

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday September 14, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Matt Spring, Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, JC De Vera, Rustom Birdie, Linda Phi, Dr. Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT: Dr. Geller, Cris Santos

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Lucas moved to strike Fonda Williams for the CS mini fund from the appointment section

-Khy moved to strike ASRF and mini grants.

-Hill moved to strike the travel grant.

-Spring added an officer report.

-Shah moved to strike the cultural mini grant

- De Vera moved and Resnick 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

-Spring said that Resnick was not present at the last meeting. Under Public comments, it should read community programming office instead of community programs office.

-De Vera said that under Public Comments, it is the Pacific Island Student Association

-De Vera said that under contingency, it says "application" where it should say "allocation."

-Spring moved to approve the minutes as amended. De Vera seconded.

-Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting minutes for September 14, 2010 were approved.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Special Presentations

USAC President-- Jasmine Hill

Hill went over what was discussed at the retreat. She said that she would talk about Volunteer Day. The presentation was entitled "25% of the work is done." She talked about the nation-wide conference, the presidential appointments, how they connected with different groups such as CAPS and ISP, the plans made to honor coach Wooden, branding and the branding campaign, the freshmen orientation affairs, USAC being in the Daily Bruin (mentioned 9 times in 12 weeks), restarting the USAC committee to ensure fair funding, the new approach to public comments, etc. She showed the council the new USAC student logo. Hill talked about utilizing the new logo on the website and on the t-shirts for student groups. Hill talked about what was coming up in the fall. She talked about what was coming up: meet with the Daily

Bruin editor, utilize the spaces created, continue to discuss visibility, utilize meeting space to further goals. Hill talked about holistic education, diversity, safe open spaces, etc. in terms of what was to be done. She went over the USAC retreat and how they were able to do the following: better understand each other, the roles of the council members, create goals for council based on our ideal campus and student needs, revisit data from branding surveys, look at ways to better communicate with campus and co-program with one another. Hill went over the recommendations from the branding surveys. She said that it is important that the USAC name goes on everything. Hill talked about referring all activities to the website and updating it frequently. Hill talked about coordinating communication with at least two other offices and using the USAC calendar. Hill talked about organizing a campaign to show students the value of USAC. She talked about the importance of clearly communicating what you do and what you're doing in terms of USAC council members. Hill talked about what USAC does, which can be encompassed through "service, money, events, [and] your future." She asked the council about what they want from people: to know what the council has or what the council does.

-Shah said that goals are important for council members individually. She said that it is important in telling people what they have to offer.

-Hill talked about putting flyers in the ORL lunch bags. She talked about the campus-wide email that would be submitted this weekend. She talked about the USAC staff mixer and the Ask USAC desk. She talked about the USAC Rollout, which encompasses the USAC A-board. Hill mentioned promoting at events, solidifying language of goals, and the importance of consistency with needs assessments. Hill talked about the importance of listening to the needs of students. Hill then talked about welcome week. Sunday will be Bruin Bash. Monday will be the Enormous Activities Fair, with 5 volunteers per office. The New Student Welcome will be from 3:45-5pm at Drake Stadium. The USAC council will be leading the True Bruin Pledge. Tuesday is Volunteer Day. Wednesday is the Student Governance Conference from 10-2 in Covell.

-Phi said that there can be 1/8 of a piece of paper passed out.

-Hill talked about Volunteer Day. Wednesday is the Student Governance Conference. She told council to bring a friend. This will be helpful to film throughout the day. The council will pick up the cameras and the t-shirts by this Friday. On Tuesday at 8am, the council will meet in the lobby of their assigned residential hall. The council will follow students throughout the day and capture the energy of what's happening. After, they are to bring the cameras back to the Student Governance day to return.

-Birdie asked if the friend will only record you.

-Hill said yes.

-Miller asked about his role at Volunteer Day.

-Hill said that she will be spearheading this and they can work out plans for the day.

Hill presented where each council member will be going. She showed council where they would load the buses. Hill told the council to remember their location and go onto the correct bus.

-Resnick asked where zone 5 is.

-Hill said it is near De Neve.

-Hill said that there was a Google Doc of more information about Volunteer Day. It contains information about where they go and the task captains.

-Spring asked where the document was.

-Hill said she would send the document again.

-Lucas asked if someone else could pick up the t-shirt and camera on Friday.

-Hill said yes.

-Spring asked if Hill could send the entire presentation to council.

-Williams commended Hill on the presentation and said that it was one of the best presentations he had ever seen.

VI. Appointments

Miller moved to table the Appointments and Fund Allocations. De Vera seconded.

A. * Tiffany Lin for Student Health Advocacy Committee

She is being nominated for a two-year position. She opened the floor to questions about the application. Lucas said that positives were on her actual personal involvement from health care issues. She also seemed genuinely compassionate for being an advocate for health on campus. She was nominated with unanimous consent. Lucas moved to approve Lin for SHAC. Spring seconded.

-Lin introduced herself as a third year psychobiology student. She has worked with ORL and APC.

- Hill said that SHAC is composed of grad students and undergrads. She asked about her experience with working with different groups.
- Lin said that through APC she worked with different administrators. She had opportunities to work with grad students. She said that she had programming about mental health as a part of APC.
- Lucas said that in her interview, she touched on why students didn't know about SHAC. She asked how Lin would increase visibility.
- Lin said that SHAC could be moved to its own website. She talked about putting the website on the Ashe Center website and people could leave comments about their experience at their appointment. She said that they could benefit from input of the health care system.
- Miller asked about what the most important health care issues are for students and how she would address those on SHAC.
- Lin said that flu shots were an issue and having vaccinations and other resources is important, especially for first and second year students. She said that another issue students might face could be the fee increase for SHIP, which increased 22%. Lin talked about working with staff to make sure that fees don't increase and the quality for students stays the same.
- Lucas mentioned Lin's ORL experience and asked her to elaborate how it would help working with student committees.
- Lin said that she was able to work with different people, such as the LGBT community. Lin talked about addressing issues that weren't usually addressed and how through ORL and CAPS they were able to make more information available.
- Spring mentioned that they wanted appointments to be more included in USAC. He asked how she could make SHAC more visible to USAC.
- Lin said that she would give someone the task of being the liaison to USAC.
- Resnick said that she would love to co-program with her. She asked what kinds of programs she would like to do.
- Lin talked about having town halls on health issues and people's concerns. She hopes to have one or two town halls where students can voice their concerns.
- Phi called to question the appointment of Lin. De Vera seconded.
- With a unanimous vote, Tiffany Lin was appointed to the Student Health Advocacy Committee.

B. * Jayme Turla for CS Mini Fund

- Lucas said that she emailed council. She moved to approve Turla for CS Mini Fund. Shah seconded.
- Turla said that she is a fourth year political science major. She does community service outside of UCLA and does work with UCLA Unicamp.
- Spring asked why she feels service is important to the campus.
- Turla said that there are values that you can learn from community service. She also said that it is a humbling experience. Turla said that community service also promotes communication.
- Hill asked, to her knowledge, what types of things do students apply for and what experience she had in terms of the CS Mini Fund.
- Turla said with Project Literacy she applied for the fund. She said that her experience has allowed her to learn about what students need and allows her to assist other projects of what is coming.
- Yao said that during her interview, she talked about communication with other projects.
- Turla said that she was the community service chair of the Project Literacy and she was able to work with CRC.
- Shah asked what are some of the most prevalent issues that community service projects had been facing.
- Turla said that budgeting problems and funding needs are some difficulties for projects.
- Yao asked what are some of the greatest funding needs faced with community service projects.
- Turla said that transportation is one of the most difficult problems.
- Hill asked how she would manage her time.
- Turla said that in terms of meetings, she should be accessible for those.
- Lucas said that she is enamored by her passion for community service. She said that her experience makes her qualified for this role. She thanked her for applying.
- Miller called to question Turla for the appointment for the CS Mini Fund. Yao seconded.
- With a unanimous vote, Turla was appointed for the CS Mini Fund.

C. # Andrae Vigil Romero for TGIF Student Representative*

-Lucas moved to approve Romero for TGIF Student Representative.

-De Vera asked for the points from his application.

-Zimmerman said that she had worked with Romero in the TGIF office. She said that he had worked with ASUCLA. Zimmerman said that he was looking to apply for funding to express how important TGIF is to the community.

-Hill said that he was promoting for TGIF even before he had the role of being a student representative.

-Lucas said that he has extensive experience in sustainability issues and with TGIF funding. She said that he was able to improve TGIF without being on the committee. The ARC believes that he has promising outlooks on the future. He has green-related positions in USAC which can incorporate USAC and TGIF. He talked about working in USAC offices in his previous experience. He knows application problems. There were no cons and had unanimous consent.

-Birdie seconded the approval of Romero for TGIF Student Representative. There were no objections. As an item of consent, Andrae Vigil Romero was approved for TGIF Student Representative.

Lucas moved to strike Amana from the agenda. Miller seconded.

-Birdie asked when the deadline was for the E-board chair.

-Lucas said that ARC interviewed the E-board chair for an hour. She said that he couldn't come to the meeting tonight because of prior commitments, but he will be at the next meeting.

-Hill said that the deadline is in October.

-De Vera said to ensure the transition of appointments, they should ask appointees of a thorough evaluation of their entire year. This would give them something to pass down to the next appointees.

-Hill said that this should happen in a formalized way.

-Birdie asked how the other appointees coming in making presentations has been going.

-Lucas said that every appointee should be making presentations in the upcoming meetings and that she will hold them accountable to that.

-Hill reminded the council how many appointees they approved and said that some people could come in or send in written updates.

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

Rose said that for the past 12 days, Kia has been responding to recs. He said that him and Steven, the other member of Fi-Com, have been going over applications. Rose said that 80% of the applications are from USAC offices. There were a lot of good, thorough applications.

-There will be a joint retreat between gen rep 1 and the facilities commission. They received \$900 for their retreat.

-De Vera asked if the max for retreats were in the guidelines.

-Rose said that it was \$450.

-Resnick moved to approve the contingency applications. Ma seconded. Khy called to question the funding allocations. Shah seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency applications for September 14, 2010 were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

-Hill said that she is preparing the speech for the New Student Welcome and will incorporate their vision into the speech. She is also working continuously with people from development to make sure that the scholarship is funded. Hill met with the student regent and had discussions about the status of institutionalized aid, his role as a regent, and expectations as a representative on that board.

-Birdie asked when they would send the campus-wide email.

-Hill said this weekend.

-Resnick asked if there was a deadline for sending them information for this.

-Hill said this Friday.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said that she has been working on her how-to guide and working with people from the OCHC and working on academic ventures on the hill. She wrote an article for the Daily Bruin about what USAC is and how to get involved.

External Vice President Liaison—Diego Sepulveda

Santos said that Santos is at the regents meeting advocating for institutionalized aid. He talked about organizing for jobs for economic reform. He talked about the DREAM act and how it will come into a vote next week. He said that they are hoping to mobilize for this to influence the outcome of the bill and its passing.

Erienne Overli- Student Programming Office

She talked about voter registration and the importance of voting this year. Overli passed out voter registration forms for the November elections. The deadline to register is October 18. They will be dorm-storming and asked the council for help. They will be at the Enormous Activities Fair and will have clipboards signing up people. They will be tabling every week from 10-2. Their goal is to do 300 class presentations. Overli hopes to see people involved and to see an increase in voter registration.

-Zimmerman said there is a link on the USAC website. The link says, "Rock the Vote, Register to Vote."

-She said that she is excited that people are now able to vote online. She said the goal is 4500 by October 18. She said that she needs the council's help to make that happen.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

-Khy said the campus retention committee and the student initiated access committee had their budget proposals due. She said that this week would be hearings and deliberations. She talked about her meeting with one of the campus organizers. Khy plans to host academic workshops for the fall, which includes tips on applying, testing etc. She said that once they solidify dates, they will present these to councils. Khy said that she is also working on a scholarship for the different classes. Khy talked about the meeting with Dean Durante and how they are proposing an academic counselor position and a native recruiter and counseling assistant to support students since the other position was removed. There will be a meeting tomorrow, where they will be meeting the dean.

-Hill said she hopes everyone understands the context of the removal of the position. Hill said that the position has been virtually reinstated. She encouraged the council to remember the weight and significance of their voice for students.

-Colvo asked if she mentioned Kaplan, the test bank company

-Khy said yes

-Birdie said that they want to offer three free courses for any class they offer. Birdie hopes to offer scholarships.

-Colvo asked if they could direct them to Heller, who has been in contact with all of the Kaplan test company and other testing companies.

General Representative—Matt Spring

-Spring talked about the USAC Mixer. The Staff Mixer room is being reserved. They will let people know about the upcoming details.

-Boulroch introduced himself as part of outreach through the gen rep 1 office. He talked about building a bridge between USAC and the general student body. He said that the first event coming up is the USAC Rollout on Thursday, September 30 11:30-2 in Bruin Plaza. This will give students a chance to learn about USAC and what different offices are doing. Each council member will be hosting a booth in Bruin Plaza. He urged council to have interactivity to get people involved. He gave an example of the CEC giving people cameras if they are interested in getting involved with a film program. He asked the council to bring laptops to create Listserves. He told the council that they would be doing a group dance in order to show people their personalities. He talked about the Ask USAC table, which they hope to get out by Week 3. Essentially, each day one of the offices would host the table. The table would promote what they are doing in order to increase the transparency of USAC and to provide a space for students to ask questions and know the council better. He talked about organizing meetings between the council and different student organizations. The council would teach the groups about different resources and opportunities for co-programming. He gave the council the contact information to set up meetings with student groups. He asked the council to get their fall office hours settled and get it back to the gen rep 1 office. He thanked the council for their input on the student organizational survey.

-De Vera said that it is a good idea that there is an Ask USAC table. De Vera said this would be like office hours outside of Kerckhoff. He said that it is a good way to be visible to the student body.

ASUCLA Student Support Manager--Patricia Zimmerman

Zimmerman said that there are still open spots for the parking permits. She said that if council needs business cards, they could use SGOF funding for those.

IX. Old Business

John Wooden Day

Daytime—Linda Phi

-She was able to get into contact with the principal of the high school and agreed to have students come in to teach the students about education through the teachings of John Wooden.

-Hill said that there is a Campus Committee meeting at 10.

Nighttime—Matt Spring

-Spring said that the events would be more of a birthday celebration. He said that he is meeting with other student groups and that they are meeting with the Campus Committee tomorrow. Spring said that there is a lot to do in terms of promoting and that he will be emailing the council with what to do.

-Spring said that he worked with the Webmaster and that he should have it done by next week on John Wooden.

-Hill said that for Daytime, they have full clearance ahead for the mayor's presence and there will be a city proclamation.

-Birdie asked if he could send him all the dates for the daytime and nighttime committee so that they can place it in the flyer

Marketing and Publicity/Media and Outreach—Rustom Birdie

-Birdie said that there would be banners that are donated, with one at Bruin Plaza and one near the IM Field. These will be put up on October 7.

-Hill reminded the council that this is happening and that people are excited to support them. She asked the committees to meet within this week.

X. New Business

Financial Supports Commissioner—Rustom Birdie

Birdie talked about the textbook scholarship. He talked about the existence of the scholarship, with this year being its third year. It is designed to alleviate Bruins' financial burden when it comes to quarterly textbook expenses. He said that he plans to increase number of recipients rewarded from 200 to 300. He said that the scholarship expires after three quarters. He said that it is expanding because more students are being affected by affordability. He said that the scholarship is very popular and that addressing affordability is part of their vision. Birdie said that all UCLA undergraduates who are US citizens/permanent residents can apply for the scholarship. He said that demonstration of financial need is no longer a requirement in the application process. He said students just need their name, UIC, and email address. Before, there were brackets based on students' financial status. He said that all students give fees to USAC and this is a way to give money back. Birdie said that the FAO has strict guidelines which determines who's eligible for aid. Birdie talked about the burdens of financial strain. He talked about the application on the USAC website and showed it to the council. He said that the deadline to apply is Thursday, September 23 by 5pm on zero week. 100 university IDs will be selected for the fall quarter. There will be witnesses present when the winners are selected to ensure an objective process. The FAO will check the 100 university IDs to ensure the recipients are eligible. From there, they will adjust their eFAN. He said next, the student government of accounting and the ASUCLA store will process names for disbursement funds. By Wednesday of Week 1, winners can buy books with their scholarship money. Winners must stop by the FSC office in Kerckhoff after a brief orientation. He said that funding is taken from USAC surplus. Since the surplus is not confirmed yet, Birdie asked for \$50,000 right now (for fall and winter scholarships). Birdie motioned to approve the \$50,000 for the Textbook Scholarship. Ma seconded.

-Tressel mentioned in the previous years how the scholarship was only available to need based students. He mentioned his concern with making the scholarship to all students.

-Birdie said that there are requirements for "need-based" students but there are students that are in between. He said that this is a small way of helping students. Birdie said that all students pay fees to USAC. He said that the people who apply for this most likely care about the scholarship

-Hill said that she is interested of the outreach methods. She mentioned the definition of needs-based students. Hill said that 70% of the students at UCLA receive funding. Hill said that there would be a problem that this scholarship came across as more like a raffle as opposed to a scholarship.

-Spring asked why he went away from the tier system that made sure that students who needed the money received it.

-Birdie said that he wants to differentiate this scholarship from a raffle. He said that the tier system had its benefits and cons, but he said that it was even difficult for the FAO to differentiate how the tiers were set.

-Rose asked if there was any way to include an essay portion of personal need for this application. This way, they would be able to get people who actually need the funding. He asked how easy it would be to put in that essay and what his thoughts were on that.

-Birdie said that logistically, it would take a long time to review the essays and that they would want the students to have the money in time for school. He said he likes this idea.

-Resnick said that in a box that includes 100 words or less, this would be useful. She said that in terms of needs-based, she won a scholarship and she doesn't qualify for financial aid but she had to work a job to get her through school. She said that it could reach more students than just those who qualify.

-Roy ____ said that the application would be more to thin the amount of applicants.

-Birdie said that if they were to ask for the essays, he would read them.

-Khy said that she is concerned about the process by which funds are allocated. She asked for clarification for what his definition of needs based is because it is unclear.

-Birdie asked for clarification on her question.

-Khy asked how they would qualify for applying for this scholarship.

-Birdie said that not winning the scholarship previously, being documented, and being a UCLA student would qualify a student for the scholarship.

-Khy asked for his definition of needs based students.

-Birdie said that needs based is someone who has to work other jobs and use other scholarships are needs based.

-Shah said that it is important to note why these programs came about. She said that it is important to note the history of these programs, since this came about as a need based scholarship. She said that this is where the tier system comes into play.

-Birdie said that he will consider this. He said that in terms of outreach, he would stuff lunchboxes, go to the CRC, and utilize listserves.

-Hill said that the tier system is better than the raffle system. She said that she wants to ensure that students with need would receive the scholarship.

-Williams mentioned the program and how it emerged. He said that this was a program that would be self-funded and therefore how the money is distributed made sense. He said that now, a significant budget is being given as scholarship money. He said that they should be true to give the money to what the students gave it for. Williams said that they should be careful to how they distribute the money. He said that he understands the need based issue and told the council to think about what they said they would use the money for.

-Zimmerman said that if they wanted to keep the brackets system, they could tell the students so that they know that the distribution is an even pool.

-Tressel said that when the Textbook Scholarship was started, the funds were given by different means. He said that there would be an ongoing process to see how this would be funded. He said that the essay is a barrier to participation and that it would create problems. He said that it is more effective to have people apply for it on a need based level. Tressel said that there is a certain level of need in that textbook costs are a barrier to attending UCLA. Tressel said that this may be a factor that keeps the student there from one quarter to the next.

-Birdie mentioned utilizing sustainable sources of funding and how he has been working toward this. He mentioned William's point of having all students being eligible. Birdie said that the books the students buy are returned to him and they run the loan library from those books. He said that this is money coming back to UCLA and people can rent these for any classes they want to.

-Roy talked about financial aid and asked if it comes out one for one to the scholarship.

-Birdie said that he doesn't know the one to one ratio but that it did reduce his financial aid.

-Hill said that the money is not one to one. She said that the community service scholarship didn't take away from financial aid. It takes first from loans, then from work study. Since the scholarship is small, it won't have a huge impact on financial aid.

-Roy said that it is important to know this. He said they should know the exact impact of the scholarship on financial aid.

-Birdie said that he is 100% sure that the eFAN would be effected by the scholarship.

-Roy said that they need clarity on these questions and it is important to know what is happening.

-Hill asked what Birdie's thought process is in terms of the recommendations.

-Birdie said that he is not opposed to the tier system and that he had to do more work with the FAO. He said that the essay would be a sort of a barrier. He said that he will definitely consider the tier system. He said that he would not ask for all of the money right now but would ask for an increment and would work toward more sustainable means.

-Hill asked why all \$50,000 was asked for now.

-Birdie said that they awarded a large amount from the Enormous Activities Fair and Bruin Bash. He said that after each quarter, he will get feedback and come back each quarter. He said that if there are concerns about the \$50,000 right now, they could approve \$25,000 right now and come back with feedback.

-Spring asked if it was sure that the scholarship would be without the tiers.

-Birdie said that it would be best that they go through with this system. He said that it would be useless to have the money distributed third or fourth week. He said that he didn't want to say yes or no without addressing the FAO.

-Phi asked how many people applied for this scholarship.

-Birdie said that 500-1000 people applied for the scholarship.

-Tressel asked how this would work if they didn't apply for funding yet.

-Birdie said that this was a mistake on his part. He said he released the application and funding was not yet finalized. He said that he could meet with the FAO.

-Tressel said that they should go with what system was set before.

-Roy said that last time, the applications went through the FAO to assess financial need. Anyone who did not meet the definition was not put into the pool. He said that the tiers were applied from there. He said that they should go through with the funding for fall quarter and that from there later years they would adjust the system.

-Birdie said that he could ask for \$25,000 for fall quarter rather than the full amount. After, he could come back in winter and spring and ask for each allocation at that time.

-Hill said that if the council feels comfortable moving forward, they could. She said that regardless of what they recommend, what they say might not happen. She said that he can make a motion to amend the motion that is on the table.

-Birdie said that the application shouldn't have been released yet and that it he assumes responsibility. He said that he should have brought this to council before the application was released.

Birdie moves to approve the amount of \$25,000 for the textbook scholarship. Lucas seconded.

-Tressel read the draft in which the textbook scholarship was first created. There were 50 scholarships given out. He talked about the money that comes back to the scholarship.

-Birdie said that the money coming back is the same.

- Roy said that there should be a sum of money that would cover the scholarship for the application that is already out. He said that there are some funds to use for the fall scholarship.
- Tressel read the goal of the previous year's scholarship terms.
- Shah asked for statistics for the scholarship, how it would change, etc. She said that under this condition, she would agree to move forward.
- Birdie said that they would give information of the winners during week 1, possibly September 28.
- Hill opened the floor to the rest of the council.
- Khy said that she would be comfortable in moving forward if there was a tier system implemented. She said that he could push back the date to ensure that the process goes well. She said that he always has the option to push back the date.
- Birdie said that the scholarship is designed to make funds available in a useful matter, with funds being made available for the beginning of school.
- Hill asked how they would track the difference without asking for the financial status.
- Birdie said that the FAO could look into the information. He said that everyone's name still does go through the system.
- Hill said that they would have to ask for funding for the winter quarter no later than the 5th week of fall.
- Birdie said yes.
- Zimmerman asked if they check everyone's bracket or just the winners.
- Birdie said that they just check the winners.
- Zimmerman said that instead, they could keep everyone in the raffle. They could break the students into brackets and give the brackets different allocations. This would allow for the middle class section to be represented. She said that this might push them back a few days, but the recipients could return the books.
- Phi recommended for winter and spring that there were only 3 requirements for the textbook scholarship. She said that by looking at the flyer and the application, it doesn't say that the students won't be able to keep the books. She said that with other applications, it is clear what the student is getting into. Phi said that she would be more comfortable if students would have more information with what are they are applying for.
- Yao said that if they do choose to use a tier raffle, it would be like false advertising.
- Birdie said that there is a website with more information and that they sign a contract and attend a brief orientation.
- Birdie said that they should go through with this quarter and that based on these results, they could alter the scholarship for winter and spring.
- Cris ____ said that as a technical aspect, they didn't let the students that apply know that their EFCs would be used.
- Birdie said that he could add a checkbox that tells the applicant about the use of the EFCs.
- Williams mentioned the tiers and asked for clarification.
- Ma said that as long as he ensures that there will be changes made in the future, he could move forward with this
- Birdie said that he could be changes
- Rose said that they could email the people about the changes in the conditions
- Miller said that they are offering a scholarship and that they should be able to make a change since they aren't offering a scholarship.
- Spring said that there are two ideas: leaving the system for fall and changing the system for fall and pushing the process back a week. He said that they should make their conversation more directed.
- Birdie said that the motion now is for \$25,000 and just for the scholarships for fall quarter. He said that after, they will get stats and get back to the council.
- Hill said that for the guidelines being changed, there would need to be another motion made.
- Tressel asked for clarification on who qualified for this scholarship. He said not to forget what was implemented in past years.
- Birdie said that he has seen the files and that he modified it to show that the results of the two systems are different.
- Miller said that he is in favor of changing it next quarter. He said that he needs a definitive answer to change it. Miller asked if this system is changeable for fall quarter.
- Birdie said that it is changeable but it would push back the process a week, hence his reservations for this. He said that he favors going forward with this and presenting statistics on the outcomes to council.
- Phi asked how long it would take for the alterations.
- Birdie said that it wouldn't be a problem to change.
- Phi asked when he predicts the furthest they will push back the deadline.
- Birdie said that the time the money will be given to the students would be pushed. He said he would ask FAO how many days they would need for this information.

- Khy said that it seems like council is more comfortable with the tier system. She moved to implement this system. Shah seconded.
- Birdie asked how much money was in the accounts to be used for the scholarship.
- Roy said that there was a modest amount of money in the account.
- Birdie said that there was no announcement to the public that there would be 100 winners. There could be a lower amount of winners and that if council is comfortable, they could award a lower number of winners.
- Hill said that they could act on the tier system if they just need to act on what needs to exist. She suggested that he work closely with the Financial Aid Office. She said that people who have need, regardless of need, receive funding.
- Birdie said that the brackets would take time to establish.
- Miller said that there is a week between today and zero week. He asked if it was possible to finish this before the deadline.
- Birdie said that if there was a forum on Tuesday, they could address issues of the council.
- Hill said that they can rescind the motion or move forward with the approval of \$25,000 with the tier system implemented.
- Spring said that he motions to vote on the approval of \$25,000 with the implementation of a tier system. Shah seconds. With a vote of 11-0-0, the motion was approved.
- Lucas asked if there was a meeting next week.
- Hill said that it was not yet approved.

General Representative-- Emily Resnick

- Resnick talked about her work at Bruin Woods, which brought her back with more pride for UCLA to make the campus better. She talked about increasing spirit events. Resnick talked about the UCLA vs. Cal football game to offer 2 different ticket packages. The CTO offered a couple hundred discounted tickets. Option 1 would be tickets to get to the game. Option 2 would be a ticket and transportation package. She talked about the meeting with Gordon Henderson, the person in charge of the bus for band. Resnick talked about her spirit event on October 27 for Halloween. There would be a celebration in Bruin Plaza, with costumes, games, a carnival, and dances. She talked about her Mental Health Awareness Days, through which she would work with CAPS and would make it more accessible to students. She talked about reinstalling the clothing drive, where people would be able to donate clothes to Out of the Closet owned and operated by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. She talked about bringing fair trade awareness to campus. She brought up statistics about fair trade and how it sustains impoverished communities around the globe. She explained fair trade to the council and how it relates to social justice. She talked about her meeting with the Housing and Hospitality Services Sustainability Coordinator. Resnick talked about the Farmer's Market, which would take place on November 20 in Bruin Plaza. This would be a fun, sustainable event every weekend supporting local farmers and showcasing different performing groups on campus. She talked about meetings with other vendors. Resnick talked about healthier food and about developing a brochure that will accurately display the healthiest options on each menu of restaurants on campus. Resnick talked about the online gym traffic statistics, where they could check the website before leaving the gym to optimize their workout. The projected soft launch would be week 6. They are planning a grand opening week 1, winter quarter. This would become a link on MyUCLA and could become an application on different phones.
- Phi asked about the Mental Health Awareness Day and what was being planned on that day.
 - Resnick said that they are still brainstorming with different directors. She said that a possible day consist of "how to deal with stress." She said that she is still looking for feedback on this.
 - Phi said that there is a student group funded by CAPS that she could co-program with. She said they have programs that deal with stress and Bruin Health Week. The Student Health Advocates had a stress day. Phi said that she didn't want to have different students group promoting the same thing.
 - Resnick said that if anyone wants to co-program, she would love to.
 - Cris said that the proposal on the Farmer's Market still needs to be finalized since it conflicts with the Community Service Day
 - Yao asked what time the Farmer's Market is.
 - Resnick said that she could work something out.

XI. Announcements

- Ma reminded council to get volunteers for the Enormous Activities Fair.
- Spring said that they are making a collage to show the diversity of the different students. He reminded everyone to take a picture at their booth.

-Yao said that CSC is having a barbeque and asked if anyone is interested to come and make a presentation about USAC.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Spring 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 9:49p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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