “ucla”
3. Change “undoc” to “undocumented” everywhere.
4. Anything that reads “xxx” (or any number of x’s): fill out the proper noun that goes there.
5. Final proofreading for spelling, syntax and grammar.
6. Find out who Mo’s proxy was and replace in her name everywhere that it says Mo. --- her name is Claire.
7. Rearrange the minutes since we did half of new business before appointments. Speak to Jessica to understand what is to be moved around.

I. Call to Order

Mokhtarzadeh

A. Signing of The Attendance Sheet

- Li calls the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
- The attendance sheet is passed around.

II. Approval of The Agenda*

- Lee, Hardwicke, Saidian strike their officer member report.
- Li struck USAC History and Archives presentation.
- Boudaie moves to approve the agenda as amended, Lee seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from
 January 16th, 2018*

- Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve the minutes, Boudaie seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, the minutes are approved.

IV. Public Comments

NO AUDIO NO VIDEO- none

AUDIO, NO VIDEO- none

VIDEO AND AUDIO

- Richard White, Chairperson for student fee advisory committee
 - We met with vice chancellor
 - We discussed DACA and undoc students
 - There were no clear solutions
 - We can use the surplus for this.
- Fernanada Romero, DACA Recipient:
 - The udoc community needs your support
 - The surplus should go through DACA and undoc students
 - We are at the max risk due to the Trump administration.
 - My biggest fear is that I will be unemployed and become a burden on my family.
- Elizabeth Lizardo, Internal Chairperson
 - It is important for us to used the 149k for DACA and undoc students
 - The Vice chancellor said there is nothing he can do
- Soza Martinez, First Gen student
 - My parents also came undoc
 - I want to stress the urgency.
 - I think it would be a disservice to marginalized communities if these funds go anywhere else.

- Len Wong, President
 - There are undoc and minority comms.
 - Its imp for USAC to do something
- Patricia, Concerned Student
 - I believe it would be selfish to use the 149k surplus towards anything other than helping the most at risk community.
 - Students can create tangible change without the restrictions that administrators face.
- Carla, President, PIA
 - There are also undoc students in the Pacific islander community.
 - It is so important to use the 149k surplus for the most at risk students.
 - Especially given the political space we are at right now.
- Chairperson of campus retention committee
 - We should commit to this 149k for undoc and daca students
 - As chairperson, I often see financial concerns that force students to drop out or leave school.
 - So I think this would be a symbolic movement and if we could make this investment, it would give these students a safety net.
- Chair of the African student union
 - I am also in support of allundoc students
 - I believe that the funds should also go to programming that gives undoc students access to UCLA and ease of studying here.
 - So that we maintain a large number of undoc students here.
- Joslyn
 - I think the surplus should be used for daca and undoc students
 - Undoc students should be a part of this process.
 - The voices of the affected should be included in the decision process.
- Aaron, Chief of Staff for xxx
 - We noticed that the only people who are eligible for daca renewal are the xxx (Some daca code 450 or soemthing)
 - So we should use the surplus money to support the rest of the undoc and daca students.
- Jackie
 - I am also here to push for these 149k surplus to go directly to undoc students.
 - It's really important for everyone sitting at the table to push for more funds to be allocated fo undoc students.
 - Not only the student, but also their families.
 - This is not enough money, attention or highlight.
 - Please your position and reach to support this community.
- Anth, External directo for queer alliance.
 - The money should be used for daca students
 - The queer community also needs support.
 - We are very frequently underfunded.
- Noodle, President of xxx
 - I am also here for the same.
 - I think if we can't find scholarships, we should deicdcate the money towards generating ideas.
 - Funds needs to go back to students, into contingency.
 - You have an opportunity to set a precedence.
 - I am asking you on behalf of filipinos and on behalf of my family and friends that you take a stand.
 - If not we will be here every meeting till this decision is made in our favor.
- Nigera.
 - Access coordinator for the african student union
 - We need to invest in our students.
 - We need to be strategic.
 - A lot of daca eligible students were not eligible for renewal.
 - We need to dissect the bylaws and see the best that we can do.

- Sierra Black, Programming coordinator for african student union
 - A huge portion of the surplus should go to undoc and daca
 - If we can't allocate all the funds, a good portion should go back into contingency.
 - We are often very underfunded and we need lots of resources to retain our students.
- Student, Member of The Concerned Public
 - We need to support undoc students.
 - Another this this college claims is to service the community.
 - We need to think about the community that is affected.
 - Napolitano has attacked many members of this community and people outside this community.
 - This institution is inaccessible to a lot of people, specially undoc students.
 - You need to think about people outside the ucla community as well.
 - This issue is beyond ucla
- EVP for viet student union
 - In a few months, daca students will have no jobs.
 - We need to direct money to job opportunities.
- EVP for bruin democrats
 - This week's meeting in bunche 3211
 - Next week going for dinner with professor Dukakis
 - Presidential candidate 1988, 2 time governor of Massachusetts
 - Check out our facebook page.
- Jack Price
 - We pushed the application to every corner of campus
 - The daily bruin also published this opportunity, this was unprecedented.
 - The details have been given to you.
 - I made some tough decisions.
 - We have 67 days left until the beginning of campaign season and we are ready to go.

VI. Appointments

Price

Election Board Nominations

1. Vice Chair – Mher Mkrtchian#
 - Stokes reads description.
 - Geller: if ARC didn't ask for any interviews, then we just see if any objections are voiced. If there is an objection then you go into discussion about that individual. It would typically not involve interviewing the individual. After discussion we would take another vote carried by simple majority.
 - Hardwicke: Can we directly ask Jack.
 - Pan: We did that last time when we questioned Jack.
 - Geller: you can defer to Jack and given him the opportunity to speak.
 - Hajee: can we defer to the appointees themselves.
 - Geller: you can't ask them questions. You can ask Jack to introduce the nominees and to make remarks. You can ask the nominees to make remarks as well but it wouldn't be an interview.
 - Sharma: we can't defer to Jack because he doesn't have to be here.
 - Geller: Yes.
 - Li: Are there any objections to the appointment of Mher Mkrtchian?
 - Jackson objects verbally.
 - Boudaie: I don't object because I think there should be a discussion about this. I would like to cede my time to Mher.
 - Jackson: Can we set time limits?
 - Sharma: I think we need to be judging people by their resume not by the offices they come from.
 - Hardwicke: We want to hear from these candidates and so we are opening the floor to discussion. Yes, we should set up a time limit.
 - Jackson: we can set an overall discussion time.
 - Hardwicke moves to instate 10 minutes of discussion per candidate, Jackson seconds.
 - Pan: There are a lot of student here and we need to get to an agenda item that everyone here is waiting for.

- Saidian: We can just vote.
- Geller: point of personal privilege. You have a lot of people here who are interested in the last item on your agenda. So maybe we can address that first.
- Sharma moves new business to the top of appointments, Jackson seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, the agenda is amended.

Returned to this at 9:08PM.

- Jackson yields time to Mher
 - Mher: I'm a third year student, 3rd year polsci. I bring a lot of expertise to the table. I carry on this passion for this community that I belong to. I was the treasure of the associate student office at community college. I have developed a vast range of skills.
- Boudaie: I want to publicly appreciate him and appreciate him for his outreach.
 - Price: I appreciate your help in the outreach. We have met some tremendously capable and competitive candidates because of this.
- Hajee: There was one question in the application that talks about proposing changes to the e-code. I was very interested in some of the answers.
- Hardwicke: He said that the party funding should be amended. Everyone has the same allocation no matter what.
 - Mher: I did some research and I'm a new student here. This is just an opinion and it does not reflect that I have the power to do so. I did a survey on daily bruin to see what the problems are. I was simply applying the existing code to an amendment.
- Diaz: When Jack brings forth the e-board amendments, we could still add to them. If you all are worried about what these appointments might change, we can always alter the new proposals that come forth.
 - Price: I wanted to see that the applicants are thinking critically about their positions. I was attracted to Mher as a candidate because he attacked an issues that has gotten a lot of publicity. I wanted a vice chair who can take a stand on hard issues.
- Hajee: This is not something I thought of right now. So I will bring this up for every appointment going forward.
- Jackson: I am of the opinion that it would be vital for someone who has seen the election process and the toxicity of it. We should be a little bit hesitant of putting students in power who are privy to the whims of the daily bruin.
- Boudaie: I disagree, Because that disqualifies all transfer students.
- Jackson: I am just saying for the vice chair role. I would appreciate someone with similar caliber to jack.
- Lee: I think the reason we asked him to do outreach is so that the opportunity is open to students who haven't had experience.
- 9-0-0 the motion passed and Mher Mkrtchian is appointed by consent.

2. Finance Director – Jayesh Menon#

- Boudaie and Jackson express verbal objection.
- Hajee: I am curious about that specific question again.
 - Jayesh: 2nd year MIMG major. I didn't really get to do a lot of hands on things but I got to see how the election process is run. There are flaws that need to be gone. My goal is to address those. I have a very broad understanding of how the e-board works.
- Hajee: Can you explain your reasoning for the specific answer in the last section.
 - Jayesh: I wanted to add a clause to regulation 9.38A. There was a big discussion about a business partnership last year. We should include business partnerships as one of the things that need to be included in the reporting. Finances are very important because that's how the candidates market themselves. So having connections is very imp but having ideas should be more important. So no more than 30% of the total funding can come from organizations that aren't UCLA.
- 11-0-0 vote, Jayesh Menon is appointed by consent.

3. Investigations Director – Matthew Dunham#

- Jackson and Boudaie verbally oppose.

- Matthew: My first year I was fairly unaffiliated. Second year, I volunteered with Mr. Price's campaign for EVP. I remember my roommates being disinterested in the election. I didn't like that and what I took from that was that I wanted to get people involved in student govt. My qualifications and skills: I have interned with dept of veteran affairs in philly where I collaborated with over 60 doctors across USA. Last summer I interned with assembly member and I learnt professionalism.
 - Hajee: Can you elaborate on your answer to the last question on the application?
 - Matthew: I wanted to keep it the same and my reasoning was that that's why students dont appreciate and why they don't think it matters. To an extent, students aren't involved and they don't think it's a legitimate body.
 - Jackson: I am really interested on his take on making the online social media plan more professionally.
 - Price: We had 2 applicants for this position and one of them is now our finance director. You saw how the people walked out the room when they heard that the e-board elections are coming on. And this job is one of the most thankless jobs. Matt is fastidious. He is well versed in the code and he demonstrated that the is detail oriented. We need the professionalism. Politics is all about presentation.
 - Lee: If there is anything that you saw in last year's election that you are critical of in the way that last years investigations took place.
 - Matthew: I reached out to last year's appointment. Social media campaigning guidelines haven't changed much and with changing times, we need to update them.
 - Boudaie: there is no real map behind the sanctions. So do you have a rubric?
 - Matthew: No, not right now. But in the attempt to be impartial and uniform, that's a very good point to consider.
 - 11-0-0 vote, Matthew Dunham is appointed by consent.
4. Endorsements Director – Sabrina Tawfik#
- Price: Sabrina had the flu so she had to leave.
 - Boudaie cedes his time to Price.
 - Price: Sabrina has a lot of past experience. In high school, she started an organization in which they put physical ballots in assisted living homes because those people were deferring their right to vote. She wanted them to exercise their civil rights. We also want to put physical polling places around campus.
 - Xx: I was the the endorsements director last year and I worked with sabrina and I think she is very detail oriented and she would be quite fit for the position.
 - Geller: back in December, you talked about coming to council in January with the motion of changing these to action items. You didn't do that. So there was nothing that required anyone to be here tonight.
 - 9-0-0 vote, Sabrina Tawfik is appointed by consent.
5. External Relations Director – Isabelle Bock#
- Jackson and Boudie verbally oppose.
 - Boudaie cedes his time.
 - Isabelle: 4th year plsci major. Freshman year I wasn't involved in anything. In sophomore year I did get involved and worked on a campaign in spring. I saw the toxicity. 3rd year I went to DC in the spring quarter to do research and internship. That separation gave me a very good perspective. There's a lot of invisible disability. All my experiences have taught me public speaking, professionalism and I have see various sides of the election. I want to try to facilitate a fair and free election.
 - Jackson: No one has been more critical of the E-Board process than Isabelle. She has been on Capitol Hill herself so she understand efficiency and how an election should be run. She has excelled at so many leadership roles on campus and denied ones she has rightfully deserved. She is a phenomenal women who will make changes in many places.
 - Boudaie: I think we should recognize that she is willing to quit her position and that shows her impartiality. And she's willing to step in as a senior.
 - Mo: I am excited to see her do bigger and better things.

- Hajee: I want to know more about your proposal to changes to the ecode.
 - Isabelle: I wanted to take out the extra \$200 given to slates. I have sided with slates in the past but I currently do not. My experience in DC has made me impartial. I want to make elections more accessible to people. Make elections more involved.
 - 11-0-0 vote, Isabelle Bock is appointed by consent.
6. Publicity Director – Dickson Chen#
- Dickson: I've been on E-board since freshman year. Endorsements committee, and then endorsements directors sho this is my second directorship. I am very involved on campus that shapes me well as a leader and gives me many perspectives.
 - Jackson: Knowing him personally, he puts a lot of time and energy into his work. I am in the same frat as him and he is always looking at how to make it more equitable. He is determined and persistent.
 - Mo: I was just wondered what publicity are you considering and what in your skill set is fit for this role?
 - Dickson: I know the code back and forth. I know the duties of the social media and publicity chair. I shadowed last years publicity chair.
 - Hajee: Your reason for your proposed change to the E-Code?
 - Dickson: I looked at a lot of J-board cases. Articles 9.2 and 9.3 have had lot of issues in the past and i want to clear that ambiguity. Another thing about social media guidelines, I think those are outdated.
 - 11-0-0 vote, Dickson Chen is appointed by consent.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President

Mokhtarzadeh

- No written report was received before or after the meeting.

B. Internal Vice President

Li

- 1. USAC IVP Off-Campus Living Fair was a huge success. More than 1000 students came to the event!
- 2. USAC Alumnus Gala is on 4/15/18.

C. External Vice President

Pan

- No written report was received before or after the meeting.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Sharma

- No written report was received before or after the meeting.

E. Facilities Commissioner

Hajee

- Facilities Management is in the process of creating a 311 app that allows students to report on broken facilities around campus. After the app is up and running, I will share to Council and encourage everyone to share the app with their networks

F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Boudaie

- I had the opportunity to meet with Lisa Koerbling on Wednesday morning along with the USAC Parking Advocacy Task Force Co-Chairs. We discussed a few things. First of all, this was the first quarter where everyone who applied for parking got it. I want to commend Parking Services for their work in finding other transport options to decrease parking demand. Second, please tell all of your commuter friends to apply for parking asap. Like tonight. Third, there is a proposal that my task force and Parking Services have been working on regarding Uber at UCLA. USC right now has free Uber and this is something that we want to work toward. Instead, they are going to be unveiling a flat rate for Uber pool for UCLA students within a radius TBD. Stay tuned for details - it's not public yet.
- Keys to Personal Finance videos were filmed this week. Stay tuned for that coming soon.
- We are planning a lobby trip soon under Bruins for Affordability to talk about state funding for the UC. Right now, we get mad at the Regents. The real fault is at the hands of the state and we want to get to pre-recession funding levels.

G. General Rep 2

He

- istart: I Met with Dashew Center last Wednesday.
In the meeting Dashew Center has shown us the budget for istart. That's only for internal purpose so if anyone wants to take a look of it or want to discuss it with me feel free to let me know.
 - moving forward, Dashew Center will form a focus group. They just released the application, there will be 120 students. 10 each session. This focus group will gather feedbacks from students about how to improve istart's content and also the structure. It would be great if any of you can help to advertise it.
 - Also, Dashew center published a statement explaining to students what the istart fee consists of. Letting them know what their money is spent on.
- We are registering Second Impressions, a storytelling project that spotlights international community through SOLE. So it will be there as a student group after we left the office.
- We will have our body positivity photo campaign on Thursday. We will also exhibit the pictures we take for our Week 7 body positivity fair.
- I met with academic senate committee on international education last week. I spoke about my experience as an international student at UCLA. Moving forward, the chair of the committee will reach out to other senates and to try to work on improving writing center to better meet students' need.
- We are working on a non-academic recognition. And we are meeting with ResLife, Student Affairs, EDI office this week to discuss if we can make it as a UCLA official recognition.

H. Transfer Rep

Stokes

- My scholarships are coming out this Friday and I am co hosting a south campus research fair on Feb. 12 with the office of the President. I am also working
- On a workshop with the career center to do a Bruin view workshop for transfers.

I. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

- None.

VIII. Contingency Fund Allocations*

Malshe

- 13 apps, 1 was from the ficom (for retreat).
- \$25396.48 requested
- \$9158.05 recommended (why are there 2 amounts here? There is usually just 1)
- \$5150 approved
- Stokes moves to approve \$5150, Saidian seconds.
- 11-0-0 vote, the CFA is approved.

IX. Student Wellness Programming Fund#

Lee

- 2 applications
 - Zeta Sorority: for auction event for March of Dimes.
 - \$57.87 fully funded
 - Cancer awareness rally
 - \$87.00 requested, \$50.00 recommended
- \$107.00 total.
- Approved due to no opposition.

X. Bruin Advocacy Grant Fund#

Pan

- \$2150.00 requested.
- \$1950.00 recommended
- 4 orgs
- Approved due to no opposition.

XII. Old Business

- None

XIII. New Business

1. USAC Surplus*

Mokhtarzadeh

- Geller: your bylaws call for a specific amount of your surplus to go directly into US programming, contingency and capital contingency. Those amounts are called out in the spreadsheets. They will not take away from the 149k of additional funds.
- Saidian: x, x 64,500, Lee seconds.
- 11-0-0
- Mo: We also wanted to discuss allocating any additional money to the endowment. We were wondering if Roy could refresh us on allocating money to the endowment.
- Champawat: The spreadsheets tries to illustrate the impact on the finance in each of the years that the fee had been collected but not dispersed.
- Hardwicke: So it's \$441,302 that would be gone to the endowment in the past?
- Champawat: in the past there would be been 311k. Then the amt that you would be be sending and then the third is the 149k that none of the scenarios that I tried to rebuild would've gone to the endowment. So if you send 129k to the endowment then the total would become 441k. The 149k is still separate.
- Saidian: the \$441,302 is a hypothetical number?
- Geller:
 - Pot 1 is the what would be gone into capital contingency programing,
 - pot 2 is what would go to endowment,
 - pot 3 is the 129k that would be discussing for this year to send to the endowment,
 - pot 4 is the 149k that you are not discussing for endowment.
- Pan: does it need to be a specific financial plan? Do we need to bring in a specific financial plan?
- Geller: Yes, tonight you can talk about you philosophy and then take the week to come up with a specific plan. So if you were addressing the issues that we heard about in the public comment. So you could take the week to figure out what the policies and options are.
- Hardwicke: What are the tangible restrictions on the use of this money?
- Sharma: So I went to financial aid and Dr. Geller was right that if we did financial aid then it would just subtract from the current amount they they have. Because this is student fees, we can't use it for anything else other than what it was allocated for. So the money would go to student run programs in different communities For eg, you can't move this to discretionary funds.
- Geller: So these are university funds so we need to adhere to unv guidelines. There is a lot of consultation you will need to do to figure out what your options are. So you may want to designate a POC to check everything with financial aid, or with undocumented students program. And if you gave them funding, it would be limited to programming. You need to understand the options and the implications of your choices. You can't allocate scholarships directly to individuals.
- Pan: In terms of developing an action plan, will we have to specify that. How specific do we need to get?
- Geller: You will have flexibility.
- Sharma: You can get them to hire more immigration lawyers. So you can use this money to pay people to come to campus because it can't be used to hire permanent staff. USP is under BRC. So there is a way to expand the USP resource under the BRC umbrella.
- Jackson: I yield my time to Nidirah
- Nidirah: inaudible
- Geller: If there is nothing else on the table, you would discuss to send it to endowment.
 - Nidirah: there is overarching consensus that we need to send this money to undoc students. If the council doesn't find a resolution tonight, you take a week to think about what you can add to this 149k pot. We should all think about what programs and ideas can be put forth to benefit the undoc students.
- Saidian: Nicole, when you funded your program last quarter, what did that money go to?
- Diaz: That money was donation so we could use it for a lot of things.
- Sharma: I think Dr. Geller is right about taking a week but it is also an immediate concern. I propose we put all of that money into USP because it will directly benefit undoc students and that is also clean from USP so we could do it with no restrictions at all. Programming is so broad.

- Mo: Were you referring to the 149k or the other money too?
- Sharma: all the money we can get.
- Saidian: I think because it's just council discussing this matter we can take the week to reach out to people who are actually affected.
- Hajee: If we put all the money into USP, can they use it for anything they want?
- Sharma: they can't use it for scholarships.
- Geller: There are other restrictions similar to the ones that FSAC allocates. It's not quite as simple as what we would like it to be. While I understand the desire to take action tonight, the population would be better served if someone from council were able to sit down with the program director and find out what they are able to do with the money and can they commit to doing it this year itself. Taking the week to getting it right will benefit everyone.
- Pan: For Divya, have you talked to xxxx about this.
- Sharma: when you think about student fees, it can only go to students. If we're to put money into the grit program, it wouldn't allow them to hire more staff. Also I relinquish my time to Julio from Ideas.
 - Julio: Is there any way to allocate the money to all the students, not just daca and undoc. So if there is any way that the students who don't have daca become priority. We need to think about the retention of all the undoc students. Every undoc students don't have daca. Only a few 100 students at ucla actually have daca.
- Jackson: Is there any way we can get usac to create a new fund that would be discretionary.
- Geller: there are still restrictions. University funds are subject to all of the policies that apply to univ funds. So the fund couldn't just serve undoc students. So you cant have a find that would go just to citizens or just to transfers, or just to undoc students. You can have a find the criteria of which that a a criteria of population that you could find. So you can do what you want to do but you need to work through the subtleties to be compliant. The only unrestricted funds are gift funds.
- Diaz: Cedes time to Didida.
 - Didida: I am an undoc alumni. I see some confusion about the distribution of the funds. No, there is no restriction. The only restriction that applies is if you specify who receives the funds. We have over 750 undoc students who are self identified, so they have instate tuition. We also have undoc students who still pay out of state fee. So those will be the only student who will not receive any institutional funds.
 - Nidirah: There are students who don't qualify as AD540, but what are things that usac could pay for them to have an easier ride at ucla.
 - Didida: We do have an agreement here at USP. Students struggle to pay fees. There are a lot of undoc students who commute for 4 hours or more, so you could give them parking permits.
- Hardwicke: I am curious about council's opinion. I think this kind of a format is not conducive. So we could set up another meeting that is not our usac meeting.
- Jackson: I am of the opinion that we suspend the bylaws.
- Geller: Well this is your council meeting and if you want to suspend the bylaws to have conversation with everyone here. So you can suspend the bylaws. It takes $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. I would encourage you to set some time limit for individual speakers, not to restrict the the discussion, but you are students and you need to get some sleep and somes studying.
- Saidian: I think limiting it to this room would be a disservice. We want to given an opportunity to every other student as well. We can have a townhall that we publicize and get a bigger audience.
- Boudaie: I hear Nedda. I think it's really rash to jump into decision. We need to take a week.
- Saidian: I know how I will vote already, but I want to make sure I know how that money will be allocated.
- Hajee: I think there are a lot of students here right now already.
 - Essack: check your privilege because you should've checked them earlier. You should have come to council with a plan of action ready. But you are too caught up in your privilege to not research this. Honestly at this point, we have been standing here forever.
- Sharma: I had a forum and got a 100 responses. Only Nicole share that, the rest of you sat and didn't do anything about it. I know Malik and Nedda were asking for 14k. We just sit around and wait a week. A lot of students from this community cant wait a week. People get deported every day. You all aren't radical.

You think you are here for a community, but when the community needs you and comes to you, you don't do much. In the past the council meeting moved to Ackerman Grand Ballroom.

- Pan: I think we can suspend bylaws and let people do what they want to do.
- **Pan: motion to suspend bylaws to have discussion until 9PM and everyone has a limit of 1.5 mins and there is just one mic. Hardwicke seconds.**
- **11-0-0 vote, this resolution is passed and the bylaws are suspended.**
- Public: In terms of allocating money, there are way to allocate funds. It would go to the SOL office and they would be able to give me funds whenever I wanted. There would be no restrictions on that. They could use it for lawyers, meal vouchers, parking. In terms of department, there are again no restrictions so as long as they are not giving cash in hand to students, it's fine.
- Pan: So we have heard that paying for food is a problem. What would be the easier way to ensure that what's needed is purchased straight away.
- Public: The money should be spread out.
- Public: we have a retention program where peer counsellors counsel students, study nights, etc. We also help secure low cost housing for students. We also create the living learning communities. They also work with the career center to create an entrepreneurship program. AP540 is under CPO and they hold a conference every year. We could use that money to purchase parking permits.
- Public: The money should go directly to the community and they should get to decide what to do. You all haven't done your research and your service to this community so you should just give the money to the groups. We will find a way around. It's not about about putting the money in the food pantry. I am frustrated! We need to be asking the right questions!
- Public: And even if they come to a dead end and don't know what to do, you can check in and help them. that's what you're here for.
- Public: The food pantry, sometimes I've gone and there and there's no food. It would be cool if Ackerman could accept swipes.
- Public: Financial aid also offers meal vouchers. So you can look into that as well.
- Public: Why don't you waive the fee for the money for daca. Its \$500. Maybe that should be a conversation too. People are panicking to renew.
- Public: And we don't need to eat in the middle of town hall when the council can't decide what to do.
- Jackson: So is consensus to put the money into 1 entity and let that community decide
- Public: Check your privilege and allow folks that are being directly affected by this to decide what to do with the money.
- Public: Being an undoc alumni, there was a time when we didn't have DACA. I had to skip meals for many weeks. Everyone has a very complex and different experience. If you can, as a representative, see how many policies and restrictions there are, I would challenge you to look into what we actually do as a student government.
- Public: DACA is not permanent, we don't know what will happen after March 5th. Maybe everyone ends up not having the ability to work. Daca renewal is important but we don't know the exact outcome of that. We also need to this about plan B because worst case, we won't even have daca.
- Diaz: Could we vote to allocate some of themoneu to USP right now and vote on the specifics next week. It's not saying that next week we won't re-allocate the entirely to USP. I think we should chop the find and give it away and have the discussion after that.
- Stokes: I Like that compromise. I definitely feel like we need to meet with the leaders and talk.
- Li: xxxxxxxxxxxx
- Geller: Individual council members could make a motion to allocate specific amount of surplus for specific purposes. Ideally the proposals should've gone out with the agenda.
- Nicole: We would be voting on allocation of 50% of the money tonight to USP. The reason for it being half is so we can allow time for discussion.
- Flournoy-Hooker: The 149k is not everything. So even if allocated the 149k, we will have more funds to talk about.
- Champawat: yes that's for us to discuss.
- Public: Can't you give the whole amount and retroactively make changes
- Public: no that would create problems.
- Public: the whole USAC is problematic.

- **Public:** I think this conversation can't be limited to ideas. We do need to have a public forum for everyone to come and talk about it. I would like for there to be more people able to come to the meeting as well.
- Saidian: There is more than 149k that we have.
- Geller: Li should reconvene the bylaws. In the past, funding has been given to official university departments but once given, they decide what to do with it.
- Li: I convene the meeting and reinstate the bylaws.
- Diaz moves to allocate 100k of the 149k+ to the undocumented student program tonight, Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- **Public:** why can't it be allocated to IDEAS if they are both serving undoc student. USP actually came from ideas. We have parents who are undocumented, so there's a certain amount of people who need a lot of help.
- Geller: when you allocate funding to a usa organizations, you either make funding for operations, or for programming, you need to receive a specific proposal for a program.
- Champawat: whereas if you send the money to this department, they take the responsibility to allocate the money.
- Hakee: So if we want to give money to student orgs without program proposals, the money can only go to SOUF for t shirt and office supplies.
- Geller: Or you can hold the money and wait over the next few weeks for receiving proposals.
- Lee: Is there an expiry for the funds?
- Geller: if you are allocating the money, you are holding it through student govt accounting, same as you would for contingency. Whatever is not spent, it goes into surplus for next year.
- **Public:** I am happy that the council has come to a consensus. The conversation shifted to which organization deserves the money and not that undoc students need to money.
- Discussion closes.
- Diaz made the motion, flournoy hooker seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, 100k is allocated to USP.

- Sharma: I want to have an open council meeting where all the students can sit and talk.
- Geller: you would need on your agenda an action time that is written in a way that complies with the way you allocate your funds.
- Sharma moves for 30th Jan council meeting to be pushed to 8pm to allow for a 7-8pm townhall, Jackson seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, the motion is passed.

2. USAC Surplus Allocation Proposals*

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- Flournoy-Hooker: there is 16k remaining in the bruin bash bill so I am coming to council to ask for that money.
- Jackson moves to return to appointments and then come back to this, Hardwicke seconds.
- 9-0-0 vote, the agenda returns to appointments.

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- Flournoy-Hooker moves to allocate 16k to cover the remainder of bruin bash bill, Stokes seconds.
- Hardwicke: so your current budget cannot work this in?
- Jackson: So this years bruin bash went over budget so is there any remedy?
- Flournoy-Hooker: there wasn't a set budget.
- Flournoy-Hooker: there was an invoice with everything that we purchased and she didn't didn't send that out until after the event.
- Champawat: when events are put together, it can be difficult for programmers. You have expense sets that you have input. We do need to look at whether there are aspects of the event that can be dialed back. It can be complicated to get the absolute clarity.
- Flournoy-Hooker: the agreed to a contract and then there was an additional 5k for a piece of equipment.
- Pan: In the past, bruin bash hasn't been able to pay off the bills or has the surplus been used?
- Flournoy-Hooker: for many years surplus was the primary way of funding bruin bash.
- Champawat: that's why we specified a bruin bash fee as a stable source of funding.

- Jackson: is it ever cheaper to have bruin bash outside like in LATC.
- Champawat: doing it outdoors might not save money. Another thing was that we got 24k lesser in sponsorships. That is hard to predict. The more there are stable characteristics of the event, the more sponsorships we have so we have a salable product.
- Jackson: I am confidence with this vote and this is surplus funding that everyone in this room wanted to use this for undoc students. And this will be fully transparent so be aware of that.
- Saidian: There is a bruin bash account and that's where the fees are allocated. If we know that last year how much they spent I guess what I want to urge you guys is that I didn't want t subtract from student funding. I felt personally compelled to pull some of it from my budget. After everything, I have come to the point where yes these funds were bruin bash funds but other orgs who also contributed to the surplus don't have the luxury to take money from the surplus. So I will absorb my whole half and Malik is not able to do it.
- Champawat: In a normal year, we wouldn't be looking at the 149k vs 129k. We would be looking at the 129k only. It's up to you if you want to do this or not. So you can direct if this money will be taken out of the 149k pot or the 129k pot.
- Flournoy-Hooker: if you do want to know our budget, out total is \$180,000.20 and our remaineer is 20k. Flournoy-Hooker reads the rest of the budget.
- Hardwicke: I am curious if there's any other way to cover for this. If not then what Roy brought up makes sense. We just use the 129k.
- Pan: Can you explain why there was a lack of sponsorships and how could this be prevented for next year.
- Flournoy-Hooker: I don't know and I don't want to give you a false answer.
- Champawat: the more we provide to the sponsors a stable package and the earlier they have a package, the more sponsors we get.
- Pan: if another student group was to approach us if they had a debt issues, would I be comfortable allocating surplus to them? And would I allocate it to non-USAC events/orgs.
- Li: If we don't allocate surplus, is there another way to pay for it?
- Champawat: This is an activity of USA. So you are the guarantors.
- flournoy-Hooker: Vote how you feel. It's great both ways.
- Champawat: Is there a specification of where they money will go.
- Hardwicke: I conferred with Lee very briefly and we feel that our two offices have enough budget to find this.
- Flournoy-Hooker: I am not comfortable with that. I am asking for 16k out of a 129k surplus.
- Champawat: I also agree that that is very generous. I am not sure that it would be appropriate because your referranda wont allow it.
- Geller: The generosity is not appropriate. I would encourage that you get together with CAC and do some co-programming.
- Diaz: I think it will be unfair to have a commission not do its programming. By taking a fraction of the surplus, we will still have a lot of money to discuss at next week's town hall. If someone is in debt we should be able to help them. It doesn't seem like that big of a dent in our find.
- Saidian: Yes we do have the money but other organizations don't have the privilege to draw from that just because we are USAC.
- Flournoy-Hooker: We have been taking so much about student programing! This is a student program for 10k students. You are afraid that your vote is going to make you look bad.
- Jackson: Be prepared as elected officials to receive the blowback.
- Stokes: What are the student programs that you will have to cancel?
- Flournoy-Hooker: I would decide and then I would also have to fire 3-4 directors.
- Flournoy-Hooker: 16k for CAC, if we don't then we will have to fire 3-4 student and cutting off 3-4 programs.
- 7-1-3 vote, the motion is passed to allocate 16k out of the 129k to CAC's office for Bruin Bash payment.

XIV. Announcements

- None.

XV. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- The attendance sheet is passed around.

XVI. Adjournment

- Stokes moves to adjourn at 10:48 PM, Jackson seconds.
 - 11-0-0 vote the meeting is adjourned at 10:48 PM.
- XVII. Good and Welfare

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