

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 31, 2010  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Chris Santos, Matt Spring, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, JC De Vera, Rustom Birdie, Linda Phi, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Katrina Dimacali.

ABSENT: Emily Resnick

GUESTS: Ryan Miller (Daily Bruin), Ronald Arruejo (EVP), Mikaela Saelua (PISA), Kellia Fallon (EVP)

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Spring said strike the USAC roll out funding and the resolution.

-Khy said remove the ESR funding.

-Santos said that it should only say travel grant committee under the presentations.

-Lucas said to add "scheduling of school year meetings" under new business.

-Spring moved and Birdie 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. \*8/17/10

-De Vera said under his officer report, it should read, "needs assessment."

-Spring said that it says, "adjourn" and it should say "approve" under the approval section.

-Spring moved and De Vera seconded to approve the minutes for August 17, 2010, as amended.

-Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes for August 17, 2010 were approved as amended.

IV. Public Comments

**Mikaela Saelua- Pacific Island Student Association**

Saelua commented on the article in the Daily Bruin that slammed the Community Programs Office. She said that she was mad because one of the elected officials was voting there. She said that she talked to administrators in the office and said that they had never met Lucas. Saelua said that there was a political statement that showed that CPO didn't want to work with Lucas. She said that the CPO felt attacked and none of their work was given credit.

V. Special Presentations

Hill introduced the individuals from the different funding sources, including the Budget Review Director and Finance Committee Chair. She said that they would answer questions about their general process and procedure.

**A. Funding Guidelines from the Budget Review Director- Matthew Love**

Love described the budget review committee, which is responsible for the SOOF, SGOF, and USA/BOD.

SOOF is funding for operations for any student group. USA/BOD is for student groups as well. He talked about the budget review committee's composition. Love talked about how the committee allocates funds. He provided

the link that allowed people to access the funding site and the applications to apply for SOOF. He said that SOOF is closed and showed council the BOD funding. He showed the score sheets and everything that was available. Love said that if people had any questions regarding what they needed to do, they are to contact him. Love said that SGOF and SOOF are under the same funding source. Furthermore, Love continued and described the application process and how they determined the application. He showed the council the scoring rubric and presented this to the council. The scoresheet that is utilized to score all of the groups is up to change. He said that the sheet is from 2006-2007 and is up to change. The SGOF application is paper while the SOOF is online. Love said that at the next meeting, they would assess the application and change it as necessary. He said this could be changed at the funding group sessions. Love says that after the scores are calculated, the committee is allocated the appropriate amounts of funding. He presented the formula for providing funding. Love said that they act on behalf of USAC. He described how to calculate the average score. Love talked about the Budget Review team and what it comprised of.

-Birdie asked if Love had to be there in deciding the funding.

-Love said that he does.

-Love went further and talked about the process. The score is calculated, which is similar to their grade. If the applicant meets all of the requirements, they are allocated the maximum amount of funding. He said that he will not change the formula until the funding study group decides on that change. Love said that he is always open to advice. He said that the committee is in no way shape or form static. Love said that if anyone has any recommendations, they should email him. He said that himself and Birdie have had good conversations and mentioned that any concerns should be addressed to him concerning funding procedures.

-Lucas said that when she interviewed him, he said that he would make sure that people did not over-apply the funding. She said that the formula shows that the more you apply for, the more money you receive.

-Love asked for clarification on what she said.

-Lucas asked about the system, that awards these proposals.

-Hill said these are the kinds of questions that are logistical questions and these types of questions should be sent via email.

-Zimmerman said that they have the requested amount and the inflated amount. Zimmerman said that there is an adjusted amount.

-Lucas asked about certain funding that was not accounted for.

-Zimmerman said that there is a cap.

-Lucas said that she was talking about SGOF.

-Love said that these concerns would be addressed.

-Miller asked Love to forward this to Hill so that Hill can forward the slideshow to the rest of council.

-Love said that there is a SOOF presentation that was created by the SGA.

-Birdie asked if the staff online is followed word for word. He asked who is in charge of maintaining this section of the website.

-Love said that after they consult the funding group and then ask the Webmaster to make the change.

-Zimmerman said that she had already made note of the change of dates.

-Birdie asked if groups should be penalized for not following certain guidelines.

-Love said that he could address this concern.

-Santos commended him on his presentation. Santos said that on the online application for SOOF, there were concerns from students where the "next" button is. They were concerned if they could go back to different parts of the application.

-Love said that he could email him or he could consult the funding study group.

-Hill said that the site is not managed by the funding chairs, but the administrators

-Zimmerman said that the people applying should save it on Word first and then submit it so that people have a saved copy of all the paragraphs. She will look into the "back" button.

-Hill thanked Love for his presentation.

#### **B. Funding Guidelines from the Finance Committee Chair- Isaac Rose**

-Rose said that there is a new FiCom application online for anyone to access. He said that he had a meeting with Zimmerman and others in terms of making the process more intuitive. Rose talked about a rubric that was requested and said that they went over changes on the application. Rose said that they want a rating system for the application so that they know by section what is good and what is bad. In the past, the system being used left questions about which parts of the application were lacking the necessary information. He said that if there were any questions, it would be easier to answer because of this new system. Rose said that they implemented a 0,1,2,3 system. For every

part of the application, they will see a number, which corresponds with the quality of that aspect of the application. Rose said that for ever student group they will know how much is allocated and why. They are scored on the description of program among other things. Rose said that the agenda, attendees, etc. are components that are on the new FiCom application. This will allow for the transparency for the finance committee. He said that they love giving money to student groups and that they are there to support the student organizations on campus. Rose said that he made it easier to apply for funding through the new application, which highlights parts that people often miss. He went over the new highlighted aspects of the application. Rose said that it breaks his heart to see a good application with no documentation. He said that it should now be clear that they need to fill out certain parts of the application. Rose said that he would be checking the box on Monday, right before the finance committee convenes. Rose said that he is asking for the application to be emailed as well so that they have it electronically. He said that all proposals should be turned in on time. He also said that if groups don't send in documentation, they will not receive funding. Rose said that he hopes that this makes the application process more clear to student groups. Rose said that it is clearly labeled and that the new funding application and is clearly marked. Rose said that if there were any questions or concerns, he would be happy to address them. He said that online, it is clear that there is a new application.

-Hill asked Rose if there were conversations to moving contingency to an online system.

-Rose said that there hasn't, and that an online system is a little shotty since this happens every week. He said that the paper application is good in terms of creating a paper trail. Rose said that he hasn't heard anything to address this yet.

-Hill said that the electronic system goes a step forward in terms of submitting a document.

-Spring said that the point system is different than last year.

-Rose said that the application process is holistic and that people won't miss out on a significant amount on the application if one part lacks a few points.

-Santos asked how many points a perfect application has.

-Rose said that the points show how the different parts of the application did. He said that instead of saying that the documentation is good, it is assigned a number.

-Hill asked if the total would add up to 9 if it had all aspects on the applications there.

-Rose said yes.

-Zimmerman said that there isn't a percentage designed because there is a list of components. She said that there are different reasons for funding could have a certain category that has more points than another section.

-Khy asked if there could be a rubric so that student groups could get a gauge of how many points they have. This will also allow them to know if they had a good application. Students could see a model to refer to.

-Rose said that due to the differences between programs, it is hard to associate the numbers with different criteria. Rose said that if you fulfill what the section is asking, they will receive the appropriate amount of points. He said that he doesn't feel like a rubric system is necessary.

-Hill asked about the example given. She said that there isn't a lot of supplementary materials for funding applications. She asked for an example of a good application.

-Rose said that since every program is different, he hesitates to put this online because of this. He asked to have more time to think about this.

-Zimmerman said that she could work with him on her staff so that they could come up with applications that go with different programs applied for (retreats, etc.).

-Shah asked if there was a maximum of how much you could apply for and receive.

-Rose said that there is no maximum, and that if anyone has any questions they can contact him.

-Zimmerman said that there are maximums on certain items on the application. These aren't listed on the application but they are on the guidelines.

-Hill said that if council has questions, they can contact Isaac.

### **C. EVP Office's Travel and Advocacy Grant Committee- Ronald Arruejo**

-Arruejo introduced himself as the travel chair on the advocacy grants committee. He said that they will be going over the advocacy grant at the next meeting. He said that the grant comes from referendum money, which was made so that student groups that utilize sources outside of UCLA can go out and use the information they learned and bring it back to the campus community. He said that a student is eligible if the student is enrolled in at least 8 units and has registered group sponsorship. Arruejo said that further information will be emailed or have been. He said that the funding is for conferences and events. Arruejo brought up that the application deals with what the student is going to learn. The conferences can be on a global or a national level. Food is not funded for and the conference must take place before the Friday of week 10 of spring quarter. He said that the application on the website is wrong

and will be updated as soon as the administrative aspects are worked out. Arruejo said that there will be further presentations made to council. The application for funding should be submitted two Mondays before. He said that there is a point system since it is not as popular as the other grants and it is using funds from the EVP office. He said that the history of the project will be taken into account. Arruejo said that they will make sure that it falls in line with what they want to do and the goals of the EVP office. Arruejo talked about the goals and objectives. He said that there is a part of the application where the student has to bring back what they learned back to campus. Arruejo said that there are parts of the application that will be ensured by a mandatory hearing. Arruejo said there used to be a \$500 cap that has been raised to \$750 for qualifying groups. He said that funds are limited and that some groups travel to places such as Washington, DC. He showed the council the checklist of what they need on the application. He said that the guidelines are available and that if anyone has any questions, they may email him.

-Zimmerman said that the link to the application on the USAC website is outdated and that she can fix this.

-Birdie asked if you could apply for funding for EVP and contingency.

-Arruejo said that for EVP, you could only apply for the funding grant. He said that the travel grant is only for off-campus.

-Hill said that on the applications, there is a section that asks for other sources of funding that the group has asked for to prevent discrepancies.

-Hill thanked the EVP office for putting this together.

## VI. Appointments

Lucas said that the ARC convened twice last week. She said she would go through the interview process. The ARC convened the meeting and asked the applicants questions based on their applications.

A. #Wooden Center Board of Governors (WCBOG): Nathan McCurley

This would be a two-year appointment. Pro: knowledgeable about the appointments, innovative ideas, feasible ideas, large amount of interaction with administrators, experience on other extracurricular, dance marathon, fraternity house. No cons. Vote of 3-0-0.

B. # Wooden Center Board of Governors (WCBOG): Jordan McCrary

C. #Committee on Instructional Improvement Programs (CIIP): Austin Ford

D. #UCLA Committee on Disability: Gurpreet Kaur

E. #LGBT Advisory Board: Nana Adjei-Frimpong

F. #Student Conduct Council (SCC): Chris Flores

G. #Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB): Jonathan Kuo

H. #Campus Sustainability Committee (CSC): Kennan Cronen

-Hill said that Lucas could condense the motion and approve all of the appointments for today's date.

-Lucas asked for clarification.

-Hill said that since these were sent out ahead of time, the council can now ask questions.

-Lucas moved to approve all the subject listed appointments: McCurley for WCBOG, McCrary for WCBOG, Ford for CIIP, Kaur for the UCLA Committee on Disability, Adjei-Frimpong for the LGBT Advisory Board, Flores for the SCC, Kuo for the ITPB, and Cronen for the CSC.

-De Vera seconded.

-Hill said that as an item of consent, anyone who is opposed could present objections. She asked if there were any objections.

-Dr. Geller asked for Lucas to spell out what some of the abbreviations stand for.

-Lucas went over all of the acronyms.

-With no objections, these appointments were unanimously approved as an item of consent.

## 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.*

**D. \*Contingency Allocations**

Rose said that the FiCom met last night and had four applications to consider. The number system was implemented here.

**USAC General Representative 1: Total amount recommended- \$366.06**

Rose talked about Spring's application, which was very detailed. He said that they could put it online. Rose said that the application was very complete. There was full documentation that was highlighted and circled where the total numbers were. They received full funding.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council: Total amount recommended- \$250**

Rose said that there was no statement of need and that the application was kind of rushed.

**Samahang Pilipino: Total amount recommended- \$287.13**

**Total Wellness Magazine-SWC: Total amount recommended- \$750**

- Birdie asked to see the application for gen. rep. 1 retreat.
- Hill asked if it is common practice to share applications.
- Dr. Geller said that it is not common practice but it is okay to do.
- Miller moved to approve the applications. Khy seconded.
- Santos asked Rose how often he checks his mailbox.
- Rose said that all recs were signed. Rose said that the last time he went to SGA was in June. He said he will be going everyday to the mailbox during the school year.
- De Vera called to question the contingency funding allocation for August 31, 2010. With a vote of 10-0-0, the allocations for August 31, 2010 have been approved.
- Dr. Geller said that for clarification purposes on the appointments, it was not made clear on whether the appointments are one year or two year.
- Hill said that from her memory, the applications are all one year except for Nathan.
- Lucas said that she is 99% sure that all of the applications are one year and one is two year.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

**President – Jasmine Hill**

- Hill said that she has been having good meetings in terms of the budget review director and what to do with student groups that apply for more funding than is available. She said that they are looking at groups that are putting on yield events are acknowledged.
- Hill talked about the campus retention committee and for seats that work with them are on that committee as well. She said that if you are a part of this committee, they should attend a meeting or send a proxy. If there is a proxy sent, they are to be sent to Hill. These people include Khy, Birdie, and Phi.
- Hill said that she is meeting with the student regent tomorrow. Hill said that if there any questions they can contact her. They will talk about the initiatives from her office.
- Hill said that she had a recap meeting with Rick Tuttle, who previously sat on council.
- Thursday at 11am, there will be a campus committee meeting on John Wooden Day in Murphy Hall. There will be representatives from the student affairs, external affairs, the volunteer center, media and communications, and other collaborators on these projects.
- Hill thanked the council for outreaching for the survey. She said that generally, people were familiar with USAC and felt like they were doing an okay job. She said that she will share the results and that Tressel has been helpful in this process as well.

- Hill said that Lucas and herself started talking about retreat. They were able to sketch out the agenda, which includes expectations of what the council will facilitate.
- De Vera- ice breaker/bonding activities
- Spring- ground rules
- Yao- leading council members in the expectations on their positions/constitution
- Lucas and De Vera- personal working styles
- Birdie- ice breaker
- Miller and Khy- campus assessment
- Shah and Ma- sculpting the USAC vision
- Spring and Hill- discussion on how to connect the different resources back to their vision
- Phi and Ma- activity sketching out the USAC master calendar
- Ma- video for Bruin Bash
- She wanted to make sure that there were USAC-wide pictures. In Lucas's update, there will be more logistic matters.
- De Vera asked for Hill to send this out.
- Birdie went to the CRC and asked what time to meet and what day was established.
- Khy said that they meet Thursdays from 5-7pm.

#### **Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas**

- Lucas said that the retreat is this weekend. She said that they will be in Westwood for the retreat. Lucas said that it is by Hilgard and that the drivers are set. There will be presentations on Friday in Kerckhoff. The administration dinner would be on Friday.
- Tressel said that he would be unable to attend the dinner on Friday.
- Dr. Geller said that she is flexible Friday or Saturday.
- Zimmerman said that she is available on Friday.
- Lucas said that they would transfer funds to SGA. She said that they will come back to Kerckhoff for a debriefing session. In terms of food, they will go to Ralphs for the groceries.
- Lucas said that one of the initiatives they want to work on is the campus safety alliance. They are also working with Phi.
- Lucas talked about the internal vice president position, which is supposed to collect reports from the student advocacy groups. These will be collected by the first week of fall quarter. She said that she would be conducting these reports.
- If the council has questions about the retreat, they are to ask Lucas.
- Hill said the retreat will begin at 5pm in Kerckhoff. In the past, there is an expectation for the administrators to come for the reports section. From the dinner, the council will go to the house. Saturday morning will be the longest day and breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Sunday, the retreat will be in Kerckhoff. The retreat should adjourn on Sunday at 1pm.
- Dr. Geller said that she did not make a presentation last year and that the council should let her know of their expectations.
- Zimmerman said that the council should contact Debrah Simmons, who usually makes presentations. Simmons might have something prepped and that Simmons might be able to stay after hours.
- Dr. Nelson said that he does a workshop and can cut down the time. He said that he will figure out how to present this. He hopes to get the council to know each other better.
- Tressel said that there was a good overview of the alumni association. He said that he wanted to do something different, which could be done half an hour before a council meeting before school starts.
- Hill said that she may touch base with him from a student affairs standpoint.
- Yao asked if offices typically bring staff members.
- Lucas said that in the past it has happened, but she doesn't want it to happen. She said that for house issues and for bonding purposes they should come on Sunday if they are coming.
- Hill said that they would be sending a list of items to bring.
- Spring asked if it was close enough to walk to.
- Lucas said they should bring the car to go grocery shopping and to go to dinner.
- Spring asked if there was parking at the house.
- Lucas said that there is parking at the house.
- Birdie asked if they should bring money for dinner.

- Lucas said that if they are over 21, the only thing that is not paid for are alcoholic beverages. Other than that, meals are paid for.
- Zimmerman said that there is a cap for the funding given for meals.
- Santos asked if this information would be provided in the email.
- Hill said it will be in the email or be told the day before.
- Dr. Nelson asked who was coming to retreat.
- Lucas said that Resnick is the only person that can't attend whatsoever.
- Dr. Nelson asked if the staff of offices were going.
- Lucas said no.
- Rose said that he cannot attend and that he would try to send Kia over.
- Tressel said that Rose needs to have a representative in attendance from the Finance Committee.
- Lucas said that if they are to send a proxy, they should let her know.

#### **External Vice President--Chris Santos**

- Santos talked about the travel grants. The travel grant and advocacy committee revised some guidelines for the application. There is a commitment from the chair and him to try to increase the cap for the limit that the travel grant offers. They feel like the travel grant is a great source for students.
- Santos met with the Bruin Lobby Corps office, the official lobbying component, in terms of how to improve it. He said that UCLA has one of the only lobby corps of the whole UC system and they are still trying to improve it and make it better. Santos said that they want to extend their resources to other UC campuses.
- Santos has met with people in terms of bringing gubernatorial candidates to the campus. He talked about the possibility of having one of the debates at UCLA. He said that this would be a lot of work and would take a lot of lobbying, but they are pushing for that.
- Santos has been having conversations to bring the mayor of Los Angeles to John Wooden day.
- Santos has been preparing for the USSA meeting, UCSA meeting, and the UC Regents meeting. All of the regents meeting except for one will be in UCSF.
- Santos said that there will be applications out for stARs, which is an application for the student advocates for the regents. The students can meet with the regents. There are 4 of these students, undergraduates and graduates, at each regents meeting. These will be like presidential appointments but on the UC wide level.
- Tressel said that if they do get the gubernatorial candidates, tell them that they need to answer questions.
- Santos said this is definitely something that they will be pushing for in the beginning. He said that they are taking this into consideration and that he wants the students to get something out of it. Santos said it would be a photo op.
- Khy asked for the dates.
- Santos said there are no set dates for them to come to campus, but they are having conversations about getting the debate here. He said that if they can't get the debate, they will try to get the candidates to come to campus.

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy**

- Khy talked about the commission of the future. The academic response came out on August 13, which was all of the universities coming together. The gist of the report had to do with concerns under minute ordinary processes, multiple autonomy, and the scope of the recommendations were a response to the fiscal crisis rather than looking at the university as a whole. Khy said that she can send the link to the report.
- Khy said that there is a last meeting on these recommendations today and that the set recommendations will be presented to the regents early Fall.
- Khy and Birdie have been working on the textbook loan project. They found the books in the basement. Khy said that they are trying to figure out where to place the books.

#### **Administrative Representative-- Dr. Geller**

- Dr. Geller talked about the Governance Conference on Wednesday, September 22 from 10-2. She said that they took out any icebreaker with sessions that are 20 minutes each. She said that the plans for the year would be presented. Dr. Geller said that at 12, the chancellor would be joining them for lunch. From 1-2, there would be breakout sessions. She said that they want all of the offices represented. The chief of staff or another staff member should be sent if the councilmember cannot go. She said that this would introduce them to administrators who can help them with their goals for this year. Dr. Geller said that this is a relatively small event and is for council and representatives. There will also be the key appointees that sit on the ASUCLA board of directors would be there as

well. She said that she would not be there this year. After Friday evening, the council would not see her until October.

-Dr. Nelson said that he would be here for two weeks.

#### **Student Support Services—Patty Zimmerman**

-Zimmerman said that the Waiverpool application is online and the deadline for October is due soon. She will email them the link and is the easiest funding application to fill out. She said that it would make an event go from expensive to free. She said that they are strict on the deadlines.

-Birdie asked if the Waiverpool would apply for space funding.

-Zimmerman said that it also covers for Bruin Plaza, Ackerman, etc.

-Birdie asked for the deadline.

-Zimmerman said that it's on the application on the website. She said that it is a Google Doc.

-Zimmerman said that there is a standardized business card emailed. The council should set up appointments with her. She said that it is \$50 for 250 business cards.

-Hill asked if there is a cap for Waiverpool and if all student groups can apply.

-Zimmerman said there is a cap depending on the venue and that if you have an event, it pays for your set up staff, venue, and house staff. It doesn't pay for linens. She said that in AGB, it pays for the staffing, the venue, and an additional \$500. She said that linens and venue can go in the \$500. In Bruin Plaza, it can pay for sound and chairs.

-Hill said that she has never seen it on the USAC website. She asked why it wasn't on the website.

-Zimmerman said that as of last year, the applications that were on there were only the ones that came from SGA. She said that on the CSP website, all funding sources are available. Zimmerman said that she is more than happy to utilize that.

-Hill asked if this was okay to do in terms of listing all funding.

-Zimmerman said that she has spoken to the division manager work on this.

#### IX. Old Business

##### **John Wooden Day**

##### Outreach and Publicity—Birdie

Birdie said that Ma will head the design of the flowers. They are working with the UCLA radio and Daily Bruin. There has been works on the t-shirts and the free wristbands. He said that he found out that Miller and Ma were on his committee.

-Hill said that Mick Delucka volunteered to make the banner in Bruin Plaza, to be used as advertising space. She asked if the wristbands from the Den would be incorporated.

-Birdie said the wristbands are from the Den.

##### Daytime Event

Yao talked about the UCLA community school contact. She said that she talked to a teacher from the elementary schools and they are excited to participate with these events. She said that the leadership teacher hasn't been hired yet.

-Santos is moving forward on getting the mayor to come.

-Hill said that the campus committee is being put together as well.

##### Evening Event

-Spring said that they have met with the Athletic Director on how to structure the event. They received the support and approval of the family. They hope to incorporate the family into the event. The rededication of the Pauley Pavilion will be on that day as well. Spring said that they are hoping to make this a celebration. Spring said that he hopes to work with the fraternity Beta to incorporate them into the evening events.

#### X. New Business

##### **A. \*Bylaw Revisions- Jasmine Hill/Linda Phi**

-De Vera moved to amend the bylaws. Santos seconded.

-Hill said that there were SWC projects that were out of date and were updated recently. She asked if there were any questions on this in general.

-Shah called to question the bylaw revisions. Spring seconded. With a vote of 9-0-1, the SWC bylaws were amended.

-Spring moved to amend the agenda to make SOOF guideline changes an action item. De Vera seconded. There were no objections.

#### **B. \*SOOF Revisions-- Jasmine Hill**

-Hill said that there were supplementary materials that were sent along with these guidelines. She asked if there were any questions about the guidelines.

-Miller asked if the only part that was being changed was about t-shirts

-Hill said the section being changed is bolded and in red.

-Spring moved to approve the SOOF guideline changes. Ma seconded.

-De Vera called to question the amendment to the SOOF guidelines. Miller seconded. With no objections, they moved forward to a vote. With a vote of 10-0-0, the SOOF guidelines as of August 31, 2010 were amended.

-Hill asked if there were any questions on the FAQs. She said that student groups can meet with licensed dealers and can't use more than 30% of their SOOF on t-shirts. She said the shirts can only be for groups and only one t-shirt design is approved per year.

-Birdie asked if these assumptions are made clear

-Zimmerman said that these guidelines are online.

-Hill said that since this is new, Hill can only purchase t-shirts (no tanks, buttons, etc.)

#### **C. Resolution in Support of the Reinstatement of the American Indian Student Affairs Officer- Suza Khy**

-Khy said that she has been updating the council on this. She said that the position provides a lot of counseling and helps the students perform well academically. She said that this community has a small community (.04%). She said that it is crucial to find ways to support them academically and that it is important to support student's needs

-Santos moved to approve the resolution in support of the reinstatement of the American Indian Student Association's Demand for the reinstatement of the American Indian Students Affairs Officer and the publication of the article in the Daily Bruin on October 10. Ma seconded.

-The resolution read as follows:

#### ***"Resolution in Support of the American Indian Student Association's Demand for the Reinstatement of the American Indian Studies Student Affairs Officer"***

*Whereas, UCLA students have had a tradition of active engagement in American Indian issues of social justice, representing 80 of the 100 American Indians at the occupation of Alcatraz (1)*

*Whereas the UCLA Pow Wow is recognized as the second largest student-run pow wow in the state, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year (2)*

*Whereas, UCLA has been a leader in American Indian Studies undergraduate and graduate studies, as well as law studies, including the establishment of the American Indian Studies Center in 1969 (3)*

*Whereas, the American Indian Studies Center has contributed to the academic richness of the university with groundbreaking research and world-renowned scholarly publications (4)*

*Whereas Retention American Indians Now (RAIN) and American Indian Recruitment (AIR) have been at the forefront of UCLA programs supporting both the recruitment and retention of native students*

*Whereas, UCLA Regular Rank faculty is composed of only 0.2% Native American faculty (5)*

*Whereas, the proportion of American Indians in the UCLA undergraduate student population is less than the national average of 1.1% (6), despite a higher representation of the American Indian population in California as compared to the nation (7)*

*Whereas, the American Indian undergraduate student population on campus is 0.04% percent (8)*

*Whereas, in 1994 the American Indian Studies Student Affairs Officer position was developed to coordinate the Student/Community Relations unit by the American Indian Studies Center which allowed for a significant academic and student support network to the marginalized American Indian students*

*Whereas, the position was charged with performing all administrative/faculty support and student affairs duties for the American Indian Studies Interdepartmental Program (IDP) which was fully transferred over to the IDP in 1999 by then Dean Scott Waugh, College of Letters and Science and Claudia Mitchell Kernan, Dean of the Graduate Division.*

*Whereas the American Indian Studies Student Affairs Officer's duties and tasks include but are not limited to:*

- 1. Counseling undergraduate and graduate students*
- 2. Administration of undergraduate and graduate student affairs in American Indian Studies Center [AISC]*
- 3. Overseeing American Indian student and alumni organizations with AISC and UCLA*
- 4. Overseeing financial aid and fiscal opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students of AISC*
- 5. Recruiting American Indian students and connecting UCLA with AI tribes and the community at large*

*Whereas, the American Indian Studies Student Affairs Officer position was terminated indefinitely by the Dean of Social Sciences, Alessandro Duranti despite the Student Affairs Officer's 20 years of dedicated service to the American Indian community on campus and at large*

*Whereas, the loss of the American Indian Studies Student Affairs Officer position threatens the academic well-being and success of the American Indian community on campus*

*Whereas, students taking classes within the American Indian Studies IDP rely on the resources and guidance of this Student Affairs Officer in order to progress in their chosen field of study*

*Whereas, a survey of educators involved in American Indian studies and services from 11 institutions revealed that 90% consider counseling services important or very important for American Indian student retention (9)*

*Whereas, this year marks 40 years of Ethnic Studies at UCLA as a testament to UCLA's commitment to diversity, the fifth hallmark of UCLA (10)*

*Whereas, Chancellor Block dedicated this year to be the Year of Ethnic Studies to commemorate and support cultural and ethnic diversity on campus (11)*

*Whereas, the Ethnic Studies programs at UCLA is pivotal to the holistic education of all UCLA students by promoting cultural understanding and providing critical perspectives on the role of race and ethnicity in American society*

*Let it be resolved that the Undergraduate Student Association Council supports the American Indian Student Association's demand for the immediate reinstatement of the American Indian Studies Student Affairs Officer position*

*Let it be further resolved that the Undergraduate Student Association Council urges the University of California, Los Angeles to pledge to maintain the independence and sovereignty of the American Indian Studies Center and American Indian Studies Interdepartmental Program*

*Let it be finally resolved that the Undergraduate Student Association Council urges the University of California, Los Angeles to financially support and promote all the Ethnic Studies Interdepartmental Programs, Departments, and Centers at UCLA.*

## Sponsored by:

Suza Khy, USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner  
 Jamie Yao, USAC Community Service Commissioner  
 Kinnery Shah, USAC Cultural Affairs Commissioner  
 Jasmine Hill, USAC President

## Footnotes:

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-Hill opened up the resolution to questions and amendments. She told Khy and Shah to have an updated version as people edit it.

-Khy said that there were friendly amendments sent by Dr. Geller.

-De Vera asked if friendly amendments were grammatical changes.

-Hill said that they are grammatical changes that don't need to be motioned upon.

-Santos asked if they are working with Dean Durante.

-Khy said that they would be meeting with him soon.

-Spring asked if they could switch clause 7 and 8.

-Yao said that a footnote is missing but they will add it.

-Khy said that there are some commas missing after the "whereas" and after "let it be resolved" there is no comma after.

-De Vera said that there should be another comma after a "let it be resolved" in the last part of the resolution.

-Tressel said that the person who made the motion needs to approve the friendly amendments

-Santos approved all friendly amendments. Ma seconded.

-Spring called to question the resolution and the publication in the Daily Bruin during the week of October 10.

-Birdie asked if he has to say "as amended."

-Tressel said that whoever made the motion to approve the resolution needs to approve the friendly amendments.

-Santos approved all friendly amendments. Ma seconded.

-With a vote of 10-0-0, the resolution has been approved at the publication is sent for the week of October 10.

-Hill said to send any changes to be sent to Zimmerman.

#### **Schedule of School Year Meetings- Miller**

-Miller said that next meeting they would officially decide when to start meeting every Tuesday.

-Hill said that the question here is whether they will be meeting on zero week

-Dr. Geller said that it is standard to meet week 1 and they only have to vote if they are going to meet prior to week 1.

-Hill said that as weeks go on, if there is a need to meet week zero they are to bring it up at the next agenda.

-Dr. Nelson said when they invite people to make public responses, they are to decide whether there is to be any action in response to the public comment. He said that the council should be thinking about this.

-Hill said that it was not custom for council members to respond for public comment. She asked if that was correct.

-Dr. Nelson said that is correct, but the worst thing they could do is to have a public comment and no response, especially when there is a request from council.

-Santos said that he disagrees with how public comment works. He said that they should look at the purpose of public comment and consider that if they come in to speak, they should come in and respond to them. Santos said that this year, since they are working on their image, it doesn't seem like the best idea for them to come in and leave without response.

-Hill said that there are some agenda items that bring in more people. She said that she collects the information of the people that make a public comment and that

-Miller said that he wants to echo what was said. He said that they have reacted to public comments before and to keep in mind that they have given themselves an option to respond to public comment

-Hill said that they don't ask for the list.

-Zimmerman said that the names go on the minutes.

-Santos brought up the letter sent to De Vera and wanted to highlight how someone took the initiative to come in and talk to them. He said that there has to be a way to respond to the students that come in. Santos said that this could be talked about at a later meeting

-Hill said that this is something they should do immediately. She said that it is important for students to know that they are acknowledged

-Birdie said that it is a great idea to respond in emails. He asked how the email would be sent out.

-Hill said that they would email sent out and they would have the list so that an officer can respond personally. Hill said that she will commit to give a report on the third week of Fall on this.

-Zimmerman said that the council can respond to the person who made public comment. Next meeting, they will start collecting their email addresses.

-Birdie asked if the public has to show which organization they are from.

-Hill said that the organization/affiliation section of the sign in sheet is for referral purposes.

#### XI. Announcements

-Spring said thank you to people who sent in questions for the survey.

-Spring said thank you for the donations of an iPod and giftcards as rewards for the survey. He asked the council to send in their office hours.

-Birdie said that there will be a Daily Bruin article on USAC over the summer. He asked who would be looking into this. He asked who would be dealing with resolutions and branding.

-Hill said she is unclear on his question.

-Birdie said that someone contacted him and asked about what USAC was up to over the summer

-Hill said that she will talk to the Daily Bruin and will assign reporters to contact the council. She reminded the council to highlight what they did and that they don't have to put everything they worked on in

-Yao said that UCLA was rated #1 for their community service and participation

-De Vera said that at the orientation tabling, people expressed interest on different offices. He said that they can send out staff applications to them.

-Hill said that officers should indicate whether or not they are still accepting staff.

-Miller said anything sent last summer is not in his hard drive. Any pertinent information is to be sent again. He apologized for any inconvenience.

#### XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

- Birdie moved and Yao 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 9:20 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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