

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL Kerckhoff Hall 417 May 23, 2017 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Arielle Mokhtarzadeh, Vivy Li, Chloe Pan, Nicole Diaz, Kayla He, Justin Jackson, Divya Sharma, Nedda Saidian, Adriana Hardwicke, Malik Flournoy-Hooker, Zahra Hajee, Aaron Boudaie, Sayron Stokes, Roy Champawat, Jessica Alexander, Debra Geller

ABSENT: Christina Lee, Rob Kadota

## I. Call to Order

Mokhtarzadeh calls the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet *The attendance sheet is passed around.* 

# II. Approval of the Agenda

- Flournoy-Hooker moves to add a bylaw change to new business.
- Hardwicke moves to amend the agenda to add discussion under new business about video conferencing in the summer.
- Hajee moves to add a officer members report for the facilities commission.
- Vivy moves to postpone minute approval to next meeting.
- Hardwicke moves to add appointment of the new finance committee chair over the summer.
- Hardwicke moves to add approval of the empowerment of incoming ficom chair for the summer.
- Boudaie moves to approve the agenda as amended. Pan seconds.
- 11-0-0 votes the agenda is approved.

# III. Approval of the Minutes from May 30th, 2017 *Postponed to next week's meeting (June 13, 2017).*

## IV. Public Comments

- Inan 4<sup>th</sup> year
  - o I am here to talk about an even that happened a year ago today.
  - O The shooting in Orlando last year. This year on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, working with LGBTQ center and some other organizations to plan a celebration and commemoration of the lives of the people who were lost.
  - O We also want to acknowledge that several people who lived and survived.
  - o Sunday dinner at Covel.
  - O Monday will be celebration followed by vigil at 6pm, bruin plaza. Followed by dinner at 8pm.

O We will also commemorate the 49 people who were shot down that day.

# • Kyle Norris:

- One of the office directors in the office of the president.
- O Wanted to say a few words about our mission statement.
- O These applications were made public and open.
- O Applicants were chosen solely based on qualifications.
- O We were unbiased and objective in our decision.

## Ted Crisell:

- o Candidate for Governor of California for 2018. I come for your endorsement.
- o I support all ethnic groups in California
- o I am Greek.
- o I was a rotary scholar to India, stayed with the Tata family.
- o Worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta.
- o Worked with the Kennedys.
- o I support free education. That's what I support. I will be your education governor.
- O I bought a gift for your president and all of council and I hope you will reach out to me so we can go over all the issues you want to discuss.
- Audio and Video Public Comment:

None.

# V. Special Presentations

None

# VI. Appointments

- Mokhtarzadeh speaks:
  - O These appointments need to be made by the end of the quarter so I want remind everyone that this is week 10.
  - O Several appointments have still been left out for more inclusion or because we couldn't find anyone who was fit for the role.

#### • Geller:

- O As you think about the appointments, think that you are not looking for someone who is already experienced in the role you are looking to acquaint them to. Instead looking for someone who is prepared for the role with passion, time and dedication.
- o Each committee will take the time to train the appointee on everything they need to know.
- O Keep in mind you are looking for someone who has the potential to be successful not for the student who is the best but doesn't have any interest in the position.
- O For action items voting, own your opinion is all that counts towards your vote. Abstaining is not to be used in lieu of a no vote just because you don't want to be a bad guy.
- O Abstaining is only if there's a conflict of interest, not if you know the person, only if you are to gain something from their appointment.
- O Be gentle and understanding that the interviewees will be nervous and may fumble but do ask thoughtful questions that will help you determine their passions and capabilities.

# • Mokhtarzadeh:

- o Thank you, Dr. Geller.
- o I will explain how we will go through this:
  - Corona will read the introductions.
  - Then the interviewee will come on stage and speak.
  - Followed by a 5 minute QnA.

- ARC will make its recommendations and a discussion period will follow.
- After that all of us will vote.

Appointments begin:

- A) ASUCLA Communications Board
- Corona reads description:

# Openings: Two (2) positions, 2-year staggered term, July through June \*Stipended

The UCLA Communications Board was created to support UCLA's student-run media. From its beginnings in 1919 as the Publications Board, which was responsible for a campus newspaper and yearbook, the Communications Board today oversees ten media titles and several web sites that involve more than 600 students during the year. The Communications Board is a student-majority board made up of eight students appointed by the undergraduate and graduate student governments at UCLA and representatives from the university, alumni, and faculty, as well as other at-large members, many of them alumni, from the fields of journalism, marketing and law. The board meets its mission by providing training, facilities and financial management to the student media through its oversight of the UCLA Student Media department. The board approves and implements budgets, selects editors in chief for the media, and sets top-line policies for the organization. Student editors and managers make all the editorial decisions at the board's newspaper, magazines, yearbook, and radio station.

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, Bylaws, 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. Time commitment: Approximately 20 hours per month. Members may not be a USAC/GSA officer or hold another USAC/GSA appointed position while on Communications Board. May not be a Student Media staff member or receive compensation from Student Media. Student members receive stipends.

- o Mokhtarzadeh
  - So there were meant to be 2 appointments but we did not feel that we had 2 appropriate people as of now. So we will be continuing to do that and search.
- o Mrinalika (The interviewee):
  - Studying IDS.
  - I have insight into the wants and needs of the ucla student media experience.
  - That is what got me onto the ComBoard.
  - What I learnt was that on the comboard it is important to facilitate both dialogue and action.
  - I learnt that it is important for us to be liaisons of ucla media.
  - My skills and knowledge are very specialized to the combaord and I will be able to use them going forward.

QnA

- o Pan: How do you plan to bring in more transparency?
  - (Interviewee): Mrinalika: we have worked on transparency through communication with each committee so as to foster better relationships.
- O Jackson: Since print is a dying media, how do you plan to revive print media on campus?
  - (Interviewee): Mrinalika: By streamlining our efforts towards the newsmags training. So I want to provide for them since they are more creativity driven and will be able to

better sustain our print media.

- O Saidian: Can you tell us specifically what you have done to promote transparency?
  - (Interviewee): Mrinalika: For transparency, we developed weekly meetings and had doodle polls before the meetings.
  - We have open public comment.
  - And we discuss what the public wants in "executive session" privately.
  - Aside for that, I was on the finance committee, but there wer a lot of issues and as chair of the fincom I looked into each budget and wrote a summary each week for the board so that it was easier for them.
- O Pan: What are some of the specific goals you want to see accomplished next year and how will you facilitate them?
  - Mrinalika: fundraise more because marketing is a huge part of media and publication.
     There is often more money needed than the \$500 stipend. So I want them to learn how to market and raise more money.
- o Kayla: How do you draw a line between student free speech and hate speech?
  - Mrinalika: There were issues with certain student publications crossing the line. What we understand is that we have no control over content and we are separate from them. But we represent them so we at the same time understand that it is our responsibly to absorb the effects of their mistakes and we will defend them when we think that that's the right thing to do but when it is not, we will also take action in that regard.
- O Mokhtarzadeh: Can you describe what you think is the relationship between asucla and comboard and how it will fit that umbrella?
  - Mrinalika: though we all are separate and combaord has very separate and independent roles, we are still affiliated and we should all want the success of one another. DB, etc. do critique USAC in some ways but we are still all affiliated.

## Closing remarks by Mrinalika:

- Have enjoyed seeing the different facets of student media.
- If we do even a little bit, it will go a long way.
- I want to work on the transparency we developed last year and also facilitate more training for the newsmags.
- I hope to do the most if I am elected.
- O Mokhtarzadeh moves into discussion:
  - The comboard is into a programming board for everyone to know.

ARC's commentary Hardwicke: 3-0-0 vote recommend her because of her experience and how she has shown the ability to continue to serve.

- Flournoy-Hooker: I think she has great experience and has very good ideas about how to expand for next year.
- Boudaie: She said she was a staff member for Fem and she had a really interesting answering that different publication boards will have different needs.

## Discussion:

- Sharma: Seeing that she is able to have concrete roles makes a fit for this position for a second year.
- Mokhtarzadeh: I had an opportunity to work with her. And she has served students in the most effective way possible.
- Hardwicke motions to appoint Mrinalika for ASUCLA Communications Board.
   Hajee seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Mrinalika is appointed.

- B) ASUCLA Services and Enterprises Board of Directors
- Corona reads description:

# Openings: Two (2) positions (1 regular and 1 alternate), 2-year staggered term, beginning June. \*Stipended

To maintain and further the financial well-being of Associated Students UCLA, to secure the highest degree of cooperation between the Regents of the University, the President, and the Associated Students, and to promote the general welfare of the student body and the University.

The Board has full control of all activities of the Associated Students directly or indirectly involving business management, or the receipt and expenditure of funds. The ASUCLA Board of Directors oversees ASUCLA's mission to improve the quality of life on campus by providing needed services and products, places to study, gather and socialize, and a link for students between their academic pursuits and the world at large. This is accomplished by the Board of Directors which ensures that ASUCLA pursues policies that safeguard its financial viability, that secure the highest degree of cooperation between the Regents and the President of the University on one hand and the Associated Students on the other, and that promote the general welfare of the student body and the University. All appointees to the ASUCLA Board of Directors must attend the three day Orientation Retreat held June 19-21. All appointees must attend a minimum of eight General Meetings of the Board during the year, plus monthly Standing Committee meetings. Meetings are held twice a month on Friday at 12pm. Time commitment: Approximately 20 hours per month.

Members may not be a USAC/GSA officer or an ASUCLA employee. Student members receive stipends.

- Mokhtarzadeh: first appointment is Navi.
- Navi (Interviewee):
  - o I want to commit myself to elevating the student body.
  - o I will use the experience I have developed over the last 5 years.
  - o I am qualified because I deal with hundreds of thousands of dollars every year.
  - O I believe in the power to shape and shift student interactions on campus.

## QnA

- Pan: What specific changes have you implemented on campus and how would you use your experiences as a student advocate and as a student representative.
  - O Navi: I worked in IVP and other organizations and I worked towards simplifying the process of student application for funding.
  - O I also worked in the office of the president and all that has shown that I can work as both a student representative and a student advocate.
- Jackson: What ideas do you have for bringing asucla from red to black?
  - o Navi: We have lost \$10 million in the last few years due to textbook sales.
  - o Asucla is not currently in the red.
- Saidian: What inspired you to run for this position?
  - O Navi: I used to read on the daily bruin about council, etc. When I looked into it more and more, I saw that I can make a change.
- Boudaie: You mentioned your two roles as a fiduciary and as a student representative? How will you balance the two?
  - O Navi: Our two goals are to make sure that we are being financially responsible but also serving the student committee. Because asucla is such a large organization, if one sinks, we all sink.

## Closing remarks by Navi:

o I thank Arielle for her nomination. She knows the immense amount of work that goes into

this.

O As an undergraduate representative, I will be able to make lasting impact of change on this campus. I have been to service committee meetings, fincom meetings and met with 10 councilmembers in the past few days to determine what we could collaborate on next year.

## ARC Recommendation:

- O Hardwicke: ARC gives 3-0-0 vote. His interview showed a lot of knowledge has attended meetings since feb and is very familiar with the role.
- o Flournoy-Hooker: It worries me that both nominees for the position are from Bruins United.
  - But if I had to pick 1, I would lean towards Navi.
- O Hardwicke: I would choose Navi. Both reps bring really similar perspectives as first years incredibly involved in usac and BU.

#### Discussion:

- o Mokhtarzadeh:
  - There were 18 applicants for this position and several of them who were just not up to the job.
  - These two applicants were the two most qualified.
  - I felt that these two students were the most qualified.
  - This appointment is a non-partisan place and it is inappropriate to politicize this.
  - I think it is really unfortunate and inappropriate that you brought this up publically.
  - Every student who went into ARC was asked if they were affiliated with ARC. When I got to this table, I said to all of you that no matter who got you elected, you are now here to serve the students

#### o Jackson:

• I loved Navi's initiative to come to my office and talk to me personally.

#### o Mokhtarzadeh:

- This is something that's really imp to me and I'm going to hold myself to it.
- If you have an issue with the application, take them up with me.

#### o Geller:

- Just from sheer logistics, the retreat is happening on June 19<sup>th</sup> and this is the last meeting before that retreat.
- If you don't vote today, two undergrads would be denied the opportunity to get that training, to form bonds and get educated.

## o Hardwicke:

- I wanted to ask a question: isn't the purpose of this kind of conversation being public that all students know what's going on behind these decisions?
- Also is there no chance for us to meet again before that retreat?

## o Mokhtarzadeh:

- There is but I will remind you again that of the 18 candidates who applied for this position which was extensively outreached, these two were the two most qualified and that's why they were chosen. And I wonder and I don't think it is fair to extend the opportunity to students who didn't take the time to apply in the first place when two perfectly qualified candidates did take the time to apply and are putting themselves out there right now to be subject to this conversation and I think that it is quite disappointing that this is the course of action that you will consider taking.
- You are politicizing the appointment.

## o Saidian:

• It was a point of concern to see that first off both of them are affiliated with a certain political group. These are very important appointments and I believe that you guys

did a large outreach, I never saw a facebook post in my feed.

• The emails we not widely sent or available.

#### o Mokhtarzadeh:

 I sent emails to all of you. And I don't want this conversation to go into what kind of outreach was done or not.

#### o Saidian:

• But I think that it is important to have that conversation. Because 18 applicants for such an important position which even has full tuition paid for is just not enough.

## o Mokhtarzadeh:

The reason this is a fully stipend because board members are expected to be fully present at all the meetings, etc and it is unfair for any student who is not able to make that time sacrifice because of their financial restrictions to have to sacrifice the opportunity to apply for this position.

## o Saidian:

• Its not about the time commitment but that we didn't reach out fully enough to the campus so that we get a wide variety of applicants.

## o Flournoy-Hooker:

- We should let everyone know what our thoughts are on every aspect of this process.
- I asked that question about BU, these people know the history of BU and it says a lot about someone who joins a political group like that.
- Because they were affiliated with BU, did not make them unqualified.
- Your appointments were very well trained and well rehearsed. Three of them said the same things.
- I am not going to text you about the issues I have, I am going to bring it up on the table.
- I would love to read the remaining 16 applications.

## o Boudaie:

- I sat in on all those ARC interviews and I understand all you views.
- But I think they both come from different parts of aka pockets of campus and their only commonality was BU.
- I voted solely based on qualifications.
- My first experience with Usac was when a student was questioned on the basis of their affiliation. Right now we are having a trial based on one person's affiliation.

#### o Pan:

• I think theres a difference between an affiliation you can one and one that you cant. Something that is social identity based cannot be chosen but political affiliations can be chosen. So I think you should respect what Mallik has to say.

## o Jackson:

- Its sounds like we are giving towards writing off one candidate without even looking at the other.
- But I agree that maybe looking for a sophomore would be better.

## o Flournoy-Hooker:

- I am not making my decision based on the fact that they are affiliated with BU.
- They come from different cultural backgrounds but they are pretty similar in their qualification that I don't feel both will be necessary.

## o He:

• I just want to speak in Arielle's defense that personally, my department, I didn't get any email from them but I don't think it's right to blame Arielle for that.

#### o Corona:

- By a raise of hands, how many people were contacted by Navi? Saidian, Li and Stokes wer not.
- Li, being IVP was still not one of the first who were contacted.
- He sent me a short text without saying what the agenda was.
- He said to me that there were a lot of competitive applicants in the pool of candidates.
- So I congratulated him for getting the nomination. But if he thought it was competitive, why didn't the committee members see this in others?
- Also why didn't he outreach to the entire council because you do need the 2/3 and not everybody.

#### o Boudaie

- He was one of the most qualified candidates for any position.
- He understands very clearly what the role is.
- He went to so many meetings that he could speak on specific events.
- He will continue to be a very educated and informed voice.
- He understands that a student fee change is not only a possibility but something that might need to happen. So I think there was a reason he was given a unanimous yes.

#### o Hardwike:

I did vote for him and I do think he is qualified.

#### o Saidain:

- I don't feel like I know in depth know about him and cant get an in depth analysis of
  who he is so it is difficult for me as a councilmember and its hard to make a vote on
  someone I really don't know.
- I believe that he is qualified but my concern is that I don't know him well enough.
- But also the outreach that went into this and getting only 18 applications is not good enough.

#### O Mokhtarzadeh:

- The ARC process: all ARC meetings we open to all councilmembers.
- So I will create guidelines for the appointments.
- We can address the outreach concerns later

## o Pan:

• Since all these positions are stipend, was any consideration gone into students' financial needs?

## Mokhtarzadeh

• No. But that was more out of the privacy of the student. Some students chose to share that info and we were open to that.

## o Li:

- I am really sorry that I didn't sent the material way before and it was hard on me to process that.
- I really want to thank Malik, Adrianna and Boudaie to hold all the interviews when I wasn't there.

### o Jackson:

He has been going to meetings since Feb, he has been reading daily bruin articles since before he joined UCLA.

## o Boudaie:

About the outreach: 18 might not feel like a lot but a lot of us ran uncontested.

# o Mokhtarzadeh

- Previous BOD applicants got 6 applications.
- And it's not correct to penalize people who did apply due to the people who did not apply.
- o Flournoy-Hooker motions to vote on approve Navi's appointment to ASUCLA services and board of directors. Jackson seconds.
- o 11-1-0 vote, Navi is appointed to the ACUCLA board of directors.

## *Second appointment for this position:*

- Mokhtarzadeh invites Jacob:
- Jacob Matthews (Interviewee):
  - O The operation and independence of the student body is something I am really passionate about because it allows usac and other student bodies to maintain their independence from the admin.
  - o I will work to preserve that operational autonomy.
  - O All entities deserve the right to setup their agenda independently.

## QnA

- Boudaie: How have you engaged and advocated for groups that you are associated with
  - O Jacob: My mother is Armenian and I have engaged in Armenian advocacy. At the same time I acknowledge my privilege. I have worked to push for access and retention for a weeklong campaign.
- Flournoy-Hooker: How will you incorporate the various student sections and manage their different demands?
  - O Jacob: The first step is to listen
  - O Second is to follow up on what's being said.
  - o Ally ship is a continuous process.
- Pan: You mentioned prioritizing student needs. What communities would be particularly affected by your position and what've you done to reach out to them?
  - O Jacob: I think all communities will be experienced. For example between commuter and non-commuter students.
- Stokes: What do you think about the transfer community's experience of asucla and Ackerman?
  - O Jacob: Now that I know that this is a concern of yours, I will definitely look into it. And that's what I am talking about that I am willing to listen and to learn about student concerns and then act on their behalf.
- Stokes: follow up, how do you plan on being more supportive to the transfer community?
  - O Jacob: there is the commuter experience of the union. Also to make the services more available to the students. Spreading awareness during transfer bruin day.
- Jackson moves to extend QnA for 3 mins. Divya seconds.
- 12-0-0, the QnA is extended by 3 mins.
- Hajee: Based on your knowledge of the board, do you have a plan for incorporating student voices into your decisions?
  - O Jacob: Yes, the first is maintain student connect.
  - o I want to collaborate on increased student interaction.
- Sharma: In discussion of transfer ally ship. Do you have any plans for advocating for the transfer and veteran committee?
  - O Jacob: this proves the point that I was trying to make about collaboration if I were on the board
  - O With you being able to bring that concern to me, we will be able to work on it on priority.
- Saidian: What inspired you to take on this role?

- O Jacob: I have wanted to always make an impact where I possess the most skills.
- O I think that I do bring a very unique perspective to this group
- O I understand that there will be more senior members and I will learn everything that there is but at the same time, I am confident that there are places that can be improved.

# Closing remarks (Interviewee)

- O Jacob: Serving on this board is a dual role. You are working for student representation but are also a legal fiduciary and need to make financial decisions.
- O And that is to the true heart of a server. I am really committed to this mission. I am committed to ASUCLA and to this school. I am ready for this role.

#### Discussion:

- o ARC: 1-2-0 vote.
- O Saidian: Did you guys interview them one after the other and I am thinking that maybe there could've been a bias.
- o Boudaie: He has experience with student groups.
  - He worked in student rec and academic affiliation. And that's so much for someone who's been here only for 2 quarters.
  - He has a wide scope and breadth of experience.
  - He has the willingness to learn and his eagerness makes him the

## • Pan:

O There's a lot of professionalism that comes with these positions and if you aren't able to be a true voice of students, that's a problem with me.

## • Sharma:

O I find it very disheartening that when transfer and commuters were brought up this didn't come up. Because of his lack of knowledge, I am going to vote no.

## • Mokhtarzadeh:

O Just to explain, a group of students last year there was a voice that came to the board for the importance of having a transfer veteran space on campus.

#### • Sharma:

O I don't think he did his research. It's disheartening that that knowledge has to be brought up for him to be aware of it.

#### • Corona:

- O He mentioned that now that he knew about that space, it would be a priority for him.
- O Just because an applicant completely memorized the roles of the board of director doesn't make him more qualified.
- O I wasn't running for usac knowing all the bylaws.
- O Even though the retreat is June 19-21, we still have a week and we make accommodations it doesn't have to be a Tuesday meeting.

## • Mokhtarzadeh:

- O Usac is a place where you can come in with an agenda and say you're going to do xyz. ASUCLA in my experience unfortunately is not a place where you can come in with an agenda.
- O The reality is that it is not a place for agenda but for amplifying the voice of students.
- O Jacob has empathy and heart and that makes him most qualified to move forward.
- O Having spoken to administration, the feedback I have gotten is that students who come in with an agenda are most often disappointed and disappointing.
- O What you need is someone who is able to balance different student needs with empathy.

#### • Pan:

o I have a pretty high bar for students who actively engage in committees.

O Reading through his application, there was nothing cited specifically as how he supported other communities.

# • Flournoy-Hooker:

O You mentioned that this was a learning opportunity so I think we can find someone else who is less qualified.

#### • Sharma:

O I want to talk about the appointment process a little bit. Maybe we can get ARC to look at the other 16 apps in the benefit of transparency.

#### Hardwicke:

O All of this happened too fast and we were put in a tight space.

#### • Boudaie:

- O I understand that we all want to have a say in this appointment but this is Mokhtarzadeh's appointment and I trust her judgment.
- O The fact that she picked them is a testament to them being qualified for the position.
- O I think we are holding Jacob to higher standard that we held Navi to and that's not fair. He is not running against Navi.

#### Stokes:

• Who holds the board accountable?

#### Mokhtarzadeh:

- O There are 4 entities that fall within ASUCLA which is an umbrella organization: they are USA, GSA, Student Media and ComBoard and Services and Enterprises.
- O The board of directors for services and enterprises is not about us, there is sort of like a symbiotic relationship.
- O They oversee our budget for financial soundness but they cannot change the budget.

#### • Jackson:

- O Knowing him personally as a friend, I know he has a good head and a good heart. He is incredibly humble and empathetic.
- o I feel secure in voting for him.

## • Sharma:

- O Sitting on council last year I saw a lot of councilmembers gawk over their friends and this is what Jackson did right now.
- O I am going on his lack of knowledge and that's why I am voting no.

## • Jackson:

- o Sorry for having qualified friends.
- o We just talked about having this as a learning opportunity. I happen to know him and I get it.

#### • Sharma:

- o I think you're just not understanding.
- O Personal things aside, we need to look at their qualifications and resumes. His answer was a complete lack of knowledge.

## • Pan:

- O I think every freshman should be humble. The fact that he made this comment on social media cannot be ignored.
- O We need to hold people accountable for their words and actions.

#### • Corona:

- O Just because we are giving these two appointments doesn't mean we have to confirm them right now.
- O All this happened in a very short amount of time. We cannot just confine ourselves to these two candidates

- Mokhtarzadeh:
  - O I hope we are not penalizing a student who has shown not just the qualifications but also much more.
  - o I hope that you all trust that I have the best interests of students at heart.
- Stokes:
  - O Were you fully ready to take on your leadership position? I wasn't.
  - O You never know what people are capable of when you have a community to support you.
- Mokhtarzadeh
  - O I'm sorry if you felt that way, it wasn't my intention.
- Kayla:
  - o I want to share a conversation between me an Jacob. I asked him if he was going to be a chief of staff. He said no and I can tell that he really has a heart for students. As you said, it is a learning process and I think he will learn whats there but he will also bring a lot of great skills and attributes to the table which he already possesses.
- Boudaie moves to approve Jacob Matthews nomination to ASUCLA Board of Directors. Jackson seconds.
- 3-9-0 this motion fails to appoint Jacob.
  - C) Campus Programs Committee
  - Corona reads description:

# Openings: Four (4) positions (3 regular and 1 alternate), 1-year term, July through June \*Stipended

The Campus Programs Committee is a subcommittee of the Programs Activities Board. CPC provides funds for student initiated, student-organized cultural and education programs that take place at UCLA. The target audience for these programs should be UCLA. The exception to this are events that bring youth and/or community college students on campus for educational and outreach programs. These programs can apply to the CPC Youth Programming Fund for support. Solicits student views on the nature and goals of campus programming and holds hearings to allocate funds for campus programs. Must attend a four-hour Orientation in early August, participate in CPC's six hearings which are held throughout the academic year, beginning in September, and attend Quarterly meetings. In addition, must sit on CPC Mini-Fund Committee for one quarter and attend their weekly hearings which are held from Week 2 to Week 8. There is also a mandatory summer retreat. Time commitment: Approximately 20 hours per month. Student members receive stipends.

*First appointment for the position (C):* 

- Edmond:
  - O I am a rising senior, bizecon major and econ minor.
  - O I was on this appointment this year as the chairman.
  - o I am very qualified for this position.

## OnA

- Hardwicke: Why are you choosing to sit on this board again?
  - Interviewee: I feel like a candidate who was not on the board last year would have missed some important changes that need to be made. Like making the internal ranking system more fair and streamlined.
- Hardwicke: How important do you feel it is that someone is familiar with the application process?

- O It was brought up that this committee lacks in institutional memory. So having members, even 1 such person who has prior experience will be good.
- Sharma: Is their anything you wish to improve next year?
  - o Yes, the internal ranking system.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Can you give us more details?
  - O With the changing of the ranking system, I plan to make sure that every member knows what I know prior to the meeting.

# Closing remarks (Interviewee):

- o We had an extremely successful year: 422k dollars to 108 student groups.
- O We hope to solve this year's problems just as well.

## ARC recommendation: 3-0-0 vote.

• Boudaie: what struck me was that he had such specific info and started talking about them. It was great.

## Council discussion:

- Sharma: I am confident and he seems to know what he is doing.
- Boudaie moves to appoint Admin for CPC. Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Edmond is appointed to CPC.

## *Second appointment for the same position (C):*

- Diana (Interviewee):
  - o I will be a senior next year and I am running for CPC.
  - O Being on the leadership of other organizations, I have learnt about programming and its importance in outside classroom education.
  - O Next year I want to focus on teaching, and improve the logistics of planning events.

## QnA

- Sharma: What are you looking to improve on the board this year?
  - o (Interviewee): The internal ranking system was very arbitrary. Like presentation was giving undue ranking.
  - o (Interviewee): I also want to work on standardizing the fund.
- Pan: Why a specific interest in this funding body rather than any other?
  - O (Interviewee): This funding supplies students with funding for cultural events and it's important because just by going to class, you cant learn so many things. So by being on the board, I will help students be better versions of themselves.

# Closing (Interviewee):

- O Thank you so much for allowing me to speak. It's been a great pleasure working with grad and undergrad students.
- o I think it's really impactful as students are able to achieve their goals outside class.

#### ARC Recommendation:

- 3-0-0 votes.
- Boudaie: this is a position that will be dealing with funding for events and I liked that she had experience planning events.

# Discussion:

- Sharma: I am wary because people are already in that space and it's hard to see changes in the next year. But seeing clear initiatives that she want sot implement is a good sign.
- Jackson moves to apppoint Diana for CPC. Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Diana is appointed to CPC.

*Third appointment for the same postion (C).* 

- Jackie Diaz (Interviewee):
  - o My interest in CPC stems from my first generation college student experience.
  - O I want to give opportunities to students that were influential to my life to other students and their parents.

## QnA

- Hardwicke: can you expand on your experience with CPC:
  - o Jackie: I was the funding coordinator.
- Geller: What would you consider in making funding decisions to make sure the board was being equitable in their funding decisions?
  - O Its important to look at all the programs as objectively as possible by analyzing the various aspect of the proposed plan.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Are there any specific changes that you want to make to the process?
  - O The presentation part should not be given that much importance.

# Closing (Interviewee):

O Thank you everyone for this opportunity. My experiences show that I am not only qualified but also passionate.

#### ARC:

o 3-0-0 vote.

#### Discussion:

- O Jackson: I appreciate her personal connection and convection motivated her to sit on this committee
- O Pan: She is one of the people who have taken the most initiative and I support her.
- O Hardwicke: In my opinion, its very imp to have interactions with the committee you are trying to sit on and she has shown that.
- O Mokhtarzadeh: she was always the voice of reason and I am confident she will do the same on this committee.
- Jackson moves to Appoint Jackie for CPC. Hajee seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Jackie is appointed to CPC.

Fourth appointment for the same position (C):

- Kyle (Interviewee):
  - o First year environmental science.
  - o I will ensure that I am making fair decisions in terms of the allocation process of these funds of \$500.000.
  - O Before this I was questioning whether I was capable of taking on this position.
  - O In order to do better in school I think that I can step back and reconsider.
  - o IN my ARC interview I was asked a question about my party affiliation and I wanted to apologize to Malik about my response.

The candidate withdrew his nomination.

Boudaie moves to initiate a 7min recess. Jackson seconds.

12-0-1 vote. recess is initiated.

Mokhtarzadeh calls this meeting back to order at 9:41pm.

D) Community Activities Committee.

• Corona reads description:

Openings: Four (4) positions (3 regular and 1 alternate), 1-year term, July through June
The Community Activities Committee is a subcommittee of the Program Activities Board. CAC provides funds for ongoing student-initiated, student led community service programs that work with economically and socially disadvantaged communities throughout the academic year.

Summer Funding offers funds for programs that take place during the summer. The Summer Fund primarily applies to groups that have applied and have received an allocation from the regular CAC fund. Acts as a forum for soliciting views on the nature and goals of community service and makes allocation decisions for community service projects. Must attend a four-hour Orientation in early August, and attend meetings which are held at least once per Quarter. Must take part in hearings that last from morning 'til night. Must make at least two site visits. Student applicants should have experience being a part of an organization that has applied for CAC, and have knowledge about the importance of the programs. It is mandatory to attend meetings and hearings. Student members receive stipends.

• Mokhtarzadeh: 4 appointments need to be made. One of the appointments (Gaurav) is going to be Skyping in.

*First appointment for the position (D):* 

- Evette (Interviewee):
  - o I have seen the immense impact that LEAP has got.
  - O I have dedicated my time to this and hope to do a great job.
  - o Through my experience, I have seen how peoples' lives have been uplifted.

#### OnA

- Hardwicke: Why are you interested in returning to CAC?
  - O Interviewee: I enjoy working in the service of people, understand their needs for community service. I like being a part of person's support system.
  - o I was also the chairperson for the student risk committee so I enjoy challenging people.
- Jackson: How do you feel you experience will help you see which community will be applying to CAC?
  - o (Interviewee): For me, being a potential chair, I have other organizations and leadership roles that will collaborate on giving out recommendations for these allocations.
- Corona: What are the improvements that you hope to make?
  - O (Interviewee): There should be more constant communication with CEC and the projects to see that the projects are progressing.
- Geller: What should the committee consider when allocating the funds in order to ensure equitable distribution between education vs health projects?
  - O (Interviewee): Education projects vs health projects both help people in different ways. Seeing the background of the community and considering that as well is important is making such decisions.

# Closing (Interviewee):

O Having done this for 2 years and having spoken to different representatives, I know I am ready and qualified for this job.

## ARC Recommendations:

o 3-0-0 vote.

#### Discussion:

• Jackson: I truly appreciate that she has experience and vast knowledge.

- Hajee: A weakness that she wanted to improve was to improve communication. Because one thing that needs to happen is to make projects more sustainable.
- Hardwicke moves to appoint Evette to CAC. Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 11-0-1 votes, Evette is appointed to CAC.

# *Second appointment for the position (D):*

- Elizabeth (Interviewee):
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> year and I want to return to the CAC.
  - o I was appointed director for CCM.
  - o I work with different communities and organizations. I understand their issues.
  - o I want to sit and address issues head on, not just conduct meetings.

## QnA

- Hardwicke: Why are you interested in returning and what changes will you implement?
  - o (Interviewee): I enjoy working with CAC because I like working with a range of communities.
  - o I love helping people out, I take calls at 2am, 1am whatever.
  - o I like to be there for people and I want to help other children.
  - o For this year, I want to work on empowering the communities.
- Jackson: Is there an internal system that helps make the financing judgments?
  - O (Interviewee): No, we don't have a system. We see the strength of their application. And if we need to turn them out, we help them out with new grant writing etc.
- Mokhtarzadeh: What will you do to ensure that the work at CAC is supported and better shared with the rest of the community?
  - O We have a lot of partnerships across UCLA and that's what I want to continue doing and growing.

## Closing (Interviewee):

O Thank you every one. I think I am extremely qualified who is always there for everyone any time. And I just want to be there for everyone.

## ARC Recommendation:

- o 3-0-0 vote
- O Hardwicke: Her interview showed that she has extensive knowledge and familiarity with student groups on campus.
- O Boudaie: She said that she had a lot of personal successes and when Flournoy-Hooker asked her for specific examples, she had really good examples.

#### Discussion:

- O Corona: I like how she presented herself in a relaxed way. It made it easier for me to understand her vision.
- O Jackson: I love her novel approach to look at the applicants and sit down and work with them to build their application.
- O Hardwicke: She talked a lot about working with registered campus organizations. I like how she wants to help students with real life skills.
- Jackson moves to approve Elizabeth to sit on the board of CAC. Hajee seconds.
- 11-0-1 vote, Elizabeth is appointed to the CAC Board.

## *Third appointment for the position (D):*

• Gaurav (Interviewee):

- o 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- O I am here to apply my knowledge to the best interest of everyone. I want to work for socially and economically disadvantaged groups with greater transparency.

## QnA:

- Hardwicke: Can you talk about experience with service groups?
  - o (Interviewee): I have worked with several on campus groups like Project Rishi and PEACE, etc.
- Hardwicke: How will you educate yourself on the mission of the student groups who will go through this funding process?
  - o (Interviewee): I will do townhall workshops.
- Pan: Could you talk about you interest in CAC as opposed to CPC?
  - o (Interviewee): Most of my experience has been in cultural and educational programming but I have covered a lot more. I have worked for the Academic Affairs Commission as well.
- Sharma: What is one thing you want to improve on?
- o (Interviewee): I want to improve the inclusivity of the applications, say gender, etc. Closing (Interviewee)
- O Having experience in the past, I know that I will do a great job. Thank you for your time! ARC Recommendations:
  - o 0-0-3 vote.
  - O Hardwicke: Its open to discussion now.

#### Discussion:

- O Corona: I wasn't able to hear him very well so I don't want to base my decision on my lack of knowledge.
- O Boudaie: I abstained because I couldn't see why he applied for the specific position he applied for even though he may be qualified more generally.
- o Flournoy-Hooker: I had similar reasons to Boudaie.
- O Hardwicke: I do think that with his other experiences, he does have the potential to learn. His previous appointments align more specifically with CPC.
- O Jackson: I like how he mentioned that he wanted to work with disadvantaged groups but some of his other answers were much more general.
- O Mokhtarzadeh: He was one of the fundamental people involved with our changes in the funding guidelines. I also think that there may be value to someone with a different experience coming in. The EDI experience is quite crucial.
- O Hardwicke: I think I would hesitantly vote yes now based on his qualifications and the dedication he would have.
- O Pan: If I could just second Arielle, I think he would offer a different perspective since all 3 other members have extensive service experience.
- Sharma moves to appoint Gaurav to CAC. Hajee seconds.
- 7-0-5 vote Gaurav is appointed to CAC.
  - E) Student Initiated Outreach Committee
  - Corona reads description:

# Openings: One (1) position, 1-year term, July through June \*Stipended

The purpose of the Student Initiated Outreach Committee is to increase the eligibility of educationally disadvantaged students to the University of California, particularly UCLA. UCLA students who have initiated outreach projects to a school which has low academic performance school wide and high attrition rates may apply for funding from the SIOC to support their projects. The SIOC ensures that the projects adhere to SIOC Guidelines, evaluates the projects

and their proposals, allocates funds as appropriate, and oversees the funding process. SIOC holds weekly meetings (including Summer), plus at least one funding hearing per Quarter, Fall through Spring. In addition to attending meetings and participating in proposal hearings and deliberations, committee members must serve on at least one standing committee of the SIOC.

- Susan (Interviewee):
  - O I currently sit on SIC as a chairperson. I have learned a lot. I was able to run the meetings every Tuesday for 6-8.
  - o We oversee 7 outreach projects and have been able to allocate funding for all of them.

# QnA

- Pan: Have you had any personal involvement working on those projects yourself?
  - o (Interviewee): Yes, I worked with the Writing Success Program. I provided students with workshops on how to best submit writing works.
  - o I went to several community sites as well.
- Stokes: How do you fairly administer funds to the projects?
  - o (Interviewee): There's a budget proposal and I provided committee members for the budget proposal for the past 3 years and their evaluation and we used those to make judgments.
- Flournoy-Hooker: What are these 7 projects that you support?
  - o (Interviewee): AIR, Space, Pace, Hope, Peer, Shape, Maps
- Flournoy-Hooker: How do you avoid biases?
  - o (Interviewee): We do two checks every quarter. This allows us to see how the projects are doing.
  - O Doing such checks also allowed us to realized that we needed to add two admin positions for Peer and Shape.
- Flournoy-Hooker: were these two positions appointed or were they open to all of UCLA?
  - O (Interviewee): The projects were responsible for conducting outreach on campus and appointing these positions.
- Pan: Students told me that in your office, students felt like they were verbally abused. How do you hope to make your space a safe space?
  - o (Interviewee): My role during disagreements is to give people a chance to step back and step out.
- Pan: When I was reaching out to students for feedback, many students were surprised that you were applying.
  - O (Interviewee): This was a choice that I made and I think there is more work to be done. I didn't bring it up to everybody because it's me applying for it. But as far as the work goes, my work speaks for itself.
- Flournoy-Hooker: What are you past 3 personal successes for this past year?
  - O (Interviewee): The equity memo, increasing the hourly pay rate by implementing a pay rate scale.
- Flournoy-Hooker: You mentioned two of the three that had to do with money. What else did you do?
  - O (Interviewee): SIOC is primarily concerned with getting k-14 students into higher education. I wanted to make sure that every project was meeting its goal. My duties are to advocate and to make sure that every project is being financially responsible throughout the year. Since we focus on low-income students, a big part of me is the finances part.
  - o I implemented a demographic sheet.
- Flournoy-Hooker: You didn't mention these when I asked you the question the first time?
- Pan: What are you thoughts on the ASU list of demands? Do you endorse them?
  - o (Interviewee): Shape was mentioned in those demands. And I added a position this year.

- Pan: What are you thoughts on the demands such as having a bruin resource center?
  - o (Interviewee): Sure!
- Jackson: What room for internal improvement can SIOC implement with you being a chairperson?
  - O Interviewee: Making our funding avocation for the mini fund more available to the campus and making students more aware of our events and projects.
- Corona: Can you talk about whether or not you feel that the black bruins center is a necessity?
  - O Interviewee: All the communities we works with come from disadvantaged background so if the ASU wants to advocate for a black bruins center, I think that's great.
- Stokes: How do you plan on providing the directors of these projects with the yearly budget that you all have?
  - O The directors are the ones who write and submit the budget proposal so they are aware of all the numbers on it.
- Sharma moves to extend QnA by 3 mins.
- 11-0-1 vote.
- Sharma: I want to hear your thoughts on what are the High Potential Program? Also just because you are a second year appointee, I want to hear your plans for improving resources and funding to access projects because I know you know experience being on the board.
  - O That's going to happen in the budget proposal. Projects are going to be applying for funding for transportation, assistance, graphics, supplies.
  - O So they will be trained thoroughly about all of that and will also be looking at a template that I am preparing for an annual budget evaluation.
  - O This will monitor the spending throughout the last 3-5 years. So we will have a good understanding of spending, external funding that the projects had to ask for if necessary and the funding that we have given them.
- Sharma: I also wanted to hear what you thought about the high potential program because that's near the area of access and retention?
  - o Interviewee: So what was the demand?
- Sharma: It was bringing back the high potential program.
  - O Interviewee: As far as outreach goals go, I am concerned about the level of support that we get from ucla admin.
  - O I think that we should be highlighted at ucla and through that we would be able to coordinate with other projects that also work on outreach.

# Closing Interviewee:

- O I think that I have a lot to offer to this community.
- O Me being on this for a second year is only positive because I know about the room for improvement, and I also know about he whole process.
- O A lot that happened this year was important and anyone who comes into a new position doesn't know what to expect. So there's definitely a learning curve but I think that being on it for a second year, I have the knowledge and experience to make more improvements.
- O We can continue to keep in contact and I'm open to have lines of communication with everybody not only on this board but also on this campus.
- O I am going to start media presence for SIOC and hopefully that'll be able to reach more undergraduates.

## ARC Recommendation:

- Hardwicke: Our original recommendation was a yes
- Flournoy-Hooker: But after asking additional questions, I have decided to change my vote to a no.
  - O When I asked what 3 things Susan did specifically, all I got back increased pay rate and all. All I saw was money money money. Theres more to this position than payrate and so I heard

- nothing about the increase of eligibility, I didn't see that there was much involvement within the projects that were going on rather than just giving them money.
- O It doesn't seem like there is hands on action going on. And that's not much for me to vote a yes.
- Boudaie: What I personally saw in the ARC interview was that she knew a lot about what the SIOC does.
  - O Also when we asked her about why she wants to be on SIOC, instead of first talking about her qualifications, I think she first mentioned her personal story of being a first generation student of color and having her own personal difficulties with regard to access to higher education is what informed her decision to apply for this.
  - o I think that's important to know.
  - O Something that Dr. Geller said earlier that we not only want someone who is qualified but also someone who has a passion for the postion and I think her passion is at a personal level and so I have kept my recommendation as is.
- Hardwicke: I also changed my recommendation to a no largely due to my concerns with the seeming lack of feedback that she tried to get from the projects and the committee.
  - O And some of the things that Pan brought up raised some issues for me.

## Council Discussion:

- Pan: I think the two main concerns were that:
  - O 1) As chairperson even though you are appointed by usac, you are facilitating and overseeing these meetings so the type of environment that you are cultivating for people concerns me. People don't feel safe in those spaces.
  - O 2) Also the overall feedback from people regard her applying again for this position I think that we have seen a lot of candidates either reach out to student organizations or reach out to us for student feedback and to me it looked like there was a lack of seeking constructive criticism.
- Sharma: I think that someone who is a chairperson for SIOC and who works with projects should specifically understand the needs of those communities in a overarching way
  - o The hesitation and the lack of understanding have been concerning.
  - O The lack of feedback: I have said this multiple times about reapplications. I am a stickler for improvements but the lack of feedback and the lack of steps is just disheartening.
- Jackson: I will say that I did appreciate her initiative to increase the pay raise.
  - o My understanding of the chair roles is that they make sure that the projects are fiscally sound.
  - O But I think that other councilmembers raised really poignant points.
  - O And when I asked about improvement in the internal space, I was looking for a little bit more.
- Corona:
  - O Just from what she said, she mentioned that SIOC and just herself has high value for administration but I think it's ironic that given that in the title it says "student initated"
- Mokhtarzadeh:
  - O Just to clarify, I think she said that she asked for more support from admin, I don't think she said that she supported admin.
- Geller:
  - O I have heard a lot of conversation about her being in the chair role. I just want to make sure you all know that you will be reappointing her to the committee, not to be chair. The committee will elect its own chair.
- Jackson:
  - o I just feel like I don't have enough substantial information to make a qualified vote on this.
  - o I would hate to abstain but I feel like that's where I am leaning.

- O Does anyone from ARC want to go into more detail about why they are changing their vote.
- Hardwicke:
  - o ARC interviews were 10 minutes long so we actually got more here than there.
- Sharma moves to appoint Susan to the SIOC. Stokes seconds.
- 2-7-3 votes Susan is not appointed to SIOC as this vote fails to reach 2/3 majority.

Susan: I am just going to say that I got riled during this meeting. I don't think I was given a fair chance. Mokhtarzadeh: Susan, I am really sorry I am going to have to ask you to not give comment right now. There will be time for feedback later (multiple times)

Susan: I am sorry Arielle, I don't mean to disrespect you but I really need to say my peace right now. I am a first generation Latina student and I don't think that I was treated like everybody else who was applying. I think it was really unfair of everyone to keep extending the time and keep extending the questions. You all could have asked me that during the ARC meeting, but you didn't ask me those questions; you asked me if I was affiliated with BU. Theres clearly a bias here. Theres clearly politics going on. Its not fair that those are the questions that you asked. How was I supposed to give you more information when you did not ask me that.

Flournoy-Hooker: We did ask you more questions about your experience and you specifically gave us nothing.

Susan: You asked me if I was affiliated with BU.

Flournoy-Hooker: In addition to that we asked you more. That's not the only question we asked you Susan. And we can prove that.

Mokhtarzadeh: Maybe this is a conversation for feedback and you can have it at another time. With no disrespect for your time, we appreciate you coming here. I am going to ask that we end this conversation now.

- F) Student Fee Advisory Committee:
- Corona reads description:

## Openings: Two (2) positions, 2-year term, July through June \*Stipended

The purpose of the Student Fee Advisory Committee is to obtain and channel student input into decisions regarding the level and use of student fee funds. Of primary importance is advising the Chancellor on the allocation of campus-based student registration fees. The primary objectives of the SFAC committee are to assist the Chancellor in consistently providing student input on matters pertaining to student fees including but not limited to registration fees, user fees and course materials fees; to review and recommend student fee funding priorities to the Chancellor; to advise the Chancellor on the level of the Registration Fee and the overall burden of fees facing students; to advise the Chancellor on the operations, services, and programs of non-instructional/non-curricular administrative units for which students are among the primary clients, regardless of the funding sources of those units; and to administer periodic reviews of non-instructional/curricular administrative units for which students are among the primary clients, regardless of the funding sources of those units, through the Service Assessment Team process. Meets no less than four times per Quarter. Time commitment: Approximately 20 hours per month. Student members receive stipends.

*First appointment for the same position (F):* 

- Neemat (Interviewee):
  - O As a student who has worked and interacted with multiple people and organizations, I am prepared.

- O I was on this committee last year for a 1 year appointment and so I have learnt. But I haven't had the opportunity to work my second year and do the things that I want to do.
- O So thank you so much!
- Mokhtarzadeh: Just to clarify, there was a two year appointment to Neemat's seat but that person was unable to fulfill their second year and Neemat was appointed to fulfill that leftover of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. She is now applying for a full 2 year term.

## QnA:

- Sharma: How will toy ensure that campus spaces are equitably administered further funding?
  - o (Interviewee): We have a process of unit review with site visits.
- Sharma: If you are appointed again, can you give me specific improvements you can make to SFAC?
  - o (Interviewee): So the unit review process and advising the chancellor takes a very long time. I will implement better timelines so these units know when they will get their funding.
- Jackson: What's your biggest claim to fame?
  - O (Interviewee): It's the opportunity to represent student bodies.
- Corona: So SFAC is in charge of the budget? I'm confused.
  - o (Interviewee): The main thing is advising the chancellor. We give him inputs from student voices.
- Pan: What fee do you think is the biggest thing that you'd like to see changed?
  - O (Interviewee): We specifically deal with fees that are already set. I want to ensure proper deployment of the funds.

# Closing (Interviewee):

O Thank you for having me. I hope you can see how much I care for student needs.

## ARC Discussion:

- o 3-0-0 vote.
- o Boudaie: I liked her answers about permanent and temporary funding.

## Discussion:

- O Corona: I think the way she took my confused question shows her commitment.
- O Pan: I like how she is not doing just the bare minimum.
- O Sharma: I think she had a pretty good understanding of her role.
- O Mokhtarzadeh: She applied for this appointment last year and didn't get it. But the fact that she is coming back to do another year shows that she has her heart set.
- Boudaie moves to appoint Neemat for SFAC. Pan seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Neemat is appointed to SFAC.

*Second appointment for the same position (F):* 

- Christina (Interviewee):
  - o Thank you for considering me.
  - O We advise the chancellor on how to allocate student fee for funding non-instructional services
  - O I have applied because it combines my passion for helping students with my passion for finance.

## OnA:

- Boudaie: What experience do you have working with administrators and how do you feel that that has prepared you for this role?
  - o (Interviewee): We tried to create wellness spaces on south campus.
- Pan: What would you do to understand the needs of the students you work for?
  - o (Interviewee): I am really empathetic and I am willing to take initiative and work on helping

those committees.

- Kayla: What would you do differently?
  - o (Interviewee): I will spread greater awareness.
- Pan: One of the things that you've tried to do is allocate more funds for mental health projects. So where will you reallocate that fund from?
  - O (Interviewee): There is a lot of carry forward. There is 12-13 million dollars that aren't getting allocated.
- Stokes: Are you in support of the ASU demands in creating a Black Student Center and what steps would you take?
  - o (Interviewee): I am definitely in support. One of the biggest steps could be making that effort to reach out to student leaders in your community.

## Closing (Interviewee):

O To prepare for this role, I studied the bylaws, read all the minutes of the meeting. I know my research has prepared me for this role.

#### ARC Recommendations:

- o 3-0-0 vote.
- o Flournoy-Hooker: She has done a lot.
- O Boudaie: It was clear that she has been doing her homework and I liked her answer to Pan's question in which she was able to acknowledge that there are additional funds.

#### Discussion:

- O Hajee: She worked in the facilities commission office this year and working on specific projects with her, I definitely want to work for her work ethic and how thorough she is.
- O Jackson: I love what she said about the carryover \$13 million with the chancellor. I loved her answer to Pan's question.
- Boudaie moves to appoint Christina to SFAC. Corona seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Christina is appointed to SFAC.
  - G) Student Health Advisory Committee
    - Corona reads description:

# Openings: Two (2) positions, 2-year term, July through June \*Note: no student may serve on SHAC for more than two years (one term) \*Stipended

SHAC exists to provide student participation in advising the administration of the UCLA Student Health Services (SHS) at The Arthur Ashe Student Health & Wellness Center. The committee's primary function is to ensure that SHS promotes and provides high quality, affordable health care for UCLA students. In addition, SHAC also provides feedback on the development and evaluation of Ashe Center programs as well as advising Ashe Center leadership on student concerns and priority matters. Finally, SHAC makes recommendations regarding campus insurance plan benefits. The committee holds at least 12 general meetings during the academic year. Time commitment: Approximately 20 hours per month. Student members receive stipends.

*First appointment for the same position (G):* 

- Danny (Interviewee):
  - o I am a first year polsci student.
  - O I feel a passion for mental health, as when I was in high school I was diagnosed with GAD and mild depression and since then I have been passionate about encouraging positive environments in my high school and at UCLA.

O I have worked in several organization on campus to promote and conduct outreach for student mental health.

## QnA

- Boudaie: Do you want to talk about working with SHACK on proliferating birth control?
  - O (Interviewee): When I was researching what projects to work on, one of the things that came to the forefront was a bill that allowed pharmacies to furnish birth control without prescription. We thought UCLA would be interested in implementing that. Berkeley and Irvine have successfully implemented that and personally I would love for UCLA to implement that too.
- Jackson: Whats your perspective on having a satellite place for CAPS maybe on the hill.
  - O (Interviewee): Yes, that's actually one of my priorities. More and more students are going to CAPS and they don't have the space to accommodate those students.
- Sharma: In the discussion of caps on the hill, we discussed this as a council last year. But the opposition was that for a lot of students mental health is stigmatized and so we didn't want people to do that on the hill?
- Hajee: Based on the knowledge you've gathered from ASHE, would similar improvements as done at Berkeley and Irvine be possible to implement here?
  - O (Interviewee): The answer we got was that it's not really necessary that we actually implement those changes.
- Sharma: Can you talk about how you will enhance the QPR program so that it's a less triggering process to go through?
  - o (Interviewee): It was an interesting experience for me to go through. I can see how it can be triggering. But we do need to do more publicity.

## Closing (Interviewee):

- o Thank you all so much till almost midnight.
- O I think you can probably see my passion for health related issues by seeing what all I have done.
- o I want to say that these things will continue to happen whether I am on SHACK on not, but being on SHACK will give me the resources to help even more students whom I couldn't reach out to on my own.

## ARC Recommendation:

- o 3-0-0 vote.
- o Flournoy-Hooker: based on her clear understanding of her role.
- O Boudaie: Her work speaks volumes about her commitment.

## Discussion:

- O Jackson: I think its incredible to listen to the constituents that SACKS will be serving on the hill. I liked how she didn't try to appease any of us.
- o Stokes: She came so prepared.
- O Hajee: Super knowledgeable. Shes' worked in spaces where she is directly involved with student committees but also been able to manage the admin side.
- O Sharma: She has not only gone through training but she understands that that training can be triggering as well. I really liked that.
- o Pan: She interviewed for my office and I thought she was a great candidate.
- O Kayla: I know it's hard to put yourself out in front of the council.
- Boudaie moves to appoint Danny to the SHAC. Corona seconds.
- 12-0-0 votes, Danny is appointed to SHAC.

## H) USAC Budget Review Director

• Jackson reads description:

# Openings: One (1) position, 13-month term (mid-June through July 31st of following year) \*Stipended

As Chair of the Budget Review Committee, the Budget Review Director verifies that USAC base budgets are in accordance with all ASUCLA and University regulations and that all budgets are sufficiently documented. The BRC makes recommendations on USAC Officers' budgets, and forwards those recommendations to USAC for approval. The Budget Review Director serves as Chair of the Undergraduate Students Association Programming Committee, the Student Government Operational Fund Committee (SGOF), and the Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF) Committee. The USA Programming Committee holds three rounds of hearings per academic year. The Student Organizations Operational Fund Committee holds two hearings per academic year to allocate funds. The Student Government Operational Fund Committee will hold one round of hearings. Student receives stipend.

## Johnny (Interviewee):

- o I have been the budget review director since spring of my sophomore year.
- o I will be over seeing BOD and SUF have become so much more accessible to student organizations.
- o I want to make the usac funding system less scary than it sounds.

## QnA

- Jackson: How specifically do you want to help students navigate?
  - O Interviewee: Transition is not always smooth. So making myself accessible is something that has changed this year.
- Sharma: What is your vision for the upcoming year?
  - O Interviewee: Bylaws haven't been updated in over 10 years so a lot of my work will be in interpreting these bylaws and helping students navigate them.
- Pan: What would you do to transition the next director?
  - O Interviewee: We have a google drive which is so messy so I am going to clean that up. And we will set clear deadlines for submissions.
- Jackson: How will you go about making funding sources more visible to students?
  - O Interviewee: The funds are decreasing year by year so right now I am in conversations about how we can make this fund more sustainable.

## Closing (Interviewee):

- o I have always prioritized student concerns and have made myself available.
- O I have had a lot of office hour visits and this has been a great year in terms of accessibility and transparency.
- ARC Rec:
  - o 3-0-0 vote
  - o Flournoy-Hooker: Very very qualified, experienced and approachable.
- Discussion:
  - O Jackson: He has made himself really available for the job.
  - O Pan: I once sat as a proxy and I saw he asked really nice questions and was very energetic so I really respect that.
- Jackson moves to appoint Johnny to be the USAC BRD. Hardwicke seconds
- 12-0-0 vote Johnny is appointed as the USAC BRD.

- I) USAC Finance Committee Chairperson
  - Hardwicke reads description:

# Openings: One (1) position, 13-month term (June through July 1 of following year) \*Note: must be available in summer \*Stipend

Oversees the annual budget of the Undergraduate Students Association Council and ensures that the Council stays within budget. The Finance Committee, which meets weekly, is entrusted by USAC to review, analyze, investigate, and receive all budget and financial requests dealing with the appropriation of student funds. The FiCom Chair also sits as an Ex Officio member of the Undergraduate Students Association Council which meets weekly. In addition, the FiCom Chairperson serves on the Budget Review Committee and will, therefore, be participating in the hearings of the Student Government Operational Fund Committee, the Student Organizations Operational Fund Committee, and the USA Programming Fund Committee. Student receives stipend.

## • Prateek:

- O I am a third year econ major minoring in accounting.
- O Every since I joined FICOM as an alternate member, I have been captivated by the role of the committee within usac.
- O It plays an extremely important in helping the student community and the usac offices.
- O I was a vice chair over the past year and Ive committed myself to the spirit of the finance committee
- o I want to help student organizations navigate and get educated about the funding process.
- o I will be happy to always answer questions.

## QnA

- Jackson: Can you briefly talk about your qualifications?
  - O Interviewee: The first thing would be my role as a vice chair over the past year. I have organized funding and requisitioning workshops for usac offices and student groups.
  - O A lot of the times, organizations are not aware of the funding procedure so I have helped groups understand our expectations and navigate the process.
  - o I have worked to foster fair funding.
- Li: I always had problems with requisition forms and Ive always gotten help. A lot of student organization don't understand this or get this.
  - O Interviewee: The student organizations, after submitting their requisitioning form, it goes into the hands of other bodies, but prior to that submission, helping them get their funding is my job and I have tried to facilitate that through requisitioning workshops.
- Yu: When we make allocations, we send out very specific emails. But there is still a disconnect.
- Li: Are there any ways that student groups can get help from you guys first and then turn in their application?
- Yu: Yes, there have been times when this has been done.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Are you sure you want to be part of this council that is going to sit in meetings till midnight?
  - o Interviewee: Yes ofcourse.

## Closing remarks (Interviewee):

- o I thank everyone for his or her patience.
- O Given that ucla has a lot of organizations coming up every year, a lot of them don't know about usac funding.
- O As the ficom chair, I will ensure that all student organizations are at the end of the day

empowered and enabled to the best of my capabilities.

## ARC Recommendations:

- o 3-0-0 vote
- o Flournoy-Hooker: Qualified, involved in a broad set of activities.
- o Hardwicke: Same.
- o Boudaie: Both Kevin and Prateek are very approachable. And I really appreciate that.
- Boudaie moves to appoint Prateek to be the next ficom chair. Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, Prateek is appointed as the next FINCOM Chair.

Stokes moves to initiate a 5 minute recess. Saidain seconds.

11-0-0 votes, recess is initiated.

Mokhtarzadeh calls the meeting back to order at 12:08 am

# VII. Officer and Member Reports

#### A. President

- I met with UCPD and they expressed intrest in doing a usac presentation in the fall.
  - Met with ucla something. They have expressed interested in doing a presentation for usac.
  - I had my first alumni board meeting. Committed to finding alumni who are committed to hiring bruins.
  - Met with Bobbi Grace, prior usac president.
  - Publically thank Stokes, Sharma, and one more person.

## **B.** Internal Vice President

- I went to the gala and met a lot of usac members from the past.
- I also met the guy who started Kerckhoff Coffee House.
- I met the woman who started the VOD fund.

## C. External Vice President

- We have our first meeting tomorrow night.
- We met with community relationship council so let us know if you ever want to do something there.

## D. Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Met about how different UCs can help each other.
- Went to the legislative assembly meeting:
  - o Campus safety with regard to bruin alert.
  - o A new app called BruinSafe.
  - o Audits.

#### E. Student Wellness Commissioner

Kayla Hee reads on Lee's behalf:

- Body image task force hosted yoga from 6-730pm yesterday in Hedrick movement studio
- Last week: free CPR for students on bruin walk.
- Sexperts just finished a workshop on contraceptives.

## F. Financial Supports Commissioner

Boudaie:

- Wrote an oped in the daily bruin about my plans for the office.
- Updates for the parking advocacy task force article written in the Daily Bruin.
- I'm going to post a google form on the FSC facebook page so that students who have different concerns can start to fill them out.
- Sharma: if you need help, let me know.

## **G.** Facilities Commissioner

## Hajee:

- I went to the last usac meeting and they brought up the new bruin commuter transit program wants to expand its services to undergraduates and specifically include public transport initiatives.
- Met with the office of emergency mgmt and ucpd want to work on campus safety programs. Active shooter safety, earthquake and fire safety. They don't get a lot of turnout for the events they plan and would love recommendations on the same.

# **H.** Administrative Representatives

## Alexander:

• I have all the photos and you are welcome to come to my office to see them.

#### VIII. Fund Allocations

# A. Contingency Programming\*

- Only 3 organizations applied
- Requested: \$2163
- Recommended: \$1630
- Jackson moves to approve the \$1630. Hajee seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, the contingency programming fund allocation is approved.

## B. Capital\*

- Committee service commission
- Facilities commission
- EVP
- Total \$2851.97
- Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve #2851.97 for capital funding. Saidian seconds.
- 9-0-3 vote, capital funding is approved.

## C. Student Wellness Programming Fund#

None

## IX. Old Business

## A. Summer Meeting Schedule\*

- Mokhtarzadeh: I will send that out and it's a consent item anyway.
- Yu: with regard to stipend withholding, what's going to happen?
- Mokhtarzadeh: That will be an item under new business that we will be discussing.
- Saidain: what happened to June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup> meetings. They were not in the schedule.
- Sharma: Can we make June 29<sup>th</sup> Available? Because I have appointments coming up.
- Geller: Are your items consent items or action items?
- Sharma: I will need to double check.

#### X. New Business

## A. New ARC guidelines#

Flournoy-Hooker: I was not informed that this was going to happen.

# **B.** Guideline change for Finance Committee\*

- The old guidelines were still functional.
- There are no major changes, just basically the line caps.
  - o Advertising
  - o Graphics: limited to \$200 instead of \$300
  - o Hospitality updated to \$300 because there is increased interest in food.
  - o Retreats upped by \$50, capped at \$500.
  - o Travel registration limited to \$500 total, one straight line cap.
  - O Accommodations \$150 per room for 3 rooms maximum.
  - o Summer contingency upped to \$1000
  - O Removed the exceptions tot hospitality.
- Mokhtarzadeh: It is a huge power we are giving ficom especially increasing contingency to \$1000, I wonder if anyone else on council has a feeling about this?
  - o Yu: There is a difference between summer and the usual quarters.
- Pan: How many applications do you actually get for the summer?
  - o Yu: 10-15.
- Boudaie: What was it before you raised it to \$1000?
  - o Yu: it used to be \$500.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Is there a limitation of time by when the funding needs to be used?
  - o Yu: Their program events should occur during June and July.
- Geller: Earlier this year, something was passed that anything left in contingency will go into the endowment.
  - O Yu: In regards to contingency, what was passed was that was left over from surplus approval would go into the endowment.
- Boudaie moves to approve the changes to the guidelines for the Finance Committee. Flournoy-Hooker seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, the guideline changes are approved.

## Bylaw change by Flournoy-Hooker:

- There was a lot of language that was no longer accurate and I wanted to update that.
- Article I sec IV, just making them more up to date.
- That was it, just changing the language.
- Mokhtarzadeh: Granted they were very easy changed to make but let's make sure that the changes are sent in advance.
- Flournoy-Hooker moves to approve the bylaw changes. Saidian seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote, the bylaws have been amended.

## Discussion of Videoconference Guidelines:

- Hardwicke:
  - o We will allow video conferencing between spring and fall.
  - o Ensuring that everyone can be heard and seen at all times.
  - o If technology doesn't work, do we not meet Quorum or what do we do in such situations?
  - O Chair of each meeting needs to be physically present throughout each meeting.
- Geller:
  - O The bylaws spell out the hierarchy.

- o The most senior chairs the meeting.
- Hardwicke:
  - o I am pretty sure we can google hangout in addition to USAC live.
  - O The video should be projected up on the screen. In case there is something on the screen, the computer will be placed in front of the IVP who will monitor.
  - o Sound should remain connected to amplified sound.
  - o Noise levels should remain low.
  - O The person videoconferencing should be needed to be in view and in hearing capacity at all times
  - O Camera needs to be left on at all times.
  - O Need to mute when not speaking to avoid static noice.
  - o IVP will ensure that everyone on videoconference has equal opportntiy to speak.
  - O We have to take vocal roll call for both signing in and signing out. And the IVP keeps a written record of that just so we have a tally.
  - O In case of malfunctioning technology, the member will be considered absent and their presence will not be counted as quorum.
- Pan: I think a 20 minute absence is okay.
- Geller: if you lose quorum, you can take any action votes.
- Hardwicke: There will be a grace period of 10 minutes.
  - o For voting, each member must say yes, no or abstaining.
- Li: if we include the jun 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, you will have to be here for 6 meetings because we will be having a total of 9 meetings.
- Pan moves to approve the videoconferencing guidelines. Corona seconds.
- 12-0-0 vote the guidelines are approved.

# Empowerment of the current ficom chair to award contingency from June 13 to June 30th.

- Sharma moves to empower Yu. Boudaie seconds.
- 12-0-0 votes, Yu is empowered for the summer from June 13 to June 30.

## **Empowerment of the new ficom chair from July 1 to August 10:**

- Hajee moves to empower Prateek. Sharma seconds.
- 12-0-0 votes, Prateek is empowered from July 1 to August 10.

#### XI. Announcements

- Hajee:
  - o MSA is hosting its first fast-a-con today starting at dawn from 4:19am to 8:09pm.
- Flournoy-Hooker:
  - O Today at 7pm is The Last Word on Wednesday.

# XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around.

## XIII. Adjournment

Stokes moves to adjourn the meeting at 1:15AM! Flournoy-Hooker seconds.

12-0-0 vote, this meeting is adjourned after 6.5 hours.

## IX. Good and Welfare

- \* Indicates Action Item
- □# Indicates Consent Item□
- @ Indicates Executive Session Item