

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday August 3, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Cris Santos, Matt Spring, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, JC De Vera, Rustom Birdie, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Kinnery Shah, Willard Tressel, Emily Resnick, Patty Zimmerman, Katrina Dimacali, Stephen Mook, Jonathan Curtiss, Matthew Love

ABSENT: Gatsby Miller, Isaac Rose

CONFERENCE CALL: Jamie Yao, Linda Phi

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-De Vera moved to add the SGOF under Special Presentations by Matthew Love.

-Santos asked to amend the "DREAM Act" to "DREAM Act and Institutionalized Aid Resolution"

-Dr. Geller asked the council to have someone to move to approve these pieces as action items so they can be voted on at the council table.

-Hill said this would include the Resolution and the Bylaws.

-Dr. Geller said that SGOF applications should be placed under consent items. She said that the allocations vote could come under fund allocations. The SGOF can be marked under consent items.

-Birdie moved and De Vera seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *7/20/10

-Birdie said that on page 8, change it to Financial Supports Commissioner instead of simply Finance Commissioner

-Spring proposed that the minutes be approved at the next meeting. Santos seconded. The minutes were tabled to be approved until next week.

IV. Public Comments

Diego Sepulveda-- IDEAS at UCLA

He wanted to remind council about the DREAM act that is coming up to a vote soon. He talked about the DREAM act on the judiciary committee. He talked about possibly moving the DREAM act from the judiciary committee on the floor. He talked about the hunger strike that he was participating in. He further went on to elaborate on the importance of the DREAM act to undocumented students. Without the passing of the DREAM act, undocumented students can't use their degrees or get work-study. He said that it was imperative for the passing of the DREAM act because it has been over 10 years. He further talked about the undocumented students and pushing the act out of the judiciary committee through hunger strikes and protests in Texas. He urged council to talk to senators and other officials about the importance of the DREAM act. He said that the DREAM act is important because it represents the students.

V. Special Presentations

A. UCLA on Clicker- Jonathan Curtiss

Curtiss introduced himself as a part of the Division of Campus Life at UCLA. Curtiss talked about the Clicker and its importance at UCLA. He said that the Clicker is based on entertainment for students. Curtiss said that Clicker works along with the media and television shows. Anything that is legally available on the Internet is available through the Clicker index. Over 6,000 titles are on the Clicker index. He said that this could be accessed through My.UCLA.edu. Curtiss talked about how easy it was to use and how it can be searched by category. Curtiss said it was divided into the following categories: campus, classroom, and student life. Curtiss talked about how it allows you to search for what you like, which is formatted especially for students at UCLA. He talked about Clicker as an index that allows you to search for the designated content. It gives you the choice between free and paid sources. Curtiss showed an example of how Clicker works. He talked about how Clicker also allows people to sign on to their social network. Clicker allows you to vote on content, log in from Facebook, be notified on shows via Twitter, etc. The Clicker can be utilized through Clicker.com or on My.UCLA.edu. He said that there are TV shows, music videos, and other different forms of media available through Clicker. Curtiss said that one of the reasons of doing this is to combat the illegal downloading on campus. He presented a bar graph that showed the numbers of infringement on campus from different places, such as from residential halls and on campus. Infringement can lead to consequences. He said that there is a visible decrease on infringement in residential halls, but this is coupled with an increase on infringement on wireless networks. Curtiss said that students should know that infringement is wrong and that students will be cited for it. He said that Clicker is also a great way for campus departments and student groups to show who they are. He said that it was a great advertising and marketing instrument. Curtiss talked about a study done by the Anderson School in which students would prefer legal to illegal if it was high quality and free. Curtiss talked about Clicker and its partnership with UCLA. He talked about interesting facts concerning UCLA on Clicker. He said that the CEO of Clicker is a former UCLA alumni and was also a CEO of ask.com. Curtiss said that Clicker couldn't use the name "Bruin Vision" because that is the name of the scoreboards as sponsored by other businesses. Curtiss reiterated that Clicker has movies, television, and web originals. He said that it is appealing because it also shows presentations, lectures, classroom content, student groups, etc. Curtiss said this would help prevent stealing copyrighted content from the Internet. Curtiss said that anything that you would like to advertise about yourself could be submitted for Clicker. The module on the website can be utilized by student groups. This module can highlight videos. He said that the only fee of Clicker is the time used to present it. Curtiss said that Clicker is free unless you choose to watch content that has a price. Over 90% of the content on Clicker is free. Curtiss described how student groups could submit video to Clicker. He said that student group videos would be indexed as UCLA content. Curtiss talked about what's new and what's coming in terms of Clicker. He said that soon, Clicker content would have streaming mobile access. Curtiss said that Clicker "social" would also be developed soon. Curtiss said that Clicker has been featured in the LA Times and in the Daily Bruin. There are also dining hall inserts that advertise Clicker. Curtiss said that considering that there is little advertising, Clicker is doing well.

-Hill mentioned the content that could become available (putting lectures up, for example) and asked what the buy in from faculty on Clicker is.

-Curtiss said that there have been good responses from the Anderson School and that soon the Film and Theater School will be posting content as well. Curtiss said that generally the faculty is reserved and that it could take time for them to utilize Clicker. He said that they might not even put their videos on iTunes University, which means that the video can't be available on Clicker. Curtiss said that Clicker is a good resource for faculty and that once faculty puts their videos online, then Clicker can access it as well.

-Williams asked if people needed to use Clicker in order to see legal content.

-Curtiss said that viewing a show not on Clicker isn't necessarily illegal. Curtiss said that people usually use peer-to-peer sharing, which is illegal. He said there are a number of UCLA students cited for copyrighted infringement when they could have gotten this material for free. He said you need an account to pay for content that requires a price. Curtiss said that Clicker is a great discovery tool for students.

-Hill asked what are expectations that he foresees for the staff and students to support Clicker.

-Curtiss said that they need the support from the council and that he plans to market and various events on campus (tabling, flyering, etc). He asked for help with marketing. He said that Clicker is appealing to student groups because it allows them to advertise and showcase who they are to the world.

-Spring said that he's trying to increase visibility of his office and will utilize Clicker. He asked if the Clicker is presented at orientation.

-Curtiss said that it is presented and Clicker is being promoted. He talked about initiatives to go green and said that Clicker could possibly go on the Daily Bruin online. Curtiss said that any suggestions should be directed to Dr. Geller.

-Hill thanked Curtiss for his special presentation.

B. American Indian Students Association (AISA)- Elizabeth Fastors- from the band of Indians in Southern California

Fastors talked about her background growing up on a reservation and how she was a major in Indian studies. She talked about the budget crisis that effected their department and the student affairs counselor whose position was eliminated. Fastors talked about the student affairs officer and how he was housed in the center. His position was under the departmental program. She talked about her meetings with people such as the chancellor and that there will be a counseling member given but there will still be no student affairs officer. Fastors said that there hasn't been an upholding to the promise of diversity. She said that the American Indian community at UCLA is less than 1% of the student population. She said that there is a heavy burden that comes along with representing the community, how their community stands with power, and she seeks the support of council. She said that there would be a meeting with Dean Durante, the dean of social sciences, in August concerning reinstating the student affairs counselor. She said that the need of a student affairs officer is crucial. She said that as she looked for support in regards to classes for fall quarter, classes for the graduate program she's applying for, classes needed to fulfill her major, etc. Fastors said that there was no history teacher for their course. She needed someone like a student affairs officer. Fastors asked for USAC support with going forward with the reinstatement of the position of the student affairs officer and to take it to Dean Durante in the middle of this month to get this position back in force. She said that the community comes from a place where people forced to go to school and the struggles faced currently are of an injustice to the American Indian community. She felt like the removal of the student affairs counselor was an insult to the American Indian community on campus and nationwide. As an American Indian, she experienced struggle and that others face injustices as well. Fastors talked about how this touches upon the diversity of the community. She hopes to get the support of the council and talked about how this affects the ethnic studies program on campus. She thanked the council for their time.

-Hill opened up the floor for questions.

-Santos asked if Dean Durante has the final say if whether the advisory is appointed or not.

-Fastors said that they have already met with Chancellor Block and Judy Smith. Fastors said that chair will be the one to sign off with the dean and that Dean Durante has the final say of whether or not the position will be reinstated.

-Spring asked what the difference is between the counselor and the student affairs officer. He asked if there was a difference in the pay scale.

-Fastors said that a counseling assistant would be a graduate student of American Indian heritage. She said that they have pushing for this. She said that there was some talk of having Asian American assistance, which she found odd. She said that they were looking for someone who would be culturally competent, who would be someone who is American Indian. She said that the counseling assistant would be of a different position (such as in admissions) than the student affairs officer, who would be in the center. Fastors said she wasn't sure on some of the details. She said that there wouldn't be a huge pay.

-De Vera said that they were privileged to have an ethnic studies program at UCLA. He asked how she has been communicating with other ethnic studies centers.

-Fastors said that they have contacted other centers and that they were supportive. She said that they had contacted the Chicano Studies, the African American program, and the Asian American program.

-Dr. Nelson asked if there was a timetable or any discussion when the position would be filled.

-Fastors said that they have set a deadline for September 1. She said that herself and the president of the organization will be leaving and that other student leaders of the group would present to the dean when the time comes. She said that Durante has made special arrangements to speak with them.

-Spring asked what kind of support they were looking for from USAC.

-Fastors said that a letter of support and presence at that time would help.

-Khy said that the reason why Fastors is here is to gain the support from the entire council. She said that herself along with the president's office would work on the resolution. She said that this would move forward at the next council meeting.

-Fastors said that her meeting with Durante would be on August 13. She said that any support from council would help, even if issues don't get resolved in a timely fashion.

- Hill asked how the role of being an American Indian studies group as a departmental program rather than a department has presented obstacles.
- Fastors said that departmentalization is the next step after having a student affairs officer reinstated. She said that departmentalization would be the next step in securing their program.
- Santos mentioned a letter from the chancellor supporting the ethnic studies. He asked if they presented this to the dean.
- Fastors said that they did present that the chancellor's support. She talked about the verbal agreement that there was support for ethnic studies. She said that all of the UCs in California has a native recruiter except for UCLA. She said that she needs the support from the people on this campus for the American Indian community's retention. She said that the position needs to be reinstated.
- Hill thanked Fastors for her presentation and that it allowed for more insight the American Indian Student's Association's issue.

C. *Budget Review Director- Matthew Love

- Love said that there was a total of \$33,932.00. Love said that an issue arose because the total amount request from the council was \$35,702.02 and the amount available was \$33,932.00. This issue arose because general rep. 3 was not allocated any funds. He said that he didn't decide this quickly because he understands the importance that each office receives funding. He said, however, as BRD he will follow the guidelines as stated in the bylaws and that he followed the standardized criteria. He cited the bylaws on funding, article 16. Love said that if he bent rules for one group, then he would have to bend the rules for all student groups. Love said that there was an exception made already and that he refuses to make an exception for general representative 3. He said that he made this exception under the condition that they would contact them and be there in person. He said that he refuses to make the allocation to gen. rep. 3. He said that there was a mock allocation emailed to the council and he felt that based on the funding student group, there couldn't have been another exception made for this student group. He said based on the funding study group on articles 4-F1, the concern that they may have concerning these fundings can be addressed to the BRD, the FiCom chair, etc. Love said that he has already contacted other people for assistance.
- Birdie asked him to repeat how to address concerns
 - Love said that they should address concerns to the funding study committee. This information is available through email. Love said that he bases everything that he does on the USAC bylaws. He said that he apologizes for not being able to fund gen. rep. 3.
 - Zimmerman said that Miller had something to say.
 - Miller said that he sent emails to Love and Simmons. He said that he's been in Moscow since after school ended and before Love was appointed. He said that it was difficult for him to get in touch with Love. Miller said that he contacted people in terms of applying for funding. Miller said that he received one response from Love. Miller said that he did everything that he could to keep in touch with him.
- Khy moved to approve the allocations. Spring seconded. The approval was not passed.
- Birdie asked what the requirements were.
 - Love said that some groups exceeded the amounts of the funding available. He said that there were some discrepancies and that the groups were standardized across the board. Love said that the applications he got were good overall, but some groups are not eligible. Love said that they went through the application process and how they evaluated them. Love said that after looking at the applications, they look at percentages in which products are allocated.
 - Zimmerman said that Miller wanted to say something.
 - Miller said the comment he was trying to make was that it was difficult for him to communicate with others from out of the country. He said that he would be back in two weeks. Miller said that he understands the importance of the budget and he asked if they could table the vote until he was back in the country. Miller said that he has tried to do the SGOF and seek assistance. He said that if anyone had comments or suggestions the council should let him know.
 - Khy commented and went back to Miller's questions. She said that she doesn't think that this vote should be postponed because certain offices need that funding as soon as possible. Khy said that postponing this would not make any circumstances different in terms of Miller not turning in his application. She said that there are other funding sources that can be tapped into.
 - Dr. Geller said that there are no other funding sources for operations, only for programming.
 - Hill said that when she talked to Debrah Simmons, everything other than assistance can be applied to contingency and the applicant can be allocated more through these contingencies. She said that there are eligible funds in any

SGOF other than assistance.

-Dr. Geller said that as long as the group can be tied to a program project, they could get other funding.

-Shah asked if after ¼ objection, the vote would still go through. She asked Miller if he could clarify whom he contacted in terms of applying. Shah said that in the past, she received responses from Love quickly.

-Love said that he has responded to Miller and he can provide correspondence of him replying. Love said that he received the out of country email. Love said that there is a condition in the bylaws where the person applying has to be present, regardless of the fact that he was not in the country. Love said that in these circumstances, the staff should be utilized.

-Birdie said that he understands the formula and the percentage. He asked Love how they determine the average score and what was taken into account. He asked if it was fair for those who followed the rules to not be penalized as well.

-Love said that in terms of the average score, the scores were added and averaged based strictly on the application. He said that the scores vary based on interpretation of the scorer. Love said that in terms of penalization, he feels like he would penalize in a short notice. He said that the best thing that could be done would be to put everyone eligible for that amount especially if the application was on point. He said that what could be done and that in terms of the concern, he can relay his question to the funding study.

-Santos said that he met with his advisor. He said that there is no penalty for requesting more than the guideline because this shows the amount of need that they need for the money. Santos asked the administrative representatives for their opinions.

-Dr. Nelson commended the committee for what they have done. He noted the finite resources and said that there is a maximum of funding that a group can request. He cited some groups that requested a little amount of money and received a significant amount of money. Dr. Nelson said that they all had to deal with these finite resources. He said that all offices depend on funding. He also said that the council can vote with what's on the table and that the general representative 3 could come back and apply for the available funds. Dr. Nelson said that there would be funds somewhere at the university. Dr. Nelson talked about communication and that the gen rep should come with proof of the contacts. Dr. Nelson talked about technology and the inevitability that there would be miscommunication. Dr. Nelson said that this could be resolved when he comes back but he suggests that they should make a decision now and deal with the other matter later on.

-Shah moved to approve the SGOF application. Spring seconded. Hill moved to a vote.

-With a vote of 6-2-0, the SGOF allocations for the 2010-2011 school year were approved.

-Love said that any concerns could be communicated to him through conversation with him or email as soon as possible.

-Hill thanked Love.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments made this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.

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

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Moock introduced himself as the proxy for FiCom. He said that the swipes for the homeless requested \$900 and

their goals and objectives were weak. He said that there was documentation. \$150 was recommended allocated for their retreat.

-The Latin American Association requested \$1547 for their retreat. They had a good application with solid goals and objective, description of program, and had full documentation. They were recommended the maximum \$450 for their retreat.

-The facilities commission retreat had good goals and objectives and was complete with documentation. They were given \$275 with a priority given to food as requested in the application.

-AEO fraternity is having a retreat. They had a good application, which cited other sources of funding as well. They were doing a car wash to raise money. Their description of program was good but they didn't include the list of attendees or an agenda and it was missing some documentation. They were rewarded \$350. They thought it was good that they had other fundraising techniques.

-BlaQue had a somewhat messy application and they couldn't print out the cover sheet correctly. It was a good application that brought the UCLA community together with solid goals and objectives. It includes an agenda but was missing documentation on facilities and food. \$150 was allocated.

-The Latino Greek Council had good objectives and goals with a good statement of need. They had documentation and requested \$782. They were rewarded \$350 because they chose to allocate money for lodging.

-Chi Delta Theta requested \$550 for their retreat. They had sufficient goals and agendas and included an agenda. They were missing documentation for the food. They were allocated \$280 for graphics, which they provided documentation for.

-Hill opened the floor for questions.

-Santos asked if there was a point system being used for the application.

-Moock said that the members of the committee read each application. Each member made comments after reading them independently and after they discussed the applications as a group.

-Santos asked if a point system would be instated.

-Moock said that a point system is not yet being used but was mentioned before.

-Hill said that there is a point system on the application, giving students the idea that they were being graded on a point system. She said that as a recommendation to Rose, the FiCom chair should do a presentation over the summer on how allocations are made.

-De Vera recommended FiCom set up a protocol for responding to student group when they apply for funding. He said that at times student groups don't get notifications on whether their application was received or not.. He suggested that there could be a two-day deadline for responding to a student group.

-Birdie said that they needed to use the point system or remove it from the title page. He said that by leaving the point system there would be providing false information.

-Santos said that there are some time sensitive events coming up soon. He asked him to relay the information to Rose to be around to sign rec. forms for the next few days. He said that since the budgets are not there yet, some of these forms are being turned in soon. Santos said that people are turning paperwork in early.

-Zimmerman said that the updated budget would be posted online on Friday. She said that the 2010-2011 budgets would be available.

-Spring moved to approve the contingency allocations for August 3, 2010. Shah seconded.

-Hill asked if we needed to vote on this.

-Dr. Geller said that as long as there are no objections, the allocations are passed.

-Hill said that the contingency allocations are approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

-Hill thanked the council for sending in their platforms, which will be utilized at the retreat.

-Hill said that she had the privilege of participating in fasting for the DREAM act. She said that it was successful for getting coverage on the issue.

-Hill talked about the summer chancellor institute, which was renamed the college summer institute. There are close to 200 freshmen living in Saxon. The freshmen summer program and the transfer summer program are also moved in. She said that there are incoming students that the council can outreach to for their offices.

-Hill talked about working with Zimmerman. They are working with the Webmaster with a website upgrade. She said that they realize that some people don't realize that student offices are in Kerckhoff and that a sign will be put up.

-She mentioned the need on moving forward to a study group. She said that she would send out a bylaw section in terms of making a subcommittee within USAC.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

- Lucas talked about how she has been working with meetings and connections with various people. She spoke to the UCSB internal vice president and has been facilitated connections with other internal vice presents of UC schools.
- Lucas talked about her meeting with Larry Lower on their discussion with BruinCast. She talked about increasing BruinCast by spring quarter. There have been issues with moving machines from lecture hall to lecture hall in a short timeframe and copyright issues with the professors. They talked about possibly putting a password on their podcast. There is also the concern that the podcasts should be available to the public.
- Lucas talked about propelling this resource by sending out a survey to show that students support this. She said that some students and faculty don't resonate their feedback.
- Lucas plans to move with Debrah Simmons concerning funding to get a comprehensive list of everything student groups can apply for in order to get the most of the student group experience.
- ARC will be meeting next week and more appointments will be held next council meeting.
- Khy asked Lucas for an update on the retreat in terms of the location and time.
- Lucas said that the retreat would most likely be in Malibu. She said that the contingency application is completely filled out except for the retreat information. The food, activities, and programming are planned out. This will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Birdie asked if someone could let council know what each councilmember is responsible for concerning the retreat.
- Lucas said that Hill and her are going to meet and will talk about the agenda. She said that it will be given to council with plenty of time.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

- Santos talked about working with the UCSA Congress preparations, to be held in UCI from August 12-13. He said that there will be a large delegation and that a lot of important issues will be discussed in pertinent to fee increases and budget cuts. He said that if council would like to go they should relay that information to him as soon as possible.
- Santos talked about the platforms of the US Student Association and could possibly combine these platforms to the UCSA congress platforms. He talked about attending the rally to encourage legislatures to pass the oil severances taxes. He said that it was organized by the SCIU Union at the headquarters of Occidental Petroleum in Westwood. Santos said that there were more than 400 people there, including students that are affected by the budget cuts and fee increases. He said that these oil companies are not only polluting our environment but are getting California's funds with the oil they extract. Santos said that he would be doing a workshop on this at the UCSA Congress. Santos talked about looking for new revenues to solve the new crisis we are in.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

- Khy talked about her meeting that dealt with student representation. They talked about money that is contributed in the funds, which is in the form of grants. She talked about online evaluations, which will start soon in the nursing department. Khy said she hopes this will gain positive feedback for other departments.
- She talked about the Campus Retention Committee and the Student Initiated Active Committee trainings would take place soon, which would train them to go out into the community and council other students.
- Khy talked about the change in the GE requirement of science. She said that there are two requirements from physical science and two from life science, but the lab requirement would only be one. This decision was made for the curriculum to be strengthened since it was too spread out amongst the different classes. She said that some of the labs weren't efficient in teaching science to non-science students. She said that the incoming freshmen would be informed of that change.
- Hill asked if this applies to current students.
- Khy said that it applies to Fall 2012.
- Lucas asked about the foreign language requirement.
- Khy said that the only change is to the lab requirement and there was no change in the foreign language requirement.
- Khy said that this was a topic of discussion. Khy said that faculty supported this because it would enhance the other science courses and the one lab requirement that a student would take.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Nelson

Dr. Nelson said that if someone would like to get space or something from a department, the council should go to the head of the department. He said that people want to accommodate your needs but sometimes, considering the economic times, it's easier to get money than it is to get space. Dr. Nelson said to contact the appropriate party. He said that the head could help facilitate what council would want to do.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

-Zimmerman asked if anyone needed the password request form for the computer lab.

-Ma asked about the form.

-Spring asked about the hours of the computer lab.

-Zimmerman said that over summer the times are 8-9 and over the school year the Internet is available from 8-11. She said that they want to keep the room secure. The room now has open access and normal building hours.

IX. Old Business

General Representative, Matthew Spring--John Wooden Day

Spring said that John Wooden Day is Oct. 14. He hopes to make this USAC wide day of celebration. Spring has been working with different entities on campus as well as Hill. He talked about the three committees that would divide the responsibilities of the days. He said that that Birdie, Phi, and himself are chairs of each committee. He said that the three committees are publicity and outreach, a daytime event planning committee, and an evening event planning committee. Spring said that the event would bring the campus together. He talked about the daytime event that would consist of events that would go on throughout the day. Spring talked about the Volunteer center, which is working with them to unveil a plaque of the pyramid of success honoring Wooden. Spring talked about working with the government community relations to make sure that plans are approved. Spring said that this would be a good opportunity to give back to the city of LA. He talked about the press conference with various students on council speaking. Spring talked about the evening, which could possibly consist of an alumni game that would play against the current UCLA basketball team. He said that it would be held in the John Wooden Center because Pauley is under renovation. He said that another option would hold a basketball tournament where there would be a memorial service during halftime that would consist of Wooden's family. People would speak on Wooden's behalf and would promote Bruin Pride and student spirit. Spring said that they would work with the Student Alumni Association and Rally Committee. Spring talked about the publicity and outreach committee. Spring sited the paper that was sent out to council. He talked opened up the resolution to the council for any suggestions. Spring requested for a meeting to be held within 2 weeks. The publicity and outreach committee would consist of the CEC, cultural affairs, and gen rep 3. The daytime committee would consist of president, community service commissioner, and the EVP. The evening committee would consist of IVP, facilities, gen rep 2, and academic affairs. Spring asked for concerns, questions, or feedback. Spring said that there would be a meeting held.

-Hill thanked Phi, Birdie, and Spring for putting together the John Wooden Resolution. She congratulated Phi, Birdie, and Spring for spearheading this.

-Birdie said that, while this is a USAC run event, they are open to any suggestions. He said that they decided the committees based on the already designated responsibilities of the council.

-Spring said that Phi's committee might need to be taken up by another council member since she is out of the country.

-Santos asked if the meeting should be held within the next two weeks.

-Spring said that within two weeks would be ideal. He said that there are multiple layers in each committee.

-Dr. Nelson talked about the alumni basketball game idea and said that it might be difficult to get alumni. He said that an intersquad game could be held.

-Hill said that it is important for all the different teams to check in with CSP.

-Dr. Geller said that the True Bruin event could be utilized and that the True Bruin Group could possibly assist in funding the publicity of the event.

-Zimmerman said that from Phi, she would be sending an email concerning a committee meeting.

-Hill thanked Spring for presenting this.

X. New Business

A. Facilities Commissioner, John Christian De Vera-- DREAM Act and Institutionalized Aid Resolution

-De Vera moved to approve the DREAM Act for institutionalized aid. Ma seconded.

-Dr. Geller said that they needed to motion to include publication. She said he could make a friendly motion.

-De Vera moved to make a friendly motion to add the DREAM Act Resolution to the Daily Bruin as a 1/3-page ad during the week of October 3, week 1. Spring seconded.

-De Vera talked about the urgency of the issues at hand. He sited Diego's presentation and its current state. De Vera talked about the hunger strike, freedom riding, and the other students organizing for this issue. He talked about the resolution of the DREAM act that was drafted last year that didn't call for action. He talked about how the DREAM act and institutionalized

aid is a bipartisan legislature. He said that how this year they are initiating more action by presenting the act to the senator.

De Vera read the resolution as follows:

“Resolution in Support of the Federal DREAM Act and Institutionalized Aid”

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Association Council works to fairly represent student interests, needs, and welfare.

Whereas, the recent 32% fee increase caused heightened difficulty for all UCLA students; budget cuts overall resulting in a less affordable education.

Whereas, the fee increase within the UC system causes undocumented students to be among the most vulnerable to extreme academic and financial struggle.

Whereas, each year, more than 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school in the United States.

Whereas, in the state of California alone, over 28,000 of these undocumented students reside.

Whereas, undocumented students, regardless of their hard work, dedication, and years in the United States, are still ineligible for any form of university-related scholarships, federal loans, grants, or work study.

Whereas, the Deferred Referendum Education for Alien Minors Act, or the Federal DREAM Act, is a bipartisan bill that seeks to recognize the hard work of undocumented students and provide equitable access to education.

Whereas, the Federal DREAM Act currently has 40 cosponsors in the Senate and 154 in the House of Representatives.

Whereas, numerous student groups like IDEAS at UCLA and the Bruin Democrats continuously support the DREAM Act through lobbying, organizing demonstrations and leading educational campaigns across the country.

Whereas, the DREAM Act provides undocumented individuals of good, moral character who have lived in the United States for at least 5 years and attend a 2- or 4-year university a path to conditional permanent residency after completing their college degree within a six (6) year period.

Whereas, this bill aids in alleviating the financial hardship of a college education by providing undocumented students access to financial aid in the form of loans and work-study.

Whereas, the DREAM Act is at a critical state in the federal legislative system and all measures to support the undocumented population at UCLA should be sought out.

Whereas, the University Of California Board Of Regents is concurrently reviewing a policy that, upon approval, will allow all students access to institutionalized financial aid.

Whereas, all UC students pay fees – at least 20% of which goes towards financial aid. Whereas, currently, without institutionalized aid, some students because of legalization status have no access to the funding pool in which they contribute.

Whereas, the UC Office of the President’s Commission on the Future, after reviewing the significant needs of undocumented students, the impact of the fee increase on their retention rates, made recommendations to pass institutionalized aid system-wide.

Whereas, both the DREAM Act and institutionalized aid are not advocating for reform to the California or United States’ immigration policies; rather, these initiatives work to recognize that education is a right and should be affordable to all.

Whereas, receiving institutionalized aid is only a temporary solution, and thus USAC must offer simultaneous support for its passage as well as the national implementation of the DREAM Act to ensure equal access to education for all students.

Be it resolved, this August 3rd 2010, that the Undergraduate Student Association supports student efforts and endorses the passage of the Federal DREAM Act.

Be it further resolved, that USAC urges the University Of California Board Of Regents to approve institutionalized financial aid to all students – regardless of race, creed, economic background, legalization status, and country of origin.

Be it finally resolved, that USAC urges UCLA faculty and administration to support these national and statewide initiatives to support the undocumented student population at UCLA.

-Hill opened the floor for questions.

-Dr. Geller commended the authors of the resolution (Spring, Hill, and De Vera) and said that the footnotes to site the source of their data were an excellent strategy. She mentioned the section that read “action being considered by the board of regents” and she asked them to reconsider the council of putting that in or adding a footnote citing the source of that. Dr. Geller said that this could possibly put the regents in an uncomfortable position. She said that they don’t want to publicize the regents themselves haven’t publicized.

-Dr. Nelson talked about changing the term from “undergraduate students to students” and to use the word “pressure” rather than struggle. He said that the 8th “whereas” should have a hyphen between co and sponsors. He said that the implication that he got was that undocumented students would be given recognition. He said that his only inquiry is that they should be aware that there could possibly be a backlash.

-Santos asked about how he should present amendments. He asked if he should present them one at a time.

-Dr. Geller said that the amendments should go one at a time and then be approved. Once one is approved, the next can be introduced.

-Santos went back to what Dr. Nelson mentioned and brought up that some people would find this controversial, but that is what the law is. He said that the resolution explains the DREAM act well and is aware that with the political climate we’re in that the resolution could bring problems. He agreed with Dr. Geller’s recommendation. Santos corrected the resolution, where DREAM act stands for the Development Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act. He corrected, “be it finally resolved” on the last sentence. He said that it would make more sense to change “to support” to “that support.” Santos also made friendly amendments. He asked to add after the 12th whereas the phrase, “whereas undocumented students have staged numerous actions ranging from sit ins to hunger strikes in support of the DREAM act.”

-Hill said that he must approve to amend the resolution.

-Santos moved to approve the amendment. Spring seconded.

-Khy called to question the resolution. Spring seconded. The amendment to add the section, “whereas undocumented students have staged numerous actions ranging from sit ins to hunger strikes in support of the DREAM act” was approved.

-Santos moved to add the amendment “whereas the DREAM act lies in the judiciary senate committee, and senator Feinstein has the power to move it to a vote.” De Vera seconded.

-Birdie said that he supported the DREAM Act. He mentioned Feinstein’s office. He said that she was not pleased with the hunger strike. Birdie read a quote from Feinstein and asked if it was wise to include her name in the resolution. He was concerned about a possible backlash that could occur from including senator Feinstein in the resolution.

-Santos said that they faced a big issue with the fact that with this political climate, Senator Feinstein refused to acknowledge the fact that she has the power to move this to a vote. Santos said that she has the ability to get the act out of the judiciary committee to the senate floor. Santos said that he is confident that it would receive enough votes necessary to pass this. Santos said that Feinstein is holding back on this because of the comprehensive immigration reform and because of another bill she supports which is add jobs. Santos said that he also has an alternate amendment to the resolution that refers to the act as a standalone bill. Santos said that he is holding back on this because she might be willing to support this if it is tied to add jobs. He said that they are willing to not have this as a standalone bill. Santos said that this could go down in USAC history because it was the students who passed the DREAM Act. He said that if it were up to the legislatures, the DREAM Act would have been passed a long time ago. He said that because of the political climate, the senators would support the resolution but not champion it. Santos said that the reason why they weren’t pushing the opponents of the legislature is because they have enough votes and they can’t convince everyone to vote on it. He said that they have enough votes and they just need someone to bring this to a vote. He said that this was why the hunger strike was called.

-Zimmerman said that someone should take note of the changes.

-De Vera said that he was taking note of the changes.

-Dr. Geller asked if they were confident that the resolution would still be standing on Oct. 3.

-Hill recommended that they amend the amendment to reflect the idea needing Senator Feinstein to be a champion as opposed to highlighting the specific fact of being in the judiciary so that the resolution remains time-sensitive.

-Santos said that publishing it as is would not serve the purpose. Santos said that by passing the resolution as it is, it can still be used to speak to legislatures and they could bring it up to the Senator.

-Dr. Geller said that the amendment could possibly from “currently lies” to “has been.” She said that he could find when it

was introduced.

-Santos said that once the resolution was introduced, it got to the judiciary committee and that after this it stopped. He asked someone to look at the date it was introduced.

-Birdie said that Santo's comment was helpful. He suggested that they leave Feinstein's name out of the DREAM resolution.

-Spring said that not including Feinstein's name goes against what students on this campus and constituents have been trying to advocate. He said that this discredits their efforts. He said that they should go on with the mentioning of Feinstein. Spring said that it wouldn't hurt us and that it would put more pressure on Feinstein to become a champion for the committee.

Spring asked if someone was looking up the date act.

-Hill said that we have to continue with this amendment or table it.

-Lucas asked if it was possible that Senator Feinstein is not moving the resolution to the committee because it is mid-elections. She said that it might seem too liberal.

-Santos said that senator Feinstein is trying to save their political capital on Latino/Latina issues on comprehensive immigration reform. Santos said that they were waiting on that but it wasn't happening this year. He said that Senator Feinstein wanted to use that political capital on add jobs and that was why she didn't push the DREAM act. Santos said that Senator Feinstein a politician and is free to come up with her own political agenda with reasons to push add jobs instead of the DREAM Act, but at the end of the day, our role of students is to pressure her to add the DREAM act. He said that Feinstein received bad publicity when there was so much media attention on the hunger strike. Santos said that the pressure pushed her to consider pushing the DREAM Act if it came along with add jobs.

-Hill reminded the council that they were in motion and that they needed to vote on the amendment.

-Santos repeated the amendment, which read "whereas the DREAM act current lies in the senate judiciary committee, and California Senator Feinstein has the political knowledge to bring this into a vote"

-Shah said that the act has been around in 2003.

-Santos said that the DREAM act has only been around since last year within the congress. He says that the date is not vital.

-Spring asked if it could read "during the 111th congressional election."

-Santos said that it was vague and technically incorrect. Santos said that it could read "whereas the DREAM act has been in the senate judiciary committee, and California Senator Feinstein has the political knowledge to bring this into a vote," - Spring moved to amend the amendment to read, "whereas the DREAM act has been in the senate judiciary committee, and California Senator Feinstein has the political knowledge to bring this into a vote." Shah seconded.

-Birdie called to question amending the amendment. With a vote of 8-0-0, the amendment was amended to read "whereas the DREAM act has been in the senate judiciary committee, and California Senator Feinstein has the political knowledge to bring this into a vote."

-Santos amended to add another "be it resolved.." to go after the "be it resolved."

-The amendment would be added to read: "be it resolved that USAC brings the DREAM act to the judiciary committee."

-Santos moved. Birdie seconded.

-Spring suggested that they edit the resolution's line before that so that it's not time sensitive because we're urging her.

-Hill said that she doesn't feel like this is a time sensitive issue. She said that she spoke to Lucas and that they talked about resolutions over the summer. She recommends that they leave the amendment as is.

-Lucas said that it could read, "If this hasn't been moved out of this committee..." so that it is not time sensitive.

-Santos said that Hill brought up a good point. He said that in terms of the political legislative timeline, August is the month to finalize this. He said that they should not focus on what will happen on October 3rd but rather how they could draft this the best to use this right now.

-Khy called to question. Spring seconded.

-Hill asked all of those in vote to approve the additional be it resolved that would read, "be it resolved that USAC urges Senator Feinstein to bring the act to a vote in the senate judiciary committee" to the resolution. This addition was approved with a vote of 8-0-0.

-Hill said that it is public knowledge that the regents are revealing the recommendations. She said that at the last regents meeting, the relief of institutionalized aid was taken off the agenda. She said that at one point it was communicated to the public and by council urging them to pass this is encouraging them to move forward. Hill said it was not an action item but it was publicized. She said that urging them to do this is supporting the commission on future recommendations.

-Lucas made a motion to have the amendment read, "whereas the UCLA principles of community upholds that diversity is critical to maintaining excellence in all endeavors." She moved to approve the amendment.

-Santos called to question the amendment. Birdie seconded. The amendment that read, "Whereas the UCLA principles of community upholds that diversity is critical to maintaining excellence in all endeavors" was passed with a vote of 7-0-1.

-Birdie apologized for not voting.

-Spring asked for clarification from Dr. Nelson on why the council should change the word “pressure” to “struggle.”

-Dr. Nelson provided clarification to change the word from “struggle” to “pressure” after the 3rd whereas.

-De Vera moved to amend the clause from, “Whereas, the fee increase within the UC system causes undocumented students to be among the most vulnerable to extreme academic and financial struggle” to read, “Whereas, the fee increase within the UC system causes undocumented students to be among the most vulnerable to extreme academic and financial pressure.”

-Dr. Geller asked why the final clause says “administrators, faculty” and not “students.”

-Spring called to question to change the amendment from reading “struggle” to “pressure.” Shah seconded. With a vote of 8-0-0, the amendment was added to read “Whereas, the fee increase within the UC system causes undocumented students to be among the most vulnerable to extreme academic and financial pressure.”

-Hill mentioned that the last clause urges faculty and administration, but does not urge students.

-Santos moved to amend the last part of the resolution to read, “Be it finally resolved, that USAC urges UCLA faculty, administration, and students to support these national and statewide initiatives to support the undocumented student population at UCLA.” De Vera seconded.

-De Vera requested a friendly amendment to put “students” first. The amendment would read, “Be it finally resolved, that USAC urges UCLA students, faculty, and administration to support these national and statewide initiatives to support the undocumented student population at UCLA.”

-Spring called to question including students in the final part of the resolution. Shah seconded.

-With a vote of 8-0-0, the amendment was passed to read, “Be it finally resolved, that USAC urges UCLA students, faculty, and administration to support these national and statewide initiatives to support the undocumented student population at UCLA.”

-Santos called to question the resolution as amended. Spring seconded.

-De Vera read the resolution as amended. It read as follows:

“Resolution in Support of the Federal DREAM Act and Institutionalized Aid”

Whereas, the Undergraduate Students Association Council works to fairly represent student interests, needs, and welfare.

Whereas, the UCLA Principles of Community upholds that diversity is critical to maintaining excellence in all endeavors.

Whereas, the recent 32% fee increase caused heightened difficulty for all UCLA students; budget cuts overall resulting in a less affordable education.

Whereas, the fee increase within the UC system causes undocumented students to be among the most vulnerable to extreme academic and financial pressure.

Whereas, each year, more than 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high school in the United States.

Whereas, in the state of California alone, over 28,000 of these undocumented students reside.

Whereas, undocumented students, regardless of their hard work, dedication, and years in the United States, are still ineligible for any form of university-related scholarships, federal loans, grants, or work study.

Whereas, the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or the Federal DREAM Act, is a bipartisan bill that seeks to recognize the hard work of undocumented students and provide equitable access to education.

Whereas, the Federal DREAM Act currently has 40 co-sponsors in the Senate and 154 in the House of Representatives.

Whereas, numerous student groups like IDEAS at UCLA and the Bruin Democrats continuously support the DREAM Act through lobbying, organizing demonstrations and leading educational campaigns across the country.

Whereas, the DREAM Act provides undocumented individuals of good, moral character who have lived in the United States for at least 5 years and attend a 2- or 4-year university a path to conditional permanent residency after completing their

college degree within a six (6) year period.

Whereas, this bill aids in alleviating the financial hardship of a college education by providing undocumented students access to financial aid in the form of loans and work-study.

Whereas, the DREAM Act is at a critical state in the federal legislative system and all measures to support the undocumented population at UCLA should be sought out.

Whereas, undocumented students have staged numerous actions ranging from sit-ins to hunger strikes in support of the DREAM Act.

Whereas, the DREAM Act has been in the Senate Judiciary committee and California Senator Diane Feinstein has the political power to bring it to a vote.

Whereas, the University Of California Board Of Regents is concurrently reviewing a policy that, upon approval, will allow all students access to institutionalized financial aid.

Whereas, all UC students pay fees – at least 20% of which goes towards financial aid.

Whereas, currently, without institutionalized aid, some students because of legalization status have no access to the funding pool in which they contribute.

Whereas, the UC Office of the President's Commission on the Future, after reviewing the significant needs of undocumented students, the impact of the fee increase on their retention rates, made recommendations to pass institutionalized aid system-wide.

Whereas, both the DREAM Act and institutionalized aid are not advocating for reform to the California or United States' immigration policies; rather, these initiatives work to recognize that education is a right and should be affordable to all.

Whereas, receiving institutionalized aid is only a temporary solution, and thus USAC must offer simultaneous support for its passage as well as the national implementation of the DREAM Act to ensure equal access to education for all students.

Be it resolved, this August 3rd 2010, that the Undergraduate Students Association supports student efforts and endorses the passage of the Federal DREAM Act.

Be it resolved, that USAC urges Senator Feinstein to bring the DREAM Act up to a vote in the Senate Judiciary committee.

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-With a vote of 8-0-0, the resolution of the DREAM act and institutionalized aid was approved as amended to be submitted to appear in the Daily Bruin during week 1 in a 1/3-page ad. She asked De Vera to follow up with the Daily Bruin.

-Hill said that the grad student association is also writing a letter of student support. This shows that entire student population supports these measures.

B. Jasmine Hill- Bylaw Measures

Hill talked about the bylaws, in terms of the bylaws and the SOOF guidelines.

-Spring moved to amend the bylaws and the SOOF guidelines. Birdie seconded.

-Birdie asked for the reasoning behind the groups as mentioned in the USAC bylaws.

-Hill said that a majority of these changes are going to the community services commission. She said that a commission related group has a relationship and responsibility to that operation. Hill said that there were name changes and that these

bylaws were to ensure consistency. She said that the groups added have to do with leadership development. She cited the USAC constitution and how the USAC internship did just that. Hill said that this should be institutionalized as a responsibility of USAC to develop leaders. Hill said that immediate support and relief is a task force that works in terms of doing surveys, working with the food closet, and working with issues that address the needs of students. Hill said that for the external vice president, Bruin Lobby Core has existed for several years and it is the lobbying arm of that office. Hill said that for the Facilities Commission, the sustainability commission is needed to provide that sustainability arm.

-Zimmerman asked De Vera about the go-green consultant because it is a new idea for a group. She said that she is aware that there are different student groups and asked if he has a full understanding of this group. Zimmerman said that it is a good idea.

-De Vera said that it would be an institutionalized sustainability arm of the office. He said that he had an outline of the structure and the consistency of what the arm is going to do in the facilities commission.

-Zimmerman said that knowing that he has a full grasp of this organization is beneficial. Zimmerman said that when sponsoring an organization, it is important that the group aligns with your office.

-Birdie asked if this would be a new group or if this group is a new or established group.

-De Vera said that this is an already established group that needs student government support. He said that USAC could show the group ways to be sustainable.

-Yao said that besides the tangible aspects, the group gets a lot of advisory support from a staff that exists to support these projects. She said they provide trainings, a mock hearing process, and a connection to USAC. Yao also said that since she is a part of this commission, it fosters a greater collaboration with the rest of these committees as well.

-Hill said that there is a clause in article 1 section d-6 that talks about stipends. She said that the wording would clarify stipended positions. She also talked about adding elected officials to stipended groups. Hill talked about updating the positions. Hill talked about adding and subtracting from the community service commission, 2 for the president, 1 for the EVP, and 1 for the facilities commission. She said that there would be updated position descriptions for the academic affairs commissioner, the student welfare commissioner, and the financial supports commissioner. Hill said that there was also a change to the SOOF guidelines that talked about the distribution of allocating funds. She talked about t-shirts and about how these shirts are a form of advertising for their groups. The change would allow for more flexibility in providing funding for shirts. She said that they would not be changing the BOD score sheet. She said that the changes would ensure that in the programming fund they were promoting sustainability. Hill asked if there were questions or comments.

-Zimmerman said that Phi had a comment.

-Phi said that there are committees that are outdated on the commission. She said that she had changes. She said that there was no longer campus safety, multicultural awareness, as well as substance space committee. Phi would like to add and change the recycling committee. She would like to add the active minds committee, student self advocate committee, etc.

-Hill asked if Phi could move on the current changes and that she could make changes to the SWC at the next meeting. Hill asked Phi to send her changes via email.

-Zimmerman said that with bylaw changes, there needed to be time to read through all the changes. Zimmerman said that the changes should be emailed and that the changes would be added to the next meeting. She said that mistakes might be made. She also said that with the SOOF t-shirts, the SOOF is student fees. Zimmerman asked if they wanted these student fees to go to t-shirts. She said that with SOOF, the money can't go to a specific event but can only go to the group in general. Zimmerman also said that people are filling out the SOOF applications now and that people aren't aware of the shirt option. She asked how the council would advertise the shirt option.

-Hill said these are good concerns and that she doesn't feel that this should hinder the passing of the SOOF change. She said that the shirts are also good for advertising. Hill also said that the funding study group could be added to the application and that she has been looking into contacting the new groups about the new addition.

-De Vera suggested that since SOOF is due August 31, and, contingent on whether this is approved, the council members could tell student groups about the changes at spaces such as at the Budget Review Committee.

-Birdie asked if CEC would be funded for SGOF rather than SOOF.

-Zimmerman said that Birdie was right.

-Birdie asked if they could use SGOF for funding.

-Hill said that they could not and that all bylaw or funding changes needed to be submitted 7 days in advance.

-Zimmerman said that she thinks that the change requires a follow up that people know about it. She said that people should look up the BRD that it is submitted early enough. She said that there is a way to target specific groups to notify them of the change.

-Santos called to question the bylaw changes as proposed. Spring seconded. With a vote of 8-0-0, the bylaws and update on SOOF guidelines were approved.

XI. Announcements

-De Vera said that he attended a meeting about the student space needs work group that evaluates the student group needs on campus. He talked about the groups and gave the council notification that he would have a special presentation at the next council meeting concerning student needs.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Santos moved and De Vera seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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