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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 26, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
12:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Li, Farmer, Mullins, Tengco, Banani, Huddy, Nguyen, Wu, Tep, Tuttle, Nelson, Casillas

ABSENT: Joanne Lin

GUESTS: Patty Zimmerman, Ronald Arruejo, Bailey West, Jiwei Sun, Matt Spring, Pauline Dinh, Jessen Jessen, Leo Khauderiz, Mark Jimenez, Sajan Sajan, Aahoo Mozaffari, Chris Ah San, Jessica Keolani Booker, Claire Muller, Yannina Casillas, Michael Bakol

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Tep added the IDS resolution to new business
- Bawa and Tengco added the USAC tabling event under new business.
- Flores struck subcommittee assignments from the agenda.
- Parsa struck contingency allocations from the agenda.
- Tengco added Prop 8 discussion under general representative 1 report.
- Bawa moved the approval of 5/19/09 minutes to the next meeting agenda.
- Huddy moved and Faelnar seconded to approve the minutes.
- Council unanimously voted to approve the agenda, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved this week.

IV. Public Comments

Chris Ah San, EVP Office -- Cal Grant Program Presentation

-Ah San stated that he was attending to discuss the Governor of California's May revision budget. He said that the new budget proposed a complete cut to the Cal Grant program. He said that the EVP office is now spearheading a competition to the cut of the program. Ah San added that over 3,000 students would no longer be able to pursue higher education if the governor's new budget passed. He added that the revenues from taxes returning to the state were much lower than anticipated, and this was one of the reasons why the state government is pursuing other avenues to make up for that deficit. He said that the state's response was to cut welfare and health care programs, as well as the Cal Grants program.

- Ah San said that EVP office is now trying to build a coalition with University students, and the UC system to make sure the Cal Grant program is not cancelled. He also passed around a sign-in sheet to vow to help amend the current budget.

-Ah San analyzed the strategy of the coalition, stating that the plan was to reach out to the "Big 5". The "Big 5" is composed of Governor Schwarzenegger, Speaker Karen Bass, State Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, Senate Majority Leader Dennis Hollingsworth, and Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines

-Flores opened the floor for questions.

- Farmer asked Ah San to clarify what the sign in sheet was for.
- Ah San responded that it would be a mechanism to keep in contact with those who would support the coalition's mission to amend the budget.
- Huddy asked if Ah San had spoken to the Chancellor about the issue, as Block had sent out an email out earlier in the day—May 26th, 2009.
- Ah San said that he had not, as he had not had time to read his email today. He mentioned that the EVP office would indeed be reaching out to the office of the Chancellor about the issue.
- Flores thanked Ah San for his time.
- Tuttle said that it may be effective to look to the California business community, in order to keep the Cal Grant Program alive. He said to look at the Business Round Table, and the Chamber of Commerce. He said that this cut could be ameliorated because of the impact it may have on businesses in the future, and recommended to Ah San to be proactive in searching for assistance from businesses that may be affected in the future.
- Ah San and Flores thanked Tuttle for his suggestions.

V. Special Presentations

- ***Amanda Jessen, Leo Khauderiz, Mark Jimenez, Sajan Sajan – “Save IDS,” and unofficial student group attempting to lift the university suspension of admission into the International Developmental Studies Department. The International Developmental Studies Department shall be referred to as “IDS” in the minutes.***
- Jessen thanked the council for their time, and said that this is a very critical issue that needs to be addressed immediately. She said that the group had formed from a grassroots movement to challenge the recent vote on campus to suspend all admissions to the IDS major. She said that it is one of the highest interest majors, and younger students are constantly offering their interest in the major. She said that currently there are 500+ students in the program and that if students are given access to the major, that number could grow exponentially. She said that the major is one of the most relevant responses to the situation that is facing people in the world today.
- Khauderiz said that the program addresses critical issues that are harming people of the world today. Some of those that he mentioned are malnutrition and poverty. He said that the IDS major addresses these issues from several different academic perspectives: Economic, Public Health, Women's Studies, Geography, and History to name a few. He added that Sociology and Political Science are also interwoven into the program. He said that IDS will help students to mobilize and address some of the major issues that the leaders of the 21st century will need to address.
- Sajan said that the program mixes theoretical knowledge with practical knowledge. She said that the program is a perfect example of the chancellor's mission to encourage public service. She said that IDS students go on to work for organizations like the World Bank and the Peace Corps to apply what they learn in the UCLA IDS Program.
- Jimenez presented the examples of Jannie Kwok, IDS graduate of 2003. He presented that Kwok went on to work for Japanese English Teaching (JET), and then went on to complete a Masters Degree in International Educational Development at Columbia University. He said that she has been involved in a number of development companies in the world, such as USAID/OFDA which support projects to counter gender-based violence in mid-western Nepal. Martinez said that the theoretical knowledge from the program is a big hand in developing and understanding what is happening in the world, and that a suspension in the program will hinder the opportunity of many students to benefit from the same knowledge. He said that the types of students that are attracted to the program are very academically and civic service minded. He provided the example of first year student Sarah Keyston who is very active in the economic and politic development of Latin America. He also said that students interviewed by “Save IDS” have said that they are so passionate about the IDS major that they are willing to switch to a different institution in order to pursue the major—in the case that UCLA does not lift the suspension on enrollment to the major. He said that the fact that students would be willing to leave this institution is a key fact to remember and to keep in mind when making decisions.
- Jessen said that she had spoken to a student who chose to attend UCLA over UCB because of the said strength of the IDS program. She added that if the suspension goes through, then that student would be robbed of the education she originally sought after. Jessen then introduced the next portion of the presentation, the arguments for and against suspending the IDS major. The first reason the administration provided to suspend the major was that there is a lack of faculty support and commitment

to the program. *Counter argument:* Jessen acknowledged the low level of committed faculty, but she said that rather than put a suspension in place, it would be more feasible to provide the committee with time to gain faculty support. She said the committee would be more likely to gain the support and commitment of IDS and other UCLA faculty if the suspension was not put into effect. She presented the second argument from the opposition. She said that non ladder track visiting instructors should be integrated into the faculty, rather than be marginalized. She said that currently, there are only a few people who are “out of touch”. The third critique by the administration was that IDS lacks a coherent canon of knowledge and scholarship. *Counter argument:* The committee prepared a bibliography of works which provide evidence of the body of knowledge on development provided by the program; she said the committee was able to assemble this list contrary to the opinions of the internal reviewers. The IDS syllabi show that coursework has well incorporated the canon of knowledge. The fourth reason the university provided for suspending admissions was that a strong interest in IDS has contributed to an unmanageable number of majors. *Counter argument:* High numbers in the major reflect a commitment to current world issues. Jessen added that the University should take steps to make the program fundamentally sound, making room for students who wish to enroll. The fifth critique from the university was that the IDS program lacks rigorous economic and statistical underpinnings essential for the pursuit of an MA/PhD in developmental studies. *Counter argument:* The committee stated that for the most part, there was disagreement with this critique. However, Jessen added that if the University wished to make the program more rigorous in the fields of economics and statistics, then the program could enforce more prerequisites for both departments. She stated that the department could add both lower division and upper division courses to make students more prepared for pursuing higher level degrees in developmental studies. She also said that a review of leading post-grad programs in the field indicated the UCLA IDS program as being in line with other institutions in preparing students for higher education pursuit.

- Sajan said that as students, they also have critiques of the program. She said that slight alterations to the major could make more improvements than suspending admission. She said that it would be detrimental to the students both currently enrolled, and those who would like to be enrolled. She said that the committee’s main concern is that the suspension sends the message that what they have spent years of their life studying is not significant. She said that students have spent many years working in this field, and that it is disrespectful to them to pass the suspension. She said that for prospective students, the suspension prevents them from pursuing their future academic endeavors within the IDS program. Sajan provided five hundred petitions signed by students outside of the major, who pledged their support to IDS.
- **THE CAMPAIGN:** Step 1: Educate students about the impacts of the suspension, and garner student support for the campaign. *Sajan stated that the steps taken to bring this resolution to the USAC table, as well as the efforts to get student signatures fit under this first step.* Step 2: Working with the academic affairs commissioner on a proposal to the Academic Senate to repeal the decision to suspend admissions to the major. Step 3: Work with the administration to implement improvements to the program to ensure that students have a voice in the development of the curriculum and structural changes to the program. *Sajan said that the committee is asking that students be involved in the process. She said that as concerned students who really feel that major has made an impact in their lives, they would like to be involved in the reformation of the major.*
- Sajan said that the “Save IDS” Committee was trying to achieve three things in the resolution. The first is to gain USAC support of efforts of the campaign. The second is for the administration to repeal the decision to suspend admissions into the IDS major. The third item of resolution was to ensure that a representative sample of IDS students have an active role in re-shaping the curriculum of the major, and also in future evaluations of the major. *Sajan said that the last time students were encouraged to participate in decisions regarding the major, it was held on the first day of classes. She said this was illogical and unfair because IDS students must attend classes the first week to not only avoid getting behind, but also to receive PTE numbers necessary to enroll in classes. She stated that only five students were included the first time to evaluate the major, and in relation to the size of the major, that number was inadequate. She said that any future evaluations need to include a representative sample.*
- Flores opened the floor for questions.
- Nguyen asked if the committee had the numbers for the major, to see how many have enrolled.
- Sajan said that the internal review in the resolution states that over 500 students are enrolled, and 150 students have enrolled since 2005.

- Huddy said that he spent the day speaking with IDS majors, and that the majority opinion is that the major is wonderful. He stated that his only concern with immediately passing the resolution was that he felt that there were grounds for the suspension. He asked for the top three reasons for the suspension were.
- Jessen said that most consistent concern seemed to be that there was a lack of committed IDS faculty. Jessen stressed that these evaluations were performed by both external and internal reviewers. She stated that the internal reviewers, made the claim that there is a lack of faculty. She added that those reviewers were an English Professor and Aerospace Engineering Professor. She said that there was a bit of concern because neither reviewer had any experience or relation to their field, and there may have been some discrepancy in their evaluation. She mentioned that the external reviewers were from the Claremont Colleges S who stated that the students could work with faculty, both in and out of the department, to gain the support they spoke of in the presentation. The external reviewers also stated that a suspension of the program was not necessary for this process to take place. She said that secondary concern was that there was a lack of rigor in the course of economics and statistics, and there was a concern with lack of coherence of IDS 150. She said that it would be fair to require economics 1 and 2, and more statistics courses. She said that by not suspending enrollment, it would establish time for professors and administrators to sit down and reconstitute the program, further incorporating rigor into the program.
- Huddy said that he understood that the previous Political Science chair Professor Lofchie took over the IDS Department and that he is scheduled to release a statement in regards to this matter this week. He asked what Lofchie's opinion of the major was.
- Sajan said that the committee is in the progress of setting appointments to discuss their plans about the major with Lofchie. She said that according to quotes from the Daily Bruin, Lofchie thinks that the suspension was not necessary.
- Jessen said that Dr. Ross, former IDS chair, is still very supportive of the campaign to stop the suspension. She said that the committee feels that there is more support than not for the program.
- Tuttle offered two suggestions to win the fight. 1) Get support from senior faculty, distinguished graduates, students who have written honors theses. He said that in order to be successful, it is necessary to gain support of more than one significant faculty member to really show to the University the impact this major can make. 2) As the major is a national interest, it would also be beneficial to gain outside governmental contacts who are alumni to weigh in on the issue. He also recommended contacting offices of Barack Obama to provide pressure to the University.
- Jessen said that the vote of USAC tonight is essential, and under a very critical time constraint. She said that the suspension is effective on June 1, 2009.
- Sajan said that the committee had already began creating a list of Professors who have dedicated their support, and who will commit to teach classes for the major.
- Khauderiz said that the problem the committee is currently facing is gaining written support for the program.
- Nelson said that in the language of the proposal, it would be important to include "and others" as the issue at hand will have a tremendous effect on many individuals.
- Flores asked if there were any further questions, none presented, she said that the vote would be carried to New Business.

VI. Appointments

-Flores said that applications are on the USAC website, and that council can refer students to the website to apply. The deadline is this Thursday. She said that times and dates will soon be established for interviews for potential appointees. She said that if a committee wishes to meet over the weekend, then they could do so. She said that appointment meetings would more than likely be held on Monday, June 1. She again mentioned that it would be important for council to promote applications o students.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

There were no Contingency Allocations this week.

B. SOOF Updates

There were no SOOF Updates this week.

C. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund this week.

D. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Academic Affairs Mini-Grant this week.

E. Travel Grants

There were no Travel Grants this week.

F. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

-Flores said that according to the recent email from Chancellor Block, the state is now facing a \$24 billion deficit. She said that a budget town hall meeting will be held next Wednesday. She said that she will contact the council by email, by the end of the week with the confirmed date and time. She said that the meeting will be held with members of the financial administration in regards to a University plan to subsidize deficits that UCLA will face. She said that it will be very important for students to attend in order to voice all concerns. Flores also said that she met with eboard and jboard members in regards to OSAC allocations. She said that both committees had concern with the allocations, setting them to share a space in the CSP office. She said that there were concerns with 24 hour access to office space, confidentiality of both organizations, as well as time conflicts for meeting in the same office. She said that conversations are currently taking place with both organizations, but USAC is not in a critical situation in order to rethink the allocations that the past council recently approved. She said that she will be sitting in on meetings with Argie Mina, of OSAC, to review proposals to deal with jboard and eboard.

-Tengco asked where the organizations would like to be placed.

-Flores said that hopefully, OSAC could work with CSP to reschedule available office hours. She said that Eboard does not need an office for the entire year, just for the Spring Quarter for a limited time. She said that a few options that the council could possibly consider would be to rethink setting the communal office space in Kerckhoff for the eboard for the Spring Quarter alone.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa said that Patty Zimmerman will be establishing a new list serve to contact all council members, and asked members to send all current contact information.

-She said that retreat information is updated and has been sent to all council members.

-Bawa said that she would like at least two USAC council members to attend each “Summer in the Union” barbeque during the summer. She said that she and Flores met with Champawat, Zimmerman, and Nicole Stednitz met to discuss OSAC allocations and the Communal office space. It will be discussed with the council under new business.

External Vice President – Susan Li

-Li said that she was in Eugene, Oregon this past weekend to meet at the USSA conference. She said that UCLA is a member of the organization, and always sends a representative. She said the organization is currently discussing the Dream Act, as well as the federal budget. Congress this year will be meeting in Boulder, Colorado on July 21st-22nd. Applications for both USSA and UCSA will be coming out this week. Li reflected on the Cal Grants presentation which the EVP is taking a very active role in. She said that this weekend she will be traveling to Oakland, CA to visit the USSA office. She would like to work out a resolution with the office to establish a statewide movement to get the issue off the ground. She asked the council to be active in the effort to save Cal Grants, as UCLA is traditionally very active in decisions of this nature. She said that the students will need to take a stance to fight constant fee raises.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Layhannara Tep

-Tep said that the administration recently released a draft of the university academic plan for the next ten years. She said that she requested a meeting with Scott Waugh, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, at 6PM on Tuesday June 2nd. Tep said Waugh can only meet at that time, and she requested that council members attend the meeting to include student voice in the updating of the plan.

-Tep also mentioned that her office is working on the proposal to the Academic Senate to end the suspension of the IDS major.

IX. Old Business

Standing Committee Assignments – Flores

-Flores announced the ARC, BRC, CRC, and SOOF/SGOF standing committee appointments. She said that Bawa, Farmer, Nguyen had been appointed to the ARC.

She said that Huddy and Farmer would serve on BRC for the fall, with Lin serving as the alternate. She also announced that Faelnar and Wu would sit on the BRC for the winter, and Nguyen would be the alternate. She then announced that Banani and Tep would sit on BRC for the spring, and Wu would be the alternate.

-Banani offered to forfeit his place on the BRC committee to switch with somebody on the council.

-Flores said that the SOOF & SGOF council will be composed of Lin, Li, and Nguyen. She said that Mullins, Tengco, and Bawa would sit on CRC.

-Huddy said that he would be willing to forfeit his spot on the BRC committee.

-Flores said that that would be considered if the need would arise.

-Huddy asked if there could be a rotation for the CRC committee.

-Flores said that the discussion could come up, but she would rather have a yearlong commitment on CRC to promote consistency.

- Tuttle recommended approving the committee as three separate bodies (ARC, BRC, and then CRC), if the council wished. However, he added that the members of the council could select the method of approving the committees.

-Williams asked if the CRC meetings would be open to all members.

-Flores responded that the meetings would be open.

-Tuttle said that everything the committees do would be open to recommendation from the members. He said that in the past, the votes to approve standing committees went up by individual committee.

-Flores asked if there were any objections to approving Bawa, Farmer, and Nguyen to the ARC committee.

- Flores called for Acclamation approving Bawa, Farmer, and Nguyen to the Appointments Review Committee. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the appointment was approved by Acclamation

-Flores asked if there were any objections to approving the BRC appointments for the fall, winter, and spring of the next school year.

-Mullins objected on the grounds that there were members who wished to serve on a yearlong committee. He said the council should first discuss the matter before approving by acclamation.

-Williams asked Mullins to clarify his concern.

-Mullins said that the concern was that there potentially may have been members who would have selected different committee preferences had they known about the variable time commitments.

-Flores said that she wished for all members to have an experience on a committee. She said that she thought these assignments would be most comfortable to place as many council members on committee. She said that some members had to sit on a council for a year, as they were the ex-officio member—citing Bawa as an example.

-Huddy said that he wished to sit on BRC for an entire year.

-Flores asked if there were any members who were willing to give up their place on the committee to make room for those who wished to sit on the BRC for an entire year. She said that in order to make Huddy a voting member on BRC, or any committee, another member would have to essentially give up their place on their assigned committee.

-Huddy said that ARC overlaps with BRC.

-Faelnar asked what the maximum amount of voting members would be on committees.

-Flores said that the IVP is mandated to be a member on both ARC and CRC. There are three voting members on ARC, two on BRC per quarter, two on SOOF & SGOF, and three on CRC.

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- Mullins stated that according to the bylaws on the USA website: Article IV section C, number 3 states—
The CRC committee will consist of no less than three, and no more than five members.
- Patty Zimmerman left the room to ensure that those bylaws were the most updated and accurate.
- Tuttle offered that he believed that was the updated bylaws, and that those numbers were accurate.
- Mullins stated that CRC is posted on the bylaws, but BRC and ARC is not.
- Tuttle said that the BRC guidelines are posted in the USA bylaws, at Article VI, Section D #9A 1) iv.
- Flores said that according to those numbers as stated in the USA bylaws, Huddy could be the fourth voting member on the CRC committee. She asked Banani if he would like to become a voting member, as he had shared interest in the committee in the past.
- Flores said that if he did not select to be on CRC, then he would sit on BRC in the spring.
- Banani said that he would like to become the fifth and final voting member on said committee.
- Tengco moved and Tep seconded to table the approval of the BRC & CRC committees.
- Huddy said that he believed the council could approve the CRC appointment at present meeting.
- Flores called for Acclamation approving Mullins, Tengco, Banani, Huddy, and Bawa to the Campus Retention Committee. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the CRC appointment was approved by Acclamation
- The council agreed to table the approval of BRC appointments until the next meeting.

X. New Business

A. IDS Resolution

- Tep opened the floor for discussion to approve the IDS Resolution.
- Farmer said that in the discussion, the campaign stated that five people were interviewed to suspend the suspension. He suggested that the council recommends an amendment covering the process in which the “Save IDS” committee will achieve what is established in the resolution.
- Huddy recommends a Sunset Clause stating three items that need to be completed by a certain date.
- Flores asked to clarify.
- Huddy suggested including another Statistics course to the major requirement. He stated a personal concern with Professor Lofchie making his decision this Thursday. He said that it would be effective to wait to hear Professor Lofchie’s statement, before making an opinion at the present meeting.
- Flores yielded the floor to Sajan.
- Sajan stated that some of the brief descriptions were made intentionally. She said that the open space in the resolution would be made in order to provide room for student input. She said the campaign does not feel that they have the intelligence to mandate requirements for a major. She also stated that the suspension will go into effect four days from present meeting. She said that as of now, the resolution requests a student voice option to save the major.
- Banani asked what is taking place on June 1st.
- Sajan responded that day is the last day for students to enroll into the major, as it is set to be suspended.
- Banani said that as a student government body, there is a need to be specific in the resolution. He said that in order to do so, each member would need to do appropriate research. He said that if the council wished to approve at present meeting, then specific clauses should not be included.
- Williams said that the council will deal with many resolutions such as the presented resolution. He said that any discussion and amendments should be put forth with general language.
- Nelson said that typically time is spent reviewing language of presented resolutions, but the key is clarity. He recommended to the council to discuss exactly what is provided in the resolution.
- Nguyen asked what the repercussions would be if the approval was tabled to next week.
- Sajan said that without the support of the USAC council, the suspension would be very difficult to lift. She said that student support is the key to saving the major. She also said that if there were any other questions, to please address them to present committee members.
- Banani asked what the committee anticipated happening after gaining the support of USAC.
- Sajan said that the next step would be to sit down and discuss the resolution with members of UCLA administration. She said that the intentions would be to create dialogue with the intention of repealing the suspension.
- Flores said that the direct constituencies of the council were seeking the aid of the council, and she believed it was the duty of council to assist in the matter..

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-Tep said that it is the duty of the council to speak on the needs of students, and that passing a resolution would be a response to the administration.

-Mullins stated that this is a very time sensitive issue, but asked if passing the resolution would have a direct effect on the suspension of the IDS major. He said that members of the council should perhaps sit down to discuss the resolution language with members of the IDS campaign.

-Sajan said that they brought the resolution to the council to gather criticism and suggestions, and ultimately for USAC to adopt. She also said that if there were any issues with Lofchie's upcoming comments, he would more than likely be presenting very specific recommendations. She said that the strength of the resolution lied in its generality, as a specific measure would be more difficult to provide to administration.

-Tep said that it would be in best interest to approve the resolution, as it will promote a media following to back the movement to stop the suspension.

-Tengco said that it would also be necessary to approve the resolution to build off of current momentum in support of the resolution.

-Sajan stated that the council needed to make a movement to approve the resolution for discussion.

-Tep moved and Banani seconded to approve to move to discussion.

The council voted to approve to move to discussion with a vote of 11-0-0.

-Bawa stated that the council might be over thinking the severity of the resolution. She said that the vagueness is what made the resolution strong.

-Huddy said that he agreed with everything the council members were stating. He said that he would however like to move for an amendment to put more pressure on the Academic Senate to work with members of the IDS major to repeal the suspension. Huddy presented the following amendment to the council:

"Therefore let it be resolved that USAC urges the Academic Senate and the chair of the International Development Studies program to work with the advocates of the International Development Studies major over the next four days to develop an action plan to ensure the longevity of the International Development Studies major.

Therefore it is mutually agreed upon action plan is developed prior to June 1st, it is the opinion of the USA council to repeal the Academic Senate's decision to suspend the major."

-Sajan stated that the "save IDS" committee had no issues with the first clause, but wished that the second clause would be amended.

-Huddy added another amended clause:

"Therefore if dialogue begins between the IDS delegates, IDS Chair, and the Academic Senate prior to June 1st, it is the opinion of the USA council to repeal the Academic Senate's decision to suspend the major."

-Farmer said that the language should more clearly state that USAC has a solid opinion to repeal the suspension of the major. He said that it would be much more effective to have the language stating the intention of the council represented, rather than have it be contingent on the meeting of the Senate.

-Bawa said that the language should be revised to include that USAC as a student body offers their full support to repeal the suspension of the IDS major.

-Huddy stated that he will revise said clause to provide pressure to the Academic Senate, as well as include USAC opinion on the matter—to repeal the suspension.

-Banani recommended language to include need for immediacy, as well as the support of the committee to lift the suspension.

-Farmer said to include a very concise clause stressing the urgency of the resolution. He suggested changing the fifteenth clause "over the next four days" to make it reflect

-Banani stated that "over the next four days" could be interpreted as meaning USAC only recommended the negotiations to take place for four days.

-Sajan suggested changing it to "beginning in the next four days". Banani was satisfied with the edit.

-Flores asked if there were any objections to the amendments as proposed to the resolution.

-Farmer asked to add "the" in front of "Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education". He also asked to include a comma after "Undergraduate Education".

-Banani moved and Tep seconded to add the amendments to the resolution.

-Tuttle said to make certain to ask the council if there were objections.

-Flores again asked if there were additional objections to the amendments.

-The council unanimously approved the amendments to the resolution.

-The new full resolution, with language amendments is as follows:

Resolution In Support of Reversal of the Decision to Suspend Admissions to the International Development Studies Major

Where as, five hundred students are currently enrolled in the International Development Studies major¹,

Where as, since 2005, 150 students have declared IDS as their major, illustrating that the number of students who want to enroll in the program is steadily increasing each year²,

Where as, the decision to suspend admissions to the major impacts a significant number of students,

Where as --contrary to the conclusions of the internal reviewers of IDS IDP at UCLA-- existence of the major at UCLA and other world renowned universities (such as the University of Sussex, Cambridge, Oxford, and McGill) and the creation of MA and PhD programs in the field of Development Studies at these universities illustrates that a cannon of knowledge of International Development does exist and is growing,

Where as, the structure of the International Development Studies program combines theory and practical knowledge well while still allowing enough flexibility for students to pursue regional studies,

Where as, the high number of students enrolling in the major is a reflection of these students commitment to current issues of concern globally, particularly in under-served and developing societies,

Where as, the International Development Studies major provides an excellent framework for UCLA Bruins to promote some of the guiding principles the University abides by: academic excellence and civic engagement³,

Where as, students have collected evidence illustrating that the review of the major by the Undergraduate Council of the Academic Senate lacked interviews by a representative sample of students from the major⁴,

Where as, the administration and faculty of the University of California, Los Angeles has repeatedly expressed support for and promotion of interdepartmental fields of study⁵ and suspending admissions to one of the largest interdepartmental programs at UCLA is uncondusive to such an effort,

Where as, there is strong student support for the International Development Studies program as illustrated by the number of signatories for the Petition to Reverse the Decision to Suspend Admissions to IDS and the high number of students enrolled in the major,

Where as, the curriculum for the program is rigorous and provides students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to pursue a career in International Development and pursue further studies in the field,

Where as, the decision to suspend admissions to the International Development Studies program negatively impacts current IDS students by sending the message to future employers and graduate schools that the current curriculum is not rigorous,

Where as, the decision to suspend admissions to the International Development Studies program in order to make slight adjustments to the curriculum and structure of the program is a drastic and unnecessary measure,

Therefore Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Students Association Council as the official voice of all undergraduate Bruins supports student efforts to reverse the decision of the Academic Senate to suspend admissions to the International Development Studies program,

Therefore let it be resolved that USAC urges the Academic Senate, the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, and the faculty and administration of the International Institute and International Development Studies program to work with the student advocates of the International Development Studies major --beginning in the next four days-- to develop an action plan to ensure the longevity of the International Development Studies major,

Therefore let it further be resolved that USAC urges the Academic Senate, the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, and the faculty and administration of the International Institute and International Development Studies program to ensure that a representative sample of International Development Studies students have an active role in shaping the curriculum of the major and future evaluations of the major,

¹ 2008-09 Academic Senate Review of the International Development Studies (IDS), Interdepartmental Program (IDP), page 2

² 2008-09 Academic Senate Review of the International Development Studies (IDS), Interdepartmental Program (IDP), page 2

³ Avila, Theresa, "UCLA Releases 10-year Plan", Daily Bruin, May 21st, 2009; <http://dailybruin.ucla.edu/stories/2009/may/21/ucla-releases-10-year-plan/>

⁴ Academic Senate Program Review Process Manual 2008-2009, 6. Special Concerns A. Representative Sample, p. 15, <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/programreview/documents/CompleteManual08-09.pdf>

⁵ Avila, Theresa, "UCLA Releases 10-year Plan", Daily Bruin, May 21st, 2009; <http://dailybruin.ucla.edu/stories/2009/may/21/ucla-releases-10-year-plan/>
Capacity and Preparatory Review (Campus Draft, October 2007) p. 33 "The UCLA faculty and administration are committed to lowering barriers to faculty participation in interdisciplinary education and research, and to creating a porous flexible environment that facilitates the flow of ideas, people, and resources across boundaries"

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Therefore let it be resolved that USAC urges the Academic Senate to repeal the decision to suspend admissions to the International Development Studies major.

- Flores called for a vote to adopt the resolution as amended.
- Banani moved to adopt the resolution as amended and Tep seconded.
- The council voted to adopt the resolution as amended with a vote of 11-0-0.
- Sajan thanked the council for their time spent on the resolution.

B. Put the U in USAC

- Tengco said that an event will be held on Wednesday, May 27th in Bruin Plaza. He said the event will be held to encourage student involvement in staffs for council members.
- Faelnar wished to establish the requirements for participating in the event, including the hours each member would need to be present at the event.
- Flores said that it would be very beneficial for council members to be present.
- Huddy said that it might be more efficient to have the event in Bruin Walk, held on a smaller scale.
- Bawa stated that it would be best to keep it in Bruin Plaza as it is very difficult to reserve the space. She said that if there was a concern about being able to have a strong attendance, it would be best to change the event to occur during the heavy traffic period from 10AM-2PM.
- Tep suggested that each member should commit to a two hour minimum shift.
- Flores said that she would like to hold the even in Bruin Plaza for consistency and visibility.
- Mullins said that he agrees with statements of other council members, and that he would be present from 12PM-2PM.
- Tengco asked Patty Zimmerman if it would be ok to host the event from 10AM-2PM.
- Zimmerman said that it would be more cost efficient to hold the event between said hours, as deliveries cost more after 5PM.
- Flores asked if there would be any objections with having four tables, instead of seven.
- Zimmerman said that is fine, and she will be present to set up the event.
- Bawa asked if any council members could volunteer to be present for set-up.
- Flores, Tengco, Huddy, and Banani stated that they could assist with set-up at 9AM. Wu stated that she would be able to assist at 9:30AM.
- The council set a schedule for the hours that each member would be present at the event.
- Tep asked if there would be anything set up to bring people in to the event.
- Tengco stated that Amigos de UCLA would be selling food, and they said they would be willing to help bring attention to the USAC council members.

C. *ASUCLA Carpeting Approval

-Sobhani was not present. Huddy moved and Mullins seconded to table to approval to the next meeting.

D. * OSAC Allocations

Issue One

- Flores said that she attended a meeting to review OSAC allocations. She attended the meeting along with Bawa, Champawat, Zimmerman, and Nicole Stednitz. She said that it would be in best interest to invest in the Communal Office Space in Kerckhoff Hall. She said that the council needed to discuss potential situations, including move-in and move-out schedule. She said that in accordance with the OSAC guidelines, the organizations would have to move out four weeks after the OSAC allocations had been made. She said that Argie Mina stated that the last moving time would be the first Tuesday of instruction of fall quarter. She said that this way might not be the most effective method for student groups working during the summer to finish up business. She said that it would be more efficient to have the deadline be moved to the second week of September to avoid issues with traffic of other students moving in.
- Bawa stated that if council votes to use move-in, it would be necessary to decide where that money would come from. She also said that furniture would need to be discussed.
- Flores said that the first point of discussion would be the move-in dates for student organizations with offices. She said that the committee that met recommended either a date during the first or second week of September, to avoid the hectic activity present on campus during the later weeks of said month.

- Mullins stated that in an ideal situation, everyone would be moved out by the end of spring. He said that groups would like to be ready for week zero events—like the Enormous Activities Fair. He suggested shortening the deadline as the council would be granting a three month cushion to the organizations.
- Zimmerman stated that she understood Mullins' concern. She stated however that there were going to be many logistical issues for the administration to handle. She cited furniture ordering and delivering, paper handling as possible issues that should be taken into consideration. She stated that by providing a time cushion, it would make an efficient move-in more likely. She also said that if the council chose to change the move-in during the beginning of September, then the method could be changed during the future.
- Huddy asked who orders furniture for student groups.
- Flores state that council would first need to establish the move in date before furniture delivery could be discussed. She said that it would be more cost effective to have movers come in once within a set period of time rather than multiple times.
- Mullins said that it would be practical to set an early date to move student groups and their belongings.
- Flores stated that the student groups who are receiving space for the first time have not received notification. She said that this would be difficult to the groups, and that having them move during 10th or finals week would not be fair to them.
- Mullins suggested notifying groups on June 1st and providing them with a month to move out.
- Flores stated that she is in favor of setting the date later to provide a clear separation between this current academic year and the following year. She said by not providing adequate working space, it could be detrimental to student groups. She cited possible situations in which student groups might not receive furniture on time.
- Flores stated that groups would have to move in and out, but it would be necessary to set specific date to avoid any cost inefficiency.
- Bawa said that the move in should take place at the beginning of September.
- Mullins agreed with Bawa and said that there should be a date set for groups to move out earlier.
- Faelnar asked if there was a specific reason for Mullins recommendation for an earlier move out. She said that there should be some explanation for expectations provided by the council, to provide to the organizations being discussed.
- Tengco moved and Bawa seconded to set the move in and move out date time frame for the first week of September.
- Mullins asked if there would be any exact dates set for organizations being discussed. He recommended setting individual deadlines, one for move in and one fore move out.
- Zimmerman stated that this move-in presents a very unique situation. She said that individual dates might not be feasible. She said that some groups might be switching offices, and if they moved out the group in their next office might not be out.*
- Banani said that move in and move out dates for each group should be established to erase ambiguity.
- Huddy said that move in times should be established. He said that a sequence of events should be designed to detail the events of the day.
- Flores said that the purpose of this vote would be to establish the time frame. She said that the exact schedule would not be up to the council to vote.
- Tuttle said that he agreed September would be more effective, and that appropriate delegations should be handled by appropriate ASUCLA administration. He said that giving the administrative body the power to set up the schedule would be most effective and efficient.*
- The council voted to set the OSAC organizations move-in and move-out time frame to the first week of September, with a vote of 11-0-0.

Issue Two

- Flores wished to inform the council that those who met were currently considering whether or not having council invest in offices would be a good idea. She said it would be wise to consider whether or not council would up initiative to furnish offices.
- Li asked how furniture allocations taken from contingency fund would affect the capital contingency fund already in effect.
- Flores stated that if a need would be arise, after council potentially furnished an office with minimum set of furniture, then those funds would be requested by either surplus funds or contingency. She stated that the level of assistance for organizations would be considered.

-Zimmerman said that if council decides they will purchase furniture for groups, organizations cannot take that furniture when they eventually move out of the office. She said this may minimize move-in and move-out troubles in the future.

-Flores said that the council is not coming to an approval tonight, but to send her suggestions as they arise.

Issue Three

-Flores said the last issue was access. She said that USAC is able to provide access to groups. She said situations could arise when it becomes time to switch keys. She said that the administration is considering providing access through a company such as Locknetics, which would electronically protect each office. She stated that each locknetic system (per office) would cost \$1,500.00. She said that if this is not preferred by the council, then the council could recommend more severe key return policies, including having a failure to return keys affect a student record.

-Li asked how many offices would need to be replaced with Locknetics.

-Zimmerman stated that there are fourteen offices that are operated by standard key, and 19 operating with Locknetics.

-Flores asked the council to consider the possibilities for a future approval discussion.

D. *Communal Office Space

-Flores said that currently, groups can request time in the communal office space through the President's Office. She said that there is an issue with having a copy machine in that communal office space. She said that having the copy machine in the communal office space could create conflicts in the future. She said that the council needs to consider the future of the communal office space. She asked if the council thought the copy machine should be moved, and whether or not times should be established to use the communal space.

-Bawa stated that there were concerns to make certain the communal office space would be upheld, she suggested that from 9AM-5PM it would be a communal space, and that from 5PM-9PM the room would only be made available for reservation by student groups. She also recommended moving the copy machine room to the computer lab, which would be kept open to groups. She said that the council could decide on a set time to keep the computer lab open, to be accompanied by a neighborhood watch to keep an eye on the room.

-Flores asked if the council had any objections to having the communal office space open to all from 9AM-5PM, and having it be reserve based from 5PM-9PM. She asked for the opinion of council.

-The council offered no objections to having the communal office space open to all from 9am-5pm, and open only by reservation from 5pm-9pm.

-Tuttle said he liked the idea of having the communal office space to be under the control of the President. He said that if any individual wished to utilize the space, they could ask for permission through the office of the President. He asked if there was an available conference room for people to meet.

-Flores responded that there is a table for students to meet.

-Tengco said that the copy machine should be moved to the computer room.

-Mullins said that if the copy machine could be made more available in the computer room, it would be in the best interest of the students.

-Flores said that if the council is open to having her speak to Roy about moving the copy machine.

-Bawa suggested leaving the copy machine in the communal space, since it will be open from 9AM-5PM. She said that she would be comfortable in knowing that she will be available to make copies during the day.

-Flores said that she will develop a list of pros and cons of in regards to moving the copy machine from the communal office space. She said that council should have a discussion about the availability of the computer lab, and about where the copy machine should be located.

XI. Announcements

Jason Tengco – Proposition 8 Decision

Tengco stated his disappointment with the Supreme Court decision upholding the ban on same sex marriage in California. He said that those who considered themselves to be same-sex advocates

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to work together, as he and other individuals were building a coalition. He said that he will be forwarding upcoming events to all council members, to challenge the decision made by the court.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Nguyen moved and Wu seconded to adjourn.
- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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USAC Minutes Taker
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