

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 12, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Ronald Arruejo, Crystal Hsing, Stephen Mooch (Daily Bruin), Parsa Sibhani, Kia Saedi, Ryan Miller (Daily Bruin)

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-De Vera added a joint officer report for facilities commission and general representative 1.

-Spring proposed to strike the Wooden portion from new business and to hold another meeting after the council meeting.

-Rose added an appointment Pavan Madduri for the finance committee.

-Lucas asked if they were working from the recent agenda or the one sent on Sunday.

-Hill said that she was working from the recently sent one.

-Khy said she would like to make an ASRF update.

-Santos said that there was a travel grant update.

-Tressel added Teach for America to the agenda and an update from the disabilities committee.

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

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *10/5/10

-Miller said that last meeting he corrected that he said that Overli's last name was spelled incorrectly.

- Spring moved and De Vera seconded to approve the minutes for October 5th, as amended.

-Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

Representative- Muslim Student Association

He talked about the campaign to save the Islamic studies program. He shared history about the graduate program founded in 1957. It was one of the most prestigious programs in the nation. UCLA has a vast library of Islamic texts and inspired Muslims to study together. He said that the program has gone through mismanagement and in 2008. It was proposed to shut down. He said that the last graduating class would be this year. He talked about the undergraduate program, which only offers one or two classes. The class from this year has been cancelled. He talked about the hate crimes that have recently occurred on and off campus, during the day and night. He talked about the different incidences, with a variety of people carrying out these attacks. He talked about how the program is designed to educate people. Tomorrow at noon there will be a speech and other upcoming events coming soon.

-Hill thanked him for coming

Tiffany – Student Health Advisory Committee

Tiffany talked about the effort to consolidate the graduate health insurance program (GSHIP). She talked about how this affects the graduate student's insurance. She talked about how health care service would go down and this would compromise the benefits for students. SHAC is an effort to get a voice in the decision making process. She asked the council and GSA to sign the petition because there is no student representation in this matter. The decision to join GSHIP would be made in January. There will be a town hall held on November 17 regarding this matter. -Hill thanked Tiffany and said there would be discussions about the time sensitivity of this matter. The letter regarding this was passed around.

Ronald Arruejo- Facilities and General Representative Offices

Arruejo talked about the joint retreat, which included power mapping and working with outside entities. Arruejo talked about USAC structure and how they were able to collaborate with each other. He talked about how they looked at each office and discussed forms of support and co-programming. Arruejo talked about the jigsaw puzzle that they did in which they put together the council's programs and their faces. -Stacy talked about how they were put into family clusters of 6 or 7 people. She talked about how she was able to meet other staffs. There were car rides with other people, games, and tournaments that made the retreat filled with bonding and interactive activities. She said that this was a good way to make the two staffs connected. She said that the weekend was amazing because they were able to learn about what their office does and how USAC can work together.

Andre- President's Office, Programming Director

Andre talked about the upcoming event so that the different offices could meet each other. There will be an acapella group and a dance group performing.

V. Special Presentations

A. UCLA Committee on Disability on Disability History Week- Tanjuaquio

Tanjaquio introduced herself as a part of the Committee on Disabilities. She used to work for the EVP office and was previously the IVP. She talked about how the second week of October would be disability history week. She presented pictures of Civil Rights Movement leaders. She talked about Ed Roberts, who was a head of the disabilities movement and empowered people with disabilities to become politically active. Tanjaquio presented statistics regarding people with disabilities and how the disabilities rights movement hasn't been as widely spread as other movements. She talked about Ugly Laws, where people could stop people with disabilities from being in a public place in the 1970s. Tanjaquio said that the movement and how it's critical that they raise awareness on the issues regarding people with disabilities. She talked about Disability History week, which would have an event called "It's Our Story." This will include a collection of testimonies, video interviews, and thousands of photos. She said that they would display the story flag, which is made up of story sticks with people they interviewed with disabilities. Tanjaquio presented a trailer for "It's Our Story." She said the program would be held outside of Wooden center. Tanjaquio asked the council to encourage their offices to come out to the event at the Wooden Center. She asked for USAC's support with the committee. She said that they are open to programming and that they may contact her.

-Yao said that the community service committee would like to program with her in the future.

B. Poland- Teach for America

She talked about Teach for America, an education nonprofit working to close the achievement gap. She said that only 50% of low-income students graduate, with many from an 8th grade reading and math level. She talked about her previous experience teaching at a middle school. She also talked the scope of the issue and how other statistics stem from a lack of formal education. She said that she had to understand where students were and where they needed to be in her last teaching job. She talked about how Teach for America gave her the skills to motivate her students. She talked about the impact these teachers had on the city of LA and overall across the country. She talked about recognizing educational reform and systemic change. She talked about their second theory of change. She talked about how she is the recruitment director at UCLA and how she wanted to make herself available. She talked about how the people trained are paid as a full time teacher and received their teaching credentials and eventually a master in education. She said that they also were able to learn about systemic issues and theory. She talked about

how they have partnerships with law schools, such as with Harvard Law School. She said that this is compatible with many different endeavors. She said that the council shouldn't hesitate to use her as a resource. She also talked about the achievement gap in the country and how they were planning to bridge this. She showed the council a video regarding Teach for America. After, she brought up how leaders and teachers are fundamentally intertwined. She talked about how she wanted to share the opportunities the program offers and how the council may use her in any capacity that they can.

-Hill asked her if there was any data that she had about the success rates that Teach for America has successfully been able to improve schools

-She said yes, and that Teach for America are as effective if not more effective as those who enter the traditional educational route. She said that a lot of people teaching at Jordan have voiced their opinions and dealt with systemic issues. She said that she could email her more information about studies done.

VI. Appointments

***Issac Rose: Finance Committee: Paban Madduri**

-Rose said that Madduri is a fourth year neuroscience major that started a student organization and was a director on Dance Marathon last year. He is involved with a lab on campus and is excited about the financial committee.

-Hill asked if these were items of consent.

-Hill asked about his time commitments.

-Rose said that he will work with his responsibilities on the finance committee and will be able to attend the meetings.

-Santos moved to approve Madduri for the finance committee. Spring seconded. With no objections, Madduri was approved for the finance committee.

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

The travel grants committee is allocating \$450 to the Muslim Student Committee. Santos said that they have a busy few weeks for the travel grants and they have seven applications they are reviewing at the moment.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

Shah said that the council should have received the document sent out. There was a MSA application and Queer Alliance Group. \$100 was allocated to MSA and \$600 for Queer Alliance. She said that the application was given to them a week ahead of time, but the application was very strong.

-Geller asked about the Muslim Student Association event, why no money was given for decorations.

-Shah said that there the most updated version wasn't sent out.

-Spring said that Shah sent two documents, with one that had the documentation and another that didn't.

-Birdie asked who decides on the funding.

-Shah said that they decide and they are scored on relevance and the quality of the application. She said that the Queer Alliance application was relevant and was strongly related to the goal of the cultural affairs commission.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-De Vera moved to approve contingency allocations. Phi seconded.

-Rose said that there was \$3089.33 that was allocated. Rose said that the applications were solid. De Vera had a good application. There was a problem with the application with the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. He said that if there were any problems with the applications, they are to contact him.

-De Vera called to question the contingency applications for the week of October 12, 2010. Spring seconded. With no objections, the contingency allocations were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

Santos moved to table the president's report until Hill was present. De Vera seconded.

-Hill said that they were invited to a CSP tabling event. This will be Nov 3 from 11:30-1pm on the second floor of Ackerman. This showcases to student groups different resources. She said that the presidents office will be there and opened up this opportunity to the rest of council

-She set up a meeting with a chair of the academic council. They will talk about the 20% fee increase being discussed by the regents.

-Hill said that the funds for the community service scholarship have the support from the chancellor and this will take place in the winter.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Birdie and Lucas did the Greek funding workshops, which were very successful. Strathmore Safe Rides are going to be launched over the next few weeks. The template for the how to guide are to be released soon. If anyone has any questions or input, they are to let her know. She talked about the test bank and podcast increases. She talked about the transparency meeting held with Zimmerman.

-Zimmerman talked about the different funding sources on campus, such as BOD and SOOF. She talked about how they thought it would be a good idea if these were made public on the student website so that students could see what USAC is funding. She said that this would help keep students accountable to turn in their evaluations. This would add transparency and would promote the student groups and all of the programming done on campus. She said that the bylaws were incorporated and a lot of the ideas were already in the guidelines. She talked about her plans to talk to BOD about bylaws.

-Lucas thanked Zimmerman.

-De Vera asked if she followed up with the letter to the editor suggestion.

-Lucas said she would follow up this week.

-Champawat said that there should be clarifications put on the website so that people could potentially respond in a quicker matter. He said that this could be a useful mechanism (a resolutions tab) by which USAC could put forward clarification. He said that this would put forward factual information to students. He said that there shouldn't be any reason for lingering questions and that all of the information should be readily available.

-Lucas said that Birdie and herself said that he would be the point person for this. She said that they didn't expect surplus to be reflected in a negative light. She said that they will rectify the situation and would make it more visible to students

-Birdie said that he talked to the reporter and how USAC surplus is for everyone. He said that it was unclear to him why only himself and Lucas were contacted about this. He said that he doesn't know about the numbers and that the reporter should have contacted other sources.

-Miller said that they are all aware of the Daily Bruin misquoting the council members.

-Tressel asked the Daily Bruin editor if she wrote the article in question.

-Kelly said no.

-Tressel asked if Daily Bruin writers followed accepted journalistic standards to create accurate articles.

-Kelly said that she was unsure about the case with Birdie and Lucas. She said that she knew that the reporter contacted Williams.

-Tressel said that the reporter should have stated in the article that they couldn't contact certain individuals who could have offered accurate information pertaining to the story. He stated his personal belief that Daily Bruin USAC coverage is closer to taking minutes in a meeting (e.g. USAC Recap) than journalistic reporting (offers nuance of a story, unique insight or analysis). -Kelly said that the Daily Bruin doesn't just recap on USAC stories.

-Tressel said that he has been around UCLA for some time and that the reporter should check back issues of the Daily Bruin in order to see that, in the past, USAC issues were covered more thoroughly

-Kelly said that this year isn't going to be the same. She said that she didn't start as a USAC reporter and that she contacted all council members. She said that they don't only cover USAC recaps.

-Champawat said that he's not trying to be in the newspaper coverage and that he is the financial advisor. He said that he is always available, especially when council is contacted about an issue that they are unsure about. He said that the council should know that he is willing to assist because it is important to get the information out there. He said that the more information they provide would assist in accurate reports by the Daily Bruin. He said that they hope to respond quickly and that they could refine their solutions to this.

-Spring said that they should have Birdie and Lucas write to the Daily Bruin anyway. He said that the council should ask for the Daily Bruin to read back their quote because sometimes, communication gets misunderstood.

- Birdie said that the Daily Bruin should say that they only contacted Birdie and Lucas and say that they were at fault. Birdie said that he said the numbers he knew and that they were just estimates. He said that he is not willing to write anything saying that he made a mistake. He said that he agrees with Tressel and that the Daily Bruin shouldn't run a story without checking their sources.
- Rose said that the Daily Bruin contacted him today and that he would use Champawat as a resource.
- Champawat said that he isn't trying to put himself into his story and that he would try to set him up with the information he needs to move forward. He said that he has experience with the Daily Bruin and that he has had positive experiences with it. He said that he could offer additional information to the Daily Bruin as well. He said that it is critical to ask them to read back their quotes and that they have a right to have the quotes consistent to what they said.
- Birdie said that he doesn't know why they only contacted Birdie and Lucas. He said that they should have more council names in the article.
- Kelly said that it was more of a story of student funding resources
- Birdie said that the reporter was informed about the story at the last minute and spoke to him an hour before the story was due. He said that they should make sure that reporters should have enough time
- Lucas said that if they have questions, they should discuss any issues with Kelly outside of the table
- Kelly said that USAC council could email any corrections
- Tressel asked if the Daily Bruin rushes a story for the sake of a deadline at the sake of getting the story right.
- Kelly said that if they don't have the information of the story, they would run it later
- Champawat said that there are different mechanisms for alleviating this issue.
- Santos asked for clarification.
- Champawat said that the community has a right to decide whether the council is doing a good job. He said that if something is unclear, they are all responsible for clearing up uncertainties. He said that they could put a tab on the website. If there is a question, the public would be able to check the website for any missing information. Champawat said that it was their council and they could decide what mechanism to do
- Birdie said that the root of the problem is that the Daily Bruin should take note of this and that they should have used all of the correct numbers in the story.
- Ma said that it was a good idea to put this on the website and that they should offer a point of clarification to the Daily Bruin.
- Khy seconded Ma's idea of using the website and submitting clarification to the Daily Bruin article
- Lucas said that they would work to add another tab and they would update the council at the next meeting
- Champawat said that they could put information up quickly and since timeliness is an issue
- Birdie asked if there was a rule on what goes onto the website.
- Zimmerman said that it doesn't have to be official documentation that is put onto the website.
- Champawat said that they could move forward and put things on the website. He said that they could ascertain the consensus of the council and alleviate the situation as timely as possible.
- Lucas updated Hill on the situation at hand.
- Hill said that this isn't necessary to make an action item. She said that this is something to move forward with.
- Champawat said that the most expedient way to provide clarification would be that Zimmerman and himself could put the information on the website with the consent of the council.
- Birdie said to put it on the website and move on.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

- Santos said that they had the UCSA board meeting in UCSD. He said that the most important presentation was from Patrick Len, the president for budget. He makes recommendations on how the UC system should make up shortfalls. He is very knowledgeable about the recommendations made to the regents. Santos said the budget was recently signed and gave money back to higher education, specifically the UC system. He said that it was confusing on how much money was given. Santos said that they gave back around \$300 million to the UC system. Santos said that fee increases are always going to be an option for the regents. Santos said that they disagree with that ideology because if they are constantly advocating for the state to give more money to the UC system, that it feeds into the argument of blaming each other for the mismanagement of funds. Santos said that they were disappointed that these student fees are always an option. Santos said that they are discussing another 20% fee increase. This would be 61% in the last two years. Santos said that this is confusing in a lot of ways and makes them wonder what the priorities of the regents are. Santos said that he would keep council updated on tactics.

- Santos talked about the Rock the Vote concert this Saturday on the hill, which will start at 7. He thanked the CAC, for getting artists at the event. He said that they will have candidates, such as a candidate for attorney general, representatives for the pro and con of prop 19, 25, etc., representatives of the gubernatorial candidates, etc.
- Santos said that there would be an event 10-2 Thursday on Bruin Plaza. This would be a voter registration drive. Rosario Dawson would help register voters. He apologized to administrators since this was last minute. She will be there from 10-2. Santos said that she wanted to be there to register students and didn't want to draw a lot of attention to herself. Santos said that they are fortunate to have her on Thursday.
- Santos said they are having a DREAM act rally on Friday around noon. This is the same day as the rally with Clinton and Brown. This rally was organized by the alliance of DREAMs. This will include different student organizations. The rally isn't for a particular candidate. He said that he would be working with the general representative office.
- Santos said that they are scheduling meetings with regents and will be working with the president's office on that. He said that he is excited to work with the regents individually.
- Champawat asked for clarification.
- Santos said that Brown, Newsome, and Clinton would be here on Friday. This is hosted by the California Young Democrats. This will be at 5. The DREAM act will be at noon.
- Spring said that the capacity of the venue is 3,000.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

- Khy talked about the proposal to rename fees as tuition. This has gone through. The undergraduate council and the executive board are the only councils left. The other councils approved the change. A lot of arguments for the proposal said that it provided clarity for what fees meant and that tuition had to do with instruction. Khy said that there is concern with the regents raising tuition without notifying the university and students. She said that they are still waiting for updates.
- Khy said that the council, because of philosophical issues, did not approve the Anderson decision.
 - Khy said that this Saturday, Oct 16 in Young there would be free exams for the GRE, LSATs, etc. at 10am.
 - Khy said that they have a secure location for the textbook loan center in the SAC. She said that the council should notify students about this program.
 - Khy said that there is a save the Islamic studies rally tomorrow at noon. She said that it is important to address diversity in curriculum.
 - Birdie said that himself and Khy are trying to secure funding for shelves for the textbook loan center
 - Khy said that the UC admissions policy would change for class of 2012. They would take away subject tests 2. This would widen the eligibility for students to apply.
 - Santos said that he missed something in his report. He thanked the CEC for the Rock the Vote Concert as well. He said that it is because of them that they were able to put this event on.

Facilities and Gen. Rep 1- Spring and De Vera

- Spring and De Vera talked about their joint retreat. They said that they wanted to change the focus of USAC being compartmentalized, build a USAC family, and to foster and cultivate collaborative efforts within USAC. This allowed them to work together to achieve common goals. They talked about their outcomes, such as to understand the USAC vision, to understand to campus and community, to understand power players, to bond, to understand the purpose of USAC, and to have staff members understand their personal role. De Vera said that the theme of the weekend was to be revolutionary. They broke up into different families. They presented a video from the retreat. Spring said that they intended to make the retreat enjoyable. Spring said that they did an activity called "Ideal USAC." The staff members wanted transparency, to advocate for student needs, to be united, not divided, to be active and visible, etc. They presented another video about the USAC vision: holistic education. Spring said that the staff was able to make the vision their own. They presented an overview of the other agenda items. De Vera said that if they have any questions about what they did at retreat, they should contact them. He said that they have ideas about staff development.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Geller

- Dr. Geller talked about the unfortunate passing of Nelson's wife.
- Dr. Geller talked about the administrative tasks on finalizing appointments. She said that there is later a check to see if they are enrolled in enough units and has an appropriate GPA. Dr. Geller said that the checks require a university ID number and that she can't guess which person it is. Dr. Geller said that the stipends don't start until the people are approved and they start attending their committees. Dr. Geller said that the council should take down

their university numbers. Dr. Geller said that they also needed whether the recommendation is for one or two years. There are a number of positions that can go one of two ways. Dr. Geller said that in the absence of anything, appointments would be processed as a one-year appointment because it was unclear in the minutes. In one-year appointments, people cannot run for vice chair in their committees. Two-year appointments can run for vice chair. She said that as appointments come, they should provide these pieces of information so that they can expedite these appointments. Dr. Geller also asked for clarification if something is intended to be one or two years. Dr. Geller said that this would help administrators to take care of appointments made. If someone isn't eligible, they should tell her what she should do.

-Hill said that in the passing of Nelson's wife, the council should extend their support during this time of grieving. She said that his wife was a big factor on her coming to UCLA. Hill said that she was the first to encourage her after she was elected. Hill said that she'd send an email concerning this.

Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said that the council should send her an email if they need speakers with their presentation.

-Hill asked if they could ask for a list of UID's registered to their door.

-Zimmerman said that they could give out their names.

-Hill said that since Locknetics is implemented, she doesn't think that it isn't sustainable for the president to sign all of the signatory forms. Hill said that logistically, she couldn't hold everyone accountable.

-Zimmerman said that she would talk to the student union.

Roy Champawat- Administrative Representative

-Champawat said that they could change this and will work with building management with this.

-Hill said that this would be sustainable for the future.

IX. Old Business

There was no new business this week.

X. New Business

A. *SOOF Allocations- Love

-Love said that there were 178 groups that applied. Love said that he was unfortunately sick the first week of school and was unable to carry out his duty that week. He said that this would never happen again and that he had to push back the deadline for the SOOF releasing. Love said that they pushed back BOD. He said that the numbers were good and that they have close to 30 applicants for BOD. Love said that he sent an ad to the paper and notified all of the student groups. He opened the floor to questions.

-Miller asked for clarification on the spreadsheet. He said that MeCha didn't receive funding. He asked if every group received funding and how the amount requested effected what they received

-Love said that they never had the chance to assess the actual process and that they couldn't change how it works. He said that they have a percentage and the amount allocated. The amount of available funding is divided by what they're eligible for after deductions. He said that he didn't have the time to look up a new formula. Love said that once BOD is done, changes would be done. Love said that he wasn't able to change anything and would like the input of the council. He said that if anyone has suggestions, they should bring this to the table. Love said that he wants to sit down and work with Dr. Geller in terms of getting an average score. Love said that it doesn't make sense for groups that missed the first funding deadline get more access to more money because of a smaller pool of individuals eligible for that funding source.

-Yao suggested that they update the documents and that there should be more elaboration on the guidelines. She said that there should be more information on the hearings and that there is more accountability in regards to the hearings

-Love said that the online process still has some kinks in it. He said that as soon as he's done with BOD, he could get started with other policies.

-De Vera asked why there was a gap between the maximum from last year and this year.

-Hill said that more groups applied this year. She said that groups that applied twice had more access to funding.

-Love said that the first SOOF is 2/3 of the budget. The other 1/3 is allocated to the second SOOF. There is a gap in terms of how many people who can request the second SOOF versus who requested the first SOOF.

-Zimmerman said that on the online form after they click submit they don't read the last part of the application on signing up on a hearing. She said that she would be adding this announcement to the website. She said that this is a newer thing.

-Yao said that there was accountability to the email with what groups were asking. She said that they should update the document for procedures in applying.

-Dr. Geller followed up on Miller's concern. She said that the score doesn't seem to impact the board. She talked about various groups and cited what they received versus their score. She said it was hard to understand where the fairness is in the process. She said that just because there's a mathematical formula, it doesn't mean that the allocations are equitable. She said that she is sorry that he was ill. Dr. Geller asked if he could have reviewed the formulas from last year before school started. Dr. Geller said that there is no opportunity to make corrections because SOOF is done once a year.

-Champawat said that there was a question here that couldn't necessarily be resolved. He asked if this could be tabled.

-Hill said that this is a motion, so an amendment can't be made. If the council feels like a certain group wasn't funded fairly, they could bring this to the attention of the council. She agreed with Champawat's suggestion.

-Miller moved to table this issue. Santos seconded.

-The agenda item was tabled until later.

-Champawat said that they put the weighting back into the points.

-Love said that nonetheless, the group that requested 50, they still would get \$10. He said that if you request more money, you would get more money regardless of your actual score.

-Champawat said that the formula takes the weight that comes from the points or hearings. He said that there is a ratio that takes 22% of your request. Everyone receives 22% based on their score

-Birdie asked if people are penalized for requesting more than the maximum.

-Love said that you couldn't request more. He said that there would already be a ratio there.

-Champawat said that before, there was a flaw in the solution.

-Love said that there was a gap placed on how much groups could ask for.

-Rose said that there is a \$3000 ceiling. He said that if everyone did this, there wouldn't be enough funding for everyone. He suggested lowering this ceiling.

-Rose said that they should lower the ceiling by 2/3, making the ceiling \$1000.

-Miller thanked Champawat for being flexible. Love thanked Dr. Geller for bringing this to his attention.

-Love said that he was there for students.

-Birdie asked when the funding student group would be meeting.

-Love said after BOD.

-De Vera asked if there was still a SOOF meeting tomorrow. It would make sure that everyone knew about how to access the numbers.

-Khy moved to approve the SOOF allocations for 2010-2011. Spring seconded.

-De Vera called to question the SOOF allocations for 2010-2011. With a vote of 11-0-1, the SOOF allocations for SOOF 1 were approved.

-De Vera moved to call a five-minute recess. Santos seconded.

-Hill vetoed the recess.

B. *USAC Vision Resolution-Shah

-Shah moved to approve the USAC vision resolution. De Vera seconded.

-Shah said that at retreat, 4 points of the vision were made. They wanted to add a resolution and how they would be addressing these four points. She said that the let it be resolved contained how they would be addressing these issues.

-Hill said that the general flow of this was presented at a previous council meeting.

-Miller asked if they are to read this resolution before and after. He asked for clarification on the addition of amendments.

-Miller said that there is a discrepancy between saying "USAC" and "the USAC." He asked if the council wanted to be consistent in what they call themselves. He proposed to change all "USAC" to "the USAC."

-Dr. Geller said that when you get to the end with the "let it be resolved," the first one could be changed to read "advocating."

-Spring asked for clarification on parallel construction.

-Dr. Geller said that it meant using similar word forms.

Shah read the resolution as follows:

Resolution on the Current State of Campus and the Undergraduate Students Association Council Commitment to Relevant Goals

Whereas, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) is the governing body of the Undergraduate Students Association (USA) at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Whereas, the USA's membership is comprised of every UCLA undergraduate student who annually elect the Council's thirteen (13) student officers and commissioners.¹

Whereas, the mission of USAC is to be the official representative of UCLA students to administration.²

Whereas, a recent campus-wide survey indicated that many students feel that USAC may be inaccessible and don't understand its role on campus.

Whereas, USAC has a responsibility not only to respond to these student concerns but work towards the betterment of the undergraduate experience at UCLA.

Whereas, the academic year of 2010-2011 holds many challenges for the undergraduate student as described below.

Whereas, campus climate is at the forefront of the agenda of USAC, administration, and Chancellor Gene Block for the 2010-2011 academic year³

Whereas, this focus on climate derives from a sense of decreasing inclusivity and safety within the University of California system.

Whereas, UCLA recently celebrated the 40th year of ethnic studies, still with no general education requirement to support learning of other cultures or marginalized groups.⁴

Whereas, the University has promoted a diverse and safe campus but do not create the aggressive solutions to solve or support the inherent issues students face.⁵

Whereas, overall UCLA still experiences a lack of racial and socio-economic diversity relevant to the diverse population within the state of California.

Whereas, concurrently, the 32% fee increase has affected all students' experience and impacts accessibility to public university for generations to come.

Whereas, in the month of September 2010, the California budget still was at a gridlock, leaving funding for higher education and related support programs undecided.

Whereas, there is a direct correlation from the cost of education to the rates of undergraduate graduation and retention within the UC.

Whereas, the lack of financial aid support or eligibility to said aid for middle class students create financial difficulty for a high percentage of UCLA students seek an education.

Whereas, the three pillars of UC education are teaching, service, and research and the role of students is to ensure that these promises are being met.⁶

¹ USAC Constitution, Art. I

² USAC Constitution, Art. I §B.3.C

³ <http://newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/diversity.aspx>

⁴ <http://www.ethnicstudies40th.ucla.edu/about/index.asp>

⁵ UCLA Campus Strategic Plan For Diversity

⁶ Commission Recommendation from the Academic Council, UCSF Senate , 7-26-10

Whereas, in many departments there is a priority on testing as opposed to ensuring that students truly develop an understanding and expertise in the subject area.

Whereas, state budget cuts for higher education have endangered the quality of education with larger class sizes and fewer opportunities for engagement with staff and faculty.

Whereas, while these issues are great, with only a one-year term USAC 2010-2011 must engage students on all fronts to continue advocacy and initiative within these concerns.

Let it be resolved that to address the most relevant concerns and conditions of students, the Undergraduate Students Association Council of 2010-2011 will advocate for affordability, promote a holistic education, empower students, and cultivate diverse, unified, and safe open spaces.⁷

Let it be resolved that the USAC will cultivate diverse, unified, and safe open spaces through (but not limited to),

- a. Addressing health and safety concerns
- b. Exposing UCLA students to diverse populations and experiences both on and off –campus
- c. Advocacy for marginalized communities, for example, through the promotion of gender neutral spaces

Let it be resolved that the USAC will advocate for affordability through (but not limited to),

- d. Scholarships
- e. Subsidizing the costs of student services
- f. Pushing for new revenues for higher education in the state legislature

Let it be resolved that the USAC will promote a holistic education by (but not limited to),

- g. Increasing awareness on social and political issues
- h. Addressing enrollment concerns
- i. Promoting community service

Let it be resolved that the USAC will empower students to hold the university accountable by (but not limited to),

- j. Connecting students to on-campus, state-wide, and national decision-makers
- k. Ensuring the visibility and accessibility of student government

-Hill opened the floor to other discussion.

-Santos added a friendly amendment.

-Miller said that he doesn't see that a part was inclusive in the vision statement. He said that he would like to hear other comments regarding this. It is located on the third to the last whereas.

-Santos said that it touches on holistic education. It means that the students should strive to develop an understanding and more personal expertise on the subject area.

⁷ http://www.dailybruin.com/index.php/article/2010/09/brought_to_you_by_usac

- Khy said that it would provide for a means that the students are applying the material rather than simply regurgitating the material. This challenges the notion in which the professors are...
- Hill said that they were trying to provide reasons for why these were in the vision. She said that these notes came from the comments made at the retreat.
- Miller said that he doesn't disagree with the statement. He said that he views holistic education regarding the individual. He said that others see holistic education as related to the entire classroom experience. Miller said it was an issue because from his conversations with professors, students see testing as fact heavy. He said that they were challenging the professors in taking the material rather than students in learning the material. He said that they weren't recognizing that holistic education is the student's responsibility as well.
- Hill asked for an example of what the phrasing would look like
- Phi made a friendly amendment on the 7th whereas, there needs to be a period.
- Shah made a friendly amendment on the 15th where it says, "seek" it should read "seeking."
- Khy made a friendly amendment. Academic is spelled incorrectly.
- Santos proposed an amendment on the "whereas..September __, 2010.." He said that he feels like it was a short-term reason why. Santos proposed it read that the California budget signed by the governor ___deteriorating status of our university.." He said that this would clarify the situation that we're in as a university. Santos moved to amend the resolution and strike in the month of September, 2010 the California budget was.... And change it to "whereas the California budget does nothing more than accept the current deteriorating status of our university."
- Hill said that both of these things are relevant. She said that this serves as a time capsule to show students in the future what was happening in California. She suggested adding the amendment after rather than striking the original "whereas."
- Shah asked for clarification
- Hill said to make an amendment to the amendment
- Shah moved to keep the whereas and to add another whereas about the California budget.
- Santos read, "whereas the California budget does nothing more than accept the current deteriorating status of our university."
- Shah motioned to maintain the original whereas and add the new one. Spring seconded.
- Miller said that "whereas the prioritization of education..." he said that this maintains a lot of the original wording. He moved to replace "whereas in many departments..." with "whereas the priority in education has..." Birdie seconded. With no objections, this amendment was approved.
- Khy moved to amend one of the phrases to include "where the state budget cuts for higher education have endangered the quality of higher education with larger class sizes, cut to poor class majors.... And included fewer engagement with the staff.." Spring seconded.
- Santos called to question the resolution as amended. Spring seconded.
- Shah read the resolution as amended:
Ask for updated resolution
- Santos called to question to approve the resolution on the... as amended. Spring seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution was approved.
- Shah talked about the resolution and said that they should follow through with it. She said that they still need to follow up with who's going to follow through with initiatives. Shah said that they should draft ideas on how they could carry out the vision.
- Hill said that a lot of these projects are not claimed.
- Shah said that one change is to change the logo to say "supported by USAC" rather than "paid for by USAC", the A-board, making sure that USAC is on all of the programs and making sure this is highlighted, the bulletin board, and the... Shah said that they should move forward with these ideas and tangibly do things with them.
- Spring said that he agreed to do the USAC table. He said that he wanted to compile a newsletter at the USAC table so that students knew what they were doing in terms of offices. The general representative office would be working on this. He talked about more USAC rollouts. He talked about how they could create a fund as a collective. Spring said that this would allow them to set aside funds for USAC-wide events for projects that aren't just from one office.
- Miller said that they hope to discuss this.
- Birdie asked about the meeting
- Miller said that they would like to portion off a USAC collective fund. He said that applying for funding is cumbersome because it would be strange to oppose a USAC-wide event.
- Birdie asked if he could be a part of this if possible.
- Hill said that they would send an email with more of this. She suggested returning to the SOOF allocations conversation.

-Miller moved to continue the SOOF allocations discussion. Spring seconded.

C. *LGBT Resolution-Miller

-Miller moved to approve the resolution to approve National Coming Out Week and... Spring seconded.

-Miller read the resolution.

-Santos made a friendly amendment. He said that there was discrepancy in the grammar used in the end of the sentences.

-Yao made a friendly amendment that read, "the recent tragedies recognize" rather than "the recent tragedies recognizes"

-Zimmerman made sure that someone was tracking these amendments

-Miller said he was

-Phi said that they should add to other amendments

-Spring said that they could add office initiatives

-Khy added an initiative to the resolution. She made a motion to amend the second to last "let it be further resolved" to say "let it be further resolved that USAC..." Spring seconded.

-Shah called to question the resolution to approve the LGBT Resolution.

-Hill asked if anyone would like to make any further comments.

-Miller read the resolution with the added amendments:

Revised resolution:

Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week and a Call for a Safer and More Inclusive University

WHEREAS, The Queer Community, including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Genderqueer individuals, contributes to the diversity of the University of California system as a whole and comprises a significant portion of the student body,

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Students Association Council works to fairly represent student interests, needs, and welfare, [1]

WHEREAS, Queer students face an exceptional amount of hardship, simply due to their gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation,

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles believes that diversity is critical to maintaining excellence in all of our endeavors, [2]

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles will not tolerate acts of discrimination, harassment, profiling or other harm to individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, among other personal characteristics, [3]

WHEREAS, such acts are in violation of UCLA's Principles of Community and subject to sanctions according to campus policies governing the conduct of students, staff and faculty, [4]

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles actively supports promoting an inclusive climate on campus, in which all individuals feel welcomed and respected, [5]

WHEREAS, recent events, which include the pattern of suicides of gay-identified youth across the nation, have called attention to the need for safety and inclusion of LGBT youth in schools across the nation,

WHEREAS, this week marks the 22nd anniversary of National Coming Out Week (NCOW), a week that commemorates and celebrates the lives and identities of queer individuals across the nation,

WHEREAS, the recent tragedies coupled with the celebration of National Coming Out Week, recognize the progress the queer community has made, while also highlighting the need for further progress/action,

WHEREAS, a safe and inclusive environment is necessary for any individual's personal well-being, academic

success and retention, and development,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC strongly supports and stands firmly in solidarity with the Queer community of UCLA.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC acknowledges the work of students and student groups who have continually advocated around issues of Queer rights and identity.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC urges the University administration to continue and support integral services that provide and create safe spaces, such as the LGBT Campus Resource Center.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the USAC will continue to advocate on behalf of the queer community through initiatives and programs that will create a safer and more inclusive environment such as Hate Crimes Awareness, Gender-Neutral Facilities, the Count Me In Too Campaign, and "OTHER COUNCIL INITIATIVES".

THEREFORE LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the USAC encourages the student body to be conscious of unintended effects that their words and actions may have on others, and to become active allies of marginalized communities.

Sponsors:

Mikael Gatsby Miller: General Representative 3
 Matthew Spring: General Representative 1
 John Christian "JC" De Vera: Facilities Commissioner
 Stephanie Lucas: Internal Vice President
 Rustom Z Birdie: Financial Supports Commissioner
 Emily Resnick: General Representative 2

- [1] USAC Constitution, pg. 1
- [2] UCLA Diversity statement, pg. 1
- [3] UCLA Diversity statement, pg. 1
- [4] UCLA Diversity statement, pg. 1
- [5] UCLA Diversity Plan, pg. 2

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- Santos said that almost half of the council is sponsoring resolution. He asked if all 6 worked on it.
- Miller said that the 4 people who worked on that part of the resolution qualified as sponsored.
- Zimmerman asked if they were going to use contingency to publish this into the Daily Bruin.
- Hill said that they should make two resolutions for this.
- Shah called to question the resolution in support for National Coming Out Week for a safer and more inclusive environment. Miller seconded.
- With a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution was passed.
- Hill suggested a motion to add to new business an action item toward contingency for publication
- Ma moved to amend the agenda use contingency funds to place the resolutions in the Daily Bruin. Santos seconded.
- Santos moved to approve the funding for the publication in the Daily Bruin. Yao seconded.

- Hill said that the point people would be Shah and Miller. The soonest these would be published would be week 4. A one-third page would be used unless someone had a different recommendation for one or both of the recommendations.
- Miller asked for the cost of a 1/3 publication
- Rose said that \$350 would be a 1/3 page
- Dr. Geller said that they could do a 1/3, 1/2, or a full page.
- Santos said that he was concerned that the vision resolution wouldn't fit in the 1/3 page. He said that if there is a purpose to make these visible, that they have more space
- Rose suggested that they present the resolution as passed. He said that it's not necessary as an ad.
- Hill said that this is a good comment and that they can't guarantee the publishing of anything in the Daily Bruin if it's not under the discretion of the editors. The only way to guarantee the publication would be through an ad.
- Hill said that the recommendation would be a half a page. She told council to vote on a size of a page.
- Dr. Geller said that there might be value in doing a full-page ad as they look at their efforts to be visible
- Santos agreed with Dr. Geller. He said that it was rare that a resolution affects all UCLA students. He said that the vision resolution is one of those examples
- Santos made an amendment to the motion to approve a full-page ad for the USAC Vision Resolution.
- Ma amended the amendment to include both resolutions to one full-page ad. Yao seconded.
- Miller said that the vision resolution should be set aside but at the same time cost effective. He asked for the council's opinions.
- Spring said that he thinks that they approve the vision on a separate page. Spring said that the top of the page could have more information about USAC, which would make the page more comprehensive.
- Ma said that one page is a lot of space
- Hill said that the council could construct the design to look like two ads
- Phi said that the sizes of the resolutions could imply their priorities of one resolution over the other. She said that she wouldn't suggest two different pages
- Spring called to question the approval of contingency funding to both resolutions to one page. Phi seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency funding was approved to publish both resolutions in one ad during week 4.

XI. Announcements

- Ma said that the CEC had a hipster panel last night with great success. The moderator said it was a "shit storm"
- Birdie said that he was the vice president of the Pakistani Student Association of UCLA. There would be a banquet tomorrow with free entry in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. This is also for faculty and administrators. He said that there would be free food.
- Zimmerman asked for those in charge of the resolutions to email them to her.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- De Vera moved and Santos 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 10:21 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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USAC Minutes Taker
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