

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 11, 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 Sholkklapper, Michael Starr, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Patty Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali, Stephanie Corrales

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Andrea Barneto, Jude Baldo, Camille Berry, Paul Cutillo, Michael Sandoval, Magaly Chavez, Angela Arunarsirakul

I. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency

-Saxe moved to strike both ARC grants

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs 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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-Arruejo said that Shah was absent last week.

-Saxe moved to approve the minutes. Starr seconded.

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

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. Student IT Issues by Vice Provost IT Jim Davis and Jackie Reynolds

-Davis said thank you for having them back. He said he is the Vice Provost for IT. He said he was there previously for illegal downloading. He said he hopes that they continue dialogue about programs where they're trying to elicit students. He said he sees this as an opportunity to do that. He said that the office of information technology was more informational. He said that IT threads through almost everything. He said almost everything they try to do is in some way using information technology. He said that the university recognizes this. He said they reincarnated information technology. He said that he hears problems from an academic standpoint as well. He

said he is aware of where different programs are going. He said when they use the word "program," they look at where education is going in terms of education technology. He said he works with Williams with servicing with technology. He said that one of their concepts is the notion of a digital citizen. He said it deals with the ethical use of technology. He said it comes along with how they could work with people and how they could utilize information technology. He said that aspect of helping faculty, staff, and students, has been the most interesting aspect of this. He said that there are examples of this, such as first writings. This deals with people who are challenged in using technology. One of the programs they started with dealt with teaching staff and faculty how to use these new technologies so they could use it on a personal basis. This has built up a good will between faculty and staff. He talked about printing and how they could use things in better ways. He said that they have had web meetings and various types of electronic communications. He said that they have to get used to them and in better ways. He said when they get into the research of education materials, they found that they need to take what they're doing and replicate the way they're doing it without the IT. He said that it makes sense to do a face-to-face class. He said that it is heavily about people and less about the IT. He said that IT is 5% technology and 95% people. He said that this is what the program that they're running is based on. He said Reynolds could talk about different programs. He said he could talk about illegal downloading if they wanted him to.

-Reynolds said she has been meeting with Sidrak, Resnick, and Saxe. She said that there are things that they have been focusing on. She said that they want to get them thinking about what Davis was talking about. She talked about the online syllabus. She said Saxe is working with Judy Smith to try to get the faculty involved. She said that getting the faculty to put their syllabus up early is a big step forward. She talked about streamlining the enrollment process. She said that they are working to get the teacher evaluations online and have the summary numbers online so that they can see other student's evaluations. She talked about wireless and making it easier for it to access. She said they want to find places where Internet is spotty and where they could put wireless in the classrooms. She says that they want to put in a system where they could text where wireless does not work. She talked about clickers. They want a uniform system of clickers. She said a solution would be to make it a mobile application. She said that she anticipates for this to happen soon. She said that often times, a clicker is by the book. She said that they want to make sure that online trading is used effectively and everyone is aware that it's possible. She said her goal is awareness of this program. She said that she wants everyone to know about this. She talked about mobile applications that they might not think of. They would have a class and start a contest through January 3rd where people can make ads and could possibly win an iPad 2. She said that this is something people might want to do. She said that these things would make life better for them. She said that they are linking them together and helping them to push through whenever they can.

-Starr said that the Facebook site isn't effective if it's just a forum to complain.

-Reynolds said she wasn't sure of how to use Facebook. She said that at Cal, they get adobe so they are looking into it as well.

-Starr said the site isn't informative

-Sidrak said that she mentioned that they would do a follow up of the complaints

-Reynolds said they did and they should do a more regular update

-Sidrak said that would be a transparent way to show that they heard their concerns

-Resnick asked when the last set of complaints were

-Reynolds said that they gave students free pizza and had administrators to get students there. She said that from those who came, there were technologically inclined and opinionated students there. She said that she would love to do this again

-Sidrak said that from their positive input, they were able to see that people heard them. She said other people on the table would also love to help advertise it.

-Davis asked who was at the last IT meeting. He asked if anyone had suggestions

-Starr said that there weren't many students there. He said that it was apparent that people wanted wi-fi. He said that it could have been very big. He said that he didn't know how to get more students

-Reynolds said she would love students to see how any administrators were behind this as well. She said administrators saw how respectful and earnest students were. She said that dialogue was the highlight

-Saxe said she was a part of the event. She said that she made announcements about this at council meetings. She said a more proactive effort should be made. She said she has a student in her office we well. She said that Jackie and Michelle did so much. She said that wireless was dealt with right away. She said that they were able to help tremendously and the biggest issue is to get people to speak up.

-Lazarovici said that she is involved with focus groups and how they are done. She said that she was sitting in on one of those and it is amazing how frank people are when people are not face to face with the people they're talking about. She said she would like to see this in a focus group setting.

-Reynolds said it did not feel like the students were holding back. She said that the administrators were not allowed to respond. She said the administrators only had the ability to speak only to get clarification

-Starr said that the conversations were very frank.

-Reynolds said they would pass around the microphone. She said the conversations were respectful. She said that they are very mature.

-Saxe asked about the online education. She said she would love to hear everyone's opinion. She asked what input they could have from students to make sure that there is a constant, continuous relationship.

-Davis said that they are about to open up discussion with the campus to see the direction they are taking online. He said that this campus has been resistant to having classes online. He said that there is a threshold change because of new expectations. He said that it deals with where does in class work and when is it most valuable. He said they compare this with when online services would be helpful. He said that he is about to take this out. He said that they would come back to this group and possibly has focus discussions about this.

-Reynolds said they should have someone from the council to sit in on these meetings. She said that people could guess.

-Saxe asked if there would be any other group conversations.

-Reynolds said she would tell them

-Davis said they have a group that has been looking at this for the past year. He said that there is a university of California initiative. He talked about the FCT. He said that this role would be strengthened. He said that this council could be a dedicated focus group.

-Saxe recommended for people to let them know about having these conversations and of their opinions

-Gamble talked about the UC wide services and asked how much flexibility they have.

-Davis said that courses that go forward are from the campuses. He said that these are coming from the campus first and then sending out. He said that they should be looking at things from a UCLA perspective

-Gamble asked how this would expand to outside universities. She talked about the UC initiative

-Reynolds said that students said it would be helpful to be enrolled when you first become a senior/ She said that this happens in Irvine. She said that this should be sanctioned.

-Gamble asked if people could take all online classes

-Reynolds said yes

-Williams said that students are ahead of them. He said that people usually usually use laptops

-Reynolds said they are digital immigrants. She said that if they were to make applications, they wouldn't know what would be a great app. She said they should email her.

B. Homecoming Presentation- Kaily and Helen

-Helen said she was going to update them on Homecoming. She said they have Oct. 28th for the carnival. October 29 is the game against Cal. She said the goal is to foster spirit and lasting ties between the students and the university. She said the IM field is booked all day. She said that they would be conscientious of practicing teams, so they would only use half the field. She said that the exit and entrance would be like Jazz Reggae or the other way, since they would have people coming from parents weekend and from the dorms and the apartments. She said it was be facing Pauley. She said their goal is 25 booths for organizations. She said the letters would encourage students to apply. She said the goal is to have as many student groups part of it as possible. She said students have the option to apply to be part of the philanthropy section. She talked about student organizations that are interested. There would be tables set up. There would be an alley where students could walk through. She said that they would collect cans that would go to the food closet. They would have inflatables, a Velcro wall, etc. The cheer and dance team should be coming in. Chancellor Block would speak. NSU modern would be performing as well. They would have a student DJ playing throughout it too. They would do a riser instead of a stage and a backdrop. She said she would love to have all of them involved. She said they are talking to companies, with some wanting to give out free food. She said that they would be talking to ASUCLA if they want to give out food. She said that they might get food carts to have carnival food. She said that they are coprogramming with the gen rep 1 office.

-Bocarsly said they are reaching out to alumni for donations. He said they are asking for video footage of homecomings in the past. He said they are looking to put together audio to make a montage. He talked to the rally committee as well. He said they would record a welcome video. He said they would have a flashmob at the Rose Bowl, which has never been done in NCAA history. He said it would start with 4 students running onto the field when the band is playing. He said that they know that people would be excited. He said they want to keep this at UCLA first.

-Helen said they also received donations. She said that they had a couple hundred dollars in from other sources. She said they just sent it out to alumni and other families. She said it is definitely growing. She said they are selling shirts as well. She said she wanted it to be affordable to make and would sell them for \$5. She said that for everything that the school requires, they would be spending \$19,533.63. The inflatable rides would be \$3,320. The tees and tanks would be \$5,000. She said that they might have to order more shirts. She said that they are working with ORL and RA's to get students informed. They will be doing table tents. They are on UCLA happenings and advertising this at Parent's Weekend. They will use Facebook and their own website. She said their flyers would be coming in next week. She said they got 10,000 flyers for \$100. She said they would have a big presence at the Farmer's Market tomorrow. She said if they are interested to be present, to tell their offices about the events. She said they reserved 5 booths for them (voter's registration, Homecoming, etc.). She said they would love to have them be MC's throughout the night at different times. She said it would be great to have all of them be a part of it.

-Gamble asked about student groups and what they would do

-Helen said she would leave it up to them to see what they want to do. She said that they would work with them and give them ideas. She said they don't want to force them to do a certain activity. She said if a group just wants to be there for visibility that is great too. She said they would encourage them. She said they would work with them and it is up to them

-Gamble asked if costs are entirely up to them

-Helen said yes, but if they get enough donations to be able to rent something for them, they would look into that.

-Sidrak asked if the tables were first come first serve

-Helen said that they would fill out the form and they would choose using random selection. It is due by midnight on Sunday

- Smith asked what is solidified and paid for. He asked about protocol and procedures for security if someone would come intoxicated
- Helen said they've talked to all the groups and reserved everything. She said that she met with Simmons and talked about funding and forms. She said she could allocate it as soon as she needs to. Helen said they would have events staff and UCPD there. She said that the events staff would be checking at the door. No food or beverages would be allowed. They would be checking bags as well. She said if it were noticeable that someone is intoxicated, they would have UCPD there to take care of the situation.
- Chikanov asked if there would be a table for USAC.
- Helen said that they reserved 5 booths for them. She said that it's up to them
- Chikanov said it would be nice to have a table for them and their flyers so they could talk to students
- Helen asked if they wanted a table at the center
- Chikanov said that anywhere would be fine. He said that they could use the tables to promote their office and USAC.
- Resnick said that since it is getting close, they could encourage their office to buy a shirt and attend the game. She said that it's awesome that it's so cheap for students. She said that she would send out more information about that
- Helen said they've been working with Zimmerman a lot. She said they set up a donations page. She said that if people make the \$5 donation, they could come by Bruin Plaza and get their shirt.
- Zimmerman said that they could say that the first 1000 people who donate \$5 could get a shirt just in case.

VI. Appointments

A. *Kent Grover for Student Initiated Access Committee

Sidrak moved to approve Grover for SIAC. Bocarsly seconded.

- Sidrak said he was a CPO intern. He is committed to accessibility to education. She said that if he is appointed, he hopes to seek innovation. She said that his recommendation was 1 no and 2 absentions. She said she asked him to contact the chair of SIAC because he wasn't able to name the projects and what communities they served. Grover has a good spirit and did his research. She said that Grover didn't have funding experience and freeze up in ARC interviews. Grover drew on high school experiences in funding.
- Zimmerman said that what's great about these committees is that sometimes students don't have that experience but they can gain that experience if they have the passion and excitement. She said that this might be why they're trying it out.
- Gamble said that he couldn't name any projects, which is why she voted no.
- Grover introduced himself. He is a third year political science and global studies minor. He said he is pre-law. He said he was on an acapella team here. He does work with the CPO.
- Resnick asked why he would like to be a part of SIAC.
- Grover said through the process, he was very interested in the committees. He said the mission aligned with his interest and passion. He said he worked closely with the chairperson of SIAC. He said through his experience with the CPO, he feels like this position is fitting.
- Sidrak asked how familiar he is with the 7 projects and with the committees they served.
- Grover said that he has gotten more familiar with the projects. He talked to MAPS and PEER. He said that with that information, he would be able to help them.
- Sidrak asked about the projects
- Grover said PEER is for Pacific Islanders, MAPS is for Muslim students access, HOPE is for advocation for southeast asian students, SHAPE which is for access of African Americans, SPACE which is for access for Filipinos, and Mecha which is for access for Latino/a projects
- Smith asked what information he has about the projects and how they work internally. He asked

if he has ever been to site

-Grover said he had the opportunity to work with these projects over the summer. He said that he was able to meet with PD's and work with them. He said he became interested after he talked to them

-Yao said SIAC funds different funds separate than the community service fund. She asked him to talk about this specific fund

-Grover said the goal is to fund projects that increase access to underrepresented communities in the larger LA region, which decreased after prop 209. He said a group could present to the committee a project that would help increase access, or eligibility to UCLA.

-Shah asked what are the core philosophies of the SIAC

-Grover said that they are spelled out in the mission. They fight for a better community for all, meaning representation for the various communities in the area and around the region. They strive to improve on already existing projects and making sure they are doing their job. They also work to incorporate other communities

-Saxe asked what his role is in comparison to a different presidential appointment. She asked to what extent USAC should be aware of these issues

-Grover said he would be a liaison of USAC. He said it is important that USAC is informed about these issues because USAC is the governing body of the entire campus. He said that the entire body should be very involved because the goal of USAC is to represent the entire study body. SIAC represents those communities as well.

-Saxe said she hopes that he builds that relationship so that they could all stay in the loop as best as possible

-Gamble asked what are the biggest needs of the projects served by the SIAC

-Grover said funding is a need. He said that funding is not very present. He said the biggest need is how they allocate funding and to make sure that the circumstances on allocations are good. He said that one thing he wants to do is add to that encouragement and the process in improving on the already existing projects. He said they hope to broaden the use of SIAC's projects and what communities they serve

-Gamble asked how the SIAC could help fundraise

-Grover said the SIAC's goal is to overarch all of the projects. He said that they could help keep better tabs on the projects. He said that they could work closely with the projects and working with them step by step to get their missions accomplished

-Smith asked how important is the SIAC in regards to the way this campus looks every single day. He said he is asking this because he went on site visits with SHAPE to help communities that look like himself.

-Grover said he has prided UCLA with being diverse. He said that he chose to come here because he felt like it was diverse. He said SIAC encourages this diversity. He said that since they try to bring underrepresented communities to UCLA, it is successful

-Shah asked him to speak about the educational philosophies

-Grover talked about access, such as components such as mentorship. He said you attract students by making them aware of their eligibility

-Shah asked how he feels like projects should be evaluated

-Grover said it goes by meeting what they said they were set out to do. He said they are to increase awareness and bring students here. If they're not doing that, this is a problem. He said it is important that the committee functions properly that they do everything they need to do

-Saxe talked about the CPO internship. She said that she has seen Grover around the office and since he was recommended, they should respect that. She said that he would have a unique perspective that is unbiased and can look at these groups individually. She said this is not just a funding group. She said that they meet and talk about issues on a large spectrum. Saxe said that they shouldn't be too tough on him because this would be a good learning experience for him.

-Dr. Geller asked him how to measure effectiveness for the work of these access projects

-Grover said it's measured by number and by ratio. He said that they look at how many students they want to bring in. He said effectiveness is success in a sense. He said that if they meet their goals and ratios, they are successful in doing what they're supposed to be doing

-Dr. Geller asked if it is effective if they meet numbers but their participants don't go on to higher education

-Grover said that they should keep the student in the loop. He said it is more important to retain students than to bring them here. He said bringing them here and retaining them equals success

-Dr. Geller asked how they could assess effectiveness in bringing students here or to other institutions

-Grover said there are evaluations in place on the projects. He said that what can be improved is how evaluations take place. He said if he were on the committee, he would be able to work with the committee to improve evaluations. He said that student fees and referendums fund these.

-Shah said having worked with SHAPE and being involved, you don't really understand unless you've been to site. She recommended going to site if he was going to sit on this committee.

-Grover said he hopes to learn a lot from this position. He said he would like to go to site and learn more about the projects. He said that it's important to go to site. He said that this is something he would be interested in doing and passionate about

-Smith said that understanding these communities and actively advocating for these communities is important. He said he doesn't know the community and what was happening at these sites. He said that he has never engaged in these committees.

-Grover said that he is not 100% familiar with sites. He said he knows about SIAC as a whole and what the project's goals are. He said he would like to understand the inner workings of USAC and each individual project as a whole

-Dr. Nelson asked how his internship prepared him for what he wants to do

-Grover said he was interested in the idea of CPO. He said throughout summer, they were challenged by different projects to plan different outreach events. He said that he was able to understand the inner workings of the CPO. He said he met with different project directors. He said their missions and goals align with his inner passion

-Shah asked him to talk about the structure of the CPO

-Grover said it is split to CRC, SPOSA, and SIAC. They all have three missions that overlap under the community programs office. SIAC increases access and eligibility. CRC increases student retention and fund programs like the test bank and study hall to increase student retention. They use databases and measurements to see who's being retained. SPOSA funds programs that funds community projects that fund social justice. They make sure those communities have adequate resources.

-Dr. Nelson said SPOSA has different races. He asked if this is applicable

-Grover said he always enjoyed working with a diverse group of people. He said that the world is made up of different people with different ideologies. He said working at CPO and having the opportunity to work with diverse races of people improved him personally and professionally on how to interact with people. He said that SIAC would be vital. He said that being familiar with that is very important

-Gamble asked when he was a CPO intern

-Grover said June to September and now he is a CPO ambassador

-Shah asked what a critique of the CPO would be

-Grover said that the mission of CPO is clear, but there is always something that can be improved. He said that outreaching to students could be improved. He said that when he heard about it, he became interested in it. He said it is a shame because it is a vital part of this campus. He said outreach to other communities is something they could improve on

-Saxe said this is important for him to touch on. She said that it has been a goal of the CPO to reach out to more students and more communities. She said that it is appropriate that the USAC representative has this goal in mind as well. She said together they represent the needs as a whole.

She said they need someone there to reach out to as many communities as possible. She said that this would compliment his role as a USAC representative on this committee. She said it is important that they are willing to reach out to all students She said site visits and funding is important. She said that this is something that every student needs to develop over time. She said as someone that seems passionate in doing so, it is important that they give them that opportunity.

- Yao asked what are barriers to access to higher education that underrepresented communities have and how do SIAC groups work to eradicate these barriers
- Grover said that some groups are not reached out to. He said that SPOSA tries to go to areas where there are barriers of health care, social justice, and education. He said these barriers are something the projects try to combat through mentoring, interning, and bringing students here.
- Starr called to question Grover. Chikanov seconded. With a vote of 9-2-1, Grover was appointed for SIAC.

B. *Haidar Anwar for Student Activities Center Board of Governors (SACBOG)

- Smith moved to approve Anwar for SACBOG. Chikanov seconded.
- Sidrak said the SAC has provided him with counseling; create lifetime friendships, a place to play basketball, and a student leader. He took them through the different floors. He is committed to providing more space to SAC and providing for expansion. The proposal to expand was rejected but they are working on a new proposal. He has worked with the two previous directors of SACBOG. He knows a lot about the services. They asked him to come up with concrete ideas of his vision since his plans and ideas were a bit vague. The vote was 3-0-0 approve.
- Anwar introduced himself.
- Resnick asked why he applied for this position
- Anwar said since freshmen year, he spent a lot of time there with the projects. He said there is the same group of people going in and out of SAC. He said that more outreach could be done. He said he's talked to more students who don't know what's offered in the SAC. He said more outreach could be done. He said that being on SACBOG would help him grow as a student leader
- Sidrak asked what are some ideas on informing people on what is inside SAC
- Anwar said that the CPO does good outreach but other programs don't get the word out. He talked about the AAP and CPO BBQ that was held over summer. He said that they could do something on Bruinwalk to show what's going on.
- Sidrak asked what are some ideas for SACBOG and what they want to work on.
- Anwar said SAC is supposed to be a space for all students to come in and be able to get their work done for meetings. He said groups use it for space. He said they are working on a proposal to expand SAC. He said he's not sure of where it stands. He would like to expand SAC. He said he would like the tenets held inside SAC.
- Starr asked if he had concrete ideas for the SAC
- Anwar said he hasn't thought of concrete things to do for the SAC
- Smith said he would like to see a project in SAC. He said they're trying to make more gender-neutral bathrooms within SAC and gutting out the background to create inclusive spaces for nonconforming genders as well. He said transgendered students are having trouble using the bathrooms outside their office. He asked how they could move forward on that and how could he advocate for that for students who don't identify with the gender binary
- Anwar said that this is a good point. He said that he wants to hold a symposium or event where SACBOG can explain what they want to do. That way, they could have students pitch out what they want to do. He said students feel powerless. He said they could create a concrete idea that represents students as a whole. He said being able to work with administration would help as well. He said that they could hold an event where students could see the student power.
- Resnick asked about what is housed in SAC
- Anwar said that they have a basement downstairs. They have 4 conference rooms where student organizations can meet up. They also have the fiscal office and the EAOP, Bruin Corps, Graduate

Center, LGBT center, CPO, SIAC, community programs office association, SRC (computer lab, food closet), recreation desk and pool, ROTC, the gymnasium, and more conference room.

-Resnick asked if he had any other ideas in terms of advertising to promote what SAC has to offer

-Anwar said he could advocate on the hill to promote events in the SAC. He said transfer students aren't able to go to the hill, but they could have the freshmen summer program and transfer summer program come to them. He said in general, they could go to the graduate resource center. He said they are trying to improve their space as well. He said that he doesn't know much about it, but they would be able to work together since SACBOG is for graduate students and undergraduate student

-Saxe said the textbook loan library was added near the recreation office. She said that they appointed someone on SIAC. She said the goal of the CPO is to reach more students She said as USAC, they would like to make students more aware of the resources on campus. She said she would like to see him and Grover work on initiatives to make students aware of resources within that space. She said that it would be convenient that they are working together

-Shah asked what other student leadership experience he has and what qualities he has.

-Anwar said he was a USAC intern, CPO summer intern, and has been actively involved in Kerkhoff and SAC. He said he was able to familiarize himself with most of the things housed in SAC and the spacing area. He said that being involved with these spaces, he was able to learn more patience. He said groups bump into conflicts that require patience. He said he has been able to become a team player and work with different kinds of people.

-Saxe called to question Anwar. Gamble seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Anwar was appointed to SACBOG.

C. *Trevor Wilkinson for The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

-Hester moved to approve Wilkinson for TGIF. Sholklipper seconded

-Sidrak said that Wilkinson worked with the Westwood beatification process. He hoped to pursue the ideal of environmental awareness. It was a conditional approval of 3-0-0 because he is enthusiastic but has never initiated his own sustainability project. He met with Zimmerman and attended a TGIF meeting. He met with Andre Romero. Wilkinson met with Romero and Zimmerman. He said he would be able to hold the position with the highest confidence. Sidrak said they wanted to make sure he would proactively be a part of this ocmmittee

-Zimmerman said that he attended the first TGIF meeting, which was the first time all members were able to make it. She said it was a great opportunity to see how the fund works. She said he is as up to pace as all of the other committee members. TGIF is a unique fund, so that was the best way to learn how it works.

-Resnick said that normally Wilkinson had a lab at this time.

-Wilkinson introduced himself as a third year psychobiology student. He was interested in student awareness and sustainability. He said while they have a lot of projects, students aren;t fully aware that these projects are happening yet they are able to get funds. He said he was able to see through presidential appointments that there is a TGIF opening. He said he is really passionate about this.

-Chikanov asked if he could talk about his meeting last week.

-Wilkinson said he learned about the funding process, which is being revolutionized this year. He talked about mini funds, where a project could be granted less than \$500 so that students who didn't have multi-thousand dollar projects wouldn't have to work through a ten-page application and still get the funds for these projects. He learned about the funding timelines, application deadline, week of hearings, and decisions and allocations of the money. He said they would ensure that there is no bias throughout the projects. He talked about the solar power, bike project, etc.

-Chikanov said he answered his second question

-Resnick asked what he thinks the biggest sustainability needs are

-Wilkinson said it is about education the students. He said that this is a ground up process. He

said it is about educating the students, since they are the future leaders of tomorrow. He said that these students are leading to a bigger impact when they are combined.

-Zimmerman said that this is true. She said they are excited about the mini fund since students could make small changes that they might not have had. She said that they could change everyone on a smaller scale to make a larger impact. She said she hoped to make smaller projects easier

-Wilkinson said these funds would help students get more involved. He said it's good they know about the program and that they're getting it out to other students

-Chikanov asked how they could get students know about sustainability

-Wilkinson said he could make classroom announcements. He said a lot of people who care about the environment don't know that this money is out there. He said that the bins promote sustainability. He said they could have something that's more recognized, so that they could fund more projects

-Starr called to question Wilkinson. Chikanov seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Wilkinson was appointed for the TGIF Fund.

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

Gamble said she sent out the grant today. There was one group this week, for students in justice in Palestine for a conference at Columbia University, They got \$485.

-Bocarsly asked what \$550 was

-Gamble said that based on the amount that's in the funds this would be an adequate amount

-Bocarsly asked how many people are going to the conference

-Gamble said she could look it up. She said that she could get that information later. She said she could include this in the future

-Smith said this is very important. He said that they look for this information when they look at contingency as well.

-Gamble said that it is no small number of people

-Smith said that they could do this across the board for all of the different funding sources

-Arruejo said for contingency, they have to include how many people going and if it's a program how many people they think will attend

-Zimmerman said in the contingency guidelines, there are maximum numbers for each person

-Bocarsly said that through contingency there is a certain structure

-Gamble said that they went through the mission, how they would bring the information back, a statement of need, how much money they have raised from outside sources, etc. She said she could get a print out of the rubric.

-Smith asked if they are saying that they get \$50 for each person each time

-Arruejo said that they've never gone over and usually go under. He said this is just a guideline

-Zimmerman said it allows them to get an idea of the amount for each person. She said that for example, there is a certain amount for food

-Smith said that since there is no precise number of people on the travel grant, if they could put this on contingency on the report they send out to council

-Zimmerman said it is up to them. She said they could if they want to and it is already in the guidelines

-Dr. Geller said that contingency and board of directors funding are items that they vote on. The

other grants are consent items that the particular commissioner has the authority can grant. The offices put together criteria that may be significantly different. She said the objective here is how much comes back to educate the rest of campus and make a difference here. With contingency, they look at how many people have the chance to participate in a program. She said they have different focuses. She said they have different desired outcomes.

-Gamble asked if there were any objections.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-The council sang happy birthday to Arruejo.

Starr moved to approve contingency. Smith seconded

-Arruejo said he sent out the allocations on Sunday. He asked if there were any questions.

-Smith called to question the approval. Starr seconded. There were no objections. With a unanimous vote, contingency allocations were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

Resnick said that she sent an email regarding the CPO mixer. They met with the CPO director today and the heads of SPOSA and SIAC. CPO will be sending a representative next week. She said that USAC has a role that no students ever feel marginalized and must always feel safe and comfortable. She said they should use their role in student government to ensure that.

-Bocarsly said that at CPO, part of the Irvine 11 spoke. He said that a lot of things were personally offensive. He said that some communities don't get the attention for being marginalized. He told them to use their position to help everyone on the campus.

-Resnick said to use their position for fostering, learning, and education. She talked about the Farmer's Market. She asked them to distribute the flyers to their offices. She said to make sure they come by. She said the DREAM act was passed. By next week, the communal office would have a weekly calendar. She said if groups want to reserve it, to email her to have a schedule and a time to use the space. She said she met with Simmons and SGA. She said there is a council discretionary fund. She said if anyone needs help with a program to talk to her. She said thank you to the finance committee for training their funding directors. She said thank you to Arruejo.

-Arruejo said that his finance committee was helpful.

-Resnick said she would be sending out a campus eide email and to let her know if there is anything, to send it to her to send out

-Sidrak asked what the theme is

-Resnick said they could send whatever they want. She said she would like to set up one on ones to see where they're at and how herself and her office can help. She reminded everyone to buy homecoming shirts. She met with Zimmerman for business cards.

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

-Sidrak said the CSP and IVP student leaders resource fair is November 9. She has a meeting with Janice Guzman in CSP. She said she would like to have USAC present. She said student leaders could approach them there. She talked about the BOD application for Strathmore Saferides, the How-To guide being on html, and a UCLA mobile steering committee. They have cool updates about to go into affect. She talked about the campus safety alliance, which was

created to be a proactive body to respond to safety concerns. She said they are working on a safety resource fair on week 8. She said there are different campus entities there. She said the first fellowship meeting was last week and their first committee retreat was two weeks ago/

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

-Gamble said a lot of work has been put into the DREAM act, especially by IDEAS. They are putting together a research team. There is no requirement but it would preferably be an AB540 student and someone younger for consistency. They signed 397, which has to do with online voter registration. She said Brown vetoed SB185, which was because he thought the overturn of prop 209 was a more valid way of going about it. She said that there are several appropriation bills, which would maintain the Pell grant funding, but there is a bill that cuts education funding. She said more updates would be given later. She said Bruin Lobby Core had a visit last week. They were student friendly. They are going to Senator Patty's office. They would visit Speaker Perez's office in two weeks. She said students that go should be well versed in the issues. Anyone interested should be sent to her. She said the student of color conference would be Nov 11-13. It will be in Davis and everything would be included. The conference would be for everyone. This talks about inclusion, affordability, and diversity. The UCSA board meeting was this past Thursday. There was a resolution about the academic senate. They adapted a guideline that was suggested by a private foundation. The academic senate was threatening to pull from WASC. She said she would send the resolution to council. They are saying they don't want to lose their accreditation and they don't support WASC. She said that they are organizing around issues for California. They finalized their ask for affordability campaign. She said that their office is designing them. The asks are no multi year plan, a reform of prop 13 but not the repeal, etc. She said more on that would be when they get there. She said the UC regent lobbying is now UC wide. She said that the USSA board meeting is in Washington DC, where they would work for an increase voter registration. They just had a staff retreat

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said a stress free fair would happen on Bruin walk. She said that this is the first of many. She said that she would love to hear their feedback. They are working on a global leadership program and are working with the SIAC. Saxe said the alumni mentorship application deadline is this Friday for alumni. She said any help to get more alumni to sign up would be fantastic. She said she would work with Yao and the center for community learning to make students aware of 199 credits for service hours. She said you could do volunteer work with an organization and get units for school. This is in the same structure as internships. She said social entrepreneurship is being developed. They hope to introduce two programs, one as a technological process and one through the center of community learning. She said this would deal with the city of LA, which would be called the academy of social entrepreneurship. She talked about the program for free enterprise program. She said this is an exciting opportunity for students interested in business or social work. She talked about the diversity requirement. She said that the new name is called community and conflict in the modern world. This would be the third of the social GE requirements that would replace one or the other rather than add a GE. She said if they have questions, to let her know.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

-Lazarovici said they could do skill building with the best practices for brainstorming

-Chikanov apologized for not sending an email. He introduced his anthropology class who were observing them.

-The students introduced themselves and said their paper is on linguistics. He said they are sorry

for not informing them earlier. They said they wanted to study student government dynamics through a narrative structure. He said they used video as a supplement to their field notes. He said that next time, they would need to fill out film paper for a permit. They said they were also taking field notes and observed the overall visual aspect. They asked if there was a certain seating arrangement.

-Resnick said no

-Zimmerman said that they needed approval for filming. She said if they wanted to film, they would need to fill out paperwork. She asked how everyone felt about the project

-Lazarovici said she was glad that people didn't know. She asked if this body was recorded. She said it should be said at the beginning of the council that the meeting would be recorded/

-Zimmerman said that they could also listen to the recorded minutes if the council allows it.

-Lazarovici asked if they could come back and present their project

-Resnick asked if anyone was uncomfortable with anything.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. *USA Financial Funding Guidelines

-Bocarsly moved to approve funding guidelines. Chikanov seconded.

-Sidrak said it was attached in the documents with the agenda. The bolded part is the only part they are looking at tonight. She said if they have suggestions for wording to let them know. She said they edited the guideline list of examples. The changes are listed as follows:

· Incentives Guidelines

Funding through Contingency

- A request for funding for incentives must include a statement of why these items are needed for the improvement and success of the program.
- Requests are limited to 2 items per program and the price limit per program is \$100 total.
- In order to receive funding for incentives, the program must occur on campus.
- For all incentive requests, items must be purchased at the ASUCLA store.
- Type of admissible incentives:
 - Emblematic Items:
 - For example: sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, cups/mugs, binders, hats/visors, pennants, key-chains/lanyards, wallets, or other items with a UCLA logo...
- All other items are up to the discretion of the Finance Committee
- Containers/items that promote alcohol consumption will not be approved
- A copy of the advertisement/email/facebook event must be included in the Contingency application and must state that incentives will be given out at the event.
- All attendees of the program must have an equal chance to win/receive the incentive(s) funded by Contingency.
- For all incentive requests, items must be purchased at the ASUCLA store through the use of a Purchase Order (PO) in order to access the 20% discount.
- All limits and restrictions are subject to the discretion of the Finance Committee.

-Arruejo read the changes to the financial funding guidelines.

-Gamble said it sounds good.

- Resnick said it was a good addition that a Facebook event was mentioned
- Zimmerman asked what Gamble had said
- Gamble said that the wording of the guidelines was a good change
- Zimmerman said it becomes a snag in SGA since they want to be able to follow it specifically. She said “emblematic items” makes it broader and easier to process.
- Sidrak said that it is unfair to reward items to one group and not another. She said money goes back to the UCLA store.
- Arruejo said that the fonts are changed and everything will be formatted nicely
- Zimmerman said that if anything is approved, a form is to be filled out, especially if there are changes in the table so that they have exact correct records. This is done to keep consistent records for future generations
- Starr called to question the funding guidelines. Bocarsly seconded. With a unanimous vote, the funding guidelines were approved

XI. Announcements

- Chikanov apologized for the recording situation. He said he is working with the Ashe center and Life Science center where they can go around the campus rather than through Bruinwalk. He said they would try to get this through the chancellor. He said they are working in Halloween and bringing it back. They would have a costume contest, give out candy, and keep students stress free during midterms. He asked if his project would be applicable to TGIF.
- Zimmerman said anything increasing sustainability could go through TGIF. She said you could find sustainability everywhere.
- Bocarsly said that they have the Westwood live on Thursday. They are flyer on Bruinwalk and selling passports, which are \$5 for students. There would be activities, a Velcro wall, mechanical bull, pumpkin carving, etc. He said if you get the passport in advance it would be \$4. He said that he could forward it out to listserves.
- Zimmerman said that ASUCLA is doing a pumpkin carving contest. She said that USAC could do a USAC pumpkin. It is on Halloween and they should let her know. She said USAC has never done one before. She asked if they were okay having them listening to the recording.
- The council said they were okay with it
- Shah said today is national coming out day. She said they started Sunday and it is going through Friday. They are doing a series of events in celebration of the LGBT community. They went on a diversity tour, concert series, voguing dance shops, open mic, events in Bruin Plaza, a movie screening, and Friday is a standup comedy night with two prominent queer comedians. She said they could look at their website for more information
- Zimmerman said she sent out an email to council about the digital signs for USAC and for student groups that have events in Ackerman and Kerckhoff. She said that the events are shown on loop. She said they have a designer if they need help. She said this is free for students. She said everyone has great events
- Gamble said that they’re taking 7 people for the travel grant
- Sholklapper said Monday they are having an event in Wilson. There would be 1,100 backpacks to represent student suicides across the campus’s every year. He said it would get people thinking about mental health and speaking out on something that can be so real
- Smith said they were able to get the scholarship resource center to have office hours in the CPO. He said this serves as a great resource for students so that they can get the resources that they need. He said the SRC would be housed in 105. He said the scholarship resources are very important. He told people to let people know, especially people that live off campus. He said the scholarship resource center is on the hill. Smith said national coming out day is very important. He said that being a support for students is important. He said this is a day to come out of any identity as well. He said this is a way to celebrate community and identity. Smith thanked Zimmerman for her help. He said that the house they were trying to rent was fake. He said they were able to get the money back and solved the situation. He said that the retreat still happened.

He said to watch out from whom they rent the homes from. He asked where the money goes back to

-Zimmerman said that it'd go back into his SGOF.

-Smith said that the house was rented out to people already.

-Zimmerman said that it's good that they inform everyone so that people are aware to be careful. She said if people come across a company and it seems fishy, to come talk to them for places that groups have used in the past. She said she would be happy to share her intel.

-Resnick said she sent everyone on council an email.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Shah 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 10:03 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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