



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
October 22, 2019  
7:00PM

**I. Call to Order**

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

**A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Sign in sheet is passed around

**II. Approval of minutes\* (Outgoing/incoming)**

-10/15/19 minutes

- Jonathan motions to approve, Kelechi seconds
- 10-0-0 minutes approved

**III. Approval of the Agenda\***

- Add discussion item about elevators
- Kelechi motions, Lalo seconds
- 11-0-0 motion passes and agenda is approved as amended

**Elections Board Updates**

Shajari

- Campus campaigning has started, ads have continued to come out
- Working to hire more people
- Continued discussion about event for Thursday
- Johanna: Is everything ready to go for this Thursday's event?
- Kyana: Yes.
- Naomi: Do you have a plan about how you're going to reach out to organizations about endorsements?
- Kyana: Selena is working with Chris to send out emails.

**Contingency Programming\***

Komzyuk

- Received 26 applications
- Requested \$17,610.75
- Recommended \$9,423.79
- USAC and non-USAC entities
- Mihika motions to approve \$9,423.79, Shahamah seconds
- 9-0-2 motion passes; recommended amount approved

**SFS Allocations#**

Wisner

- Requested: \$2,106.04
- Recommended Allocation: \$906.04
- CSC and non-CSC groups
- No opposition, recommended allocation approved

**Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#**

Guerra

-none

#### SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

- Requested: \$543.08
- Total Allocated: \$256.04
- Two non-USAC entities
- No oppositions, recommended allocation approved

#### ASRF Allocations#

Riley

#### AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

- \$954 to non-USAC entities
- No oppositions, \$954 approved

#### ARCF Allocations#

Iheanacho

- none

### **IV. Public Comment**

Watson

No Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio No Video:

- 0 comments

Audio and Video:

- Sithara: Hey guys, its me Sithara, Calpirg chapter chair. I wanted to tell you guys about Calpirg's upcoming pledge drive that's going to be coming up the next two weeks. Calpirg is a student run and student funded advocacy group here on campus and the student funded part of that is that we have 35,000 members across the UC who pledge Calpirg and add the \$10 activities fee onto their BruinBill to become members of this organization and have their voice represented. This fall we're running our pledge drive in support of our plastic free UC campaign to stop the use of single use plastics on our campus that are polluting our oceans and our waterways. I wanted to ask you all to endorse our pledge drive to help bring more visibility to students who might not have been previously involved. I'm going to hand you guys some letters. If you're willing to endorse our pledge drive that just means you'll be adding your name which means you support the work that we're doing for this campaign and we're hoping to make some promotional material out of it to show the students so they know the pledge drive is coming up.
- Public comment adjourned at 7:20 pm

### **V. Special Presentations**

#### BOD/USA Programming Fund for Fall 2019

Vang

- Christy: So we had our BOD hearing last Thursday. There were 23 organizations that applied, so we're having the total allocation be \$20,555.60. The average allocation is \$ 945.35 and there is a standard deviation of \$1,341.40.
- Kelechi motions to make this an action item, Lalo seconds,
- 10-0-1 motion passes; converted to action item
- Shahamah motions to approve \$20,555.60 for BOD/USA, Jonathan seconds
- 10-0-1; BOD/USA programming fund is approved

## **VI. Appointments**

Aneri Suthar for SREC#

Watson

Joshua Prentice for Finance Committee#

Komzyuk

- Nadya: He is a first year student and looking to get involved on campus. He has a really strong technical background in finance.
- No opposition, Joshua Prentice appointed for Finance Committee

Adah Perez for Finance Committee#

Komzyuk

- Nadya: She is a public affairs major and is really passionate about community service and community outreach.
- No opposition, Adah Perez appointed for Finance Committee

Waylen Lam for Finance Committee#

Komzyuk

- Nadya: He is third year transfer and has an amazing work ethic. He has a strong background in finance and is really passionate about funding student orgs.
- No opposition, Waylen Lam appointed for Finance Committee

## **VII. Officer Reports**

A. President

Watson

- Last week I had my meeting with Chancellor, discussed gender inclusive housing and gender inclusive task force. Discussed Naomi's initiative on test taking and trying to compile research on that. Brought up ASU demands, Chancellor seems committed to continuing to support that. Brought up financial accountability on some of the committees.
- Internship program going well
- All voter events happening week 5 to encourage voting and turnout for the elections
- Meet with the Accreditation committee tomorrow at 11am, also meeting with the President of ISC tomorrow,
- Bruin Family Weekend this weekend
- I encourage you all to read through the bylaws to see if there are things that are no longer under your office in order to clean up the bylaws.

B. Internal Vice President

Bonifacio

- Met with Vice Chancellor Beck last week about safety policies on campus
- First Safety Alliance meeting happened last week. Title IX was there, gave policy and procedures about how they deal with sexual assault and domestic violence
- Grow had it's first workshop tonight, turnout was a bit low because of midterms
- SAP event on Tuesday at 6pm
- T-shirt design contest ends on November 8th

C. External Vice President

Guerra

- UCSA this weekend, we voted not to support the cohort based tuition model and not to support future tuition hikes
- UCSA is looking to ask Academic Senate about possibly making voting days non-instructional days
- Census representative came to talk to us. Census will be rolled out for LA in April 2020. They want to ask how much money we gave to student organizations from USAC from the last academic year in order to voice to the regents that the student fees do go back to organizations.
- Students of Color Conference coming up

D. General Rep 1

Velazquez

- Tomorrow at 5pm Bruin Mental Health Advisory Committee
- Town hall November 21st at 6pm in Bruin Viewpoint room

E. Facilities Commissioner

Shaw

- Bruin Bazarre went well, donations for the next Bruin bazarre being accepted up until week 6
- TGIF hearings last Wednesday, gave a majority of the groups full funding
- OSAC committee applications closed, hopefully finalized by next week
- Meeting with Monroe about access and CAE and lack of funding
- Working on safe parking resolution, hopefully done by next council

- Trying to get reusable coffee mugs in campus coffee shops
- Working with Mihika and Sithara on beach day
- Staff retreat next week

F. Campus Events Commission

Steinmetz

- Becoming Clitorate event went really well
- All staff meeting yesterday
- Doctor Sleep being shown on Halloween
- Monday on Ackerman A level outside there's going to be free coffee and free merch related to Doctor Sleep

G. Transfer Rep

Oraha

- We had our retreat this past weekend. Thank you to Lalo for helping me with my presentation.
- Our interns have completed their first week and they will be beginning their advocacy projects. We are looking at presenting to the Academic Senate about adding students with dependents to the list of groups that receive priority registration, so Naomi, I would love to connect with you on how to go about that.
- Kim, I am very excited to plan a town hall on the hill with you. We should definitely reach out to the large transfer population in Rieber as well.
- Transfer Leadership Coalition meeting is tomorrow at 5 in the transfer center. They are conducting an orientation survey aimed at new transfers that completed their orientation this past summer. It's a google form that's on their social media.

H. Student Wellness Commissioner

Sridhar

- SWC Interns will be hired by the end of the week!
- Student Health Network will be working with Semel Healthy Campus Initiative to create a health/wellness resource map for the entire campus.
- Active Minds: Co-programs with Body Image Task Force, Mindful Eating Workshop, and Bruin Consent Coalition for Relationship Violence Awareness Month.
- Bruin Consent Coalition: Candlelight Vigil on Oct 23rd to 24th at Rieber for survivors of relationship violence.
- Body Image Task Force: Bring a Friend meeting next Weds, Oct 30th, 5-6pm in Ackerman 3508.
- CPR & First Aid Program: Just hired new instructors (ten out of 65+ applications), retraining event this weekend.
- EARTH: Beach Clean-Up with CALPIRG on Saturday from 10-1pm at Santa Monica. Register [HERE](#).
- Bruin Run/Walk: Volunteering at Pilipinos for Community Health's Health Fair this coming Saturday, Oct 26th.
- SEARCH: SWC Event Evaluation Program rolls out next week.
- Sexperts: [A Fucking Comedy Show](#) this Saturday at the Improv Space - Sex-positive, giveaways, humor! Had their training retreat this weekend.
- Student Health Advocates: Mental Health On-the-Hill Programming with Global Health LLC (Dykstra) during Week 6.
- Total Wellness: Training retreat was last weekend, all new members are ready to create!

I. Community Service Commissioner

Wisner

- In the process of doing fellowship interviews
- AB applications closed on Sunday
- 1st gen meeting tomorrow
- Day of service on November 2nd from 8am-4pm

J. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Riley

- General staff has been hired
- Textbook scholarship has been distributed
- Still looking for an advisor for SAT initiative
- Space and tech directors are thinking about doing a collaborative study space opportunity, underutilized study spaces, highlighting these spaces and non-traditional study spaces

K. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Iheanacho

- This weekend we had retreat, it went well
- All staff meeting week after next week

L. International Student Representative

Shahamah

- Intern class having first meeting today
- Lost in translation event week 9 tuesday in Bruin Plaza

#### M. Administrative Representatives

Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, Kadota

- Email about course that is replacing the DC trip, over two quarters, if interested get applications in
- Jessica: We had another training session yesterday, another one coming up week 6

### **VIII. Old Business**

- none

### **IX. New Business**

#### Discussion Item: HR Documents

Shaw

- Lily: I've had a really hard time stipending my directors because a lot of them are out of state or international and don't have all of the documents necessary for HR and they have to be original copies. For everyone to get all of their documents its going to take a really long time, and they don't get paid until they get those documents. I don't think we have any jurisdiction over it, I just wanted to voice a complaint.

#### Discussion Item: Elevators

- Lily: The Kirchoff elevator has broken 4 times in the last week. When this happens I can't get to my office or get out of my office to get to class. The Kirchoff elevator permit expired May 2018. That's the only way to get up to my office. I was stuck in my office for an hour and couldn't get to class. The same thing is happening in Bunche. The elevators in Bunche stop running at 7pm. I had to wait 30 minutes for someone to come open it. This is most likely happening to a lot of students that have mobility issues.
- Johanna: Aiden from ASUCLA/BOD is really passionate about deferred maintenance and is working 24/7 to make sure the university has enough funds to fix our elevator. I can follow up on this because I believe the governor gave us substantial money this year to put that in but I'm not sure when it will go into effect.
- Johnathan: Last year I went to a town hall where this issue of expired elevator permits was brought up. Essentially what I was told was that there is a ridiculously low number, it's something like two or three, for the entire region of Southern California of people that can recertify elevators. So most elevators will be out of date for something like 5 years because there's only like two people to service the thousands of elevators and millions of people.
- Shahamah: I was told the same thing, that the LA system itself is what is delaying it. But that does not justify it.
- Robert: We should definitely follow up on this for the upcoming council.

#### Discussion Item: Financial Accountability

- Robert: I had brought up in my meeting with Vice Chancellor Gordon and Chancellor Block about wanting committees that derive their funding authority from the Undergraduate Students Association to be more transparent with their funds and accountable to their funding. Vice Chancellor Gordon suggested we send in some sort of list or request as far as what we're looking for, as far as like do we want the budgets of these meetings, the minutes, both? They were requesting that we send in a list or something that asks for this.
- Johanna: do you know how many years we're requesting this for? How many years back?
- Robert: The way that I framed it was asking for this year specifically.
- Naomi: It's standard practice that you should be releasing your meeting minutes, you should be releasing your budgets. That's public information. Students have the right to see where their fees are going. Just like everyone else, you should have to post your meeting minutes and your budgets.
- Robert: As USAC, we are accountable for where the student fees are going. Most of our referenda are not transparent about where that money is being used. There should be some degree of transparency. Especially when students are saying they don't know where the money is or where it's going. I would like to act on this while we're still on council.
- Johanna: I want budget reports from the last 3-5 years and I want meeting minutes from last year.
- Kim: So I have SS, CRC, SAC, Basic Needs, and John Wooden.
- Robert: I can write the letter but I'm going to do it Week 6. I think a deadline of Week 6 or 7 is good.
- Johanna: Just to clarify, we wanted 3-5 years of budgets and 1 year of minutes.
- Kim: So the committees we want to reach out to: SFC, CRC, John Wooden Center, Basic Needs. This would be due week 6 or 7. What we want is 3-5 years back of budgets and financial transactions then moving forward, a year of

minutes and moving forward, publicly advertise their meeting dates and times and if we want more info we will continue to request it.

## **X. Adjournment\***

Watson

- Robert adjourns the meeting at 9:10pm

## **Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

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