# MINUTES UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

# Kerckhoff Hall 417 October 28, 2014

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Devin Murphy, Avinoam Baral, Conrad Contreras, Manjot Singh, Sofia Moreno Haq, Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed, Fabienne Roth, Allyson Bach, Greg Kalfayan, Cynthia Wong, Irmary Garcia, Carlos Quintanilla, Heather Rosen, Savannah Badalich, Cindy Wang

ABSENT: GUESTS:

#### I. Call to Order

-Murphy calls the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

# II. A. Approval of the Agenda

- -Wong moves to add a Special Presentation for Day of Service
- -Baral moves to move Election Board results from New Business to after the approval of the minutes
- -Badalich moves to strike SWC Programming Fund
- -Garcia moves to strike CAC Mini Fund
- -Rosen moves to strike the AAC Affairs Report
- -Baral moves to strike Academic Success Referendum Fund
- -Badalich moves to approve the agenda. Wong seconds.
- 9-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended

# III. Approval of the Minutes from October 21, 2014

-Roth moves to approve the minutes. Rosen seconds. 9-0-0

#### A. Election Results

- -Baral states that the voter turn out was 13.6%
- -Baral states Sofia Moreno Haq is elected with 2026 votes as general representative.
- -Baral states Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed is elected as transfer student representative with 1803 votes.
- -The constitutional amendment received 2/3 vote in the affirmative. The constitutional amendment passes.
- -The green
- -Badalich moves to approve the special election results. Rosen seconds.
- 9-0-0 the 2014 Fall Election Results
- -Andrea Swanson is the judicial board chair and swears in Sofia Moreno Hag.
- -Sofia Moreno Haw repeats after Swanson "I do hereby solemnly swear that I will to the best of my ability support the constitution and the bylaws of the undergraduate student

association of UCLA and that I will to the best of my abilities promote, maintain and extend the work and value of the name of university of California."

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#### III. Public Comments

-Jacob Cohort is the external vice president of Bruin Republicans and made a brief comment on proposition 47 and talk about the illegitimacy to make this and theres a legitimate opposition to proposition 47 and wants to make sure that theres major limitations and theres other ways to do this. We can have a better law and proposition and doesn't involve problematic things and they'll be complications and possession of drugs, theft of firearms and problems with repeat offenders and leaves a lot of holes in the justice system with a better law. We agree theres a lot of problems with the justice system and can be corrected in a better way.

-This proposition has good intentions and one of the greatest mistakes is judging the bill by its intentions and not effects and can have bad consequences and identity corporate theft, illegal firearms and sees someone shaking heads and not changing opinion of the poroposition Everyone is entitled to what they want and as the state funded institution cannot take a political stance on anything that shows it up for the ballot and the ballots for the state of California is already on there and wont have any effect. By the nature of a referendum in the state of California when somethings on the ballot it means you support it. As an institution supported by tax payer money the best thing to do is to take out the bias language and if everyone googles SOS prop 47 and the secretary of state shows official sample ballot as the pro arguments and con arguments as the state agrees. If anything you should include it shouldn't be biased.

-Joseph third year polisci major and the state affairs director of the external vice presidents as one of the founders of the IGNITE coalition seeking to breakdown the school to prison pipeline. What the council is trying to accomplish is just stating the facts and a certain group of people are marginailzied and want people to see the correlation between the prison and school pipeline because automatically there in the same fund. Governor Brown is giving more funds to prison and that's absolutely shameful and no point in having prisons prioritized over students. For every \$1 going to students theres \$10 going to the prison and just want to make the students aware of the facts and impacts all communities. If you see more money to one and our education is just as good as the people who make it, how do we expect people to propser? Granted with prop 47 its with safe neighborhoods and schools and provide 65% mental health, 25% towards education, and 10% towards victim services. The reason we are pushing for it as part of the IGNITE is a direct correlation and we have the AllOfUs campaign and that's a direct coalition. We're advocating on something that directly inputs it we all have mental health. The next aspect is a direct correlation and be knowledgeable ignite, fundtheuc, and opposed to the prison statement.

-Kateisha Manefield and is speaking as the chair person of Afrikan Student Union congratulates the new councilmembers and speak on the resolution. Number 1 she wanted to talk about the resolution its not about taking sides its literally about raising

awareness and increase an educated vote and make sure people are educated. The prison industrial complex and the institutions that go into it affects us all on and off the campus. The money that goes into this system is less money taken from us to ensure that going through this institution as easily as possible. She agrees with raising awareness and laying the facts and not being biased or skewed in any way because this issue is definitely controversial. She acknowledges and appreciates it support the resolution and work the the office of the president to make sure this issue is knowledgeable. Theres not too many people in this room, theres work to be done. She appreciates this resolution and thanks council for taking the step to raise awareness.

- -Garcia is the chair of USSA and SOCC and points out that queer folk are ten times as likely to be assaulted and its in support of the proposition but not taking the side but just supporting the awareness of the proposition and as potential queer allies and people in the community and help spread awareness.
- -President of Bruin Democrats thinks that people with mental health and throwing them in jail and putting them back in the world with felony not only makes it hard to find a job or housing but you cant apply for social services like Medicaid and that destroys you. Rather than putting funds into incarcerated people we should put it in education. A lot of money towards mental health services goes through substance abuse programs and certain counties and preventative care measures that are different. The funds for prop 63 in 2004 will end in this fiscal year and we have to find some source of revenue. Taking money out of the prison system and Texas stopped expanding prisons and put it into substance abuse programs. He wants to clear up the misconception and a large majority of stolen gun crime and carrying a concealed gun is a felony, theyre not prosecuted for theft. Robbery is person to person interaction and a use of force which will still be prosecuted as a felony. The only time prop 47 comes to play is comes to a house and has a stolen weapon and cast amount of stolen gun crime.
- -Kiang and on behalf of the bruin diversity referendum and garnered 58.7% votes and it was a statement of the campus community. Secondly, faculty are currently voting for the diversity requirement right now and talk to your faculty members because voting ends on Friday. Thirdly, in regards to proposition 47 and as the director of the Asian Pacific Coalition and the criminalization of youth of communities suffering from poverty is not just black and brown, theres API issues that face high incarceration rates that can exceed black and brown youth. Take that into oconsideration that under the API umbrella it also benefits the group under-represented and under-resources.
- -How are you going to focus on mental health issues?
- -Rick Monstumoto and second year transfer student and the current co president of transfer student alliance and for those who don't know is one of the major transfer student groups and our goals include programming for transfer students and social events and professional development. Although one of our most important events is pilot day where we invite hundreds of newly admitted community college students is a selling point. However theres logistical issues that tend to come in to play with putting in such great events. We already put on programs and specific line items like food and t shirts take up a large part of the event budget and its difficult to find funding and theres few funding sources. He urges members to convince those funding sources in whatever way you can so student groups can put on programs that benefit the ucla community and those who will come.

- -Jenny Chea is in support of the resolution on proposition 47 because it does affect the API community and beyond that as council members who do have an effect and when it came to proposition 30 it was college students who made a 4% impact and affected the outcome and it will translate back into the community.
- -Jeff is the community systems director of the evp office and as a person of color he wants to experience as his experience as a south east Asian transfer and wants to say that this proposition is very important to the southeast Asian community and there are different communities is based on a lot of racial profiling and different stratifications occurs on the black and Hispanic community Asians must be recognize. All he asks is to approve the resolution.

# V. Special Presentations

## A. Students for Justice in Palestine

- -Amy and Mariah are formally inviting council members to Palestine Awareness Week in bruinplaza. She recognizes that Palestine is an issue that you aren't familiar with and wants to present them on the history and the life behind Occupy Palestine. They play a youtube video by jewish voice for peace. Palestine awareness week is hosted by students for justice in Palestine. SJP is to serve and educate about Palestinian life with IDEAS and MSA and reflects belief that Palestinian life exists in all of us and parallels could be drawn with histories of all marginalized communities. She welcomes everyone to come to Palestine Week and are Palestine awarenss week will start on Monday with a pinwheel demonstration on Monday in Meverhoff park and a series of posters with people walking by to different events. From Tuesday to Thursday they'll have a mock apartheid wall display and it's a very interactive way to learn about Palestine and panels on the wall about different events. On Tuesday they will be screening the documentary Roadmap to Apartheid on Palestinian life under occupation followed by a disucission. On Thursday they will be hosting a panel on Gaza, Palestine and divestment with speakers Sherene Sekaily and Nasser Barghouti in Law Room 1347. On this coming Thursday they will have a divestment teach-in on Thursday with a student life panel.
- -Roth asks if SJP would be interested in having workshops hosted by both sides teaching about islamaphobia and anti-semitism without going to offensive.
- -Amy says yes.
- -Singh asks if you cant make it to the teach ins will they have more
- -Amy says yes

## B. Day of Service - CSC

-Amanda states CSC is the largest student run organization for students. They have large scale programs and institutionalized events with Day of Service, Non-Profit Networking Night, and Project Bruin. Day of service is where 500 volunteers sent in small groups to various non-profits to perform 3 hours of service. The sites include eeducational inequality, at risk youth, family services, environmental sustainvility, animal rights, and disability rights. We have project directors serve as site leaders to foster discussion on work and provide volunteers oppourtunity to continue work. They are working to institutionalize a project fair held during lunch, As a commissionw e aim to educate, reform, and inspire. Its going to be held November 8, 2014 from 8am-2pm. Theres free

breakfast, lunch, t-shirt, transporatioan, and entertainment. Her call to action is to work together. Her email is <a href="mailto:amtapia@ucla.edu">amtapia@ucla.edu</a>.

# VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – Devin Murphy

-Murphy states this week has been extremely busy mostly on Prop 47 for education awareness to endorse 47. In addition to that they've been outreaching to give the same presentation regarding how proposition 47 is part of the IGNITE campaign to over 500 organizations and got to 120. They've been going in so even orgs like Disney club are getting educated. Outside of that they've had the opportunity to talk to the Bruin Democrats to Yes to Propsoiton 47 rally as a USAC president and alongside congresswomen Karen Bass and former speaker. With that said she thought it was interesting that there was an article in the Huffington Post that stated the obvious that there are more white men in political office and as he looks around the council table theres a diverse council. Theres a lot of what the community represents being and wants us to play on that and recognize that your place and part is to devalue a white man. Everyone is important and recognize the value and quality. Week 6 they plan to end the stigma campaign and photo campaign on what the campaign is about and relevant to how different communities will happen. They have multiculturalism and deal with it differently. They have to talk to each respective communities and essentially overlap. They say that because if council members want to put on events. Murphy states everyone should get a #schoolsnotprisons sticker and button. All of these materials were donated with the California Endowment, a nonprofit organization and aren't taking an official stance and are running a larger campaign called schools not prisons WITH A STRONG PARTNER.

#### B. External Vice President – Conrad Contreras

-Contreras stated that Adrita went to the Middle Class Scholarship hearing and saw that she didn't receive much of an aid and they reduced my aid and ended up paying the same amount. They saw a lot of article that their opening applications to increase the accessibility but doesn't think that's the most effective way. The students of color conference will be next week form November 7-9 and its been planned by the UC Merced vice president and wants to spearhead the action committee. He started communications and will start. This coming Thursday they have a Prop 47 and get out the vote teach in with general representative and incarcerated youth tutorial project and folks form Street Poetry on Thursday at Ackerman Viewpoint at 6PM. He met with some representatives of student coalition against labor exploitation to talk about ideas to goa bout tuition increase. He reached out to Devon, Fab, and Manjot for a successful action. Lastly there was a transgender women who were murdered because it was a hate crime who is transgendered. The person who murdered Jennifer Laude was a US soldier who is protected under American and colonialsm and occupation is still happening in other countires and Philippines is one of them. He's going to meet with Samahang Pilipino an dQueer Alliance to show solidarity. A lot of people in the Philippines know UCLA and we don't know much about them.

#### C. General Representative – Manjot Singh

-Singh states they had Bruins Day Off and had 250+ people come out. Chai talks happened last Thursday. The past talk is mental health and related to AllOfUs. We have a prop 47 and teach in. He's advocating for Sikh class to bring a special presentation and an intro to Sikhism. He had lunch with Sheryl and if anyone wanted to join the GenRep tailgate for USC and ucla THEYRE WELCOME.

## D. Facilities Commissioner – Carlos Quintanilla

-Quintanilla states he got back from his first event on the Hill with Change the Course as a non profit that gets funding form companies to put water back into the Colorado river. What theyre going to do is partner with USC and put funding into this Colorado river and itll be a pride thing and adding water. This Friday the facilities will fill out 2 TGIF apps. E3 and student organizations ill be having quarterly meeting and ill be a space for organizations that are a space that are doing work to collaborate on their efforts. Although the referendum didn't pass it got 58% and spent no money and got majority.

## E. Student Wellness Commission – Saannah Badalich

-Badalich states SWC is down for another bruins day off affair. They've had 350 applicants for SWC in addition to 400 and according to Active Minds National they have to accept all 150. Carry that weight tomorrow at 11 AM and a woman named Emma was assaulted by someone she knew in her dorm room and when she went to the communication process for Columbia she didn't find justice and carried that mattress until her rapists is expelled and its going to be until she leaves in Spring. She has one rule, she will not ask for help but if someone offers they can bring her bed to class. They have a website to help them carry that weight and symbolically a bunch of friends and activists and created a national day of action with UCLAs. They're going to have 2 beds and will be more interactive and a hybrid between clotheslines and put their weight with a phrase or story from 11-11:30 AM with people putting it into the mattress to say theyre not alone. Its not going to be a huge protest there wont be chanting but it's a weight and visible representation. If you are unable to attend carry a pillow and create a conversation around domestic violence. 11:30-12:30 is when theyre walking thorugh campus. They will have a healing through art event and working with genrep1. They will have painting and meditation in Ackerman Global Viewpoin Lounge. Theres a silence the violence walk to do it in solidarity on Saturday at 7 AM November 1 with free t-shirts and food. There are grants up to \$2,500 per event due at 3PM on November 7. If theres any sort of health based its anything involving health. Sexual assault task force will be meeting and have 37 students. Shes working with EVP on UConsent for other UC's. For no shave November dedicated to men's testicular health and men are less likely to go to the doctor and do self check ups with many different events for balls for balls. Theres a Movember event and a conference called Men can stop rape in New York City institutite and engaging men on campus.

#### F. Administrative Representative

- -Geller states the Task force is ahead and looks forward to working with new council members
- -Lazarovici thanks Roth for asking the question about having dialogues.

- -Roth states its her roommates idea.
- -Sims congrats the new representatives and invites everyone to lunch, as she enjoyed her time with Manjot.
- -Zimmerman states she sent an email about pumpkin carving on A level Ackermen where staff carves pumpkins and winner gets a pizza party. Her office received an honorable mention and has some catching up. The little drives are the handbooks.

#### VIII. Funding Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

- -Wang states \$25, 413.82 was required, total requested \$10,736.68 and total recommended \$2,630.00. The balance after \$58,796.24
- -Contreras moves to approve contingency programming. 10-0-2

### B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

- -Contreras states American Indian Science and Engineering Society allocated \$395 for their conference and thet American Institute of Chemical Engineers with \$275, and MeCha for UCLA for \$435.
- -Murphy states it's a consent item and approve by consensus.

#### IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Resolution to Endorse Proposition 47

-Murphy moves to 5 minute recess. Badalich seconds.

WHEREAS, the State of California's divestment from public higher education in the last 30

years, due in part to skyrocketing costs involved with the prison-industrial complex, has stifled

the ability of UCLA to admit and educate undergraduate and graduate students without undue financial burden to them; and

WHEREAS, the goal for state-funded education in California is to provide world-class education through adulthood and ensure that all Californians have equal access to public education; and

WHEREAS, California spends more on prisons than on education, spending \$47,102 per inmate compared to \$8,667 per student, ranking 49th in the nation in adjusted per pupil

expenditures, and the funding for both components are inversely linked; and

WHEREAS, the State's fiscal misprioritization, created in large part by our disproportionate

spending on corrections and prison construction, has led to dramatically decreased funding for

higher education and thus repeated fee increases that have damaged the accessibility,

affordability, and quality of the UC system; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans make up 13% of the population, 14% of drug users, but make up

of 56% of incarcerations of drug related crimes; and

WHEREAS, foreign-born Asian and Pacific Islanders (APIs) make up 64.6% of API prisoners,

predominantly immigrants and refugees from Vietnamese, Pilipino, Pacific Islander, Laotian

communities, who face significant barriers to participating in American society because of

language and cultural differences; and

WHEREAS, felony convictions have had a devastating impact in immigrant communities by

separating families and disallowing integration and re-integration into society; and

1http://thinkprogress.org/justice/2012/04/05/458148/california-spends-six-times-more-on-prison-inmates-

than-on-college-students

2http://edsource.org/2013/california-drops-to-49th-in-school-spending-in-annual-ed-week-report-2/63654#

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3http://www.sentencingproject.org/doc/dp cracktestimonyhouse.pdf

4http://apscinfo.wordpress.com/2010/10/07/ca-api-prison-population/

5http://www.caasf.org/2014/10/press-release-asian-and-pacific-islander-civil-rights-organization-announce-sup

port-for-proposition-47-invest-in-schools-not-prisons/

WHEREAS, LGBT prisoners are three times more likely to experience abuse and sexual assault than straight-identified inmates; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of The War on Drugs in 1970, the disparity between crack

cocaine and powder cocaine sentencing has been 100:1, and crack cocaine possession and use

has been consistently enforced as a felony punishment; and

WHEREAS, these iniquities, in addition to mandatory minimum sentencing, the rise in

for-profit private prisons, and discriminatory policing, have led to youth of color becoming

disproportionately represented in prisons, with 3 out of every 4 inmates being men of color;

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and

WHEREAS, funneling people - especially youth - of color into prisons instead of institutions of

higher learning is a threat to the diversity of the university, to the economic stability of the

State, and to the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47, also known as the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, is a

proposed voter initiative for the November 2014 California ballot that will change sentencing

for low-level nonviolent crimes such as simple drug possession and petty theft from felonies to

misdemeanors and direct financial savings to K-12 schools, mental health services, and victim

services; and

WHEREAS, the savings from Proposition 47 will generate up to half a billion dollars for K-12

programs and services over the next eight years; and

WHEREAS, other large institutions, such as the LA Times and Los Angeles Unified School

Districts, have taken stances to support state-funded education and Proposition 47; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council has publicly endorsed the All of

Us campaign, a mental health campaign aimed to break the stigma around mental health and prioritize and expand mental health services; and

WHEREAS, sixty-five percent of the revenue generated from the passage of Proposition 47

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6 http://transequality.org/PDFs/JailPrisons Resource FINAL.pdf

7 https://www.aclu.org/fair-sentencing-act

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http://www.sentencingproject.org/doc/publications/rd\_stateratesofincbyraceandethnicity.pdf

9https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedforprop47/pages/22/attachments/original/1411611017/P

rop 47 FactSheet-1pager.pdf?1411611017

Ibid.

 $11\ http://www.latimes.com/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-end-proposition-47-20141007-story.html$ 

12http://intersectionssouthla.org/story/la-school-district-endorses-proposition-47-to-reduce-punishment-for-common-crimes/

will be funneled into statewide mental health services, meaning nearly \$1 billion will be directed towards mental health services within six years; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council has publicly endorsed 7000 in

Solidarity, a campaign against sexual assault and providing quality services to sexual assault

survivors; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the revenue generated from the passage of Proposition 47 will be

funneled into victim, or survivor, services; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council has publicly endorsed the

IGNITE (Invest in Graduations, Not Incarceration, Transform Education) campaign,

including the support of state legislation that would change sentencing guidelines for low-level

nonviolent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council recognizes, as a part of endorsing

the IGNITE campaign, the importance of dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline and

prioritizing education over incarceration, and Proposition 47 coincides with these goals and all

of those aformentioned;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council

of University of California, Los Angeles supports Proposition 47 on the November ballot; and

# FINALLY, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association

Council of University of California, Los Angeles will take it upon themselves to ensure that the

student population is educated about Proposition 47 when going to the polls on November

#### 4th.

- -Quintanilla asks if theres language about latino incarceration rates.
- -Murphy states it doesn't specifically state latino, but one of the things they did was keep it open ended. Are you suggesting anything?
- -Quintanilla states that he doesn't know the statistics so not at the moment
- -Sadeghi-Movahed states theres a group called projest MUSA and post 9/11 theres been a lot of criminlization of muslim individuals and extremely important for their communit.y
- -Garcia thanks everyone for writing it but agrees that they should include latinos and if you think about the Los Angeles community and how LA has caged individuals and latinos are a big number.
- -Murphy states all of the amendments are friendly amendments
- -Garcia states she wants to make a valid point and not just syingit just to say it and doesn't know how to amend without the facts but thinks it should be incorporated.
- -Murphy states that if you want to have an additional recess and do the research as we're having the discussion.
- -Roth agrees with adding Latinos and asked Sadeghi-Movahed if she wants to add statsitics on Muslims
- -Sadeghi-Movahed wants to include SWANA instead of saying middle eastern. She doesn't have the statistics and will look up the statistics.
- -Roth asks how many groups do we want to start naming the resolution if we want to add that and suddenly start breaking it down much more and we have so many that it loses its meaning.
- -Murphy states theres a lot of precedent to ther esolution and this language from the resolution to divest from companies that profit off prison industrial. Murphy states that language came out of prison divestment.
- -Garcia states that what sparked it was the statement and was sparked it was because of immigration.
- -Murphy states theres research going on and they can discuss it
- -Baral states hes excited to vote on 47 and its his first election as a California resident. A public comment being a public institution not being able to endorse things, can you clarify what that means and how was that addressed
- -Geller isn't sure what theyre saying is proposition 47 being on the ballot or being endorsed.
- -Murphy states that line is specifically form prop 30 and consistent with resolution being used before.
- -Geller stated the way its okay is that we support it being on the ballot, not that you support it and you cannot use university resources such as ASUCLA resources to take a

person. As individuals who are members of USAC you can take a position if you use no university resources. Could you vote on it if its endorsing? Yes. Can you put it on the website or an ad publishing it? No. If the language is all educational as everything certainly seems to be and the therefore is about supporting it being on the ballot and the finally is about getting it educated you are not taking a position and therefore is no conflict.

- -Baral states maybe we should clarify that with the title and change it to be on the ballot.
- -Murphy states its consistent but hes open to changes.
- -Geller states she doesn't recall the conversation about the title.
- -Baral makes a friendly amendment to the title to A resolution to Educate Voters about Proposition 47.
- -Contreras stated he has an Alternative on A Resolution to Endorse Proposition 47 on the November Ballot.
- -Badalich states she's okay with a A Resolution to Endorse Proposition 47 on the November Ballot.
- -Murphy asks what the problem is if its in accordance with the last resolution.
- -Geller says just because it was done in the past doesn't mean it was consistent on what they're permitted as a council
- -Contreras friendly amends the title to A Resolution to Endorse Proposition 47 on the November Ballot
- -Roth states it ambiguous and not grammatically correct
- -Geller states the resolution clause states it supports being on the ballot and not support a yes or no.
- -Murphy states we support proposition 47 on the ballot due to the whereas clauses.
- -Singh states a friendly amendment to title A Resolution to Endorse Awareness Around Proposition 47
- -Contreras rejects the friendly amendment because if it was passed before it should pass
- -Roth states her concern wasnts to be on the clear and be legally and doesn't want councilmembers to be in trouble and keep it in mind.
- -Garcia states theres a lot of students that voiced concerns and there is some types of vagueness with the title and its still clear and students may understand and people wont think we're trying to tell them something.
- -Champawat states one time isn't a precedent
- -Contreras friendly amends to change the title as A Resolution to Endorse Education Around Proposition 47
- -Baral states he looked at the minutes and dint have any conversation about the title and what we did today was smart and sets a better precedent for the future. What roth and Garcia was saying and if people came into the room to endorse prop 47 that we need to make it more clear. His next step is the co authors changing the second to last therefore let it be resolved because it still has the same issue. Personally, he doesn't think its that clear.
- -Murphy states this proposition is what council has been working on without knowing. 25% AllofUs 50% IGNITE, 10% 7000 in solidarity whether or not we vote yes or no we support it on the ballot clearly by the campaigns we've been running and it's the step on the right direction. He still supports proposition 47 on the ballot and clearly says we listen to the sstudents and the campaign ucla students have led.

- -Roth asks whats the legal ramifications of taking a stance.
- -Champawat would appreciate Geller and has a defense and rationale and has rational argument. It would be clearer if it were to say being and the intent. Legal things get tricky.
- -Geller states if you do something that's in violation and do anything federally funded and state funded and someone challenges it would be a civil action that would be the most extreme cases. Youre telling people to get informed and educated and support it being on the ballot. As administraors its not up to us to reqrite the grammar, we have heard the interpretation and a name that is clearly consistent with the explanation and thinks Champawat and him are the same place and are persuasive to us that youre not taking a position but taking the position of supporting the presence of it much the way you've put the referendum on your student government ballot to tigve people a voice and encouraging people to get informed and educated an all of which is well within rights as a council.
- -Baral states themselves at the last clause is a plural and want to say members. It's a grammar thing.
- -Rosen states that it's a positive connotation for proposition 47 and in her opinion was there may be people who are not in favor of proposition 47 and she understands the context of what we are supporting but if you look at the line it sounds like we're positively supporting proposition 47.
- -Garcia moves to include WHEREAS, 56% of California's population is nonwhite or Latino, but 41% of male prisoners are Latino, and 32% of female prisoners are Latina.
- -Baral has a point of inquiry. If its amendment that's accepted by coauthors does it require a motion.
- -Sadeghi-Movahed seconds.
- 12-0-0 that is an added amendment to the resolution
- -Roth asks if theres any questions in just latino and not nonwhite and was wondering if theres any specific notations
- -Murphy states this is an added whereas clause but the additional grammar small things are friendly amendments
- -Champawat doesn't state it doesn't add up the point.
- -Garcia states its just showing that it's a very large portion of the community imprisoned.
- -Champawat states it seems like its going the opposite and if the presence is 56% is in prison and that would be proportional unless he's misunderstanding.
- -Quintanilla states its his fault and he copied it wrong and will reread it.
- -Roth that's what she made with conflation of nonwhite and latino and this is saying its better than it should be which is why she would want to find statistics because it went from <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and theres a disparity between those. We need a statistic just for latinos.
- -Garcia asks if she retracts are we going to research and come back and give back. We have to be cognizant and how the consensus could do it and be cognizant and be suggesting things of how a lot of latinos aren't being considered but we're going by the census' information.
- -Murphy asks if theres any concerns or motions
- -Baral asks if the co authors want to reread the whole thing
- -Murphy says he'll read specific parts if theres specific

- -Sadegho-Movahed states theres a lack of statistics for for Muslim Americand and SWANA folk in California and what she would be okay with is to allow us for the one portion of the live stream to be sufficient and covered a portion of that community and our communit that mentioned people of color and many muslim americans are people of color and encompasses a lot of. With a lot of things and specifically Iranian people theres not enough statistics she thinks its fine as is.
- -Badalich states shes not going to comment in terms of the language but refers to a comment about date rape drugs and wanted to clarify. Rape remains a felony and is the first sentence and the position of date rape drugs and makes it a misdemeanor and equating marijuana and ecstasy with date rape drugs where date rape drugs as a choice is alcohol to incapacitate victims and survivors. That misconception makes it more so how daterape drugs causes sexual assault so the possession of date rape drugs is the possession of weed or ecstasy is not the same thing. Secondly, the perpetration of this crime is still a felony. Theyre taking something they didn't care about for and using the sexual assault when they don't care about survivors except for their own personal gain.
- -Murphy states its incredibly important to know what this proposition does. He brought Van Jones who did work about prison reform and is so policy minded and can connect policy to the language of every day. If you read the actual language, this propsotiion is to make sure nonviolent drug offenders are not as incarcerated as the level they are. We want to think about how many of us consider us nonviolent and knows that college students use drugs whether its alcohol, marijuana, or ecstasy. In that sense a nonviolent drug offender have stigmatized people of color. Our mind goes to people of color because society does. This bill is part of the IGNITE campaign and truly change thing and why its important we don't talk about the issue of how incarceration further oppresses community of color. There are more black men in prison since 1850 when they are slaves. He wants everyone to know why its important to educate it and making a statement that we want our priorities to change as a state. After this proposition is over, he will personally be voting yes, he wants to continue education. His prison spending is so much higher and when \$60,000 is being spent on incarcerated where students cant pay for their classes and go to the financial aid office every week, this is what the resolution is about. We don't have the opportunities to be actually heard as UCLA students to support the education and awareness and campaigns surrounding 47, AllOfUs, 7000 and **IGNITE**
- -Roth states if you look at the actual proposition with nonviolent and someone once told the president made black men more likely to assault white women and therefore criminalized. Know the history of why certain laws were passed and why people of color were disproportionately criminalized and with the census they use language that people might identify with and change the word from Hispanic to something feel more comfortable
- -Garcia states we are footnoting and its totally up for everyone to edit and aren't married to the idea of the way its written.
- -Badalich states William is in fact watching and confused the individual weed and ecstasy and date rape drugs and other forms of date rape drugs from being pulled from a felony to misdemeanor but the use of them is a felony still.
- -Roth asks if we can find statistics to those with Hispanics and really wants it to be there and making a counterpoint against itself so cant be left this way and wants to push for it.

- -Baral feels comfortable for a 5 minute recess for moving in it
- -Garcia states if you want us to help us look
- -Murphy states go into the California endowment
- -Rosen motions for a 5 minute recess for research. Baral seconds.
- -Murphy states if you want that language there or change it.
- -Garcia moves to strike WHEREAS, 56% of California's population is nonwhite or Latino, but 41% of male prisoners are Latino, and 32% of female prisoners are Latina. She wants to change it to WHEREAS, Latino males make up 36% of the California adult male population, but they make up 41% of the California male prison population.
- -Roth seconds. That motion is approved unanimously.
- -Rosen states the therefore clauses doesn't match the whereas. It doesn't address both sides and this isn't properly addressing it and if we were going to approve it as it is in this moment she would vote no.
- -Murphy states the resolution isn't to educate it on prop 47 but its other objective is to support it on the ballot on November and reaffirm it on the campaign such as AllOfUs, IGNITE, and 7000. If you want to vote no that's fine. This was brought because its important to a lot of students.
- -Rosen asks if you can divulge more on supports Prop 47 of the ballot. Are we supporting it proposition 47 because it encompasses these campaigns
- -Murphy states we support proposition 47 on the November ballot because the campaigns ucla students have been working on.
- -Roth asks if we're all comfortable with the THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles supports Proposition 47 on the November ballot; and
- -Badalich moves to approve the Resolution to Endorse Education Around Proposition 47. Contreras seconds.
- 11-1-0 the Resolution to Endorse Education Around Proposition 47 is now approved.

# B. SOOF Allocations

- -Pascual introduces herself as the budget review decorator this year. A general breakdown with 206 applications and the total SOOF was around \$68,000-\$69,000. She did 70% of the SOOF for Fall and 30% for Winter given that a lot of groups are applying for fall. There was an average around \$230.00. She adjusted applications about looking for student groups saying that each eligible should be around \$3,000 and the application score. She did it with Rowman his predecessor and took into account the funds requested and then multiplied it by the average score and smaller student groups where as bigger student groups applied for \$3,000. She went ahead and did Jacob's using \$3,000 as a max and got allocations ranging from \$200-\$260.
- -Baral states that this must be taken a long time and thanks them for her work.
- -Pascual states its her job.
- -Murphy states every summer the council essentially approves a line item budget and wants to put into context how important SOOF is and how important this decline is. When he was involved in Afrikan Student Union they had \$800 in SOOF and Black Pre Law only has \$400. Most of these have \$200. The decrease SOOF is directly correlated with increase in stipends but also with line items, an OSAC year and the election. Our

SOOF and SGOFF is connected and everytime we increase our expenses SOOF and SGOFF decline. These student groups who are going to deal with the issues with only having \$200 will be dealing with financial issues because SOOF is the pot of funding as they use as security. One of the things he realized was that over 75% are using less than half of their SOOF funding. Hes saying that clearly something is not working and its our responsibility as a council its not working because of the financial guidelines and everything should be in your mind. Theres nothing that we're changing but of course theyre going to be working on bringing recommendations to council. Theres a lot of funding but theres a lack of correcting referendum to inflation. We have to change certain systems to get funding and SOOF isn't working and we have to do something about it.

-Roth moves to approve the SOOF allocations. Badalich seconds.

12-0-0 SOOF Allocations are approved.

## C. ASUCLA BOD Allocations

- -Pascual states combined funds totaled up to \$300,000 and decided to break it up 20-30-50 given that many student groups apply during spring for culture nights and graduations. About 25 student groups applied and given that the dates were too early and do hearing and had to deny 4 student groups and only rated about 21. The average allocation was \$2,806.90. She scored them based on how much they requested on the application and its event experience where some are planning a hackathoon or others are doing a week of action. The biggest allocation was Hooligan \$13, 153.16
- -Baral asks what are the dates
- -Pascual explains its event dates
- -Wong moves to approve ASUCLA BOD Allocations. Singh seconds 12-0-0 ASUCLA BOD Allocations are approved

#### XI. Announcements

- -Sadeghi-Movahed states her staff apps are coming out tomorrow and still in transition mode how to figure out structure and everything and if you could help publicize that would be fantastic because the turn around on staff members would have to be instantaneous.
- -Rosen states for FSC they've had the resume interview and had 35 students and the career center is kind of far away. They've had the on campus jobs fair and doubled with 145 students come out and employers were really happy and thanked them for coming and having that USAC backing.
- -Roth states the breaking the bubble initiative has the first event November 14 and Bruin Research Fair which was Nihal's platform will be on November 19.
- -Kalfayan states CEC on Thursday they are streaming Nightcrawler at Ackerman at 8pm. Next Tuesday there will be Horrible Bosses 2. On November 6 theyre screening Big Hero 6 and the week after that they're screening Dumb and Dumber 2 during council. We have a few other film and speakers out now.
- -Garcia states tomorrow is the collective of a series within CAC as an exchange and the director will be talking about the cultural events calendar and how groups will get their events out. She wanted them to run with it and develop it in the way they want it and how theyre going to have that developed. If you know anyone interested have them come by

from 5-7 in Kerkhoff Art Gallery because the staff has been working really hard. Tomorrow is the Word every Wednesday from 7:30-9 and the theme is the other border. They will have prelims for slam team and in the end they'll have 5 people on the UCLA slam team and wants students to have the opportunity. Monday night concerts every Monday and enjoy coffee

- -Baral encourages creative people to apply to his student vendor fair. He has a lunch meeting with Mike Coehn on November 7 and a quick yes or quick no would be great. -Contreras states last August that California Student Association made amendments and must be approved by each member school. Next council meeting it would be essentially to approve those amendments. On Thursday in Ackerman Viewpoint they will have a Prop 47 get out the vote with GenRep1, IYTP, and EVP.
- -Moreno Haq will open up the paplications and so little about USAC and don't know and perceive USAC in a negative way and want to change that send out applications to give setudents opportunities of learn and suggestions on how they run office it would be amazing. Just spread the word as much as possible nad have a short turn aroud.

  -Badalich asks everyone to come to carry that weight and you know someone that's affected by sexual violence.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment -Badalich moves to adjourn the meeting. Roth seconds. Murphy adjourns the meeting at 10:00 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare