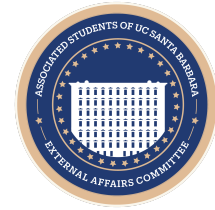


## External Affairs Committee Agenda/Minutes

Associated Students

24 October 2023

Nati Conference Room



### Call to Order

Amelia - Micah called to order @ 4:10.

### Meeting Business

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

Ice breaker: What is your favorite emoji?

Name	Note	Name	Note
Amelia Rowe Chair	P	Sandy Grees Federal Policy Analyst	P
Micah Litlepage Vice-Chair	P	Byron Chan State Policy Analyst	P
Nayali Broadway Senator	Ax	Evelin Quintana UC Policy Analyst	P
Eric Carlson Senator	A	Farid Hadj Local Policy Analyst	P
Alejandra Martinez Senator	A	Christina Regalado Member-At-Large	Ax
Gabriela Salazar Senator	P	Lucy Dixon Media and Marketing Coordinator	P

#### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion to excuse Nayali and Christina for the entirety of the meeting.

#### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES

#### 4. PUBLIC FORUM

## 5. REPORTS

### 5.1 Amelia Rowe - Chair

- Welcome!
- Usually this space will serve as a time we can give updates about our progress on policy briefs and project updates. For now I will talk about the committee!
- In the past, EAC has served as an echo for other offices. This year we want to focus more on our own advocacy, events, and projects.
  - Reactive AND proactive
- Page 121: Charge of the Committee: The purpose of the External Affairs Committee is to serve as the research and advocacy branch of the Associated Students' Senate. The External Affairs Committee shall oversee and advise the association on all matters regarding policy, advocacy, and external functions. This includes but is not limited to International, Federal, Local, UC, and Campus affairs.
- Page 122: Under Duties and Powers of the Committee: b) To research and initiate action to improve University housing and academics. d) Deal with all matters involving University actions and policies both academic and nonacademic. i) If time permits, acts on legislation presented at UCSA Board of Directors meetings
- Page 123: To make a tri-weekly Associated Students email to the student body, which must include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Meeting Day and Time of Senate Meetings
    - i. One separate email is additionally required at the beginning of Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters, sent out by Week 2, which lists an updated general meeting time each quarter for the Executives Offices, Senate, Legislative Committees, Judicial Council, Attorney General, Office of the Controller, Committee on Committees, BCU's, and all other student groups in the Association.
  - b. Explain how to speak at Public Forum and encourage students to voice their concerns.

- c. Bills and Resolutions which are passed each week by the Senate, including the name of the Author, Second, and Student Sponsor(s).
- d. Any relevant events for that week from BCU's that individual Senators liaison to, which must be submitted in a timely manner.
- e. Any relevant events for that week from BCU's that individual Senators liaison to, which must be submitted in a timely manner.
- f. Any relevant events for that week from any OSL group up to the discretion of Senators, which must be submitted in a timely manner.
- g. Any relevant events for that week from any major department up to the discretion of Senators, which must be submitted in a timely manner.
- Review pages 123 & 124 of the AS Legal Code for more details on your specific duties!
- Sent a ticket in to get you all set up with AS email accounts, also have requested website access so I can begin posting our minutes and agendas but haven't gotten help yet.
- Regular meeting time will be Thursdays at 4:00.
  - **Personal To-Dos:**
    - Provide Lucy with the Instagram password!
    - Send out emails as detailed above.
    - Update EAC Instagram with everyone's bios, photos, and positions.

## 5.2 Micah Litlepage - Vice Chair

- [UCSA](#) is the University of California Student Association
- They release an agenda of advocacy campaigns each academic year that are intended to guide student efforts in lobbying on and off campus (The EVPSA office deals with these more closely).
  - "ACQUIRE was founded based on the reality that academic success depends on the availability of holistic resources and protections. Some of these resources and protections may include, but are not limited to: safety from interpersonal violence, sexual violence, and hate crimes; retention

services; mental and physical health services; academic accommodations; and support for basic needs.”

- “Fund The UC focuses on ensuring affordability, quality, and access to the University of California by eliminating all tuition and fees, restoring per student funding to adequate levels, and maintaining financial aid for cost of living and other costs of attendance. Through identifying and securing dedicated progressive taxation revenue streams for the University of California we will achieve the original intent in the California Master Plan for Higher Education of an equitable higher education system for all.”
- “Racial Justice Now fights for collective liberation and acknowledgment of our differences as we grow together as one society. This acknowledgment is crucial in order to prevent the erasure of our most marginalized communities, and therefore we must recognize that this ultimate goal is not something that can be achieved overnight...”
- “UCweVote was established for the purpose of increasing the legislative power of the association and its constituents through organizing non-partisan student voter registration, education, and turnout efforts for every state and federal election on UC campuses.”
- “SEED (Students Enacting Environmental Defense) was founded for the purpose of pursuing environmental justice initiatives within and across the University of California’s campuses, affiliations, and surrounding communities through community organizing, coalition building, education, and legislative advocacy.”

## **6. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

## **7. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

## 11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 11.1 Brainstorm session!

- What are you interested in? What can we do about it? Who can we collaborate with?
  - Transportation in the area!
  - Voter registration and civic engagement
    - Take a day of non-instruction on the day we vote?
    - Make this a state holiday
    - Equity in voter accessibility is a more broad solution idea
  - Infrastructure
    - Lack of sidewalks and bike paths on campus
  - Environmental issues in IV, especially DP
    - Trash, building updates, and clean energy
  - Extending Calfresh to undocumented students
    - Would affect lots of UC students
  - Sustainable development
    - Applies to lots of issues
    - Can see oil rigs on maps
    - Stray from resources that are not renewable
  - Policing in IV is a huge issue without change in crime in the area
- What UCSA campaign initiatives stick out to you, if any? Would you be interested in researching any of them further?
  - UCweVote (Byron is the coordinator of this for UCSB)
  - Racial Justice (Gaby)
  - Fund the UC (Sandy)
- Recent policies that caught your attention... Does it concern students? How can we start analyzing the potential impacts? Should the senate create a resolution surrounding the issue? When is this an appropriate and effective action to take?

- Policing in IV, new policies passed
- Micah had a call to talk more about student safety
  - [8 Point Plan on Cliff Safety](#)

## **12. REMARKS**

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting Byron - Sandy adjourned the meeting @ 4:31.