

# FINALIZED: APRIL 3, 2018



AGENDA  
 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
 Kerckhoff Hall 417  
 March 13th, 2018  
 7:30PM

## I. Call to Order

Mokhtarzadeh

### A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Li calls the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.
- Since we don't have quorum, lets start with special presentations.
- Mokhtarzadeh joins the meeting.
- Mo: let's just continue with the special presentations and come back to the rest of the items afterwards.

## V. Special Presentations

### I. Lt Kilgore Presentation

- Ofcourse tomorrow is the regents meeting so I think I will see a lot f you out and about.
- Any questions about protesting and how we will be addressing the situation for tomorrow?
- Nidirah: What will be the exact protocol?
  - We work with UC administration. SOL will be the first point of contact for any meeting that destructs or boycotts the meeting. We might have to ask people to leave the venue. If it is one person or couple of people, we will address them individually if there is a large group, we will talk about a dispersal order that is given for a wrongful assembly. And given the time periods to leave and then if needed make any arrests.
- Stokes: I saw a women get dragged out. Will you be using force?
  - It was the steve Manuchin event and what occurred was that she was asked by SOL to stop disturbing, she was given a few different warnings that she failed to comply with. She failed to comply with us as well. Then she actively resisted arrest so we had to perform removal.
- Stokes: so its SOL asks first, there's no ability to use your freedom of speech if you want to interrupt or anything like that?
  - You can follow rules that are set for protest. If you are asked by SOL to comply and not disturb, then it's always best to follow that request. We have no want to make arrests but when we are forced, we have to perform an action, its either comply and stay in the meeting or you have to move. So if somebody was interrupting, and you're asked to leave, we want them to get up and leave. If you continue to chant as you leave, we can't arrest you for that.
- Jackson: what are the thresholds for using excessive force?
  - We always ask someone to comply, we don't have a want to use any type of force.
- Nidirah: will students just be detained or will they be charged?
  - Anytime we make an arrest, there will have to be a charge. The charges are filed with the district attorney or the city attorney and they make a decision on the charge.
- Jackson:
  - That decision is made by the Lt in charge at the time.

- We fully expect you to come out to the meeting tomorrow. There will be open comment so whoever wants to come in and speak, make sure you choose those people so they can get the message across to the regents. When SOL or we ask for compliance, please comply. We have met with USAC leadership and GSA leadership and there was a follow up email in regards to the matter. We also talked about international students. I will be working tomorrow. I've given my cell number out to leadership.
- BIRD scooters are settling down and people are starting to comply with the rules. We encourage that that continue to happen.
- We will see you all next wednesday night.
- He: What's the protocol with international students protesting?
  - We don't treat intl students any differently than non intl students, I've been working with Dashew. There are visas that are in place and we don't want those jeopardized. If you want to protest, please follow the rules. Any time that compliance is asked for, please comply. Even if there is an arrest, and the DA doesn't file charges, the visa could still be at risk. We want to continue to be a part of our family and community.

## 2. International Students Needs

Ge

- Ashraf Beshay
- Beshay: Hi everyone, we are going to talk to you about our international community and some ongoing things.
- Beshay: This slide shows the composition of our undergrad body
- Beshay: 11.8% intl undergrad
- Beshay: 19.8% intl postgrad
- Ge: I am an intl student from china and I travel a lot. My traveling makes me very appreciative of our community. I am also the chinese student pres
- Beshay: We are composed of 18 cultural orgs and as a board we work on bringing together all the intl orgs that exist on our campus.
- Beshay: We have specific and unique needs.
- Beshay: We take the lead on bringing these issues to the forefront of advocacy.
- Beshay: We bring a global perspective to campus, we do programming, we have multicultural and multilingual. We have many varying cultures and with that we build the global brand of our culture.
- Ge: We show our chinese new year gala to 1500 people annually.  
It's The biggest hosted by students in cali, second biggest in USA>
- Ge: We want to bring more employment opportunities to all ucla students. Here are the top multinational chinese employers we have connected with and they all have offices in USA.
- Ge: We are also involved in US-China bilateral communication.
- Ge: So I think the intl community can add value to the whole campus.
- Beshay: Unique needs of the intl community:
- Beshay: We associate a lot with cultural organizations.
- Beshay: But we have noticed that there is a discrepancy in the knowledge we have about how to access resources and funding on campus.
- Beshay: There is a lack of representation leading to disconnect.
- Beshay: In the 99 year history of usac, we have had only 2 intl representatives. One of whom sits on council this year.

- Beshay: Visa issues: we tend to stay on the safer side when it comes to protests
- Beshay: UCLA climate & UC climate towards intl students:
  - Here are some articles about limit on number of no-resident students in the UC
  - Tuition hike
  - Another one happening tomorrow.
- Beshay: These decisions are influencing a community with little to no voice.
- Beshay: The current USA administration is particularly hostile to the international community.
  - Ban on muslim majority countries. Including Egypt, my country.
  - UC saw the first drop international applicants.
  - I was the president of United Arab Society when that ban took place and I feel like as a campus we could be doing a better job in terms of ensuring students that UCLA can be their home.
- Beshay: UC's international applications
  - 2005-2016: increase in intl student applications
  - Until 2016-17: when tuition hikes were being discussed, Trump admin came up with anti immigrant rhetoric.
  - What's going on in all UCs has an impact on the global perspective of our campus.
- Beshay: Cost of nonresident tuition:
  - Up to \$63,000
  - Another tuition hike that's possibly happening tomorrow.
  - Me being involved in the international community I know that intl students feel that they are deemed to have enough financial resources if they could afford to come study in the UCs
  - We also need to remember that UC students come from many other countries that have differently strong economies.
  - When I first came to UCLA: Egyptian pound to USD \$7
    - now it's \$17-18
- Ge: International students have a lot of difficulty in job hunting.
- Ge: Very limited employment opportunities.
- Ge: 112 countries participated, 38 announced they accept intl students
- Ge: But the real number is actually much lower.
- Ge: English is our second language and we just came to a new country. Cultural awareness is very important for hiring.
- Ge: So we have different events to help students gain cultural context and other knowledge.
- Ge: There are 6k intl students on campus.
- Ge: Mental health protection is another problem.
  - Last year 3 international Chinese students committed suicide.
  - We conducted a survey and we've gotten 200 responses. About 50% students say that they have significant pressure.
  - Only 20% of them say that they have sought help from CAPS.
  - When we asked them why they don't go to CAPS, the most cited reason was that the CAPS website has too much information, lack of resources, 20% that language is an issue.
  - So what do we need from UCLA:
    - Over 60% want the counselling service in Chinese.
    - But I had a lot of problem getting in touch with the representatives
- Beshay: 2 intl reps in USAC history
- Beshay: We have DASH that we have been strengthening our relationship with.

- Beshay: One thing I want to say is that even though this year the intl community is very strong, I don't think we should perceive that as the norm. So we think its imp for usac to help sustain the movement for greater representation.
- Beshay: Some of the uncertainties.
  - We are not aware of whos going to be taking over leadership next year.
  - We aren't sure if there's going to be a full transfer of jnwolged
  - We don't know how willing the admin will be in hearing our issues.
  - We don't know if our representation in usac will exist next year.

#### QnA

- Flourney-Hooker: is there an updated number for the percentage of undergrad and grad students.
  - Beshay: 2011 was the latest info available online. I think there are 6400 total undergrad and grad.
- Fl' are you trying to integrate intl student smore into the ucla community. Because I see a lot of overlapping needs.
  - Beshay: For our intl coalition, it's not just orgs that are identified as intl but also intl friendly orgs. We are not restricting any org from being part of ur coalition or our movement.
- Stokes: In terms of costs, how would we come together to address out of state tuition.
  - Beshay: The goal is to consistently have abn intl perspective in our govt and keep relaying those to our admins. I am also trying to break the stereotype tht all intl students are wealthy. A lot of student go through food and housing insecurity and can't afford textbooks.
- Stokes: so you want us to have actively engaged convos with dmns. That's how we can sustain that?
  - Beshay: Yes?
- Pan: In terms of what intl representation means, can you define what that means?
  - Beshay: We want to be inclusive as much as possible. The financial burden, being from a different country, even if your parents are immigrants and you feel like you've been raised from a culture different from american culture. It would be unfair for us to discriminate and say that "you aren't intl enough"

Lee moves to extent for 5 mins, Flourney-Hooker seconds.

13-0-0 vote, this motion passes.

- Lee: in terms of international concerns of mental health, I want to ask how well you know about the ISSP started by dashew for providing counselling in different languages.
  - Ge: what I want to do is whether we can talk to the people who have the decision power. There are 2 speaking chinese counsellors in ucla. but there are 5 in both berkeley and stanford.
- Lee: my question was, has dashew been talking about the new programs:
  - Haleem: coming from Pakistan, I speak urdu. But nobody got back to me for 8 days because of urdu. Even the pamphlets that exist in other languages but not in all languages that cater to intl student.s for ISSB, the first respondent is not like they will directly connect you to a counsellor. They will find someone who speaks your language. I also don't think that a lot of people know about Dashews programs because their outreach is limite dot emails that often get ignored.
  - Girl: Also those people are not intl so they don't understand our needs.
- He: what are the things that you can do that usac can't do?
  - Ge: people from my community know very little about usac. I also want to be more efficient when I reach out to people who need to make decisions for us. It took me a year to coordinate events with the career center. This Is not efficient because it's still bottom up.
- Mokhtarzadeh: last week the prez office advocated for the intl representation in the International Student Advisory Board that reports directly to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. also my office is working on organizing a networking event april 12th. So lets be in touch about that.

## II. Approval of the Agenda\*

- Lee: strike SWPF and her report.
- Saidian: strikes report.
- Flourney-Hooker: strikes arc allocations
- Hardwicke: strikes report
- Jackson: after hearing from the e-board chair, will be taking a vote?
  - Mokhtarzadeh: yes its an action item.
- Pan: strike BAG fund
- He: strikes her report
- Sharma: strikes asrf and his report.
- Stokes moves to approve the agenda as amended, pan seconds.
- 13-0-0 vote, the agenda is approved.

## III. Approval of the Minutes from March 6th, 2018\*

- Saidian moves to approve the minutes from march 6th, Stokes seconds.
- 9-0-4 vote, this motion passes.

## IV. Public Comments

- Mokhtarzadeh: We have 30 mins allocated, each member of the public gets 2 mins.

No audio no video:

- None

Audio, no video

- none

Audio & video

- Kailyn from CALPIRG:
  - We are working to wrap up the quarter so we are arranging meetings for lobbying around SP100.
  - We are also doing early recruitment for spring internships for various projects.
  - Our textbook affordability campaign and save the bees campaign- are also offering internships.
  - All information is on our Facebook page.
- Mokhtarzadeh ends public comment at 8:24 PM.

## L. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller,

Kadota

Alexander:

1. Parking permits are available; send your names to Rielle to get the list.
  - a. Mokhtarzadeh: if you want a parking permit, please send it to me by Thursday 5pm. After that I will do one staff member from each office. After Saturday, I will open it to others.

Dr. Geller:

1. UCLA had 12,199 international students last year so a significant increase from the 2011 data.
2. We are no. 7 in the country in terms of number.

## VII. Contingency Fund Allocations\*

Malshe

- Malshe: Just sent out a new meeting because there was a formula errors. Because one of the allocations did not get factored in.
- Requested: \$11258.05
- Recommended: \$8254
- Preface that there wa a total of 10 applications for the previous week with 1 from usac office.
- Dr. Geller: how much funding do you have available for spering?

- Malshe: I will have to look at the budget report.
- Dr. Geller: if you an to put this in your first week presentation, that would be fine too.
- Boudaie moves to approve \$8254 for Contingency, Pan seconds.
- 11-0-2 vote, this motion passes.

#### XI. Travel Grant Mini Fund#

Sharma

- Allocated: \$9223
- List of events was sent out to everyone 2 weeks ago and it was voted on the week that it was sent out. The week of feb 27th.
- Hardwicke: I know that SWC approves their allocations tuesday before the meeting. Is that our requirement?
- Mokhtarzadeh: I can check the bylaws.
- Mokhtarzadeh: can we move on till we can come back to this?

#### XV. New Business

##### 1.USAC Election Code Amendments\*

Price

- Price: we have a number of recommendations and we already made the proposed changes to the e-code. We also have a submission regarding changes from a member of the student body. I will read from these proposals:
- Price reads:
  - Proposal A, Section 5.2, clause 1: “candidates and designated campaign representatives...”
    - For the most part, we agree with that proposal; just change the “or”.
  - Proposal B, Section 2.10: “Duties of the E-Board Financial Committee”
    - We are continuing to recommended that council adopt a comprehensive means for reimbursing students. There are some new ideas that are feasible.
  - Proposal C, Section 9.1: “Any campaign material advocating...”
    - After conferring with our Finance Director, it would be easier and more efficient to write that “more than 1 individual must have costs...”
  - Proposal D, Section 9.2: “Spending Limit”
    - “..\$600 on the campaign”
    - “Must be reimbursed for 10% coming from USAC budget”
      - When the committee convened yesterday, I realized that it should read “reimbursed up to 100%...”
  - 9.3:
    - A. “Slate spending is strictly defined as...”
    - B. “Slate spending shall be defined...”
    - C. “Slates will register their...”
    - D. “Purchased or donated campaign material”
  - 9.4.
    - A. “Slates spending limits will vary...”
      - We want that number to be changed to 30% so that if you put it as \$200, that's above 30%; this was USAC’s proposal. A better change that will last longer is this one. We recommend that you place a percentage point rather than a dollar sign.
      - So for this year, it would become \$180 of \$600.
    - “USAC is charged with approving ...all election material...” “...USAC may fulfil the responsibilities in their absence”
      - We unanimously agreed that his reduces the impartiality of the election council.

- This could easily be use to prevent the e-board for doing its duties. This would render the e-board as a shell company used by the the council.
- We can think of some kind of a penalty for lateness: reduction in stipend, some hard deadline.
- The way that this language stands is rather dangerous.

#### QnA

- Flournoy-Hooker: you said that this is inappropriate because of impartiality. Which parts are you talking about?
  - Price: I'm reading from the very bottom of the proposed rec we sent to IVP last thursday. The "all other election related material" is very vague. A maliciously united council could decide to misuse that.
- Flournoy-Hooker: I don't want to waste anyone's time, so my question was which parts do you find impartial?
  - Price: this is about specifically that article 13 amendment; the nature of the paragraph; It stipulates that USAC has to approve all election material. That broad spectrum authority could be dangerous.
- Dr. Geller: if "all other election material" was struck, then are you okay will all the rest.
  - Price: I am only okay with an approval of the calendar and the code. But I don't necessity think that it is in council's interest or in the interest of a fair election to allow council to decide if a given election calendar as a whole is right or wrong.
- Mokhtarzadeh: what I'm hearing is that we are striking "all others". Our current bylaws state that we need to approve e-code, packet, calendar.
  - Price: the e-code doesn't need to be set for the packet to go out and the calendar to be approved. Kris and I discussed and Mehr and I check that certain parts of the packet don't mention a great part of the e-code.
- Saidian: if that's the case, you're having someone go blind into an election because the code can change and the candidate will have to accomodate to those changes.
  - Price: You're right, that's a good point. I'm ready to accept the first part of the language "by week 7". My issue is with the 2nd part "USAC many fulfil those responsibilities..." The reason that the e-code was set up was so that the council doesn't interfere with the ballot and the packet. I think having a due date is a great thing. We should amend and say something about a penalty.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Let's say that a calendar is not put forth by week 7 or week 10, who is going to approve these materials? Without these things we cannot have election?
  - Price: I don't think this is a reasonable incentive for the e-board not doing its duties on time. This could run into dangerous territory. The fairness of the election could come into question.
- Dr. Geller: there's the idea of moving forward with being able to have the election, and then there is the e-code. The reason for them is different. The inclusion of the ability to decide a calendar so that election can happen; Last fall, there was a proposal that came forward from council itself before the e-board chair was elected. I consulted with campus council about the broadly idea of can council present its own changes. The guidance I was given was that the code needs to be amended in a way that council may not bring any changes for a vote before a chair is appointed. When there is a chair, it's his/her purview to bring forth the first amendment. If there was a year where the chair decided not to bring any change, council needed to have a way to make changes anyway. This is separate from the need that there will be an election. We are not really addressing any concerns for this year, but should there be a year where no changes were brought forth.
  - Price: To address the first part of your statement, if we could change article 13 to stipulate something that says that if you are an association member, you can propose changes. And if the election board withholds that, it goes to council. I will be happy with that.

- Mokhtarzadeh: if we amended that language, we have to be practical about the changes and no change can be hypothetical. If that language is more palatable to you, can we implement that language now? Jack, we can't approve the e-code after tonight.
  - Price: this current e-board is appointed to sit throughout the remainder of of the spring quarter. My External Relations Director has something to say.
  - External Relations Director: council has to approve the calendar. Last week Dr. Geller chimed in that there is no language in the code about this.
- Dr. Geller: the old code doesn't say it but it was intended to. This has been the practice. I think these problems need to be corrected and the sense I'm getting is that council welcomes the board's recommendations on how to word it. The code as it is in effect today, a change a year ago does not say that it needs to be approved. The desire is that the new code would say it.
  - External Relations Director: if I understand the president correctly, what is stopping council from not even appointing a chair until later. How does this amendment safeguard the e-board's integrity and independence? What kind of safeguards are there?
- Dr. Geller: language can say that no decisions can be taken until an e-board chair is appointed.
  - External Relations Director: what if there is a chair but no staff?
- Mo: isabelle, we want to include language that clearly states that ... we don't decide when the e-board directors are appointed
  - External Relations Director: im worries that usac could delay the appointment of the chair.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I will take responsibility that the chair this year wasn't appointed before week 1. My office is creating an appointments guideline for my successor. Your concern is in the right direction. So what I'm hearing from the chair and Isabelle is that we want to amend that amendment, deleting the language "all other election related materials". Do we want to clearly stipulate what those 3 documents are? Let's make the next change and make it "3 week before the end of the quarter preceding an election, USAC may fulfil..."
- Dr. Geller: I don't think it will ever be possible to approve the ballots by week 7 since the candidates won't be announced. So you might want to narrow that language further.
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle Fitzgerald: my understanding of the current code is that the calendar, ballot and all changes must be approved by USAC.
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Committee Member Grant Tobenkin: not in one place does it say it all in one place. In different sections, it is however mentioned.:
  - 13.1: "USAC has to approve the expense calendar" on the top of page 32.
  - It also talks about approving the ballot in "ballot order". Pg 18.
  - Talks about "date of the election" and "candidate orientation meeting" pg 17.
  - It can be a lot more centralized that adding parts for specificity, but it's not that e-board has all this power at the moment. In seeing this proposal, speaking from experience on e-board, the whole point is to have an unbiased 3rd party and so to have a clause where that can no longer be the case that undermines the point and purpose of e-board existing.
  - "USAC can fulfil the responsibility" is really vague. Who is taking responsibility for specific tasks? A lot more needs to be fleshed out before we can vote on this.
- Hardwicke: I personally agree with what you're saying in terms of the last sentence.
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: we think the last sentence is ridiculous. To put that in election code is a gross misstep of power.
  - Mehr: we are still in operation and this proposed change is not necessary right now. We have everything set up. Rushing this proposal is not ideal at this moment. We should have more time to deliberate.
- Jackson: so this change would not affect the current election?

- Mokhtarzadeh: it seems like everyone is in agreement about the first sentence. Explicitly stating it would be great. Maybe we can amend the sentence.
- Hardwicke: given what Mehr said about this not being relevant to this election and they want more time, would it not make sense for us to exclude this entire section until they bring it back to us?
  - Price: we are more than willing to bring this back. This is not a time sensitive amendment. I am obligated by the code to bring back this amendment. It would be a favor if council tabled this decision.
- Jackson: if e-board xxx
  - I'll note that this amendment not give the council the deciding vote on whether it wants to approve the amendments. A malicious reading of that amendment by a united council wouldn't allow it to decide a lot of things.
- Mokhtarzadeh: for the sake of time, if we consider at least putting the first sentence into the code. If everyon is comfortable with the language. Does anyone have an issue with that?
- Diaz: I just had a question about one of the other changes. Funding 10% of the expenses, is that... I'm curious if there's ever a time when the e-board mishandles their budget and then theres a case of not having enough money to fund.
  - From what I understand is that the e-board budget is really tight. We have still, room to play around with our publicity and advertising budget. We have 17k earmarked for publicity. If we can get council behind putting that money towards this cause, it would allow us to reimburse \$140 per candidate. People already have trouble regarding tuition.
- Champawat: this is news to me. You got 137 for assistance you're talking about taking 10% of 37.5K. Do you know last year's numbers?
  - External Relations Director: Kris said that for the code, theres is no rule about how much money to give to Daily Bruin. If council could decide that Daily Burin would get \$x, it would be helpful.
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: last year, I approached DB to do ads, I pushed them and they said that heres your budget, this is what we can do. Last year, it was 9k.
  - External Relations Director (not sure if she spoke this or someone else did): we want to get behind that there is an amount that they will get each year. I want to set an amount. It going from 9k to 16.5 is strange.
- Stokes: if it isn't broke, don't fix it. I get that we need to advertise. I feel like everyone is going to know about the election. I just feel like we are dragging it out and we can move on.
- Mokhtarzadeh: we are now looking at section 9.2 with regard to spending limits. Have you determined your budget and how you're going to spend it?
  - Price: We are waiting for charges from some of the rooms we've booked. Also publicity.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I don't want to promise students money if we don't know that the money is really there.
  - Price: True. This would be in effect 2018-19 onwards.
- Mokhtarzadeh: you are not e-board char for next year, it's next year's council that will get to vote on that.
  - Price: All these amendments will affect students in the next year. All this influences future elections.
- Mokhtarzadeh: given that I as a student don't want to fund something, can I retract my student fee?
- Champawat: I think a request could be made for this.
- Sharma: I completely agree with an equitable campaign. But the problem I have is that it's tied to student fees. So you're taking next year's student fees for something else. I agree with what you're trying to do, but if you had your budget all done, we would've been able to see whether or not the money is available. I also don't feel its right to be voting on next year's student fees.
  - Price: These are only recommendations you can vote however you like.
- Boudaie: is there a reason why you didn't want to do this starting this year? If you couldn't do this this year, how will you do it next year:

- Mehr: we can implement something into the budget that isn't allocated for. This is how USAC runs. It's not feasible for us to do something this quarter.
- Mokhtarzadeh: do we have a control on the total budget? So if you want to do that this year, you could propose it if you could show us the breakdown of the line item.
  - Price: the language of the e-code does not limit the e-board to advertise only with DB. It just stipulates that some things have to be advertised with the DB.
- Pan: even if there you reimburse 30 students, it would still just be \$1800. It won't be hard to find that money.
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: is it 10 % of the budget.
  - Price: we want to take 10% of the budget and equally distribute that to the candidates up to a 100%.
- Dr. Geller: from a purely idealistic perspective, I applaud you. From equitable perspective, I would ask that this language be tweaked to say what you just say that it will be divided equally.
- Mokhtarzadeh: can you clarify the language to us?
  - Price: "each candidate must be reimbursed for a portion of their expenditure up to 100% of the reported expenditure to come to be split equally from 10% of e-board budget..."
  - Price: A candidate who spend \$200 should no get the same amount reimbursed as someone who spends \$700. What we are saying is that we reimburse up to 100%.
- Boudaie: so a candidate can get up to \$150. But if they spend 600, they will still get \$150.
- Alex: let's say that it's determined that you can allocate \$100 to each candidate. How will the decision be made then?
  - Price: It depends on how many candidates are running.
  - External Relations Director: would it be easier to talk about 1 candidate. You have \$600 limit. 30 candidates at 10% is 3k. So they would each be given up to a \$100. The reason we did this is to get to full reimbursement eventually. We see that as a public university, this is a step in the right direction.
- Mokhtarzadeh: how does that account for it being viewpoint neutral. What if I don't want my student fee going towards this, then what?
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: what happens to the remaining money? Does it get distributed towards the rest of the people.
  - Mehr: it goes back to surplus. We should put a formula out there. Its 10% of our total budget. \$3700.
- Li: are you trying to use the game theory?
  - Price: one thing that's helpful about the reimbursement is that it will then incentivise student who are running to spend as little money as possible. Students will try to run on as little money as possible. This is a behavior we should try to inspire.
- Mokhtarzadeh: we are currently looking at section 9.2.
- Dr. Geller: Is the intent that the next change date for \$600 be 2019?
  - Price: No, 2021.
- Mokhtarzadeh: is there any other discussion regarding this? I will say that I am not comfortable proposing changes to any other years' e-code because they will be coming in and proposing their own change.
  - Mehr: if we implement this now, he future e-board will have something to work with. We need to envision the next election and set the precedent now. Any decision we make today in inherently for the future e-board.
- Mokhtarzadeh: if you believed in this so much, you should've done it this year to prove that it was viable. Help us work through your process.
  - Price: as we spoke to Kris, we were told that our budget was locked in.

- Isabelle: and just because something can't change this year, why can't USAC take a stand on the fact that they are working towards a more equitable campus.
- Mehr: we cannot touch anything in our line items. I see no problem in proposing it now.
- Jackson: as far as I'm concerned, I would echo that you should do it this year and see how it turns out.
- Roy: council gave you \$37.5K, and you can reassign your line items.
  - Price: Can I talk to you after this? There are certain principles that you have to turn the hands of future generations on. You should say that future generation need to know that people are created equal. I think that is something that we need to codify. We need to assert that this is a human right and is a right on this campus.
  - Isabelle: we have an ok by Kris to renegotiate our DB budget, so is there a way to do it this year?
- Mokhtarzadeh: if you're promising student this, then you have to be ready to committing 10% of your budget and know that you might not be able to spend on something else.
  - Mehr: if that's the case, we could do that this quarter.
- Mokhtarzadeh: can you clarify this to Kris.
- Champawat: I think Kris is just interpreting our budget.
- Boudaie: last year would you have had enough funding to do this?
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: no.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so we are on the same page on this as long as it say 2017-18 academic year instead of 2018-19. Before we move on, are there any other comments? I will recommend we start at the beginning. We will look at proposal A, section 5.2, clause 1. Jack, can you begin by reading it to us.
  - Price: reads
- Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: referenda excludes constitutional amendment representative.
- Mokhtarzadeh: we can remove referenda from that language. Does anyone have any other comments about this proposal? Seeing none, we will move on.
  - Price reads: This was the section we were just discussing. This is something that we added to ensure that the e-code provides for the e-board to oversee the reimbursements. The Finance Director would be best to oversee those.
- Mokhtarzadeh: moving on to proposal C.
  - Price reads section 9.1: The e-board recommends this.
- Mokhtarzadeh: May I recommend that in subsection D, the cost divide equally among all campaigns.
- Boudaie: should also add "and referenda".
- Mokhtarzadeh: moving on to section 9.2
- Boudaie: real quick to go back to the last one. Since we are saying that funding can go towards slate spending, if it's a flyer containing pictures of multiple candidates but not the whole slate, does it still count as slate expenditure?
  - Price: the \$200 is what council recommended last time. We recommend that that be changed to 30% so that it can be constant even if the total spending limit changes in the future.
- Mokhtarzadeh: any discussion on section 9.2 now?
  - Price reads: So that's where we would address the point about where the money will go if we can't give it all back to the candidates. Can we tabel that for later?
- Mokhtarzadeh: it'll just become part of your surplus.
- Mokhtarzadeh: moving on to section 9.3
  - Price reads.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so language now says "all costs incurred for campaign material as designed by the election code"
  - Price: it would be aretole 9.1.1c. Campaign material changes all the time and the board consistently refers to this definition of campaign material.

- A and B are 2 different things. Sticking to point A would be recommended.
- Mokhtarzadeh: just for clarification, elsewhere in the e-code, we defined slate spending as anything that has 1 candidate's name on it or no candidates name on it. This is different from what is said elsewhere in the code.
  - Price: from what I remember from Tuesday. The council deliberated over whether advertisements of more than 1 name count as slate spending. That is consistent with point B.
- Mokhtarzadeh: am I the only one having trouble understand this. If that's the case then it's alright.
  - Price: I think we could copy the language that was decided upon last tuesday.
- Mokhtarzadeh: isn't the idea that the cost is split evenly between all campaigns? How would we define if two campaigns are on the same flyer.
  - Price: that would be the Finance Director's discretion. If you're purchasing advertising together it would in my mind seem the same way as 2 candidates working together.
- Mokhtarzadeh: can we change the language on 9.1? I agree with you but I worry that having the words will be too inconsistent in the e-code that will be an issue for the investigations committee. This could lead to a situation in which independent candidates run the same campaign and then they account that as slate cost.
- Pan: why don't we change the word from campaign to candidates. There are already other parts of the code that say that independent candidates are not allowed to pool funds.
  - Price: the e-code as it was ratified on January 31, 2017 says that "... " if we were to stipulate that that counts as slate spending, it would give e-board the ability to sanction students who violate what we are concerned about it.
- Mokhtarzadeh: do you want us to find and clarify that?
  - Price: I am looking at the code right now.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I'm going to defer to the past board.
  - Member of the Public, Pastr E-Board Member: off the top of my head, it would be based on the definition of what constitutes as a slate. From there, they would be subject to all of the slate spending requirements.
  - Price: if a candidate is spending with other and has not registered as a slate, they stand in violation of the e-code.
- Pan: I can look for it. After that year, the e-board revised the code that you couldn't have that happen again.
- Alexander: I'm seeing on page 14, section 4.8, article 4, letter E.
- Mokhtarzadeh: it sounds like we are all on the same page about that. With regard to #2, is there any opposition to that either? It seems like the only change made to auditing of expense account was to add "nearest deadline". So thank you for that clarification. Now we are at section 9.2. Seems like we discussed the reimbursement piece. Dr. Geller do you propose something about this?
- Dr. Geller: to change it to 2021.
  - Price: I think that we could stand to change the language and not lose the intent of the
- Mokhtarzadeh: does anyone feel strongly that we should keep it?
- Boudaie: why not?
- Pan: we should just keep it.
- Mokhtarzadeh: moving on to item 4 under slate section with regard to amount that each candidate can devote towards the slate. Can you explain the rationale behind your change.
- Pan: he recommended a change to % so that it doesn't need to be changed each year.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I think that if anyone is going to change the spending cap, they can also make other changes
  - Member of the Public, Past E-Board Chair, Danielle: just change it to a third.
  - Price: we agree.

- Mokhtarzadeh: okay great! There was an amendment proposed by a person in my office and Chloe's office. she felt that the pronouns were not inclusive. She proposed the following changes. If everyone is on the same page, we will just change it everything to "their".
- Dr. Geller: I would encourage that the same change be made to all your policies and guidelines right now.
  - In addition to changing the pronouns, I would recommend also removing the term "person" and "chair". Chair and vice chair are sufficient terms.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so we have all the proposed changes on the table right now.
- Boudaie: do we have access to the editable doc?
- Mokhtarzadeh: let's start with the most recent amendment. Change "chairperson" to chair" and "vice chairperson" to vice chair"
- Mokhtarzadeh: nex it's with regard to gender inclusive language. Seeing no opposition, Jack do you want to go through the code and make sure that we are all clear about what we are voting on.
  - Price:
    - Remove "Persons"
    - They, gender inclusivity
    - Proposal A that would allow absence due to religious observance and family emergency.
    - Proposal B: propose the duty of ensuring that candidate reimbursements are done up to 100%.
    - Proposal C: define campaign material advocated in more than 1 name.
      - Expense account submission.
    - Multiple expense account due dates
    - Section 9.2: candidate reimbursement from budget of e-board
    - Section 9.8.
    - 9.2 changed to be consistent with the changes made to section 9.1.
    - 9.1 A: would define the 1/3 of \$600.
- Mokhtarzadeh: any final questions or concerns?
- Pan moves to approve the e-code as amended, Sharma seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, this motion passes.

## **2. USAC Election Calendar\***

**Price**

- Should we have 5 min break, we will come back at 11:00 PM.
- Lee moves to have 5 min recess, Sadian seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, recess comenses.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Mehr, would you mind setting up the calendar.
  - Price: based on our last conversation about the calendar, we've begun booking rooms already. So let's try to keep this as running as possible. We switched the meet the candidates and endorsements hearing in week 3. I spoke to "Boy Chimp??"(definitely go this name wrong) from myucla who organizes when the voting begins. We asked them when would be the best time for them. Week 5 is what they said they could do. Week 6 is when sign ups for summer orientation would begin. We risk the ballot failing. That's an eventuality I don't want to deal with. Having election in week 5 puts us in conflict with some events that council is concerned about. We are happy to move the deadline for sign boards to go up on April 26th. One thing that Hajee reached out to them about was that she asked why we scheduled leafleting hours only for the week of voting. It was because it was brought to my attention that this can be environmentally stressful. Restricting this brings down both cost and environmental degradation,
- Saidian: How would registration scheduling work?
  - One thing we spoke with Kris about was moving registration back to monday and tuesday. I think that having the deadline right where it is would be okay.

- Mokhtarzadeh: don't the signatures need to be verified?
  - Danielle: yes, the signature and GPA need to be verified by myucla.
- Mokhtarzadeh: my question is to you Dr. Geller.
- Dr. Geller: tuesday week 1, if they were turned in 9am on the 3rd. You would need to know by 6pm on the 4th? The offices open 9-5.
  - Price: waht Kris was suggesting is that we release the candidate packet and we will collect the thus far collected signatures at the end of finals week and then do the rest in first week.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I want to be very clear that we are giving students 3 normal days and then finals weeks. This is a barrier to entry.
  - Price: that's why I wanted to release the candidate packets beforehand.
- Mokhtarzadeh: but that would be penalizing students who followed the rules.
- Dr. Geller: there is an institutional expectation that no signatures be collected in finals week. But there is no problem with having checks done after orientation. Students could turn in their applications before finals week, collect them on day 1 of spring. Most years when the signature collection period includes time after spring break, those who are collecting signatures turn their docs in before the spring break period to ensure that they are not collecting signatures off campus when the university is closed.
- Flournoy-Hooker: as long as it does get checked its fine. But someone has gotten pulled from the election before for not passing the check.
- Dr. Geller: I don't have knowledge of when who was not eligible. Worst case scenario, it turns out after orientation that that person was not eligible, then all resources allocated to them would be removed and not reallocated to anyone else. There have been reasons why candidates after orientation have voluntarily withdrawn. Even then the same procedure is followed.
  - Price: myucla has invested in technology that randomizes each ballot.
- Flournoy-Hooker: is it possible for a student to claim a sign board position that some other student has vacated.
- Hardwicke: didn't this happen last year?
- Sharma: the precedent is to leave the signboard area empty.
- Boudiaie: the DB announces candidates right away so I don't want someone whos going to get pulled out to be announced.
  - Price: the campaigning actually doesn't begin until the 11th. So before that we should be fine.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so we agree on signatures being due wed 6pm at orientation.
  - Danielle: the only thing would be raffles.
- Sharma: last year it was disseminated that write in candidates could participate if they went to every event.
- Dr. Geller: read out to the council the policy on signatures not being collected during finals are spring break.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so we are literally giving students 4 days.
  - Danielle: I remember there be a thing about packets having to be available for x number of days.
- Boudaie: yes, that's 10 school days.
- Dr. Geller: its means that you need to go back and change your e-code.
- Stokes: I think I got my signatures in 1 day. I'm being so serious. I got it done in a day. If you want to make it happen, you make it happen. I was going to people's dorms and telling them my name and my campaign promises and getting signatures. If you persevere, you can do it.
- Hardwikce: same!
  - Danielle: I think changing the e-code is risky especially for the future. Maybe we could shift it back even more. Campaigning doesn't start until the 16th, so I don't know if it's possible to shift orientation to the 11th.

- Member of Public, Past E-Board Member: all of these hours we've spent here make it easier for people to run for office, and to cut down the days for people to get signatures, goes against that principle.
- Boudaie: why don't we just add finals week.
  - Price: We could have the candidates orientation on monday the 10th. When you register an event with Ackerman, you submit name and description, I submitted those, I will go and see if we can change that.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I don't know very many students who are even available to go to a meeting 12-3 on monday.
  - We tried to get the same room for all events.
- Flournoy-Hooker: it also going back to the point about making this equitable and accessible. This timing wont allow for a large turnout.
  - Danielle: we had two orientations last year.
  - Price: we are happy to hold a smaller orientation in our office. Specifically on the timing of the endorsements hearing, this is one way to go around it. Wah the e-board has done in then past is hold an alternative endorsements orientation in the e-board office.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so one is we are saying we amend the e-code to include finals week. Second, we make packets due on tue april 3rd.
- Alexander: if the checks were the happen.
- Dr. Geller: the ballot presentation is on day 10, and to vet that the dean's office needs it by friday at the latest.
- Hardwicke: e-code state that it has to be 10 school days? Where?
- Boudaie: why don't we just make it finals week. We need to do that.
- Hardwicke: we need to understand the spirit of why finals week was excluded in the first place.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I heard both sides of the concern, so is there anyone who feels strongly for one or the other.
- Dr. Geller: keeping in mind that you're all students first and you have an academic commitment, my preference would be that you're able to focus on finals during finals. So rather than doing this, let signatures be turned in on 4pm on friday the 6th. Monday and tuesday could be used for the check.
- Saidain: there's no way to please and secure that everyone will be accommodated,, thats the reality of life.
- Mokhtarzadeh: so is there any opposition to Dr. Geller's proposal? It would require an e-code change that 10 days are not needed, 8 days are.
- Saidain: if someone wants to collect signatures during finals, why can't I collect signatures?
  - Price: as student leaders, we should have student mental health at the forefront. They need to focus on their studies. There's also a question of fairness.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Danielle, are there any potential roadblocks you anititpcte with this plan?
  - Member of the Public, Past E-Board Member: it would be the raffles but if you're committed to doing that it on the spot, it should be okay.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Here are the changes then: A. a amendment to e-code from 10 day to 8. B. saying that candidate packets are due friday week 1 along with attending orientation. We will not allow signatures to be collected during finals week. Submitted at 5pm on friday of week 10 and collected 9am on week 1 spring.
- Mokhtarzadeh: we are having endorsement orientation on monday 12-3. We will facebook live it and have people attend another orientation in our office. Students who don't qualify would then have to withdraw a day before the ballot. I want to make sure that you as the e-board know that you'll have to know let us know by thursday 5pm if we need to approve an agenda item on tuesday week 2. Candidates wont know if they're on the ballot until after tuesday's council meeting.

- Dr. Geller: for referenda, it's pretty much too late at this point. Before the ballot is finalized, we need 4 weeks review and then a review by academic budget and chancellor. So if that's only 10th april, you don't have time. It would be too late at this point to put a referenda on this election that involves student fees.
- Mokhtarzadeh: are you open to shifting candidates orientation to week 2? any opposition?
- Mokhtarzadeh: looking at week 3 now.
  - Danielle: because online campaigning begins after ballot is announced. Technically you can't post about it before the 16th. So I would recommend online campaign to start when the candidate orientation is.
  - Price: someone who is unaffiliated should be considered campaigning. We want to ensure that students have time to process the statements.
- Dr. Geller: I will be uncomfortable with you allowing campaign to begin before the 11th.
  - Price: keeping it at week 3 is this election board recommendation. We think that that the online campaign date be as it stands so that we can be sure who is on the ballot and students can familiarize themselves with their candidates prior to being bombarded with advertisements. We will obviously still follow whatever the council decides.
- Mokhtarzadeh: if you all could come up with a clear guideline on what is allowed on social media and when, it would be great and a definite improvement from last year's situation.
- Dr. Geller: it would be preferable that this be brought to you the week before. Most of your guidelines are consent items. The language you've written does not require that that particular doc be approved.
  - External Relations Director: it's not very helpful because we meet on Mondays.
- Mokhtarzadeh: But this is part of your role.
  - External Relations Director: we are students too and we are students first.
- External Relations Director: this is the standard that we are all held to.
- Hardwicke: the e-code we approved said that we don't need to approve anything other than those 3 things.
  - Price: we need to maintain our autonomy because social media is fluid.
- Dr. Geller: I'll give you one caveat. You can't make any retroactive changes. So if you change the guidelines after the changes being, you can't sanction retroactively.
  - Member of Current E-Board: the social media guidelines used in last year were used in such a way.
- External Relations Director: so we don't need a vote, but it could be presented to us.
  - Price: the council suggested that we switch endorsements with meet the candidates those rooms have not yet been booked. People have different schedules. Endorsements hearing remains on this location. We hope will maintain the civility on endorsements hearing this year. Meet the candidates will both be on the hill. My decision to split meet the candidates and endorsements was that meet the candidates event be after the endorsements hearing because it makes it less effective. It's hard for students to access this. One thing that concerned you all was that this is a lot of events. But as per amendments, students are not required to attend any of these things except candidate orientation.
- Stokes: I think that it would be more beneficial if you have the endorsement and meet the candidates on the same day. If you advertise it, you'll get the turnout. It'll make your life easier. Keeping in mind that we are students first. You should strongly consider putting that back on the same day.
  - Price: one compromise would be switching the order so that one is before the other.
- Boudaie: I agree with Sayron. Honestly, I don't see the point of endorsements hearings. Everyone came in with their mind made up. Some were even planted by candidates. This is useless.
- Stokes: just because it is now 12:05 AM, could we have another emergency meeting some time this week?
- Mokhtarzadeh: in that spirit please be direct. There's no need to give a speech.

- Danielle: endorsements hearing is a big deal. It undermines the authority of student groups. Endorsements hearing used to be a really big deal, lasting 4 nights. It's really sad that it's not anymore.
- Price: we have an entire committee devoted to endorsements hearing. She brought up some more concerns when I interviewed her for the hearing. Whether people go or not, we are required to hold it as per the code.
- Mokhtarzadeh: in my experience, there has been no hearing where students group didn't walk in knowing who they were endorsing. We need to have a clear endorsements process. There were endorsement hearings that we didn't hear about 3 hrs before they were happening.
  - Price summarizes the plan discussed so far.
- Mokhtarzadeh: any opposition to that?
- Mokhtarzadeh: the expense account first round is due friday of week 4. Any questions?
- Pan: what's campus campaigning if leafletting is not allowed?
  - Price: wearing t-shirts, etc. leafletting in my personal experience, I think leafletting is a less than persuasive technique.
- Mokhtarzadeh: maybe this is something you could clarify during orientation. Getting to week 5, sign boards expense accounts due at midnight. Voting, flyering, results announced at 5 PM.
- Pan: 7 creates a race for the bottom. Business hours would be better.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I think the issue is that dance marathon sign boards happens at midnight.
  - Price: e-board has to pay for security when the sign boards go up.
  - Danielle: all of you show up drunk to sign boards. And that might be a safety or health issue. Cops had to show up. I'm supposed that Kris would approve this since he was so concerned about this last year.
- Saidian: I appreciate the conversation, we need to have a constructive conversation. It is 12:15 and we aren't moving forward with something that we can work with.
- Mokhtarzadeh: if there is any safety concern, there has to be security present. The other thing is that students don't like seeing their faces up for 10 days in a year.
- ~~- Saidian: Arielle, who cares?~~
- Mokhtarzadeh: well, that's the point of the discourse.
  - External Relations Director: are we keeping signboard on sunday or moving it to monday? Are we moving leafletting hours to 9AM?
- Flournoy-Hooker: so given sign boards and dance marathon, is there concern that candidates aren't going to show up.
  - External Relations Director: there is a concern that they will be tired after dance marathon and wont be able to do that. I-f we didn't have week 5 election, myucla is worried about servers shutting down.
- Stokes: again my point, if you want it, you'll do it.
- Mokhtarzadeh: sounds like we are agreeing on sunday.
- Flournoy-hooker moves to approve USAC Election Calendar as amended, stokes seconds.
- 11-0-1 vote, this motion passes.

### **3. CAC Bylaw Amendment\***

#### **Hardwicke**

- The amendment is moving CAC appointment has always been under the president. There's been a mistake and we want to correct it.
- Lee moves to approve, Saidian seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, this bylaw change has been approved.
- Diaz: Is there a way an effort for students to move the hearing to earlier?

#### **4. A Resolution in Support of and in Solidarity with Psychologists and Clinicians of UCLA Counseling and Psychological Services\***

**Lee**

- **Tabled.**

#### **5. Bylaw Amendment Discussion**

**Li**

- Li: all of you heard the presentation and I've heard so many international students complain and I am thinking of putting an international representative on council.
- We plan to bring a constitutional change week 1 spring quarter. We want to give you this idea and feel free to go over the proposal we write. Let us know if you have any issue or suggestions?
- Jackson: I believe that since it's changing our constitution, you only need 15 days beforehand to put it on referendum.
- Dr. Geller: all language for the ballot has to be approved when you do the ballot approval which is on the election calendar. So it needs to be approved before you approve the full ballot. The constitution says you need minimum 15 days. However, this was created back when ballots were paper and it didn't take into account that myucla needs more than 15 days to make the digital ballot. Whichever way you're doing it, it needs to be done before you approve the ballot.
- Mokhtarzadeh: isn't it a UC student fee because we are putting in a stipended position? You would be increasing your budget twofold. 1) adding stipend 2) special election to be held in the fall to elect your first one. Or you could change our genrep office. That would not have an additional cost.

#### **6. Programming allocation that was allocated to the 8 offices**

**Stokes**

- Malshe: the \$16K allocated requires that it is unrestricted. We need it to say that.
- Stokes: I confirm that \$16k that was allocated to 8 offices to be unrestricted!
- Mokhtarzadeh: Just another point, for next time, can you be more specific in the title of these discussion items because the current title is way too broad.

#### **7. Hearing on the Election Board Chair Appointment\***

**Mokhtarzadeh**

- Mokhtarzadeh: there was sufficient concern last week. Those who are allowed to speak are the council, Jack and anyone he chooses to speak on his behalf who he believes is able to corroborate. Traditionally these are held in Executive Session.
- Mokhtarzadeh: reads the letter sent to Jack last week.

*Dear Jack,*

*I am contacting you on behalf of the Undergraduate Students Association Council to notify you that we will be holding a hearing next Tuesday, March 13th at 7PM during the Week 10 USAC Meeting to discuss your performance as the Election Board Chair. As you already know, the responsibilities of the Election Board Chair are as follows:*

*Per Article V Section A of the USAC Bylaws:*

*Section A: Election Board*

- 1. The Chair of the Election Board shall be appointed by the Council before the first week of Fall quarter.*
- 2. The Chair shall receive applications, and from these shall appoint an appropriate number of members to the Election Board Executive Committee with the Council's approval.*
- 3. The Spring General Election shall be at least three (3) days in duration.*
- 4. The Election Board shall work under the direction and supervision of the Election Board Executive Committee and the Chair.*

5. *The Election Board shall meet upon the request of the Chair during an election, and, at that time, shall sit as the first court to receive infractions of the Election Code.*

*Per Article II Section 2.4 of the USAC Election Code:*

*2.4 Election Board Chairperson Responsibility:*

*1. Election Board Chairperson responsibilities and duties shall include to:*

*a. Be responsible to the USAC for the administration of all Undergraduate Students Association elections;*

*b. Be accountable for all Election Board duties and responsibilities;*

*c. Maintain absolute impartiality in the administration and conduct of all elections*

*d. Nominate additional members of the Board, as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the election;*

*e. Clarify existing rules intended for ensuring a fair and safe election as necessary and publish them in the Daily Bruin at discretion of the Election Board Chairperson;*

*f. Assist the other members of the Election Board when necessary;*

*g. Control and regulate the disbursement of the Election Board budget;*

*h. Carry out such other functions and duties as required under the USAC Constitution and Bylaws;*

*i. Have jurisdiction over all Undergraduate Students Association election-related processes during the academic school year;*

*j. Verify the eligibility of all candidates, as provided for in this Election Code, through the Dean of Students Office in the following manner:*

*i. The Election Board Chairperson and/or*

*University-appointed Administrative Advisor will deliver the candidate eligibility petitions and applications to the Dean of Students Office or his/her designee.*

*ii. The Dean of Students will notify the University-appointed Administrative Advisor of the results of the candidate eligibility check.*

*iii. The University-appointed Administrative Advisor will notify the Election Board Chairperson of the results of the candidate eligibility check.*

*k. Report in writing to the USAC the results of the candidate eligibility check, and recommend the certification of all candidates who have met the eligibility requirements;*

*l. Report in writing to the USAC and the University-appointed Administrative Advisor concerning the conduct of elections and to make recommendations and submit drafts for proposed changes in the Election Code;*

*m. Recommend the certification of the elected candidates to the USAC prior to the installation of the new Council;*

- n. Provide the ASUCLA Historian with a copy of the final results of the balloting, for the historical files;
- o. Present the Election Calendar to the USAC. The Election Calendar shall include:
- i. Deadlines for picking up and returning petitions for candidacy;
  - ii. Date of Campaign Orientation Meeting;
  - iii. Dates of on-campus campaigning;
  - iv. Campus leaflet days;
  - v. Deadlines for filing expense accounts;
  - vi. Dates of voting;
  - vii. Polling hours;
  - viii. Dates for endorsement hearings and debate;
  - ix. Date for mandatory student group endorsements orientation;
- x. Date for official registration of slates with the Election Board, if necessary.

The Council finds you to be in violation of the following items:

- “The Chair shall receive applications, and from these shall appoint an appropriate number of members to the Election Board Executive Committee with the Council’s approval.” (USAC Bylaws, Article V, Section A, Subsection 2)
- “Maintain absolute impartiality in the administration and conduct of all elections.” (USAC Election Board, Article II, Section 2.4.c)
- “Clarify existing rules intended for ensuring a fair and safe election as necessary and publish them in the Daily Bruin at discretion of the Election Board Chairperson” (USAC Election Board, Article II, Section 2.4.e)
- “Carry out such other functions and duties as required under the USAC Constitution and Bylaws” (USAC Election Board, Article II, Section 2.4.h)
  - “Student governments shall have authority and responsibility over matters that are consistent with their enabling documents such as constitutions and by-laws, and with the University’s purposes for such governments as defined by these Policies and implementing campus regulations. It shall be the responsibility of student governments, in consultation with the Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee, to ensure that their enabling documents, as well as all their programs and activities, are consistent with the status of such governments as official units of the University, and with the University’s purposes for such governments as set forth in Section 61.10-15 of these Policies, as well as with all other provisions of these Policies and with implementing campus regulations.” (University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students “PACAOS” 60.00 Policy on Student Governments Section 61.10)
  - “No University of California student shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions solely on the basis of speech or other communication that is protected from governmental restriction under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, Section 2 of Article I of the California Constitution, or Section

66301 of the California Education Code, provided that nothing in this policy limits the University's authority to..." (UC Regents Policy 3303: Policy on Employee and Student Protections Related to Student Press and Student Free Speech Rights)

*The official USAC Appointment Removal Process -- outlined in the USAC Bylaws Article II Section E -- states the following:*

*Section E: Removal Process*

1. Any student holding an appointed of ice approved by the Council (with the exception of Judicial Board Justices) may be removed from of ice only after hearing and for cause by concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Council, which shall be the sole judge of cause. Judicial Board Justices may be removed from of ice only after hearing and for cause by concurrence of three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members of the Council.
2. If it be found thereafter that action by a Council appointee is inconsistent with a Council directive, this will be deemed as just cause for the removal of that appointee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of council.
3. If vacancies occur in the course of the academic year after the initial appointment has been made:
  - a. The vacancy must be announced no later than one (1) week from the date the vacancy occurs.
  - b. A nomination must be made not later than four (4) weeks from the date the vacancy occurs.

*Consistent with the USAC Bylaws, we will be holding a formal hearing next Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 in Kerckhoff 417 where you will be provided the opportunity to respond to the Council's concerns. The Hearing will be our last item under New Business. Afterwards, Council will proceed to a formal vote.*

*Personnel matters such as this are typically heard in Executive Session which is closed to the public. If you prefer to have this hearing be open to the public rather than in held in an Executive Session, please let me know.*

*Fiat Lux,*

*Arielle Yael Mokhtarzadeh*

*President, Undergraduate Students Association Council*

- Mokhtarzadeh: Jack there is no one who fought harder for you for this position than I did. First Dr. Geller will open, then we will give Jack a chance to respond to anything that he received in the formal letter. And then we will got to QnA. after that we will entertain a motion and a vote.
- Dr. Geller : for those who may not have been part of the conversation or don't recall, last fall an e-code amendment was proposed that gave slates and independents different budgets. The guidance I received and relayed to council is that it is unconstitutional to discourage associated with others. It is related to the first amendment, it's no different than if the e-code was to discriminate based on religion. The same way an amendment also associates the rights to associate. The original draft that was submitted last week had that same type of language. By tuesday, the e-board had submitted a new vision. The language you've approved tonight is constitutional. It became clear that the old election code had similar flaws. Attention wasn't given to them because they had been there so long. The concern that was raised was about the fact that after last fall, that change was not reflected in the first draft that was submitted for consideration:
- Mokhtarzadeh: jack, at this time, we would like to give you the opportunity to speak.

- Price: I want to thank council of hearing me. I am proud of what my e-board has accomplished so far. I think we have maintained our integrity and our impartiality.
  1. Price: The first things will address is that I'm somehow in violation that I didn't receive applications: I did exactly that on January 28th. I tendered nominations and they were all interviewed by me and then council had time to cross check my nomination and then the council approved them.
  2. Price: The allegation that have not maintained impartiality: comes down to the recommendation process by which we recommend the proposal that were put before you last week. To that I will orally submit a timeline
    - Week 10 fall: Spoke to Kris. he recommended that I wait till my board was fully formed.
    - Week 3, winter: After exec committee was approved by council, we set to work.
    - I asked Dickson Chen what our first priority should be., he and Jayesh Menon both said we should get ready to go with the calendar. Throughout, Jayesh, Mehr and I were working on the amendments that led to the proposals that you saw before you.
    - However, in the end, there were differences in my team about how to achieve an equitable election.
    - Tue, week 8: I also proposed something that changed into proposal A that you ratified tonight. At that time, council asked me by when I could have the amendments ready. I said that we would have them by next week. We have roughly 2 business days from end of council to Thursday 5pm.
    - I should not have guaranteed that because I wasn't confident that I will be able to get it all done since my exec committee was divided into 2 camps.
    - In accordance with the e-code and PACAOS regulation, I can't without an amendment proposal that has been floated by anyone in council. This is to the best of my knowledge.
    - Folks on my board had not send documents at that time or heard from Dr. Geller that these changes were unconstitutional. Is not my duty to withhold any proposal, it my duty to cast recommendations.
    - I will however admit that due to the time crunch that my own word pushed me to, I did not submit a document that consisted all the proposals that it should have contained.
    - If you were to remove me from this position for submitting those proposals to you, and feel that is it ununconscitutuonal. By removing me for .
    - If that amendment had been enacted. But we never recommend that it be enacted.
    - All this is important, listen to recording.
    - This position is supposed to be an impartial advisor position.
    - I hope that you consider the dangerous precedent that you will set.
- Jackson: can we set a time limit?
- Mokhtarzadeh: lets set 1:20AM.
- Jackson: can you tell us how
- Mokhtarzadeh: there is no point in discussing past election because we can't change that. Lets focus on the events that are at hand.
- Jackson: I'm concerned about the first time around when you appointed your team out of your past campaign team. From the get-go that showed bias already. Do you have a reason for making those choices.
  - Price: it is required that the-board chair is appointed before week 1. I was appointed on week 7. It was my duty to appoint a vice chair before 1st quarter ended. It felt it was my duty to uphold the election code.
- Jackson: even if that was biased?

- Price: My nominees that I submitted in week 10, were chosen because I was pressed for time and they were folks whom I knew could get the job done. Infact one of them is on my board today, this person went through the whole process. At the end of the day, you have to consider what actual harm will come from this decision of mine. The only body with the legislative power to act was the council. So I think that if we are to mitigate the question, it should've been done before the appointment of my exec committee.
- Diaz: part of the reason we are here today was that the past e-board was partial and how do we make sure that it's not partial this year. On the basis of you knowing that, was the decision to bring forth the past years code an irresponsible event or an intentional decision made under time pressure.
  - Price: it was a mistake in terms of how I presented both proposals and our recommendation to the election code. I submitted the one set of finance proposals that we had ready to go by thursday 5pm. We included reasons why we wanted to change those amendments; I submitted that first set of recommendations because that was the proposal that we had the language ready foron thursday at 5pm. Looking back, I should not have submitted anything. I should've been more clear. I failed to be that clear.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I'm really disappointed with the election board.
  - External Relations Director, Isabelle: USAC live is not working right now.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I don't like cameras pointed at me without my consent. We are students too, we are not people for you to pick on.
- Mokhtarzadeh: the first amendment to the e-code was the one that said that you were worried about USAC having too much control over the e-code. The amendments you propose were amendments that we proposed last week. We spent 3 hour here working through them. That was meant to be your job. The council should not have been the one taking the lead on amending the e-code.
- Mokhtarzadeh: That contradiction to me is very frustrating. Not just Jack, the fact that none of you were prepared for this hearing gave us that power.
- Mokhtarzadeh: You mentioned the phrase free speech at least 15 times. You're so committed to this idea that you brought forth an amendment that was unconstitutional. I told you to speak to Dr. Geller, to Kris, and to campus council if you didn't think I was being unbiased.
- Mokhtarzadeh: You could've looked at any meeting minutes from the summer and know that we spent hours on this.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Election process is rooted entirely on free speech, right now I don't think I can trust you to be able to conduct this.
- Mokhtarzadeh: A) did you know when you proposed that change that it was unconstitutional, B) what was the reason for it? C) if you go back and change anything about this process, what would it be?
  - Price: when we spoke on tuesday feb 8, about your suggestions. You engaged in discussion with Isabelle about your suggestions. We took those into account and as we left the office, you reminded us that the election code as it stood was unconstitutional.
- Mokhtarzadeh: it was not my assertion, it was the law.
  - Price: my duty is to the code and to the council. Per the code, I am required not to withhold any proposed amendments from the council. At the meeting, I emphatically recommended against he first proposed amendment. We decided that the 2nd amendment was the one that was more equitable. So if I were to change anything,I would go back and not promise that we will have all the amendments to you in week 9. We started that process in week 3. That's my fault that I made a promise that I was not able to keep. I failed to uphold myself to my personal standards. However the USAC election code stipulate that I submit all proposals to council and cast my recommendations.
  - I don't have any legislative power. That has always been with the council. I don't think we should come up with these changes in our exec committee. Those changes are crucial , they shape

- election. I was aware that one was unconstitutional but I had to submit it to council because that was my duty per the bylaws.
- Nowhere does it say that I have to submit a finalized e-code to the council. We are not set up for that. We are set up to conduct the elections impartially. Our 2nd duty is to be an advisory committee to council. Last week, I gave you all advice that recommended against something that was unconstitutional.
  - Saidian: going back to before the proposal was drafted. Tell me yes or no answers about consulting with your advisor on that specific proposal.
    - Price.: no not on that specifically.
  - Saidian: in terms of your meeting with Arielle, she related to you the information that we got from Dr. Geller that campus council was saying that the e-code as it stood was unconstitutional. That was relayed to you?
    - Price: no
  - Mokhtarzadeh: I will not tolerate being called a liar to my face. Isabelle, you were there.
  - Saidian: was info related to you?
    - Isabelle: there was no documentation. We cannot take that when we are answerable to all council. There are countless times, both times I met her I said please email me and Jack about it. There was no documentation.
  - Saidian: did Arielle inform you that you had access to resources like Dr. Geller?
    - Isabelle: the only thing she said was that it was unconstitutional.
  - Mokhtarzadeh: I said that if you dont believe me I get that because I ran with a slate, if you wanted to do your due diligence, you would've reached out to Dr. Geller or Kris. Kris is here for that exact reason, why didn't anyone speak to him? Kris were you reached out to?
    - Kris: it was shared with me after it was sent to council. But before tuesday.
  - Saidna did you ever try to contact campus council? Yes or no?
    - Price: it seems like campus council is available only to administration, and not to students.
  - Saidian: Jack, why aren't you giving us this information? ~~Why are we leading you to do this?~~ You need to compose the narrative that actually happened. Clearly, Arielle has hers and you need to articulate your point well and stand for it.
  - Jackson: I don't think it's an excuse that you don't know that this info was out there, it was on usac live, in our minutes.
  - Sharma: after we talked to Dr. Geller in week 2, I told everyone that campus council is not an accessible resource for students. And we set dangerous precedent if we go to admin bodies. Student legal services is the body that we should be going to.
  - Mokhtarzadeh: I went to the Jerry Kang and again if there is any question, the most accessible person is Kris Kaupalolo. I think it's extremely inappropriate what you are saying right now. If you were aware, you should've asked this question. If you knew that there is even a question mark on this policy, why not ask?
    - Price: I did ask. I brought it to council.
  - Mokhtarzadeh: no, before you brought it to council.
  - Sharma: it's fine that you went to Jerry Kang but I'm just letting council know that the precedent of going to admin lawyers is not a healthy one. If we continuously cite campus council. That's what sets the precedent. When we go to admin bodies. It is not something accessible to students in general. We need to preserve the associated student body of this council. I am not trying to attack you.
  - Mokhtarzadeh: just to clarify, we went to Dr. Geller who went to campus council. I am saying that they are not an authority, but a legal opinion.
  - Hardwicke: you were talking about how your understanding of e-code as it is is that you are not allowed to withhold any suggested amendments. So what you're saying is that you didn't withhold it, you came to us and recommended disapproval.

- Price: and if you recall, I submitted an unconstitutional and a constitutional amendment. I did my due diligence and submitted both proposals. One of them was constitutional and I recommended that the council adopt the constitutional one. He did not ever assert that the amendment that campus council has decided is unconstitutional, he never brought up the constitutionality as reason to withdraw it from council. That's the only thing he said in a March 5th meeting. It doesn't matter if it is not constitutional, because that is not what we recommended. I think everybody's doing their job.
- Saidian: it just seems like you proposed the amendment that was in reality supposed to be disapproved by you.
- Hardwicke: you brought to UDSAC a particular amendment and suggest disapproval.
- Saidian: you didn't specify until after the Thursday deadline whether you meant approval or disapproval. It would've been more transparent if both were submitted at the same time and stated that one was approval and one was disapproval.
  - Price: I think you're right Nedda. The process I understood was not clear and was not what the council deserved. Since then I've submitted more recommendations and made sure that that what happened doesn't happen again. I can't change the past but I've taken steps to ensure that the process is held to higher standards internally.
- Jackson: we are having the unconstitutionality discussion with regard to his election as chair because he violated the first amendment?
- Saidian: he didn't violate anything technically.
- Mokhtarzadeh: the purpose was not to remove him but to answer questions.
- Jackson: he didn't violate that one. So can we focus on the one that he did violate.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Dr. Geller emailed and until then you didn't send anything. Why wasn't it communicated that you intended to present anything else.
  - Price: no that's not true. As I noted, by Thursday at 5pm. Tuesday of week 8 I proposed that we will have amendments ready to go by Tuesday of week 9. The next day I met with Kris on an unrelated matter. We discussed in passing the nature of discussing election changes. And then on Wednesday evening, members of the exec committee met to discuss the 2 options and begin drafting language. You all saw how these deliberations go about. It goes back and forth for a while. We were going in circles. We worked to get them together on Thursday and we didn't do a great job. Part of the reason I didn't reach out was that I was sort of ashamed. Our next meeting was on Monday, I planned to make revisions and put them before the board. By the time I received the email from Kris around 11am. Our board meeting was at 3pm. That's when we began to communicate substantively. We all discussed it and put forward our new proposal. I didn't communicate effectively with members of council and I apologize for that, that's something that we will do more proactively moving forward. When and if we propose changes next, we will be sure to submit them all at the same time. It's the council's job to make those deliberations, it's the board's job to present and recommend options. However, I don't think that my actions violated the election code, the bylaws or the university policy 60 or regent policy 3303.
  - Even though what I submitted was horribly formatted and poorly executed, it was still an exercise in free speech.
- Jackson: in the violation listed, the 3rd one says that...
- Mokhtarzadeh: the amendment was unconditional and imposed restrictions on student rights. I think we all can agree that mistakes have been made. We all also agree that there is no value to removing the chair so close to election. As someone who is very rooted in the 1st amendment, I am not comfortable with us not acknowledging that nothing happened here. So now I'd look to council for solutions on how we can move forward with greater confidence.
- Jackson: I think there are violations but then it's also about the trust in the chair and his committee.
- Boudaie: I don't think he violated the e-code but also he should've been more transparent. Not a big deal.

- Lee: I would like to hear from Isabelle. My question to all of you council is that to my understanding, you take it that council a is supposed to go to check in about your suggested to changes to the e-code. So what we are seeing here is a more of a lack of communication. So how can we meditate that before coming in? Should we expect that it's the e-board's responsibility that everything is constitutional and aligned with legal services? Or is there another person you need to check in with? Or is council the first place you come to?
  - Price: student legal service can be consulted. Regardless of the solution, the onus has to be on the e-board. I need to keep myself accountable. If could go through the ARC committee prior to coming to council. I think that would be a safe.
- Hardwicke: aren't these things going to go through ARC anyway?
- Jackson: no, only constitutional changes.
- Dr. Geller: as an alternative to student legal, you can submit proposal to Kris and I and we could vet them for you.
  - Price: the things submitted tonight were vetted by Kris prior to night.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I'm going to turn to all of you in hopes that after the election is over, you can propose a guideline document for future election boards with timelines, provide some justification, provide example for this past year. Is that something you are willing to commit to?
  - Price: I as a chair am willing to commit.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I would like confirmation from all of you.
  - The entire e-board membership present agrees to commit.
- Mokhtarzadeh: does that sound like a fair compromise to everyone in the room? We can intentionally work on this piece that Dr. Geller provided about having these things.
- Kris: can these be sent in writing to the e-board.
- Mokhtarzadeh: thank you Jack cor coming here. We appreciate it. Thank you to all of you in the election board. At least now we can go into election with a greater sense of confidence.

#### **XVI. Announcements**

#### **XVII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

#### **XVIII. Adjournment\***

- Stokes, moves to adjourn the meeting, Jackson seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, the meeting is adjourned.

#### **XIX. Good and Welfare**

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