

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 29, 2011
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, John Christian De Vera, Rustom Z. Birdie, Linda Phi, Isaac Rose, Dr. Debra Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patricia Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Elizabeth Cate, Allison Wong, Katelyn Lee, Shaye Blegan, Paulina Popovskaia, Stephen Moock, Pavan Madduri, Zack Ritter, John Tran, Rosy Nguyen, Lucas Meen, Jordan Williams, Cindy Nguyen, Nadia Basilio, Yannina Casillas, Christy Cunanan, Sheryl Fulgencio, Marques Watson

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Khy added a resolution to support Covell.

- Spring moved and Santos seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

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

- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There were no objections.

IV. Public Comments

Steven Moock- FiCom

Mote said that Kia has performed well throughout the year. He said that Kia has stepped up and filled his shoes very well.

Pavan Madduri- FiCom

He said that Kia would be a great chair and a good leader. He would feel comfortable serving him for the rest of the year.

Shaye Blegen- Covell Peer Learning

Shay said that she appreciates the resolution and they are doing whatever they can to save peer learning. She found it a vital resource for the entire student body for students and facilitators

Zach Ritter- AITC

Zach said that he has enjoyed all of the students. He said that he was shocked that it was coming to an end. He has been mentoring students and does Covell tutorials. They serve many students and it would be a shame to see it go

Allison Wong- Covell Peer Learning

Dean Smith's motion said that she would like to work with individual departments. She said that this is a bad idea because of costs and the removal of PLFs.

Paulina Popovskaia- Calpirg

Paulina said she would like to continue to meet with the council. UC students joined in grassroots organization. They have a lobby day in April with UCSA.

John Tran- CPC/AITC

Tran spoke about AITC. He said that he has been here for four years. He utilized educational services for those years. He said that they want to keep the program because it is beneficial for students

Rosy Nguyen- Composition Facilitator

Rosy said that there is nothing like having one-on-one sessions with students. She said that there aren't a lot of opportunities to have conversations with professors or TAs

Lucas Meza- Covell Peer Learning

Meza said that he is advocating for the request to keep the learning labs around. He talked about the decision to keep AAP and to cut Covell. He said their services are unique. Their facilitators are the best and brightest on campus. Cutting the labs are denying people and cutting exclusivity to underprivileged students. He said that cutting that service to the rest of the UCLA population is unfair. Everyone should have the opportunity to succeed

Jordan Williams- Covell Peer Learning

Jordan said he agreed with Lucas. He said that AAP and Covell are very helpful and necessary. He said that by cutting out the only program available to everyone is very divisive in that it says who's allowed to receive help and who isn't. It allowed everyone to come in on the same slate. He said that he was able to grow. Not everyone is allowed to access to AAP and not all students that need help are a minority. He would like to see Covell stick around.

Nadia Basilio- Peer Mentor and Workshop Leader

She said that she works with freshmen and transfer students one on one. She said that everyone comes to college not knowing exactly how to navigate. She said that workshops are good resources that are available to everyone.

Christy Cunanan- Student

She said that she found AITC helpful. She said that she is also an intern for USAC.

V Special Presentations

A. Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) Presentation- Yannina Casillas and Marcus Watson

Watson talked about their goals for SFAC. He said that they want to ensure transparency in student fees, ensure proper spending of student fees, ensure student issues, in regards to fees, are heard and addressed, and set an example for the rest of the UC system in regards to handling student fees. He said that SFAC is revolutionary since other UC's look up to them in terms of moving forward. Watson talked about the course material fees for 2010. In 2010, they received 6 course materials fee charge requests. Course material fees are fees that students pay to receive materials, such as lab materials. Each of these courses involved field trips to various areas to study the environment. Their main issue was the possibility of the quality of these courses and these trips decreasing while the fees charged remained the same. Casillas said that this year was unique because there were field trips. The issue was that there are certain stipulations with the course materials rule. Students weren't following the rules in requesting funds. They did a stipulation. She said that each trip is different. They analyzed the trips to ensure that students were paying for the trip that they were going to. Watson said that initially, there was nothing to measure how long students were going on a trip. They included language so that if a trip is reduced in amount, they need to

request from SFAC again. He talked about the IEI review, which is the instructional enhancement initiative. These fees paid towards the end of the quarter by students and are based on a "per unit" measure. The fees are designed to fund services that assist students in their classes, such as professor webpage's, online discussion boards, Moodle quizzes, etc. Casillas said that there is no structure for reviewing the IEI fees. The issue that they faced was that there was no template. This year, they created taxonomy and a template. They look at a fee and how it has changed and decide from there if they should make changes to it. Since there was a lack of a template, there was insufficient information from departments so they resent out a template. They will possibly make a bylaw to ensure that students are getting the most of their money. This also includes computer labs on campus. Watson said that they want to address student needs. He said that they want to see how many people use the services. He talked about the comprehensive unit review. SFAC has been extremely busy as of late preparing for and undertaking the Comprehensive Unit Review. Current SFAC sought to ensure that we could accurately represent the UCLA student body in determining the need and importance of units. They developed a taxonomy, which could help SFAC and future SFACs organize the various units and determine their student impact and their needs. Student fees are now called student services fees. It is approximately \$35 million. The taxonomy was based on the office of the president's guidelines. They are possibly going to get student input on this from different units to make sure that they are effectively speaking on behalf of all students. They created a questionnaire with the appropriate information necessary for the committee. After receiving information and updates from each of the 24 units, they are preparing to decide on appropriate course of action. This is important because they are taking an in depth look at these units. If a unit is taking money from a unit that desperately needs funds, this needs to be addressed. Watson talked about a call letter, which will also be sent out for Units in need of funding to apply. The taxonomy and procedure for assessing student need involves a student body-wide survey, however they will not have time to incorporate that into this review. They want to make sure they represent the student body as accurately as possible. They want to focus on light adjustments so that units who are in desperate need get their funds now. Later, they will focus on more changes and allocations. The project will be extended next year. They will make sure that they could tackle these issues through templates for future SFACs. One of the latest things they have been doing is another set of course material fees. The fee involved charging students for a limited license to use a program for a class. Some students were able to install the program on their computers, while others were not. The proposal, in turn, called for a \$40 fee to be charged to them rather than the \$20 to other students. After much discussion, SFAC decided to drop the cost for \$20 per student. After receiving more information, they discovered that the initial reported price of the total license (\$8,100) was an overestimate of the actual price (\$7,522). They also decided that it would not be fair for the other students to pay more for the same product, regardless of the ability to install on their own computer. The students would only use the program for spring quarter and part of summer. Another reason is because a regular license is \$30, so it was not fair to overcharge students on something they could buy on their own. They have a student space committee.

-They are working on utilizing student spaces. There is a project review group, where they look at places such as the intramural field. They decide based on projects and see if students would benefit from it. The UCLA SFAC this year has been doing revolutionary things in terms of other SFACs in the UC system. Other SFACs look to the committee here for guidance and to set precedents. They look forward to continuing to set standards in the UC system. They also have a council on student fees. They helped UC Merced come up with bylaws and charters. They have helped other student leaders with a deferred payment plan. They continued conversation with the retention committee and the access committee. If people would like to see the numbers or have any questions, they are to let them know.

-Williams said that he is concerned about the student services fee. He said that he read the UCOP document. He said that he wonders if they are comfortable when it was playing out

-She said that it was against the rules of course materials fees. This last year, it was revised again and falls in the jurisdiction because some of the language was changed. She said that this year, the benefits are being taken care of by student affairs. Last year, they paid for the shortfalls of those benefits. They are trying to work on the language. Last year was the first time that they had representation on the workgroup. In UCB, students were paying for units that they should not be responsible for. They wanted to make sure that bylaws are unanimous across all UC's. They would like more student representation. Since they are familiar with the budget, they know how it is working and how it has been changing. She said that they are making sure that students aren't being abused.

-Watson said that in meetings, they make sure that what they are doing is benefiting the students. He said that they definitely look to fight for student services.

- She said that a representative from academic accounting also sits on their committee.
- Williams asked if they feel comfortable with the support they are receiving. He said that if not, he could do something
- She said that they feel comfortable. They definitely do their research and administration suffers as well. They want to make sure that administration doesn't have to worry about student services as well. She said that they don't want to worry about childcare.
- Miller said that he is glad that someone is taking it on. He said that he didn't know he was paying for some things. He asked what would happen if they find professors not using these fees.
- She said that they want to make sure that the faculty is trained. She said that they have a good relationship with the heads of the schools. They want to see if they can push to have a bylaw there so that students can choose to not pay. Coming up with a system is hard because it's difficult to distinguish who's using it and who isn't. They are working on it but it will take a little longer. The committee is experiencing it as well
- Watson said that a lot of professors don't use it. A lot of professor's don't use the training fees either. He said that they want to make sure that money isn't being wasted. They come together as a committee to see if there is a problem
- She said that it is hard to see who is using the services. They had an article in the paper. They are trying to look at transparency, which has been difficult because they are also responsible for graduate students as well. They still have a lot of work to do and they are looking at more solutions
- Spring thanked them for their work. He asked who makes the policy changes.
- She said that UCOP makes the changes. She said that they are able to put their input in drafts until it is formalized, but only the student regent gets a vote. They find out a lot of financial information.
- Spring asked if there is a way to have a stipulation to alert students that they need to pay fees
- Watson said that on the catalog, it lists the enhancement fees. He said that even if they don't know, to make sure that these fees are being utilized. He said that other information is easier to see but doesn't affect you as much.
- She talked about the funding proposal. They are working on this. She said that they are trying to create a bylaw where SFAC has to be notified if they place a student services fee. They want to have a say in all fee issues.
- Hill thanked them for bringing it up. At the regent's meeting, one of the things they realized was that it could cause calamity on the campus level. She would like to follow up so that students are present when decisions are made in the room.
- Spring said that they could have a link for SFAC on their USAC website to help visibility efforts.
- Hill said that it would be great to connect the two. When talking about the campus wide survey, they should think about the option to use the USAC elections. They could add questions to the elections. Student wide surveys are hard to push, so they could use that mechanism. She said that they are an excellent and valuable resource.
- Santos said that Louis, director of the council, is always talking about UCLA leading the way in innovation. He said that it is important that the relationship stays strong. They will be having a UCSA meeting in May at UCLA. He invited them to the meeting to talk about what UCLA has been doing on student fees and to get other campuses motivated to push the envelope.

VI. Appointments

Hill said that there is a need to a finance committee chair. This is deemed as a special presidential appointment. She ran it by Dr. Geller and Zimmerman.

A. *Finance Committee Chair: Ronald Arruejo

Santos moved to appoint the new finance committee chair. Birdie seconded.

-Arruejo said that he is a 3rd year double major in political science and Scandinavian. He said that he saw the pitfalls and pros and cons about the changes that could be made in the committee. He worked on the EVP travel grant to change the guidelines to make them in line with what students need. He could work with different committees or with different events or organizations.

-Hill said that Arruejo is an excellent candidate. There are more allocations and a flood of requisitions that need to be signed. Arruejo was also involved in two different offices. He was involved in a financial capacity. He is accessible as well. He would be able to close the year out well. They did not expect in the middle of the year to have to appoint another FiCom.

-Arruejo said that he oversees logistics and finances for other committees. He realizes that he would be a non-voting member. He is on the committee on the educational abroad committee. He also has the voice for undergraduates. He said that he could work with people that he's never met before. He worked with Vietnamese Student Conference. He said that he feels like he could work well in the committee space and on USAC council.

-Tressel said that historically, the FiCom Chair has been the closest person to the President who sits on council. He did note that that may not have been the case over the last year or two. That being said, Tressel asked about the nominee's time commitments for the term.

-Arruejo said that he realizes the time commitment. He said that he informed the other committees that he would have to resign his other positions if he is to be appointed. He said that the only other commitment he has is at the library and being a member of the community services commission. He is willing to resign from his other positions

-Dr. Geller said that this goes until June 30. She asked if he would be there

-Arruejo said that he would be there until June 25. He said that he will allow the vice chair to take care of it

-Zimmerman asked if he would like to pursue this position for the next academic year. She said that the position requires a lot of training.

-Arruejo said that it depends on who the next president of USAC will be

-Santos said that in working with Arruejo, he has never met someone so enthusiastic about reading applications and writing applications. He said that Arruejo enjoys filling out applications. He is knowledgeable about applications and has brought a lot of innovation to the Travel Grants committee. He added hearings to the application process and used it as a way to advertise different resources that are provided by USAC. Overall, the numbers speak for themselves.

-Miller thanked him for being there. He mentioned that he would be leaving the EVP Travel Grant chair. He asked if this was wise.

-Arruejo said that he has been training the vice chair for the past year. The vice chair has been great in changing guidelines

-Miller said that with ten weeks left, it is not an easy position and needs a lot of time and knowledge. He said that he is concerned that they didn't move the vice chair into the chair. He said that he would rather see someone who was here when Rose was not. Miller said that Saedi performed the position to the same extent Rose did. He said that he would like to yield the floor to Saedi

-Saedi said that when he applied to FiCom in junior year, he didn't expect how much he learned. He said that every meeting, what himself amazes him and his peers is what they're doing. He said that this passion makes him qualified. He said that he has been able to make student visions realities. He said that Arruejo is qualified as well. He has been on the committee for two years, one as a member and one as a vice chair. He said that he has been utilized a lot as a vice chair. Saedi said that there is a learning curve with understanding FiCom. He said that he knows how to utilize his team. He said that he understands what makes this great. He would like to become a financial representative. He said that this aligns with what he wants to do in life. Saedi said that everyone has his or her own opinions on Rose. He said that he has his own ideas and thoughts on how to run the committee. He said that he would work on communication and to institute office hours. He said that he has classes and an internship but he could handle it. He said that he was in charge of the FiCom email. He said that student groups are comfortable and know that they are serviced well. He said they should work to make sure that they follow through with student groups. Saedi said that sometimes they submitted their allocation matrix a few hours before the meeting. He said that he would improve on that promise on sending the matrix earlier. Saedi said that they could bring Arruejo to be a supplementary level. He said that they would do great things regardless.

-Hill said that with respect, they had a chance to talk about some of her concerns. She said that she would like to address the issue of knowing the committee. She said that these are USAC appointed positions. Their responsibility is to be representative of USAC. This would be an issue of professionalism.

-Tressel said that as a point of order, there is a motion on the table to appoint Arruejo. He said they should focus on this person.

-Spring said that Saedi mentioned changes. He asked Arruejo what changes he would make

-Arruejo said that the vice chair has the responsibility to up the cap of \$50 that the vice chair signs. He said that he would make sure that there is communication. He said that communication is quick. He said that he calls and emails. He has office hours and that there should have been recommendations and office hours.

Arruejo said that he would like the help of Saedi to propose those changes to the bylaws and possibly the

constitution to make it more transparent to student groups. A lot of student groups have suffered. He said that he got cash advances within the week with past FiComs. He said the process should be faster.

-Miller said that Arruejo wouldn't be here during his entire term. He said that there is a learning term. He said that requisitions start now. He said that he doesn't want to put someone in charge of a council at this point in time. He said that putting him in charge of the committee is not something that he could support. He said that he would rather have Arruejo on the committee. He said that in the EVP office, the vice chair becomes the chair. He said that there is a learning curve.

-Birdie asked Saedi if he met Deb.

-Saedi said that she has expressed this to him twice.

-Shah said that while Rose had an interest, he had not worked with requisition forms. Arruejo knows how to hold funding hearings and requisition forms. She said that he is a lot higher up on the learning curve.

-Birdie asked if it would be an issue with his other offices

-Arruejo said that he would resign his other positions

-Ma said that he would like to second his timing of Miller and Saedi's comments. There might be snags and it is their responsibility to ensure that the process goes smoothly

-Yao said that it seems like they have two qualified candidates. She asked Hill why she chose Arruejo

-Hill said that she has spoken to Saedi. She said that there have been several recommendations that were not implemented by the FiCom. She said they should to see the perfect FiCom application with honorarium. She said that this was something they asked for but never saw. She said that there was a lack of communication. She also asked if they could put the allocations on the website. She said that she also mentioned to Saedi that she didn't find out that Rose was leaving from Rose himself. She said that there was a lack of communication between FiCom and herself. Arruejo would be more open to communication. She said that Rose was not always available. She had to pay out of pocket for honorarium because there were no provisions by a chair and still hasn't received a reimbursement. She said that she believes in Saedi's ability as FiCom vice chair. She asked Saedi if Arruejo would be qualified. Hill said that she wishes there was more communication. She said that it would be best to bring in a new chair and keep the committee as it stands. She would like to keep the committee as similar as possible

-Resnick said congratulations on an amazing resume. She mentioned him having to resign from other positions. She thanked Saedi for stepping up when Rose couldn't. She talked about the learning curve that was being mentioned this late in the year. She talked about her support for Saedi. She said that he could make this last but of the term the best.

-Miller said that it seems like they are holding Saedi responsible for all of FiCom's mistakes in the past. He said that putting frustrations on Saedi isn't a valid argument. He said that as vice chair, he had to follow under Rose. He said that Saedi stepped up from vice chair and they should be commending him for his work rather than asking why he didn't assume the role of chair since he wasn't the chair.

-Santos said that the position of a vice chair is as important as the position as a chair. He said that the committee was slow to take recommendations or to do honorarium. He talked about the learning curve. He said that they are making it seem like Arruejo is at the bottom of the curve. He said that Arruejo would be at the top of the curve. Arruejo has expressed his frustration with the committee. Arruejo had previously outlined what the committee should change even when it wasn't his job. Arruejo knows a lot about what the committee does. He said that Arruejo is capable of being fair.

-Spring said that he knows Arruejo personally. He follows bylaws by order. He said that there were problems following bylaws in the past. He said that he wants to make sure that the committee in the future is following bylaws. He said that he enjoyed working with Saedi. Spring emphasized that following bylaws is something they need to do as council members

-Saedi said that Arruejo only has about 10 weeks left in the quarter and it would take a while to learn who does what well. He said that it would take a while to learn what people did what best. He said that there is a lack of communication between him and Rose. Saedi mentioned Hill's requests for honorarium and said that she didn't tell that directly to him.

-Nelson said that the president has the right to make an appointment. He has seen situations where the president and the council couldn't agree for weeks. The council cannot force the council to accept a person and the president needs to the council to approve of someone. He is making this comment before voting. He said that the council does not have the luxury to take their time to make the appointments.

-Shah said that Saedi has been more accessible than Rose. She said that she doesn't question his work. She said that this is his last quarter and he should have fun before he leaves. She said that in terms of balance,

there needs to have someone that will be there all the time. She said that she was able to always see Arruejo around. Shah said that this is an important aspect, especially with Jazz Reggae coming up.

-Miller thanked the administrators for what was said. He said that he would like to offer a compromise. He said that he does not feel comfortable having him as the head of the committee. He said that he would like Arruejo to be a member on the finance committee and have someone already on the committee as chair.

-Lucas asked if his background in specific offices would leave him biased, and if not how

-Arruejo said that he removed himself from other student groups that he had been involved with to avoid bias.

-Hill said that previous FiCom chairs have sat as members of student groups and approved recs. They believe in the candidate's ability to separate that two

-Dr. Geller said that the motion they have is for a specific person for FiCom chair. If he is not appointed, they cannot appoint him on another position unless they have 2/3 votes because it was not a part of the agenda. If they do not appoint a FiCom chair, Saedi will continue to serve without the title no matter how long it takes. She said that not appointing Arruejo would not force Hill to appoint Saedi. Until they appoint someone to be chair, Saedi will act as the chair without the title. She told the council to know their outcomes and as the president, she has the right to recommend a member for FiCom. She said they shouldn't mix the two. They are voting whether or not to appoint Arruejo and those they don't have alternatives to appoint Arruejo for a member for FiCom or Saedi as chair

-Hill asked if there are still members of the FiCom chair.

-Dr. Geller said that Hill, Ma, and Birdie are alternates and they have room for one member

-Williams said that this is a common situation. This seems unfair to Saedi to not be automatically moved up to chair. He said that there have clearly been issues throughout the year with FiCom. He said that sometimes, they have to make a fresh start with someone else at the top. He said that there is a frustration sensed. He said that a different person at the top changes the sense of how they're going to work. He said that this is a common situation and they shouldn't feel bad about it.

-Zimmerman said that there is one alternate position open but it is not mandatory to have

-Miller said that if they had a longer period of time, he would be open to having Arruejo as FiCom chair. He said that he wants to have Arruejo on the committee and that they should have a member of FiCom as the chair. He said that with that, Arruejo would have had a year on the committee to become the chair.

-Hill said that they couldn't suppose that the next president will appoint Arruejo. She said that they could only think about what will happen this year. She said that she had to use her own money from her credit card working with the past FiCom.

-Saedi said that this would be a great way to end his last year on the committee.

-Khy said that accessibility is a big thing. She said that she always sees Arruejo here. She said that she recognizes the learning curve, but they should see his efforts throughout the entire year. She has always seen him performing his job well and in a timely manner. She said that he would be a good addition to the FiCom committee because of his timeliness and knowledge. She said he has interacted with students and knows the changes that needs to be done

-Phi said that for her, she hasn't talked to Arruejo about his goals. She said that a lot of the council is familiar with Arruejo but that she isn't. She said that from her standpoint, she was able to work with Saedi for a short period of time. Saedi was responsive with phone calls and about any missing documentation. She said that either candidate is extremely qualified. She said that the title shouldn't matter, but rather the people that are working in the committee. She said that they are there to serve the students better.

-Miller called to question appointing Arruejo. With a vote of 6-5-1, Arruejo was appointed as the FiCom chair.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. EVP Travel Grant

There was no business for the EVP Travel grant this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

Miller moved to approve contingency allocations for March 29, 2011.

-Saedi said that they had 2 groups submit capital contingency. Cultural Affairs received funding for a printer and CEC received funding as well.

-Miller moved to amend his motion to approve capital contingency. De Vera seconded.

-Hill thanked Saedi

-De Vera moved to approve capital contingency. Santos seconded. There were no objections

-Miller moved to approve contingency allocation for March 29, 2011. There were 40 applications. Every application was well documented. People were docked because they hit the cap. One group wasn't put into the matrix. It was Swipes for the Homeless to take place week 1. They were allocated \$322 and they had the proper documentation. They received full funding for their program.

-Hill asked if this would change the total allocation

-Saedi said that it would change the total allocation

-Zimmerman said that the total allocation is now \$19,824.20.

-Khy asked about Kappa Alpha Chi

-Saedi said that they were missing documentation. They contacted him and didn't get a response. The people that responded to calls had adjusted amounts.

-Santos called to question the approval of contingencies as amended. De Vera seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, contingency was approved.

-Santos asked Saedi about the three resolutions. He said that for one of the resolutions, they only got \$355 instead of \$360.

-Saedi said that he would take care of it.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

Hill said that over spring break, she had been working to talk to representatives about an addition of a student regent. Hill said that thanks to the incoming administrative vice chancellor, there are safety lights added to Hilgard. Hill said that those lights were installed over the break. She is working with community service groups to discuss the student risk education committee and the allocation of funds with that. She said that she is working so that the charter for that committee is moving forward. She put together a memorandum of understanding. She said that it would be similar to other committees. She reminded everyone that tomorrow evening is the alumni symposium. Hill said that this would be a great opportunity to hear people talking about their careers. There is no dress code. This will be in the Alumni center.

-Birdie asked when the campus wide email would be.

-Hill said that she isn't sure.

-Resnick said that she was glad that there were safety lights near Hilgard.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said that next Wednesday they would have another funding workshop. She said that second week would be when student groups register or re-register. She said that she wants to make sure they have all their resources. Saferides had their highest attendance of 91 students. They hope to go south of Wilshire. This starts again Thursday. She is a part of the Enough is Enough committee on week 4. The resource fair is happening April 18. She encourages the council to participate. She said that this would demonstrate that UCLA is fortified on inclusivity. She talked about the applications that are out for the student singer and commencement speaker. Lucas said that there aren't a lot of opportunities to speak to all of the students at once. She started a chart with her transparency committee. They conducted research on student groups. They are interviewing the next J-board appointment.

-Zimmerman asked her to suggest that one of the signatories should be there over the summer if they are to be active over the summer. She said that there is usually a gap in funding. She said that as long as one person is still there, it helps a lot. She said that she could put the application for commencement on the USAC website.

-Hill asked how outreach for the commencement speaker usually happens.

-Zimmerman said it is either from IVP or student affairs. She said she's not sure of how it was done in the past

-Lucas said that they only suggested putting it on the Daily Bruin.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos talked about the tax extensions. They had over 25 lobby visits around tax extensions asking legislatures to put it on the ballot. Governor Brown said that he is dropping the negotiations on the side of the legislature because they are not receptive to his idea and want him to make more long-term compromises. Santos said the tax extensions won't be on the June ballot, but they plan to have it on the November ballot by gathering signatures. Santos said that the transition into the week of action is in collaboration with the worker's appreciation week. They want to bring light to state and federal budget cuts proposed by Obama. The week of action will cover the state budget, tax extensions, the federal budget, etc. They will be doing voter registration every week for the rest of the six weeks. He hopes the next EVP will do this as well. Santos said they would be having lobby visits starting next week, with at least 2 every week. They will implement another tactic, such as letter writing or petition signing. They will educate others through flyers. They hope to get students engaged this way.

-Hill said that the tax extension not on the ballot does not mean an inherent increase in fees. She said that it could possibly be put on the November ballot.

-Santos said that it does not seem like it would have a big effect because tax extensions don't expire until December. One consequence is that the state will have to issue IOUs to state workers because of this decision made. He said that it might end up on the ballot anyways. He said that he would keep them all updated. Tomorrow and Thursday they will be registering voters on Bruinwalk.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said a lot of things happened between week 10 and finals, especially in regards to Covell. A lot of students expressed why it is important. She is working with them to see what they can do about keeping Covell for the following years. They have a meeting scheduled with Vice Provo's Smith next Friday to see what other funding they could look at. They hope to have it under the structure of undergraduate education. Right now, it is proposed to not have it under that division at all. She is still waiting for Chancellor Block's response. They could possibly use the Lincey foundation to sustain the funding. They will talk about an endowment for academic support services as a long-term solution to Covell. Khy said that a lot of this is stated in the resolution. They have been talking to different people on campus in response to the YouTube video. They would speak to the university and they would like to set up a faculty town hall. This would allow faculty to engage academics to address issues of how students should react to other identities. Also, they have another resolution in response to the video to be presented tonight.

-Santos said that in regards to the chancellor, a lot of students were happy with the chancellor's decision to come out. Santos said that meeting with her about this issue further makes students feel like he is being accessible when we need him the most.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. *Resolution in Support of Covell Peer Learning Labs- Khy

-Dr. Geller said that since the language was not approved in advanced, they need a 2/3 vote to proceed.

-Hill said that they need a motion to move forward.

-Dr. Geller said they need a motion to move forward since there was enough time.

- Spring moved to move forward. De Vera seconded. There was one objection.
- Miller said that there are things that he would like to recommend. He said that in the past, there was a resolution that was sent out later because it was sent out late.
- Hill said that they have to call to question to move for a vote. She said that they could after move into feedback.
- Santos said that he is aware of this history. He said that there were concerns with other campus entities. He said that he feels like all of the appropriate entities were contacted and let known about the resolution.
- Miller said that this was never brought up on how to bring up who wrote resolutions. He said that a lot of people came out to support Covell today. He said that this was something he would have liked to be involved in. He said they had never had a formal process to who sponsored a resolution.
- Lucas said that there were complaints that De Vera and Spring weren't contacted and that the resolution was sent out late. She asked for clarification about who were the appropriate entities contacted
- Hill said that entities concerned external entities that need to be involved, such as AITC. Hill said that the issue is of time and people's abilities to give input versus the immediacy of the issue. She said that the resolution would be helpful in speaking to the chancellor.
- Spring said that the resolution that was postponed in the past had a lot of edits that had to be made. He said that the entire council supports the resolution rather than just the co-sponsors.
- Miller said that sponsor shows a personal vested interest and an extra amount of commitment. He said that as an RA, he holds this close and he would like to have that kind of input. He said that he doesn't want to have a detriment to the publication of the resolution in a timely manner.
- Hill said that she appreciates his desire to find a resolution. She said that sometimes, a student group will put something out and sponsors and authors are different.
- Khy said that this is a statement that the student body supports. She said that she is open to language changes. She stressed that this resolution will impact decisions to move forward.
- Hill asked if there were motions to move forward with conversations.
- Miller said that sponsorship and a changing of language could be changed. He said that he would like to bring about the best possible product they create.
- Hill said that this input would be open if council would like to move forward
- Miller called to question to move forward with the presentation of the resolution. De Vera seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the motion was approved.
- Hill said they need a motion to approve the resolution.
- De Vera moved to approve the resolution. Yao seconded. There were no objections.
- Khy said that this program has been existence for a long time. The taking away of this program would make UCLA without one of the peer facilitated learning labs. These types of learning are important, especially when departments cannot handle any more. Khy said that it supports student facilitation and a collaborative learning environment. It is a service for all undergraduate students and services students on the hill and on campus.
- Hill said that one of the things that had the most impact was that UCLA would be the only UC that didn't have a tutorial that was open to all students. She said that with student retention, UCLA retention rates have been higher. She said that she would hate that this would be cut because it helps retention rates. She said that this is clearly something about quality that they don't want to sacrifice.
- Resnick said that she's going to send out a resolution because this is something close to her heart. She said that a few of her friends are Covell tutors. There is a website called savecovell.com where people can send their testimonials. There is a Facebook page and an email to send to. There is also an online petition that people could send to their listserves. They could urge students to sign the petition in the resolution.
- Hill said that is a great addition
- Yao asked if they know whether it is under Chancellor Block's discretion in terms of the Lincey fund distribution or another group's discretion.
- Khy said that it is a donation on behalf of the university. It is something that the chancellor has been advocating for. In order to allocate the money, it has to be under the jurisdiction under the person who made the donation. This donation has to do with supporting academic support programs. Covell is under the jurisdiction. Khy said that from her understanding, Chancellor Block would be the person under the discretion to make recommendations.
- Spring said that he would like USAC to provide a list of the priorities of how to allocate the donations that were received.
- Miller said that Covell supports the academic mission of the university and provides a place for students to encourage other students. He said that he would like to add "Whereas, the Covell Peer Learning Labs support the academic mission of the university, as well as provide a place in which students are able to support each other in the pursuit of academic excellence." Shah seconded.

- Yao made a friendly amendment to capitalize council in the line right before the “let it be further resolved.”
- Santos made a friendly amendment to add “and,” to all the whereas’s except for the last one and adding periods to all of the “let it be resolved.”
- Miller moved to table approving the resolution until Resnick finishes the wording.
- Resnick added the resolution, “Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges students to voice their support for this matter by visiting savecovel.com to leave testimonials, email savecovel@gmail.com, and/or sign an online petition in order to show their support.”
- Dr. Nelson asked if she added USAC.
- Resnick said that council should be capitalized.
- Hill asked if she could read it again.
- Resnick read, the amendment, “Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges students to voice their support for this matter by visiting savecovel.com to leave testimonials, email savecovel@gmail.com, and/or sign an online petition in order to show their support.” Birdie seconded.
- Resnick asked if she could be added as a sponsor.
- Khy said sure.
- Miller moved to add himself, general representative 3 and Resnick, general representative 2, as co-sponsors of the resolution. Phi seconded.
- Miller thanked her for making that change
- Miller called to question. Shah seconded.
- Khy read the resolution as follows:
- Zimmerman said that they should email those to her and the minute taker.
- Khy moved to table the resolution. Spring seconded.
- Khy moved to untable the resolution. Phi seconded. There were no objections.
- Hill said that they called to question and second.
- Khy called to question the approval of the resolution in support of Covel. Shah seconded. The resolution was read as follows: **Resolution to Support the Continuation of Covel Peer Learning Labs**
Unanimously Approved, Tuesday March 29, 2011

Whereas, the University of California Los Angeles has a responsibility to provide academic support services to its students including but not limited to peer facilitated learning, peer advising, and counseling and,
 Whereas, the Covel Peer Learning Labs support the academic mission of the university, as well as provide a place in which students are able to support each other in the pursuit of academic excellence and, [1]
 Whereas, the Covel Peer Learning Labs will no longer be in service after the close of the 2010-2011 academic year due to the restructuring of the Division of Undergraduate Education and, [2]
 Whereas, the Covel Peer Learning Labs services are open to all 26,000 undergraduate students and serves 3,000 students each quarter and, [2]
 Whereas, the Covel Peer Learning Labs provides quality peer-to-peer English composition services, English as a Second Language (ESL) writing services, athletics, and math and science services and, [3]
 Whereas, the Covel Peer Learning Labs are guided by the philosophical principles of valuing student independence through peer facilitated guided help, effective dialogue and communication, holistic learning, and sharing of intellectual excitement and enthusiasm and, [3]
 Whereas, the Covel Peer Learning Labs is unique in supporting peer facilitated teaching which values and supports peer to peer learning and promotes leadership and a collaborative learning environment and,
 Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges for the continuation of all aspects of Covel Peer Learning Labs and,
 Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges students to voice their support for this matter by visiting savecovel.com to leave testimonials, email savecovel@gmail.com, and/or sign an online petition in order to show their support and,
 Let it be further resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges Chancellor Block to use the Lincy Foundation donation to stabilize Covel Peer Learning Labs for the next year and,
 Let it be finally resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges the university to raise funds and develop an endowment to support academic support services and programs on campus.

Sponsored by
 Suza Khy, USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner
 Matt Spring, USAC General Representative 1

Jasmine Hill, USAC Student Body President
 Emily Resnick, USAC General Representative 2
 Gatsby Miller, USAC General Representative 3

[1] UCLA Mission Statement: http://www.wasc.ucla.edu/cpr_endnotes/MIssion_Statement.pdf

[2] Daily Bruin article:

http://www.dailybruin.com/index.php/article/2011/03/tutoring_and_workshops_on_the_hill_to_be_discontinued#comment1867

[3] <http://aitc.ucla.edu/learning.htm>

-With a vote of 12-0-0, the resolution was approved.

-Hill said the last order of business is handling the publication of the resolutions

-Santos said that the Alta Gracia resolution is to be published next week. The budget cuts resolution was to be published this week. He said there were some problems so it will not be published this week. He said that taking into consideration these resolutions, he could push it to next week. He said that they could publish budget cuts, Alta Gracia, and this resolution for week 3.

-Hill asked what his recommendation was.

-Santos said he recommended that they publish the two brought up today this week.

-Hill said that these could be viewed as separate resolutions. She asked if there was a motion of how to publish these resolutions

-Ma moved to publish both resolutions on one full-page ad. De Vera seconded.

-Miller recommended they take funding from the USAC rainy day budget.

-Hill said that she is fine with that.

-Zimmerman said that the rec would just be through Hill's office.

-Hill said that they need an amendment to the motion

-Miller said that he moves to amend the motion to take the funding from the USAC rainy day fund. Ma seconded.

-Hill said that they would take funding from the USAC wide fund and publish the two resolutions this week on a one-page ad.

-Spring called to question. Phi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the motion was passed.

B. *Resolution Advocating for Campus Cooperation Against "Asians in the Library" Video- Yao

-Yao said that this would be titled Resolution to Improve Intergroup Understanding and Dynamics on the UCLA Campus.

-Hill said that this document would be their message.

-Yao said that if someone would like to respond to the video they could.

-Resnick said that she likes this resolution because it brings to the table the importance of these dynamics.

-Hill said that Phi brought up if she was going to release a statement. She said that the events rolled out that every day her statements change. She said that she doesn't want to speak to the issue. She felt like the remarks were hurtful and did not agree. She wishes that she didn't disenroll from UCLA. She said that community collaboration could have happened rather than the pushing away of someone from this community. She said that other feedback is welcome. She said that she likes the idea of addressing these issues. Hill said that they could show administration what they are recommending.

-Santos said that since it's week 1, and students want to see what USAC will do in response, they could talk to SGA and the Finance Committee to expedite this process

-Zimmerman said that sometimes the rec process would take longer. They could talk to the Daily Bruin and pay them later

-Miller said that when they ran the double resolution, it took a while to get through. He said that they understand

-Yao moved to approve the Resolution to Improve Intergroup Understanding and Dynamics on the UCLA Campus with a 1/3 Daily Bruin page ad. Phi seconded.

-Hill said that once people read the resolution, they could offer amendments or questions. Hill said that she supports the idea that this is an action-oriented resolution. She said that in the structure of it, they should make it a little more clearly about what the specific points they are saying. She opened the floor for questions.

-Miller said that he likes a lot of the "let it be resolved." He said that he would like to see undergraduates holding each other responsible. He said that they are all students and that in some way they harbor these feelings.

-Hill said that UCSA are moving to restore the restorative justice model. This is a process when these incidents happen. Instead of moving to see what the punishment would be, they would move towards learning and the

resolution of this. Hill said that as a community, both sides could see resolutions take place. The community would make recommendations and both parties would have to agree. If they don't agree, it would move to administration. She said that they should try to fix the problem rather than fallout, like what actually happened. Hill said that this should be an educational moment. She said that Yao and herself talked about her vision about the inclusion of community service. Hill said that community service could be seemed as a mechanism. Hill said that community service should be more emphasized because this is a process where individuals could learn more about other communities. Hill said that people could take this as a punitive measure, when this is not what they're necessarily saying.

-Hill asked if there is a motion to amend the resolution.

-Spring wanted to add a let it be resolved before the further resolved that reads "Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages students to attend the General Representative 1's Diversity Dinner: "Disaggregating the Asian Identity and fostering Community at UCLA" on April 20th, which will provide students a space for cross-community dialogue and understanding." De Vera seconded.

-Spring said that this is a group for people of different identities to come together and to encourage communities to come together.

-Dr. Geller asked about the let it be resolved... campus life orientation" to change it to campus life entities and orientation. She said that they might want to reword "orientation."

-Hill asked if they wanted to highlight campus life

-Yao said they wanted to talk about student affairs

-Dr. Geller said orientation covers the college.

-Yao said it would read "student affairs and orientation"

-Miller said that he has down, "Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages students to support each other and hold each other to the high standard of respect and understanding which is expected of the Bruin community..." He asked if anyone wanted to change it

-De Vera said that he could talk about the True Bruin values of accountability.

-Hill said that they could say "the Bruin community."

-Spring said that they could say "UCLA community."

-Hill asked if he would like to make a motion.

-Miller said that he would like to add the resolution, "Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages students to support each other and hold each other to the high standard of respect and understanding which is expected of the Bruin community as outlined by the True Bruin Values."

-Spring seconded.

-Hill asked if there were any periods on the resolution.

-Santos made a friendly amendment to add period at the end of "let it finally be resolved" and add "and" to each whereas statement except the last "let it be finally resolved."

-Santos said that the point about restorative justice was a good point. He said that it is not implemented systematically in the UC system. He moved to amend the resolution to have the third "let it be resolved" to "Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council supports service learning and restorative justice..." Spring seconded.

-Yao said that with the same "let it be resolved," she would include Hill's recommendation to read "Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council supports service learning and restorative justice as avenues for students to learn about communities outside their own through meaningful community work and dialogue."

-Miller called to question the resolution. Santos seconded.

-Yao read the resolution as amended.

-Yao read the resolution was read as follows:

Resolution to Improve Intergroup Understanding and Dynamics on the UCLA Campus

Whereas, the university should be a safe place for students to broaden their worldview and perspectives, including perspectives on race, ethnicity, religion, class, gender, ability, citizenship status, and sexual orientation; and

Whereas, UCLA has shown a strong commitment to diversity, its fifth hallmark [1]; and

Whereas, members of the UCLA community are respectful of and open to diverse perspectives, and partake in thoughtful reflection and ethical decision-making in the face of adversity, in line with the True Bruin values [2]; and

Whereas, UCLA issued a statement, entitled the Principles of Community, committed to ensuring a welcoming and inclusive environment and that guides the personal and collective behavior of UCLA affiliates, students, faculty, administration, and staff [3]; and

Whereas, 2009-2010 marked UCLA's 40th year of Ethnic Studies, demonstrating the university's commitment to an educational avenue that aims to enrich the campus with groundbreaking research and awareness of ethnic identities and relations in America [4]; and

Whereas, the academic studies at UCLA, Ethnic Studies Centers, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Studies, and Women's Studies, offer courses relevant to bridging intergroup dynamics, but are not required to be taken by all UCLA undergraduate students; and

Whereas, campus climate has become hostile for some students as a result of a lack of understanding amongst communities and identities; and

Whereas, individuals and communities have been harassed at this university based on ethnicity, race, religion, sexuality, and others; some examples include the pulling of a Muslim's hijab and the vandalization of Queer Alliance's A-board during National Coming Out Week; and

Whereas, insensitive and intolerant remarks against the Asian population were made by an individual in a Youtube video and widely disseminated on the Internet [5]; and

Whereas, University of California students have been at the forefront of demanding real action to address these issues and have been successful in different ways, such as in pressuring the U.C. Board of Regents to pass a resolution in support of holistic admissions system-wide [6]; and

Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council does not tolerate or accept the behaviors of students, staff, faculty, or administration that infringe upon the safety of another person and/or develop a hostile and unsafe environment.

Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges Student Affairs and Orientation to address specifically intergroup dynamics awareness, tolerance of other people's identities, and fostering of a culture that positively deals with conflict.

Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council supports service learning and restorative justice as avenues for students to learn about communities outside their own through meaningful community work and dialogue.

Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages students to attend the General Representative 1's Diversity Dinner: "Disaggregating the Asian Identity and fostering Community at UCLA" on April 20th, which will provide students a space for cross-community dialogue and understanding.

Let it be resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages students to support each other and hold each other to the high standard of respect and understanding which is expected of the Bruin community as outlined by the True Bruin Values.

Let it be further resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges the Academic Senate and faculty to support incorporating a general education requirement grounded in the Principles of Community.

Let it be finally resolved, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges a town hall with students, faculty, and administration that will discuss the university's academic responsibility to the Principles of Community.

Sponsored by:
Jamie Yao, USAC Community Service Commissioner
Suza Khy, USAC Academic Affairs Commissioner

Cris Santos, USAC External Vice President
Linda Phi, USAC Student Welfare Commissioner

[1] http://www.diversity.ucla.edu/strategicplan/docs/UndergradDiv_Report.pdf

[2] <http://www.truebruin.ucla.edu/>

[3] http://www.diversity.ucla.edu/strategicplan/docs/Principles_of_Community.pdf

[4] <http://newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/exhibition-explores-ethnic-studies-151414.aspx>

[5] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg3tIERI-D4&feature=related>

[6] <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/regents/aar/jane.pdf>

-Miller made a point of order. He asked about publishing the resolutions. He asked if they would like to postpone the approval of funding.

-Yao said she included the approval of funding.

-Miller moved to amend the motion to only approve one resolution. Spring seconded. There were no objections.

-Miller called to question. Shah seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the resolution was approved.

XI. Announcements

-Santos said that if you still need to register to vote, 10-3 they would be registering voters.

-De Vera talked about what would be happening next week. There would be a thank you card station and they would be informing UC students about what workers face. Thursday they would be having an awareness performance.

-Spring said that tomorrow his office is having SHAD to entertain people about safe sex practices. He said that 4 offices are missing their reflections. He will be asking for surplus at next council meeting. They have more shifts for USAC goes to you

-Yao said that this Friday is the application deadline for those who want to be a flag bearer at commencement

-Resnick thanked Spring for the end of the year newsletter compilation. She said that they have been meeting with people. They would have a fisheye camera with tinted lens to show the amount of people in different areas of the gym. On April 20, the office is having the first Farmer's Market. She said that as it gets closer, she would have more announcements.

-Zimmerman said that she is starting to work on the handbooks. She said that she wants their input and feedback. Last year, they weren't personalized. The best knowledge is their knowledge. She said that they should put in tips or big projects that they worked on. She said that she made survival guides for incoming and exit guides for the council. She said that she would like it if someone could look at the guides to see if anything could be added.

-Miller said that he is doing an officer report next week. Third week would be ally week. They have a lot of support and would have an awards night planned. There will be flyers sent out at the end of this week. They would be getting out more information. After meeting with PRB and with the director of dining, they would be putting out ways students could use their swipes by the end of next week. They will be explaining the arts board and how their office is working on that

-Shah said that Mondays are the concert series and Wednesdays are the Word on Wednesdays. They announced the headliners of Jazz Reggae today. There will be an application process for volunteers. This year, they are recruiting people first. They want people who are interested in making it a great festival. The deadline is April 18.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Miller 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 10:16 pm by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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USAC Minutes Taker
2010-2011