

UASRA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2018 7:00 PM

Attendees:

- President (Helena McDermott)
- Vice President (Negar Omid)
- Treasurer (Tracy Martison)
- Secretary (Jeff Hedrick)
- Event Coordinator (Noelle Vellios)
- Newsletter Editor (April Duggan)
- Community Center Coord. (Jessica Grinberg) - ABSENT
- Sawtelle A Unit Rep (Mindy Patterson) - ABSENT
- Sawtelle B Unit Rep (Faeze Nateghi)
- Sawtelle C Unit Rep (Talya Cohen)
- Sawtelle D Unit Rep (Kirk Kanesaka)
- Sawtelle E Unit Rep (Phil Chung) - ABSENT
- Mentone/ Clarington Unit Rep (Aleksandar Kondic)
- Sepulveda A Unit Rep (Umut Tok)
- Sepulveda B Unit Rep (Magdalena Cline) - ABSENT
- Sepulveda C Unit Rep (Natalija Markina)
- Sepulveda D Unit Rep (Jian Liu)
- Keystone Unit Rep (Eve Emmanouilidou)
- Venice/Barry Unit Rep (KT Bender)
- Rose Unit Rep (Esther Claudio)
- Green Coordinator (Jda Gayle) - POSITION VACANT AS OF MAY 14, 2018
- Community Garden Supervisor (Jocelyn Bellairs)
- Community Ctr Maintenance Coord. (Deevi Soumyasri)
- Sepulveda Maintenance Coord. (Liz Stephenson)
- Residential Life Advisor (Addae Jahdai-Brown)
- Officer Briggs - ABSENT
- Brian MacDonald, Residential Life

Summary of Key Meeting Topics:

- **Discussion of Facebook group and posting guidelines; the disclaimer and posting guidelines will be updated based on feedback from UCLA Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**
- **Certain UASRA positions remain open post-election; a call-out will be distributed soon for those interested in applying for any open position**
- **Workshop item was held to discuss “Reimagining UASRA” for the 2018-2019 academic year and beyond**

Minutes:

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Meeting Intro
3. Public Comments
 - a. Facebook Post & Comments -- update by Addae (Res Life Advisor) on post offering childcare services at a discount to people of color (and the responses to the post)
 - i. The UASRA Facebook group does not fall under UCLA’s aegis

- ii. EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) doesn't have jurisdiction but did provide some suggestions for updates to the disclaimer and guidelines for posting on the UASRA Facebook group
 - iii. Board decided no win on either side of the argument from the perspective of UASRA making a statement and there was such overwhelming support for original poster, UASRA didn't feel need to insert itself in the dialogue
 - iv. Post and responses were discussed at UASRA board meeting
 - v. Helena -- person who created the main post revised her posting
 - 1. Bullying/harassment on FB group translates to how they feel in the community and will not be permitted
 - 2. Helpful for UASRA as moderator for residents to flag or notify of problematic posts/comments
 - 3. Any comments residents submit to Helena she will bring to the Board
 - vi. Addae - admins of FB page are Res Life Advisor and UASRA Pres
 - 1. What UASRA could say about the post changed once original poster changed post (by the time UASRA had an opportunity to fully discuss, the original post had been changed)
- 4. AC Report
 - a. Don't tamper with smoke detectors
 - i. If issues after-hours, call maintenance
 - b. Drawer at bottom of ovens is a broiler -- do not use for storage
- 5. UASRA Recognition
 - a. Helena -- thanks to the UASRA Board for clearing out the UASRA office!
 - b. Noelle -- everyone in UASRA has been very responsive recently via email, including Board, Unit Reps, etc.
 - c. Addae - Umut has been working hard to generate sponsors for upcoming event
 - i. Umut -- Trader Joe's takes a minimum of 3 weeks to process requests
- 6. Election Update
 - a. Addae -- Pres, VP, Treasurer running unopposed so will continue in positions next year
 - b. There are some vacant positions (no one ran for the position) and a call-out will be sent out soon for those who are interested
- 7. Officer Reports
 - a. Management not in attendance so issues usually raised at meetings can be sent to UASRA Pres account and she will facilitate
 - b. KT - Venice Barry has been demolished in the middle; noise has been a major problem
 - i. Glad it's finally getting done but timing is bad (right when people need quiet space as end of term approaches)
 - ii. It's been going on for 2-3 weeks
 - iii. Response from Curtis to some residents who've complained was to talk to KT - not an acceptable management response
 - c. Helena -- feel free to copy UASRA President email account on issues so UASRA has visibility
 - d. Kirk - hot water lost recently at 3320 Sawtelle; leaking problem has flooded hallways; multiple residents called and management seemed each time to think this was a new

- ii. Reimagining resource allocations among various communities; facilitating access to events/resources
 - iii. Purpose (why are we here, what are our priorities, UASRA's dual hats of event planning / community building and advocacy)
 - g. Important to have a strong sense of "why" UASRA exists in thinking about reimagining it
- 9. UASRA Social
 - a. To be planned for end of year
 - b. There will also be an event planned at the beginning of next year
- 10. Events Upcoming
 - a. Garage Sale on Saturday, May 19
 - b. Keystone Mentone Social on June 8
- 11. Many empty positions for UASRA next year
 - a. Everyone is encouraged to go out and help recruit for positions
- 12. Helena -- we need to continue the dialogue next month and beyond as to how to reimagine UASRA and make sure we are fit for purpose
- 13. Meeting Adjourned

What did we learn this year?

Famous/Epic Fails	Problems Solved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fewer classes offered ● Welcome event ● Mail theft ● UCPD insulting us ● Budget freeze ● Grant program ● Decline in class attendance ● Sepulveda fitness equipment ● No real mixed use events... until June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New pool furniture ● Produce share @ mixed use; even coverage across ● Compost bins by the trash cans ● Active garden plots ● Extra keycard for community center ● Website creation—info in one spot ● Easy reservation of common space ● Entry without notice
Opportunities Created	Messy Problems Still Unresolved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Produce events (food and community) ● Corporate sponsors ● Community members raising concerns ● Unit rep budgets = community engagement ● Helena on Facebook very active and responsible ● ResLife organizing more mixed use events ● Jobs in community ● Welcome event ● Picture with Santa ● Building a stronger community ● More events on Sepulveda side ● Alcohol at events = socialization ● UASRA garage sale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No summer shuttle ● How to do produce share in UV w/o separate paid position ● Outdoor gym ● Advocacy ● Wild animals (squirrels, raccoons) ● Renovations ● Hunger in community (food bank?) ● Broken laundry machines ● Aggressive dogs ● Rent increase ● Composting ● Access to resources for mixed use residents ● Website vs. newsletter ● Best way to communicate ● Budget procedures ● Moving laundry ● Being run over by residents' cars in community ● Produce program improvements ● Underrepresenting mixed use residents ● Mail theft ● How to communicate with non-English speakers — rules ● Area letters — Sawtelle A,B,C? How know? ● An extension/connection to grad/undergrad and postdoc unions ● Gym equipment? ● Racism in community ● 405 freeway and its pollution ● Not providing shuttle from UV to campus ● Not having computer lab and gym in UV ● Not cleaning the study lounge often