

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday September 28, 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, Cris Santos

ABSENT: Emily Resnick, Patty Zimmerman

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Miller added an officer report

-Birdie added an officer report

-De Vera added an officer report

-Williams asked for clarification on the appointments section.

-Hill said thank you for the question and clarification and said that the council needed to approve the people that were elected over the summer.

-Spring moved to approve the agenda. Santos seconded.

- 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: 9/14/10

-De Vera said that Overli's name was spelled incorrectly.

-Ma moved to approve the minutes as amended. Khy seconded.

- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes from 9/14/10 were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations.

VI. Appointments

-Hill talked about how the appointments were consent items. She said that the names will be read and that not all of them were from summer.

-Birdie asked for clarification on the appointments.

-Hill said that CPC and some of the other appointments were done at different times.

-Birdie moved to items A and B to strike from the appointment section. Phi seconded. The items A and

-B were removed from the appointment section.

-Hill said that the items that would be discussed are A-V.

-Birdie asked a question about the appointments.

- Hill reminded the council to look at the revised agenda.
- Shah moved to approve the appointments from Camille Lafayette to Marques Watson. Yao seconded.
- As an item of consent, all of the appointments were reapproved.

- A. #CPC: Camille Lafayette
- B. #CPC: Carl Betzler
- C. #CPC: John Tran
- D. #CPC: Cameron Rice
- E. #Finance Committee Chairperson: Isaac Rose
- F. #CAC: Erienne Overli
- G. #CAC: Angela Wong
- H. #CAC: Diego Sepulveda
 - I. #Tiffany Lin for Student Health Advocacy Committee
 - J. #Jayme Turla for CS Mini Fund
 - K. # Andrae Vigil Romero for TGIF Student Representative
- L. #Devon Miner for CAC
- M. #Brent Gaisford for ASUCLA Communications Board
- N. #Nader Nasr for ASUCLA Communications Board
- O. #Tierra Moore for TSAB
- P. #Tiffany Lin for SHAC
- Q. #Yolanda Stephanie De Loera for CS Mini Fund
- R. # Matthew Love for BRD
 - S. #Cinthia Loera for SFAC
- T. #Marques Watson for SFAC

- U. *Amina Husain for SHAC
- V. *Kathleen Lautz for CS Mini Fund

- W. *Raiyaan Serang for ASUCLA Communications Board
- X. *Ay'Anna Moody for J-Board
- Y. *Justin Jin Kim for J-Board
- Z. *David Hermel for J-Board
- AA. *Fonda Renee Williams for CS Mini Fund
- BB. *Patrick Ahrens for Election Board Chair
- CC. # Cynthia Jasso for Finance Committee
- DD. #Marcus McRae for Advisory Board for the LGBT Center
- EE. #Lucy Garcia for SACBOG
- FF. #Todd Bowen for WCBOG

***Amina Husain for Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)**

Lucas moved to approve Husain for SHAC. Spring seconded.

Husain introduced herself as a fourth year. She said she came from the Student Initiated Access Committee where she worked with accessing higher education issues. Husain wanted to work with access to healthcare issues. She said that SHAC would be the best space for this.

- De Vera asked how she planned to make information available for students.
- Husain said that she wanted to make information available to the students through the website. She talked about SHIP and how she wanted to update people through emails.
- Lucas asked, besides access to healthcare, what another issue was for student healthcare.
- Husain said that the current state of healthcare is an issue. She talked about unemployment and how students sometimes fall through the cracks. She talked about the importance of leaders to be healthy as well.
- Tressel asked whether or not the website was updated.
- Husain said that the website is updated in the sense that there is information, but in terms of outreach it is not as commonplace as it should be.
- Tressel asked if she was aware of what the student welfare committee does.
- Husain that she was somewhat aware of what it does.

- Husain mentioned her interview and about the relationship between the position in SHAC and USAC
- Spring said that there is a possibility of graduate's health insurance would rise in cost. He asked how she would advocate for this.
- Husain talked about her previous experience and how she advocated for MAPS. She talked about her experiences in the SIAC and funding, which included advocating for funding issues. Husain talked about how she wanted to continue her advocacy work.
- Khy called to question the approval of Hussain. De Vera seconded.
- With a vote of 10-0-0, Husain was appointed to SHAC.

***Kathleen Lautz for CS Mini Fund**

- Lucas said that she passed with unanimous consent from the ARC. A recommendation was also sent for her. Lucas moved to approve Lautz. Ma seconded.
- Lautz introduced herself as a third year IDS major and Spanish minor. She talked about her tutoring and mentoring afterschool program. Lautz said that she wanted to expand the work she does with Amigos and how she would like to interface with other projects on campus.
- Hill asked about her time commitments for this year.
- Lautz said that Amigos at UCLA is her other commitment.
- Phi mentioned her application and asked how she would improve allocating funds to student groups.
- Lautz said that, as an applicant to the CS Mini Fund, she would release the amount of money that projects would expect to get. This means that the amount that is available would be made clear.
- Yao asked what are some of the greatest funding needs is of community service groups
- Lautz said that transportation is one of the greatest funding needs. She said that transportation is crucial to the projects.
- Khy asked what her experience was with allocating money.
- Lautz said that she has applied to other funds and has worked on funding proposals from different sources, such as SOOF. She has attended budget hearings and is familiar with these processes.
- Lucas said that when she was interviewed, she was probably the best applicant they had for the CS Mini Fund.
- Miller moved to approve Lautz for the CS Mini Fund. Santos seconded.
- With a unanimous vote, Lautz was approved for the CS Mini Fund.

***Raiyaan Serang for ASUCLA Communications Board**

- Lucas moved to approve Serang for the ASUCLA Communications Board. Shah seconded.
- Khy moved to table the appointments until Serang arrived. De Vera seconded.
- Lucas moved to approve Serang for the communications board. Spring seconded.
- Serang introduced himself as a third year. He said that a lot of groups are going through difficult times. Serang said that it would be his job to ensure that some of these things would be kept alive.
- De Vera asked what would be a difficulty for comm. board aside from a lack of funding.
- Serang said that he was looking forward to working with the council. He mentioned the transition period and promoting online media. Serang said that students want to be in the know.
- Birdie asked about funding and whether he supports online sources of news.
- Serang said that as far as their resources, they are looking for more forms of the news.
- Miller asked what comm. board's job is
- Serang said that the position had to do with day-to-day positions. He said that there are three operations on comm. board, He said that he had a lot of expertise in this.
- Tressel asked how he would keep the comm. board accountable and up to certain standards.
- Serang said that the student voice should never be hampered, unless it comes to issues such as plagiarism or libel. He said that it is important to keep journalism alive.
- Overli asked what his alternate ideas for funding sources were.
- Serang said that he hopes to update BruinWalk and provide for local information. He talked about review based things that would be on the website, like on Yelp but focused on the LA and Westwood area.
- Birdie asked what previous leadership skills he has on campus.
- Serang said that running for USAC, he was able to get a vibe about the student media.
- Miller asked what his experience he had with student media.
- Serang said that he is forced to be analytical in a systematic fashion. He said that he is qualified because he brings an outside viewpoint and he will keep in mind how to do certain things within the comm. board.

- Lucas asked what his biggest criticism is in the Daily Bruin that he thinks he could effectively change.
- Serang said that the financial feasibility is an issue. He said that any criticisms would not affect his work on comm. board.
- Santos called to question Serang to comm. board. Phi seconded. With a vote of 10-0-1 Serang was appointed to the comm. board.
- Birdie said that they appoint the positions. He told Serang to come back and provide for feedback to the council with what they're doing.
- Serang said that they need to work together and that he looks forward this happening.

***Ay'Anna Moody for J-Board**

- Lucas said that this is an important appointment. Moody was approved with unanimous consent.
- Moody introduced herself as a pre-law WAC major. She said that it fits into her major and she wants to make sure that all representatives are held accountable.
- Hill asked what year she is.
- Moody said that she is a sophomore.
- Birdie asked if she met with someone who was on J-board.
- Moody said that she spoke with King about J-board and how it works.
- Tressel asked if she was affiliated with any group on campus.
- Moody said that she is not and that she would not be involved with any groups this year.
- Spring asked about the process that they go through
- Moody said that she would make sure that she goes through the bylaws and she would get the necessary information needed.
- Khy mentioned her application and how her aunt was in a non-profit organization. She asked how she would use those experiences within J-board.
- Moody talked about working with her aunt and how she gained experience with law making. She said that she was able to work on cases, which provided her with groundwork for future work. She interned for Green For All as well.
- Miller said that J-board is important and asked why she chose J-board as a first year.
- Moody said that the J-board was compelling because she is interested in social justice and law.
- Shah asked what role J-board played within USAC as a means of serving the student body.
- Moody said that it would ensure that student voices would be heard.
- Rose said that he remembered that he would address council and how any sort of misconduct on J-board would be detrimental. He said that J-board holds a person to a higher standard and that it is a lot of pressure. He asked if she could uphold those responsibilities.
- Moody said that she understands the seriousness of the J-board.
- Miller asked if she had experience with USAC and if so, what was it.
- Moody said that she was a CPO in SAC but she had no experience in USAC.
- Miller asked what she could bring to USAC
- Moody said that being new to UCLA and USAC, she had a fresh new voice and she is excited to work. She said that she is ready to work and excited. She said that she would use J-board for networking and to get involved in USAC.
- Spring asked what knowledge she has about the structure of USAC.
- Moody said that USAC is a representation of the student body. She talked about the importance of the appointments.
- Spring asked about the bylaws and the constitutions
- Moody said that she needed to meet with the chief justice and learn about the connection between USAC and J-board. She said that the connection was a little confusing.
- Miller asked if she read through the constitution.
- Moody said that she would want to talk to the chief justice to get clarification on some of the things she is unsure about. She spoke with Lucas about certain things that she did not understand.
- Overli asked if she was involved with elections.
- Moody said that she is involved with the voting process
- Miller mentioned her membership with ASU and said that the group was heavily active. He asked about this in regards to the J-board position.
- Moody said that if she gets the position on J-board, she would not be active in ASU.
- Hill asked for clarification for her position on ASU. She asked if she was on staff.
- Moody said that she works with SHAPE, an access program with ASU in the CPO. She said that she was not a

member of the staff of ASU.

-Lucas asked for clarification for the council Moody mentioned in her interview.

-Moody talked about the council and how different projects would come together and talk about their work and programs.

-Miller asked how her schedule would work with J-board and what her time commitments were

-Moody said that she has a light schedule and how she has junior standing. She said that she has a light load.

-Shah called to question Moody for the J-board and commended her on her answers to the questions. She said that it could be to her advantage that she has a younger perspective and said that the system is set up where the older members of J-board could train the younger ones. Spring seconded.

-With a vote of 11-0-0, Moody was appointed for J-board.

***Justin Jin Kim for J-Board**

-Spring moved to table the appointments until the approvals were present.

-Lucas said that the adequate amount of attention is not being given to the J-board appointments. She requested from the council to give the appointments full attention.

-Hill said that it is important that the council asks questions. She said that if nobody has questions, they should move forward.

-Lucas said that she agrees, but that everyone should have a question.

-Lucas said that she misspelled his name on the application. Lucas moved to approve Kim for J-board.

-Kim said that he is a third year business econ major and political systems minor. Kim talked about equality and how he felt the need to make a difference. Kim said that he knows what the position takes and that he hopes to promote action.

-Miller asked if he had any experience with USAC

-Kim said that he was in the AB540 committee and the scholarship committee. He said that he was mostly interested in business but then gained a passion for the political field. Kim said that he wanted to take his mission further through the J-board.

-Tressel asked if he had affiliation with any student groups or political groups.

-Kim said that he assisted in campaigning but that he is fairly neutral.

-Tressel asked if he did any research on past cases.

-Kim said that there have been conflicts with applications and that he tried to look for problems with rules and regulations.

-Rose asked for clarification on him being "fairly neutral."

-Kim said that he isn't involved in anything, so he was neutral.

-Rose said that if there were a hint of misconduct, there would be negative publicity around him as a result. He said that this is not a position to be taken lightly. He asked if he is willing to assume responsibility.

-Kim said that he is willing to take responsibility.

-De Vera asked if he did research on the structure of J-board.

-Kim said that in terms of rules and regulations and former cases, he has thoroughly studied.

-Lucas asked for clarification on helping other people campaign.

-Kim said that he doesn't consider what he did campaigning, but rather helping someone out.

-Santos mentioned how he had a loose interpretation of the constitution. He asked him to tell him about how he would make decisions on cases in terms of referencing the constitution.

-Kim said that as students at college, there is bias. He said that every human has bias, and talked about the importance of making a decision on J-board.

-Birdie asked what he thinks the primary purpose of J-board is and how many offices make up USAC.

-Kim said 13.

-Birdie asked what J-board was.

-Kim said that it rationally and efficiently deals with the problems that arise with the allocation of power, which includes issues with the student body or USAC.

-Miller asked how he plans to maintain a schedule with J-board.

-Kim said that he has learned how to allocate his resources and is able to prioritize. He said that if a person were to take a position on J-board, a person would need to understand what responsibilities they are taking on.

-Miller asked if he could expand on when he campaigned for someone.

-Kim talked about when he campaigned and passed out flyers. He said if he could prove that he was neutral, he would.

- Miller said that downplaying his role seemed suspect.
- Kim said that he did not advocate a certain party.
- Spring said that it is important that he remains completely nonaffiliated with the slates on campus. He said that this would ensure that he is unbiased in making decisions and to ensure that there is no question of his judgment.
- Birdie asked if he has met with any previous members of J-board.
- Kim said no.
- Birdie asked for a former case that has been on J-board.
- Kim mentioned a case when people in USAC couldn't be in OSAC. He said that they judged that they do have control of that.
- Khy said that the J-board requires an understanding of the cases. She asked how he would interpret the USAC bylaws
- Kim said that he would be unbiased and neutral. He said that he would try to use his moral judgment. He said that he is not the type of person that would get emotionally involved. Kim said that the law stands for itself.
- Chris mentioned the cases and asked if he agreed with the outcomes of the cases that he researched.
- Kim said that he looked at parts of the case in which he questioned what had happened.
- Santos called to question the appointment of Kim for J-board. Shah seconded. With a vote of 7-2-2, Kim was appointed to the Judicial Board.
- Tressel said that he sensed that some people had negative feelings about the candidate. He said that abstaining doesn't do any good.
- Hill said that people that were opposed would add to the discussion and would shed some light to those who approved the candidate.
- Birdie said that personally, he needed more time to decide. He said that since he was undecided, he abstained.
- Tressel said that some of his biggest regrets included abstaining on certain issues. He told the council to not have any regrets. Tressel said to voice opinions to enhance the discussions.

***David Hermel for J-Board**

- Lucas said that he received a vote of 1-1-1. Lucas moved to approve Hermel for J-board. Spring seconded.
- Hermel introduced himself as a third year neuroscience major. He said that over his course at UCLA, this would be a chance to give back to the community. Hermel said that he was interested in the biological implications in law. Hermel said that he was the EVP for his student group and that he was previously in Model UN and the World Food Program. He said that he had worked with other people to come to conclusions. Hermel talked about the article he wrote about organ donations. He said that he became fascinated with the judicial process and that he was working on how most organ donations occur after being brain dead. He said that there was a push for organ donation to take place after cardiac death. He talked about the article and how to deem a person dead. Hermel elaborated on the article and how it dealt with ethical issues. Hermel said that on J-board, individuals had to interpret texts and that he had this skill.
- Yao asked what Hermel would base his judgment on.
- Hermel said that he would base his judgment on the constitution and what would be best for the students.
- Spring asked for what his understanding of USAC is.
- Hermel said that there were 13 voting members, with a president, vice president, general representatives, etc. He said that he was applying for the judicial branch, which consisted of checks and balances. Hermel said that USAC serves the students for their needs at UCLA. He said that there are different events that are held to make USAC known.
- Santos said that they had applicants who did extensive research on the different cases. He said that he would be able to provide for a different perspective. Santos asked what he would be able to provide.
- Hermel talked about how everyone has a bias. He mentioned his science background and how reading science literature is beneficial to him. Hermel said that he read the cases on J-board and mentioned the goals of the cases. He said that the goal of the case had to do with what is defined by the representative. Hermel said that the EVP couldn't send representatives without USAC approval. Hermel talked about the difference between representatives and delegates.
- Lucas said that at the end of the interview, he asked what he should do. She said that he should have gotten in contact with someone in J-board and familiarizes himself with the cases and the structure. She asked if he contacted anyone on J-board and if he learned about the structure.
- Hermel said yes.
- Miller asked if he had any involvement with USAC, and if so what.
- Hermel said that he was the PR chair of Global Health. He said that he wasn't as involved as he would have liked to

- be. He said that he is involved with a surgical planning society.
- Phi said mentioned that he was doing research for three different professors.
 - Hermel said that he was only doing research for two of them.
 - Phi asked how much time he had.
 - Hermel said that he wasn't doing research for all of them anymore.
 - Phi asked about his time commitment with those research jobs.
 - Hermel said 5 hours a week.
 - Phi asked about the Global Health Committee.
 - Hermel said that he was PR chair and that he attended meetings.
 - Phi said that she never saw him at the meetings.
 - Hermel said that he did it during fall quarter.
 - Yao asked what he thinks the importance is of the constitution and bylaws.
 - Hermel says they preserve the integrity of the council. He said that they were for order and to take matters seriously. He said that they allow for students to take obligations seriously.
 - Miller asked if he had any involvement with student groups with the political process on campus.
 - Hermel said no.
 - Rose asked if he was a part of any student groups.
 - Hermel said that he is a member of various health related student groups, such as the undergraduate neuroscience society, and is working on a research position on trauma surgery, etc.
 - Ma asked how much free time he has between being a president, having classes, and doing research.
 - Hermel said he still has time. He said that he has 10 hours. Hermel said that they meet every other week and that unless something comes up, it doesn't seem like a horrendous time commitment.
 - Rose said that if there are hints of ethical dilemmas, they should not be taken lightly. He said that medical schools that he apply to would see a negative move made, which would negatively reflect on him. Rose brought up a past incidence and brought up how being on J-board is an important position.
 - Hermel said that he trusts himself.
 - Yao asked who he spoke to on J-board.
 - Hermel said that he spoke to a past member on J-board, who was in the same brain mapping society. He said that he was mentioned in one of the cases he mentioned before.
 - Phi said that she doesn't want him to underestimate the role that J-board has. She said that this role is important.
 - Spring said that he left the ARC interview unsure about the level of his investment, because he didn't seem to explain or display his understanding of the position or what USAC does. He said that his knowledge of the cases since the interview make him more comfortable on approving him for the J-board position.
 - Miller said that the J-board is a position that you serve as long as you are in good academic standing at UCLA. He asked how he planned to maintain being on J-board.
 - Hermel said that he only had one research position. He said that it would be his priority to attend the J-board meetings. He said that if he had a test the next day, he would still make the best effort to go because he believes in the role of the J-board.
 - Yao said that she was unsure coming out of the interview, but she is impressed on how much he prepared since the interview. She said that she would change her vote from a no to a yes.
 - Birdie called to question the approval of Hermel for J-board. Santos seconded. With a vote of 10-1-0, Hermel was appointed to J-board.
- Birdie asked for the times for the rollout
- Spring said that he would do this during announcements

***Fonda Renee Williams for CS Mini Fund**

- Lucas moved to approve Williams for CS Mini Fund. Spring seconded.
- Williams introduced herself as a second year English major. She said that this would be an opportunity to make a difference in the UCLA community.
- Miller asked what the biggest hardship is for community service projects. He asked how the CS Mini Fund would address this issue.
- Williams said the lack of resources. She said that there are fewer funds for each project. Williams said since there is competition, it would be difficult for students to have the resources.
- Hill said that the CS Mini Fund is unique. She asked about her work in the community programs office.
- Williams said that she was a CPO intern, where she was involved with community service and outreach projects.

She talked about administrative work and how she got to work one-on-one with various individuals. Williams talked about how she was able to gain multiple perspectives.

-Yao asked what were some of the greatest funding needs for community service organizations.

-Williams said that transportation and the resources to create the programs were some of the funding needs of community service organizations.

-Miller asked if she had any experience with allocating funds.

-Williams said that she fully understands how to distribute funds and how it connects to community service funds. She said that as a student, she is aware of the fund and allocation process.

-Yao asked what she would be looking for when evaluating the proposals.

-Williams said that she would pick a community service project that would not be able to get resources by themselves. She said that she would consider what students would be able to get on their own.

-Birdie said that sometimes with community service, there needs to be an incentive to do community service. He asked how she would urge people to do community service.

-Williams said that she understands what community service does. She said that it is important for students to tell their stories. She said that it is important for students to do community service based on their own stories.

-Yao said that she was impressed with her answers and said that the CS Mini Fund does not offer a stipend.

-Spring called to question Williams for the CS Mini fund. Miller seconded. With a unanimous vote, Williams was approved for the CS Mini Fund.

-Spring moved to call a recess.

-Hill called a recess at 9:31. The council reconvened at 9:38.

***Patrick Ahrens for Election Board Chair**

-Lucas said that it is important to nominate the E-board chair the first week fall quarter. Lucas moved to approve Ahrens for E-board chair. Spring seconded.

-Miller said that Ahrens stressed the importance of impartiality, he is very willing to work with USAC, wants to reinstate new programs for the e-board, has creative ideas for improvements, has plans to become more organized, has experience being the election board chair at his community college, wants to be more engaged, and has a lot of experience in this realm.

-Ahrens introduced himself as a political science major.

-Birdie asked Ahrens what he has in mind for the E-board.

-Ahrens said that his leadership style is much more shared governance process. He said he feels more comfortable having concrete things to do. Ahrens said that some aspects of the elections process are arbitrary and not very useful for students or the people running for USAC. Ahrens said that he had ideas about the endorsement hearings. As a transfer student, he said that his first experience was the elections and he does not want what has happened in the past to happen again. Ahrens said that a lot of people don't have good feelings toward elections and how he hoped to revamp the process. Ahrens said that he wanted to get major policy changes, if any, to the council as soon as possible. He said that by fall quarter, he wanted most of the committee in place so that if there were any dropouts it wouldn't be as difficult or hectic during elections season. He hopes to make improvements on the elections for the students running next year. Ahrens said that the endorsement hearings weren't time effective and he felt like people going into the hearings already had preconceived notions of who they were going to vote for. Ahrens said that he wanted to change the process.

-Spring said that the elections board chair is an exhausting position. He asked what other commitments he had during spring quarter and how he planned to manage this and his academics. He said that by spring quarter, he would be ready to graduate. Ahrens said that he set up his schedule to be only 12 units. Ahrens expressed his shared governance style and, as election committee, he would make decisions where he would implement major policy changes where he would select students from a wide variety of politically diverse students.

-De Vera asked him to elaborate on his previous experiences and challenges he faced

-Ahrens said that he is a transfer student. He said that he was a part of one of the largest student government bodies at a community college. Ahrens said that it is a comparable student body, in which he was the student trustee where he represented the 25,000 students. Since he was impartial, he was found a good fit. He said that major challenges he faced included harsh punishments where they would dock the amount of votes students got because of infringements. Ahrens said that it was a challenge to get the election board to change. He said that it was difficult to make a quorum. Ahrens said that he wanted to make consistent decisions. For example, he would use a grievances committee and make the entire process democratic. Ahrens talked about the two sides of the political committees and how, if he were election board chair, he would cut down on any petty grievances. He said that he was not partial

to any one side.

-Miller stressed to council the importance of this position and said that the council should be attentive. He asked what his involvements were on campus and if he had campaigned for any side.

-Ahrens said that he is on the board for Bruin democrats. He said that he was marketing director and other than that, he is still trying to distinguish the difference between Bruins United and Students First.

-Khy said that a lot of the election board has to do with integrity. She asked what principals he would have.

-Ahrens said that he would be consistent. He said that another guiding principal he had would be making sure that decisions would be made on sanctions only with overwhelming evidence. He said that he didn't want the election board to be relative and that there needed to be enough evidence against them

-Ma asked for clarifications on combining the endorsement hearings and debates

-Ahrens said that the elections for students used a lot of time. He said that he wanted the election code to better serve students. He said that this is just a suggestion. Ahrens mentioned that groups that go to the hearings already have preconceived notions about whom they are going to vote for. He wanted to make the hearings fairer.

-Birdie said that everyone has an interest in both slates. He said that as E-board chair, he needed to put friendships aside and be unbiased. He asked if he had experience with being unbiased. Birdie said that he would be exposed to both slates.

-Ahrens said that he would refuse himself from Bruin Democrats hearings during spring. He said that he has friends from both slates. Ahrens said that in terms of his experience, as election board chair at his community college he had to deal with partialities. He talked about how the different slates were friends with him. He said that the elections process is important to him and that he has election board experience. Ahrens said that he works for an office but he never campaigned for any one side. Ahrens said that when elected, the two slates are meant to serve all students. He said that as elections board chair, he would make a fair and balanced process for the 28,000 students. He said that he has a lot of experience. He said that he doesn't campaign with any one side.

-Shah asked if Ahrens would get involved in the false news that would come out regarding elections

-Ahrens said no. Ahrens said that if it pertains to the elections code, he would do anything in his power to enforce the election code. He said that he would not do anything that the code does not charge him to do.

-Santos asked Ahrens what pushes him to want to be the elections board chair.

-Ahrens said that it is one of the more underappreciated jobs in USAC and that the position would not get a lot of recognition. Ahrens said that when he went to UCLA, he was angry that he didn't get involved. He said that USAC has a charge with what students want and what is best for them. Ahrens said that he wanted to find a way into USAC somehow. Ahrens said that he was upset with how the elections unfolded and asked himself how he could get involved. He said that he wanted to make the process better. Ahrens said that he had experience in the process and that the negative experience he had prompted him to want to reform the election system.

-Miller asked what the main role is of E-board.

-Ahrens said the grievance process and creating a fair and consistent way to go through the elections process.

-Yao asked Ahrens what his thoughts were on students that had no partisanship

-Ahrens said that the E-board code doesn't say much about slates. He said that he would act as if there weren't slates. Ahrens said that there should be more classroom presentations and that there can be creative ways to advertise the importance of voting. Ahrens said that he would work with the council with the process. Ahrens said that the council would help get the word out on the importance of voting.

-Miller said that he is thoroughly impressed with Ahrens.

-Birdie said that the council started in June. He said that for this position, Ahrens is ideal for this position and that he has no reservations on him as the E-board chair.

-Miller called to question Ahrens as E-board chair. De Vera seconded.

-With a unanimous vote, Ahrens was appointed as E-board chair.

Cynthia Jasso for Finance Committee

-Khy asked what the Fi-Com looks for.

-Rose said that they look at whether they are involved in campus organizations already. One of the appointments was enthusiastic and would be a great addition to the finance committee

-Hill asked what she would do on the committee.

-Rose said that she could vote on allocation and could possibly send a letter to SGA.

#Marcus McRae for Advisory Board for the LGBT Center

#Lucy Garcia for SACBOG

#Todd Bowen for WCBOG

-Khy moved to approve Jasso, McRae, Garcia, and Bowen. Santos seconded.

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

-Santos said that the EVP office is allocating \$622.50 to China Care Bruins to New York.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Rose said that he sent out the spreadsheet to the council and that next time it will be sent three days before the meeting.

-Rose presented Cythnia Jasso as a part of the FiCom chair. Rose said that she is a first year and that they look forward to having her on. De Vera moved to approve this week's contingency applications.

-Rose talked about the applications this week. He opened the floor to any questions.

-Santos commended Rose on the improvements and said that he looked forward to working with him throughout the year. He asked if he had a system in terms of getting to the rec forms. He asked if he could know when to expect a rec form to be signed by him.

-Rose said that everyday, someone from FiCom would check if there were rec forms that need to be signed.

-Shah asked if he or his staff would hold office hours.

-Rose said that this was a good idea and that he will talk about this to his staff about this.

-Hill said that knowing when he would be there would be helpful to the public.

-Birdie asked when the spreadsheets would be sent out.

-Rose said that they would be sent out Thursday night.

-Birdie asked when the best time to send an application for funding would be.

-Rose said that the Monday before the Tuesday the funding is needed would be the best time.

-De Vera called to question this week's contingency allocations. Spring seconded.

-With a vote of 10-0-1 the contingency allocations were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

-Hill sent around availabilities when she would be able to have a one-on-one. She passed around a sheet for the council.

-Hill passed out volunteer discount forms for the people on their staffs.

-Hill said that there are more than 300 access forms. She said that she would be able to drop them off at the box.

-Hill said that this week, she would be going to the CSP Staff Meeting so that the advisors would know about the student groups and getting them up to date with what's happening with student groups, especially changes such as with t-shirts.

-Spring said that there is only one application for the general representatives.

-Hill said that he should take it up with ASUCLA.

-Hill said that they had a staff retreat in Big Bear and that it went well.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

- Lucas said that she had a great meeting with De Vera and Phi regarding the campus safety alliance, which is comprised of a few ex-officio members. She said that they are looking toward different avenues about the safety lines. She talked about her staff meeting, staff retreat, and the how-to guide she is working on.
- Lucas talked about how she was trying to keep in contact with the different student advocacy groups. She talked about difficulties with contacting them all because of a lack of updated contact information. Lucas said she is almost done with the ARC.

External Vice President Liaison—Cris Santos

- Santos talked about the UC Regents meeting he attended September 14-16 with Hill. He said that they were disappointed with some of the conversations they heard. The conversations revolved around pension. He talked about UCLA and how it is a community. Santos said that decisions would take away money from the workers. He was also disappointed with the diversity report, where there was a 30-minute report. Santos said that the findings were from 2007, which explains why the percentages that were shown did not make sense. He said that no real solutions were provided. Santos said that himself and his office wanted to push for more action. He talked about fee increases and how the budget looks bad as of now. Santos said that some of the regents are still passive and mentioned the proposal by the Anderson School, which had to do with the privatization of the UCs. Santos said that the attitude was more toward pressuring the state to return more funding to them. He said that fee increases were discussed and that students should know that they are communicating the message. Santos was able to talk to all regents. He said that his office is planning to set up three meetings with the regents, located in the LA area. He said that he is looking forward to this.
- In terms of the DREAM Act, the federal act has not been introduced as a stand-alone bill. He said that they are working with off-campus entities to do that.
- Santos talked about the California DREAM Act. He said that they hope that the governor signs the law and takes action.
- In terms of budget, they are planning to book meetings with the governor or at least their staff. Santos said they were disappointed with the proposals. He said that he wants to work with them and that they don't prioritize their education as they should.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

- Khy said that this Friday was the joint meeting on the Academic Senate Review system. She said that past students from different representations came together. Khy said that they would be continuing the Senate review throughout the year.
- Khy said that this Thursday there would be an academic board meeting, where they would go over charge and evaluating the committee and the bylaw changes.
- Khy said that they are having a staff retreat this weekend. She also talked about her director's meeting held on Monday.
- Khy said that there have been a lot of students going to her office with concerns about some of the departments, such as the Islamic department. She said that she would update the board with handling some of the concerns.
- Hill made a recommendation that they table the rest of the officer reports.
- Spring moved to table the rest of the officer reports. Shah seconded.

General Representative—Matt Spring

- The Staff Mixer room is being reserved. They will let people know about the upcoming details
- Boulroch introduced himself as part of 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. 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 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 council and different student organizations. The council would teach the groups about different resources. 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 there. He thanked the council for their input on the student organizational survey.

-De Vera said that it is a good table that there is an Ask USAC table. He said that it is a good way to be visible to the student body.

General Representative- Gatsby Miller

-Miller updated the council on what the general representative office has been doing. He talked about the student legal services and an apartments guide. Miller talked about the guide and the apartments fair. Miller talked about apartment fair, since sometimes it is difficult for students to find an apartment. This would include information on apartment contracts. The Student Legal Services are assisting in making a how to guide when signing a contract. The guide is done and there are already meetings being held.

-Miller talked about Meal Swipes on Campus and how responsive administrators have been. Miller said that he has had meetings with dining on the hill and that they hope to get a meal voucher machine in Ackerman, so that students can swipe their card on campus. He thanked Williams for his assistance with this. They hope to get the machine by the end of fall quarter.

- Miller talked about a system where residences of the hill would call into the front desk and would have someone check in on them when they return back. This would allow for a safety measure for students on the hill. Miller talked about the receptiveness of the staff with this idea. If the student does not come back, the UCPD is notified. The soft launch would be by the end of this quarter.

-Birdie recommended for the apartment committee, they should work with the neighborhood council.

-Miller said that they have been working with the neighborhood council.

-Birdie asked if he mentioned how much the swipe would be worth.

-Miller said that last year it was increased to \$2.80. He said that they hope to bring the value of a swipe up.

Financial Supports Commissioner

-Birdie said that they sent the list of winners to the FAO at 5:30pm on Thursday. They got back to him at 3:30pm today, which includes the financial aid of the applicants. Between now and the last meeting, he met with the FAO and talked about the three tiers. He talked about the figures of the three tiers. Now, the applicants are being separated into pools, which will be done today and tomorrow. They said that 11pm on Thursday, the winners would be drawn. They would be notified shortly after that. Birdie said that in tomorrow's newspaper, the winners will be announced Thursday and at the latest Friday. The winners were never supposed to be notified today.

-Santos asked if this was a quarterly scholarship.

-Birdie said that nothing was set in stone. He said that he had to have funding first.

-Santos asked if they are supposed to apply all three quarters.

-Birdie said that if you win, you could use the \$250 for all three quarters. Once you win, you couldn't apply again in your undergraduate time at UCLA.

-Santos said that some students would have liked to know if they won the contest earlier.

-Birdie said that at the last meeting, they mentioned that time is a sensitive issue. He said that fall is a difficult time because some people are not back from vacation yet.

-Rose said that assuming that the application is not changed, if he would consider rolling over the applicants from fall to winter quarter.

-Birdie said that they should apply each quarter and that is best if they apply over and over.

-Rose said that in terms of reaching out to more people, it would be beneficial to roll over the applicants.

-Khy said that it is wonderful that they implemented a tier system. She asked how many applicants per tier they were planning to take out.

-Birdie said that there would be an equal system taken out from the tier system. He said that the numbers were given to him by the FAO. 34-33-33 are the three tiers given by the FAO.

-Hill asked if there was a tier where there was the same amount of applicants for each tier.

-Birdie said that he would receive the rest of the statistics from the FAO.

-Yao asked what his thoughts were on evaluating this quarter.

-Birdie said that after he finds out how many people are in each tier, they would move forward and see if there are more people in each tier.

Facilities Commissioner- JC De Vera

-De Vera talked about the transportation and parking component. He talked about the extended hour on the Bruin Bus, which now runs from 7:00am-7:00pm. They secured transportation from 10-1pm on Saturdays from the dorms to Ralphs on Saturdays. The pilot program will begin soon. He said that he would be posting it on the website.

-During week 4, there would be a Green Awareness Day from 11 am-2pm where all of the sustainability projects that table.

-Phi asked if they would be doing programming at that time.

-De Vera said it is still in the planning phase.

-De Vera talked about the student spaces work group, where they would talk about the master plan in student spaces in UCLA.

-De Vera talked about the campus safety alliance, where he is in charge of doing the rough draft for the first meeting.

-Hill asked De Vera to send the rough draft to the council.

-De Vera said that he would send it.

Administrative Representative- Chris

-Chris said that the last year, the academic affairs commissioner was a part of the Day of Action. He talked how he could provide assistance with this.

-Santos thanked him and said that he wanted the National Day of Action to be educational

-Chris said that he recognizes that they do things differently from different campuses and that he would like to maintain relationships. He asked if they were working with the UCLA Staff Assembly and said that they could receive assistance with that. He talked about the deadline moved from October 1 to October 8, which is only for fall and for spring.

-Birdie asked about the Festival of Books and who was in charge of moving it to USC.

-Williams said that ASUCLA made a lot of money on the festival and that not having that event would free staff and spaces for students. He said that there would be opportunities to make up that money. He said that they would be okay.

-Hill said that Lockman from community relations is more informed about the decisions and conversations made regarding the Festival of Books.

IX. Old Business

John Wooden Day

Outreach and Publicity- Rustom Birdie

-Birdie said that there would be free wristbands for the people that attend the event. The wristbands would say "John Wooden Day: Let everyday be a masterpiece." These are being paid for by the volunteer center. Birdie said that the flyer is ready and will be put on the website. The website would have a timeline of the events as well as a flyer and a brief summary on what's happening during that day and night. Birdie said that since the flyer was just received, the Facebook event would be made tonight.

-Birdie said that the marching band would not be there because they have practice, but they will be working with the spirit day and other entities. He said that if the event is sponsored with athletics, there is no charge for the mascots. He said that there will be a video shown and that they will have it consisting of the joyful aspects of his life. Birdie talked about how they would need to figure out how to film some of the daytime events and integrate it to the nighttime video.

-Hill said that the event is moving along well. She talked about the developments with the Daily Bruin.

-Spring asked if there was a schedule for flying times

-Birdie said they are working to give the flyers out in the dorms. He said he hopes to have flyers out during the rollout.

-Spring asked if there could be flyers out for the rollout.

-Birdie said yes.

- Hill said that the council would have to flyer.
- Williams said that they can do food tents and that they can talk to Roy about this.
- Birdie asked about the funding with the flyers.
- Spring said that he could cover this during the evening section.

Daytime

- Phi asked to table the rest of the John Wooden Day planning and has the next appointment come in. Spring seconded.
- Phi said that for the daytime event, they would go to the UCLA community school. The volunteers would educate students about John Wooden's teachings. Phi said that the chancellor isn't able to come to any of the Wooden events because he has other commitments. Phi said that they are still trying to convince the mayor to come
- Hill said that the chancellor has an important meeting that day. Hill said that they are going to two schools and will have the proclamation. Hill said that there will be city officials there and that they are looking for confirmation on the mayor.
- Hill said that they are solidifying the script for the classrooms as well as the special guests. There are 20 classrooms that will be involved.
- Hill said that they would use t-shirts at the school.
- Yao said that they need a way to reach out to students that can volunteer
- Spring asked Hill if there was Phi had a meeting
- Phi said that they need to know when the athletes are to be sent to the community school and, concerning the curriculum, they will look at his Wooden books and see how they can build the curriculum from that.
- Spring said that he met with SAA and that members can volunteer at the site
- Hill asked how many volunteers they needed
- Yao confirmed that they needed 60
- Hill said that people from staffs, projects, and fraternities and sororities could volunteer

Evening

- Spring said that he met with the SAA president who was willing to help with the event and making the event more interactive and entertaining. He talked about his meeting with the events office and how they needed pricing, which leads into the budget discussion. Spring said that Williams was helpful and that money made from the food would go to funding the event. He said that it would be expensive to bring in the sound systems, etc. He said that they could potentially use surplus. Williams was in support of this idea. Spring asked for the council's opinion on funding this event. Spring said that he hopes to meet with Roy on surplus as well.
- Hill asked if contingency was a source of funding for this event.
- Rose said that \$5,000 for an event would be out of the question, but they could be supportive in funding. He said that they could blend funding together
- Birdie asked for clarification on the funding plans
- Spring said to be ready by Tuesday with how much they are planning to spend
- Spring said that they are meeting after this meeting to go over more plans.
- Spring said that Lucas created a letter to request Kahrim. He responded that he would get back to them.
- Birdie asked if he was dealing with SAA on Joe Bruin
- Spring said that he would get back to them
- Hill said that the alumni association would be more helpful in this aspect.

X. New Business

There was no new business.

XI. Announcements

- Rose said that he is hosting a consulting career fair on Tuesday from 7-9.
- Chris said that Deb should be back on Monday.
- Ma said advertised a tank website.
- Yao said that for drivers, they needed to submit a driver's safety training and to go to the Orgsync for when the trainings are. She talked about her retreat.
- Santos asked if everyone that needed a fleet vehicle training.
- Yao said yes.
- Santos asked about the drivers training.

- Chris said they are still working on this. He said that he would get back to him on this issue.
- Spring said that the USAC rollout is this Thursday. He said that the rollout is from 11:30-2pm and that the council or members of their staff should be there. There will be a DJ and student performers. Hill will be speaking. Santos will speak as well on the importance of voting. Spring said that there would be a limbo contest and soul train contest where everyone can participate. Spring said to make their tables interactive. Spring said to respond to the email with how much table space needed. Also, the council should let him know if they will be there or if they will have staff members there. Spring asked the council to make the event more visible. He asked the council to where a UCLA affiliated t-shirt.
- Phi asked if they could wear their commission shirts.
- Spring said yes.
- Shah said they started an outline for the vision resolution, which came about through the USAC retreat. She asked the council to look at it. If the council wanted to alter it, they could edit it and respond to it.
- Hill said that this was a recommendation from the retreat to let the school know what USAC is doing.
- Shah said to send it to the council email for the council to see the edits.
- Spring said that the USAC mixer is confirmed for October 20th. He reminded the council to tell the staff about the mixer. He said that the mixer is set for 7-10pm.
- Shah said that Jazz Reggae staff applications are out today. She said that they are going to be selective and that it is the 25th anniversary.
- Phi said that Bruin Fest was held last week. She asked for feedback from the council and their staff.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Santos moved and Ma 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 10:38p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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