

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 23, 2010  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Emily Resnick, Isaac Rose, Dr. Berky Nelson

GUESTS: Mikaela Saeula, Mark Reyes, Myca Tran, Jasov Youdem, Kutibh Chihabi

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

-Hill said that the Student Giving Committee can no longer come in.

-Miller moved to add a special presentation for members of the ASUCLA Board of Directors.

-Spring moved to add Myca Tran for appointments for OSAC.

-Hill said that the Board of Directors will present first.

- De Vera moved and Miller 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. \*11/16/10

-Phi said that a section should be calling to question rather than making a motion.

-Khy moved and De Vera seconded to approve the minutes for November 16<sup>th</sup>, as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

*There were no public comments this week.*

V. Special Presentations

**A. ASUCLA Board of Directors- Mark Reyes and Mikaela Saeula**

They presented the ASUCLA Core Values, such as an independent book store, employee investment, ASUCLA Benefits U, Championship Service, etc. Reyes presented the structure of ASUCLA, which included USAC, Graduate Student Association, etc. They presented the board of directors standing committees (executive, finance, services, personnel, Student Union Master Plan Initiative II, and outreach committees). The presenters explained the purpose of each committee. Saeula talked about the board of directors' priorities from retreat. Reyes talked about the future of the master plan. They talked about the various priorities, such as the Student Master Plan Initiative, Academic Materials Master Plan, Brand Identity and Messaging, Campus Outreach, Social Responsibility, and Product and Service Innovations. Reyes talked about how messaging wanted to send the right message of what UCLA is. Campus Outreach had to do with what they could do to best serve their students. Saeula talked about social responsibility in terms of licensing and sustainability. Reyes talked about product and service innovations. The presenters presented various pictures of the development of the South Campus Student Center. Saeula talked about

another project dealing with the North Campus Student Center. Reyes talked about upgrading the food, such as personalized pizzas, tacos, and grilled Panini's. The North Campus Student Center is scheduled to be remodeled during Winter Break. Saeula talked about how they could best receive faculty center support. Reyes talked about the current ASUCLA financial picture. He said that there was a decrease in store sales. Reyes presented a graph showing the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Union Annual Fees. Williams said that UCLA student fees are low because the services provided are student run.

-Birdie asked where the numbers are from.

-Williams said that the numbers are from this year.

-Miller asked why some student fees on different campuses are considerably higher.

-Williams said that UCLA is different in that their services are mainly student run. He said that when you support the association, the fees go back to the students.

-Saeula presented how USAC can support BOD. They asked to keep open lines of communication with the board and to update them on important issues regarding the undergraduate population.

-Hill asked if there would be food changes during the winter in North Campus facilities

-Reyes said there would be food changes.

-Hill asked if there was a timeline for when South Campus facilities would be finished.

-Williams said that it would be completed fall or winter 2012.

-Hill asked if it was true that there would be a Subway in South Campus.

-Williams said that there would be a Subway, bistro, Yoshinoya, and a coffee/yogurt kiosk.

-Khy asked if they considered having a local business

-Williams said that in terms of construction and the type of cost, the rent they have to pay isn't feasible for the local businesses.

-Saeula said that food trucks are a way that other businesses come to campus.

-Spring asked about the food truck situation.

-Williams said that he didn't know what would happen to the food trucks. He said that they would be doing a major operation and that the food trucks might move. He said that there is no official strategy for the food trucks. Williams said that they don't bring in the same revenue as the Bombshelter did.

-Spring asked where the gains are in the budget that has the surplus.

-Williams said that there is a cash reserve policy. They did so well that they were able to lower textbook prices. Williams said that they plan for a gradual decline in textbook sales.

-Reyes said that computer sales picked up recently.

-Tressel asked about the bar situation.

-Williams said they would never approve a pub, but they agreed to have a Wolfgang Puck Bistro to be built next to Rubios. He said that if someone is interested, they have plans drawn up. Williams said that they are still in negotiations and they are trying to find a way to run with it. They also need to find a new location for the establishment.

-Hill said that the board of directors is doing well in terms of communication. She posed a question in terms of accountability and why GSA and USAC aren't at the same level.

-Reyes said that this was a great idea. He said he would like to see their faces around campus as well.

-Williams said that the student government and the student media have struggled to work together a lot of the time he was executive director. He said that in this body, there are entities that cannot be controlled by administration and are primarily student run. Williams said that they have an entities meeting, which has gotten lost over the years. He said that the purpose of this outreach is to bring the bodies together.

-Tressel said that the association needs everyone's support. He asked where the textbook sales are going

-Williams said that they are trying to track the sales. He said that if the student chooses to buy somewhere else, they are faced with shortfalls. He said that it's a combination of finding somewhere else to buy the books, peer-to-peer book trades, rentals, and electronic books. Williams said that if every student bought books from ASUCLA, they could lower the textbook prices for everyone.

-Birdie asked how the stipend works.

-Williams said that board members that are nonstudents vote on whether to raise the fee that amount

-Saeula said that she knows that USAC is committed to being more visible. She said that there is no reason why they couldn't work toward the same goal. She invited them to a meeting with them so that they could outreach to the same constituents.

-Tressel asked what they were doing in terms of advertising

-Saeula said that the outreach committee is still in discussion.

- Williams said that a lot of the marketing comes from a commercial perspective. He said that they recognize they aren't doing it right, so there are a lot of people working on it. Williams said that people are taking time to define their message.
- Williams asked if they feel like they make a difference working on the board
- Reyes said that they are able to speak on behalf of the undergraduates
- Sauela said that she thinks that on her time, it's a great place for students to have their voices heard
- Miller asked about the relationship between graduate members and undergraduate members. He asked what goals they had in common
- Reyes said that with the graduate student on board, they work together in depth about spaces and services. He said that he can't hold the graduate student council accountable.
- Miller clarified his question.
- Reyes said that he learned a lot from the grad students, such as the previous financial chair. He said that they have similar needs.
- Hill thanked the board of directors for their presentation.

### **B. Olive Tree Initiative at UCLA- Jason Yudimn and Kutibh Chihabi**

- The presenters passed around booklets to council and presented a Powerpoint about the Olive Tree Initiative. The Olive Tree Initiative was started at UCI in order to respond to the situation on campus with first hand knowledge of the Arab-Israeli conflict. They did this by bringing student leaders on a 20-day trip. Yudimn said that they are planning to bring this initiative to UCLA's campus. He said that they plan to take 20 student leaders and 2 professors to the region. He said that he went on the trip with UCI. They were looking to take a diverse cohort of students from Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and non-religious backgrounds with different perspectives on the Israeli-Palestine trip. He said that the trip is student run and student led. Yudimn said that the booklets showed how they would share the experience with the greater campus community. He said that it shared the transformation they went to. Their goal was to change the climate on campus by creating relationships that allow for students to proactively be active in what they care about without hurting other students or creating spaces where students don't feel welcome on campus. Yudimn said that they will make community presentations outside of UCLA. They also hope to change the academic discourse on campus. They presented recent accomplishments of the Olive Tree Initiative, such as the Inaugural University of California Presidents Award for Outstanding Leadership and the U.S. Center for Diplomacy Award for most Innovative Program in higher education. Chihabi said that by sending various students on the trip, they get to see on both sides experience. Students are able to get a comprehensive look and begin dialogue. Yudimn opened the floor up to questions.
- Tressel asked what the timeline was.
- Yudimn said they want to go by next September 2011. They hope to raise \$82,000.
- Santos asked how the process of selecting students to attend goes.
- Yudimn said it is based on the student's active involvement in the initiative. He said that 13 people already applied for 5 positions on their executive board. He said that they will take into account the communities the students come from. He said that they want to choose students from all communities, since you learn from your peers on the trip
- Khy asked why 20 students are chosen.
- Yudimn said that when he went, there were 30 students and that it was too large of a group. He said that 20 people allow for enough ripple effect to the communities.
- Chihabi said that in high school, discussions were more effective with smaller groups of people
- Khy recommended that if they can't provide enough funding, they could collaborate with UCI.
- Yudimn said that if they don't get the funding for all of the students, they will take the students that they can. He said that 20 students on the tip is the goal. Yudimn said that going with UCI defeats the purpose.
- Miller asked how USAC could support the initiative.
- Yudimn said that they wanted to make the council aware of what they are. He said that if anyone has an interest, they are welcome to join the initiative as well.

## VI. Appointments

### **A. \*Samuel Blanco for Community Service Mini Fund**

- Lucas said that she sent out the evaluations last night. The vote was 1-2-0. She moved to approve Blanco for the CS Mini Fund. Miller seconded.
- Blanco introduced himself as a third year economics major and education minor.
- Spring asked if he could talk about his passion for community service.

-Blanco said that he had the privilege of going to a summer camp that taught him leadership skills that he used throughout high school. He said that he went to Lincoln Heights and fell in love with community service. HE said that there were a lot of mentors that helped him through his process, so he sees how the community affects individuals.

-Hill said that the CS Mini Fund has representatives from the Community Service Commission and the Community Programs Office. She asked about his involvement with the community programs office

-Blanco said that his first year, he went to CalMeca, a student retention service that peer advises the students of UCLA. He said that they helped him transition from high school to UCLA. He did a leadership internship that taught him about the CPO at UCLA and later applied for the student initiated access project that provides mentorship. This project goes out to holistically develop their students.

-Miller said that he shows a lot of commitment for community service. He asked what the needs of student groups and what CS Mini Fund's job is in regards to that need.

-Blanco said that they challenge organizations to see where they can improve and better serve the community. He said that they were trying to improve the organizations through increased student involvement. Blanco said that this is why there is a Community Service Day.

-Yao asked what he will be looking for in evaluating the proposals.

-Blanco said that he will look for how the organization can improve and where they see themselves in the next 5 years. He said that he would see how the organizations would continue to build.

-Phi asked if there were any aspects of the CS Mini Fund or community service at UCLA that he would like to improve.

-Blanco said that he would like to see more student involvement because he could see the benefits of community service. He said that as UCLA students they have a privilege. He said that he would like to see programs outreach more.

-Yao asked why he applied for this position.

-Blanco said that 2 CPO members approached him for this position. He said that this would be an opportunity to improve himself, challenge himself, and learn how to read and evaluate proposals.

-Khy asked what his strengths were and how he could apply these to the community.

-Blanco said that he's dedicated, has good energy, could provide a young perspective, and is willing to grow. He said that he wants to learn more about the organizations on campus.

-Lucas said that in ARC, there was a unanimous feeling that he didn't have the same amount of experience as other people that applied for this position.

-Miller said that he doesn't feel like there is a lot of experience with the fund but the position is an opportunity to grow. He said that he feels like there is a lot of commitment there.

-Spring said that he has a true passion and commitment for service. He said that he feels comfortable calling to question Blanco for Blanco for CS Mini Fund. Phi seconded.

-With a vote of 11-0-0, Blanco was approved for the CS Mini Fund.

-Birdie said that he had to leave for his BRD hearing but would be back in 15 minutes.

### **Myca Tran-OSAC Appointment**

#### **Lucas moved to approve Tran for Office Space Committee chair.**

Tran introduced herself as a fifth year international developmental studies major.

-Miller asked what her interest was for this position.

-Tran said that, being a student leader for the last five years at UCLA, she knew about how student organizations always needed safe spaces. This constant battle sparked her interest. With her involvement with VSU, she learned more about the process. She said that spaces are for the objectives and mission of student organizations.

-Tressel asked what has happened within OSAC over the last 4 years.

-Tran said that there was a question because there was a member that was on OSAC and facilities. She said that since then clarifications has been made. Publicity was also an issue in terms of how many student groups knew about the process.

-Tressel said that communication, allocations, and divvying up the different rooms were problems in the past.

-Tran said that this year is an allocation year.

-Zimmerman said that one of the biggest issues with OSAC is that when they decide to change allocations, people leave. Logistically, there is no backup for the changes that are made. She said that if changes have to be made, how she would implement these changes.

-Hill asked if she could give an example of this.

- Zimmerman said that before, Facilities was more involved with OSAC. She said that it is important to have OSAC representation over the summer or Facilities to make decisions of how to transition.
- Tran said that going over the guidelines would ensure that OSAC is a self-sustained responsibility. She said that these changes could be made, whether it be discussing details with the facilities commissioner or seeing the turn over of responsibility.
- Miller asked what the most pressing needs were for office space.
- Tran said that there are 900+ student organizations. She said that people need arts space, meeting spaces, storage spaces, etc. Tran said that these are essential to having an efficient organization.
- Miller asked what the most pressing needs of student groups are when it comes to applying for office space.
- Tran said that safe space is a huge issue. She said that having a safe space means that students have a space where they could do what they need to do and be themselves in a confined area with peers that they trust.
- De Vera asked her to elaborate some of the creative solutions she outlined in her interview for office space next year.
- Tran said that Kerckhoff is limited in space. She said that she would look for communal spaces that could be utilized. She said that she could open up spaces in the SAC, Wooden, or places in North or South Campus.
- Santos asked what tactics she would use in terms of publicity.
- Tran said that she would publicize via Bruinwalk. She said that digital publicity should be utilized through sources such as social media or OrgSync.
- Phi said that she isn't familiar with the allocations of office space. She asked how she would determine whether a group would keep a location.
- Tran said that it comes down to the application, which is based on the guidelines. She said that they would look at how an organization is doing. Tran said that they would look for what is prioritized. She said it comes down to the structure and history of the organization and if it is consistent.
- De Vera asked what qualities she would be seeking in committee members.
- Tran said that she would have a strict process in finding individuals that represent a diverse range of students. She said that she would look for people who are familiar with what student spaces are.
- Miller asked how she would deal with making unpopular decisions. He asked how she would deal with concerns that dealt with her being a part of a student group.
- Tran said that at the end of the day, the committee would critique and provide recommendations for guidelines. She said that her decisions would be professional. Tran said that her experience has taught her skills that would allow her to be professional, objective, and adhere to guidelines. Tran said that she would be able to fall back on her committee. She said that she would not take things personally.
- Yao said that it was great that she emphasized the importance of being unbiased. She did a lot of research. She called to question Tran.
- Miller said that when students are allocated office space, they aren't always put to the best use. He asked how she would hold people accountable to these spaces.
- Tran said that in the guidelines, it said she would do quarterly audits. She said that she would see that the spaces are reflective of the work they do rather than their bad habits.
- Miller said that student groups have familiarity of how to apply for office spaces. He asked how she would outreach to new organizations.
- Tran said that she would hold office hours, publicize, and hold town hall meetings. She said that she would digitally interact with the chairperson. She said that she would explain the process thoroughly.
- Hill said that with her experience, some student groups didn't know they had to apply again for office spaces.
- Lucas asked Tran if there was anything in the guidelines that inhibits groups from getting office space and if so, how she would alleviate this.
- Tran mentioned the guidelines and said that she would have the committee review them. She said that if there are discrepancies, she would have USAC's assistance in dealing with them.
- Birdie asked her about her familiarity of the guidelines.
- Tran said that it had to do with organizational structure, etc.
- Birdie asked what she would do if he was a part of a new student group.
- Tran said that it depends on history, the application, their record, etc. OSAC would publicize the process, hold office hours, and hold a town hall.
- Miller called to question Tran for OSAC. Spring seconded.
- With a vote of 11-0-0, Tran was approved for OSAC Chair.

## VII. Fund Allocations

**A. Academic Success Referendum Fund**

*There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.*

**B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant**Students for Justice in Palestine

The group would hold an event in AGB dealing with the events in Palestine. The application was well written. The event would promote dialogue dealing with diversity on campus. They were granted \$1000.

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This would deal with a class that dealt with health and fitness. She would be holding a class where they would learn about nutrition and fitness. They were also requested for honorarium. They were granted \$1000.

-Dr. Geller asked if the people in the program were participating in this as a part of a job.

-Khy said that she only knew what was in the application. She said that they were asking for honorarium for two instructors.

-Dr. Geller said that if they are paid employees of the Wooden Center, they were not eligible for honorarium. She said that these dollars might not be usable.

-Khy said that she would follow up with this student.

-Birdie asked if she could email out a summary of the applications.

**C. EVP Travel Grant**

*There was no business for the EVP Travel Grant.*

**D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

-Shah said that she sent out the allocations. Students for Justice in Palestine had a well thought-out application and indicators of need. They were asking for \$1500 in honorarium. They were granted \$1000 to continue to support them but to have money for future groups that apply.

**E. \*Contingency Allocations**

-Miller moved to approve the contingency allocations for November 23. De Vera seconded.

-The Ballroom Dance Club was lacking documentation for advertising. They were granted \$500.

-Queer Alliance, Pan-Asian Queers, and Mishpacha all applied for the same event. He said that they went over discrepancies and changed the allocations. Queer Alliance requested \$210 for registration and was docked for accommodations. Pan Asian Queers were docked for documentation. Mishpacha had the same application verbatim. This showed a lack of concern for the program and were docked funding.

-Kappa Psi Epsilon received a perfect score and was recommended \$628.56.

-Iranian Student Groups were missing documentation for graphics. They were recommended \$600.

-Muslim Union requested more than maximum for honorarium. There were recommended \$656.71.

-Saedi talked about the funding workshop that was held. They filled out Viewpoint B and felt like people learned a lot about the fund and how to apply.

-Dr. Geller asked for clarification for the groups that were docked funding for having the same application.

-Saedi said that one application was missing documentation. Both were docked, but Queer Alliance was docked more because they were missing the necessary documents.

-Birdie asked if the Muslim Union event interferes with the two weeks prior criteria.

-Saedi said it doesn't, because when they reviewed the application it was two weeks before the event.

-Miller called to question the contingency allocations for November 23. Shah seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations were approved. A total of \$7,064.64 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$4,206.43 is recommended for allocation for this week. Currently we have \$35,426.07 remaining in the contingency programming fund.

**VIII. Officer and Member Reports****President – Jasmine Hill**

-Hill apologized for not being at the meeting last week. She attended the UC Regents meeting and was able to make a public comment. She said that she was outreached to by the media and was able to talk to students about the fee

increases. Hill said that they are planning to meet with Yudof. They want to have student representation on the student advisory group, which looks over how the university is spending and allocating its funds.

-Hill talked about the presidents council meeting from the conference in Santa Barbara, which included a meeting for all the UC's. She was appointed the spokesperson for all of the UC's.

-Hill said that next quarter, they would take more interns. They would work with various offices

-Hill said that they are working to get a mobile application for MyUCLA. She heard promising things from the college.

-Hill said that she wasn't able to meet with the chancellor this quarter. She said that she would follow up with this, especially after the fee increase. She said that she wanted to continue to push forward with these important matters.

-Dr. Geller said that she heard about her media reports. She said that she didn't know where the accuracy was. Dr. Geller said that Hill talked about how the increase in fee increase had to do with an increase in shoplifting.

-Hill said that she reported that shoplifting increased because of financial hardships.

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

-Lucas said that the campus safety alliance met this week. She said that De Vera was nominated the vice chair.

Lucas said that Phi, De Vera, Greenstein, and a member of Gamma held a meeting in terms of safety goals. They planned to co-program and came up with a J-walk campaign. She said that they were going to work on putting a sign up.

-Lucas said that they were working on holding self-defense classes. She talked about having a week where each day encompasses a different part of the committee.

-Lucas said that she had the last IVP meeting of the year. She said that they had been outreaching a lot with student groups on campus. She said that they would have a small activity fair.

-Lucas said that Campus Saferides would be through a different agency.

-Spring asked about the how-to guide

-Lucas said that the guides are printed and done.

-Miller asked for clarification on her last meeting

-Birdie asked if she had an update with the digitized test bank

-Lucas said that they are focusing on the hill since they have 500 survey responses. They are talking to various Greek agencies to see how they have test banks. She said they want to make the test bank sustainable forever at UCLA.

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

-Santos said that they held the Student of Color Conference in Santa Barbara this past weekend. They brought 100 students to the conference. The delegates were on point and participated in the various workshops. Santos talked about the student regent, who would introduce institutionalized aid at the January regents meeting. Santos said that the regent was asking for many people to show up at the regents meeting in San Diego. Santos backed away from his earlier support for institutionalized aid. Santos said the regent would choose a proposal for chancellors to work with undocumented students privately.

-Spring commended Santos for a smoothly run conference and that he was impressed with his office.

-Santos thanked Spring. Santos talked about the DREAM act. His National Affairs Component would have days of action. The House and the Senate have already pledged to put the federal DREAM act for a vote. The proposed dates were the 29<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. They want to vote on this during the lame duck elections.

-Next week, they would have a National Coming Out Day.

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

-Khy said that she met with an individual about the GE requirement. They would talk about how to timeline the requirement. Khy talked about the Islamic studies course, where they would have more undergraduate GE courses. Khy said they are looking at developing curriculum. She would provide more updates as this comes along.

-Khy talked about working with Birdie and the development of the textbook loan program. This will be implemented hopefully by winter. They hope to bridge with high schools in the local Los Angeles area.

#### **Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman**

-Birdie said that Zimmerman emailed him about the banners.

-Zimmerman said that they were working with people to clean up the balcony. She said that she was working with offices to respect that zone and to treat that as an office space rather than a storage/trash place. She said that if

people see this area getting messy, to let her know so that she could follow up with student groups in terms of this space.

IX. Old Business

*There was no new business this week.*

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**Presentation on Student Empowerment- Jasmine Hill**

Hill said that the council said that it was important for students to hold the university accountable. She said that the council should define what this means. She presented an interactive Powerpoint presentation to the council. Hill asked what the council thought that student empowerment means. She asked why this was a goal.

-Phi said that students are the ones who are paying to go here. She said that students should know where their money is going.

-Hill said that students play roles as stakeholders and hold rights to this information.

-Miller said that at the end of the day, the council can't do everything. He said that it was important for students to hold the university accountable rather than sitting back and waiting for someone else to alleviate the problem.

-Hill asked what this looks like

-Miller said students could get involved by voting and by staying aware of news such as fee increases. He said he would love to see a student motivated enough to go to a regents meeting because they were so empowered

-Hill said that this looks like being aware of what you're being held accountable for.

-Birdie said that he feels like students need to know who the decision makers are. He said that within his office they needed to know where decision-makers lie

-De Vera said this goes along with knowing who has power in the university. He said that it goes along with who the entities are and what leverage they have. He said that there are certain areas on campus that goals can be achieved.

-Santos said that student empowerment is important during this time because through his involvement statewide, there is unfortunately administration whose biggest flaw is transparency and talking to students. Santos brought the example of a student talking to president Yudof.

-De Vera said that the council is comprised of advocates of students and they want to create more student advocates

-Hill asked if UC students are currently empowered.

-Yao said that the awareness isn't there. She said that in order to be empowered, a student needs to be aware of the issues.

-Williams said that the council has significant impact on what happens. He said that the question is how to get the student body to recognize that they have their best interests in mind. He said that this has been a challenge over the years. Williams said that the more they can convince students to get involved, the more impact that they have. He said that this council did well in getting appointments done early

-Hill said that it's not only important that they see USAC as a force but that they see USAC as a body that they could work with. She asked what an "accountable" university would look like.

-Shah said that students would understand their role as USAC and that USAC represents them. She talked about the student that emailed them earlier in the year. Shah said that students should know that they represent them. She said that they want the students to contact the council.

-Miller said that Shah brought up a great point. He said that he would love to see students holding USAC accountable as well as keeping administrators accountable through whatever methods they could think of.

-Hill said that she gets at least 3 emails a day of a freshmen or a transfer about how to get involved. She said that the council does not have adequate ways to get involved. Hill asked what are ways to engage students who are actively seeking out getting involved.

-Spring said that a student could create their own student group. He said that the student could carry out their idea on their own.

-Zimmerman said that there are so many groups out there and that there is probably a student group that has something that you're interested in.

-De Vera said that there isn't a way for students to know that Kerckhoff is the hub of student life. De Vera said that there isn't a place that says "USAC."

-Hill asked if student groups are a space where students are going to be empowered in the way they are discussing. Hill asked if a sign telling students where student government is would get people involved. She asked what they would tell students from there.

-Santos said that it was still a good idea to continue to explore these things. He said that he's been to every UC campus. Every UC campus has a student friendly AS building. Santos said they have boards that are accessible to



students. He said that it is easy for students to know where to go to ask questions. Santos said that he would have to continue to think about if this was enough

-Shah said that with these 900 groups, there are 900 student leaders. She said that this is an easier number to deal with than 24,000. She said that coming up with a way to communicate with these leaders would allow the leaders to bring back information to the people in their organizations. She said that she could deal with the groups on a more personal level.

-Hill said that this was a good idea because this allows a mechanism for students to become more aware of things. She highlighted what Santos said.

-Miller said that his concern with breaking up student groups was that each office would have 70 student groups. He said that they allocate contingency funding. He said that they could make sure funds are allocating support USAC's goal. He said that they couldn't force everyone to become empowered, but money is a way to reach out to student groups that see them as a resource.

-Williams said that he always envisioned giving Kerckhoff to students. He said that this building couldn't be the hub of student life because it is split. He envisioned 50 student ambassadors and every student would be assigned a student representative that they could keep in touch with.

-Lucas said that Shah brought up a good point. She said that the IVP office split student groups into three tiers. There were people that go to groups talking about SOOF. She said that they could build off of that or send a representative to these meetings.

-Hill said that the action was to hold students accountable. She said that she wanted students to mobilize around the main issues. She said that they could utilize the space Lucas mentioned through curriculum. Hill said that they could provide information on funding to everyone. She said that they should think about touch points. Hill mentioned the Ask USAC table. Hill said that there should be a curriculum attached to this. She said that they aren't answering the question of what students should do. She said that they should tie the curriculums in with their campaigns.

-Dr. Geller followed up with what Miller said. She said that the connection with the mission and the values of the organization should be a piece of it. She said that over the years, they were so concerned with being fair and objective and they sometimes forget that the mission of the organization is a fair and objective criterion. She said that they should come up with criteria that are not purely formulaic, but one that ties with the mission of USAC. She said that there hasn't been an individual courageous enough to make that connection. She encouraged the non-seniors on the finance committee and budget review committee to look at criteria that isn't just a mathematical formula. She said that funding could be consistent with their mission. She said that this is something they could also look at through OSAC. Dr. Geller said criteria for getting offices could include the connection with the mission of USAC. She said that this is daring and that she encourages this discussion to continue. Dr. Geller said they have influence on the legacy that comes after them.

-Santos said that one of the emails that raise the most controversy every time is sent out is the chancellor's office hour's email. Santos said that one of the easiest things they could do is to let him know USAC's concerns and to incorporate into his email an introduction to student government.

-Hill thanked the council for their input. She said that they could continue this conversation outside of this space. Hill said that people like to do things and that they could utilize this excitement to benefit students.

-Hill said that next week is the surplus presentation. She presented a template of what they want to see. She said that council does not have to have a presentation. Hill talked about the surplus as being available after surplus has past. The template included the amount of expenses, a breakdown of expenses, and a description. Hill said that next Tuesday, they would vote on each project individually. She told council to make accurate calculations of what they need. Hill asked the council if there were any questions

-Santos asked if she could send out this info

-Miller asked if the example presented was actually a proposal

-Hill said yes.

## XI. Announcements

-Phi said that today they had World Aids Day. She said that she was grateful that there was no rain today. Phi said that they had their nighttime event on the hill. Phi said that she met for the Campus Safety Alliance. She said that she met with Resnick and her office about the mental health week they are planning for next quarter. This would be a week that focuses on different aspects of mental health. Phi said that she met with Zimmerman, Simmons, SGA, and the Pediatric Aids Coalition about finalizing logistics dealing with Dance Marathon.

-De Vera said that they are starting outreach for finals study week in the SAC. SAC would be open from 3am. They would provide free food, scantrons, etc. This would be a place for people to study for finals.

-Spring said that there were only 300 fans on the USAC page. He asked council to promote the USAC page to increase visibility. He asked council to invite people to fan USAC. Spring asked council to utilize the calendar on the USAC website. Spring said that he would use the calendar to create the newsletter to be distributed at the Ask USAC table.

-Zimmerman said that Kerckhoff and Ackerman would be having a 24 hour study lounge starting next Wednesday going until finals week. Rides would be provided as well as coffee.

-Miller said that the last filming day for the It Gets Better video is next Tuesday from 4-6pm at the LGBT center.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Santos moved and Phi seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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