

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 30, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Dr. Berky Nelson

GUESTS: Elizabeth Case (Daily Bruin)

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Santos added a special presentation to Travel Grants.

-Hill asked if the council would like to move their presentations to the special presentations.

-Birdie asked to strike the surplus report under his commission.

-Spring moved for the submissions of the projects could go in order of submission.

-Yao seconds.

-Spring moved to strike the financial supports and internal vice president reports under special presentations.

-De Vera seconded.

-Lucas moved to add a discussion about finals week meeting.

-De Vera seconded.

-Lucas made a friendly amendment to change the date.

-Miller asked to make the discussion of finals week meeting an action item.

- Spring moved and De Vera 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. *11/23/10

-Spring said that under guests, Jason Yudimn and that there are other spelling errors.

-Spring said that the student group is Students for Justice in Palestine.

-Spring said that Yudof is spelled incorrectly

-Miller said that apologized is spelled incorrectly.

-Spring moved and Resnick seconded to approve the minutes for November 23, 2010 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. Financial Supports Commissioner- Birdie

B. Internal Vice President- Lucas

VI. Appointments

- Hill said that one of the applicants for CAC dropped and that they are still looking for someone to be on J-board. Hill said that they could appoint the alternate as sitting on CAC but she still has to check if it is legal.
- Dr. Geller said that they reserve the right to have the alternate step in.
- Hill asked if this would be an action item
- Dr. Geller said yes.

VII. Fund Allocations

- A. Academic Success Referendum Fund- Khy**
- B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant- Khy**
- C. Travel Grant Santos**
- D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant- Shah**
- E. *Contingency Allocations- Rose**

Miller moved to approve contingency allocations for November 30. Phi seconded.

A total of \$12,821.79 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$6,577.53 is recommended for allocation for this week. Currently we have \$31,614.72 remaining in the contingency programming fund.

- Birdie said that the allocation on the contingency was approved already.
- Miller read the contingency allocations from last week. He said that there most likely is an application for the same thing for the same group. He said that he didn't see the financial supports commissioner's allocation on the November 23 contingency allocations.
- Birdie said that his allocation was on November 16. He said that he applied for buyback advertising again and the revised amount was put onto this week's contingency allocations.
- Hill asked for clarification.
- Miller said that the application on the 30th is for the same event but from a different student group. He said that they are both affiliated groups.
- Birdie said that he applied for Buyback advertising and it was placed in the contingency allocations twice accidentally. He said that number 4 is sustained.
- Rose moved to table the contingency
- Miller moved to table contingency allocations until after the surplus allocations. De Vera seconded.
- Phi moved to approve contingency allocations for November 30, 2010. De Vera seconded.
- Rose said that the new total recommended allocation is decreasing \$600 (taking off the FSC from contingencies), increasing \$100 for the IVP because of printing problems for a net of \$500.
- Dr. Geller said that on #8, it was the same as #10.
- Miller said that there was a different student group that applied for the same event.
- Rose said that they are one coalition in the same office
- Hill said that the other groups were equaled out so that they could register.
- The new total allocations recommended: \$6,124.18.
- Santos called to question the contingency allocations for this week. Phi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the amount of \$6,124.18 was approved.

F. *Surplus Allocations- \$141,640

- Hill said that whatever council takes from surplus will be taking from student groups. She reminded the council to not get personally attached to programs. Hill said that the council should optimize their programs. Hill said that they are doing them in order in succession so that people can look at the proposals that were sent recently. Each presenter will present and people will be able to ask questions. Specific questions on amounts are to be asked now.
- Birdie asked for clarification on the process.
- Hill said that the presenter will present and questions can be asked. Hill said the leftover amounts would go to BOD and contingency.
- Champawat said that some of the surplus funds would go in through this mechanism. He said that they would want some of their money to go into their final mechanism so that they have money for contingency
- Miller asked for clarification on how much was being asked of the surplus. He urged council to evaluate if their projects are fiscally responsible.
- Birdie asked if he could readjust the amount requested for Textbook Buybacks to \$6,000.

- Ma said that Bruin Bash was \$19,000 wasn't used for Bruin Bash and it would go back into surplus
- Birdie said that in place of \$25,000, the proposal for the textbook scholarship is \$6,000.

1. Academic Affairs Commissioner- Khy

- Khy said that she wanted to hit affordability for students. She said that a lot of students were still struggling fiscally. She said that this would allow students to apply for a course of a preparatory company of their choice, especially those with post-graduate plans of higher education. Khy said that students would be more competitive in the job market with more schooling. This proposal requests \$10,000. \$5,000 will go to students in winter and the rest will be rewarded during the spring. The committee will develop the guidelines. The reward will be based on financial need, an essay, etc.
- Miller asked about the amount being distributed per student
- Khy said that it depends on what a student is looking at. She said, for example, an online course would cost a different amount in comparison to a classroom course. Khy said that the student will propose what type of test prep they are looking at and allocations will be made accordingly
- Yao asked if a portion would be allocated or a full amount
- Khy said that ideally, the full amount would be allocated. She said that the committee would decide how much to fund.
- Spring asked if she has met with the financial aid office to discuss the logistics of this matter
- Khy said that she wanted to get it approved before she approached the FAO
- Miller said that he supports the academic affairs goals in supporting students. Miller said that he would prefer to use the \$10,000 to have an open lecture hall and hire a test prep company to teach students. He said that he didn't want to give away all of student fees in scholarships. He said that his main concern was that the scholarship would only reach approximately 10 people.
- Khy said that she wasn't sure how much it would cost to support one company.
- Dr. Geller said that if they do proposals, there wouldn't be a problem choosing one of the companies. She said that if they go that route, they would need to decide who gets to benefit
- Khy said that looking at how the economy and campus climate is, that the proposal addresses the vision and mission of affordability
- Rose said that he agrees with Miller and that if this is passed, it should be a partial scholarship rather than a full scholarship. He said that he would be more inclined to take a class if a portion was paid for
- Champawat said that, considering the textbook scholarship, how they determine which the individuals selected would be an issue. He said that there would be a great pool of need and a small amount to allocate. He said that this is a reason why the textbook scholarship why the pool was winnowed. Champawat said that the mechanism was meant to pick the successful candidates in an objective way. He said that a general observer should be able to see that the mechanism is clean. Champawat said that they should give thought into the mechanism of distributing the funds of this scholarship
- Birdie said that they have a test prep teaching course already set up for the third week of January. Birdie asked about the bid process
- Dr. Geller said there needs to be proposals if people are going to come in to teach on campus.
- Birdie asked why this is being discussed since the student should be the one who decides which test prep company they use.
- Hill said that this goes along with the recommendation.
- Miller said that they would be taking funds from 100 students and allocating the funds to only 10 people. He said that they could put bids to all of the test prep companies. He said that the students could attend one test prep class, thus allowing even more people to utilize the test prep and bring it to more students
- Khy said that his recommendation would be a workshop. She said that the ideology of the test prep would be to have the time to prep for a course with the instructor versus one time at a workshop. She said that in terms of trying to get the students successful in getting a good score, going through the entire course is necessary. She agreed with Rose in paying a small portion of their course.
- Shah said that partial scholarships could be more effective because this will promote students to pursue post-grad programs.
- Miller said that even if they covered \$500, he would be a student that couldn't cover the whole course. His concern was that if they reach out to students with the most needs, partial funding wouldn't work because the students still wouldn't be able to afford the rest of the course.
- Santos said he sees the need and he likes the idea of partial funding. He said that there are already programs that provide workshops, such as the Law Fellows that provide scholarships to students for test prep. Santos said that no

company would want to come to UCLA to teach 30 students since most students would pay, for example, \$1000 to be in the class. Santos said that companies don't have an incentive to come in for a cheaper price. He said that partial funding is a good idea and that the council needs to start somewhere.

-Rose said that the debate centers on whether it is their job to provide scholarships for the UCLA community.

-Hill said that it is easy to say that it is not their job to create scholarships. She posed the question of whether it was their job to address student needs. Hill said that there is a need to self-sustain these programs.

-Miller said that there is a good point in addressing student needs. He said that the proposal is a great idea but isn't wide-reaching. Miller asked if they could approach the test prep courses and see if they could provide for discounted courses

-Khy said that it is a good incentive for USAC to have the scholarship so that they could have discussions with the test prep companies. She said that they couldn't have this discussion if they don't provide the students to attend these courses

-Spring said that the proposal is important because of the deep impact it has. He said that this is a great starting point and that they could find a way to have a self-sustaining process.

-Williams said that they should see if this broadens their impact on the community or if it lessens their impact on the community. He said that if not a lot of people are caring, their power is less effective

-Phi asked if she has looked at buying test prep books. She said that having an instructor going through the problems is an asset rather than just having the book

-Ma asked for clarification on what Miller's concerns were.

-Miller said that it wasn't reaching a broad enough range of people and that they will continue being just a scholarship organization

-Birdie said that they try to have test prep material in the loan library. He said that Kaplan donates books, but not 100 copies

-Miller asked if the council is comfortable in giving \$10,000 to 10 people

-Khy said that the focus is to address student needs rather than to see the scholarship as only reaching 10 people. She said that the scholarship looks at affordability

-Miller asked how this is general affordability

-Khy said that it assists in affordability for those students

-Ma said that not every student will be going to graduate school, etc. and that the amount of students who need the scholarship might not be as large

2. Financial Supports Commissioner- Birdie

-Birdie introduced an office staff member from the financial supports commission. He talked about the Bruin Meal Voucher Program. This program is new, which helps students each a full nutritious meal in the dining hall. Birdie said that students who need the voucher will apply and that there is a maximum amount of meal vouchers for each student each week. There will be no more than 2 per student a week. Birdie said that there is no actual record keeping of who uses the vouchers and that the amount requested is from the CPO and other sources. Birdie said that they are requesting seed funding. They are also looking at small pocket donations to start this program.

-The financial supports staff member said that the vouchers would fulfill the needs that the food closet cannot fulfill. Since they have been in communication with finance services, once the proposal is finalized they will be able to lower the price of meal vouchers and thus purchase more vouchers for students. They hope to reach out to more students. They decided not to subsidize these vouchers to students because some people would still not be able to afford their meal voucher.

-Birdie said that his office does this to financially support individuals in a tangible way. He said that this would help students in need. Birdie talked about the Bruin Resource Center, where they subsidize the cost of an ASUCLA meal. Birdie said that surplus money cannot be used for food but they can channel this on contingency.

-Hill asked if this is still a proposal for surplus

-Champawat said that they could define the mechanism by using surplus funds for contingency. From there, the contingency committee would see if this is a reasonable allocation and carry through with the proposal. Champawat asked about the vouchers and if they are provided for face value. He asked why they couldn't provide the same value as dorm coupons

-They said that they couldn't match the dorm face value

-Birdie said it is difficult to figure out how much face value is for a dorm coupon

-Champawat said that they should be able to lower the price because the intention is to provide meals for students who can't afford it

-Miller said that the proposal allows for hungry students to be able to eat, a basic necessity

- Spring asked if this program would deter people from the Bruin Resource Center
- They said that they are trying to find an in-between of ASUCLA food vouchers and the food closet. He said that getting that much information from a student when applying for the food vouchers deters students.
- Birdie said that the food closet isn't well advertised. They plan to have a drop off box in the food closet. The difference would be that the proposal would provide for a dining hall meal rather than an ASUCLA meal.
- Hill said that in terms of sustainability, the Bruin Resource Center would probably be more long lasting. She asked about the turnaround for the vouchers
- Birdie said that the committee meets over the weekend and the student is notified the Monday after the week they apply. There is an expiration date for the food voucher.
- Dr. Geller said that she likes the idea of providing students hot meals. She said that in terms of contingency, they would be allocated more than they can for food. She talked about the unwillingness of dining services for the price. She said that the meal tickets given out of the Bruin Resource Center are a part of the economic crisis team. The CPO also has these meal tickets. She said that other places on campus have them. She said that if the goal is working to increase the number of meal tickets is a good idea. Dr. Geller said that she wasn't sure about asking for so much funding for dining hall coupons. She said that it would be feasible to change the identification aspects of the Bruin Resource Center. She posed the question of if the committee would be seeing the same students week after week. Dr. Geller said that she likes the idea of feeding students in need and encouraged the council to find a sustainable way to address this issue.
- Santos said that he felt like there wasn't a lot of work with the Bruin Resource Center. He said that he has gotten meal vouchers before and that you get the voucher in 5-10 minutes. Santos said that the council should do more research in getting students more nutritious meals. He said that there are nutritious options at ASUCLA.
- Birdie said that the dining hall services do enough to address the homeless and hungry. The swipe drive is 10th week of each quarter. They also provide meals and nonperishable items to the food closet. The staff member said that dining services would be willing to bring down the price but they would have to discuss further bringing the price lower than face value. The people at dining hall services were willing to take out the profit aspect from these meal values. They also want to keep the process as anonymous as possible and didn't want to go through financial information like other programs did.
- Champawat said that it is important that the dining services understand the intentions of this program. He said that he thinks that they should be careful in creating new mechanisms. Champawat said there needs to be clarity and transparency. Champawat said that there are ways to get open-mindedness to these programs and that they need to be careful before they get into such a complex review process. He said that he wants to protect a program over time, which is why they set up programs that are systems oriented. Champawat they need to discuss their mechanisms if they really want to do this. Champawat the contingency mechanism has to be reviewed so that they don't violate their own guidelines. Champawat said that they could still tag the money and have the money flow through programming. He said that this program is under the council's discretion.
- Miller said that there were other programs where the system is not defined. He thanked Dr. Geller and Champawat for their insight. He said that the council could go forward with the idea of the program.
- Hill said that they cannot allocate money for food through surplus and they could continue this conversation through contingency at a later time.
- Birdie said that he is willing to work with Champawat. He said that this is seed money that could be added on through fundraising and other sources. He said that if the program were found to be not feasible, the funds would be put back into surplus.
- Champawat said that this could be used as a student crisis fund that would work through contingency. The program would have to satisfy the parameters set by the council and from there they can work through the logistics
- Birdie asked if they have to decide on this proposal by tonight.
- Hill asked for clarification on what they will decide tonight.
- Champawat said that they should move the funds into contingency and earmark it for later.
- Hill asked why this is different from surplus.
- Champawat said that this could be moved into contingency. The only problem would be the \$250 food limit, which is what the council could decide with their discretion.
- Hill said that a decision doesn't necessarily need to be made.
- Champawat said that they can't calculate surplus without knowing how much money is being sent with this purpose.
- Hill reiterated what would happen. She said that this would decide what would go to BOD, contingency, etc. From there, further conversations would be had.

- Champawat said they could decide from there how much money would go into surplus. The council would identify the funds for this purpose.
- Miller said that if they set aside this money, student groups could not use it. He said it gives the council the idea that it is there. The number would not be taken into account when allocating funds to other groups.
- Zimmerman said that if they earmark \$10,000 now, it wouldn't be taken into account to the other funds that are going to contingency, etc.
- Birdie said that the \$10,000 would be put aside. From there, the FSC would work with Champawat and others before they start the program. If it were not used, it would go back into surplus
- Spring asked what the need is to earmark the funds tonight. He asked if it could be decided on when contingency is allocated
- Khy said that even if it goes through contingency, it still sets a precedent for food. She said that that there are programs already in place, such as Swipes for the Homeless. She said that they could use this funding to support other programs. Khy said that they could go from swipes to meal tickets and do more work with dining services
- Shah said that dealing with the question of being anonymous, the student would still have to contact others through email. She said that she agrees that hot meals are important and that BRC already does this
- Ma said in response to Spring, if they approve \$10,000 tonight, \$5,000 would be taken for contingency.
- Miller said that while it is difficult to create a new mechanism, they would love to see that not every program works for every student. He asked if they could de-earmark the \$10,000.
- Champawat said that the worst-case scenario would be that the funds would go back into surplus.
- Birdie said in response to Khy that there are mechanisms set up and that he is on board for Swipes for the Homeless. He said that this is a different idea. In response to Shah, they would only ask for the UID. When they give the voucher at the dining hall, all they have to show is the voucher, the approval from the committee, and the UID number.
- Resnick said that the homeless population is a student group and that their job as USAC was to assist student groups. She said that they could work with BRC and that this program could only increase the number of students they reach.
- Khy said that it is undeniable that the homeless population is on campus. She said that students can swipe for a hot meal and this is an option to look at. Khy said that this is a way to address this issue
- Birdie said that they cannot store hot meals in the food closet and that the food must be consumed after it is swiped.
- Hill provided the example of the Admit Program. People sign up to donate swipes and from there, the student that arrives receives a voucher. She said that the recommendation is that the swipes can manifest as a voucher for students. This is different than paying for the voucher up front.
- Miller asked if the council could support \$10,000 for Birdie's office to support the homeless population on campus.
- Santos said that the only difference between this program and the one that runs through BRC is the anonymous aspect. He said that the BRC could have numbers that could guide them in this issue. He said that he is concerned that not enough work was done with the BRC and that they don't even know the price of a food voucher.
- The staff member said that the BRC goes into detail of what the student's financial history is in order to allocate these meal vouchers. He said that there is a big difference between CPO food closet users and those who use meal vouchers. He said that there are people who don't want to disclose their personal information. He talked about swipes being converted to meal vouchers, which isn't possible anymore because swipes are nontransferable in that monetary form
- Birdie said that the difference is also in the meal that they are getting
- Spring said that the ASUCLA voucher goes back to ASUCLA. This goes back to support the student body in general. He said that his biggest concern is that the proposal would be more beneficial to first work with the voucher program. Spring said that it doesn't make sense for them to approve this tonight and that they could move it into contingency after they address some of these issues. Spring said that they could address the bylaw issue.
- Shah said that the council should be careful to attributing the food closet connection to the BRC. She said that the food closet could possibly be more visible than the BRC
- Miller said that when you swipe for a meal in the dining hall, you get the most for your money. He said that there is a wider selection for your money. He said that putting off the program until later would set an unclear precedent. He said that if they don't earmark it now, it would affect student groups that apply to contingency.
- Champawat stressed the need to address the issue and make sure that people don't take advantage of their good intentions
- Lucas asked about the ASUCLA meal vouchers
- Champawat said that it has a value of \$7.
- Dr. Geller said that the Economic Crisis Relief team meal vouchers are subsidized by ASUCLA

- Champawat said that the meal is subsidized to the user. He said that the subsidy does not affect the receiver
- Hill said that a student could get 11 meals a quarter from BRC
- Lucas asked if there was a profit from these meal vouchers to ASUCLA
- Dr. Geller said that they would probably break even.
- Champawat said that breaking even means they cover the cost of the complex.
- Lucas said that the profits don't matter in terms of going to ASUCLA or dining services.
- The staff member said that from his understanding, swipes could no longer be transferred to count as a meal voucher
- Birdie asked that what would happen if the funds go to contingency and if they could still use it
- Champawat said that they still could. He said that the guidelines that are set could be altered for this specific program and that they could work on this.
- Birdie asked what would happen if the money is not used. He asked if it would go to surplus next year
- Miller said as an RA, they can no longer use swipes for programs because dining services was losing money. He said that he didn't hear a strong voice against the idea but rather details. He said that he was more concerned about allocating money for the general purpose.
- Hill said that she is against the idea because, while working with the Economic Relief Supports team, there is already a program like this that is set
- Yao reminded the council to take into account that the program only gives out 11 meals a quarter. She said that ASUCLA vouchers aren't as good as also having the dining hall option.
- Phi said that if the meal vouchers were anonymous, how they would receive who will get vouchers and who won't.
- Birdie said that the only limit is that one UID holder cannot receive more than 2 vouchers per week.
- Phi asked how they would fund other meals if it exceeds the funds
- Birdie said the funds would come from outside sources and donations.

Textbook Scholarship

- Birdie said that \$23,995 was in the Textbook Scholarship fund. He requested \$6,000 from surplus, divided by 250 winners. This is an increase from last year, which rewarded 200 students. The program is expanding with an increase in need.
- Miller asked for clarification about the money left over.
- Hill said that the funds include roll over for the past two years
- Birdie said that this money was given to the FSC from over the last two years. Some winners declined the scholarship or did not use the full scholarship amount.
- Champawat said that there were students who didn't use the full amount. He talked about sellback. Book Buyback puts the money back into the Textbook Scholarship Fund.
- Dr. Geller asked about this and other unused funds.
- Champawat said that when money is given, it creates a turning mechanism that is meant to return money to sustain itself over time. He said that there would also be outside funding for the Textbook Scholarship. He said that money comes out of this fund and becomes restricted surplus.
- Spring asked if he had numbers of what was used from the fall allocations.
- Birdie said that some people did not accept it at all. 4-10 people asked to use their scholarships later. He said that the application is not live right now. He said that he plans to keep it open until finals week. The deadline is flexible. The winner will be notified before January 3 so that they could receive their money before they buy their books.
- Birdie said that there would be private funding by early March.
- Champawat said that they still had the question of who was in and who was out.
- Birdie said that he was open for all recommendations. He said that the number depends on who applies each year. The mechanism of tiers is to be continued
- Champawat asked if the funds would be distributed despite need
- Birdie said that there would be three tiers determined by the FAO. Now, it will adjust the amount to allocate the scholarships depending on how many people are in each tier. People in the highest tier receive scholarships. There are people in need in all of the tiers.
- Miller talked about the impact of the economy on the middle class. He talked about students whose parents make enough money to disqualify them from financial aid but still have trouble supporting themselves and their child.
- Birdie said that they could never identify who is in the middle class. He said that the closest they can get is by what information they get from the FAO.

3. External Vice President- Santos

-Santos proposed the External Vice President Travel and Advocacy Grant. Santos said that they brought up this proposal because of the high amount of applications they received this year. He said that this has become a well-known source of funding.

-Arruejo introduced himself as the chair of the Travel Advocacy Grant committee. He presented the committee structure. He showed the council where on the USAC website the application can be located and showed the council the application. Arruejo talked about the structure of the hearing. He talked about what was funded so far. He said that there was a summer conference, China Care Bruins, Model UN to go to their first conference, an engineering group to their campus, an individual to practice medical training in Nicaragua (who used other grants as well), a conference that only asked for two rooms, another engineering group, etc. Arruejo said that they are looking for more funding because they are the only source of funding for outside travel for UCLA groups, unlike other schools, which are fully funded. He talked about improvements from previous years, with more emphasis on "bringing it back" to the campus as well as mandatory hearings for all groups in addition to a paper and electronic copy of the application. He talked about reasons for increased use, which was because of CSP advisors advising groups to apply, word or mouth from other groups, etc. He presented deferred applications from Future Business Leaders, Roosevelt Institute, Bruin Republicans, etc. Arruejo said that the EVP office is asking for \$10,000 from surplus to allow student organizations to explore their culture, identity, and advocacy interests

-Spring asked if funding comes from referendum money

-Arruejo said that they are allocated a sum of money regardless of how many students.

-Dr. Geller said that if it comes from referendum, it is not possible. She asked Zimmerman to talk to Deb Simmons about this.

-Phi asked for clarification on the amount requested

-Santos said that, taking into consideration the other proposals, they lowered their request to \$10,000

-Yao asked how much of the starting \$15,000 was left

-Arruejo said that none of the funds are left

-Hill said asked about the amount in relation to how many applications they expected

-Arruejo said that they would be lowering their cap no matter how much funding they get

-Santos said that they had never received so many applications. He said that they are looking for other sources to make the grant self-sustaining in order to adapt to the increased amount of applications. They will have to adapt to adjust to the winter and spring quarters.

4. Cultural Affairs Commissioner- Shah

-Shah said that very few people knew that Jazz Reggae was a USAC event. She introduced the Jazz Reggae staff. Jessie, Michelle, Cole, Mara

-The staff introduced Jazz Reggae as being around for 20 years. He said that its only biggest student run event on the west coast. They said that they sold out on pre-sale tickets for Reggae Day, sold out on merchandise, etc. 97% of the vendors used compostable materials. They presented the challenges of Jazz Reggae, such as decreased capacity due to construction, a UCLA Events Bill, and low support from the university. They said that they had new initiatives, such as the UCLA Music Outreach Program, sustainable water bottles, expanded sustainability area, improved deluxe experience, and live art. They said that this year they had big plans for the 25th anniversary. The website is up, logo designed, marketing plan is ready to launch, sponsorship deck is out, radio show through UCLA Radio, and full staff hired and ready to work. Shah connected the event back to the USAC vision. She said that it connects to the USAC vision of Student Empowerment. They have a student staff of 25 people, 150 volunteers, and entrepreneurial opportunities in booths and art. Other student involvement comes through organizations they work with, such as UCLA Radio, Daily Bruin, FPS, etc. They said that this also connects to the USAC vision of holistic education. The festival is inherently educational, dealing with culture, food, music, and art. They said that the tickets are affordable, with free student tickets given out. They said that the event is not for profit and that none of the staff is paid. They work for the staff because of their love of the music. They connected Jazz Reggae to the USAC vision because it provides diverse, unified, and safe open spaces. This provides exposure to culture, music, and art genres underrepresented on campus. Jazz Reggae bridges the campus with the LA community. Jazz Reggae helps to increase USAC visibility, with USAC logos on promotional materials/merchandise, USAC presence at the festival, and having a USAC table outside CTO during ticket distribution days. The table would also be used as a space for more info on JRF/volunteer opportunities. Shah said that very few people understood that Jazz Reggae came from USAC. She said that she was a part of Jazz Reggae her first year and that seeing the event come together was one of the most comfortable experiences for her

-Champawat said that the event was successful and that they made a lot of progress financially as well.

- The staff said that they were able to make up for the increased costs of last year
- Birdie asked for clarification of where funding comes from
- Shah said that there was an increase in cultural affairs support and a decrease in USAC support. She said that all funds come from student fees
- Miller asked if the numbers presented includes the Jazz Reggae surplus.
- Champawat said that Jazz Reggae is backed up so that they money shown is independent and is a Jazz Reggae reserve
- Birdie said that the newsletter sent out says CAC and doesn't site USAC. He said that small things like that would help increase USAC visibility
- Rose asked how many tickets they would be giving out
- The staff said that they would give away 3,000 tickets. This is the same amount as distributed last year.
- Champawat said that after construction, they might be able to give out 4,000 tickets
- Rose asked about the logistics of the event
- The staff said that most of their tickets, besides last year, are sold on the day of the event
- Birdie said that Memorial Day is after the CAC term. She asked how the turnover is
- Shah said the commissioner that is in office would be in charge.
- Champawat said that the money is still going to be managed by Birdie.
- De Vera asked if there was anything special being done for the 25th anniversary.
- The staff said that they would try to maximize their space, expand the amount of live art, and do a DVD project commemorating the past 25 years. Arts from the LA community/UCLA artists will also be sold. They would like to see a cultural village experience with various art forms.
- Williams said that he was a part of the first Jazz Reggae Festival at UCLA. He said that he is impressed with the staff this year.

5. Internal Vice President- Lucas

- Lucas talked about Strathmore Safe Rides. She talked about working in the gen. rep. 2 office and providing transportation for young women and men late at night. She talked about meeting with Ken Heller and Nancy Greenstein. They got the van service extended from 11-3pm. The AVC's Student Programming Fund funded the program. UCPD said that the CSO could no longer fund this until spring quarter. After meeting with Dr. Geller, they came up with alternate ways of transportation. This included a fleet service and manufacturing the entire program, which received positive feedback. Lucas said that they were looking toward the fleet service. This included renting a car from UCLA and renting a driver. Any licensed individual would go over safety drivers training. This would cost \$2,100. She was looking to do this for at least 14 days. Lucas requested \$5,000 for the program.
- Hill asked who would drive
- Lucas said that there are student drivers in the fleet services that would be hired
- Khy asked how many drivers there were
- Lucas said that there would be 1. She said that based on funding, they could expand to 2 drivers.
- Hill asked how the shuttle works.
- Lucas said that within 20 minutes, they would drop people off in their respective spaces.
- Hill asked if there are strict parameters for taking people to residential areas
- Lucas said that this is a transportation service and that there was no reason why they couldn't take someone back home
- Hill asked if there was a mile radius limit
- Dr. Geller said that they would do what they tell them to do.
- Lucas said that they would take them to their residence or somewhere they would sleep
- Khy said that her concern is that many people that attend UCLA don't live on campus. She said that the question about the radius goes beyond going nearby.
- Lucas said that this was an excellent point. She said that she wants to start on campus and then bridge out to more vans.
- Zimmerman said that if someone lives outside of the Westwood area, they most likely already have a form of transportation. She said that the people that need rides would probably be people that walked to their destination.
- Rose said to consider the route of Westwood as well.
- De Vera asked what the plans were for the sustainability of the program
- Lucas said that there isn't much that she can do after she graduates. She said that she would like the CSO to embody it more. If it comes to the point of earmarking funding for this program, that would be a great idea. She said

that she thought about institutionalizing it but there are issues with accessing funding. She would like CSO or fleet services to take it on

-De Vera asked for elaboration on the fleet survey

-Lucas asked if the student heard about Strathmore Safe Rides, if they would pay money for it, if they knew it was from the IVP office, etc. The general amount of students used it 2-3 times. There was willingness for this to come back and students were not willing to pay for it.

-Khy asked for clarifications on the stops of where students can be picked up

-Lucas said that ideally the van could go up to Powell so that students could get a ride after studying. The stops include Galey and Strathmore, Strathmore and Landfair, and Galey and Landfair.

-Khy said that a lot of students would be on campus. She said that they should look at pick up spots such as Ackerman turnaround and Powell. Khy said that this would support students that are on campus for longer periods of time.

-Phi asked if the target populations are students that have been drinking/partying or students on campus.

-Lucas said that the reason why the stops were set was because there was one van. She said that she would like to see another car for the perimeter of the school. The main priority is for students that don't have access to the CSO.

-Miller said the CSO only lasts until 1. He said that vans are easier and students would rather walk home by themselves than wait for an escort to walk with them.

6. President- Hill

-Hill presented her program where funds would be available. This would be a set amount of funds to deal with things that come up. This would cope with the idea that the council is dealing with surplus right now. The amount was \$17,000.

-Miller said that the idea is great. He asked if one of the administrators have input on the amount.

-Champwat said that if this is something the council wants, they could build the budget around this. Next year, the council would have a council discretionary fund.

-Resnick said that this is a good idea and takes into account projects such as John Wooden Day.

Proposal for a Campus Climate Website

-Hill said that there is no form to document experiences and to brainstorm on solutions. A student at Davis at the LGBT center said that there is a portal where students can discuss experiences of coming out. Hill said that she would request a small amount so that they could put up a template. If it proves to be fruitful, the website could be more robust. This would be a place where students could create solutions for the campus climate. She said that this could be a branch of the USAC website. Some of the funds would be used for the domain, promotion of the site, etc.

-Dr. Geller said that they would get their money's worth in some way. She said that the student affairs are getting ready to distribute a student wide survey. She said that they should talk so that they aren't duplicative.

-Hill said that she had a meeting with Kristen and that they talked about the direction that they are leaning toward. The website and the survey are different.

7. Facilities

Carpet Replacement in Kerckhoff

De Vera said that there are 30,000 square feet of student spaces that need new carpets. \$20,000 is requested from surplus.

-Hill said that the money that is allocated is for projects that need to happen.

-Zimmerman said that if you read the proposal, it includes carpets and locknetics.

-Hill asked if there was a way that they could coordinate this under a break period. She asked if they could do a sweep

-Zimmerman said that they prefer to do them during summer. She said that they tried to coordinate them around breaks. She hoped to work with the maintenance department over the summer to sweep them through.

-Champawat said that their goal is to get a lot of carpeting done

-Zimmerman said that they plan to carry on what was already established

Capital Expenditures to Help the Communal Office Space

-De Vera said that they want to replace the carpet. This would amount to \$3000. The other funds requested are for new furniture. This would allow new student groups to use them. New tables would allow the space to be used in

different ways. They plan to buy message boards so that student groups could advertise their events. They added a cabinet for storage purposes.

- Hill asked if any of these items are off limits to capital contingency.
- Zimmerman said that they could be purchased through capital contingency.
- Champawat said that this is what capital contingency is intended for.
- Hill said that capital contingency is largely under utilized.

Hill said that there is a remainder of \$264,855.06, which is the total remaining surplus. BOD would receive \$119,184.77. Capital contingency would receive \$31,782.61. The total remaining going to contingency would be \$113,887.68.

- Spring asked if this was the same as previous years
- Zimmerman said this is a little higher than last year.
- Hill said that tonight, they are moving to push \$264,855.06 for surplus.
- Birdie asked for clarification
- Hill said 45% must go to BOD, 12% to capital items. The rest stays the same for what goes to contingency.
- Champawat asked if they would vote on the large amount and then the allocations.
- Hill said that is correct. Hill asked the council how they would like to move forward.
- Birdie asked the administrative representatives how this was handled in the past
- Champawat said that they could vote for the large amount and then the smaller amounts point by point.
- Santos said that there is consent on some items and discussion for others.
- Miller asked if a motion is to be made before they could start the discussion.
- Miller moved to approve \$10,000 for test prep, \$15,000 for jazz reggae and the CAC, \$10,000 for the EVP travel grant, \$10,897 for the meal voucher program, \$6,000 for textbook scholarships, \$5,000 for Strathmore Safe Rides, \$17,000 for USAC fund, \$2,500 for the USAC website, \$20,000 for renovations proposed by the facilities commission, and \$5,250 for the communal office space.
- Phi seconded.
- Santos moved to limit the debate on specific items to 5 minutes.
- Birdie asked for clarification.
- Spring seconded.
- Phi called to question. Birdie seconded.
- Those in favor of approving the total amount of \$136,640. With a vote of 12-0-0, the surplus amount was approved for the projects that were proposed.
- \$136,640 total projects
- Birdie moved to approve \$264,855.06 for surplus. De Vera seconded.
- Phi asked for clarification on what was going to happen with the Textbook Scholarship.
- Champawat said that this would come back to council
- Hill said that this would be voted on again
- Birdie asked why there was a motion for the same thing
- Hill said that they approved that each group would get their project. They would be voting now on the amount of surplus.
- Santos called to question the amount of surplus. De Vera seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the surplus amount of \$264,855.06 was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

- Hill said that she has a meeting with Resnick concerning the Farmer's Market. She told Zimmerman that she couldn't find the ASUCLA discount form. She asked about parking.
- Zimmerman said that she could give her a new form. She said that she could get the parking for next quarter. She said that she could get that in the mail within the next two days.
- Miller said that the gen. reps. were given the same amount as one office. She said that the numbers for the discounts were given out before. The discounts are based on volunteerism. Some offices receive less. Since offices are expanding, it might be difficult to get more. She said that they could redistribute the discounts. Zimmerman said that she could work with an office to redistribute the funds.
- Hill said that she has a conference call with the student regent to discuss adding a student to the student advisory group

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said that 3rd or 4th week would be campus safety week. The student exhibition dates would be Jan 13th and 24th in Bruin Plaza. CRC should be convening soon. Changes include taking out student advocacy groups.

-Lucas said that the names of all of the appointees would be sent out.

-She said that she would meet with the student advisory board and the fleet center for next quarter.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said that this week has focused on the DREAM act since it might be brought up in the Senate this Thursday as well as in the House. This means that students would vote on this. If it doesn't pass, it might not pass for another 6 years. Santos said that they need about 5 senators to vote for it. Santos said that this week, there were events with IDEAS including flyering, phone banking, and sharing stories of undocumented students. The president and vice president of the Dominican Association will be coming Thursday. They will be talking about the national campaign. Santos talked about the policy work that has been going on in the community service work that has been happening, such as in the community service office.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said that there was a protest today in Murphy. There was some misinformation. Today there was a meeting that discussed the progress of the IVP. Khy spoke to the chair of the graduate council about the logistics of the issue. She said the program has certain guidelines.

-Khy said that there would be an executive board meeting this Thursday going over bylaws. Next week, she will be having a meeting with vice Provo's.

-Birdie asked for clarification on the Islamic Studies situation

-Khy said that the progress was under review today. They will vote later on. They are meeting with the IVP to see how they're doing and to see what needs to happen from there.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Geller

Dr. Geller said that last year, there were updates from CalPirg. The council last year voted to support them. She said that CalPirg was on the agenda of a meeting she would be attending on Thursday and asked the council if they knew what CalPirg was doing this year.

-Santos said that they are working on Proposition 23 and on affordability.

-Hill said that they were active on the no on 23 campaign. She didn't get much of a response from them.

-Zimmerman said that they are responsible of doing a conversation to USAC at least once a quarter.

-Santos asked about what their status was.

-Dr. Geller said that Calperg ran a referendum years ago. This gives them a right to solicit for positive check offs. Since that referendum, rather than going to students to another vote, they went to USAC and GSA to increase their support. As long as they can reach the minimum required number of students they need each quarter, they can continue to solicit pledges. They hope that the issues they are working on are issues that UCLA students are hopefully interested in. Calperg can deduct funds from the students BAR accounts until the student graduates. For example, they got rid of Styrofoam last year.

-Santos said asked how closely their work aligns with what students care about.

Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said that the Waiverpool deadline for January is December 10. Zimmerman said that the forms are online. She said that people should apply even if their event might be cancelled. This includes Bruin Plaza events. This cycle is for January.

-Zimmerman said that she would get parking out tomorrow.

IX. Old Business

There was no new business this week.

**X. New Business
Finals Week Discussion**

Hill said that last year, they met to approve the winter BOD allocation and to approve contingency. If BOD is not approved next week, it will be approved at the beginning of winter quarter. The E-board would also be approved.

-Santos moved to have a meeting next week at the same time. De Vera seconded.

-Miller said that his only concern would be that the meeting would be Tuesday of first week. He said that the number would stay the same.

-Shah said that from a programming perspective, it is difficult to not know how much money they are working with

-Spring said that giving them the three weeks is important.

-Phi asked what would happen if groups would apply next week

-Rose said that if a group has an event the first week of winter quarter, the applications would be reviewed on Monday and would be approved on Tuesday. He said that it would be difficult to have three members of FiCom to meet the Monday of finals week

-Birdie said that if a retreat was during week 1 or 2, they should turn in their application by Monday at 5pm.

-Dr. Geller said to make sure that they would have quorum if they schedule a meeting. She said that the standard is to not meet during finals week. She said that she is concerned that BOD isn't there. She asked if they are guaranteed that the BOD will be there next week.

-Hill said that she looked at the agenda from last year and saw that they met to approve BOD funds, so she thought that there was a meeting on finals week.

-Shah asked about the turnover of BOD hearings are

-Zimmerman said that it is possible to have it turned around. She said that she is re-referencing for groups to make sure that they are eligible. She said that it is possible to turn it around in a couple of days, but it makes sense that it wasn't ready by this meeting.

-Dr. Geller said last year was unique because there were issues that needed to be tabled. BOD doesn't present frequently. Deadlines are taken into consideration and there is more flexibility in planning.

-Hill said that there is still a motion on the table.

-Miller asked if it was possible to have a meeting to just approve contingency.

-Hill said that it would be a short meeting.

-Zimmerman said that they might strike officer reports, etc. She said that their offices are open a week after finals. She said that it takes a few weeks for the money to process.

-Hill recommended voting.

-Spring called to question to have a meeting next week. Phi seconded. With a vote of 10-2-0, there will be a meeting next week.

XI. Announcements

-Spring said that they are extending the evening van service.

-Rose said that recs are due by the end of next week.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Phi moved and De Vera 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 10:50 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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