UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 18, 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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Jillian Beck, Vince Sleum, Haidar Anwar, Noor Bala, Noor Teebi, Naseem Golestani, Yaliya Fahimoodir, Tarik Farhoud

I. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shah moved to strike cultural affairs
-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency
-Saxe moved to strike both Academic Affairs grants
-Soto 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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-Starr moved to approve the minutes. Chikanov seconded.

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

IV. Public Comments

Naseem Golestani-MSA

Golestani talked about the ad in the school paper about Horowitz. She said the purpose of the ad said that it was okay to be afraid of Muslims. She said that it was important for her as a student to come there and how these things affect the Muslim community. She said the ad said that it was okay to be afraid of Muslims and people didn't realize the repercussions that it had. She said they face harassment. She said in MS someone cornered her in the elevator and said things to her. She said that there are other examples of students facing harassment because of their religion. She said that these things affect the student body.

Vince- Chair of Calpirg

He updated them on Calpirg and how they’re working to ban plastic bags in LA. He said they’re
working on textbook affordability. He said he hopes to work with USAC. They are also working with homelessness and are educating students on energy efficiency. He said he hopes to work with them on textbooks and he said there are open textbooks that are available and affordable. He thanked them for their time.

V. Special Presentations
A. Economic Crisis Response Team by Maria Blandizzi and Serifa Hozdic
   Bocarsly moved to table their presentation. Sidrak seconded.
   -Sidrak asked if they were supposed to come
   -Dr. Geller said yes
   -Sidrak said they would wait for them

Blandizzi is the director of student services initiatives. She said she is new to campus and she has been here from 2 and a half months. She said she would talk about the Economic Crisis Response Team, or ECRT. She said they represent AAP, student affairs, Bruin Resource Center, the hill, etc. She said they deal with students who face economic crisis. She said they provide resources and options, such as a short-term loan program and grants from $200-$4000. She said over the past few years, they helped 350 students and meet every other week to meet with students. She said there are no applications and students are referred by someone. She said students have usually sought out other resources as well. She said that students can write to ECR@saonet.ucla.edu or you could refer to them at the financial aids office. She said they need a student ID number and they look at their financial aid packet, budget, etc. and figure out how they can be supportive. She said they don’t offer a lot of help with international and out of state students, but they come up with other sources of support. She said they couldn’t help people declare residency but they try to provide as much support as they can
   -Lazarovici asked where they get funding
   -Blandizzi said they once got a grant from the Chancellor’s Office. She said they keep good records and they still have funding
   -Lazarovici asked what the email address was
   -Blandizzi said it is ECR@saonet.ucla.edu
   -Resnick asked if they have to receive financial aid to receive help
   -Blandizzi said no. She said they figure out how they would be able to get loans
   -Smith asked what situations come up, since he hasn’t heard of people that have used this. He asked what would fit the criteria of coming to them. He said this is weird that they have this since loans only help temporarily
   -Blandizzi said loans are for students that have the financial means but don’t have it at this moment. She said that they provide the short-term loan to provide them for the rent for the month as an example. She said students could usually pay back the loan. She said typically students don’t ask for a secondary short-term loan. She said that situations that come forward vary. She said students might expect something from financial aid package or financial support. She said they come in on the short term to provide that extra boost. She said they see all types of cases. She said often they see housing issues. She said they try to make their housing the most affordable
   -Smith asked how much research or data they’ve collected. He said he was curious about the queer community
   -Blandizzi said they only ask about their ID number so they don’t collect much data. She said she can take this back to the team. She said that they have not collected demographic data on students
   -Dr. Nelson asked if they could help undocumented of international students with housing
   -Blandizzi said yes
   -Dr. Nelson said he has an international student that could use this. He asked if they help people find jobs
Blandizzi said they do help people with jobs. She said they hired 47 international students. She said they work with housing. They also offer food vouchers. They offer resources in the local community. She said they do more than offer financial assistance. They look at all the issues that are forthcoming. She said often people face mental health issues. They look at issues holistically.

Gamble said that some people face issues where they need to have a zero balance on a BAR account to get a loan.

Blandizzi said they work to remove a hold from an account.

Resnick said that a student that could use their help approached her.

Blandizzi said they could say what has triggered the process and an ID number. She said they work with students that need to be on good academic standing. They also work with counselors to work with students, such as putting them on contracts. She said within 24 hours, they are contacted and have a one-on-one consultation. She said she is new at this.

VI. Appointments
There were no appointments this week.

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
Amount remaining in Travel Grant fund: $12,964.00
Gamble said they have four allocations for this week. She said she sent it today. She said she included the number of people going. The total gave out was $1551. She said they created caps for in state and out of state travel. There are a few people going out of state with these funds. Team HPV is going to Harvard. Model UN are taking 10 people to Georgetown. Amnesty International would be staying in LA. Camp Kesem would be going to Indiana.

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

E. *Contingency Allocations
Starr moved to approve contingency. Bocarsly seconded.
-Arrujo said he sent out the allocations this week.
-Starr called to question the contingency allocations. Saxe seconded. There were no objections. With a unanimous vote, contingency was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President -- Emily Resnick
Resnick said whenever people come to the council table, pay special attention to them and give them the respect that they deserve. She said it is not too late to send her information for the campus wide email. She thanked those who already sent things. She said she would contact everyone for one-on-ones. She said she would do these after Homecoming. She said Homecoming is in 10 days. She said USAC would have a booth at Homecoming. She said this is great publicity in a fun way. She said she hopes to see them all there. She said she would send out a Doodle to see when people could work the booth. She said they could be MC’s as well. The
USAC mixer is November 9th on the Ackerman second floor lounge. This would bring the offices of USAC together and let people know what they are working on. She said this was a week of two flashmobs. Saxe would be working on one and Soto and herself are working on one for the stadium. She reminded them to keep this in the UCLA student community.

-Bocarsly said they could create a secret group. He said he added all of them to it. They already have 1200 people. He said to invite all of the people. The video would be up as early as Friday.

-Resnick said she hopes they would all publicize it. She said there are a few appointments to be filled. She said they now have an official all USAC twitter and all USAC Facebook group. She said they already have Westwood live. She said if there is anything else to be advertised, to let her know. She proposed a Halloween meeting and said everyone could dress up.

-Sidrak asked when it would be

-Resnick said it would be the week of Halloween.

Internal Vice President -- Kristina Sidrak

-Sidrak said she sent out a yearly funding deadline calendar for everyone’s approval. She said her blog came out for the IVP website. They met with Ken Heller on how to write the guide on HTML. They would make it a smaller, more manageable PDF. She said they have a program on leadership development next week. She talked about the CSP mixer from 12-2 on the second floor lounge. She said SWC, AAC, TGIF, CS Mini, etc. would be there

-Zimmerman asked if she needed to email them

-Sidrak said to email them to be sure.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

-Gamble said they had a staff retreat. She said they had 4 staff members in DC in the past weekend. She said they came back with a few updates. USSA is working on their campaigns. She said that they are working on a super committee. She said SOCC applications are due next Thursday. She said it is important that council attends. She said it would be great if they come. She said she there would be a concert in Bruin plaza registering voters. Bruin Lobby Core is continuing their visits and they are meeting with Speaker Perez next Friday. She said there is always space. She would be in Berkeley this weekend. She said there would be people from CC’s and CSU’s. Gamble said there is a political action committee being formed. She said the purpose is to promote people from the state legislature. She said they are targeting the reagents and her office is figuring out how to be a part of this. They are a little out of touch with what’s feasible. This would be on November 9th.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said they have been planning for their stress free day on Friday. She said it is important that it is also Random Acts of Kindness, Gen Rep 2, and SWC. She said prior to midterms this is really important. They would be giving out blue books and Scantrons. She said that they should let her know if they want to participate. They would be having study nights this quarter. She talked about the Global Leadership Conference. They selected 20 high schools and would narrow it down. They would try to bring in diverse students from different categories. She said they’re looking closely on how to get a broad spectrum of students for the conference. They are planning a kick off for the social entrepreneurship. The kickoff is on November 10th. She said they would speak on how people have lived as a social entrepreneur. She talked about the syllabus preview. They identified 75 professors as a part of their pilot program. They would reach out to them this week. She said they identified services on campus by building a location across the entire UCLA campus. She said they would look at what help students can get. She said she would send out a list when it’s closer. She said they have been following up with the diversity requirement. She said this would be called community conflict in the modern world. The first vote would be soon.
She said some positions are not filled in the committee yet. She said she would like to have two graduate students to fill these positions. She said if they know anyone to fill these to let her know. She talked about online options. She said there are two lectures to be taught in person as a standard lecture that would be taught. She said they are looking at differences in grades and how students would react. She said they could voice their opinions to Yudof and they could voice their opinions. She said other UC schools have taken a stance against online education. She said they were on Major Blast on the hill. She said ORL and Academic Affairs have communicated and hopefully they will have a closer relationship. She said they have been working with the SFAC center. She said if they could prove that this is an additional service to students, and then SFAC will more than likely approve funding for the writing center. She said they would be working with these representatives. She said there would be an increase in educational technology. She said now, they pay a fee for each of their classes and that fee has gone up. She said if professors get a webpage, they should be trained on how to use it. She said currently, professors are not being trained. She said unfortunately, ARC funds were under utilized. She said they would evaluate their guideline. She said they would like to have their chair on the funding board approved by council by a majority vote. She said they need someone to sit on the funding board, etc. She said hopefully they could do something next week to approve all of these students. She opened the option to everyone to sit on the funding board. She said if anyone is interested in this to let her know. She said she would like to utilize this funding source for students. She said they would be working with these representatives. She said there would be an increase in educational technology. She said now, they pay a fee for each of their classes and that fee has gone up. She said if professors get a webpage, they should be trained on how to use it. She said currently, professors are not being trained. She said unfortunately, ARC funds were under utilized. She said they would evaluate their guideline. She said they would like to have their chair on the funding board approved by council by a majority vote. She said they need someone to sit on the funding board, etc. She said hopefully they could do something next week to approve all of these students. She opened the option to everyone to sit on the funding board. She said if anyone is interested in this to let her know. She said she would like to utilize this funding source for students.

-Zimmerman talked about working on study hours. She said their program could work with her office and they could work in Ackerman. Students could see where student government is as well. She said they have a van service and they could drive people home.

-Saxe said that is a good idea. She said they could do both

-Saxe said thank you.

-Gamble asked when the Global Leadership Conference is

-Saxe said winter quarter

-Gamble asked if they are working with anyone else

-Saxe said they are working with the SIAC

-Gamble asked if they have a specific project director

-Saxe said yes as well as someone who does the annual conference. She said they are working with the chair as well. She said if there are other groups to let her know

-Gamble said if they’re working with them then it’s fine

-Saxe said this conference brings people from diverse communities. The idea is that the students they reach out to can come out to the conference as well. She said it overlaps with their goals as well.

Alumni Representative-- Laureen Lazarovici

Lazarovici talked about the students who came in for public comment. She talked about the people from the Museum of Tolerance. She said that she saw that relationship between speech hand campus climate and people’s individual actions. She said the person who couldn’t talk about what happened in the elevator struck her. She said this was striking to her and made her realize the challenges with the campus climate and how these have been going on for decades. She said their work on the campus climate is appreciated

-Resnick said she would look into this

Robert Williams-- ASUCLA Executive Director

Williams talked about student government. He talked about how this is the larges student association in the world. He said they are one of the only groups where students run the
operations of food facilities, student union, and store. He said they run about $90 million. He said there is something lost in understanding the enterprises. He said that Homecoming is not done through ASUCLA and the store. He said they have so much influence on campus because they have the support of these buildings. He said maybe he could come back and do a better explanation on this. He said they are the only ones left like this. He said Berkeley’s position changed. He said this is something precious and it’s not obvious what they can do. He said this as a word of warning that it’s these 4 entities that are one of the largest in the world.

-Bocarsly asked about working with ASUCLA
-Williams said they could talk to him because he works for them. He said he works on strategic things
-Saxe asked if he could compile a list of possible ways that they could go to ASUCLA. She said she would love to see the ways they could work together.
-Williams said they have an entity team. He said the board members could come back and report on what they’re doing. He said he believes that some of them get the report that they send out. He said they could possibly do a presentation.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business
A. *Fall Quarter USA/BOD Programming Fund Allocations- Roman Nguyen (Budget Review Director)

-Smith moved to approve Fall BOD Allocations. Bocarsly seconded.
-Nguyen introduced himself. He passed out documents of last year’s allocations. He said the one with staples is the allocation from this year. He presented the USA/BOD allocations. He said 25 groups applied for this year. They had $276,304.00 to allocate for the school year. He said this is less than last year.
-Zimmerman said this is less because surplus wasn’t allocated yet. She said it would grow depending on how much is left after surplus.
-Nguyen said he used 18% for this quarter for about 25 groups. They project 40-60 groups applying later and 80-100 groups for the spring quarter. The average allocation is $1575.00 for this quarter. He said that the formula is similar to the SOOF formula. He said that he was playing with numbers and showed an example of allocations using the new formula. He presented 3 organizations, A, B, and C. The three groups requested 100, 25,000, and 2500, respectively. Their eligibility amounts were 1000, 8000, and 2250, respectively. The chart should help smaller groups get funds based on the eligibility amounts. He applied the same SOOF formula. After the formulas, the groups received 100, 3296, and 1604. He said it is very similar to SOOF. He asked if they had questions.
-Sidrak asked what the correlation was on how much the score was weighted.
-Nguyen said group B only got 50% on their score.
-Sidrak said the score determines their eligibility amount.
-Arruejo said what they’re eligible for is what they base the score on. They apply the score and look at all scores and a pre-allocation is done.
-Nguyen said there are more details of how it works on the sheets.
-Bocarsly asked how he came up with the chart.
-Nguyen said he based it on past allocations. He said it is based on the trend of pass groups. He said it is very systematic and they are trying to make it fair for everyone. He said if a group asked for $800, they would not get only $30. He said they make it fair.
-Saxe said BOD is a large funding source. She said groups apply for large amounts. She said they allocate up to $7800. She said they have a limited amount of funds. She asked if groups could get
more than $7000.

- Nguyen said it depends on how many groups apply. He said the more groups that apply, the less the average will be.

- Bocarsly asked if there would be a bigger budget for winter and spring. He asked if this could be adjusted to help them now.

- Zimmerman asked if he showed the numbers to Deb Simmons.

- Nguyen said she told him percentages to use.

- Zimmerman said they might want to see if they can get these allocated. She said they might be able to allocate more and make the 20% smaller up to the discretion of the council.

- Nguyen asked how much surplus was

- Zimmerman said it is not a definite number. She said that they usually keep in mind that the remainder can trickle down. She said she doesn’t have a ballpark range of the number, but they most likely will get $50,000 more for the whole year. She said this is something to take into consideration since he wasn’t aware that they would be getting these funds. She said she wouldn’t want these groups to have a much smaller pool than those in the winter and spring.

- Saxe said his estimates are that more groups can apply.

- Bocarsly asked if Simmons gave him estimates.

- Nguyen said he did.

- Bocarsly said winter and spring would be getting more funds.

- Arruejo asked for clarification.

- Bocarsly said the percentages should stay the same. He said the total amount of money would change after surplus.

- Arruejo said they don’t know. He said that he’s guessing how much money he would get and how much Nguyen would get. He said that Nguyen and himself have to apply allocations and give final allocations throughout the year.

- Bocarsly said now, they’re assuming nothing from surplus and they should take it into account.

- Zimmerman said USAC council controls the spending of surplus. She said they control how the funding is divided up. She said it goes to capital contingency, contingency, and BOD. She said they would make sure that the fund is not left to zero. She said she couldn’t guarantee how much is on the table but they can decide where their priorities are. She said she would be shocked if nothing trickled down but she couldn’t say how much would come in.

- Smith said he agrees. He said the funds would be there. He said he would rather leave the numbers as is. He said the numbers seem fair to him. He said that Nguyen is able to account for tougher equations as well.

- Sidrak asked when surplus would get the number.

- Zimmerman said their goal is the end of November. She said it has come up in January. She said December is difficult because of finals. She said Champawat said his goal is at the end of November. She said that they could play it safe because it might not be done by winter BOD.

- Bocarsly said if it is later, they are still in the same situation at the next BOD allocation. He said the question is what they should do about it right now. He said if they get $50,000 or more, they would need to figure out what to do.

- Starr said this is a valid concern. He said that low percentages are of concern.

- Shah said they never got an electronic copy of BOD. She said she didn’t know how much this conversation would make a difference, since the money amounts would be small.

- Gamble said this is an advantage because they would be applying in spring.

- Resnick said they estimated 80-100 groups would be applying in spring.

- Sidrak asked if there is a way a one-line comment could be added to groups explaining this.

- Nguyen said in the future he could.

- Saxe said in terms of the $300-$400 difference this could make, they do anticipate to anticipate what would come from surplus. She said last year, she found that they could apply for large amounts of funding. Saxe said that students groups need to know that these numbers are not
realistic and they need to plan accordingly. She said they need to reevaluate how it is presented.

-Sidrak agreed. She said this is to help with large-scale projects.

-Bocarsly said he agrees but he doesn’t know how to do this because if groups apply for less, then they would get less.

-Shah asked if there is any merit to have a minimum amount. She said they could say that no event could be less than $1500. She said there are other sources for these programs, such as her mini grant.

-Bocarsly said this would take away small costs.

-Saxe said she likes Shah’s idea because the $475 could have been contingency. She said they could have a maximum amount of $10,000 so that they had a realistic measure.

-Dr. Nelson said if there are more groups applying then they need to be careful with their funds. He said these groups have been going on for years and they still go on. He said they could go on unless there is a significant increase of groups applying for funds. He said there are large programs that are scaled down. He said programs do take place.

-Resnick said it was difficult to advertise for this BOD. She said she likes what Dr. Nelson said. She said they hope to increase people applying for BOD.

-Arruejo read the amounts from BOD 2010. He said that they hope to get $110,000 from surplus funding. He said they are counting on that number within $20,000.

-Williams said that he doesn’t know how he would approach this. He said they always want to over perform. He said that some kind of presentation could be made to say that the average amount is within a certain range.

-Resnick said this is a good topic of discussion.

-Bocarsly asked what they want to do about this. He asked if they should leave it as is.

-Gamble asked when the deadline was to have his approved

-Nguyen said the earlier they approve, the earlier they get the funds for this quarter.

-Bocarsly said he was amazed that he was able to do this in one day. He said that at the same time, a week to add in the extra money could be beneficial.

-Resnick asked what Arruejo and Nguyen would do.

-Arruejo said that this is already raised from the average BRD. He said that it might be too much. He said he would approve it but he’s biased since he worked with Nguyen to make sure it was well and good.

-Nguyen said it depends on surplus. He said if they looked at this proportionally, fall quarter would have the highest ratio. He said he is iffy of how much surplus they would be getting.

-Shah said it is better to get out allocations earlier since a $300 difference is not a big deal versus waiting a week. She said it is better to give them an earlier heads up so that they could apply to other funding sources. She said this would give them time to accommodate that difference.

-Resnick said it would be cool to add a link to the website to show them so that they can show them more funds.

-Nguyen said he already tells groups they could apply for other funding sources.

-Williams said he knows they will have more. He said that every year they have it. He said that they could redo the chart.

-Zimmerman said Williams is right. She said if they give the amount, it would be about 27%. She said they could tack on $20,000 and put it into the equation. She said there would be surplus.

-Resnick said that they could compare $20,000 with the other amount.

-Bocarsly asked if they could do the adjustments now.

-Nguyen said yes.

-Williams said the goal is to spend the money. He said what they don’t spend is in surplus and they wouldn’t be able to do what they support. He said he’s supporting a little risk.

-Bocarsly said the idea of a cap is a great idea to avoid it in the future.

-Saxe said a range would be helpful so that students would know what to anticipate. She said this would be more realistic so that they would reach the right groups for the right programs.
Zimmerman said that seeing how much a group costs as a whole is helpful. She said they could have caps but they could still express how much the event costs as a whole. She said this would be a good compromise.

Bocarsly said he agrees, but they are aware that the more they say, the more money they get.

Saxe said that when they apply for contingency, they still won’t get more based on how large their program is.

Soto said they ask for a line item breakdown so this might not be a huge problem.

Nguyen presented the new values. He told them to compare it to the J column.

Saxe asked if the final allocation column is correct.

Nguyen said no because they haven’t touched it.

Bocarsly said that some groups got a $600 and $700 increase.

Starr said some groups got their full allocation.

Saxe asked if they had to wait to allocate these.

Zimmerman said no.

Saxe asked if they could change it.

Zimmerman said they could approve it. She said they could vote on it tonight if they are happy with the change.

Bocarsly called to question the new call to question with an increase of $20,000. Sidrak seconded. With a unanimous vote, the BOD allocations for fall quarter were approved.

Saxe asked when the funding cycle was for winter.

Nguyen said Nov. 4.

Saxe asked if it was possible for the funding study group to respond to this situation. She said they should call a meeting ASAP for the next cycle.

Nguyen said he was planning for the first meeting to be a discussion but he could bring it back. He said he could do it. He said he would be free after the allocations but he could try to do a preliminary meeting beforehand.

Shah said this isn’t realistic because they’re already working on applications. She said throwing in a new guideline is kind of unfair.

Yao said she agrees. She said they could come up with wording that there is a limited amount of funding and add it to the website or say it at the hearing.

Nguyen asked if he could do something with the Budget Review Committee.

Zimmerman said this is the path they should be taking. She said they could add it to the website. She said that rules should be added at the beginning of the year. She said adding wording and saying the average is something they could express to the community.

Bocarsly said throwing in percentages of what people got in the past would be great.

Nguyen said the range is different but he could see if he could do it.

XII. Announcements

Gamble talked about campus climate and how they could address these issues. She said she would like to have a discussion about these issues and they are not addressing them in their opinion. She asked if she could add it to the agenda.

Sidrak said have it by Thursday night.

Bocarsly said Westwood Live is in two days. He said things are underway. They have been selling passports and this will continue tomorrow and Thursday. He said he would send a Google spreadsheet with opportunities to volunteer at the event. He said they are expecting a huge attendance.

Zimmerman said she likes the Twitter and USAC group. She said she would love to put that on the USAC website. She said she would like more information about the live chat.

Resnick said they would come in and talk to her.

Zimmerman said they have displays. She said they want to take advantage of this.

Resnick asked how to do this.
Zimmerman said she would send out an email and there was a recent hire that deals with this. They have the CS Mini Fund applications due at the end of this week. TGIF funds are coming up as well (October 28th). She talked about business cards if anyone is interested. She said if they have questions to let her know.

Dr. Geller said she would not be here next week. She said what struck her about public comment was that she’s the editor of one of the journals. She said she was addressing the content of the ad, not that they accepted the ad. She said they should reach out to the appointees and asks them to explain accepting an ad contrary to campus values.

Bocarsly asked if they are allowed to do that.

Dr. Geller said they’re not allowed to control that but they are allowed to have a discussion. She said they often have the public there. She said they could educate others in the campus community by asking the question and helping them understand what happens.

Bocarsly asked if they could choose what they accept.

Dr. Geller said administration does not choose what they take.

Shah said one of the comm. board members are looking at this and looking at it. She said they could come in next week in terms of what their opinion is. She said based on what he was saying, the editor in chief has say in what gets printed.

Dr. Geller said there could be a letter to the editor that expresses disdain while supporting freedom of press. She said they could educate the public.

Resnick asked who to contact.

Shah said Rayon.

Saxe said an ad from the same person was pulled. She said there have been issues on a larger scale. She said this is a Jewish individual and there are accusations against him. She said that the ad does not reflect the Jewish community. She said she would like to make this distinction. She said the ad was not supported by a student organization.

Smith said after speaking on the comm. board, they were outlining that they are not looking for money. He said it’s more or less their resolution. He said that it was an oversight. He said this is a discussion they should have with the editor. He said he is disappointed on how they are allowing these things to happen and he said hopefully they could get their acts together.

Sholklapper said tomorrow night is yoga under the stars sunset rec. from 5:30-7:30. He said part of the yoga would be under the stars. He said this is free for students.

Smith asked what kind of yoga they’re doing.

Sholklapper said this would be toward the beginning middle range so that as many people could do this as possible.

Yao said that next Tuesday would be their service fair in Bruin Plaza. She said a student group would host each booth. She said CSC came up with a slogan at retreat. She said they have had logos in the past. She said it would be, “CSC, service is our middle name.”

Sholklapper thanked people for the backpack piece. He said the piece was touching. He said they could look online about this.

Resnick thanked everyone who came to the Farmer’s Market. She said she would leave flyers outside of her door.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment
- Starr moved and Bocarsly 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 8:59 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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