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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

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7:00 PM

PRESENT: Heather Rosen, Heather Hourdequin, Aaliya Khan, Zach Helder, Ian Cocroft, Ruhi Patil, Marvin Chen, Patricia Zimmerman, Deborah Geller, Stephanie Wong, Amy Shao, Danny Siegel, Trent Kajikawa, Lexi Mossler

ABSENT: Anais Leontine, Zack Dameron, Ariel Rafalian, Christine Mata,

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Rosen moves the judicial board appointments to next time because she misunderstood the 2/3 council voting members in the USA constitution. She strikes the appointment for Josefina Morales. She is striking the appointment because of the ARC report and the applicant has been notified. The appointment for ASUCLA communications board is still up.

-Helder strikes the EVP Travel and Advocacy grant.

-Kajikawa strikes ASRF

-Patil strikes ARC

-Chen strikes Student Wellness Programming

-Wong moves to add a discussion item under New Business for "Lets Act" Investigation by FiComm

-Rosen adds it and they are not voting on it

-Cocroft moves to approve the agenda as amended. Patil seconds.

10-0-0 the agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

-Hourdequin asks to delete Anais' name.

-Cocroft moves to approve. Helder seconds.

9-0-1 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments

-Hourdequin closes public comment at 7:08pm

IV. Special Presentations

A. General Representative 2 – Aaliya Khan

-Garcia introduces himself as chair of MEChA and was part of the USSA board of directors and national affairs director of EVP.

-Garcia states USSA is important and overall. He asks if anyone has been to a USSA conference? No one has.

-Garcia states its important to learn how to lobby and learn how to that through the legislative conference. Its important to learn how to lobby to our national representatives. We go to the legislative conference held every year around March. It's the nation's oldest and largest student run and student led organization representing over 1.5 million students This is important lobby organization as a coalition of students. So the USSA holds conferences every year. There's one called National Student Congress and every year its potential members to g into support of initiatives. Last year we worked on the rate of student fees such as the Pell grant. Congress is that space where students from across the nation want to work on whatever they want to work on. If we don't choose an issue we put up these boards and we know that people can vote on it. For example, like the AllofUs campaign and its interesting to hang on to it and USSA. USSA and UCSA are different, UCSA is for California students. This legislative we had an action and protested in Washington DC about mass incarceration. The benefits of membership are plenty. Historically we've always been a member and these campaigns such as divestment and used to rally the whole university of California and CSU's and community colleges. In terms of higher education its important. The UCSA has many students and statewide student organizations that come even from Arizona. One thing UCLA prides itself is on is being a leader for USSA and being members of this organization. When I was National affairs director it was difficult to have that relationship and keep that track record for us when we lobby so we don't have to necessarily keep all that records because it already does that. There's also grass roots organizing weekend training and essentially shows you how to organize. The Board of Directors is where the students run and student led organization. There is a staff that is essentially paid from donations from white house to congress to capitol hill that makes the coalition so powerful. We have those connections and it makes our job easily. This year since UCLA didn't take any delegates to UCSA conference we have no jurisdiction of the decisions. The UCSA campaigns include things like the Pell grant and the middle class scholarship and Baltimore uprising. USSA is very locally recognized and one of them is traveling the budgets and the Pell grant was supposed to be cut but essentially we did a national campaign and got 10 students arrested and freezing the Pell grant The next one is the delegations to Washington DC and bring students to show strength in numbers. We want to eliminate the student debt deficit and part of the USSA to meet with education and congressional staff such as the Department of Education to help initiatives and in order to advocate for it. The other one in regards to the republican congress caucus to affect students. We also are advocating for paid internships. Hilary Clinton created a plan to make college more affordable and use the student voice and recognize student debt, the largest debt. We have bills that get adopted by senators and turn it into the college support. Don't forget USSA and UCSA is the largest student run and student led organization.

-Cocroft asks how many campuses have memberships in USSA

-Garcia states he's not sure but they're representing 1.5 million students and it's a lot of power in regards to national politics.

-Helder asks in all of your experiences in UCSA have you ever had someone leave?

-Garcia stated UCSB

-Rosen states UC Merced has also withdrawn.

-Rosen states in regards to special presentations and council members proceedings please reference their office or reference their chair

B. Interfaith Youth Corp

-Hourdequin states they focused on religious and non religious identities to inspire relationships of different backgrounds and a common action to the common good. How is that done? We have interfaith youth confirmation and art of interfaith leadership. Step 1: Create positive meaningful relationships across differences. 2. Fostering appreciative knowledge of others traditions. With these steps knowledge increases and more relationships which equals more friends. That is the interfaith triangle.

-Chen states the science and getting this large group of students of over 200 people and it was amazing to see everyone's different programs and had smaller representations than we had. We had 12 people and some people had single students on behalf of their entire conference. Part of that was not only learning by other people but learning about yourself. Its interesting to see we are all humans.

-Hourdequin states the small sessions and attend dialogues and draw the different components that make up your identity and write down the different values. A lot of time you don't get to take the time to evaluate where you're at in your spiritual religious and non religious journey and it was very enlightening.

-Chen states another thing we did was storytelling. The best way to gage experiences is through story telling and asked us to come up with a challenge and think about what thoughts and decisions you made and come up with a story that is influential and get an entire room talking about this specific story.

-Hourdequin says the main focus points is that we are better together. They had three different steps. Step 1 is to create a space where people feel comfortable. Step 2 is to engage. Take people from different religious identities and different non religious identities and essentially bring everyone together to rally around one time of single good cause that all of humanity can agree on. Step 3 is to act. Despite having different ideologies and make the world a better place. They show pictures of their reflection.

-Chen stated he attended as someone 100% not religious and really went in with an open mind and engage with different people and look into myself and find the commonalities. All of these are brought together by an action and it was really amazing to see how ahead UCLA is in rallying together. We feel like we must provide resources and make it known that resources are available to students.

-Hourdequin states you cant hate anyone whose story's you know. You have to create a space where you're able to share a story and probably one of the most beautiful experiences. We sat in a room with about 30 people from all sorts of parts and so inspiring to hear their stories. We had a lot of potentially contentious conversations but because we established these community guidelines and established these relationships we were able to talk through difficult conversations of our differences. There are a lot of religious identities and the beauty is that they are different such as Hinduism and Catholicism in uniting.

- Chen wants to challenge councilmembers to reflect about interfaith or things you would like to see and come home for an open conversation to talk about it moving forward and how we want to have these conversations and bring people together.
- Hourdequin states at other schools they have these conversations and our school is really big so maybe we want to have an interfaith council and create a space where we're able to share our identities. We can brainstorm ideas and talk about it at a later time.
- Chen stated right after we got back we're going to sit down and reflect and bring us all back together.
- Hourdequin states there's a lot of administrative support and the conversation will continue.

V. Appointments

A. Election Board Chair – Lindsay Allan

- Rosen sets up the Skype interview and starts the ARC review.
- Hourdequin reads: Chairs the Election Board, and nominates and supervises members of the Election Board Executive Committee. Is responsible to USAC for the administration of all aspects of USAC elections. Extensive time commitment before and during regular Spring Election. The Chairperson will also oversee any Special Elections that occur during her/his tenure. The Chairperson is appointed by the USAC President for a one year term.
- Hourdequin states Allan received a 3-0-0 vote and has a vision of a larger eboard and increase voter turn out and humanize elections and have candidates get to know each other prior to orientation and consult investigations.
- Allan states she was on the election board as a first year and meet the candidates events and candidate orientations. I've been working with Shagun
- Cocroft asks something Shagun did well and something they would change
- Allan stated leading the team with a new structure and lead it well even though sometimes something new is scary. He didn't know what he was doing and make it smooth and did a great job. One thing I would change is make it less contentious and make it more ethical as much as election board can.
- Khan asks how she plans to increase voter turn out
- Allan states she has a lot of ideas that she would like to extend upon. Some options are cultivating daily bruin efforts and myucla and doing some research about how aggressive candidacies are and it would be interesting to decrease the contentious nature to increase voter turn out.
- Cocroft what actions she would take in the election code to make it less contentious
- Allan stated the election code can be useful in changing the nature of an election and have the endorsement hearing be a thoughtful one and platform based instead of candidate based. This is the first time we did and the process is fair for pre-screening to have an opportunity to appeal and its fair to all student groups and have students focus on the quality.
- Rosen suggests extending the questioning period.
- 10-0-0 the questioning period is extended.
- Khan states how she plans to decrease contentiousness. Can you maybe elaborate on how to extend to sentences in outreaching.

-Allan states the effectiveness of spending the publicity and have the opportunity to effectively budget and focus publicity budget on getting students to go to the actual events.

-Cocroft moves to extend questioning period. Khan seconds.

10-0-0 there's an additional 2 minutes left

-Cocroft asks if voting should begin on Monday

-Allan states she would consult the entire time and calendar directives and the election code.

-I've heard anecdotal reports of block voting but I have no idea whether or not they're accurate. Do you think block voting is a serious concern and do you have plans to alleviate it?

-Allan states block voting is interesting because it needs to be shown and investigated by a team and efforts to reduce it and look into myucla and see what technology there is.

-Helder moves to extend to an additional 2 minutes. Siegel seconds.

9-1-0 there will be more questions.

-Khan asks if there's any ideas to reform meet the candidates the same way the endorsements were reformed.

-Allan states the meet the candidates can definitely be reformed and an issue is to have them meet prior and making it more accessible such as a different time or different day or different venue. We can get the average student there to alleviate the event

-Allan states ultimately I think I'm best for this appointment with my neutrality and Shagun was a major mentor to me. I know how it works and I have a good relationship with Chris and I really care for the intentions and integrity and legitimacy of this position and it's the most important thing.

-Hourdequin states she's a perfect applicant and is so knowledgeable about the different intricate processes and will make a wonderful eboard chair. She really prioritizes fairness and equity for different candidates and really wants to have students engage in the process as well. Its often times the same students and I look forward for her to engage different students.

Cocroft moves to approve Allan for election board chair. Hourdequin seconds.

10-0-0 Lindsay Allan is approved as election board chair.

B. ASUCLA Communications Board: Ashly Mohankumar

-Hourdequin states Promotes and advances UCLA Student Media. The three standing committees of the Communications Board are: (1) the Executive Committee, (2) the Finance Committee, and (3) the Operations Committee. The Executive Committee performs the annual performance review of the director. The Finance Committee oversees the preparation of the annual budget and ensures that the board stays within the budget. The Operations Committee reviews and revises the Constitution, By-Laws, Policy and Procedures Manual, and meets with the media and ensures that the Board and its media adhere to the necessary policies.

Meets monthly, including a two-day retreat in August. Four undergraduates. Two year staggered terms. May not serve as a staff member or receive compensation from Student Media. May not be a USAC official and may not hold another USAC appointed position while on Communications Board.

-ARC states she received a 3-0-0 vote and had an approach to all her responses were realistic and tangible.

-Mohankumar is an incoming third year psychobiology major and education minor. I have a vision of working with the finance committee to be fiscally sound and remaining promising to the student body. I know that there are concerns about the existing communications to help voice their opinions. I have personal experience with working for student media with my involvement on the UCLA homecoming committee and as a journalist for the Medical Literature Society so I do have the hopes of remaining neutral with the focus of being transparent.

-Kajikawa if she plans on bringing forth a fee to support the Daily Bruin

-Mahankumar states they have a 50/50 admin overview and the discussion that newspaper has heavily declined in terms of publication and resorting it to different platforms whether it be web based or different outs. The main position is to preserve the student voice. I was so inspired by having this vision to have a preserved student voice even if that means increasing a fee that they should be allowed their opportunity and communicate to the general body.

-Hourdequin asks what experience either personal or professional makes you qualified

-Mohankumar states she resonates with a lot of people behind the scenes whether its communications or management and she likes that intersectionality that's involved with ASUCLA and easily slide myself into the committee whether its my involvement through USAC or FSC or AAC and those different experiences have trained me to be a good member on the art of communications. There are different offices that have their own space and not pushed aside and get to work to produce material to entertain that passion.

-Hourdequin states she's involved in a lot of extracurricular and how would she prioritize it

-Mahankumar states USAC is something she loves since she stepped into UCLA and student government has given me the opportunity to express myself and increase the skills I want to apply in my profession. Since I do have that high standard for myself and improve and give back to the community I would put communications board high on my list.

-Mahankumar states she's thrilled and excited to be appointed. After meeting with different people and serving to bridge that gap and increase transparency. I'm a strong advocate for student media and my goal is to be able to preserve that and be fiscally sound for community efficiency.

-Hourdequin states with her vision this comma board will be successful.

-Patil moves to approve Ashly Mahankumar to Communications Board.

10-0-0 Ashly Mahankumar is approved to Communications Board

C. Finance Committee Interim Chair -- Kevin Yu

-Hourdequin states there needs to be an interim chair so contingencies over \$250 can be approved so that's why we are having this vote today.

-Rosen states if Yu isn't appointed it would be me, but she doesn't think it would be fair.

-Hourdequin states he received a 3-0-0 vote and has a clear vision and has the time it demands.

-Yu introduces himself as a third year and has been in FiComm since his first year. The accumulated knowledge and experience I've gone will definitely assist me and dedicate towards service and uphold the bylaws. Overall imp very active and I want to be a resource for the students.

-Hourdequin asks how would he ensure fair funding
-Yu states he'll go over past contingencies and look at the quality of the applications thinking that the people that need funding will take the time to process it thoroughly.
-Yu states he hopes he can be successful and overall I don't always know the answers but I will definitely utilize all my resources and be there for the students. I am honored and will be there as Stephanie goes home.
-Siegel moves to approve Kevin Yu as Finance Committee Interim Chair. Cocroft seconds.
10-0-0 Kevin Yu is approved as Finance Committee Chair

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states she updates her personal Facebook and presidential Facebook for updates in case anyone is wondering. 2 weeks ago I had a meeting from David Haney and talked a lot about entrepreneurship activities and the importance of water infrastructure to implement for future water structure. We also talked about the middle income economy and had a very interesting discussion about higher education and a lot of income discrepancies on labor forces. He and I had a little bit of disagreement and was interesting. I like working with people and understand the importance of the UC and some people don't get it. I also had an interesting committee organization with members of the career center and members of academic departments and advocates for internships. The person who pulled this together was Robert Michaels and started alumni internship networks of all UCLA alumni and stress the importance of internships and give back to the bruin community. I actually got connected to this network because my mentor brought everyone together. One thing we talked about was the importance of the student voice in the alumni network for internships. People don't know the importance of internships and we need to gear it to south campus majors and importance of paid internships. One suggestion is for USAC to create a bylaw change to create an internship chair to continuously expand and reach out. It was a suggestion I brought up to the committee. One agenda item I would talk about later is the LAUSD power of education event. This past couple of days we had our council of presidents and had the retreat a couple of weeks ago and they don't do Roberts rules. We had presentations such as workers rights, from Berkeley of 130 workers experiencing injustices. For example a student from El Salvador was forced to work 36 hours with different names and is very nervous. There's a population of workers that do exist and we must help them.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

-Hourdequin states retreat is confirmed for October 16, 17, 18 so thank you for sending me your availability. I will be working with Zimmerman and Geller for some trainings and fun exercises. I want to meet with the Interfaith group and perhaps have a dean of spiritual life and see the framework. I met with Logan from IT about the funding website and have a common funding application and fill out all the basic information and based on the specific characteristics those supplemental questions will popup as well. I met with Mike and that resource fair is confirmed for October 16th and the IVP office will collaborate with the SOUL office and possible workshop presentation all over Ackerman union. The logistics of the events and specific resources haven't been finalized but I will

keep you updated as those will be confirmed. I met with Liz Hungary as director of resilience and a member of the Body Health Initiative and she's going to connect me to a lot of different specialists on campus. We are so fortunate to be connected to so many research projects and mental health issues and those that pertain to body image. I'm really looking forward to meeting with them and developing a curriculum for the body positive campaign. I will keep you all updated on that! I went to UCSA and it was awesome to hear so many different stories from so many different schools and it was interesting to see UCLA in comparison to other UC's. I went to the mental health caucus and the AllofUs campaigns have brought so much knowledge to the forefront of the students. I personally didn't know about these resources until the AllofUs campaign brought us to the forefront and pushes us to the forefront of addressing the problems. I met with Kevin Oh for the third annual t-shirt design contest. The calendar is still being developed and finalized but be on the lookout for some fun stuff. Last week I met with assembly member Richard Bloom with Zach Helder to discuss sexual assault policies that have been implemented at UCLA and talked about recommendations for the UC task force and I always ask for his support for SB615 that addresses consent education in high schools. I'm meeting with Nancy to work on Campus Safety Week and will have more logistics coming soon.

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder wants to talk about UCSA and received a lot of emails. I want to talk about how several complaints of the emails are valid and anyone who's been to UCSA have been riled up of the consequences of my action. I was too ambitious with my hopes for organizing it myself and the consequences that follow are because of my decision. Several of these complaints that the delegations were small because 25 people canceled and there was a lot of confusion about the event and how people were going to get there. I want to learn from this and in 2.5 months and I met with Rafael Garbagy and Maria Martinez and working on making the conference a success. The money is there and I want to bring a well-represented delegation and I have a lot of staff working on it. I was already compiling with Rafael a list of community leaders as many as we can possibly find. I want to outreach and applications will be out within the next 2 weeks so there is at least a 2 month notice. I regret the way the conference happened and I hoped it would be better. My ability to organize it singlehandedly was not up to par for my standards. The delegation that went were active and it's nice to see that they went outside of their walls. I want to be diplomatic and work with UCOP and this is also to say that students from all sorts of different backgrounds were collaborating on issues and the campaigns were chosen. Personally, it was an ambition of mine to take on mental health at a statewide level. On that note, given the mishaps congress was successful and I'm very proud of that. I'm very conscious of the problematic nature with not enough people and not enough representation of the multitude communities of campus. With that being said I did meet with Richard Bloom and got a head start on mental health. I was also there for the contract law and with the passage of SB376 and advocate against that for out of state students. I met with the associative vice chancellor for government community relations to discuss the idea of a federal student lobby corp and very impressed by the idea because the resources definitely are there. The other thing is shared governance that was brought up in UCSA conference. With respect to the timeline, there is going to be a proposal by

the regents that a student advisor has exactly the amount of access and to reauthorize the standing committee. This is historic and no progress has been but it looks very promising. I was asked to take the legislative component to introduce language and kick start it for my successor. The idea is that someone should introduce language in the house and vote on it for 2/3 vote. The Los Angeles Times higher ed reporter reached out to us to write about the cost of living in UCLA and shared with them some of my contacts. Then with respect to the vote on UCSA I have a statement I will read as the vote commences.

-He asks about the Student Advisor position in relation to the Student Regent position

-Student Advisor is exclusively chosen by UCSA to address the criticism of the student regent of not helping choose.

-Rosen states the southern applicants will be reviewed by the northern presidents and vice versa.

D. General Representative 2 -- Khan

-Khan states last Wednesday I met with the Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and invited the graduate students and staff for the diversity forum. It was so well organized and had workshops and all laid out so it was a great opportunity to walk about the referendum and a great opportunity for staff, professors, undergraduates, and graduate students were in the same room and talking about issues to move forward with a solution. We're continuing to work with AllofUs and actually trying to have a forum about mental health and specific cultural communities. I've been in touch with Incarceration Youth Project and want to commemorate all people who have been victims of police brutality and organize with those who attended the #blacklivesmatter movement. We want to address mental health and bring it under an umbrella.

-Kajikawa asks if you can send him an email and he's more than down to go for the forum

-Khan says yes of course

E. Academic Affairs Commission

-Kajikawa stated he has appointments lined up and personally working on looking at ASRF and make it more transparent and the process of allocating money easier. We might split it up quarter by quarter instead of for the entire year so all students can have an equal chance of getting funding. Its great to start with initiatives.

F. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Chen says he met with Kathleen Tapally to talk about the complete overhaul regarding sexual assault and violence within different infrastructures in campuses. A lot of the work is to outreach to students and discuss how the main involvement of SWC through the Bruin Consent Coalition, formerly known as 7000 in solidarity. She's one of the greatest resources and we're really excited to work with her. Also, I met with the local research director and development director to revive the UCLA SWC application. There's an application for everyone to download but its extremely outdated and want to make it a bruin health app as a one stop who wants to know information about anything health related whether it's a calendar or how to join or external resources or blog posts. We want to incorporate maps of different resources on campus and basically get through security and talked with Mica DeLuca. I met with Dr. Nicole Green to learn about the

state of CAPS and how its currently understaffed. If CAPS is so busy treating that the other important aspects of mental health is student advocacy and education prevention and through SWC and active minds we can feed that representation to educate the support system and do wellness workshops and operating that as a student voice in pure counseling. Another involvement is AllofUs led under Lauren and great people super passionate. Also talking with healthy campus initiative is to talk about tobacco free California to secure the reservation to bring a 9 foot tree stump made out of cigarette buds in a high traffic place. Not only your personal health but others. Another thing is that we discussed the different weeks for the Fall and come for massive campus wide health event at the beginning of the year and call it “healthcoming” and want to welcome back and introduce students and get people involved. We’re looking to have spaces on Bruin Plaza, Wilson Plaza, and Court of Sciences. Tomorrow I’m meeting with the health program coordinator for the hill and talk about healthcoming.

G. Administrative Representatives

-Zimmerman shows council the updated USAC website created by the staff to expand some of the features to smaller groups. This will solve problems with the main funding applications such as CS Mini and SOOF. There are some issues with the online platform not being user friendly. There’s this new platform for students to apply and put basic information on and look at the application they’ve submitted and put it on pdf. There’s also a signatory stage and all signatories will receive an email and if there’s an issue they’ll contact their advisor. Before we launch it we want council to know how to use it and we will take any suggestions.

-Wong asked if the budget report will be up there and will SGA have the user rights to this website so they can directly upload this budget report?

-Zimmerman states the budget report is already on the website but this is to apply. This is just a way for students to apply for funding and funding directors to look it up and look up their past applications. SGA is staying the same and the only thing that’s changing instead of going to the older site that sent you an email you can just download the application

-Wong asks if it comes out of administrative overhead

-Zimmerman stated instead of using a third party we have been working with our computer stuff and funded by USAC and an added site.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states a total of \$1,324.38 required. There was \$1,211.00 requested. The total recommended was \$428.00. There is \$80,212 left in the budget if allocation is approved.

-Cocroft moves to recommend \$428.00. Hourdequin seconds.

10-0-0 contingency programming is approved

VIII. Old Business

-Hourdequin states email Rosen on Wednesday

-Shao moves to add an item regarding Tracey Nguyen. Cocroft seconds.

9-1-0 Tracy Nguyen Discussion is approved.

A. Tracy Nguyen

-Shao states having been at unicamp I was only able to go off at what the minutes said. It was disappointing that in the minutes that the tragedy that occurred to Tracy Nguyen wasn't known. There wasn't any social media support to reaching out to the family because we pride ourselves saying we want to represent but we don't humanize the students. Her family is getting attacked right now and the fact that we have not come together to essentially protect the family from this comments when they are grieving it is very upsetting. I myself went and spoke with ACA members and from what my knowledge is no one has reached out to them from council and I wanted to speak to them about the incident. As much as we speak about the politics of things, we must think about who we're representing when we speak and we have a responsibility to humanize the students we represent.

-Helder stated I would find it personally intrusive and a discussion that should be held in private.

-Shao states I agree but this is a lack of outreach and it's not okay to see as representatives that we can't step back and be someone that cares enough to go to the dance community that does so much work. She did a lot of service for this campus and a lot of work and the fact that we don't recognize it's a shame.

-Khan states we should reach out to them not as a general representative but as a person from a privileged position and help them with resources and take time to understand.

-Rosen thanks Khan for bringing it up in the announcements when I heard the vigil wasn't happening I just assumed that the community wanted to grieve in a different way and didn't want to step in.

-Hourdequin states it came up how do we address this concern and some friends didn't feel like it was appropriate and it is a very delicate situation and it's a difficult one. I do appreciate that you spoke about it.

-Rosen says that's why I personally didn't step in but I appreciate your concern as individuals.

-Shao states on the gofundme the family is being attacked and we should help

-Rosen states it's important for the UCLA community to comfort the families and take it as a lesson

-Shao states ACA is having a choreographing dance to support her and it's important to show support to show you do care

-Kajikawa asked if there's anything specific they want to see from us

-Shao states right now we took the initiative to have something historical and presenting a tribute and as of right now, be more aware and share a video and if you have close friends reach out

-Khan states share the gofundme page to help raise funds with all of the networks and donate the eye foundation.

IX. New Business

A. LAUSD Department of Education

-Rosen states Christina Harley reached out to her. She is a UCLA Bruin and was a theatre major and writes theatre production and a substitute teacher for inner-city kids. She wants to have a large event at UCLA where she invites the first lady to speak to fifth graders. She wanted to choose UCLA because a lot of these kids haven't been to the west side.

The first lady herself came from an inner city girl and she never pictured herself and give inspiration to children. Third graders and fifth graders are the most influential age and to show college is an option and give tours around UCLA and talk about student experiences and financial aid packages. She reached out to the first lady 2 years ago and last June she sent 500 hand written letters. She's gotten a congresswomen from California and reached out to Rosen and Yolanda Copen Morgan and will fully support this if USAC is involved. We are looking to do it fall quarter and we have backup options if the first lady can come. We want to make it a going to college event and go to perhaps a 10 minute lecture at an interesting topic. They did this at one of the Pomona lectures and its very beneficial because young women don't usually go to STEM and want to spark their interests. I just want to throw this out there and see the consensus as a council wide initiative.

-Kajikawa stated he got goose bumps. Hopefully we can do this and I will definitely outreach out to this. I am absolutely on board and this is huge. By bringing in different communities to the students we can do something. I'm the co-coordinator of bruin ambassadors and I would love to help with this.

B. USSA Membership

-Helder stated I raised the issue of the membership of USSA and I'm empowered by the budget and the bylaws and its important to include the council in this decision. I would call for a vote. However a recent issue as external affairs its important to form strategic partnerships. In the event a partnership exists, a good leader remains if there's an added value. Its financially irresponsible to continue to pay dues to an organizations that has not proven itself to uphold an equal partnership. We have to consider our membership and that is why in the strongest possible terms I must recommend we terminate our membership. With these funds I want to strengthen our state lobby corp and our national corp. I'm confident in this recommendation and UCLA's capability to lobby on a national level to voice their concerns and passions to a government. Every year a minimum of \$14,813 go into membership fees and does not include conferences. Around \$10,000-\$20,000 go towards conferences with an average of \$12,000 each. We are spending upwards of \$38,000 on USSA. We have little to show for it. They claim to represent 1.5 million students of the United States. Particularly, USSA doesn't have staff numbers and the entire west coast has merely 1 field organizer where other universities get more specialized attention. We certainly don't have anything to show and the bills from last years memberships dues was filed until July 24. The student government accounting had to pull money from different sources and makes up an expenditure that typically comes from the EVP. Last year's EVP clearly didn't feel like they could pay membership dues given their budget. I talked to 3 legislator congressional bodies that haven't even heard of USSA. I was able to discuss with Senator Feinstein and Warren and schedule a discussion time to meet. Besides the fact that I ran on the office on my ability to connect with these powerful people, UCLA is a force to be reckoned with. The money we save can improve federal affairs and help yearlong congressional internships and bring funds to help students advocate for their communities. UCLA is home to over 1000 different student groups and are hardworking insightful activists like mental health care. My office can reach out to these groups and collaborate on these who have proven their capabilities. We can tap on this as new legislative priorities arise. I am absolutely

confident that this is the best to terminate membership and create opportunity. Now I leave it to discussion.

-Shao states there are some points I want to make concerning USSA. While the idea of a federal lobby corp is an idea that I do support, lobbying does not entail action because lobbying according to the national conference of legislators is defined as “the practice of promoting or opposing any regulatory body” whereas coalition is different. A coalition requires action. USSA is a coalition. The idea that government bodies have not heard of USSA, there’s a thing being heard of an organization and the work that as an organization does. People don’t need to know CAC but they know the work we do. In terms of government officials such as Feinstein wouldn’t be not true because they know Student Air and Fiscal Responsibility Act. That being said USSA and initiatives that they have taken on coincide directly with the work our offices have done. Last year August 10 USSA has voted to launch campaigns against sexual violence. 14 delegates were there including Badalich who actually spearheaded. This is work that UCLA student has done at USSA. I found a parallel with Interfaith and the understanding of other beliefs and religions that one of the initiatives such as the State of Emergency campaign that influences that academic affairs commission and support racial and educational justice. The Fund the Future campaign in pursuit of AAC and effects FSC and issues of financial concern. 90% of federal student aid goes towards profiting for profit and not public institutions like UCLA. If we don’t support the initiatives like Fund the Future means we are hurting our self. On FSC’s website such as “how to afford unpaid internships” and fund the future essentially effects Pell grants and ensure that they’re going towards students.

-Rosen states in regards to what was said at USSA for sexual violence, do you have any specific legislation specifically though USSA

-Shao stated across all UC colleges and college across the nation spearhead their own campaign of sexual violence. There are a lot of institutions that don’t even address sexual violence and in terms of federal and will create a domino effect

-Rosen states a lot of colleges and UConsent effected it but I’m confused on what exactly USSA did

-Shao stated we did grass roots campaigning and being on the east coast and having on the institutions there is no such thing as grassroots there. In terms of federal and direct initiatives that I cannot answer but I did answer in terms of influence. I was responding to the impact and influence USSA had and that cant be directly quantified.

-Helder said no one is confused as to what I said about lobbying. Lobbying is a very intensive and complicated activity and very structured and organized operation. These are real tangible measurable consequences and that’s what I mean by a better lobby corp and those sort of achievements. I don’t question USSA’s intentions they have good intentions. All of the campaigns that you listed are ambitious goals and are important. I question their effect and from the very beginning because after months of intensively searching for some kind of result that could not have been accomplished with USSA doesn’t exist. If you look up the student aid and financial responsibility, there’s a very clear timeline that was produced and USSA played a very auxiliary role in terms of advocating on social media and make press releases. I have a lot of reason to not believe that USSA has produced anything. If you look up student fees and make it clear. This isn’t about questioning USSA’s intentions this is the fact that we are gambling in this situation.

USSA is slowing down, are we going to wait for something good to happen or are we going to evaluate. Our sister institutions have gone through it this is a responsible use of our student fees.

-Kajikawa thanks Helder and to his understanding we are looking at long term. We have to look at the budget to be effective but another point is that USSA supposedly represents all of the college and universities. More importantly, how many constituents are in USSA? What is the trend that's happening? How many colleges are part of USSA and how many pay membership?

-Helder states there are 13 paying members in USSA.

-Kajikawa asks if he knows the colleges

-Helder states no he doesn't know because its not publically available. The other thing is that since we have so many members we should have more resources and be more organized

-Khan understands what they would rather use the funds. She wants to reemphasize USSA and about coalition building. It's the first time many students work on a national level and we have the privilege of having such a diverse campus but there's a difference between diversity and equity. There are a small amount of students and declining membership and the one opportunity outside of the UC schools to bring about change. The black bruins video went viral and talk about it outside of California and discuss with them how to deal with problems. I want to bring about the Daily Bruin article and I know Davis had a lobby corp program for \$26,000 and it seems like how much money would we be spending on the lobby corp compared to the USSA. Not only have a lot of board chairs bring their members out, they haven't been contacted and its not fair to decide this when a majority of students aren't here. Its important to address the issue. I asked Contreras who was EVP last year, and its not just about lobbying, its about national level lobbying. We cant just look at it about us, we are privileged at UCLA but we cant just pull out. Its our job to reform what they're doing and since we are such a powerhouse at USSA

-Helder states he submitted his budget breakdown and given that we're not spending money on USSA conferences and memberships in addition to the \$18,000 for lobby related travel and \$31,000 for bruin related lobbying and activism to accomplish the needs. We are looking at about \$48,000 to accomplish a broad multitude of groups at UCLA. With respect to leadership at a national level, I think that my first and foremost responsibility is to UCLA. I would love to be a leader at a national level but USSA is not my constituency. I don't have a responsibility to them. I have a responsibility to UCLA students and elected me. Also in respect to transparency process governance. The power invested in me allows me to terminate the membership. This is happening during summer because USSA congress happened during summer and its important to address that. I can delay the vote from zero week but it would be a month long of unanswered questions

-Jacob states he's getting a lot of different things. From Erineo I am convinced that USSA does do a lot of work and his particularly reasoning that lobby is valuable and Aaliya states its coalition. The question is about value. Does all of that \$38,000 go specifically to lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill and we need a more detailed breakdown of \$38,000. If Davis spends \$26,000 in lobbying in Sacramento and that's only an hour train ride away. I'm not convinced that such a huge undertaking is possible without USSA. You said these people said it was feasible but I don't understand what they said.

-Helder stated that everyone I talked to and particularly the external affairs that the primary difference is that UCLA has such a vast array of resources and because of the relationships I've built with these institutions, those resources are free. We have the budget and we can still have \$15,000-\$16,000 for more logistical aspects of sending people to capitol hill or Sacramento. The issue is not resources; we are not unconvinced of the intelligence or fortitude of these students. The issue of having an effective lobby corp because we do have the persons and have the resources.

-Jacob asks if he can explain more specifically how the money will be spent

-Helder states transportation and hotel rooms and when you look at the size of the \$75,000 then we still have 3 conferences worth of money. If you're taking a small fraction then you can only send 50 people to DC for \$20,000 people. That's a small fraction of the budget. The logistics are travel spending and number two, is training. Its available through us through UCLA. With the possibility of research because we are a research institution we can pay for. I have done the math and I honestly don't know what to say to convince you of the feasibility without giving you a special presentation which is what I'm happy to do.

-Siegel thanks Helder for explaining why we should leave USSA and members of council why we should stay in USSA. Some of the things that stuck out to me is the main importance that coalition building and grassroots and I've never been part of it. It's main impression on me and how passionate Helder is about lobbying. There's an aura of pessimism but the USSA doesn't have a monopoly on grassroots and coalition building. UCLA students and specifically are EVP who was elected has more than a capability to replicate the efforts from some of the facts. It would be negligent about council making an impact on the future to give him this the authority. I understand the arguments about USSA and we might end up a year from now that it's a mistake if we decide to leave USSA and that's a conversation to be had in retrospect. I cant get over the fact that Helder is passionate about this and wants every member of council to be included on this and to the detriment of all students to not give him this chance.

-Mossler asks about his involvement in USSA

-Helder states USSA was always on his radar on something to be skeptical about. I couldn't find it on the website of whose involved but I talked to direct members and when I talked to the president of USSA. I'm not willing to put in money if there are no concrete benefits.

-Kajikawa states a lot of good points have been brought up. There's this uncertainty and doing this its extrapolating it from Helders office to all of us. I would love to start this conversation now and today to potentially move forward. To be completely transparent if Helder moves forward with us withdrawing he would have around \$38,000. That is monumental. I would love to know where my AAC money was going. It would ensure that we will be fully transparent with out students. Its time to make this decision and UCSB and UCM pulled out and it's a great time to test the waters. We can move forward.

-Rosen states in regards to opening up our budgets for transparencies and there are offices to have a breakdown and have referendum budget open ups to see line items.

-Kajikawa states unfortunately not all council members can stand up and really make this big decision

-Zimmerman states on the USAC website there is the budget report and not the exact line items but it shows x amount of traffic and x amount of programming. You might not have looked in but its available.

-Hourdequin states you have to have faith in the council members in their respective capacities. I wholeheartedly have faith in Kajikawa to deal with things Academic Affairs and Chen with health and wellness. I hope we have faith in the people at the table because they were the ones elected by the student body and had majority. Its important to trust Helder's vision.

-Cocroft said there's only one staff member for the entire west coast for 8 colleges and one staff member for east coast with 3 colleges. At the end of the day, I don think the costs are justified to have a small number of students where we can take that money and have a bigger impact. In terms of transparency and make a decision before we pay a membership fee. People know these issues exist and unfortunately that's what's happening now. I would feel much more comfortable with Helder to have a breakdown because we cannot hold USSA accountable for our membership fees the way we can hold Helder accountable. This decision is not permanent. We can always rejoin.

-Khan thanks Cocroft for bringing up the issue of transparency. There was a lack of transparency that we did send a USSA delegation and leaders that have close ties to USSA and UCLA were confused and left out of this conversation. There is lack of transparency and we should be doing it with all student leaders. I cannot represent the students that voted for me, but I represent all of UCLA to properly reach out to these communities especially those who feel underrepresented. This is an important space for under represented students and you should reach out and talk to them first. You should find the time to talk about the constituents and we depend on them to send a big delegation. In the 13 schools we also have to recognize we have the privilege of having the funding and do the advocacy work and funding and the membership there. We can trust each other but we also must be critical.

-Helder stated that this is a matter of funding issues and we don't perceive it to be worth the price tag. So I also want to bring up the fact that this places a significant burden on pulling out. It would have been just as easy to pay the \$14,500 and send people to the delegation. Its not self interested and has taken a considerable amount of my energy and my time. I'm only doing this I believe in the circumstances. That being said in the interest of transparency I'm perfectly happy to do a special presentation about what the national lobby corp can look like after conducting federal lobby visits. I'm doing this for what I believe to be all the right reasons and I owe it to UCLA students

-Rosen asks if in the past UCLA EVP has worked with UCLA government relations

-Helder states no. I think it's a useful route to go and its already paid for.

-Shao states going back to why I am a staunch supporter of not pulling out I promise myself and organizations that I would ensure that there are spaces such as USSA and safe spaces on campus and beyond campuses they can speak about these issues. I am in a position where I wouldn't feel comfortable from pulling out without hearing from these mother orgs. There is a mention that UCLA students is the EVP constituency but the other side is the mother orgs? Including VSU, SP, ASU and mother orgs and non mother orgs and cultural organizations in general who look to these spaces to advocate on themselves. In my position, it would be both inappropriate and improper to agree to vote

on this without first hearing that is a disrespect to the history of the cultural organizations and the history of cultural affairs commission.

-Helder states that he ran on a platform to create that sort of space that would be more efficient and more useful for campus organizations but I think Bruin Defenders offers a more accessible space than USSA and provides more resources to be there. There are relevant community organizations. I understand the sentiment and attachment to USSA I want to emphasize that we can operate at maximum capacity.

-Chen asks when do we have to decide

-Helder states theoretically when our membership fees are due. It would be effective if we plan now and it would take a burden off my office to know how to particularly plan and respect the planning of a federal lobby corp

-Rosen states its not fair for any office to be withheld funds. Typically he didn't have to have this vote its within his scope of the office

-Chen says a special presentation would bring a lot of clarification and people on the USAC live stream

-Rosen states since its part of Roberts Rules if you have questions for Helder you do have the time to ask and its so important to send agenda items by the deadline

-Cocroft states if we have a specific question we have to make a point of clarification to the chair right?

-Rosen states yes

-Jacob states Cocroft and Kajikawa are entering this as an experiment its quite disturbing. This is a really big deal like there are a lot of students who are counting on this opportunity to this delegation and its not fair to experiment on this because to be honest, I don't have faith in the results of this experiment. Rosen states we must trust our representatives but to be honest we saw Helder trusted with UCSA and it wasn't successful.

-Cocroft states I don't see this is an experiment it's a serious issue. Other schools have pulled out already. This decision can always be reversed if need me, but in the future if the council decides we should be in it later

-Mossler states this is a round about discussion and its not going anywhere

-Siegel calls to question. Cocroft seconds

-Rosen states this is a vote to end discussion

6-2-2 this discussion ends.

-Rosen asks those in favor of revoking membership of USSA.

7-2-1 USSA membership has been revoked.

C. Lets Act Investigation -- FiComm

-Wong states the finance committee was issued a directive regarding the misuse of student fees of Lets Act slate as it pertains to campaigning purchases. The finance committee put together an investigation and have not forwarded it to judicial board. We found no evidence misappropriation of student fees specifically form the contingency fund. You have a lot of questions an di hope to clarify. However before this discussion begins be aware of how the finance committee reviews our responsibilities. We did feel we did our diligence and investigated three of the contingency funds. Something that is helpful to know is that the contingency funds specific events and conducts audits on a week to week basis and set forth in the past and continue to be set forth in the future. For

SOOF its utilized mostly for supplies students using throughout the year. It makes it difficult to audit specifically SOOF funds and difficult to investigate SOOF funds from different orgs. Also the amount spent for SOOF is relatively low. Anyways, with that we put that on the table and create an investigative body for the future. FiComm was issued the directive but didn't necessarily have the directive to rule over the whole case, but regarding a lot of other things and other allegations we did not feel we had adequate resources. For future matters, it might be good to have this idea on the table to vote on an investigative body. I want to reiterate than an investigative body as a separate entity would be a good idea. 1) Neither the finance committee nor council have the resources to do a full fledged investigation. 2) Campaign related issues fall out of our jurisdiction which is there is an eboard with their own finance committee. Although I do understand why the directive was issued to us, but given that the election board code was revised a lot they might have more power for future cases. 3) There were no case and point to look for guidance. Its safe to say there are no formal investigative procedures that exist in USAC space. This could be dangerous if something similar in scope then future council might not be consistent in investigative procedures. I welcome any questions

-Rosen states an investigative body doesn't exist because judicial board rules on cases but within that USAC as a whole doesn't have that but it would be a body with a bylaw change

-Siegel asks where the funding would come from or would it be an already existing body

-Wong states it could be made up of elected individuals and administrative reps like other groups but if we wanted to create a completely separate entity then yes we would need more funding

-Rosen states we can look at our options and I think its crucial that it'll happen and make this body as partial as possible

-Jacob states its interesting to see how false allegations can be devastating during elections

-Cocroft states if they don't have adequate resources to have a conclusive finding

-Wong states based on the directive issue and based on our responsibility but if we were to have another body and find more

-Cocroft asks if they reached a conclusive finding

-Wong states yes, and we looked at the guidelines and they were met and we are confident with out findings.

-Rosen clarifies that they looked into SOOF and contingency, correct? Would there be any way to look into discretionary

-Wong states there would be a way to look at discretionary but we did not find any statements from that specific group and have worked with SGA.

X. Announcements

-Mossler tells everyone to check the CEC website. Look out for bruin bash planning

-Hourdequin states we talked to the council on groupme about the passing and asked the best way to respect their grieving point of clarification for the record. I want to create a new position the snack monitor

-Rosen states a campus wide email would be sent so please send me your updates by tomorrow at noon! Please text me or let me know.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
Attendance sheet was passed around

XII. Adjournment

-Hourdequin moves to adjourn the meeting. Siegel seconds.
10-0-0 meeting was adjourned at 10:54 pm.

XII. Good and Welfare