

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 27, 2011  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Dan Chikanov

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

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

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency

-Gamble moved to strike the travel grant

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs grant

-Saxe moved to strike both academic affairs grants

-Sidrak moved to strike Birdie's appointment

Sidrak moved to approve the agenda. Bocarsly seconded.

-Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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Bocarsly moved to approve the minutes. Sholklapper seconded.

-Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

Camile Amor-

Amor talked against the appointment of Birdie because he used his position for his own monetary gain and self interest. She said he showed a lack of integrity by lying to administrators and advisors. She said there is a lot of deserving student leaders. She said that he couldn't be trusted. She encouraged the council to hear her voice as a student.

Melanie-

Melanie said she's not here to criticise Birdie's character. She told them to think about how their decision would affect USAC's reputation. She said to not think about party lines and how it will affect the student body.

John Joanino-

Janino wanted to express his disappointment that Birdie was being considered for the Wooden Board of Directors. He said that it is unacceptable for someone that caused people to question their credibility is unacceptable. He said that if they do appoint him, himself and many other students would lose faith in the council. He encouraged everyone voting to have his or her voice heard.

Luther-

Luther said last year he made a statement about Birdie. He said he was at the meeting when Birdie resigned. He asked Resnick if she was paying attention to what happened last year. He said that while Birdie might have learned his lesson, he has yet to apologize to the UCLA community. He said that they should learn from elected officials and not make their student government one of corruption.

Roger- Director of LGBT Resource Center

Roger invited the council to their fall kickoff and open house in the middle of Bruin Plaza. He invited them to bring visibility to the LGBT community. He passed out some flyers. He said that there would be a resource fair with about 15 different student organizations. He said that there was a suicide recently of a young gay man. He said that they wanted to show support for allies as well.

Diaralyn

She said thank you for coming to the activities fair.

Steven

Steven said he is from Bruin View.

Resnick said that Birdie is not coming and she said that they would take their comments into consideration.

## V. Special Presentations

*There were no special presentations this week.*

## VI. Appointments

A. \*Leslie Grant for Eating and Activities Task Force

Starr moved to approve Grant. Saxe approved.

-Sidrak asked if they could table it.

-Starr moved to table Grant's appointment. Saxe seconded.

-Bocarsly moved to approve Grant. Saxe seconded.

-Sidrak said she is passionate about physical fitness. She said that she has a sports medicine internship and well-being experience. Her vote is 3-0-0 approved.

-Grant said she is a 4th year biology student. She said she has done everything to get involved, such as sports medicine, SAA, habitat for humanity, and USAC marketing director. She said she would love to have this opportunity.

-Starr asked why she applied to this and why she sees herself in this

-Grant said she has been passionate about nutrition for her entire life. She said that even athletes have body image issues sometimes. She said that if they have issues, she cannot imagine how

other UCLA students goes through these issues. She said that she would like to promote physical fitness

-Resnick asked what new ideas she has for the task force

-Grant said that the sustainable gym would be a great way to promote physical fitness on campus. She said that they could promote what the gym has to offer. She said that it would be great if the task force could do more programs on the hill. She said that it would be easy to integrate programs since it could be difficult to improve a diet when in college.

-Hester talked about the financial problems mentioned in her interview. She asked about this

-Grant said that student psychological services could help. Students could go to these workshops since she knows it could be difficult. She said that they could explore more food choices in the dorm. She said that people could learn about what a healthy diet is.

-Sidrak said she asked her to contact the coordinator of the Bruin Resource center. She asked what they have done in the past in terms of programming and what she would like to do

-Grant said she spoke to the nutrition coordinator. She talked about the no dieting day on May 6th. She said that marketing needs to be improved and that they are looking for someone to fill that position as well. She said that she was informed that they work with the SWC and that they share a lot of the same ideals. She said that it would be great to increase the visibility of the program

-Saxe said that UCLA has about 3,000 Jewish students. She said that a kosher diet is something that students abide to. She said that there is one kosher meal swipe option. She said that there is a new program called Fitted that the CPO works with. She said that she could work with them as well.

-Arruejo asked how she could integrate her USAC work with this position

-Grant said that when she put up flyers, visibility was improved greatly as seen by the textbook scholarship. She said they were in charge of emailing people on different list serves. She said that people could be made sure that they were aware with what was going on. She said that she hopes to successfully increase the visibility of EATS.

-Resnick talked about the brochure her office put out last year. She said that it would be a cool thing to extend that to the dorms as well.

-Soto asked what ideas she has to engage student's that don't live on campus

-Grant said that they could bring events to Bruin Plaza. She said that they could bring tabling there so that students could stop by. She said that it is difficult to eat in Ackerman. She said that they could improve the on campus places. She said they could highlight healthier eating options in Westwood. She said that a night out could have discounts for healthier foods. She said it could be more fun for students to live healthy.

-Bocarsly asked what her favorite fruit is

-Grant said mango

-Smith asked about her knowledge about eating disorders. He said that he encounters these issues on the hill

-Grant said that they could address the fact that being healthy doesn't always correspond with being thin. She said that they would promote eating from all of the food groups. She said that a lot of students don't have a lot of experience cooking for them. She said that she could work with ORL to address that specifically.

-Smith talked about partying and substance abuse. He asked what is her take on that to take on these issues

-Grant said that alcohol edu is not necessarily efficient for all students. She said that they could make students aware of how alcohol adds to their diet. She said they could have programs like that. She said it would be great to reinforce this for other years

-Sholklapper asked how aware she is of current resources on campus that their taskforce touches on

-Grant said that EAT has members of all parts of campus. She said that it is the RA's

responsibility to put on programs for residents. She said that EAT works with them. She said she doesn't have specific information on how often it is done

-Sholklapper asked if EAT should do the programs redundantly or if they should make the already existing programs better. He said that SWC works with no-dieting day and they will be having a cooking class for healthy cooking. He asked how EAT would play into that

-Grant said that they should work with making those programs bigger and better. She said that it would be great to reach more students. She said that they could work more with SWC to get more attendants and get more resources.

-Sholklapper asked if she knows about the wellness on campus meetings

-Saxe called to question Grant. Sholklapper seconded. There were no objections. With a unanimous vote, Grant was approved.

B. \*Thomas Atkins for ASUCLA Communications Board

-Soto moved to approve Atkins. Bocarsly seconded.

-Sidrak said Atkins was part of the Daily Bruin for two years working with advertising and marketing. She said he assisted with the development with local [research.com](http://research.com), which has been in the focus of the Daily Bruin to raise revenue. His recommendation was 0-1-2. They were unsure if he was aware of his commitments and they put him into contact with more people to learn about his position

-Smith asked if they still feel comfortable with the process as of right now since there were two absetentions and one no.

-Sidrak said in the past, if there is a majority of no's they are not brought in. She said that there have been instances where an applicant just freezes up at that interview but they are great. She said that this is a way that they think about the appointee. She said that if they don't want to bring him in that they don't have to.

-Smith asked if there were other comments from council.

-Dr. Nelson asked if they heard from him after he spoke to members from the comm. board.

-Sidrak said that he said that he learned a lot from it. She said that it is just a question if they want to bring him in.

-Resnick said that she wanted to use that as a growing experience for him as well. She said that his background would do well to the comm. board and she wanted to see if he could grow with that knowledge

-Saxe said that if he did the research, it is something worth hearing. She said that if this has not changed, they could make the vote right away.

-Sidrak said that when applicants apply, descriptions are very vague on the application. She said that sometimes people don't do their research. She said that he is qualified but he did not necessarily understand the comm. board.

-Gamble said that she voted no. She said he wasn't really interested in comm. board. She said that he didn't fully understand the position. She said that if a lot of people want to hear him out, then they could do that.

-Resnick said that they would bring him in.

-Atkins introduced himself. He said that he is in the marketing department. He said that he would like to remain involved. He said that he would like to be a part of it.

-Sidrak asked what about the structure and responsibilities of comm. board does he know

-Atkins talked about the structure of the board, including advisors, the executive committee of operations, finance, etc

-Smith asked how his involvement with the communications board would benefit the student body

-Atkins said he has extensive experience with the Daily Bruin and as an accounts manager. He said that he worked with the person in charge of Bruinwalk. He said that the internship is important to him because that is where they get their sales staff. He said that his familiarity would be an asset to student media.

-Bocarsly said that one concern was his lack of knowledge about the position. He asked what he did since that meeting

-Atkins said he reviewed the constitution and the bylaws since then.

-Resnick asked what new ideas he has to bring to the comm. board

-Atkins said that he would like to improve the visibility and talked about working with the Daily Bruin. He said that as he looked at different websites, that he saw groups that he could work with.

-Gamble asked what is one of the largest problems facing the comm. board and what he would do

-Atkins said that visibility is a problem. He said that they could increase the visibility. His main concern would be retention for the interns. He said that their team has been dwindling. He said that he's concerned about how that affects it.

-Gamble asked how he would go about advertising the magazines as a whole

-Atkins said that the scheduling for magazines isn't clear. He said that they could use flyers or bulletin boards.

-Sholklapper asked how in depth his understanding is of the newspapers published is.

-Atkins said that they have 56,000 subscribers and they send things out to various organizations. He said he has not met individual members

-Resnick asked if he would reach out to the publications

-Atkins said definitely. He said that he could meet with different representatives from these magazines.

-Dr. Nelson asked what more does he think he needs to know about comm. board

-Atkins said he needs to know people from various projects. He said that people get lost when going to the top and that it is important to reach out and see what they could do to improve their experience

-Saxe asked what information he gained from Eric and what makes him better prepared

-Atkins said that the committee seems dedicated to a sound budget. He said that UCLA radio could be played in Lu Valle commons. He said that some people don't feel like they're committed and he would like to improve this

-Hester talked about the campus magazines. She asked how he plans to get funding for that. She said this might not be a feasible idea

-Atkins said that he would have to look at the details of the finances of the groups. He said that they could put it in a kiosk.

-Yao said with respect to financial issues, what ideas he has to make student media more fiscally efficient.

-Atkins said that they could make sure that they are on the top of their game. He said that if they make too many cuts, they would hurt themselves in the end. He said that good advertisements would make sure that they ensure quality

-Sholklapper said he spoke about specific media under the comm. board. He asked if he knows all of the different yearbooks, news magazines, etc. involved and if he can name them.

-Atkins named the various media groups.

-Sholklapper said good job. He said that since he looked at their websites, he asked if he could accurately represent their needs with regards to finance and not having spoken to them

-Atkins said that he would communicate with them directly. He said that the only way he could reach them would be by contacting them

-Sholklapper asked how long this would take

-Atkins said a while

-Shah said that he seems to have done his research. She called to question Atkins for comm. board. Sidrak seconded.

-With a vote of 8-2-0, Atkins would appoint to comm. board.

-Resnick said that since there was opposition, they could forward suggestions to Atkins. She said that anyone could send suggestions. She said she was impressed by his knowledge

-Sidrak said people are invited to ARC interviews. She said that they are always open

- Resnick said thank you to ARC for all of their hard work.
- Zimmerman asked if she could be added to the Google doc.
- Resnick said they could definitely do that.

C. \*Adam Swart for Transportation Services Advisory Board (TSAB)

- Bocarsly moved to approve Swart. Hester seconded.
- Sidrak said Swart has worked with the resolutions in transportation in the past. He worked with the flyaway service. He hopes to make an effort on parking affordability. He had a vote of 3-0-0 approve.
- Swart thanked the council. He said he hopes to be approved to TSAB. He said when he was 3, he came downstairs and asked his mom for wheels. He said ever since then he has been into transportation. He said that he hopes to make the UCLA transportation greener and more efficient
- Bocarsly asked what work he has already been doing
- Swart said he has worked with the Flyaway since it goes right to the airport. He said that because of budgetary problems, they were planning on cancelling it. He said that they were able to get the service maintained. He said that they were able to maintain that service because there isn't another efficient and cost effective way to get to the airport.
- Gamble said that since it was extended for 6 months, what could be done to keep it for longer
- Swart said they need to increase ridership. He said that they see it in the Daily Bruin. He said that it had been advertised to the Westwood council. He said they hope to see the service extended to Ackerman. He said this would be more convenient to visitors. He said that this is a lot closer for students. He said that for people with a lot of luggage, it would be more beneficial to have this extra stop. He said that LA airports cut a lot of the half hour flights. He said that they are maintaining the late night service from the airport. He said that hopefully they could extend it permanently
- Gamble asked who he spoke to about this
- Swart said he talked to the transportation department about this. He said that he spoke to the former dean of public policy. He said that this might be an uphill battle. He said that he couldn't tell her if he can see that happening. He said if it does, it could be 4-5 more months.
- Gamble asked if he spoke directly to these people
- Swart said he talked about the idea and it remains to be seen what can be done
- Saxe asked why the only sport isn't Ackerman and how he plans to increase ridership
- Swart said Ackerman would be a better place. He said they need to balance the UCLA and Westwood community. He said that it is in the middle of Westwood. He said that if they ask UCLA to subsidize the service, they should put it here. He said UCLA is already putting a little more money into the service so that they should get more from it. He said that this is not a bad idea, but the board of airport commissioners is a bureaucracy. He said that they all have good ideas but sometimes it's hard to put in effect
- Hester asked about more affordable parking options
- Swart said he would love to see a lot for commuter students. He said that they want them to be an active part of the community. He said that it could last to \$10-15. He said he would love to look at the idea of a lot for solely commuter students. He said that they could have a good lot with hopefully a good location as well.
- Saxe said there is a great need for commuters. She said that there are students that could also take advantage of that option. She said that they could allow other services to the commuters.
- Swart said that some could go to commuters and the rest could be allocated.
- Arruejo asked what other time commitments he has.
- Swart said he is coaching staff in the president's office. He said that a lot of this work goes hand in hand. He said that he doesn't see this as a conflict. He said that since board meetings aren't that frequent, these would be a priority for him to attend
- Smith asked about his knowledge of commuter needs

-Swart said that one of the big needs is to feel like they're a part of the UCLA community. He said that people commute from far away and it's hard to stay connected to the UCLA community. He said that they should feel like they're part of the community. He said that his job would be to make sure the ride share programs are effective. He said that if they're not, people end up having to leave campus early. He said people take their classes and they leave. He said that they should make more convenient offices to stay longer and engage with the community. He said that people commute because of their financial situation. He said that West LA is a pricy place to live.

-Zimmerman said this was a great observation. She said that vanpools are geared for staff and faculty. She said that they could have student van pools that don't leave at 5:30am would gear for commuter students. This way, people could make friends in the vans.

-Swart said that it is difficult to make friends at 5:30am for students. He said that a student might have class 2-6pm. He said that the budget outlook could affect the number of vanpools. He said there is a lot of organization they could change. He said a lot of people come from a certain area. He said they could serve staff and students

-Gamble asked about his knowledge of the structure and responsibility of TSAB

-Swart said that he hasn't spoken to anyone. He said that in terms of TSAB, they look at the needs of students. He said that they look at the UCLA go shuttle. He said that these are the specific functions of it. He said that he would be glad to follow up in terms of what they are doing

-Sidrak asked if he was aware that UCPD is looking to restructure the evening van service with more flexibility. She asked if he would be interested in helping if he is appointed.

-Swart said that this is a great idea. He said that he knows that it is a great service. He said that it serves the needs of a lot of students who live south of Wilshire. He said looking at small green vehicles would be great. He said that he would try to get the evening van service to run later. He said people could sleep at their friend's house, take a cab, or walk to south of Wilshire. He said that there should be an option to people where they share a 30-minute service to make sure that students feel included in the UCLA community.

-Saxe asked if this service would include the stops Strathmore Saferides includes

-Swart said that this is in its research stage. He said he doesn't see why they don't consider the stops on Hilgard. Swart said that it doesn't have to be exclusive for south of Wilshire

-Sidrak said it would supplant Strathmore Saferides. She said their evening van doesn't quite meet the needs for students

-Swart said the work done last year laid a great groundwork for something that they would work for throughout the year.

-Saxe called to question. Starr seconded. With a unanimous vote, Swart was appointed to TSAB 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**

Bocarsly moved to approve contingency. Starr seconded

-Arruejo said only 5 groups applied. Starr moved to approve contingency. Shah

seconded.

-With a unanimous vote, contingency was approved.

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

### **President - Emily Resnick**

Resnick said they have their first presidential office meeting tomorrow. She thanked people for coming to Bruin Fest even if the Velcro wall didn't inflate. She thanked the council members who were present. She said students were able to learn more about the student government. She said that they should let her know if they need parking. She said that there are still a few more spots. Resnick said that there are thousands more brochures. She said that she sent the remarks that they said concerning volunteer day. She said that she would pass around a petition for parking. She said she sent an email in regards to the UC Berkeley bake sale. She said that they would let their school to take a stance first and that they will offer their support as well. Resnick said that she would be attending a meeting with Yudolf. She said that they should send in any ideas that they think would be presentable. She said happy Jewish New Year.

-Smith asked about homecoming.

-Resnick said that this has been a crazy zero week and they have a meeting this Thursday. She said that they would receive notes about how different offices can get involved. She said she would have a more full report later.

-Saxe said that they had a meeting about sponsorship. She said that they had the idea of having corporate sponsors helping with Homecoming and that there is great potential here

-Gamble asked if they still needed to pay for the Velcro wall

-Resnick said that they don't believe they would have to pay. She said that they would see if they could get it for a discounted amount

-Gamble asked if the Yudolf meeting was the same with all of the presidents

-Resnick said yes

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

-Sidrak said they are still recruiting about the fellowship program. She said that a cool opportunity came up. She said that if a staff wants to do a challenge course, USAC and staffs could do courses for a waived fee. She said that they went to a meeting about corporate sponsorship and iconic branding. They talked about Jazz Reggae, Bruin Bash, etc. She said that it is on its way into developing into something.

### **External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble**

-Gamble said that they are meeting with assembly member Mitchell. She said their internship application is due next Sunday night. She said that they are having a grassroots-organizing weekend. She said that they would have a first come first serve process. She said that in regards to the bake sale, her office would have a call in day from 10am-4pm. She said that it is about voter registration as well. She said senate bill 185 also concerns race and other factors. Gamble said that other campuses are doing the same thing. She said that they are putting the pressure on him.

### **Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe**

Saxe said that the center is now the undergraduate writing center. Saxe said that the focus might now be more available to upper division. She said that freshmen are allowed to take the course. She said that they are interested in hearing feedback. She said this is replacing Covell writing tutorials. She said that they could also do a live tutoring. She said people could get help with papers online. She said that they also have USID courses and they are looking for students who facilitate. She said applications are due at the end of the month. She said that it is unique that

UCLA has the chance to do that. She said she met with Bruce Barbie. She said he helped with the Covell tutoring services. She said academics in the commons funding were cut as well. She said her office would continue to try to help to host those workshops. She said that other pre-professional workshops are going to be in the career center. Saxe said they are bringing all the appointments there to sit on an academic senate. She said that this way, students would have a say on different issues. She said that if people are interested, they are very open. She said that this is a great way to make sure appointments are held accountable

-Saxe moved to approve Jessica, Geoffrey Cruz, and Britney Jones. Jones would work with the diversity GE requirement. Cruz has experience with the CPO. Jessica worked with informational technology. She said these would be consent items. There are other appointments of students who would be in charge of the mobile app.

-Gamble seconded. There were no objections.

### **Student Support Services: Patty Zimmerman**

Zimmerman said there are additional parking permits. She said there is a posting of agendas on the pegboard and the ficom office. She said to let her know about this so that someone would take care of that. She said that they are putting this on the website every morning. She said the more places people could see it, the better.

-Zimmerman said a lot of people are going on retreats. She said that they should do the check in, check out process. She gave people a form to see if they could check in to look for damage and to document any damage done. She said that this is a very useful tool. She said that sometimes the manager would have one.

-Sidrak said that they should take photos of the different rooms, since if items are misplaced they could be held liable

-Smith asked if someone couldn't meet

-Zimmerman said to try to meet

-Champawat said that that they could see what can be done. He said that they need to look into it more

-Smith asked what to do if they can't

-Champawat said this is a concern

## IX. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

## X. New Business

### A. \*USA Financial Funding Guidelines

Sidrak moved to approve the USA Financial Funding Guidelines. Bocarsly seconded.

-Arruejo talked about the need for this

-Sidrak talked about the bolded points on the sheets. She said they had been working together.

She said that they needed to develop more expansive ways to help student groups with programs. She said that they talked about what they could do to help programs with administrators. She said that these items are systematized and that there are suggestions on how to improve it

-Arruejo said that this is something that USAC can do on its own

-Zimmerman asked if they talked to Debbie on the actual change. She said that people might need to retrain staff. She said that they need to move forward with the change or else all the recs would be no.

-Sidrak said that they would want to agree on the language so that they could bring the finalized plan since these are not on the new guidelines yet

-Zimmerman said they shouldn't approve it until they make sure that they run it through SGA.

SGA are the people who make sure that the guidelines are enforced. She said that they should make sure that they are in sync there. She said that they want to make sure that they are intertwined. She suggested pushing it back to get it approved by Deb Simmons

-Champawat said that this speaks to a fundamental change. He said that this is an administrative support question. He said that they want to make sure that they have the resources.

-Sidrak said that herself and Arruejo would set up a meeting.

-Zimmerman said that even with the change with the t-shirts there was a lot of logistical work that had to be done.

-Smith asked if the numbers changed drastically (the max and caps)

-Arruejo said that nothing changed and they were just added

-Yao asked about the van travel. She asked for clarification

-Arruejo said that they were looking to add financial guidelines to this. He said that if they think it is important, they could bring this up since it hasn't been updated since 2005-2006. He said that they could make small changes throughout the proposal. He said that they would work with administration. He said that they should email other guidelines that would help student organizations using funds.

## XI. Announcements

### A. USA Finance Committee Guidelines

-Arruejo said that in going through financial procedures and guidelines, he found that the finance committee guidelines haven't been updated since 2006-2007. He brought up changes from that year that they are planning to do. He said that he would bring it to his committee and bring it back to USAC for approval. He hopes to have this done within the next two weeks. He said that he doesn't know if these have been followed, but he would like to keep his liability. He said he is open to questions

-Sidrak asked if the changes were underlined.

-Arruejo said that everything is changed.

-Gamble asked if they needed to compare the two guidelines

-Arruejo said yes. He said he put these in the previous guidelines and sent previously.

-Zimmerman said that in the future, it is easier to strike through what they were talking about and bold what they are adding. She said that this is a reminder for everyone as they do changes throughout the year. She said she would email the bylaw change form so that they could keep track of all of the changes. She said she would email this to council

-Arruejo said he would put this on the final draft. He went through all of the items. He read through advertising, graphics, hospitality, facilities and honorarium, parking (updated to 2 spaces), travel (the maximums are lowered for a lot of the numbers to 12 for 4 people), and discretionary powers (attached is an agenda from 2003). He said he wants the opinion from USAC on the discretionary powers. He said summer contingency funds were removed since they haven't been doing them. He said that exceptions they have are guidelines that the finance committee goes through except for hospitality. They can give up to \$5000 for a particular line item if it is inherent and it will help the UCLA community. They rarely break that cap

-Gamble said they changed the amount for registration. She said that they raised the number of people

-Arruejo said the committee felt like 110 are excessive and that 50 would be a good amount of USAC contribution. He said that there are usually more people going to a conference

-Gamble said travel grant's maximum is only \$550. She recommended keeping the previous numbers and upping the amount per person for registration

-Arruejo said they have to see if they have travel grant and contingency. He said they rarely give a lot since if it is on campus and they need a great need. He said they would talk about this

-Zimmerman asked about summer contingency

-Arruejo said that the cap was \$700. He said that they weren't close to hitting what summer

contingency was allocated

-Zimmerman asked if it would still be there

-Arruejo said no, just the cap

-Zimmerman asked if it would be lower

-Arruejo said yes

-Zimmerman didn't recommend taking things off because it could come up. She said that it would be a case for USAC. She said that this would give them discretion and funds that they could consent. She said it is important to give them flexibility.

-Arruejo asked if she suggests a \$600 cap

-Zimmerman said that this is up to council. She said that this is an emergency fund. She said that it is probably better to keep the cap at 600. She said they usually won't use it and this could be a just in case fund

-Resnick said that they should keep it. She said the future fi-com might not keep up with bylaws

-Sidrak asked where discretionary fund comes from

-Arruejo said that was why he added the agenda for the 2003 council meeting. He said the discretionary power is a council's decision. He read a section. He said that the discretionary allocations are usually due to a time constraint

-Zimmerman said it is from contingency.

-Sidrak said that this makes her a little nervous

-Arruejo said he would be hesitant to use it because he doesn't foresee why they would need it, especially if it has to be turned in 20 days in advance

-Champawat said that this is something that might help in an unexpected circumstance. He said \$600 isn't too dramatic

-Sidrak asked if it could be amended to say that if there was an emergency, they could amend the 20-day rule

-Champawat said it could be used in an unusual time frame in an extraordinary circumstance

-Resnick asked if they could put both. She asked if they could waive the days if possible

-Arruejo said he is uncomfortable because other ficom chairs can say they needed it but they might not have really needed it. He said that other groups could have gone through all of the regulations. He said that this is USAC's money. He said that there is no other source where a student has that much power. He said that he would lower it to max \$500 but it is up to council

-Zimmerman said this could be discussed at the meeting talking about the changes. She said that this would be the most effective way of going about this.

-Resnick said thank you for his great work

-Arruejo said that they had interviews for the other 4 positions. He said the finance committee is looking forward to going to the retreats of the other council members. He said allocations are on the finance committee board. He said that some groups didn't know why they were taken off. He said next week he would try to work with the USAC Webmaster. He said the deadlines are percolating throughout campus. He said the 20 days might become permanent

-Sidrak said there is a BOD workshop in Ackerman. She said that the budget review director is putting this on. This would be 2-4 in 2412 Ackerman. She said that she would send out an email about this.

-Gamble asked if Birdie is coming back

-Resnick said there is no decision as of right now. She said that she has taken council and public comments into account

-Saxe asked about SB 185.

-Gamble said that the bill targets the CSU's and UC's that talk about race, ethnicity, and geographic location. It is supposed to advice schools. She said implementation is up to regents. She said this contradicts prop 209. She said that there would not be implementation.

-Saxe asked if it falls into the category of affirmative action

- Gamble said it is more like factors that are going to be considered rather than the only thing seen. She said it is a strong political statement
- Zimmerman asked if they were trying to see a more holistic way of admitting students
- Gamble said this is where they're coming from. She said that holistic admissions are implemented but there are some underrepresented student groups still. She said that it says that these specific factors are important
- Zimmerman asked if students want it to pass
- Gamble said some do and some don't
- Sholklapper asked what happens to people that choose not to release certain information
- Gamble said that this is up to the regents. She said that they could see geographic origin or income as a prominent factor. She said prop 209 was seen as unconstitutional but this is trying to be appealed. Gamble said that this could change the admissions of the UC's drastically
- Dr. Nelson said that he was here when it came down. He said that sbp1 has to do with race and gender and how it can't be used for admissions. He said that sp2 couldn't use race or gender for contracts for potential hires. He said that prior to this, there is a 10% set aside for minority and contractors. He said that his understanding is that there was corrupt bargaining with Ward Connerly. He said that this was something that was passed by regents and was voted on by the public. He said that if 10% is excessive, it speaks to some greed that we have in our society. He said that this is something that does not get discussed. He said they could see who funded whom. He said that this was an underlying contractor issue
- Gamble said students repealed these. She said at that point prop 209 already passed.
- Resnick thanked Dr. Nelson for sharing
- Bocarsly said that his office is working to revitalize the Westwood community. They hope to have a dine Westwood night at a minimal cost for students. He said that he talked to the Westwood council and they agreed that this would take place on Thursday, October 20th (week 4). He said that this would hopefully be a big event. He said that his office is heading this initiative. He said that Westwood Live was a project that the Westwood council brought. He said that Dine Westwood would be institutionalized into this. He said hopefully this could be a USAC initiative
- Hester said tomorrow is their job fair with Bruin Core, parking, work-study, financial aid office, phone banking, Bruin ambassadors, etc. in Ackerman second floor lounge from 11-2.
- Smith asked if they were looking for more students that have work-study
- Hester said she wasn't sure

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Smith moved and Saxe to 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 9:12 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
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