

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 19, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Emily Resnick, Kristina Sidrak, Joelle Gamble, Daniel Soto, Jamie Yao, David Bocarsly, Dan Chikanov, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Michael Starr, Tamir Sholklapper,

ABSENT: Katrina Dimacali, Patty Zimmerman, Raquel Saxe, Kinnery Shaw, Jason Smith, Bob Williams, Andrea Hester

GUESTS: Cynthia Jasso, Matt Abularach, Tyler Peterson, Michelle Razavi, Kristin McKinney, Veline Mojarro, Roy Champawat

I. Call to Order

- Sidrak called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Mojarro moved to strike the cultural affairs grant
- Jasso requested Council move to strike capital contingency. Bocarsly moved to strike capital contingency.
- Gamble moved to strike travel grants
- Razavi moved to strike both capital contingency academic affairs grants.
- Sholklapper moved and Starr seconded to approve agenda, as amended.
- Sidrak called for Acclamation. 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

*July 5, 2011

- Gamble moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes, as amended.
- Sidrak called for Acclamation. Sidrak asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. Kristin McKinney, SAIRO

- McKinney introduced herself as the Associate Director of Student Development who oversees the Student Affairs Information and Research Office (SAIRO). She was here to talk to Council because occasionally surveys go out to the student body asking questions that SAIRO already has the information and data for and she wanted to make Council more aware of what SAIRO does and what resources they have to offer to potentially take some of the load off of Council's work.

- SAIRO is an institutional and research office specifically in student affairs, focuses on aspects of the student experience and supporting the student affairs units in understanding the student population, etc. They divide activities into three areas – 1. multimethod research: qualitative and quantitative data collection, more quantitative than qualitative because a large chunk of their work is student surveys and survey research. McKinney said they also do focus groups and other types of data collection when it makes sense depending on the question; 2. data request and consultation, which may be of the largest use to Council; 3. Oversee the Student Affairs Program Review process, which is similar to the academic program review, but the student affair groups go through a review on a 6 year cycle where the groups assess themselves over the course of a year, do a self study, external reviewers come in and review that content and give feedback.

- McKinney said data comes from a lot of survey research. They have multiple years of UCUES data (University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey, which looks at academics, student life, campus climate. SAIRO also does a campus specific wildcard module, and the most recent UCUES data allowed for the submission of questions that looked at the financial climate. UCLA did the Diverse Campus Learning Requirement survey this year and they spoke to USAC about getting students to participate last year, but the data hasn't been released yet – though they are getting lots of questions about it. There's a turnaround time between when they close a survey and when the data file is prepped for viewing by SAIRO. Hopefully they will get the folder sometime in late August and figure out the data during Fall quarter.

- SAIRO also administers the Entrance survey to entering Freshman students and the Transfer survey for incoming Transfers. They are also involved in the administration of the Senior survey, though that's a collaborative survey through the College. Data is also from the Student Development survey – clubs, wellness, student life information. Recently did a Graduate and Professional student survey.

- McKinney said there's a lot of data available, and they try to do reporting on information that they think is of interest to campus, but the information is not limited to these reports, as it can be analyzed within data sets to look at a particular question that is not reflected in the published reports.

- McKinney explained that SAIRO also does consultation data requests. She said that beyond holding information, SAIRO will take requests from people who come with a question to see if they have data for it. They will do a custom data run, and there are some parameters in which they can't release data – for example, SAIRO can't release data if there are fewer than ten cases in individual responses in a cell because that

potentially makes people identifiable. They also give presentations of data so Council could request that they come speak about a particular topic. Also assessment consultation, primarily for student affairs units, but will do it for others too. If interested in a topic that they do not have data on, they will help work through how to best obtain the information that is of interest – survey or other methodology.

- McKinney said that it's important to come to SAIRO and be clear about what you want to know because the clearer you are about what the actual question you want answered is, the easier it is to know if SAIRO already has the data, the clearer the results will be, and the quicker the turnaround time will be. However, if you are unclear as to what path you want to go down and don't know specifics, SAIRO will ask questions to get at what it is that you want to know.

- McKinney said there is also a "Things to Consider Before Submitting a Data Request" on the SAIRO website that explains how to think about refining questions, so that is a good place to start. The website has a lot of reports already available so it's possible to check if the data of interest is already there. For most of the surveys, there are summary reports, data tables that give the basic descriptors of questions and responses for the entire population. If interested in a subset, can come to SAIRO and they'll pull out those questions and data. There is also a copy of all the questions asked in the surveys so it's possible to highlight the questions/topics that are of interest.

- McKinney also recommended allowing sufficient lead time for requests because SAIRO has a fairly small staff but depending on the complexity of the request they can give a fairly precise approximation of how long until the data will be available.

- Abularach asked with the data SAIRO collects, what kind of action mostly comes from it? What is the most common request for? What comes from the data?

- McKinney said SAIRO gets a lot of requests for looking at aspects of campus climate data, which is an ongoing question that is brought to SAIRO. In looking at that data, they're usually asked to break it down by the major ethnic categories to see if there are differential responses in the data. What they've found so far is that there is much deeper information in the diverse learning requirement survey because it's a more expansive question set, but based off the Senior Survey and others there is, across the board in all ethnic categories, there is very high satisfaction and agreement with "I feel like I belong on this campus" and this is something that there is very little variation on between ethnic groups. In an area where this does not hold true is when the question specifically references the term "diversity" in the item, and differential responses appear – particularly in the responses of African Americans. This tells us that while our general population is relatively happy here, there are pockets where they're feeling like whatever we're doing we're not paying attention to someone. The next step would be looking at qualitative factors to see what the campus is doing or not doing to make this subset have the results that it does and if this area is of concern or should be of concern to the campus. SAIRO is also looking at the financial impact questions to see what the behaviors that students report engaging in to manage the changing financial circumstances. They only had 6% of the total set of respondents who said they did nothing, so everyone's doing something due to financial circumstances. SAIRO should be coming out with a brief in the next couple of weeks that explains this data. SAIRO tries to listen to the things that may be of interest on campus and report on them or add items to existing surveys so they can get at the topics.

- Resnick asked when SAIRO was started and how it had changed over the years.
- McKinney said she didn't know the exact date, but SAIRO has been around for a very long time, as archives date back at least to early 80s. It has evolved in the role it plays in student affairs. The survey part of it has always been around, but the other pieces have changed based on what the demand on campus has been. The current demand is more for the assessment consultation so that is a growing piece of SAIRO as they try and help student affairs units learn to use data, consult with them about how to assess data because they are having increased demands to prove usefulness in order to continue to receive their funding. SAIRO is trying to work with units instead of taking a one-size-fits-all approach to assess each group and question individually versus taking an overarching approach.
- Abularach asked if different departments used the data SAIRO gets to build different resources out of it.
- McKinney said yes, but they're trying to get better at it. When she talked about the assessment cycle, they're try to close the loop between here now we have the data and what are the structures that we can have in place to get the information out, but also to use it to potentially make changes if necessary. Some units are better at it than others, but people are really trying to look at the data and ask what it says about the population. Last year, transfer focus groups made it possible to see some of the struggles transfers go through, and some of the findings from that are being used to influence the new programming that they're trying to put in place.
- Bocarsly asked what the process was for getting in contact with SAIRO.
- McKinney said that they could go to the SAIRO website at www.sairo.ucla.edu, which is where all the reports of information are located, or if they had a data request she could be emailed it directly at kmckinney@saonet.ucla.edu.
- Bocarsly followed up by asking what the process was for getting the data turned around.
- McKinney said it would depend on the complexity of the request. If SAIRO already has the data, it will potentially be a quicker turnaround than a question where they have no data, since they'll need to consult about how they might get the data, what steps would need to be taken by SAIRO and independently by the inquirer, etc. McKinney said that coordinating an assessment process is a much bigger process than running data. With a basic data request, depending on what the staff has on their plate, they ask for a week lead time. Charts, assessments, and complex requests take longer.
- Lazarovici said she was interested in the data that McKinney said she'll have ready soon regarding the financial impact
- McKinney said that the survey was framed more in terms of the overall financial climate, people being foreclosed on, etc. It was just about tuition. She said questions were phrased along the lines of "How worried were you about the financial climate? How worried are you currently? How worried are you for the future? What steps have you taken in the past year as a result of the financial climate?" SAIRO didn't say "as a result of the fee increases" specifically. It was an overall view.
- Lazarovici followed up by asking what SAIRO's plan was for releasing the information after it was analyzed. Would they do a press release? What was the process of dissemination?
- McKinney said that they post it on their website and then send out an email announcement to everyone in student affairs, but she can also make sure that she copies

USAC so they can distribute it to the necessary parties. She also offered to start copying the USAC president in all of these emails so that Council is aware of what is being distributed. McKinney said beyond that they don't have a mechanism for alerting campus of the information. She emphasized the usefulness of the SAIRO website in reviewing this information.

- Sholklapper asked if there was a cost for using SAIRO's services and asked how it was funded.

- McKinney responded that it was funded by student fees. There is no fee for service that they charge, as they see it as a part of their overall responsibility as a part of their mission to serve student affairs units and students as stakeholders. She said that there are certain aspects of the workload that they can't accommodate, so if they provide a consultation about how to go about an assessment there might be things that they will say the student group will need to handle funding if it is beyond the scope of work that SAIRO can offer.

- Sholklapper also asked if anyone can ask SAIRO a question about the data.

- McKinney said yes, any student can come and ask SAIRO if they have data. She added that sometimes they will get media requests and requests from people off campus, as well. When this happens, McKinney said it is necessary for the office to prioritize accordingly, as sometimes results are time critical. She said that student requests are critical to SAIRO so they are treated as a high priority. She offered to send a PDF of the presentation for anyone who wasn't at meeting.

VI. Appointments

A. *Akhtar Masood for Campus Sustainability Committee

- Sidrak motioned to approve Masood for Campus Sustainability Committee. Bocarsly seconded.

- Sidrak introduced Masood as passionate about sustainability and implementing initiatives to make campus more green, also about utilizing initiatives more effectively. She said he has an impressive resume and has been involved in a number of sustainability initiatives and programs on campus, such as a team that conducted energy and water audits on UCLA Hospital, restaurants, and dorms. He is currently working on making dorm lighting more efficient. Committee believed that he will provide an important voice on CSC with diverse personal background and relationships with key figures in sustainability on campus. Masood comes to Council with a recommendation of 3-0-0 approval.

- Masood said he's applying to CSC because he loves UCLA and the environment and the position gives him an opportunity to be an advocate for both. He highlighted the section of his application where he described his extensive involvement with sustainability projects on campus. He is part of an energy efficiency internship where he works with a team that generates and measure electricity savings on campus. Masood has been involved in energy audits for the dorms, activity centers, medical centers, etc. From this he's learned that there's a lot of potential in energy conservation, as well as an ability to save lots of money by being efficient. He stressed that in this economic climate, he feels that this aspect of efficiency is incredibly important. He hoped to be able to work on this if selected to be on the committee. He also wanted to work on educating the student body on conservation and efficiency because he believes that even if we have the

efficient technology, it's useless without the knowledge on how to use it. He highlighted the sustainable practices in the JazzReggae Festival and commended Starr's idea for a self-sustaining gym.

- Resnick commented that she was impressed by Masood's ideas regarding educating the public about sustainability and inquired as to his ideas about how to do so.
- Masood said that he wants more major events to advertise sustainable practices, similar to JazzReggae. He believes that just getting the idea out there through these events would draw a lot of attention. He also suggested putting out information at the giant activities fair at the beginning of the school year. Masood also suggested bringing it into the classrooms and asking professors if they could make presentations about efficiency. He said that he did this for his internship, and one professor even offered his students extra credit for watching a moving about the environment.
- Chikanov asked how Masood felt about bringing bike lines to campus.
- Masood said he thought it was more of a safety issue on campus and that's why we didn't have them currently, but he wasn't sure. He thinks that it would be a great idea, though it would be very difficult because of how hilly UCLA is.
- Starr asked for more information regarding Masood's audit of the dorms to make them more sustainable and asked what his ideas were for doing so.
- Masood responded that he and his associates performed a lighting audit, in which they counted every light in every dorm and noted what kind of lamp it was (incandescent, CFL) and the area that it was being used to light. If the occupancy was in the hallways or not, they calculated how much energy would be saved if motion sensor occupancy lights were installed. Masood said the report was almost finished and he found that with a change to 30% of dorm lighting being occupancy sensed, it was possible to save one hundred thousand dollars a year.
- Sidrak inquired as to if Masood would work on clarifying the recycling trash bins, particularly in regard to their labels, if he were appointed.
- Masood said that he felt that they currently were confusing, and reform needs to be done on the labels and he feels that having pictures may be better.
- Abularach asked what other institutional changes Masood would want to implement or look more into if appointed.
- Masood said that his main platform is energy efficiency because he sees a lot of potential in it.
- Gamble called to question Masood for Campus Sustainability Committee. Chikanov seconded.
- With a vote of 8-0-0 Masood was approved to Campus Sustainability Committee.

B. * Marbella Allen for Community Activities Committee

- Sidrak requested to table Allen's appointment for 10 minute until she arrived.
- Sidrak motioned to approve Allen for Community Activities Committee. Chikanov seconded.
- Sidrak said that Allen served as CAC liaison alternate for the 2010-2011 Spring quarter, so she has hands on experience with CAC and community service projects. She also has personal community service experience which has made her passionate about it and the projects that CAC funds. Allen also has ideas for expansion into Los Angeles areas. She comes to Council with a vote of 1-0-2, with abstentions due to the fact that the interview

had to be done by phone, Gamble had to leave early and Chikanov had difficulty hearing her.

- Allen introduced herself as a third year Political Science major and Spanish minor from Compton, California.

- Resnick asked Allen why she chose to apply for the position of CAC.

- Allen said she served as an alternate during Spring and originally wanted to be a part of CAC because she learned through the projects that she volunteered for that funding was really depended on by other organizations and she wanted to know more about it because she wanted to start her own project. Now, she would like to be part of CAC longer because the mission is incredibly important.

- Yao said that during Allen's interview she mentioned that the application should be more open ended in terms of the funding of it and asked her to elaborate on this idea.

- Allen said that a lot of the questions are framed so that they have to be answered in a very particular way that someone unfamiliar with funding wouldn't know and she felt like this was used to determine how much funding a group would get in a unfair way. Allen said that she thought the application could be clearer in this regard and also believes organizations should be allowed to use funding for more things.

- Yao followed up by asking how Allen believed she could improve upon the application with her ideas in mind. How would she let groups know what they could or could not apply for?

- Allen said that the guidelines need to be written in a more specific way because projects who don't know the ins and outs of the funding process won't know the steps or have the experience to take full advantage of the funds available. She also would have a more extensive training session so that smaller organizations have the opportunity to learn the same things that the large groups who apply for large amounts of funding receive over the summer.

- Abularach asked Allen if she had ever done site visits before and asked her why she felt like these were important to CAC.

- Allen said she has been on site visits before, as she was an alternate liaison so she had to play catch up when she stepped into her role in Spring. She said she was required to go to sites to make sure that their funding was being used appropriately for the things it was allocated for. She feels like these site visits are important because it's important to make sure that the money is going to the places it should be going, especially because of the financial cuts that the school is currently facing.

- Resnick asked Allen what she would change after serving on CAC for a quarter.

- Allen said that she felt the way voting happens should be more structured. As an example, she said that new organizations who don't know funding guidelines or how strict they need to be on their application miss out on essential funding, and the committee isn't specific enough to tell them for future reference why they were discounted. She believes that training on these funding applications is essential.

- Yao said that Allen mentioned she really wanted to outreach towards smaller groups and inquired as to how she would do this.

- Allen responded by saying that she would flyer. She believes that it's hard to find out about funding otherwise and flyering would create a wider variety of applicants instead of the same people applying.

- Yao followed up by asking Allen if she believed that other forms of communication were important as well because the applications were due in summer.
- Allen said that the big application is due in Summer, but it is possible to register as an organization in Fall, too. She believes that flyer-ing will still do a lot of good for new groups because they aren't servicing a large constituency at that point so they don't need the large sum of money.
- Sidrak called to question Allen for Community Activities Committee. Soto seconded.
- Bocarsly asked how many positions had been seen for CAC.
- Resnick said that they approved Wong, and there are three positions and one alternate.
- With a vote of 8-0-0 Allen was approved to Community Activities Committee.

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

- Sidrak motioned to approve contingency allocations. Starr seconded.
- Jasso said that there were two applications – Project Literacy and Nu Alpha Kappa for Trinity.
- Project Literacy requested \$800 for their Discovery Science Center field trip. They had an excellent application and the finance committee recommended an allocation of \$650.75.
- Nu Alpha Kappa requested \$956.96 for their national leadership development conference. The finance committee recommended \$711.96.
- Bocarsly asked what would be done with the remaining \$4000 that is left over. He also asked how many more application cycles would occur.
- Jasso said that the fiscal year for the 2010-2011 ends July 31, 2011 and after that the finance committee will no longer be accepting applications so the remaining funds will go into surplus. The last day to submit an application had already passed because the event had to occur before July 31 to qualify for funding. If Council chooses to approve contingency, the remaining \$3300 will go to surplus as there are no more applications.

- Starr called to question contingency. Yao seconded. With no objections, contingency allocations were approved with a vote of 8-0-0.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

- Resnick reminded Council to put the USAC retreat in their calendars. The dates are September 10 to September 12, 2011. More updates will come as it gets closer.
- Resnick said that the Regents approved a 10.5% increase, but removed the additional 5.6% trigger increase, but Gamble will discuss this further later.
- She said ll the presidents of the UCs had a conference call with the Director of UCSA and one of the things they talked about was how they could all work together to combat the cuts. She also had another conference call and submitted a request to have members of UCOP on campus for a press conference in Fall. Resnick is especially excited about this because she feels that one of the toughest things for students is to see fee increases without knowing exactly why and this will be an opportunity for students to get their questions answered. Her office is also working on getting a unified lobby day together in Sacramento.
- Resnick said she met with Ken Heller and Dr. Nelson regarding the UCLA Homecoming and that's currently in the works.
- Resnick also drafted a letter to send out to Panhellenic and IFC houses about how to apply for funding, namely SOOTH and Contingency for the upcoming rush process, and offered to send out the email to anyone else who could benefit from the funds.
- Abularach recommended that Resnick send the funding email out via OrgSync so that it reaches groups not associated with IFC and Panhellenic, as well.

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

- Sidrak said that ARC is still scheduling and conducting interviews.
- She is still in the process of planning Council retreat, put the deposit down on the house and is very excited about how everything's turning out.
- Sidrak met with Heller to plan Student Leaders mixer for Fall and is collaborating with CSP on it. She wants all of Council to be involved in that if possible.
- She is meeting with Nancy Greenstein, Matt Ellis, and Brian Auchus from UCLA Transportation to present the Strathmore Safe Ride surveys.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

- Gamble spoke at the Los Angeles Airport Commissioners meeting and they approved the six month extension of the Flyaway. It's very important that UCLA students are told about the Flyaway service because one of the conditions of the extension was that USAC students and UCLA transportation need to help increase ridership if the program is to be continued beyond the six month extension.
- Gamble said that voter registration institutionalization was in her office planning how they are going to go about doing things. So far they plan on registering people at Volunteer Day and making registration more readily available to those who live on the Hill.

- Gamble and two other UCLA students attended the University of California Student Association Board retreat at UC Merced, where they met with other EVPs for both undergraduate and graduate students from across the state and discussed some action plans for throughout the year. One of these plans is about the Dream Act because AB130, which is part of the Dream Act, passed and is now sitting on Governor Brown's desk, but AB131 is still stuck in Appropriations Committee so there is a statewide strategy to get those bills to the Governor's desk, as well as a press conference in Sacramento so that the bills will get signed.
- Gamble said that there were several hundred emails sent to the Regents before their meeting which was good because they are required to go through the emails that students send before they vote. She said she was able to be a student advocate for the Regents, which meant she got to talk one-on-one and discuss what they were voting for, why, and try and sway their vote. Because students had this opportunity, they were able to get the 5.9% trigger increase removed which is a victory for transparency because increases can no longer be snuck past students. However, Gamble said that the 9.6% increase did pass, but it is actually not 9.6%, it is 10.5% on tuition. The 9.6% is calculated on all mandatory fees, but the actual increase on tuition is 10.5%. Because of the way the funding is broken up, and because the increase is on tuition and not the registration fee, all the money from the increase may not go into student services. The calculation is another type of transparency issue that Gamble's office wants to work on. Also, the Director of UCOP got a thirty thousand dollar salary increase, which will be brought up in future advocacy meetings.
- She also noted that 10 students are leaving for Florida for the USSA congress, where they will work with students from other states to vote on national campaigns. Also, the UCSA Congress application was due July 31, 2011 and there are still spots available. It is at UC Riverside from August 18 to August 21, 2011 and will be completely free to students as long as they are in Westwood so they can be transported.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

- Razavi, Saxe's Chief of Staff, delivered the AAC officer report in her place.
- Razavi said that they have been meeting with the academic appointees and will meet with all of them before their first committee meeting.
- They have met with Michelle Lu and Curtis Furnelli from CCLE to discuss the syllabus preview proposal. CCLE lost their main programmer so the upgrade to Noodle 2.0 has been delayed for a full year, so AAC is turning to a student-led initiative project independently and turned to Mike Franks of Social Science Computing who is interested in helping move the initiative along. Currently, 95% of Social Science courses syllabi are online up to this point and they are working to increase this further by expanding to other departments and creating a universal location where students can go to find their syllabi online.
- Razavi said they also met with Michelle Wick from the Alumni Association about expanding the Alumni Mentorship program. It currently has been expanded to include the USAC IVP fellows, approximately 20 additional students, and are working to expand this program further when it begins in Fall.
- AAC met with Tony Sandavalt, the Community Program Office advisor about consolidating the textbook loan library with the books the past AACs have left in storage

and will likely be able to move into SAC before the end of Summer and expand the loan library by consolidating with the FSC office.

- Razavi also said they met with Jackie Reynolds from the Office of Information Technology on compiling the complaints to the UCLA technology Facebook page and event. Responses are going out immediately. There is talk of unifying the WiFi on campus, but in the meantime provide a number students can text when they aren't receiving a signal on certain spots on campus so administration can look at "down spots" and trouble shoot accordingly. There is the idea to sponsor a competition in Fall that allows students and faculty to make innovative suggestions for the UCLA mobile app through UCLA technology services.

- AAC also is working on an initiative that would allow UCLA students to earn credit for volunteer hours. Razavi requested that Council and their staff volunteer to be task captains at Volunteer Day.

Laureen Lazarovici- Alumni Representative

There was no report from Lazarovici this week.

Dr. Berky Nelson

There was no report from Dr. Nelson this week.

Dr. Deb Geller

There was no report from Dr. Geller this week.

Bob Williams

There was no report from Williams this week.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week

XI. Announcements

- Bocarsly said that his friend works for the Volunteer Center, which needs task captains and project liasions for Volunteer Day and it's particularly good for USAC to get out there. He offered to send out the link to applications because it would be good to network with the freshmen and see what their experiences are like.

- Resnick said that they were highly encouraged last year to act as task captains by the president, Jasmine Hill.

- Bocarsly also asked if the change in the credit card payment processes had come to Council yet.
- Resnick said her Chief of Staff has been working on this and she will get update from her.
- Bocarsly asked what the process was that Council would go through to do something about it.
- Starr asked if there was anything Council could do.
- Razavi said that the eCheck option is still available. To use it, students or parents give their routing number for checking or savings account and it's a free way to pay for bills. The conflict is a result of people not being aware of what is going on, but it's a matter of the school no longer paying for convenience charge because of how much Visa charges cost the school.
- Gamble asked if the bills were set up as Autopay where they were automatically pulled, or if not, and if they were, what happens if there are insufficient funds?
- Resnick suggested that the topic be saved until there was more information brought to Council about the topic.
- Starr said that the self-sustaining gym is in process, and the machines will be bought by the end of Summer and installed by Winter quarter.
- Jasso said that all requisitions are due by July 29, 2011 in mailbox 58. She would be attending the Florida conference that Gamble spoke about earlier in meeting. She commented on the registrar interview that she attended and said that the candidate was knowledgeable, comfortable, and used to be the UC Davis registrar. Jasso also said the the Assistant Vice Chancellor asked her to be part of a special committee that is trying to help define student affairs, and that she would be following up with him so that USAC can become involved in this process.
- Abularach said that the Gen. Rep. 3 office is focusing on supporting students by providing resources and are trying to figure out how best they can support students during this time of financial crises. They met with the CPO office manager to talk about bringing the scholarship resource center to campus and in the Fall they may do office hours in the CPO.
- Yao said that CSC had their retreat July 16 through July 18, 2011 and it was great. They did workshops and trainings and focused on building community. She said it was a lot of fresh faces because many of the directors have graduated but there was a lot of potential.
- Resnick commended Gamble for her role at the UC Regents meeting. She also reminded Council that at the end of Fall quarter, interns would like to be placed in offices, so if anyone needs new staff for Winter quarter, that would be a good place to start the hunt.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Bocarsly moved and seconded to Starr 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 8:32p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Tyler Peterson
USAC Minutes Taker
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