UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 3, 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, Ronald Arruejo, Linda Phi, Isaac Rose, Dr. Debra Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patricia Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order
   - Hill called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
   The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda
   - Arruejo asked to change the votes
   - Khy asked to strike ASRF
   - Shah said to strike cultural affairs
   - Arruejo said to strike capital contingency
   - Spring moved and Phi 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
   - Arruejo said that the votes should be changed to 11-0-0.
   - Zimmerman asked for the updated resolutions
   - De Vera said CalPIRG is misspelled.
   - De Vera moved and Spring 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.

IV. Public Comments
   Paulina- CalPIRG
   Paulina talked about the Yosemite campaign. She said that there are giving out t-shirts and will be tabling tomorrow. She wished those campaigning the best of luck.
   - Zimmerman said that they should also go to GSA meetings and update them as well.
   - Champawat said that they meet tomorrow night.
   - Hill said that it is mandated that they be updated.
   - Champawat said that they meet tomorrow at 5:30.

V. Special Presentations
   Student Giving Committee- Vice chair and communications manager
-He said that they educate the undergraduates at UCLA about the importance of giving back in any amount that they desire. He said that this is a way to give back to the university. He said that there is a need for private funding. He said that the school is dependant upon private donations. He talked about Thank UCLA Day, where students can give back monetarily or through thank you cards.  
- Carina said that they would have representatives in north campus and south campus Wednesday, May 18 from 11:30-2:30pm. They will have performers at noon. If you donate before or during the event, you go to the VIP tent where you will get a shirt, food, etc. They will be giving out shirts on the hill and on Bruinwalk.  
-He said that this is a way to interact with different departments around campus. He said that students would be able to give directly to that place. He said that this is a great cause and a lot of cause. He asked for the support of the council. He passed out flyers and pens. People could also give thank you cards to teachers.  
-Hill asked about donating to a specific department.  
-He said tat people could list where to send their money and when to send it. He said that information is on the flyers and the pens.  
-Santos said a lot of students want to give back to UCLA. He asked what the average donation is that a student gives.  
-He said that this is one of the misconceptions that people have. He said that people don’t have to give much. He said that if everyone gives $5, that would be so much. He said that it could start from $1. He said some people give up to $100. Those people would be in the Chancellor’s Circle and would be invited to special events.  
-Hill asked where they are housed on campus.  
-He said that they are part of the UCLA fund on Wilshire. He said there are other components. They started two years ago.  
-Hill thanked them for their information.

VI. Appointments

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

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

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. EVP Travel Grant

Santos said that there are a lot of allocations because they had to withdraw from student orgs after groups didn’t claim their allocation. He said that this marks the official closing of the travel grant.  
-Lamba Theta Nu, Psi Chi, Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho, Kappa Kappa Psi, Globemed, Amnesty International, IDEAS, Lebanese Social Club, Bruin Democrats, SAE Super Mileage Vehicles, IDEAS, Rock and Project, Amigos at UCLA, etc. received funding.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations*

Santos moved to approve contingency for this week. Phi seconded.  
-Arruejo said that there are no other additions. He added the scores and all of the allocations are the same.  
-Miller called to question this week’s allocations. De Vera seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations have been passed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports
President – Jasmine Hill

Hill said thank you for support for the dialogue that took place last Saturday. She said they turned away at least 300 people. She said that the great thing was they got a lot of community and student participation for great dialogue. She said that they had cosponsors such as the Academic Advancement program. She thanked council for their support.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said she wanted to update everyone on Saferide surveys. She said 86.5% students would like to see it continue and 88% would like to make it permanent. She said that she was analyzing campus safety and to add anything that they would like to. She said that they became more prevalent as programmers of safety. They were able to co-program with three offices, including UCPD, etc. She said that they would have liked the LGBT center to be involved. She said the only improvements she would have liked was more PR earlier and to incorporate the LGBT community more.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said they had a lobby visit with Republican Assembly Member Chris Norby. He said that they were focusing on the DREAM Act and the budget. He said that they focused on the budget and came to an understanding of what they had to do to move forward. He said that with people not taking a stance on the budget, they are contributing California’s downfall. Santos said that people are getting anxious and he is happy they opened up to students. He said they have a meeting this Friday with some of the entities talked about during voting registration, including housing and student affairs. He said they hope to sit down and talk about some things they can change to facilitate voter registration.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said they had an executive board meeting last Thursday. She said the idea of online courses stuck out. She said there would be a pilot program for online courses to see how it would pan out. She said the money wasn’t there so they’re using university money to fund for the pilot program. She said that this money was taken out without telling the schools. She said there is a lot of skepticism facing online classes. She said that the idea of abusing university money is not acceptable, especially when schools weren’t notified. She said that this is still going to happen. She said that this is a loan and when they make the money back, they will put it back. She said thank you to Champawat and Zimmerman for help with the post-grad scholarship. They are working with Princeton Review. The student would get 50-75% off a preparatory course. She said the application is out. She said to publicize this as well.

-Hill asked if there is any notification when this would launch and what courses would be participating.
-Khy said that they would be lower division courses. She said that this would be with all UCs. Khy said that per UC, requirements are a little different. She said that there are professors proposing to be in the program. She said that when they got money from the university, professors had to change some of the proposal for the curriculum. She said that as of right now, she is not sure where it is housed. It is proposed to be UC-wide.

-Dr. Geller asked about the scholarships with Princeton Review were selected
-Khy said her committee was looking at local test prep companies. She said that they sat down and talked to them on how to maximize the $10,000.
-Dr. Nelson asked for clarification.
-Khy said that they’ve done research on it and will look into it further.

Community Service Commissioner- Jamie Yao

Yao said that this is her follow up office report. She said that their aims are to support community service organizations via resources, engage the UCLA community into Community service, and represent and advocate for community service via broader initiatives. She said that a lot of this presentation would have to do with what they were working on. She talked about the volunteer day site application. She said that this day could be improved by having freshmen volunteers out at sites that community service groups already go to. She said that nomination by student groups or any member of the UCLA community could go. She said that she envisions
this through projects and other independent groups to nominate the sites that they go to. She said that people would be able to talk about the sites they already go to. She talked about university scholarship. She said that this means that they would have use of UCLA’s name and legal liability. Now, no groups can say that they are from UCLA. Now, service groups can say they are from UCLA. She said that legal liability is confusing, but basically if a student group were to get sued for any wrongdoing, the liability would fall upon the three signatories to provide legal defense. She said students don’t have the resources to go to court. She said that signatories would no longer be liable. She said that this is not equivalent to insurance. She said that if a group needed insurance, they would still need to purchase it. She said that any community service group can apply for CAC.

-Phi asked how she would define community service groups
-Yao said they need to have service as a critical part of their mission. She talked about the community service record. She said that this is where volunteers can log their hours. This could be used as a record for community service. She said that this is a great tool for retention and to reward their members. She said this has been available since 2003. She said that they got the okay from the chancellor to make this an official University document. The UCLA seal would be on the certificate. The seal would be a recognized document from the university. She said that they have a proposal to get the Chancellor’s signature. She talked about sustainability and the hybrid van. She said that CSC purchased a hybrid van and they are dealing with the paperwork. She said that they want to continue sustainability as an organization. She said that they would want to add a sustainability aspect to the funding application. She said that any group could still be sustainable. She said CSC has a fleet of vans so that volunteers can go to site. She said that the best way to do this was by applying to TGIF. She said that CSC paid $24,000 after help from TGIF. She said that they are paying less than last year and got a sustainable van. She hopes to message this to the rest of the campus community.

-De Vera said he is excited that she will be community service commissioner next year

-Arruejo said that he is thankful that signatories won’t have that liability anymore. He asked if the application for volunteer day is projecting more sites.
-Yao said that the volunteer center is projecting that the new sites will be 20% of the sites
-Dr. Geller said sponsorship is a complicated thing but she did a good job explaining it
-Champawat asked if everyone is clear that they are covered in liability. He said this would cover more groups.
-Hill said that she was getting emotional because she feels like she can graduate. She said that she feels like she was engaged in these issues at different points. She said that she would be at the meeting tomorrow morning. She said that there is still more progress to be done and her leadership has pushed them a long way.
-Santos congratulated her. He said that his sophomore year was his first time getting involved in UCLA wide things. He said he hopes people realize how much work went into this.
-Yao said she wasn’t able to thank everyone she needed to thank. She said thank you to the advisors, Arruejo, Hill, De Vera, etc.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Geller
-She said that they would have invitations for the council. She said that this is the go to person in the vice chancellor’s office. She said that they would be sending an invite to participate in the finalist’s interviews. She said that if they were interested, she would love their participation. She said they are searching for the LGBT center director. She said they would be going through the various LGBT student organizations. She said that if the council is interested, to contact her. She said they are interviewing 7 candidates and would narrow it to 3-4 finalists. She said that if there are interested, to stay in touch with group leaders.
-Hill said thank you and said that these are important positions.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business
CRC Recommendations

Miller moved to approve CRC recommendations. De Vera seconded.
Miller rescinded his motion.
Miller moved to approve CRC recommendations. De Vera seconded.
Khy said that she composed an email with all of the changes. She said that she would go through the changes and open it to the floor. She said that Phi and De Vera submitted the first changes. She said that they were more friendly changes to the bylaws. She said that they are looking at different articles and sections. She said that the first one was article 3, section h subset 1 to add an additional responsibility to the facilities commissioner. This would add a phrase about sustainability. She said that this would update reports form 3 to 4, just to have the bylaws reflect what is currently in place. The next change is article 3 section 1 subset 4. This updates the student welfare commission and clarifies project to committee and typos. She said there are more changes. In article 4 sections C 5E, this is in regards to the constitutional review committee. They decided to have an open hearing meeting rather than an open hearing speech time. She said that some changes are minute, so they notified USAC and the Daily Bruin. They have the opportunity to have a hearing by the CRC by request. She said the next change is article 4. She said that this would take out the portion regarding sexual assault. Article 4 section 1 subset 3 would take out this because it no longer exists.

- The second document had to do with student advocacy submitted by Lucas. They would take out student advocacy group’s section in article 1 section 6, etc.
- Lucas said earlier in the year, she was reading through her responsibilities. She said that she contacted all the groups and Heller told her no student advocacy groups exist so they need to be taken out of the bylaws.
- Khy said Hill submitted the last change in regards to the conflict of interest. She said as a committee, they worked on the language and decided that it was more suitable to be within the constitution than the bylaws.

Hill said that the last thing to discuss and possibly vote on was with the SGOF. She said that this is an awkward process where everyone gets $2000-$3500. She said that this is a quick change they could make. She said that they have been talking about this for a few weeks. This strikes the language and adds a sentence of language about the description of FiCom about their rule. This would divide the fund 13 ways.

Hill said that the fund is operational.

- Zimmerman said that when they do voting, they want to separate the constitution (2/3 vote) and bylaw vote (3/4 vote)
- Dr. Nelson asked if there was any hardship if the divide is even amongst commissions.
- De Vera said Khy forgot the rally committee bylaw.
- Khy said that the rally committee was submitted by Spring to update the rally committee.
- Hill said in response to Dr. Nelson that everyone gets between $2000-$3500. She said that this is a limited source of funding and people don’t get everything they need anyway. She said she recognizes his point. She said that there are some commissions that are referendum and have more access for funding. She said some council members could choose not to get SGOF. She said that if the comment is about SGOF, to hold it until the end. She asked Khy to prescribe the order of topics.
- Khy said that she could go through bylaw changes. She said that they could vote as a whole unless there are concerns.

Hill said that she is concerned about removing the USA secretary because that is how SGA recognizes them.
- Zimmerman said that they could keep the USA secretary in. This could be a friendly amendment. She said that after the changes, she would change all the numbers.
- Hill asked if they could go through document submitted by Lucas first. She said that it would be appropriate to strike student advocacy groups and raise discussion on it.
- Zimmerman said they would amend the motion.
- Hill asked if there was an amendment to the motion
- Miller moved to break apart the motion in question to the different proposed question, first, of which would be a student advocacy group. Ma seconded
- Yao moved to strike student advocacy groups from the USAC bylaws. Ma seconded.
- Hill said that the update Yao gave is important for this. She said that there was a time where this was not available and accessible.
- Miller called to question. Lucas seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, student advocacy groups was removed from the USAC bylaws.
- Hill said that the next topic was the conflict of interest language
- Santos moved to amend the constitution to include the proposed language. Phi seconded.
- Tressel said the proposed language lacks specificity. He said that the way it is worded is too loose and there is no consequence. He said that this language would help to avoid confusion.
- Hill asked if there were other questions.
- Phi asked if they should add the specificity of this to the bylaws.
- De Vera said it should be put into the constitution because bylaws could be easily changed.
- Miller said there might be confusion about the constitution.
- Tressel talked about the original language.
- Phi moved to table the conflict of interest change until later. De Vera seconded.
- Khy said she just sent the rally committee language for article 4 section b. The change is as follows:

Article IV - Section B: Rally Committee

1. At the conclusion of the football season, the Rally Committee shall elect from its membership a new Rally Committee Chairperson who shall take office immediately, subject to the approval of USAC, and shall serve until the conclusion of the following football season.

2. The Chairperson so chosen shall receive applications and, from these applications, shall select the members of the Rally Committee.

3. The Rally Committee shall be in charge of all arrangements for, and the conduct, of the rooting section of the University and shall foster in every way possible the spirit of the University.

4. The Rally Committee shall be responsible for the care and use of the Victory Bell, the Victory Banner, and the Air Horn, the Helmet Car, and the Bruin Bear during Spirit Week.

- De Vera moved to update article 4 section b. Ma seconded.
- De Vera called to question the amendment of the bylaws. Phi seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the bylaw amendments were approved.
- Khy said that for the USA Bylaw change, article 3, section H1 had to do with the facilities commissioner.
- De Vera asked if they could do it all together
- Hill said you need a motion
- De Vera moved to amend the bylaws to reflect the changes for SWC and facilities. Phi seconded.
- Hill said position changes would add a component to the facilities commission and the SWC position had grammatical errors. She asked if there were other changes
- Miller said they removed Greeks against sexual assault and other minor things. He called to question.
- Zimmerman said that they should have a record of not striking the USA Secretary
- Dr. Geller said in the campus safety alliance, most likely the advisory board with cease to exist and there would be a committee. She said that she’s not sure if it affects how this does this.
- Miller said that he would hope that there would be a USAC appointment and representatives on the LGBT board. He asked if these appointments would carry over to the new board
- Dr. Geller said that rather than having a board to tell the advisor what to do, they would have something that would have broader campus influence. She said that as far as appointments, students would be reassigned.
- Hill asked what her recommendation would be. She asked if they should strike that line
- Dr. Geller said that they could do whatever exists.
- Miller proposed a new wording.
- Hill asked if there were other recommendations to that. She liked Miller’s suggestion. Hill said they are changing the last line of the wording of the campus safety alliance and striking the removal of the USA Secretary
- Miller said that the wording should read for the community rather than of the community.

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- Miller called to question. Spring seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the description of changes was approved.
- Hill said the next thing would be to go through the conflict of interest language. She said that this should be available to council. She said the motion needs to be reopened.
- Ma moved to amend the constitution adding the conflict of interest portion. Phi seconded
- De Vera asked if the new proposal would replace the one originally presented.
- Hill said not necessarily. She recommended looking at both simultaneously. Hill said that a good question was noting that this is the constitution as opposed to bylaws. She said that she doesn’t want to lock people into a hold.
- De Vera said that the constitution hasn’t been amended since 1919.
- Hill said they should look at the first piece of language.
- Khy said she likes the specificity of the second proposed amendment.
- Santos said he thinks the second one is more specific and is more direct in terms of what they really mean as a council. He said that the second one has more direct meaning for their purposes.
- Miller said he would like to change “improper benefits” and asked if they could enumerate on this more. He said he would like to see more specific language.
- Tressel said that this is a general term that is more defined as you move on. He said that they could take language from the first proposal.
- Miller asked if they could add improper benefits as defined below.
- Hill said she would like to make a friendly amendment. She said she didn’t want to have a slash.
- Miller read the revised proposal
- Tressel said the language from the first proposal might be clearer in saying, “shall directly or indirectly receive.”
- Yao said she likes the part from the first draft as starting with “shall be governed” that talks about what punishable is. It gives more clarification on what the further steps would be
- Zimmerman said the next section would be accountability. She said that this would describe the different levels of punishment. She said this would tie in sections below
- Dr. Nelson said that this might be dangerous. He raised the question because if it is in the constitution, there is an inclination that students might be inclined to do something. He said he would like to think that anyone elected is noble.
- Hill said he would like to see some language from the first draft in the second draft. Miller said that in case this comes up, he doesn’t see this as being an issue.
- Phi said she would like to follow up on what Miller was saying. She said that sometimes a council member can participate and not be aware of the conflict of interest. She said that having the councilmember open to discuss issues with council would allow people to not automatically be punished
- Santos agreed. He said the only issue is that he would want something to clarify “proper or improper benefits.” He said if they add this, they should add that some benefits should be disclosed.
- Hill said that there is a distinctive difference between the first and second statements. She said that the second statement talks about the receiving of benefits. She said that she understands that they like this idea. She said she agrees with Yao’s point
- Tressel said that the language in there allows for wiggle room. He said that this might be a bylaw.
- Hill said she would like to finish the issue of language.
- Miller said that he likes the point of “willfully engage.” Miller said that a willful conflict of interest could be avoided.
- Hill said Miller is noting a difference between willfully engaging. She said that parameters should be set. She said this sounds more like a bylaw situation. She said that the constitution is usually briefer.
- Khy said when they were discussing the conflict of interest, they put it in the constitution because it was broad and they could have bylaw changes. Khy said that the second one is more specific and the second is broad. She suggested having the first draft in the constitution and the second draft in the bylaws.
- Miller said that the by laws should cover everything.
- Hill said she combined the different suggestions from the council. She read the changes as follows: No USA member, elected or appointed, shall directly or indirectly receive improper benefits, as defined below, as a result of his or her position. Officers or appointed members shall avoid even the perception of such a conflict of interest. No USAC member, elected or appointed, may have an unauthorized financial interest or obligation, which might cause divided loyalty or even the appearance of divided loyalty. In the event of a conflict of interest, the member shall fully disclose to the USA Council all material terms of such activity,
and the member shall refrain from any vote in which such issue is involved. Should any officer or appointed member willfully engage in any activity determined to be a conflict of interest, all such “self-dealing transactions” shall be governed by the definitions, standards and procedures of the Undergraduate Students Association Constitution and subsequent Bylaws.

-Zimmerman said that the best place for it would be at the end of article 1. She said that it incorporates all positions and could be put after discrimination. She read this part and said it could be either before or after that section.

-Hill said that if they feel like it should be in the bylaws, they should speak up.

-Miller proposed it be before the discrimination bylaws in article 1.

-Arruejo said that if it is in the bylaws, they should remove the last section.

-Hill said the constitution and bylaws speak to actions that could be taken so it is still appropriate.

-Arruejo said it should be changed to USA.

-Miller said article 3 is titled as members and duties. He said that at the end of the duties, it could be put there.

-Hill asked if this included everyone.

-Yao said that in the last sentence, Undergraduate Student Association should say USA.

-Hill said they are highlighting that these people are elected or appointed. Hill said that this is specifying that this doesn’t include faculty or staff.

-Yao asked if there are appointed people in USAC.

-Hill said yes.

-Miller said he doesn’t want freshmen thinking that this is targeting them.

-Hill asked if there were any other concerns. She asked if anyone had any feeling about whether to keep it in the constitution.

-Spring moved to amend the motion to place the conflict of interest’s piece to the bylaws as opposed to the constitution. Phi seconded.

-Zimmerman said they should specify the placement.

-Miller moved to amend the motion to insert the language in article 1 section e and change discrimination to section f.

-Hill said that it seems like conversation has ceased.

-Santos called to question the proposed additions to the bylaws. De Vera seconded.

-All those in favor of article 1: 11-0-0.

-Hill sent out the amended pieces.

-Hill said the last piece is the SGOF. She said that this would be an amendment to article 4 of the bylaws. She asked if there was a motion for that.

-Phi moved to amend article 4 section c4.

-Santos said that they left off at splitting it equally. He suggested that some commissions might not need it as much as other ones. He said that they should specify a certain amount to take it or not.

-Phi said that for her, the only portion of the SGOF is the funding for t-shirts.

-De Vera asked if that would require more of a change in terms of the cap of how much to get from SGOF.

-Hill said the guidelines would be updated and changes to the bylaws supersedes those changes.

-Ma asked about the changes.

-Santos said he likes the idea of taking a certain amount. He said that with his SGOF he likes the idea of t-shirt money.

-Hill she will have to look up the specific number.

-Miller said that it would be simple for them to do in this matter.

-De Vera said this would save a lot of time for future council members when everyone gets the same amount.

-Zimmerman said that it is roughly around $33,000 a year give or take. It would be roughly $2500 a group. She said that some groups would get closer to $3000.

-Arruejo asked if this number changes every year.

-Champawat said this is something they could influence. He said that they could bring this up with the budget next week. He said it would be possible to add money to the pot.

-Hill said that it is not allowed for any group can get over $3,300.

-Miller said that he couldn’t find anything about SGOF in the bylaws.
-Hill said that there are two sections that talk about the roles and responsibilities of the finance committee chair. She said that they would be adding information on what they are supposed to do. She said that by agreeing to this, council may be agreeing to a pay cut.

-Miller said it is article 6.

-Hill said it is article 6 as opposed to article 4

-Miller said that they don’t need to compete for the same funding and since they are working as a council, it would be fair to keep everyone on the same page. He said they wouldn’t be denying people what they’re asking for and would be more equitable.

-Arruejo asked if they decided if certain commissions would be getting less money

-Phi said the motion is to split the money evenly

-Hill said that future councils could discuss that

-Zimmerman said that if future councils want to update the guidelines, they could indicate that the members could choose not to receive their allocation

-Dr. Nelson said that for a council that needs more money, where could they go if they need money

-Zimmerman said that they would go to contingency.

-Dr. Nelson said he wants to make sure that nobody is handcuffed.

-Zimmerman said that they could go toward contingency or capital contingency

-Tressel said that they ran referendums in the past. He said students voted to have the office to get that money and to not be denied money that is rightfully theirs. He said that these would benefit the offices.

-Zimmerman said that a lot of referendums are hard wired and most are used for programming. She said that they have a big pot of money but it couldn’t be used for buying supplies

-Hill said Champawat is looking for how much is left in SGOF.

-Zimmerman said that he might bring up the budget and if there’s flexibility in the pot. She said that this could be discussed in more detail next week

-Arruejo said he would be making a presentation next week.

-Hill recommended an amendment to the motion

-Phi moved to amend the motion for article 4 to article 6. Ma seconded.

-Miller called to question. De Vera seconded.

-With a vote of 11-0-0, the changes for SGOF have been approved.

-Zimmerman said that SGOF weren’t in the same format, for someone to send it to her

-Hill said that she could.

Campus Events Commissioner- Charles Ma

-Ma said that technology is rapidly changing the way they are watching movies. He talked about digital cinema. He said that they have been offered movies only in a digital format. He said that their systems have to keep up with the rapid advances in technology. According to estimates, it would cost $110,000. Ma said ASUCLA is committed to providing funding. He asked if referendum funds be diverted to a restricted fund to go to a projector until the projector is purchased.

-Zimmerman said this would be next year’s money

-Champawat said after all hard wired money goes through referendum, and then it goes into one of their formulas. 80% goes to SOOF and 20% goes to SGOF. He talked about the projector and said they can’t encumber the future council. He said that this council wants to convey to next council that the CEC has not spent this money therefore sending it to surplus and therefore applying it for this purpose. He said this does not bind them but is a proposal that they would participate in a long-term proposal.

-Dr. Nelson asked how long it would take to reach the $110,000.

-Champawat said that they looked into this over the last couple of years. He said that they have done interaction with people and said that this is where the background comes in. He said that if they get a little down the path, they could use cash and then depreciate it over a number of years. He said that they could look to possibly acquire the asset. He said that this would be a depreciable asset. He said that this could take 8 years. He said that there is the projector and a digital hard drive.

-Tressel said this is a benefit for ASUCLA as a facility. He asked if BOD would allocate funds

-Champawat said this would be a reasonable expectation of partnership. He said that attendance is modest but digital films would allow the best programs to be shown and they could build a case for revenue for the restaurants. He said they would build a model for partnership. He said the capital budget for the association is struggling. He said that with so many financial issues, this is a significant hill to climb.

-Tressel asked if there are inputs to show other media. He asked if this could expand in use.
-Champawat said that he doesn’t know. He said they want to get as much flexibility as possible.
-Tressel said that there are UCLA extension courses that might want to use the facility and they could do rentals to extensions or outside groups
-Hill said that this makes the space more marketable
-Miller said that he doesn’t want USAC to be carrying the bulk of this. He asked if there are more specifics to be put into the fund. Miller asked that if council disagrees in the future, what would happen.
-Hill said that referendum funds go to surplus when unused. She said that they are taking money that is supposed to belong to campus events to put in a pot. She said that this isn’t necessarily surplus and it is earmarked.
-Champawat said that this is a great characterization of what they are trying to do. He said that this is an exceptional circumstance. He said that in some sense, they are taking a risk. He said some money goes into this anyway.
-Hill asked what would be the time period when the new CEC would go about this
-Champawat said when it comes up, they would try to do it again. He said that the future council might want to add. He said that someone might want to contribute to this. Champawat said if this money is earmarked, the next commissioner could come back and get some quotes. He said that he would like to get answers to these questions. He said that this could be clarified next year.
-Santos supported this idea and commended Ma. He said that everyone tries to make his or her services better. He said Ma wants to leave a long-term benefit to campus
-Tressel asked who the manufacturer is
-Champawat said they are still getting quotes. He said that they could possibly gain a relationship with a studio. He said they were able to understand the scale of money. He said they need to know if 3d will plateau. Champawat said there are a lot of questions out there.
-Arrejxo asked how much they intend from surplus. He said for finance a certain amount goes through surplus. He is concerned how the money will be taken out.
-Ma said this depends on how much is spent on a given year.
-Arrejxo said 15% goes to capital contingency.
-Champawat said that the more you use for the purposes identified, the less money that goes into that formula. He said what this takes away from.
-Hill said that it falls upon whatever council agrees upon. She said that this always comes up with surplus. She said in the next meeting, she would want to have each person provide transition statements. She said that if this is something they support, they could present it to the next council.
-Miller said that he would like to hear the number that would actually be restricting. He asked what would happen if the council says no
-Ma said it would be around $10,000
-Tressel asked if they could ask who bought the original projector

XI. Announcements
-Santos said this weekend is the meeting of the UC Student Association to take place in this room. He invited the council to come.
-Arrejxo said tomorrow is the last day for all contingencies programming. He said if they want to turn in applications, it has to be tomorrow. He said this is on the USAC website.
-Miller asked when this would be.
-Arrejxo said this would be due Wednesday by 5pm
-Yao said that this week is issue awareness week
-Phi reminded the council to register for run/walk
-Zimmerman said that with the minutes, they would be ready next week. She said she would email the final minutes so if there were changes to email her back. The IVP gives the final approval. She said that if there are any questions, to email her and to make sure she has all questions answered. She said that FiCom could have an exit packet as well. She said she is making survival guides and handouts. She said that the she sent an email about art in the union. The winners would be announced at the reception. She said this is a good chance to see one of the most attended arts in the unions. She said they have the sign for their money by the end of the year until May 31 and sometimes until June 15.
-Resnick said that it is elections week this week and wished everyone running the best of luck. She encouraged everyone to remind people to vote and to educate yourselves to make your voice heard.
- Hill said she would send an email if people had specific programs. She said she wanted to announce her initiatives. She said 2 student reps are on the student advisory groups. She said they are excited about this.

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 9:27 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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