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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

January 17, 2017

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Danny Siegel, Sabrina Zeigler, Rafael Sands, Ashly Mohankumar, Jordan Dang, Zoe Borden, Ruchit Majmudar, Inan Chowdhury, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Sandra Rhee, Ariel Rafalian, Christina Lee, Divya Sharma, Kevin Yu, Roy Champawat, Debra Geller, Rob Kadota, Jessica Alexander

ABSENT: Michael Starr

I. Call to Order

-Siegel calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shao moves to strike ARC fund.

-Lee moves to strike the student wellness programming fund.

-Mohankumar moves to approve the agenda as amended. Rafalian seconds.

11-0-0 vote the agenda has been approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

-Mohankumar moves to approve the minutes. Majmudar seconds.

11-0-1 vote the minutes have been approved.

IV. Public Comments

-Jay is from the Youth Movement Against Alzheimer's is throwing an event next Tuesday from 7-9pm in DeNeve.

-Jay says we need awareness so we are throwing this advocacy night for that reason, with speakers, free food, and a free concert and it is a great way to network.

-Parrera is an internship director with David Jimenez, they are having a meeting next Wednesday so feel free to come by and speak about your offices.

-Hichu is an intern for international relations.

-Alexander is an intern and introduced herself.

-Jarel is working under the academic advocacy committee.

-Jason is a first year and interning under the secretary.

-Christina is an intern in the president office and housing security.

-Rhia is under Westwood committee.

-Sarina is interning under the campus climate committee.

-Jason is here interning with the food security co-op.

V. Special Presentations

A. Sigma Chi Presentation – Inan Chowdhury and Jabril Muhammad

- Chowdhury says that Jabril is sick so could not make it today, so he would like to table this.
- Chowdhury says their first event will be next week on Wednesday now.
- Chowdhury read Jabril's speech regarding minority disadvantaged issues and how to serve all students rather than specific students.
- Chowdhury reads Jabril's speech and enforces everyone to be a part of the conversation.

#### B. The Student Food Collective: Food Co Op – Sumana and Gabi

- Gabi is the co-director and Sumana is also a co-director.
- Gabi says this club was created to start a shared ownership grocery store like club.
- Gabi says the food buying club engaged UCLA with local farms.
- Sumana says our room is shared with election committee in Kerkhoff 519 with a current team of 20 plus interns.
- Sumana says we are creating a comprehensive leadership program.
- Gabi says we would like to create our space into a grocery store model in Spring of 2017.
- Gabi says once this phase is developed people can come in and pick up their groceries.
- Gabi says we plan to operate for 3 days a week.
- Sumana says we are planning to start a media platform with weekly articles and mobile kitchen demonstrations.
- Gabi says our initiative is to engage the different resources of food on campus and LA.
- Sumana says you can help by coming to meetings, future educational seminar, and visit the place once it is done.
- Sumana says renovations are going to cost \$6,500, but most are covered so most of the renovations will be for fridges and storage.
- Gabi says our goals this winter are social media, logistics plan, 1 or 2 test run pickups, 2 Bruin plaza showcases, and fundraising.
- Sumana says a survey was done by the UC regent system and that 40% students in the UC system do not have access to food so please support us.
- Siegel says thank you for sharing, but in regards to the costs do you have a contract with the UC food security group?
- Sumana says yes.
- Sharma says have you looked into donors from alumni? I have a donor, Alicia, that BRC used and she can help.
- Sumana said that would be great.
- Borden says have you reached out to the UC sponsorship yet?
- Sumana says no we have only applied to some.
- Borden says I can try to help get a fridge donated.
- Sands says he has had different conversations with donors and there is so much potential here, if they can find out about this and make it clear where there money is going, I hope that is a strong focus because there is a lot of money that people would want to give to this.
- Shao asks are you comfortable about me asking about your committee? Why did you join this club? Since it is a new initiative.
- One speaker of the club has always had an interest in food and eating healthy and it will benefit not only her, but also others.

- Another speaker says she is more interested in the fact that they will be more available and helping the environment. Having food at a reasonable price will help us focus more and be energized for school.
- Rhee says I know you're sharing a room with an election committee, how is that going?
- Sumana says that is a huge concern with us since there are private documents in that room in regards to the election, so when we renovate where will those documents go? We would love to hear your thoughts.
- Champawat says this concept was shared last year and space demands are difficult.
- Champawat says many other universities have a space that students expand into when meeting and put it back when done, so taking documents out of a very secured locked cabinet then putting them back when ready.
- Rhee says they are reevaluating Kerkhoff spaces so we can look into those spaces.
- Sumana says yes, but we need to handle the space we have as of now.
- Gabi says there are more ideal spaces, but right now I am not sure.
- Gabi says ideally a personal committed space for food would be great.
- Champawat says yes clearly it would be great; a challenge of last year was that before election committee shared a space with another club before, but OSAC would be a great recommendation.
- Sumana and Gabi wrote their contact information on the board ([gabisheerer@ucla.edu](mailto:gabisheerer@ucla.edu) and [sumanakaluvai@gmail.com](mailto:sumanakaluvai@gmail.com))

### C. Academic Senate's Faculty Executive Committee Updates – Sujith Cherukumilli and Taylor Lee

- Sujith says we work on reviewing and approving general rules across the college.
- Sujith says we also review and amend major and minor requirements and different issues effecting their departments.
- Sujith says they listen to various presenters from different departments and proposals they offer.
- Taylor says the office of instructional development is designing webpages, bruincast, teaching evaluations, TA training, and online instruction.
- Taylor says we are not gaining enough professors to educate the amount of students here so we are working on more online courses, but feedback from FEC was that teachers do not want to be told how to teach.
- Sujith says FEC helps these teaching developments and investments.
- Taylor says the foundations of science GE requirement are important to discuss.
- Sujith says The FEC has 4 options for a recommendation: 1) Accept the original 2010 recommendation, of 3 FSI courses, with 1 lab course 2) Accept the current suspension, of 4 FSI courses, with 1 lab course 3) Accept the GEGC compromise position of 2 lab courses in either sub-area 4) Make some other recommendation 5. Allow the suspension to lapse, which would mean students entering the college in Fall 2017 would go back to the rules as written now, requiring 2 lab courses, one in each sub-area.
- Taylor says there are many undergrads now while grad students are barely coming to UCLA.
- Taylor says this makes us lose TA's and we need to start a TA marketplace.

- Taylor says she thinks that many undergrads are willing to be a TA who are taking grad courses now, very mature, similar age to grad students now, and maintain a good educational quality.
- Taylor says there are many benefits of TA undergrads such as progressing more within that department by going over the material again and they can connect with faculty and have better student teacher ratios.
- Taylor says a professor emailed her about Econ 11 saying the undergrads are great TA's and it is so helpful.
- Sujith says doing this helps these undergrads excel in their fields and work with their peers.
- Dameron says he really likes the emphasis on the undergraduate TAship.
- Dameron says the faculty relationship that undergrads can develop is amazing and by TA'ing he has already been offered to take an MBA course.
- Dameron says he asks members of the committee to really push this.
- Sujith says that is great and please bring that up to the committee.
- Zeigler says the GSA official position is against undergrad TAships. How is this going to go without cutting the ties with the graduate school?
- Taylor says she thinks they leave out the costs and benefits here by not having this pushed for.
- Taylor says most of the grad students she has spoken to are mature enough to handle this.
- Taylor says yes there are negatives, but they are not enough to completely disregard this idea.
- Sujith says we are so interested in this because there is increasing pressure with the higher undergraduate enrollment and these graduates are spreading themselves thin, so why not offer support to them?
- Majmudar says do have the ability to vote?
- Taylor says yes, but we have not voted on proposals like this yet.
- Majmudar says he thought that undergrads were not allowed to vote on this.
- Taylor says we do vote on proposals so far especially recommendations, with this we have the ability to do proposals.
- Shao says I think things to bring up are as being undergrads we are already helping each other, you can build this on the AAP program, or how we can petition to teach a course ourselves, so why are we allowing grad students to teach courses yet not allowing undergrads to TA? Shao says I think you can build a strong argument with GSA without breaking ties and have them look at the success rate on campus.
- Taylor and Sujith left their information on the board ([taylornlee@ucla.edu](mailto:taylornlee@ucla.edu) and [scherukumilli@ucla.edu](mailto:scherukumilli@ucla.edu))

## VI. Appointments

### A. Finance Committee Member\* -- Nancy Alvarez

- Yu says he recommends Alvarez because she is a great person in this department and was an alternative member before which gives her experience.
- Alvarez says she is a second year math-econ major and she has joined the finance
- Zeigler asks is there anything you plan to differently this year?
- Alvarez says we need a cleaner room and more members to review the funds.

- Alvarez says thank you and hearing you go through the process is very nice to see.
- Zeigler moves to approve Nancy Alvarez to the finance committee.
- Rafalian seconds.
- Zeigler says she is highly qualified.
- 13-0-0 vote Nancy Alvarez has been approved to the finance committee.

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

### A. President – Siegel

- Siegel says he focused on himself and housing security and sat with Liz of student legal servies to speak about the wider SOS campaign about the information regarding tenants rights and the existing legal code in Westwood.
- Siegel says he thinks it is important to talk about the situation with Professor Peterburg who have been making their voice heard on behalf of students and their situation.
- Siegel says we reached out to organizations in regards to what is the best step for this issue and this will be spoken about next week.
- Siegel says next week he will not be here because the university catholic center, residential life, and myself will be celebrating the founder of Homeboy industries in regards to incarcerated youth and we will have a Q and A so he will share information about how it went.

### B. Internal Vice President -- Zeigler

- Zeigler says we are having off campus living fair Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am-3pm with landlords, safety, and legality of being a student renter.
- Zeigler says we are doing student group of the week and we will highlight the clubs.
- Zeigler says if you have any student groups you want highlighted please let her know.

### C. External Vice President -- Sands

- Sands says in March there is a city election happening, if this bill passes there will be no more housing in Westwood and this measure is so important for students because if you ever speak to students about housing as an issue, it will be impossible to build if this passes.
- Sands says this will be at council next week with speakers on this bill.
- Sands says we are having a government panel about how young people can have a voice in politics, please come and ask hard questions.
- Sands says Saturday we are coprogramming on the women's march LA.
- Sands says Thursday he is meeting with Marcelo.

### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Mohankumar

- Mohankumar says we are having the Women's March event and we have to accommodate over 250 plus students.
- Mohankumar says there will be loading of buses starting at 6:30am.
- Mohankumar says January 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a posting making session so come and decorate and support.
- Mohankumar says ASRF will be working with academic counseling to host workshops to make sure first year experiences go smoothly.

-Mohankumar says February 7 is the first winter stress free day and February 23 will be a networking opportunity from 6-8pm.

#### E. Student Wellness Commissioner – Lee

-Lee says we have a couple of events coming up such as open spaces to speak about mental health.

-Lee says consent week is this week and it is our 4<sup>th</sup> annual one.

-Lee says we have our clothes line display in Kerkhoff art gallery.

-Lee says peer talks is coming up tomorrow night and Man Up is a panel talking about masculinity on Thursday and Yoga as Healing event will be Friday.

-Lee says she is meeting with Ashe about free women's toiletries.

#### F. Facilities Commissioner – Rhee

-Rhee says we are meeting with 2 greek life houses about food recycling.

-Rhee says we are also figuring out a space to meet.

#### G. Campus Events Commissioner – Dang

-Dang says next week we have Jake and Amir who are coming from College Humor.

-Dang says Feb 7 we are showing Get Out so keep that in your calendar.

#### H. General Representative 1 – Borden

-Borden says she is working with the office of sponsorship and career center to host a job fair to increase awareness in jobs.

#### I. General Representative 2 – Majmudar

-Majmudar says last week he met with the dean of the Anderson school and there was a lot to learn from that.

-Majmudar says there are not many students involved, it is more of a service to the community.

-Majmudar says the founder of the Internet is coming and there will be a mixer around that.

-Majmudar says on Friday he met with Dean Turner about entrepreneurship and many things are theoretical and we ask the Dean why it is like that to move towards more practical business routes like USC and Stanford have.

#### J. General Representative 3 – Chowdhury

-Chowdhury says thank you for coming to our event last week.

-Chowdhury says we are giving out a list of resources to give out to people in regards to mental health.

-Chowdhury says our first event is next Wednesday at 6pm for Sigma Chi and we will send out details of topics later on.

-Chowdhury says we are also figuring out Bruin Olympics to make this a big event.

-Chowdhury says we are working out the funding to see what is practical.

-Chowdhury says if any of your offices would like to work with us, please let me know.

#### K. Transfer Student Representative – Sharma

- Sharma says we are working with USC to engage the CA population from high school students to grad students to engage them in a conference to imagine a new government.
- Sharma says we are working to have a transfer student of color conference with other UCs.
- Sharma says tomorrow from 5-7:30pm there will be discussion about MLK day happening on Monday and Trump being inaugurated Friday.
- Sharma says think about the power we have on this council and in the coming months and future, we need to understand that many groups on campus will need pressure on UCLA to help and speak on specific issues.
- Sharma says companies such as LinkedIn are working with areas like the CPO space and many cultural organizations.

#### L. Administrative Representatives

- Geller says last quarter she appreciated getting to know you all more, but she wants to reinforce her invitation to get to know you more for those who have not contacted her.
- Geller says please feel free to reach out.
- Kadota says over break he went to CSUN and met with their emergency program, they have a zombie apocalypse hunt and an earthquake preparedness escape room so we are looking into replicating those here.
- Kadota says if you have not connected with your neighborhood councils please do so.
- Kadota says next Wednesday is the LA county homeless count and it helps communities walk or drive to see the size of the homeless population.
- Alexander says we had a TGIF mini due on Friday and we are in the process of that and it will be posted next week.
- Alexander says if there are any issues in your office please come to her.
- Champawat agrees with Alexander.

#### VIII. Fund Allocations

##### A. Contingency Programming \* -- Yu

- 19 non-USAC student organizations applied.
- Total required is \$69,913.42
- Total requested was \$18,433.75
- Total recommended is \$7,935.
- Dameron moves to approve the contingency allocation for \$7,935. Mohankumar seconds. 13-0-0 vote the contingency allocation has been approved.
- CAC requested \$450 for a winter retreat.
- Total recommended was \$350.
- Chowdhury moves to approve USAC contingency for \$350. Sharma seconds. 13-0-0 vote the USAC contingency allocation has been approved.

##### B. EVP Bruin Defenders # -- Sands

- 1 application was from the Muslim Student Association for a retreat for \$500.
- This allocation has been approved by consent.

##### C. Academic Success Referendum Fund (ASRF) # -- Mohankumar

-1 event called Memories Matter hosted by the Youth Movement Against Alzheimers requested for \$800.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

#### D. AAC Mini Travel Fund # -- Mohankumar

-5 allocations were made.

-The Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine is going to Stanford for a conference and requested \$497.04.

-11 people applied separately for the Warwick Economic Summit for \$500.

-Geovanni Camacho requested \$500 for the 2017 Emerge Latino Conference.

-Epsida Day for Society/Psychological/Anthropology 2017 meeting in New Orleans for \$500.

-Rafael Garepay requested \$500 for a conference at Yale university.

-This allocation has been approved by consent.

#### IX. Old Business

#### X. New Business

#### XI. Announcements

#### XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet has been passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

-Majmudar moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

-Dameron seconds.

13-0-0 vote the meeting has been adjourned.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare

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