



AGENDA  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL  
November 5, 2019  
7:00PM

## **I. Call to Order**

Watson

- Robert calls the meeting to order at 7:06pm

### **A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet**

- Sign in sheet is passed around

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

- 10/29/19 minutes
- Naomi motions to approve the minutes, Lalo seconds
- 10-0-0 motion passes, 10/29/19 minutes approved

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

- Strike BAG, add discussion item for Election Reflection, strike ARC, strike ASRF, strike Gen Rep1 officer report, strike officer report for Transfer Rep, IVP, EVP
- Naomi motions to approve the agenda as amended, Kelechi seconds
- 10-0-0 motion passes, agenda approved as amended

### **Bylaw Change: Election Code\***

Oraha

## **ARTICLE XII - TALLYING OF VOTES**

### **12.1 Ballot Tabulation**

1. The results of the elections shall be released by the Election Board Chair. The results shall be posted on the Election Board social media for public viewing.
2. The election results for all elected officials positions as certified by the Election Board shall become effective by their being read into the minutes of the council meeting following the election. Elected candidates take office following their swearing in ceremony by the Judicial Board.
- 3. The election results for all elected official positions may be certified separately from all propositions.**

We request the addition of 12.1.4 to reflect certifying elected positions separately.

New Language:

“4. The election results for all elected official positions and propositions may be certified separately from one another.”

Isabel: We are going to be adding a fourth point to article 10.1 of the Election Code under Ballot Tabulation. As it is right now, the election results for all elected official positions may be certified separately from all propositions. That means that in the certification of elections you have two blocks of certification, one is propositions and the other is the elected officials and we want to add a fourth point of new language that states, “The election results for all elected official positions and propositions may

be certified separately from one another.” So, should there be an issue with any candidate or any proposition, the entire block is not held up in the certification and you can just stop the individual proposition or position from being certified.

Robert: I’m first going to explain this process since this process has not been done in a long time. CRC is going to first give the recommendation, the vote of what the recommendation was, similarly to ARC you each can give your own thoughts on the matter of the bylaw change, move into an all council discussion, and then if there’s a vote, there’s a vote.

Isabel: This originated in CRC, we all wrote it together. I support it because I think it’s important to make sure that if there is an issue with elections, as there was two years ago, that not all candidates are held from receiving their positions and just the candidate in question.

Jonathan: This is something I also voted for, I remember when this whole thing went down a couple years ago. It just seems like a smart and simple change that we can make to protect the integrity of our elections as well as to continue a student government that functions regardless of [indiscernible].

Isabel: I just want to clarify that we’re not changing any rules of election. We’re not suddenly making it disallowed to do something or suddenly allowed for a candidate to do something. We are making a very specific regulation change, like just order of operations change, to the way that candidates are certified after the election is over and that’s something that has not yet been done tonight, which is why we’re doing it first on the agenda. I think I can speak for CSC when I say that, although we are a political body on campus, we are not inserting ourselves into this because of politics, we are doing this because we fear that the integrity of the election is at stake. We’re not doing this to cause drama, we do this because we feel like we don’t believe this election has any integrity if this bylaw is not changed.

Dr.Geller: Would you all like to share for the audience and for the viewers on the live stream what the issue is that led to this extreme measure?

Isabel: It was brought to council’s attention that there had been a rather egregious violation of Election Code during campaigning. Unfortunately, it was not taken care of during election week and CRC believes that this bylaw change is the only way that this issue can be taken care of. As it stands, it is the opinion of myself and many other council members that the violation that this candidate committed was the only reason why they were elected.

Roy: What would the next step be since this bylaw change doesn’t resolve the underlying cause?

Isabel: So the next step would be to allow the candidates that did not violate election code to be installed while holding up the installation of the candidate that did violate Election Code.

Lalo: I also voted for this, I think it’s something that should’ve been added a long time ago and I think it is needed especially when we get to a case like this so we allow ourselves to have that discussion and not have to have this discussion every single time there’s an egregious violation of Election Code that wasn’t addressed beforehand.

-Kelechi motions to approve the bylaw change, Johanna seconds  
- 10-0-0 motion passes and bylaw change is approved

### Discussion Item: Elections

Watson

Johanna: So since we’re talking about egregious violations of the Election Board Code, as we mentioned before, the reason why we wanted this bylaw change is because we received some information that is cause for concern regarding how elections are commonly run. I believe when people run, it’s common that you don’t campaign on the Hill, and that is what is being alleged.

Naomi: I think the fact of the matter is that we should direct it to J-Board and they can have their own ruling and that way we're not interfering with the election anymore. I think we did our job, we spoke, we did the bylaw change, they need to be sent somewhere else that's not here.

Robert: There's no action on the agenda, so if we move forward and just read the results one by one and choose that there are people that you don't want to have read into the minutes etc. My question is there has to be some action taken here eventually to either direct this to judicial board or do something, there needs to be some solution on this.

Isabel: From my discussion with CRC, our understanding from the bylaws in our Constitution is that is that if an officer elect is certified, they cannot be removed for anything that happened before they were seated.

Lily: I think that we should just send this to J-Board, I don't want to be involved in any scandals that's not what I'm trying to do here.

Dr.Geller: My understanding is that certification happens when the Election Board signs off on the votes, council does not certify election results.

Johanna: Our priority is not to stop elections, we've been wanting to have a successful election, we've been wanting to have people fill the table with us. This violation wasn't brought up to council until after. We're just trying to prevent wrongdoing. We do have a responsibility to do something if the election is not valid. We understand we can't do much at this point but we're doing what we can.

Jamail: The responsibility to make the election results operative lie with the Election Board as well as with the Judicial Board. I say that because I could utilize [indiscernible] my discretion to swear in certain candidates and not swear in others given the Election Code change.

Robert: From my understanding, the reading of candidates into the minutes is what formally allows them to be certified and sit at the table. Swearing in, is that just a formality or is that something that by the bylaws and the Constitution could prevent certain members who are read into the minutes from sitting on council?

Jamail: The process for making the results operative is a two step process. One is the reading into the minutes the election results, the second is the Chief Justice swearing in as well. I believe I'd be able to utilize my discretion as Chief Justice given the Election Code amendment to selectively swear in the candidates. For the reasons of practicality, I'd be prepared to swear in our FSC elect as well as our Gen Rep 3 elect.

#### Discussion Item: Election Reflections

Johanna: What is disheartening is the way this election was carried out. I find it very interesting that you have a lot to say this meeting but throughout the entire election and before that there was minimal contact besides what we enforced and requested from you and the rest of your board. My biggest issue is the lack of proactivity throughout the entire process. Especially when it comes to outreach, your outreach strategies, actions, plans, were bad. I asked all of you what strategies you had for outreach. I want to know what strategies y'all were using for outreach and why those happened or didn't happen.

Naomi: What's also worthwhile to mention is that I mentioned to Robert, I credited Robert for hosting three events out of his office to increase voter turnout. I don't think Election Board had any other event besides the debate/candidate orientation/what's already required of them. I want to emphasize that there was nothing done to bring out communities for the special elections. If it wasn't for the mother organizations trying to organize Rock the Vote, which didn't happen because of the fires, quite literally there still was nothing. When we talk about accessibility, there's nothing accessible about a 9% voter turnout.

Kelechi: I wanted to ask your personal evaluation about how these elections went.

Lily: I just wanted to highlight that after we as council elected you we made very clear the contingencies upon which you were appointed. I'm pretty sure none of them were filled. Everything we requested of you hasn't happened.

Kyana: I don't know if you are aware of the Election Code budget and how much is allocated to us, we only get a certain amount to advertise and whatever is used during the fall special election carries over into spring.

Robert: I just want to point out that the stipend that you get is more than my entire office gets. The money is not the excuse here.

Kyana: If we're talking about stipends, none of us here have received a check. We are working for free for this entire election. It's hard to work for free, especially when you have stuff to pay for. I am volunteering to do this and only a miniscule amount of council members have shared my post on social media.

Johanne: This is why I gave you all the responsibility to come here every week to give your officer reports. I don't see any way that council has not been supporting you in your position.

Lily: I'm sorry you haven't been paid and that should've been brought up to us earlier. We're not trying to scam you out of getting paid, none of us believe in free labor. Honestly, our stipends aren't enough half the time, Robert has been out 10,000 because our stipends go directly back into our office. I'm out several thousand dollars myself.

Kelechi: I think to suddenly turn around and attribute your failures to budget is quite dishonest when I don't recall you at any point expressing that your budget would be in issue. I just want to reiterate the disappointment at the fact that you're just communicating these things to council.

Lily: I would like to move on, and if possible I'd like to call on council to make this an action item for Kyana's removal.

Robert: I do agree with Lily in that this should be something that we move on from. Fortunately or unfortunately, a removal cannot happen tonight per our bylaws, it needs to happen with a notice, with Kyana's ability to either have it in executive session or in an open forum and the ability to call on witnesses too.

Johanna: I think we will be sending a notice to remove by the end of this week.

Robert: My concern too is that since I got this email that says to determine what weeks did Kyana perform Election Board duties or business the reason that I have not responded to that is because I don't think that it is just my opinion. I would like for it to be allowed to be a discussion at some point.

Kyana: Also I resign, so y'all don't need to remove me. I resign.

Robert: With this payment, do you all want to discuss this or do you want me to make this determination myself?

Kyana: Dr. Geller I think I met with you August 2nd. So I believe it would be August 2nd.

Jessica: So then the period would be August to whatever the first week was, that would be summer pay. Then fall quarter starts, that's normal [indiscernible].

Johanna: I will say that the summer work was probably two weeks because we had a meeting with you where we told you weren't doing your work. The next week you had your e codes, then the next week appointments, then the next week calendars, so that's four then. I'm just counting up the weeks from that date. You didn't give the calendar the first time we asked so we have to count that, so that makes 5 weeks.

- Kyana resigns 10:15 pm
- Council determines 5 weeks pay for Kyana starting August 2, 2019.

#### Elections Board Results Reading

Shajari

Kyana: For FSC Millen Srivastava won with 2,091 votes

For Gen Rep 3 Brandon Broukim won with 1,309 votes and that was using SCB

For Gen Rep 2 Orion Smedley won with 946 votes

#### Swearing-in of new officers

Gibbs

- Jamail swears in Millinen Srivastava into office

Council takes a recess and resumes at 8:49 pm

#### Contingency Programming\*

Komzyuk

- Received 48 applications from USAC and non-USAC entities
- Requested \$31,642.86
- Recommended Allocation: \$19,095.50
- Lalo motions to approve recommended amount, Kelechi seconds
- 11-0-0 motion passes, \$19,095.50 approved

#### SFS Allocations#

Wisner

- Requested \$5,635.80
- Recommended allocation \$4,935.80 to CSC and non-CSC organizations
- No opposition, \$4,935.80 is approved

#### Bruin Advocacy Grant Allocations#

Guerra

#### SWC Programming Fund Allocations#

Sridhar

- Requested: \$3,074.52
- Total allocated: \$2,236.60
- Number of groups: 4 non-USAC groups

#### ~~ASRF Allocations#~~

Riley

#### AAC Travel Mini-Grant Allocations#

Riley

- Allocating \$330 to non-USAC entities
- No opposition, \$330 approved

#### ~~ARCF Allocations#~~

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### IV. Public Comment

Watson

- No Audio No Video:
- 1 comment

- Audio No Video:

-Orion: I wanted to say that even if it is tradition for people to not campaign on the Hill, it says that [indiscernible] posting literature, speeches, and debates, is limited to student governments and undergraduate student [indiscernible] only. So, I am, as USAC, would be an undergraduate student government so as per these regulations [indiscernible] Also as per these changes here, it seems a little unfair that you are changing the code retroactively. The other thing I wanna point out here is that I only posted these fliers in one building, the only building I got approval for. I won by a significant margin. I don't think it's fair to say that its invalid that I broke with tradition. All of the candidates could've read the code. It's not my fault that other candidates did not read the codes.

- Audio and Video:

- Kyana: I'm speaking as a student, I think what happened here tonight is very disheartening and concerning. I don't know what the agenda was to do what was done tonight. I just find it very saddening that it occurred, given that there is considerable evidence for Orion's case. It breaks my heart to see what happened.

Public comment adjourned at 9:41pm

## **V. Special Presentations**

UCPD

Kilgore

Kilgore: Since the last time I was here, there's been a new attempt at starting a tradition of an [indiscernible] block party. Which is a significant concern for the university, administration and for the police departments. The most concerning is for the residents who are affected by that rolling block party. There's been significant things that occurred, one of which was the totaling of a vehicle by people jumping on top of it and making it unusable. My request is that you use your voice and spread the word that this type of behavior is not acceptable. You have many resources being dedicated to the safety of the community, and those community members are [indiscernible] because they are affecting students who go to UCLA, who are your peers, and it's affecting not only their sleep but also and their property that is not able to be used because the things that are taking place. Fires were set, vehicles were damaged, other things were damaged, officers had bottles thrown at them, two officers were struck and injured.

I'm sure you are aware on November 10th we will have Donald Trump Jr. and Charlie Kirk on campus, there will probably be demonstrations and counter demonstrations. There will be a significant police presence that will be here. Just wanted to make sure everyone understands that our goal is to make sure that everyone is safe and to remember that even though you may disagree on standpoints/viewpoints, its incumbent that no matter what your view is is that we remember that everyone is human and deserving of respect, does not mean that. On November 14 there is a labor union strike so there will be a significant police present there for that as well.

Michael Beck on Safety and Security of Campus

Beck

## **VI. Appointments**

Karen Patron for SFAC\*

Watson

Nicole: I'm the current chair of the Student Advisor Committee, over the summer I talked to yall about the appointment process for a specific member that we were trying to get appointed. On our end, one of the problems was that the charter that we have didn't give eligibility to certain students, one of them being second year transfer students. We essentially amended the charter and got it approved by the chancellor. This is why we are finally getting to Karen's appointment on SFAC.

Karen: I'm a 2nd year transfer from Cerritos college. I was former President of my student government at my former community college, so I understand the need for attending budget meetings. I wanna say thank you for considering me for this appointment.

- Naomi motions to appoint Karen Patron to SFAC, Lalo seconds
- 11-0-0 motion passes, Karen Patron appointed to SFAC

## **VII. Officer Reports**

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| <del>A. President</del>  | Watson                                 |
| B. Internal Vice President   | Bonifacio                              |
| <del>C. External Vice President</del>  | Guerra                                 |
| <del>D. General Representative 1</del>   | Velazquez                              |
| E. General Representative 2  |  |
| F. General Representative 3  |  |
| G. Academic Affairs Commissioner   | Riley                                  |
| H. Campus Events Commission  | Steinmetz                              |
| I. Community Service Commissioner  | Wisner                                 |
| J. Cultural Affairs Commissioner   | Iheanacho                              |
| K. Facilities Commissioner   | Shaw                                   |
| L. Financial Supports Commissioner   |  |
| - Applications are closing this week   |  |
| M. Student Wellness Commissioner   | Sridhar                                |
| - Active Minds: Domestic Violence Awareness Event - Thurs 11/7, 6-7pm CAPS Large Conference Room.                                    |  |
| - Body Image Task Force: <a href="#">Body-positive paint night</a> Weds 11/6, 6-8 in De Neve Plaza Room B.                           |  |
| - EARTH: Documentary Screening of Leonardo DiCaprio's "Before the Flood" in the De Neve Plaza Room from 6-9:30pm on Saturday, 11/16. |  |
| - SHA: Collaboration with Global Health LLC at Dykstra Hall Floor 5 Weds 11/6  |  |
| <del>N. Transfer Representative</del>  | Oraha                                  |
| O. International Student Representative  | Tariq                                  |
| P. OCHC Representative   | Gupta                                  |
| Q. Administrative Representatives<br>Kadota  | Aboagye, Alexander, Champawat, Geller, |

## **VIII. Old Business**

-none

## **IX. New Business**

-none

## **X. Adjournment\***

Robert adjourns at 10:41 pm

Watson

## **Good and Welfare**

\* Indicates Action Item

# Indicates Consent Item

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