

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 4, 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 Sholklipper, Michael Starr, Dr. Berky Nelson, Patty Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali, Stephanie Corrales

ABSENT: Dr. Deb Geller

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Sidrak said Samson's appointment is for two years.
- Arruejo moved to strike the capital contingency
- Gamble moved to strike the travel grant
- Saxe moved to strike the academic affairs grants
- Soto moved to strike the mini grant
- Bocarsly moved to approve the agenda. Hester seconded.
- Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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- Gamble moved to approve the minutes. Bocarsley seconded.
- Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

- Sidrak said they would table the first presentation until the presenter arrived.
- Austin came to present the student risk assessment: email outsourcing presentation of survey.

A. Student Risk Assessment: Email Outsourcing Presentation of Survey- Julie Austin
Julie said she was the chair of the emailing outsourcing task force. She said that they looked at different options and they went with Gmail. She said this would be the last step. They would do a student assessment, institutional assessment, and an implementation assessment. The results would be put together. She recommended that this should be a go because this is what they want. She said that it might be difficult to understand if you're not technical. She said that she would get someone to tally the responses and they would give it to the executive sponsors. She said that she would go over it.

-Sidrak asked if she could email out the survey.

-Austin said that was fine. She said that Gmail has an up time. She said that BOL is always available. The other question was if Google had a problem and how important it is for them to recover the emails. She said there are some cases where emails aren't received. She talked about email headers. She said that the header could show that it was sent from UCLA. She said the email would still look like it's coming from UCLA even if the server looked like it was coming from Gmail. Austin said a problem was that UCLA would not be the owner of the data. She said that if there is a legal issue to deal with, Gmail gets the court order. She said that they would not have the final say of how data is legally accessed.

-Sholklapper asked if that means that UCLA has ownership of all mail through their servers.

-Austin said yes, but they have strict policies. She said that they can request data if they need to. She said with Gmail, they would have to change the password to look at an account. She said that with engineering, they are very careful and they ask for permission.

-Sholklapper asked if there was more protection.

-Austin said there would be less since UCLA legal is adamant of protecting their data

-She said that they have rules that say that they cannot touch mail. If it is in Gmail, they may give out information. Therefore, they will write whatever they can in the contract.

-Austin said that as far as having a legal force that will not be the case.

-She asked if they care that their mail is under Gmail and not under UCLA.

-Gamble asked what requests people make to look at email

-Austin said it always has to do with faculty or researchers. She said that undergraduate data is usually not really an issue. She said research usually needs protection.

-Smith asked how faculty and researchers feel about this change.

-Austin said that engineers want to be able to use Gmail. Austin said she just received a statement form the legal office where there is a bunch of data and they were asked to reserve it. Austin said she couldn't do anything legal with it until campus legal says what they need to provide.

-She said that dealing with faculty is another question.

-Sidrak asked what percentage of students already uses Gmail right now. She said that they looked at the BOL accounts. She said that their theory is that their UCLA address may not be their official email address. She said that there was about 53% using Gmail.

-Saxe said in terms of north campus research, everything has been done through Gmail.

-Sidrak said it has been done in the law school

-Bocarsly asked what percentage still uses UCLA BOL.

-Austin said it was 35% or 37%. She said that they asked the faculty the same types of questions. She said the vast majority were confused.

-Resnick said this was great. She said some of the yes or no questions might raise more questions. She said that they could be worded differently. She said speaking on her behalf; a lot of people are huge supporters of Gmail.

-Austin said that she uses Gmail too. She said they set up Google groups with the task force. She said they needed an official representation of the student body to tell them that this is something that they really want.

-Dr. Geller asked if other public universities went to Gmail.

-Austin said the migration was a little difficult but satisfaction went up enormously. She said a lot

of law schools use Gmail.

-Smith asked in terms of logging in, how would it be set up.

-Austin said they could log in with their Bruin ID or could change their password that would not change their password log in. She said it might cause a bit of a problem.

-Smith asked if they could change their name.

-Austin said they could change the end of the email address. She said if this is a problem, they should note that. She said that since faculty and staff would not move, they couldn't separate the two.

-Gamble said in Gmail, there are ads. She asked how this would work out legally.

-Austin said they would not have ads until you're alumni. She said when you're a student; they are mechanically scanning what you're looking for in the emails.

-Smith said that his BOL forwards to the Gmail. He asked if it would still forward to his Gmail account.

-Austin said if they outsource BOL, they would move new students and existing students would have the opportunity to move. She suggested that they would get a new Gmail account. She said that as long as there are new system updates needed, this would mostly affect new students.

-Smith asked if they could link two Gmail accounts together

-Sidrak said you could. She said you could sign into two Gmails.

-Sidrak asked when they could first start seeing students with Gmail accounts.

-Austin said she can't say, but looking at it, someone just needs to decide. She said she sat on a team looking at the legal assessment. She said the money is also an issue. She said she is pushing to have a decision by the end of the month. This has been in the making for two years.

-Smith said that as a Gmail user, one of the things with BOL is that it is linked to MyUCLA. He asked if switching would complicate the systems.

-Austin said the UCLA log on isn't the UCLA email address. She said if the logon name is the same, it would be easier

-She said that 30,000 people use web mail.

-Smith said he didn't know that BOL existed.

-She said that if going into Gmail separately is an issue, to note it on the survey. She said if they do it, they want to do it right. She said that people didn't want a "crippled" Gmail. She said that any notes would be helpful.

-Austin said an issue they made clear is that no matter what they do with outsourcing, they could move to the next greatest thing. She said it requires more programming and planning to do it. Austin asked if they had any questions. She asked if it was possible to get them to Michelle by Friday.

-Starr asked if they wanted just them to take them or if they should pass them out.

-Austin said she wanted to be able to talk to people and she just needed the data soon. She said they are their official group to go to.

-She said more input is good.

B. Teach for America Presentation- Oscar

He said that after UCLA, he decided to apply to teach for America. HE met with the campus representative the day before the application was due. He said that he didn't originally want to be a teacher. He said that he taught 10th and 11th grade English. He said that it shed light into society. After his commitment, he wanted to come back to UCLA to get the word out early because this was an amazing post-grad opportunity. He said that as leadership on campus, he wanted to let them know about this. He said that during senior year, they would look at a lot of options. He said that they accept a diverse range of majors and minors. He said that the experience was transformative. He said that he was a huge dork in the classroom. He said that his students were 10th and 11th graders. He said that in his class, they read at a 5th or 6th grade reading level. He said it was disheartening because his students were facing additional challenges.

He said that they were taking students with the most challenges already. He said that issues lie in the classroom. He said they looked for amazing students and amazing leaders. He said that students gained tools to go into whatever they wanted to. He said that these are student's deserving of a quality education. He said he would outline a larger scale problem. He said they wanted to create a movement of leaders. He said that teach for America is growing the movement of leaders who work to ensure all kids have access to education. He said that today, poverty limits education opportunities. He said that the challenge is that children in low-income communities face extra challenges. He said that 8% of kids growing up in low-income communities graduate college by 24. He said that students from low-income communities are three times more likely to go to prison. He said that if you go to the top quartile, there is about 80% that goes to college. Joel Klein says "we give kids with the greatest challenges the crummiest education and they say poverty is unbeatable." He said that the biggest contributors to Teach for America were Michigan, Florida, Berkeley, and USC. He said historically, UCLA has been a low-awareness campus, with only a select number of students being fully aware of the achievement gap, or the work that Teach for America does. He said another massive barrier for Bruins is grad school. UCLA students often note that they would love to be involved in this, but their path to grad school is already laid out. He said that most people only know about it because they know someone who has done the corps. He said that in 2011, 14% of the senior class applied for Teach for America and at UCLA, only 4.8% applied. The vice president of Teach for America said she sees immense potential in the campus. She will be visiting October 24th-26th and would like to meet with top leaders, Chancellor Block, and see how we can get Bruins invested. He said that USAC's role is to adopt a classroom and see what that means. He said sometimes they do supply drives. At GWU, the president and student government partnered to challenge the campus to have 50 or more corps members in 2012. He said ideally, he would love to see Teach for America Week come to UCLA, but with an innovative twist that makes it distinctly ours. He said that when Bruins rally around an issue, results come soon after.

-Hester asked what people do after

-He said that people go into education, law, medicine, and business. A majority goes to education or policy

-Starr asked about the training

-He said that you mostly learn by doing

-Saxe asked how people go into law school, grad school, etc.

-He said that they would defer their admission for two years. He said that there are a lot of scholarships there

-Lazarovici asked if there were schools in LA

-He said yes, and these are mostly charter schools

-A public comment was made. She said that they wean you into teaching through training. She said teaching is difficult and they have a strong support network.

-Chikanov asked if they could teach whatever they want

-He said yes. He said they look at what they are qualified to teach and district needs. He said that they would do their best to go to people who need Teach for America. He said their preferences are taken into account

-Gamble asked if there were disadvantages to applying late

-He said that a lot of people apply to LA, NY, Washington, DC and the Bay area. He said that it is more difficult because they are applied to at a higher rate. He said that they set a high bar for their members. He said after selection, they look at where someone fits.

-Smith asked about his stance on policy reform.

-Oscar said that students are affected by policies and he is for policies that are for children. He said that the House of Representatives had faced issues in education and dealt with issues for students. He thanked everyone and said he would be in contact for future collaboration.

VI. Appointments

A. *Amanda Silver-Westrick for Campus Sustainability Committee

- Sidrak moved to approve Silver. Hester seconded.
- Sidrak said that she was a director of sustainability. She was a part of a lot of committees. She wants to be on this committee because this is the last thing she hasn't done. She understands the sustainability strengths and weaknesses of the campus. Her recommendation was 3-0-0.
- Zimmerman said she worked with Silver with TGIF. She said she would be a great addition to the Campus Sustainability Committee. She said that one of these appointments would sit on TGIF.
- Silver introduced herself. She is a 4th year environmental studies major from Orange County.
- Resnick said she has been heavily involved in campus sustainability. She asked what new ideas she would bring to the committee.
- Silver said she would like to look into negotiating their energy use to see if it is feasible to get a clause to have deals with third party companies so that they can get solar panels. She said they tried to rent their space to use solar panels, but it was against their energy use. She said she would like to tackle energy efficiency. She said a problem is that they don't have the manpower to be in all buildings at all times. She said they could set up a mobile app so that students could send in suggestions if they see problems on campus.
- Saxe said there is a mobile app that they could look into. She said this could be jointly utilized for these purposes.
- Silver said that would be amazing
- Sidrak asked about the work she did with paperless course evaluations
- Silver said when working in gen rep 3, they brought the idea to do online course evaluations. She said she led a team of researchers. She said they researched the feasibility of bringing this into transition on campus. She said spring quarter; they ran a pilot program in the nursing school. They are slowly branching out to other departments on campus. She said that she has not had any of her classes with an online evaluation.
- Smith asked what her knowledge is of energy use on the hill or programs on the hill.
- Silver said there are great programs on the hill, such as changing the showerheads and switching out the light bulbs. She said that for her, they could try to get a start on energy conservation and communicate to the administration that they want the new buildings to be sustainable.
- Starr called to question Silver's appointment. Chikanov seconded. With a unanimous vote, Silver was appointed.

B. *Melissa Samson for Student Health Advisory Committee

- Sidrak moved to approve Samson for the SHAC for two years. Sholklapper seconded.
- Samson worked with administrators across campus. She is on the OCHC as the internal vice president. They assisted with the farmers market, gender-neutral housing, etc. She has worked with SFAC, GSA, etc. She wants to increase the visibility of the new SHIP changes. She was approved with a 3-0-0 approve.
- Resnick asked if someone could call in the next appointments.
- Samson said she is a 3rd year nursing major. She was involved in the on campus housing council. She said she worked on the farmer's market and take it to the hill and the rock the vote concert. She is currently one of the academic senate appointments. She is on the diversity and equal opportunity committee. She is on the Samahang mentorship
- Gamble asked if she talked to people on the committee
- Samson said she has
- Saxe asked how she would make people aware of the Ashe center
- Samson said with her experience, maybe they could do more orientation or awareness on the hill. She said they could utilize the website. She said that a lot of it goes with awareness of things. She said they saw things through ASUCLA. She said they could do more signs. She said SHIP allows

all services to be free and it wasn't like that last year.

-Yao said that Ashe provided TB shots for free and now there is a fee for people that don't have SHIP. She asked how she felt about that.

-Samson said that she thought there was always a fee for people that waived SHIP. She said that looking at it last year, there was a fee. She said that there shouldn't be a fee. She said they could negotiate fees. She said under SHIP, it is free of charge. She said she didn't know the criteria for people that waive it.

-Yao said if she is appointed, she would send her more information.

-Sholklapper asked if she needed to change their direction in any way.

-Samson said there should be an increase in awareness about the services. She said that regarding that; there should be a huge awareness of these things going on. She said that working with the office they could have more awareness of what's offered. She said with new SHIP, a lot of things are lowered in cost or free of charge.

-Sholklapper asked if anything should be rearranged in their organizational structure.

-Samson said that it should be. She said there is student input. She said that she knows that they have student surveys. She said that if she had more information, she would have a better answer.

-Arruejo said she talked about working with others on the council. He said she worked as financial coordinator and he knows she will be good with her time commitments.

-Chikanov moved to approve Samson for SHAC. Gamble seconded. With a unanimous vote, Samson was approved for SHAC.

C. *Zachia Nazarzai for Student Health Advisory Committee

-Starr moved to approve Nazarzai. Soto seconded.

-Sidrak said she served on the committee before. She was a part of a lot of discussions about the UC health plan. She said she hopes to increase the visibility of the Ashe center. Her recommendation was 3-0-0.

-Nazarzai is a 4th year IDS major. She said she was on it for two quarters last year.

-Starr asked what improvements she could make

-Nazarzai said since she was new, she was getting adjusted to the committee space. She said once everything was finalized, she was outreaching the plan to students. She would like to increase the visibility of the Ashe center. She said she hopes to increase how many students know about the services.

-Gamble asked what specific ways she would like to do this

-Nazarzai said she would want to have a flu vaccination drive and brochures to show what they have to offer. More events in front of the Ashe center would make students more aware.

-Gamble asked if the fight the flu contest came out of SAHC

-Nazarzai said yes

-Resnick asked what pushed her to apply for it again

-Nazarzai said she enjoyed the space last year.

-Gamble called to question her appointment. Chikanov seconded. With a unanimous vote, Nazarzai was approved for SHAC.

D. *Yvette Aragon for Community Service Mini Fund Committee Member

-Starr moved to approve Aragon. Bocarsly seconded.

-Sidrak said Aragon was involved with a community service project on campus. She knows how SGA works. She has worked with the community service commission and has been heavily involved with CSC. She was approved 3-0-0.

-Aragon said she is a 4th year political science major. She said she was a part of a project in the CPO. She works with a retention project and is a board member for a student organization.

-Aragon said she has been involved with community service projects. She said she has had strong ties to community service.

- Sidrak asked about her background in funding and what experience she has. She asked what knowledge she has about community service projects.
- Aragon said she applied to the mini fund before as a project director. She applied to CAC, CPC, BOD, and most of the funding sources that USAC has. She said she has some knowledge of the CSC. She said being a part of community service. She can understand the different needs of all the projects.
- Smith asked how important community service is in terms of development.
- Aragon said she believes in holistic development. She talked about how people need to be exposed to the greater Los Angeles community and push beyond their comfort zone and the UCLA bubble. She said that she thinks that it's important that everyone is involved with community service.
- Saxe said there are a lot of community service groups on campus. She asked how she feels about those groups applying and if she would evaluate their applications differently
- Aragon said she wouldn't. She said she doesn't see herself being biased in any way and that her experience would help her understand needs in general.
- Saxe called to question Aragon's appointment. Chikanov seconded. With a unanimous vote, Aragon was approved for the community service mini fund member.

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

Hester moved to approve contingency. Bocarsly seconded

-Arruejo emailed the allocations on Sunday. A lot of people are using the new application.

-Starr asked what happened with the society of engineers.

-Arruejo said for contingency programming, they put a lot of emphasis for on campus events. Only 6 people went and they didn't apply to other sources or provide evidence that they were using their own money. He said it was upped to \$200 and they would have gotten more if they applied to the travel grant.

-Smith said with that, this makes a lot of sense since at the retreat, he told them that the more sources you look at the more money you would get more from contingency.

-Gamble said that one grant couldn't subsidize everything.

-Starr moved to approve contingency for this week. Bocarsly seconded. With a unanimous vote, contingency was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

Resnick said they wouldn't be paying for the Velcro wall. She said they would see if they could

have it for another day. She said they are having final funding meetings for Homecoming. There would be special presentation next week. She said she's meeting with the president of GSA tomorrow to talk about goals for the year. She said their first presidential internship meeting is tomorrow. She said they have 20 new interns. She said that if they are available to speak, they should say hello and talk about how they could get involved. She said if they don't want interns, to let her know. She said they could have a new USAC home at the end of their internship. She said they are all welcome to attend internship sessions 7-9 every Wednesday. Resnick said to just let her know. She said the next farmer's market is October 12. She said if anyone knows about people who would like to perform acoustically, to let her know. This would be 3-7pm in De Neve. She said she would remind them

-Dr. Nelson asked what impact the Westwood farmer's market had on this farmer's market.

-Resnick said it would not affect their market whatsoever

-Bocarsly said the one that closed was a big communication. The one that closed was the one in Brentwood. He used the name Westwood, which is continuing and moving to Thursdays.

-Resnick said that tentatively to keep November 1, 5:30-6:30 open. She said there would be food and a great chance to see what other offices are doing.

-Smith asked where it would take place

-Resnick said she would keep them updated

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

-Sidrak said that she would send out an edited version of the student risk assessment: email outsourcing. She said to please get it in by this Friday. The final ITTB meeting is coming up and they want their responses in soon. Sidrak said that she has a 60-page report from the student-alumni taskforce. She said that they should have their response by Friday. Sidrak said it's important to have a funding calendar up. She said with her how-to guide, they are editing their funding guidelines.

-Zimmerman said with the how-to, she should send it out with the calendar so that they could proof it.

-Sidrak said the fellows were selected and their first meeting is tomorrow. She said attendance was great at the meeting yesterday with Roman. She said she met with Arruejo, Champawat, Zimmerman, and Deb.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

-Gamble said that Bruin Lobby Core is having a meeting to go through everything line by line. She said their first lobby visit is with Holly Mitchell. The UCSA board meeting would be this week in Santa Barbara. She said some campaigns could cause drama, so they would see what steps to take with those. She said that they want to make sure they're unified statewide. She talked about the grassroots weekend. She said she went to a training her first year, and she was able to learn about how to become a student leader. She said there were no applications. They would prioritize people with the least experience. She said the call in day was successful. They send 54 faxes as well. She said statewide, several thousand calls were made. Gamble said the internship application is due and they would accept 25. Gamble said UCLA alum is facing deportation. He worked with IDEAS. This is a serious issue because he was a UCLA student. They are gathering petitions and making phone calls. She said the goal is to not have this happen. Gamble said he did a lot for the community. IDEAS is having a rally in support of AB141. AD130 is underway. Gamble said they are working to see how they would fund private scholarships.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

-Saxe said she had the academic senate board meeting this week. The chair came back from UC

wide meetings. She said one of the main things that came up was that there was an improved salary increase by merit. Saxe said this is falling back on the universities to fund this. There is no UCLA approach to how they would be funding this. There is a lot of conversation about where this money would be coming from. She said this would unfortunately add to their debt. She said that there are a lot of conversations about the faculty center. She said they are working to get Anderson being self-sustaining. She said there were several other votes that would go to individual committees. She said she met with Judy Smith. She said that they are working on bringing a pilot team of faculty. She said this would be publicly updated. She said they are targeting faculty that uses course webpage's. She said that they would look for people that would be willing to do so. She said if they know of any faculty that would participate in this program, to let them know. She said they would like to spread this out after seeing success on a smaller scale. Alumni applications are due October 14. She said if people are interested in helping or being a mentor, to send them her way. She said the peer advising network was shut down in the process of Covell cuts. She said that she would love anyone's help or input on that. She said there is a lot of movement on an entrepreneurship minor. Her office is working to construct an academic success map. This would highlight where to get academic services. She said that there is no consolidation of all the resources that are available on campus. She said that all of these services are things that they are trying to highlight. She said they hope to have something out relatively soon.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

-Zimmerman said if there are any bylaw changes, they should contact her office. She said part of her job is to keep track of all changes in bylaws for auditing purposes. She said that they have a few procedures set in place for that. She said that there are things that they would go over in that meeting. She said that the computer lab on the third floor has a communal office space. She asked who had a code set up. Zimmerman said they have a printer with expensive ink and a copy machine where they get free toner. She said SGA could set up an account for them. She said that the copy machine doesn't use a lot of ink. This would get the printer running for longer. She said they placed an order for more ink. She said they would get it soon. If they need to print, she could print it and they could use the copier.

-Sidrak said that a lot of the computers couldn't print.

-Zimmerman said that they are working on it right now. She said that they might use capital contingency to upgrade that instead of purchasing new computers. She said it might just need a new operating system.

-Bocarsly asked if they could have wireless printing

-Zimmerman said this is something they might have to set up.

-Smith asked if they have money taken away when they print or make copies.

-Zimmerman said it might be 3 cents a page. She said in the long run, it would keep resources used for longer.

-Bocarsly asked if they would take it out automatically

-Zimmerman said yes

-Arruejo said Deb could give everyone the code and he would talk to her about SGOF. He said he would email council.

-Zimmerman said they are working on shirts for USAC commissions. She said they made a solution to that. They would use the USAC logo, but they don't have to say, "paid for."

Zimmerman said that student groups still have to say "paid for."

-Yao asked about flyers and other things

-Zimmerman said that this would apply as well for the USAC council. She said affiliated groups would still say, "paid for."

-Saxe said some shirts just say, "paid for by USAC."

-Zimmerman said that's fine too. She said that it's up to council if they want the logo since the

logo is important.

-Resnick asked about business cards

-Zimmerman said they would use SGOF. She said that the prices range. She said that they would have the logo but they are open for changes. They have them one-sided. She said if they're interested, they should email her. Once she gets all the information they would create a business card. She said she wouldn't want them to front their own money for it. She said she could put it on her credit card and get reimbursed. She said there are a couple of different options. She said to like her new SGA Facebook page. She said they had a Facebook page but it wasn't used that much. She said that on Facebook, more people could see the information. She said people can email them directly from there. It is under ASUCLA student government accounting.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. *SOOF Allocations- Roman and his Assistant Budget Review Director

-They will allocate 80% of the total allocation for the fall quarter allocations.

-She said they look at supporting documents. They look at estimates from vendors to show and support the numbers they provide on their application. They look at their narratives and that they're well recognized and documented. She said they looked at their confidence and knowledge as well as their goals and methods to achieve those goals. She said they look at the programming and academic opportunities that they provide. They look for academic success, retention, and recruitment and involvement. They look at what opportunities they have to serve and assist the community. They look at co-sponsoring or programming. They also look to see if their programming is open and encourages participation with the campus community. They look if they demonstrate need

-Sidrak asked if people that did not receive money got reasons why

-Roman said yes

-She said that people were missing documentation. She said they made sure that they wouldn't lose all of their eligibility and they told them how they could better prepare for the next application.

-Roman talked about the allocation process. There was an example of how the process works. They scored the groups and multiplied the requested amount by the percentage score. He asked if there were any questions. Roman said that they only have a certain amount to allocate.

-Saxe asked for clarification

-Roman said the maximum they can apply for is \$3000.

-She said each group requested a different amount. She said the application assumes they requested \$3000. She said that the formula adjusts to take into consideration how much they need and reallocates extra money to groups that need it.

-Zimmerman said thank you for coming up with this. She said that although this seems confusing, groups that request \$100 would get \$100. She said this could also be used for other funding cycles.

-Roman said at the end, they get their final amount. He said the average amount is \$456. He asked if there were any questions of how it works

-Arruejo asked if he could describe any changes they made from last year and how they were made better.

-Roman said he didn't know the formula last year.

-Zimmerman said last year, they were deducted in case they overestimated. She said that they were only able to give about 50% of an allocation because they would run out of money. She said that if they do math with small numbers, people who asked for less got less. She said that this

changed for the better.

-Dr. Geller said this produces much fairer allocations than last year. She said that for smaller requests, it is nice to see that groups allow them to get what they need. She said her concern is that he set aside 20% for the second round. She said to keep in mind what the maximum reward was here. She said to make sure that round 2 don't get a higher amount but they are held to the same maximum. She asked about Kappa Alpha Theta. She said they submitted an application for nothing

-Roman said that they asked for \$200.

-She said they asked for 0 from USAC and the other columns didn't ask for sources.

-Roman said he didn't know what they wanted

-Bocarsly asked if they could explain about second SOOF

-Zimmerman said if they received a 0 for this round, they could apply for second SOOF

-Bocarsly asked if they could opt out and apply again

-Zimmerman said no. She said if they get a 0, they could reapply.

-Gamble said for Kappa Alpha Theta, if they ever gave the reasoning. She asked if they were notified

-Roman said no

-She said they assumed that the advisor went over the application. She said she plans to follow up and suggesting other funding sources

-Resnick said they have revolutionized the SOOF funding. She said following up with groups is very helpful.

-Resnick said some groups had some technical difficulties. She said for all groups they had problems with, they would be actively worked with. Zimmerman said that a lot of groups were helped as well

-Arruejo said that he still signs off on all the recs.

-Starr called to question SOOF allocations. Smith seconded. With a unanimous vote, SOOF has been approved.

-Roman said he would see them soon.

B. #Helen Alonzo appointment to finance committee

-Arruejo said they had applications online or paper. He said they received 12 applications. They picked her as a member. She has good funding experience. She is a team builder and is able to give a good understanding of fair funding and not being biased.

-Resnick said this is a consent item on the agenda.

-Yao moved to approve Helen Alonzo for the finance committee. Sholklapper seconded.

XI. Announcements

-Bocarsly said that two weeks from Thursday is their first big Westwood live event 7-10 on October 20th. People would explore Westwood through food, culture, and music. He said that this would allow students to appreciate culture and restaurants. If this were a success, it would happen every month. They are looking for volunteers to set up. He said once they get the flyer approved, they would start marketing tomorrow. Bocarsly said any help in terms of marketing would be appreciated

-Gamble asked if this was in collaboration with the Westwood community

-Bocarsly said yes

-Zimmerman said they have TGIF mini fund. They also have a regular TGIF. This was a big push for students. She said she wanted to make sure that people were using it.

-Saxe said that LS tutoring was in Covell. She said that it was modified for anyone for LS 1, 2, 3, and 4. Math is in the process and should be ready by winter quarter. She said these are all pilot programs.

-Sholklapper said today, he signed his affiliate contract for SWC and PAC. They are now affiliated with USAC and SWC. Their logo would be on nearly all publications. He said that they should be there to support them.

-Bocarsly said committee applications are due tomorrow.

-Sholklapper said the president is great

-Smith said that the gen rep 3 retreat is this weekend. He said they are ready to get some real work done.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Bocarsly moved and Chikanov 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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