

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 7, 2011  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Emily Resnick, Kristina Sidrak, Joelle Gamble, Raquel Saxe, Daniel Soto, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, Michael Starr, Andrea Hester, Tamir Sholklapper, David Bocarsly, Dan Chikanov, Jason Smith, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Ronald Arruejo, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Sidrak 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

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs grant

-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency

-Gamble moved to strike travel grants

-Saxe moved to strike both academic affairs grants.

-- Council voted to approve with a unanimous vote. Bocarsly called for Acclamation.

Sholklapper seconded. Sidrak 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 he would like to table the minutes to next meeting.

-Smith moved to table the approval til June 21, 2011. Sidrak seconded. There were no objections.

#### IV. Public Comments

Angela-

Angela asked the council about the agenda. She asked where she could find the agenda and she said that it would be posted. She asked where she could find it.

#### V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations for this week.

#### VI. Appointments

-Sidrak said Vista was up for judicial board. He is passionate about maintaining justice. He has background in encompassing a variety of campus organizations. He needs to demonstrate a clear understanding of judicial board. He stresses objectiveness. The recommendation was 0-0-3 so there was no recommendation from ARC.

-Gamble moved to approve Vista. Bocarsly seconded.

-Vista said he is applying for Judicial board.

-Dr. Geller asked why he would like to serve on the judicial board and what kind of other obligations he has.

-Vista said he won't be participating in any other USAC activities if he gets this position. He has one other time commitment in one organization.

-Dr. Geller asked why he wants to do this.

-Vista said when he was young, he always had a sense of responsibility to get to know what is right and wrong. He said he wants to get involved so everyone does the right thing. He values justice, fairness, human rights, and equality very much.

-Saxe asked what experience he has with USAC.

-Vista was a presidential intern and in the facilities commission. He worked as the associate director for programming and for the campus safety component for the facilities commission.

-Saxe asked how he thinks these prepared him for this position

-Vista said his past leadership is not limited to USAC experience. He said he has extensive knowledge about economics, finance, and some knowledge about law.

-Bocarsly asked what he thinks the position is to him

-Vista said he would review the cases of actions amongst officers, commissioners, etc. to ensure that they are obeying the law of the constitution and bylaws. He said he wants to give it justice.

-Resnick talked about cases. She asked how j-board could have a more active role. She said in the president's office, they are working on a USAC code of ethics. She asked if he would like to work together on that.

-Vista said he would try to find issues and other details to create a new way to explain this case. He said he would make sure everyone understands these.

-Sidrak talked about the conflict of interest law. She asked how he would clarify language or add things to that.

- Vista said they could add specific cases or examples. He said they could have general cases or examples of situations in which the law would apply.
- Yao asked what were some of the past judicial board cases and what were his opinions on them
- Vista said he has briefly reviewed some of the cases. He talked about the case with Birdie and his involvement in another organization. He said the result was fair and his involvement was not clear in that situation. He said his association with USAC was not very clear as well.
- Resnick said if there are no other questions, they can call to question or to a vote.
- Saxe called to question. Chikanov seconded.
- With a vote of 0-0-11, Vista was not approved for the position of J-board.
- Shah said she is uncomfortable with the results
- Arruejo said the president could have voted yes if she wanted
- Dr. Geller said they may want to choose to consider to withdraw a candidate if there is no approval from ARC
- Saxe said if she was not uncomfortable, they would abstain. She said that if they are not comfortable, they should vote no
- Bocarsly asked if abstaining is the same as a no vote
- Resnick asked for clarification
- Zimmerman said that abstaining counts as a no vote
- Shoklapper asked about quorum
- Dr. Geller said they need a quorum present in the room to make a vote
- Arruejo said that if there were enough objections, the conversation would continue. He said there are usually no objections at that point.
- Resnick said that if there are questions, people should ask them because these appointments are important
- Chikanov asked if they can have the candidates to step outside for the review. They would have the other candidates outside while they review
- Resnick asked if this would be okay with the other appointees
- Shah said it would help if they had background for the position that they are applying for so people have context for what they are up for.

#### Sheena Santamaria- Campus Programs Committee

Sidrak said she understands CPC and culturally relevant programs. She was a member of CPC and has a strong working relationship with the advisor. She understands the expectations of committeemembers. She has a strong vision on how to improve CPC and how to give back to student groups. The recommendation was 3-0-0.

- Dr. Geller asked if this was a 1 or 2 year appointment.
- Sidrak said 1 year.
- Yao moved to approve Sheena Santamaria. Bocarsly seconded.
- Santamaria said she is a 3rd year global studies major applying for CPC
- Dr. Geller asked if she was on CPC this past year.

- Santamaria said she was on it last year
- Dr. Geller asked what was most rewarding part and frustrating part
- Santamaria said that it was frustrating was that there were more groups applying but the amount of money decreased. She said she liked seeing the different groups
- Shah asked why she is interested in CPC again
- Santamaria said it is important that the money is allocated in an efficient way. She said that educationally and culturally relevant events are important
- Chikanov asked what ideas she has for CPC
- Santamaria said she wants to utilize the hearing space and provide feedback, co-programming activities, alternative affordability, sustainability, and events that would cater to undergraduate and graduate students
- Saxe talked about how some ideas would work well with USAC offices. She asked if she plans to work with USAC offices
- Santamaria said she wants to do coprogramming. She said that she mentioned this in her ARC interview
- Gamble asked what her time commitments are for next year
- Santamaria said she has strong time management. She understands the funding cycles and the weekend prior to the hearings she would look over proposals. She is in a sorority and in the IVP office.
- Yao asked what the value is of campus programs to students
- Santamaria said it allows students to be exposed to things they're not usually exposed to. It also builds student leaders and skills they can use outside of UCLA
- Soto asked how she would categorize a program as culturally relevant
- Santamaria said a program would explore an identity that isn't yours. She said it is important for students to learn about these identities. She said that learning about different sorts of people is important. It is important that we are sensitive to these different cultures on campus
- Smith asked what were some of her favorite programs and what they gave to the UCLA community
- Santamaria said WAC's programs were eye opening. She said she is not exposed to the arts and being exposed to these environments broadened her perspective. She said that these programs got more students engaged
- Saxe asked how and where UCLA students are with CPC
- Santamaria said the funding process is known to student leaders but not to all students in general. She said she would make sure the application is more available to students. She said a lot of times, applications are turned in late but they still get a hearing. She said she hopes to reach out and talk about other funding sources that are available.
- Arruejo said she has a working relationship with the advisor. He asked if it would be as easy to work with the other members of the committee

- Santamaria said she likes working with people. She said she likes hearing what other people have to say so that funding is allocated as fairly as possible. She said usually, undergrads and grads don't interact outside of a student-TA relationship
- Hester asked how she would foster relationships between grad students and undergrads
- Santamarisa said that having symposiums and outreaching to each other would foster that relationship. She said that a lot of students are interested in grad school. She said that this would encourage that connection
- Shoklapper asked how she would encourage where advertising would go to.
- Santamaria said that the recommendations made during the hearing process could have stipulations or outreach plans. She said if they have a concrete outreach plan, there isn't a need to give more feedback unless necessary.
- Shoklapper asked what a recommendation would be to a sign board
- Santamaria said she would recommend social media, going to classes, etc. She said she is sensitive to the cost of items and that social media would be free.
- Resnick asked if there were any other questions.
- Smith called to question the approval of Santamaria as CPC. Bocarsly seconded. There were no objections.
- With a vote of 11-0-0, Santamaria was approved for the Campus Programs Committee.

Nicholas Anderson- Student Advisory Committee

Sidrak said that Anderson is passionate about public health. He volunteered at a hospital and is ready to broaden his knowledge of the Ashe center. The ARC was concerned with his familiarity with Ashe and he did not know about the new health plan with USHIP. They are worried about his ability to be have a strong voice and advocate on the committee. The vote was 0-1-2.

- Shoklapper moved to approve Anderson for the Student Advisory Committee.
- Anderson said he is a second year MIMG major.
- Yao asked if he could talk about what Ashe provides and the new Ashe plan
- Anderson said Ashe serves students from primary health to pharmaceuticals and men's and women's health. He talked about the new SHIP plan. He said it was a great opportunity because the service would be more affordable for students on campus
- Bocarsly asked why he is interested in this position
- Anderson said he has always been interested in public health. He said that this would be a great way to start making this impact, especially on a campus of a school that has given him so much. He said he plans on pursuing a career in public health
- Shoklapper asked what effect he think he could have
- Anderson said he would be able to advise about the insurance plan. He said he could improve the efficiency and how to cater to student's needs. He would be able to bring in his own views. He said that he would be able to improve the services
- Shoklapper asked what is inefficient and how he recommends to make it more efficient

-Anderson said he would like to make the services provided more known to the student body so it could have a wider range of impact on the students who utilize it.

-Sidrak asked what are some services he feels like student's don't utilize and how he would publicize these

-Anderson talked about immunizations and how students don't think they're important. He said that living on the hill also makes people prone to disease. He would like to make incoming students aware of the immunizations provided. He said he's seen someone get sick and within weeks more students were sick.

-Sidrak asked what tools or techniques he would use to increase that awareness

-Anderson said he would publicize these issues. He would talk to RAs or publicize events in Bruin Plaza. He said those immunizations made it more visible. He said that health needs are put on the back burner and they aren't in the position to act upon their health until needed.

-Smith talked about trans-healthcare. He said that it is inefficient and trans students weren't able to get the benefits they were supposed to be provided. He asked what he plans to do so that the trans community gets the necessary health benefits.

-Anderson said he was not aware of it. He said he would use his position to push those needs. He said the goal of the Ashe center is to provide wellness for the student body.

-Smith asked what issues trans students face in regards to their health

-Anderson said he doesn't know. He said he would be willing to pursue that knowledge.

-Shah asked what were main health issues effecting students on the campus and how he would address those.

-Anderson said students use it as their primary care. He said that from his experience, they were pretty efficient. He said that the center isn't open on weekends. He said that this might be above the committee's influence. He said he wanted to push these services to be provided at all times.

-Gamble said there are a lot of communities on campus. She asked if he has worked with these communities.

-Anderson said he hasn't had much experience with these communities. He said he would be willing to contact these communities. He said he wants to serve the broad spectrum of students on campus. He said he would gather as much knowledge about the needs of students as a whole

-Sholklapper asked about his experience with health.

-Anderson said he is not experienced with health. He said he has volunteered at a hospital. He was assistant EVP of a pharmaceutical club whose goal was to bring industry to students.

-Sholklapper asked what he has brought to campus.

-Anderson said he brought Life Technologies. They put on an info session where a representative came in. People were able to ask questions

-Sholklapper asked what the attendance was

-Anderson said around 20 students

-Chikanov asked if he has established any relationship with the administration of the Ashe center

-Anderson said no

-Chikanov asked if he had any communication with the administration in any way

- Anderson said no but he hopes to
- Dr. Geller asked if he has contacted anyone in this position in the past to learn about this position
- Anderson said no
- Resnick asked if he was interested in putting on an event that made students aware of the new SHIP plan
- Anderson said he is and he would like students to gain insight in the most beneficial matter
- Shah said that her concern is that he only has so much time to reach out to administrators. She asked what skills he has given the loaded amount of time
- Anderson said he is ambitious. He said he would try to reach out as much as possible. He said if he wants to implement something, he will find ways to implement it.
- Gamble called to question the approval of Anderson for SHAC. Sidrak seconded. There were no objections.
- With a vote of 11-0-1, Anderson was not approved for SHAC.
- Smith asked if there was anyone was qualified. He said that when he asked about the trans community why he didn't know about it. Smith said he didn't really know anything. He asked if there are applicants that can take on the position.
- Resnick said that this is an important issue. She said there were 3 different appointments in SHAC. She said that this is definitely something that the council should consider. She said that she apologizes that there were interesting cases today. She said that is why ARC is here and they are presented to council. She said all she receives is the applicant on paper. She said she apologizes for these cases and she wants to be more diligent with these appointments
- Sidrak said they ask about their knowledge about the Ashe center. She said this was a concern that there was a lack of knowledge. She said there is a disconnect with the applicants on paper and the interviews themselves. She said that they need to be impressed. She said that they need to see applicants think quickly on their feet. She said that applicants ask how they should be dressed, etc. but she will send out recommendations that they should be ready.
- Resnick said that they could add that question on the application. She asked if they could pull an applicant before they are presented to council. She said she would review applicants if possible and present the best applicants.
- Saxe said there were a lot of abstentions. She said that if the greater number is a negative vote, they should encourage that they are not presented to the council.
- Arruejo asked if it is true if only the president could sit on ARC.
- Zimmerman said anyone can attend ARC hearings and ask questions and get feedback. She said that they could submit questions as well. She said the more people to ask questions, the better. She said that all of the appointees that go to ARC can get pulled before they go to council.
- Resnick said that if there are appointments that they want to send questions to they can. She said ARC can be efficient as possible
- Bocarsly asked if they could have a discussion after they vote. He asked if they can get feedback with other council members

-Zimmerman said the Q&A is also the discussion time. During this time, they could talk to the other members of the council.

-Saxe asked if people in ARC voted no if they could expand on why.

-Arruejo said that votes are anonymous so the committee is taken as a unit

-Shah said that if they could get feedback since it could be helpful, they should bring it up. She said that this way, they would have a foundation before going into the actual interview.

-Sidrak said that due to finals scheduling, they did the ARC before council. She said that next time they will have the recommendations. She said that next time they will have names and recommendations on the Google Doc.

-Resnick said they will keep these in mind for next time

### Roman- Budget Review

-Roman was fiscal coordinator for Vietnamese Student Union. He has written funding proposals, though it was clear that he was nervous. They would have liked to see more knowledge on SOOF and the details of the process and criteria. His application showed that he wants to be on BRD. The recommendation was 0-0-3 so no recommendation. She said that she abstained since she wanted to see. She thinks that he would do a great job. She said that he wasn't familiar with SOOF so that was why she abstained.

-Gamble said she abstained since he is passionate about funding. She said he had a lot of strong leadership qualities and someone actually interested in being BRD

-Chikanov said that he was nervous but he was still positive. He said that he didn't have a deep knowledge of the position.

-Sidrak said that if the council comes, they could come to challenge the applicant. ARC is sensitive to that but they could see what the root of that is.

-Soto moved to approve Nguyen for budget review director. Shah seconded

-Nguyen said he is third year and he is planning to be IDS. He is excited to be the BRD since it would be a professional development and personal development

-Hester asked for him to expand on personal development. He said he likes working with people. He said he needs to work on interacting with people and getting out of his comfort zone

-Shah asked why he is interested in this position

-Nguyen said he wants to help serve the council and help budget and allocate. He said it would help him professionally. He said he wants to work in business in the future.

-Dr. Geller said that this is an important position. She said it is one where the decisions or recommendations he might make won't be popular. He said that he would have to either adapt or defend his positions. She asked if he has experience defending an unpopular decision

-Nguyen said that people don't like the idea that they have to cut things. He said that he likes to compromise with people. He said that he has experience with VSU and with the admit weekend. He said that he had to defend his position a lot.

-Zimmerman said she works closely with BRD. She said it is time intensive. She said he needs to attend lengthy hearings (3 for BOD and 2 times for SOOF). She said he needs to sign all the recs

on a regular basis since without the signatures, people can't receive their money. She asked what is his flexibility and if he's available over the summer. She asked if he would be in the area at that time

-Nguyen said he would be 100% toward this position. He would be here for session A and C. He said that for signatures, he wants to have office hours everyday and make sure it's easy to contact him. He said he would make sure that he signs the forms and would stop by the office everyday.

-Arruejo asked for him to elaborate on any past financial experiences

-Nguyen said he was in VSU and the fiscal coordinator. He said that he learned a lot from it and found himself going to the office everyday and asked for forms to be signed. He said he was able to talk to everyone. He said he knows how the process works and working with the fiscal office. He serves for the council of the undergraduate council and budget.

-Dr. Geller asked if he could define what is fair when it comes to allocation of funds. She said that some people apply a math formula. She said that if people request different amounts, people might get no money or too much money

-Nguyen said that his definition of fair is the equal opportunity to apply for funding. He said he wants to make the definition clear. He said that he wants to work with IVP and Resnick. He said that it is important to not have any biases.

-Resnick said that this year, more groups than ever applied for funding. She asked how he planned to outreach so groups know about funding sources.

-Nguyen said he would outreach at the activities fair. He said he would use Orgsync and maybe make a listserv. He would use the Daily Bruin so that people would know where to apply for funding

-Sholklapper asked what his funding priorities are

-Nguyen said how they plan to budget, etc. and looking at factors would matter. He said that since there is a limited amount of funding, expressing the nature of the event and how it adds to campus life are important factors.

-Sholklapper asked what parts of campus life is important. He said academic success was one

-Nguyen said academic success is important. He said resources are important and enriching the UCLA experience is important.

-Sholklapper talked about retention and recruitment. He said that he would like to see that programs were aiding students

-Yao asked what are some changes that he would like to make to the application or the hearing process.

-Nguyen said that the application is glitchy. He said he wants to find ways to prevent these glitches. He said that he likes to outreach as many students as possible. He said that having some kind of funding is important. He said that for the hearing process, he didn't have recommendations. He said that if a group asks for more funds, he would ask why they ask for more funds. He said that he would question why some people apply for so much funding. He said that he will be time effective.

-Shah asked what skills or personal traits he would bring to this position

- Nguyen said he is helpful, reliable, timely, and never missed meetings. He is a team player.
- Saxe said the IVP office conducted research on how funding was allocated. He asked if he is familiar with it and what opinions he had on this.
- Nguyen said he is not familiar with this
- Saxe said if he is appointed that he should look into it. She said he is interested in learning his opinion. She asked from where did he become interested in this position and if he looked into it
- Nguyen said that as being VSU fiscal coordinator and IVP, he has come here often. He said that most funding knowledge comes from Melissa, the CPC advisor. He said that he figured out signatures, etc. Arruejo helped him a lot as well. He said they talked a little and got information about BRD.
- Sidrak said that he attended a BOD meeting. She asked what the most important questions to ask were in a SOOF hearing and a BOD meetings.
- Nguyen said that how many members and how it adds to campus life and how you plan on budgeting are important questions. He said that with BOD, they should look if the event is on campus, if they plan to co-program, and if they are applying to other fundings is important. He said it is important that the event is free and of academic nature
- Arruejo said that he worked with VSU with different programs. He said he got a lot of financial experience from Nguyen. Nguyen taught him about funding sources and about ways to make the program more cost effective. Arruejo said he realizes that students shouldn't have to front money. He said that he would be able to communicate with student groups. He said that he is comfortable with Nguyen on a funding study group. He has worked with him on SOOF and BRD. Arruejo said that for the past two years, Nguyen has made sure he has gotten his receipts on time. He said that student groups don't always know where to get their money. He feels like Nguyen would be able to communicate this to student groups
- Bocarsly asked if there are other people nominated for this position. He asked if they have to decide yes or no
- REsnick said yes
- Yao asked if he would be responsive to emails with student groups
- Nguyen said yes
- Yao asked what an ideal time would be to respond
- Nguyen said he would respond right away
- Saxe said that he is not sure where she stands
- Smith asked what she is unsure about
- Saxe said she is wondering if this was best for this specific position. She said that it was a concern in the ARC meeting about the process.
- Zimmerman said that she wanted to clarify SOOF. She said SOOF is for operational funds, like paper, pends, binders, advertising, and t-shirts. She said that since it is cookie-cutter, it doesn't make sense to need a hearing. She said a hearing is required if you haven't applied to SOOF before or if there is something unique required. She said hearings are becoming obsolete for these funds.

- Resnick asked what would be ways he would familiarize himself with how hearings are run
- Nguyen said he would meet with the outgoing BRD, Arruejo, and talk to other people to make sure he is familiar with the process
- Shah said that for her, the most important BRD is understanding the needs for student groups. She said that being on VSU is an important quality. She said there is a lot of paperwork that goes with that position. She said that they need to direct student orgs to other funding sources is important since there is more than just SOOF and BOD. She said that this expansive knowledge is impressive and that he has been involved with financial hearings.
- Saxe asked if there is a way to institutionalize the way that students are notified about other funding sources. She said that they should follow up and get more direct feedback for where else they are getting funding.
- Nguyen said that sounds good.
- Gamble said she likes with Saxe said. She said the funding study group is a good way to start doing that. She said that this is a good way to connect student groups. She said that she abstained since there were some things that weren't clarified. She said that SOOF is something that people can learn. She said that since the process can be broken down and that Nguyen has knowledge about student groups, she feels more confident in approving Nguyen
- Sidrak said she was focused on if he was familiar with the priorities in BRC. She said that these are things he can learn. She said that her opinion has changed and that he has strong experience in student groups.
- Bocarsly said he is impressed by his dedication and passion for this. He said that he has sat through BRD hearings and have seen applications from groups asking for thousands of dollars. He said there is a problem and there needs to be a solution on how to judge these applications.
- Nguyen said that in the past, he realized that the more you apply for some events, the more money you get.
- Bocarsly said this is a big issue.
- Nguyen said he would work with the council and work to define a rubric to see if improvements can be made so that they can be more fair, He said he would try to find a collective fairness to define fairness. He said he would like to work with the council to define fairness.
- Bocarsly said he wanted to see that he had an understanding of this.
- Shah said that the funding study group would be where they evaluate these things. She asked how they could create a system without being detrimental to large programming. She said they should redefine the funding study group. She said that this is a question that they can bring to the table soon and see what the priorities of the study group would be for the year
- Saxe said that there are a lot of questions around this. She said that they should define fairness and what would be rewarded in an application that outlines what in an application would receive funding. She said that the whole council could be part of this. She said that going back to co-programming, they would be able to put on one event with many groups. She said she would like to see that.

-Sholklapper said that he is satisfied with his ability to do the job. He said he is not satisfied with his definition of fairness. He said that he is worried about that. He said that he is worried that this wasn't looked into.

-Resnick said that a way to address that issue would be to look for what is important. She asked what would be important when he looked at things

-Nguyen said he would look at how active they are on campus and if they are using their funds effectively. He said that a lot of people have a lot of programs on campus. He said that these are things to look at how fairness comes into play.

-Smith said that this is an important subject, especially in allocating funds. He said that he wonders if they have any tangible solutions or ideas for what this fairness would look like. Smith said that Nguyen made the point that fairness would look different to different people.

-Saxe said that her point was to get together with the BRD to see what is important and what is fair. She said she admires that he wanted to turn to council to ask that question.

-Starr said he was satisfied with the groups on campus. He said that it is good that he is willing to work with groups on campus.

-Dr. Geller said that she is concerned with the BRD. She said a certain amount of money is allocated for each round. She said that the people who apply first get rewarded more. She said it is important to see what percentage of the total pool is allocated in which round. She said that it is possible to set a cap. She said FiCom set caps for food, retreats, etc. She said that the BRD can do this as well. She said it wouldn't matter how much a group asked for since there is a cap and their reward would be adjusted accordingly. She said that she would like the person appointed to see what was done in the past, come up with recommendations, bring the endorsements and recommendations in during the summer, and have a plan for the BOD cycle in the year. She said it is not fair to change the game plan in the spring. She said it is important that they make an appropriate council. She said that they should be aware of when council meets and will vote on allocations. She said that it is worse when council has to come in during a time where there was supposed to be a meeting. She said it is also bad to give student groups money later than they need it. She said she is looking for someone proactive and prepared so that student groups receive funding when they need it

-Shah said that last year, one issue was that signatories weren't switched over. She said they need to make people aware of this. She said that working with CSP is important so that they work with student leaders

-Zimmerman said that they realize these issues and they are trying to set in motion some solutions. She said they met this year to make a calendar of all the funding deadlines. They pushed back BOD deadlines to be a week earlier. She said that this would be a week earlier this year. She said that there is still an issue with the signatories. She said that signatories are signatories from Oct. 15-Oct. 15 so they shouldn't pick graduating seniors as signatories. She said that this is something to work on. This could be an initiative of one of the offices.

-Resnick said in the past, she talked about having a student group orientation for the leaders. This would be a key thing to bring up. She asked if Nguyen would be willing to help put on funding workshops on around campus

-Nguyen said yes.

-Saxe asked why the date was Oct. 15. She said that signatories would be ready in June

-Zimmerman said that this is something out of her hands and it is under CSP. She said she is not sure about the reasonings behind it. She said that if people are switching around signatories, then they are responsible for that whole year. She said this is something to bring up with CSP.

-Saxe said that this is a recommendation to bring up with CSP. She said that they could have these recommendations sent in before summer

-Shah said that if there are no other questions, she would call to question. Shah called to question Nguyen for BRD. Sholklapper seconded. With a vote of 11-0-1, Nguyen was appointed to Budget Review Director.

## 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**

There was no business for contingency this week.

-Smith asked about Circle K and what they do.

-Zimmerman said they should make a motion

-Smith moved to approve contingency allocation recommendations. Bocarsly seconded.

-Arruejo said it is a volunteer organization like Kiwanis.

-Dr. Geller said that they are the college version of Kiwanis. It is one of the independent service groups and not connected to CPO or the community service commission.

--Shah called to question the contingency allocations for this week. Hester seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 12-0-0, contingency was approved for this week.

#### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

##### **President- Emilie Resnick**

-Resnick said that she is working on filming the USAC video tomorrow. She said the videographer is ready now. She said there is a script meeting after this meeting. She said she understands if people can't make it since it is finals week. She said she would send out an email with the videographer's phone number. She said she would try to be with him all day tomorrow. Filing will be 9am-4. She said she has a final on Thursday. She said that they are working on this for orientation. She said that this is something to make USAC an institutional entity. She said that they have to do anything they can to outreach to them. Resnick said this would increase visibility of USAC. She said that if people are available tomorrow, this would make it even better. She said orientation starts June 28. Resnick said that Starr said he would go to an orientation training. It would be June 23 from 6-8pm. She said that they would talk about USAC to the orientation councilors.

-Gamble said she would be available as well.

-Resnick passed around a sheet for the orientation activities fair. She said that there are only 2 spots left and they could have as many representatives they want. She said that when she met with Roxanne, they should have someone introduce the USAC video each week. She said it would be cool to have the council member to introduce the video. She will be attending a budget briefing meeting with Vice Provos Olsen. She said that she had the chance to talk to Yudof. He invited them to a lobby day at the capital. She said he agreed to host a public event in the fall with the superintendent of education. She said that they have a resolution to discuss the Flyaway. She said that her chief of staff went to a meeting at the decision is tabled. It will be on a probationary status for 6 months. To continue, they have to come out with no debt. She said she will try to work this into orientation. She said that she is meeting to talk about the DPR system and the possibility of a 4-year degree planner. She said that they would find a way to voice their future classes to admin. She said that she will pitch the idea to Homecoming soon and institutionalizing this. She has a meeting with UCLA rec to expand the farmer's market. She has a meeting to see how they can incorporate Homecoming. She said more appointments will follow. She wished everyone good luck with finals.

-Arruejo said that they skipped contingency.

##### **Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak**

Sidrak said she met with the IT integration and compliance. The wishlist was sent out. They are furthering improvements to make UCLA mobile, URSA, and myUCLA enhanced and user friendly. She said that they are going to work on applying. She said that the IVP office staff is finalized.

**External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble**

Gamble said that AB131, the second DREAM act legislation, passed in the assembly and would be going to the senate. She said that Brown promised he would sign it. They have 3 students on UCSA board. They have one more representative. She has a meeting with Feinstein's office tomorrow. She said that this Thursday AB970 will be heard in a committee meeting. It makes increases more transparent. This makes students more aware of what would happen. She said that other campuses have the student fee advisory committee. All SFACs would be in communication with that.

**Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe**

Saxe said that the leaders of Save Covell met with Judy Smith on how to make these programs available. She talked about the student-writing center being presented to SFAC. There would be a sit-in for Covell tomorrow 2-4pm. They are offering free tutoring outside of Murphy. She said it would be in the form of a protest and they are interested in having council present. They are trying to make a workgroup in students and faculty interested in a social entrepreneurship and they are working with the new econ-business minor and the social entrepreneurship minor. She said there are still positions being applied for. She said there are no applicants for a few of the committees. She said some other positions had limited applicants as well.

-Gamble asked if she could send the names of the positions they needed to fill

-Saxe said she would

**Laureen Lazarovici- Alumni Representative**

Lazarovici introduced herself. She said she wrote about politics and government when she wrote for the Daily Bruin. She said that she went on to write for LA Weekly and the California Journal. She wrote for Trade Newsletter and had a fellowship on capital hill. She said she is excited to be here.

**IX. Old Business**

*There was no Old Business this week.*

**X. New Business**

-Starr moved to approve the resolution. Hester seconded.

-Gamble presented the resolution. She talked about the Flyaway service. She said that it is important since students already are in a fiscal bind. She said that this is something that is a significant problem. She said that they got overwhelming support for this. The resolution is in support for the Flyaway and they are committing to work so that it stays here. She read the resolution as follows:

**Resolution in Support of Continued FlyAway Service Between LAX and Westwood**

WHEREAS, issues of affordability on UC campuses are at a critical point, as UCLA students have seen their tuition increase by more than 50 percent in the last four years, and; (1)

WHEREAS, constantly decreasing state support for the University of California has resulted in a possible \$1 billion budget cut, causing President Yudof to consider a 32 percent midyear tuition increase for the 2011-2012 year, and; (2)

WHEREAS, increasing tuition has been coupled with decreasing student services, leaving students with fewer affordable opportunities to receive academic, financial, health and transportation assistance, and;

WHEREAS, affordable transportation to and from Los Angeles International Airport is an essential resource to the students of UCLA, and;

WHEREAS, FlyAway service provides the most affordable transportation option from UCLA to LAX, for which a trip by city bus can take as much as two hours, and;

WHEREAS, there are extremely limited alternative transportation options available, with shared ride van services costing \$20-\$24 and cab fares costing \$40-\$50, and; (3) (4)

WHEREAS, the FlyAway served more than 110,000 passengers in the last year, keeping more than 94,000 vehicles off the streets of Los Angeles, and; (5)

WHEREAS, the service is of particular importance to students during periods of heavy use on weekends, around holidays, and school vacations.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Undergraduate Students Association Council recognizes that the issue of university affordability is affected, not only by direct increases in tuition, but also by the availability of affordable transportation and related-services.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Undergraduate Students Association Council of the University of California, Los Angeles urges the Los Angeles World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners to maintain FlyAway service to Westwood.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Undergraduate Students Association Council recognizes that the Westwood Flyaway service is not running at a profitable level and is prepared to work with local officials to find a reasonable solution that benefits students.

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Undergraduate Students Association Council believes that service must be maintained at a minimum during peak use periods on weekends and school vacations, even if midweek service must be cut and fares must be incrementally increased.

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USAC Facilities Commissioner

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USAC General Representative 2

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-Gamble opened it up for discussion.

-Shah asked what the next steps would be

-Gamble said it wouldn't be talked about until the 20th

-Resnick said the probationary period would be for 6 months. The goal would be to come out in the neutral. The fair would most likely be increased and by the end they need to break even. She said that they could have a stop in Ackerman. They will keep the council open.

-Gamble said that a statement of support would have more weight

-Shah asked if they are keeping in mind that a majority of the 6 months will be during summer. She said it wouldn't be representative of the school year

-Starr asked if they could focus on weekends, the school year, etc. He said that the numbers would show that this is a helpful service and there is a way to not lose money for it

-Saxe said that they could draw up new hours for when the bus would be the most cost efficient. She said that red eyes are taken a lot because they are cheaper. She said that the resource might not be used a lot because of the times the bus runs

-Zimmerman said that with the Westwood one is hard to use because you can't park your car. She said that this is one of the biggest problem for people who aren't students. They should put it in Ackerman or make it useful to more than just students

-Hester asked how they would make students change their patterns to get more people to use it.

-Gamble said that a lot of this is rooted in how the system is structured. She said that one of the problems is the convenience of the service. She said publicity is a problem as well

-Dr. Geller said that there won't be a lot of time to have this resolution out for when students will be out. She said that they could turn this into a letter to send to people that might have influence

to let them know what they're thinking. She said that summer is probably not the best time for them to be testing something out. She said that they should educate returning students and new students about the service in the fall for when they arrive. She said that if they get the word out to the students to use the service, the effectiveness would be crucial. She encouraged them to figure out how to do that

-Starr asked if freshmen would be using the Flyaway. He said they could let students know about the Flyaway.

-Resnick said there has been discussion about this and she will follow up with Adam

-Sidrak said that they could use the USAC video to promote the Flyaway.

-Soto asked when did the 6 month probationary period begin.

-Gamble said they still have to vote on it

-Resnick said that they will sit in on that meeting. She said that there is still a chance that the 6 month probation will exit despite their efforts.

-Arruejo asked if there would be a resolution published in the Daily Bruin

-Shah said that last summer, they waited until the beginning of the year. She said it wouldn't be effective to publish now

-Zimmerman said she would post it on the website

-Resnick said that some students have already went home

-Bocarsly asked how often the Daily Bruin is published in the summer

-Sidrak said once a week

-Resnick said that she would speak with them to see if this would be beneficial

-Saxe said that they could have a small ad to publicize the Flyaway would be effective.

-Starr said that they were doing this in the video

-Saxe said that this would be an ad. She called to question to resolution. Chikanov seconded.

With a vote of 12-0-0, the resolution for the Flyaway was passed.

-Resnick said if anyone was interested in the airline board of commissioners that this would be greatly appreciated.

-Resnick asked if anyone could work on the ad.

-Hester said they could.

-Resnick said she would contact the orientation writer for the newsletter

-Shah asked if they would vote on the ad for monetary reasons

-Arruejo asked when the resolution would be published. He recommends after August 1.

-Resnick said that they would wait until 1st or 2nd week for the resolution. She said that they should contact the Daily Bruin before they allocate funds for the ad.

## XI. Announcements

-Arruejo said that he would be gone for the next 6 weeks. He introduced his vice chair for the next three meetings. He said she will be signing recs and she has access to emails.

-Cynthia introduced herself. She is a political science major. She was under Rose's wing. She has experience in this committee and looks forward to the upcoming meetings. She said if they have questions, she will always be around.

-Hester said she is excited to have summer to begin

-Saxe said she is excited to map fairness out. She asked if she would be willing to work with the BRD with that.

-Cynthia said she is. She said she looked at the discrepancies with the formula, especially when there was a \$10,000 mark. She said that she sees the need. She said that she sees fairness in terms of how they're going to target the most students. She said that one of the questions is their own contingency application. She said she is happy she was able to sit in on the appointment of the new BRD.

-Saxe said that they might be able to put this on the next agenda. She talked about changing the days for signatories

-Zimmerman said that this is something that probably won't change by Fall but maybe by next year. She said that CSP is an asset but it is a big process. She said that there are reasons for their timeline. She said Mike Cone or Dr. Berky Nelson would be good contacts

-Resnick said herself or the VP of student groups would be helpful as well. She said the funding study group would be appointed shortly

-Zimmerman said that there are some people that need to turn in new hire paperwork. She said that they should turn it in since SGA processes that. She said that they can work with HR to fill out paperwork

-Starr said that his passport expired and that he is in the process of getting it. He said that is why he hasn't

-Zimmerman said that as long as they're in communication with them then that's good. She said that there are books in the hallway in the third floor. She said that they might be useful. She said that she needs them out of the hallway. She said that she's saved them from being thrown out.

-Hester said that she'd take them.

-Zimmerman said that she took note to the public comment. She said that she would make a point to make sure it is on the USAC website. She asked the president or IVP to put it up. She said that they can order colored agenda paper

-Chikanov asked about the payroll. He asked if there is a way he could override that since he doesn't have a check

-Zimmerman said HR only needs the bank name, address, and account number.

## XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

## XIII. Adjournment

- Smith moved and seconded to Gamble adjourn the meeting.
- Resnick called for Acclamation. Resnick asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
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