

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 2, 2010  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Banani, Li, Wu, Nguyen, Lin, Farmer, Faelnar, Mullins, Tengco, Huddy, Tep, Tan, Nelson, Casillas, Tressel, Champawat, Williams, Zimmerman

ABSENT: Debra Geller

GUESTS: Freda Frid, Sophie Rane, Hector Lucero, Sean Carroll.

I. A. Call to Order

*- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.*

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Tep asked to add funding for Covell Writing Tutorials as a New Business Action Item.

-Tep asked to remove the report for the Academic Affairs Mini-Grant.

-Nguyen added a special presentation on the Bruin Leaders Dinner.

-Flores added a presentation on the budget surplus, and a proposal for funding by the USSA Congress as action items under New Business.

- Nguyen moved and Tengco seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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-Huddy said that the class he was referring to under the Announcement section is Economics 188B.

-Tengco moved and Tep seconded to approve the minutes for February 23, 2010, as amended.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

**Sean Carroll—CALPIRG**

This weekend, CALPIRG is organizing a dodge ball tournament fundraiser to provide relief funds for the Red Cross, benefiting Haiti; the event is being co-programmed with the President's office. The tournament will have a focus on student involvement, and CALPIRG is giving students an opportunity to register online. The organization is also arranging an alternative Spring Break to advocate for a Styrofoam ban throughout the state of California. Students will be traveling up and down the coast for a week. Carroll thanked the council for the time.

V. Special Presentations

**A. BOD Presentation—Bernice Shaw**

Flores said that the BOD Presentation will be held at a meeting during Spring Quarter.

**B. Bruins Leaders Dinner—Freda Frid**

Frid invited all members of the council to the Bruin Leaders dinner, sponsored by UCLA Hillel, to be held in the Covell Grand Horizon Room on May 5, 2010. The event will be recognizing leaders around the UCLA Community. Frid said that two speakers have been scheduled; the first will be connecting American values to what it means to be a Bruin. The second speaker will be relating Bruin values to Israeli values, and also will hold a discussion on the importance of a strong relationship between the US and Israel.

**C. Surplus Presentation—Patty Zimmerman and Roy Champawat**

-Zimmerman and Champawat provided a Surplus Analysis of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The total revenue for 2008-2009 was \$5,034,931.84, and the total expenses were \$4,370,658.66. Including a \$108,067.73 non-recurrent income/expense and the year end surplus amount pertaining to the year (Accumulated Net Revenue) is \$772,340.91. Taking into account the \$252,815.72 in restricted surplus, the net surplus available for allocation became \$519,525.19. The total accumulated reserve allocation of \$21,650.00 is also deducted from the entire surplus, as per the USAC Bylaws, Section C, Financial Operation Procedures #13. The remaining surplus for council to work with, before considering augmentations, was \$497,875.19. Going into the meeting, a total of \$166,000 in augmentations to the budget for 2009-2010 had been made, meaning that the final amount of surplus available for allocation is \$331,875.19. Champawat said that the amount could be allocated directly according to the formulas noted in the bylaws, or council could consider proposals of all members this evening and make additional augmentations. He said that The Green Initiative Fund was unable to distribute the bulk of its funds during its inaugural year, providing a sizeable amount to the Restricted Surplus.

-Champawat said that 3 or 4 rooms still need to be re-carpeted, as per the USAC allocation of \$10,000.00 in the fall, mentioning that he recommends additional allocations to complete the project. He added that in the past, councils have not been distributing as many funds as possible. He said that this has been causing an increase of available funds, while the goal is to expend the majority of fees collected by students the year those funds are collected.

-Farmer said that his concern is the possibility of over distributing Surplus, and the effect it could have on BOD.

-Champawat said that this year there is about \$50,000.00 more to allocate than usual. In reviewing the numbers before, he concluded that the council has been ineffectively spending money, which adds to a growing surplus. He offered to retrieve documentation.

-Tan said that the total recommended surplus by the finance committee last year was about \$280,000.00.

-Champawat said that the total now recommended by the finance committee of \$321,875.19 is around \$40,000.00 more than the council could be making use of. He said that the most pressing fund is the BOD fund, and the council might feel inclined to allocate funds at this meeting. He said that budgeted money is still subject to prudent review.

-Tressel asked if the Jazz/Reggae festival fund allocations are derived from this fund.

-Champawat said that Jazz/Reggae maintains a reserve fund that backs up the festival, and that the Cultural Affairs Commission also has line items designated to fund the event as well. He said that the Director of this year's festival has planned the event with a considerably conservative budget.

-Faelnar said that a set amount of Cultural Affairs funding is set aside, and the organization also intends to apply for BOD funding. The organization also applies for an advance on projected ticket sales from the CTO. She said that construction to Pauley Pavilion is also leading to a decrease in the size of the event, and fewer tickets will result in less revenue.

-Williams said that, in the past, a representative has come to the council asking to set aside a reserve amount. He asked how the time bind resulted, and mentioned that it may be difficult for the council to make a decision this evening. He asked why the Surplus figures were not brought to the table earlier.

-Champawat said that complications with calculations caused this time restraint.

-Lin asked how making allocations this evening could affect the upcoming BOD hearings scheduled for next week.

- Champawat said that if the council does not take action, those funds will not be available. He said that BOD would then have control over the funds, and would make allocations based on the procedure established.
- Mullins asked how much money was infused via surplus to BOD last year, and asked how much of that amount was exhausted.
- Tan said that about \$112,000.00 was allocated to BOD last year.
- Huddy asked if the funding being discussed would need to be spent this year, or if the funds would only have to be assigned this year.
- Champawat said that allocations must be made with the understanding that funds will be spent during the current fiscal year, adding that the fiscal year ends July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Nguyen asked if the Locknetics devices funded by council will be installed this year.
- Champawat said that the project will be completed prior to July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Tan said that if there is a difference of \$40,000.00 between the amounts recommended this year and last year for distribution to BOD, he feels safe recommending an allocation of \$40,000.00.
- Huddy asked when all of the BOD allocations will be made.
- Tan said that the mandatory allocation deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> week, but added that Grays has set a precedent by having the allocations prepared for the first week of the new quarter.
- Flores said that council could consider meeting 10<sup>th</sup> week.
- Huddy mentioned the possibility of waiting until BOD allocations are made to decide on an amount to be allocated.
- Flores said that there have been many opportunities for the council to make use of the funds; her perspective is that it is the fiduciary responsibility of the council to issue an allocation to avoid putting excessive pressure on Grays.
- Lin asked if it would be possible to remove an application already placed for funding if her office receives an allocation from the council this evening.
- Tan said that applications can be pulled if funding is received from another source. He also added that it is vital that Grays knows the exact amount being given to BOD before he makes allocations, because all calculations rely on having a specific sum.
- Flores said that a motion must be made to approve Surplus, in order for the council to enter formal discussion. She said that amendments could then be made concerning adding any additional allocations. She asked for additional questions, and reminded council that all members will have the floor to propose amendments this evening, but not before a formal motion is made under the third action line under New Business. She said that she will first open the floor to those who have amendments prepared, and also to those with ideas set to share with the council. She appreciates council's engagement, and the table will entertain all ideas and proposals.
- Tressel asked if it might be wise to propose a time limit to each individual proposal.
- Flores said that she intends to incorporate that element into the procedures of the action item. She set a two minute limit on presentations under New Business.

## VI. Appointments

### A. Hector Lucero (Election Board Chair)

- Bawa said that Lucero received a unanimous recommendation from ARC. He was found to be a non-partisan individual who is unaffiliated with USAC, and he also has a strong academic record.
- Banani moved and Li seconded to approve the appointment of Hector Lucero as the Election Board Chair.
- Tressel asked Lucero to describe his qualifications, and asked if he is of a clear and unbiased mind.
- Lucero said that he is fairly new to student organizations, and has not been a member of any political slate. He applied because he wanted to get involved with USAC, as he has seen the contributions made by the council. He said that he works well under stress, possesses time management skills, and various experiences. His goal is to hold a fair election.
- Tressel asked to elaborate on his experience.
- Lucero was his Residence Hall floor government President his first year, is currently a Research Program assistant for PEERS. He is a member of Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, a Latino-based non-partisan organization. He is also a Brett Dawson scholar.
- Huddy asked what he would have done differently in past USAC elections.

- Lucero said that he would like to get more students involved. He has seen in groups and individuals make accusations, and he wishes to make certain that the Elections board enforces a more stringent policy toward ensuring a fair election.
- Nguyen asked Lucero to describe more tangible methods.
- Lucero said that he would like to establish a larger committee. He said that having more individuals involved in regulation could increase transparency.
- Flores said that the Bylaws provide that a candidate must attend orientation. She asked if he would allow an individual to run if they had not attended an orientation.
- Lucero said that it would be important to abide by the Bylaws established by prior USAC councils.
- Farmer said that he appreciates Lucero's idea to increase involvement of the E-board on Bruin Walk during campaign week. He asked how he will encourage students to become involved.
- Lucero said that he would appoint a number of his friends who are also bi-partisan and fairly new to the campus. He would also like to create a new subcommittee, if permitted.
- Tressel said that one issue with all elections is civility, which is somewhat difficult to enforce. He said that the main issue at hand is to know how to enforce the elections code, by the book.
- Farmer moved and Tengco seconded to call to question the motion to approve the appointment of Lucero as the Election Board Chair.
- Lucero was unanimously approved as the Election Board Chair, with a total of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

Tep said that a total of \$294.77 was requested from ASRF; of that, a total of \$145.31 was allocated.

### B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

### C. EVP Travel Grant

*There was no business for the EVP Travel Grant this week.*

### D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

*Faelnar said that a total of \$2,072.71 was requested from the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant; of that, a total of \$1,300.00 was allocated.*

### E. \*Contingency Allocations

-Tan said that a total of \$5591.34 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$2350.00 is recommended for allocation. The groups requesting funding were Crossroads Campus Ministries, Latin American Student Association (LASA), Lamda Theta Nu Sorority, the Community Service Commission, and the Total Wellness Magazine—requested by Elizabeth Wang.

-Farmer moved and Wu seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations as presented by Tan.

-Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Allocations recommending \$2350.00 were approved, as amended.

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

### President – Cinthia Flores

Flores said her office will be co-hosting the speaking event featuring Alberto Torrico tomorrow. She asked council members to attend. She met with Chancellor Block today to discuss community service endeavors, and said that the Chancellor is entirely backing the effort, adding that he sees the importance of UCLA engaging the community. She also met with the Chief of Police and discussed some of the protest events that occurred in November, mentioning that students and police are working to have a better relationship.

UCPD will be holding diversity trainings, and there will also be workshops for students to learn what the police department has to offer them. The Immediate Support and Relief Force created a food cabinet for students to access, and made an agreement with De Nevers Residence Halls. Flores visited UC San Diego to support the efforts of students because she feels that UCLA too has a duty to advocate in support of students offended by events held in San Diego. The Sustainability Task Force, based out of her office, was exchanging reusable tote bags for recyclable items today on Bruin Walk.

#### **Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa**

Bawa said that the “Enough is Enough” program will be taking place the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. The event is being co-programmed with various entities around campus, and will be promoting the ideas of co-existence and equality. The focus is also on advocating anti-violence, while fostering the idea that the UCLA campus is a community. This weekend, she attended the student lobby conference and held workshops discussing the UC budget and multiple bills that might affect the University system. Bawa was able to meet with staffers from the offices of State Assemblymen Isadore Hall (52<sup>nd</sup> District) and Steven Bradford (51<sup>st</sup> District) to discuss specific proposals relating to the UCs. She commended the work of Susan Li to organize a considerable delegation from UC.

#### **External Vice President- Susan Li**

-Li said that on Wednesday and Friday, the EVP office took students to San Diego to support the UCSD students protests, directly following the news of a noose being found on the campus. She attended the USSA conference this past weekend as well, mentioning that UCLA brought 60 delegates. The delegation was presented with the first ever “Hell Raisers” award to acknowledge the events held in November, the Town Hall with Chancellor Block, and also for hosting the Karen Bass event. The delegation held 15 lobby visits, and all students were able to attend two lobby visits each. USSA is putting forth a resolution against Hate Speech on a system wide level. Li attended a non-violent action workshop this weekend, and she plans to bring what she learned to this campus. Tomorrow, Assemblyman Torrico will be here, and she insisted that all council members attend. In regards to this week, Li said that several events (including walk outs and other rallies) have been rumored to be taking place this weekend. She is planning training with Resident Assistants on the hill regarding voter registration, in order to prepare for the Voter Registration drives.

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep**

-The WASC Reaccreditation team held a student session, at which a number of students addressed their personal concerns. The team of students was also able to discuss what they enjoy about the campus. Tep spoke at a rally today to discuss the importance of UCLA maintaining an inclusive and diverse environment.

#### IX. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

#### X. New Business

##### **A. Covell Writing Tutorials—Layhannara Tep\***

-Tep passed around a memo to the council, pertaining to Surplus. She said that the budget crisis has had an effect on the budget for the University, which led to the cancellation of the Covell Writing Tutorials. She said that cuts made severely affected the Covell writing program, which was suspended indefinitely.

-Tep moved and Tengco seconded to allocate \$20,000.00 from Surplus to stabilize efforts to bring back the Covell Writing Tutorials.

-Flores opened the floor for discussion.

- Huddy said that while the council has allocated funds to restore Night Powell, there is growing concern of how long that program will be maintained. He asked if the allocation to re-establish the writing program would only keep it up for this year, or if funding would continue into next year.
- Tep said that most of the money would be spent re-founding the tutorials, including a complete restructuring of the program.
- Huddy said that he is concerned with the allocations being made before hearing all proposals. He said that he would like to hear all presentations before making a vote.
- Tengco asked if the table is still in the original motion to approve the \$20,000.00 allocation.
- Bawa stated that she feels there are no questions on behalf of the table.
- Bawa moved and Tengco seconded to call the motion to question. There were four objections, which brought the discussion back to the table.
- Tep withdrew her motion, with the understanding that she will formally introduce the proposal under the third action item line.
- Flores said that the only reason the presentation was made during this portion of the agenda was because it was formally proposed as an amendment to the agenda.

#### **B. USSA Congress—Susan Li\***

- Li moved and Farmer seconded to allocate a total of \$21,320.00 to book rooms for the USSA Congress, with the understanding that the full amount will be returned to Surplus.
- Bawa asked if there is a possibility of not meeting the expected attendance and USAC not receiving the full amount back into Surplus.
- Li said that the amount returned does depend on the number of students who register. She said that if the Congress received more attendees, they would then book additional rooms. Flores said that the amount would be absorbed by the organization.
- Huddy said that he is concerned with having the funds not directly being used, because he feels that money loaned is not a valuable investment, as per Champawat's recommendations made earlier.
- Li said that she would like to urge council to make the allocation, because she feels the money would be used.
- Bawa said that her concern is the potential of the organization, a non-profit group, having to absorb the difference. Bawa moved and Tengco seconded to propose a friendly amendment adding that USAC will absorb the difference between the amount allocated and the amount raised through attendance fees for the USSA Congress. There were no objections.
- Nelson asked if USSA has any funds to provide for costs such as these.
- Li said USSA is a non-profit organization, and has limited funding backing the organization.
- Huddy moved to propose a friendly amendment stating that any revenues made above the \$21,320.00 allocation will be given to Surplus.
- Farmer said that this is not a revenue generating situation, and Huddy withdrew his motion.*
- Nguyen asked if this allocation could also be tabled until later during the meeting.
- Flores said that because the allocation would be made with proposed amendments, she feels that it would be wise to make the allocation.
- Farmer said that he feels that the primary reason for approving the allocations together would be to gain a sense of how the funds will affect student groups, mentioning that he does not understand why the motion cannot be voted on during the third New Business action item.
- Li withdrew her motion, with the understanding that she would propose it again under the third Business Action Item.
- Nelson recommended allowing students to put forth information on the table without having a formal motion in the interest of time.

#### **C. Approval of Surplus\***

- Bawa moved and Li seconded to approve Surplus, as presented earlier in the meeting.
- Huddy asked for the current balance of Surplus.
- Champawat said that the current balance is \$321,875.19, devoid of all augmentations made by council.
- Zimmerman said that the Surplus is growing each year, and mentioned that all of the money allocated from the previous years has not been spent.

-Lin moved and Tep seconded to add a friendly amendment to approve the motion on the table with the addition of a \$7,568 allocation designated to the CEC Annual Short-Takes festival. There were enough objections to halt the friendly amendment.

-Huddy suggested having all members make individual presentations, without making friendly amendments, and have the council vote on all of the measures simultaneously.

-Flores opened the floor for each council member to propose allocation requests.

-Bawa proposed a \$5,000.00 allocation to support student advocacy efforts through the BruINTENT initiatives. Funding will cover programming costs as well as to provide opportunities for students to contribute to on-campus homelessness awareness as well as from increased efforts to supports struggling students.

-Huddy proposed an allocation of \$7,000.00 from Surplus to re-establish the Undie Run tradition at UCLA. He and Mullins have been working with The UCLA Events Office and have found a way to make the event 25% more cost efficient. He mentioned that underground Undie Run events are costing the university upwards of \$50,000.00 per year to provide additional security. He said that this effort could reduce the cost absorbed by the university.

-Farmer asked what the \$7,000.00 would fund. He said that in the previous discussions, the council expressed sentiments to not become financially involved in the event.

-Huddy said that he and Mullins would be placed under the blanket insurance policy of the University, and that USAC would not be liable.

-Nelson said that the question to consider is in regards to liability. He said that while Mullins and Huddy would be under the policy, council could still face ramifications.

-Mullins and Huddy have had extensive talks with administrators and are looking to bring back an event, possibly during Spring Quarter. He believes the institutionalized cost could be brought much lower by the ideas presented.

-Champawat said that the liability issues are very important to consider.

-Huddy said that the coalition has found a way to cover a portion of the cost of a new event. He said that the liability would fall underneath the blanket policy of the university. He said that council needs to act in the interest of students, and said that students have shown their interests by participating in underground Undie Runs. He said that it would be responsible to take charge of the event, increase safety, and regulate all parts of the activity to avoid further costs in the future. He denounced the possibility of either himself or Mullins being liable for the event.

-Bawa said that as a member of the Student Risk Education Committee, she has a clearer understanding of liability policies. She mentioned a lawsuit in the past that resulted in all signatories of an event being liable for all damages.

-Farmer said that he doubts that the Administration is offering complete support, and it has not been proven that the cost can be quantified at this point in time.

-Huddy said that students have expressed an intense desire to continue this event. He added that Bob Naples has expressed support because he has seen how diligently students are working.

-Lin and Faelnar offered that the cost incurred for rental of yellow jacket security at Bruin Bash was \$13,000.00, for reference.

-Farmer reiterated his main concern with the possibility of having the USAC name linked with the event.

-Huddy said that the council funds events that have liability risks attached, namely Bruin Bash and Jazz/Reggae. He feels that Undie Run has been stigmatized, and having a regulated event could drive liability risks down. He said to not regard this event as the Undie Run that was held in the past.

-Li proposed an allocation of \$21,320.00 to reserve rooms for the USSA Congress.

-Nguyen asked if there are alternative funding sources that can be accessed.

-Li said that she has not had time to refer to other sources because the housing office is requiring the funds by the end of the present quarter.

-Tengco asked how much money USSA expects the university to contribute.

-Li said that the amount would not be a contribution, the allocation will be put forth with the understanding that the amount will be returned.

-Farmer asked if all attendees of the Congress must reside in UCLA campus housing.

-Li responded that

-Nguyen is concerned with the pressure that USSA puts on the hosting University. He feels that the money could be very valuable for other proposals.

-Li said that she does not see the need to deplete Surplus.

- Tep revisited her original proposal, and reminded the council that she will be requesting \$20,000.00 in surplus funding to cover the cost of restructuring the Covell Writing Program.
- Tengco asked if she expects the entire \$20,000.00 to be spent.
- Tep is working with the organization to discuss the reformation of the program. She does not wish to speculate at the moment as to whether or not the entire amount will be spent.
- Lin proposed an allocation of \$7,568.00 to fund the CEC sponsored Short-Takes Film Festival. She would like to make this event the largest festival held thus far. She has applied for funds from BOD, but will remove the application if the allocation is approved by council.
- Faenar proposed an allocation of \$30,000 to fund the Jazz/Reggae festival. She said that the organizers have had to cut down sales by 3,000 tickets per day, a 6,000 ticket revenue loss. Her office is also trying to cut \$120,000.00 in expenses from the festival.
- Banani said that with all respect to the proposals, he disagrees with the way that funds are being requested on the table. He feels that the council should not take out money in the form of special privilege. He said that as students, the council offices should also engage in the BOD application process. He will not be applying for funds through the surplus on the table.
- Wu echoed the sentiments presented by Banani, and added that groups inflate amounts requested. She said that she also feels that the process taking place is unfair.
- Lin said that what she appreciates about the procedure on the table is the complete assurance that her event would be funded, and not waiting in uncertainty while planning numerous and simultaneous events.
- Bawa feels that Banani and Wu provided very valid points. She said that while she would like to bring forth requests for her own office efforts, she feels that doing so would violate her own fiduciary obligation to the University. She asked if the council might entertain the motion of setting aside a total of \$50,000.00 to a USAC pool, calling the option a more responsible and ethical method.
- Champawat said that he feels creating a defined and separated fund is a very good idea. He said that revisiting an echo fund would be a safe idea, and would be very beneficial to the council.
- Farmer said that he feels that the first four proposals are outside of the BOD eligible pool. He said that he feels student organizations will be affected in either circumstance. While setting aside a pool would be a good idea, he argued that the funds would still be taken out of the money originally recommended for BOD.
- Faenar said that it could be beneficial to allocate \$30,000.00 to fund the Jazz/Reggae festival to widen the pool of funds that students can apply for, stating that requesting from BOD at a later time could result in fewer funds available for other student groups.
- Banani said that though there are special circumstances, he still disagrees with the fundamental advantage assumed by the council.
- Lin said that council can find comfort in allocating for events such as Bruin Bash and Jazz/Reggae Festival. She feels that council can receive this sort of gain because the event is well advertised, established, and has become traditions on campus.
- Bawa mentioned that the only reason she would apply for the funds mentioned is because she would only be able to pursue private funding sources. This source would be her last option.
- Nguyen said that he agrees with Lin, but feels that the council could offer support to more inaugural events that might not receive funding from alternative sources. He said that the Covell Writing Tutorial re-establishment showed much thought and should be considered.
- Flores decided that the proceedings would be as follows: amendments must be proposed and seconded, and must not be met with any direct objection.
- Zimmerman said that if the total augmentation to the budget was altered to \$266,888.00, the total amount recommended for distribution would then be \$103,944.24 to the USA Programming fund, \$27,718.46 to Capital Items Contingency, and the remainder of \$99,324.49 to Contingency. The total recommended amount by the finance committee would then be \$230,987.19.
- Tan and Huddy expressed concerns with the proposals on the table. Huddy said that he particularly supported the idea of developing a USAC pool, as presented by Bawa.
- Huddy formally withdrew his request for an allocation of funds to re-establish the Undie Run Event.
- Mullins proposed an allocation of \$10,000.00 to cover additional carpeting costs in Kerckhoff Hall.
- Lin removed her original request for \$7,568.00 to cover the cost of the Film Short Takes festival.
- Bawa said that she still would like to entertain the idea of forming a seed fund, establishing a formal side account accessible to USAC. *She will remove her request if the fund is established.*



-Faelnar would like to remove Jazz/Reggae from the BOD pool so that groups will have more access to funds.

-Li asked if USAC usually allocates funding for carpet repairs.

-Champawat stated that the organization does.

-Nelson commended the council for the tense discussion held regarding money, mentioning that it speaks to council's acknowledgement of the fiduciary obligation to the university. He said that the lengthy debate was very important. He praised the pilot programs, as well as the programs that have been established on campus. He also said that it is important to remember that groups receive far less funding than applied for.

-Bawa said that she has a pending desire to revoke her request, based on the stipulation of establishing a seed fund.

-Farmer reiterated his opposition to establishing a seed fund.

*-Flores opened the floor for formal separate motions.*

i. Bawa moved Tep seconded to amend the motion on the table to include the \$5000.00 allocation proposed. There were 5 in favor, 3 in opposition, and 4 abstentions. The amendment was added to surplus.

ii. Li moved and Farmer seconded to amend the motion on the table to include the \$21,320.00 allocation proposed to reserve rooms for the USSA Congress. There were 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions. The amendment was added to surplus.

iii. Tep moved and Tengco seconded to amend the motion on the table to include the \$20,000.00 allocation proposed to fund the Covell Writing Tutorial. There were 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions. The amendment was added to surplus.

iv. Faelnar moved and Tengco seconded to amend the motion on the table to include the \$30,000.00 allocation proposed to fund Jazz/Reggae Festival, with the understanding that the Cultural Affairs Commission will retract their BOD application. There were 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions. The amendment was added to surplus.

v. Mullins moved and Li seconded to amend the motion on the table to include the \$10,000.00 allocation proposed to fund Kerckhoff carpet installation. There were 10 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 2 abstentions. The amendment was added to surplus.

-Mullins moved and Banani seconded to call the motion to approve Surplus, with amendments, to question. There were no objections.

-The motion to pass Surplus, as amended by council, passed with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

#### XI. Announcements

-Li reminded council about the Torrico event tomorrow.

-Zimmerman said that all council members who have active websites will be added to the bio sheet. She also said that TGIF applications are due this Friday.

#### XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Banani seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48p.m. by Acclamation.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas  
USAC Minutes Taker  
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