

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Ronald Arruejo, Dan Chikanov, Daniel Soto

GUESTS: Jillian, John Joanino

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

-Shah moved to strive both academic affairs grants

-Gamble moved to strike capital contingency.

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant

-Soto moved to add a presentation from CEC

-Saxe moved to approve the agenda. Starr seconded.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

-Sidrak said under special presentations it says Ryan and Elsa

-Bocarsly moved to change the spelling of Bruin Lobby Corps

-Lazarovici said it should read prop 13

-Gamble moved to change prop 19 to prop 13.

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-Bocarsly moved to approve the minutes. Sidrak seconded.

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

IV. Public Comments

UCLA Bruin Alliance- Marcus

Marcus talked about Ally Week at UCLA. He said he wanted to go over the history and curriculum. He said they have done ally training. He said they decided to stop doing them because he thinks that all LGBT events should have an ally component to them. He said they are part of the community. He said they should not want to distance themselves from the stigma that LGBT might face. He said that people want to distance themselves from the stigma. He said he

wanted to make sure that the LGBT community is consulted. He said that they want to make sure that programming is LGBT initiated. He said there was little support of the LGBT community from some members of the council already. He said they have had people on council say they were on the ally committee and never showed up. He said there was a blood drive for ally week. He said he hopes this won't happen again and he hopes they will have a curriculum. He said they hope they didn't tokenize the queer community. He said the IVP office was working on ally week. He passed out sheets with more information to the council.

V. Special Presentations

A. Digital Downloading by Jonathan Curtiss

-Smith moved to table this special presentation.

-Curtiss said he had a couple short videos at the end of this. He said that he is a part of the student campus life. He talked about illegal file sharing at UCLA. He said that he would describe what the situation is and what they are trying to do to reduce infringement at UCLA. He said that infringement happens with software, movies, videogames, etc. He said that unlawful distribution includes uploading without rights holder permission. He said that people do not have the right to share products unless they have the permission from the copyright holder. He said if something is over 75 years, it's probably not copyrighted. He talked about the civil and criminal penalties under DMCA. He talked about a civil penalty, with a minimum of \$750 per track. He said that a criminal act would be up to 5 years in prison. He said that this includes people who record movies in theaters. He said copyright holders could sue for up to \$150k. He said that this is a problem at UCLA. There were 1440 DMCA notices for illegal file sharing. Nearly all notices were verified. He said they might not have taken anything, but other people might have. He said that in recent years, students have been taken to court and have had to pay up to \$177,000 for copyright violations. Curtiss asked why they think the university is backing this kind of enforcement.

-Zimmerman said they are a large target of a young community

-Curtiss said the prime infringer is a 19-year old male in college. He said that one of the regents was the former head of Paramount. The governor was a former actor and producer. He said they have every major studio at their doorstep. He said their major corporate entities are in LA. He said they are the prime demographic of those who infringe. He said that UCLA is a huge producer of copyrights. He said that all of the research done on campus is copyrighted and protected. He said they want others to respect their rights as well. Curtiss said aside from fines, it is also in violation of the student code of conduct. He said that for the first offence, they have their short-term Internet access shut off if living in campus housing. They must attend a mandatory workshop attendance or campus services are withheld. He said this could be for as little as one track of an album. He said for the second offense, there would be a formal sanctioning by the Dean of Students. He said they face removal from housing for violating their contracts. He said as a third offense, they face formal sanctioning by the Dean of Students and dismissal is likely. He said over 1/3 of infringement cases came from resident halls. The wireless network made up 19% of infringement. The campus made up 43% of infringement. Weyburn and Hilgard made up 11% of infringement. He said a lot of infringement activity comes into the security accounts. The networks are identified and they show what companies they took from. He said everyone on UCLA computer networks has an address that is traceable. He said an individual claim notice could tell them their address. He said they could show what their infringement was and at what time. He said they check their IP and logs. He said over 4,000 students attend UCLA from overseas. He said that if they are under a visa, they are subject to UC Copyright law, subject to campus discipline, and possible action from BICE. He said that there are legal entertainment services that are free/ He said they sponsor Clicker at UCLA. He said they are trying to take a different tact of targeting students. He said they were trying to think of a fun or entertaining way to get the message across. He said that a student who infringed upon copyright laws was a film student and made a video.

Curtiss showed the video to the council entitled “The Big Deal.”

Curtiss said they are looking to disseminate ideas that students might have. He said that students don’t want to hear this from him. He said that they want to have something indirect. He said they would show a PSA. He said they are looking for venues to have students see these videos.

-Resnick said a great place is to show the video at orientation. She said students are required to be there.

-Curtiss asked if orientation starts in July

-Resnick said yes.

-Hester said that they put free shows and movies and they could show the video before the movie

-Curtiss said that’s a great idea

- Yao asked if you could hear things at Ackerman

-Zimmerman said not really

-Shah asked about the TV’s that show music videos

-Zimmerman said that she would look into it

- Smith asked if they could work with UCLA technology. He said that is a good way to show it ASAP to everyone.

-Curtiss said there is a showcase feature that they have shown at. He said they have spoken to them about it. He said that students sign directly onto the system. He said he would find out more information

-Cynthia asked if they could post this to the USAC website

-Curtiss said they could send the link

-Hester said that they could have a stipulation before they should show this video before they show a movie on the hill

-Curtiss said student’s come with file sharing already installed and get caught. He said that just because someone doesn’t understand it doesn’t mean they can’t face consequences. He asked if anyone had any questions about this. He said thank you for their time

-Resnick thanked him for coming and speaking to them

-Curtiss said thank you for their suggestions

B. Student Regents Alfredo Mireles and Jonathan Stein

Mireles said he is the voting student regent from UCSF and Berkeley.

-Stein said he is the student regent designate. He said he is a nonvoting resident and next year he will be the voting regent. He said they would choose a designate next year. He said that they are here because the regents are using financial data to make long-term decision about the UC, budget, and fees. He said that students should have the same information. He said it could be dry but the information is important. He said that if they have any questions they should let them know.

-Mireles said they make their personal information available. He said he hopes they have a long-term relationship rather than a short-term relationship. He explained an overview of the UC campus. He said they have about 230,000 students. He said that they are the student voices on the body that makes big picture decisions at the university. He presented the long-term fiscal future of the UC slide. He said in 5 years, there would be a \$2.4 billion deficit in 2015-2016. He asked how they would fill the deficit. He said that they got here after enrollment growth, compensation increases, and the reform to the pension system that would cost more than it has in 20 years, employee benefits, health care benefits, capital renewal, and other non-salary cost increases (energy costs, etc.). He presented the internal solutions slide. He said they saved \$1 billion. He said these slides would be made available. Mireles said that even though there has been work done, they still have a tremendous gap. He presented the California State Budget slide. He said

they the UC get 2.3 billion from the state for general operational expenses. He said they are poised to get another billion. He presented the higher education general fund appropriations. He said they lost a billion dollars from 2007-2008

-Stein said that the rest of the state budget for higher education goes to community colleges, state colleges, etc.

-Mireles presented the long-term divestment from UC slide. He said the UC spent 75% for a student between 1990-1991. He said that in 1991, it took about \$22,000 to educate a student. He said that in 1985, the state budget gave 6% to prisons and 6% to UC's. He said that the UC's portion has been cut in half and they get about 3% of the budget while the prison's percent doubled to 12%. He said this is a jarring way to communicate what's happening

-Stein presented what it means for students. He said that fees have gone up about \$5000. He said a decade ago, they were paying under \$4000. He said that the UC budget is not due to a short-term economic recession. He talked about the UC tuition vs. Peer institutions. He said that they are in the middle of the pack in comparison to schools such as in Michigan and Virginia. He said that nobody had beaten them in access and affordability and they lost that role He presented the UC financial aid vs. Peer Institutions slide. He said that on the chart, one could see that a UC student gets more gift aid and they pay a reasonable amount compared to others. He said they educate a dramatically different set of students from a wider set of circumstances. He said that Virginia is dramatically whiter. He said it made a difference in their choices over the last few years. He said that they're trying to afford a different set of students in this institution. He presented a slide about Pell Grant recipients. He said someone could receive a Pell grant if your parents make less than \$50,000. He said that they have remarkable numbers. He said private schools have lower numbers in regards to Pell Grant recipients. He talked about solutions that the regents have considered. He said that they have considered a number of ways and most have been rejected. He said they would talk through all of them. He said they considered reducing quality, access, or affordability. He said they considered increasing class sizes. He said the regents decided not to go this route. He said that they considered increasing the proportion of non-tenure track faculty. The regents considered reducing staff and services but decided not to. The regents considered reducing enrollment. He talked about the master plan. He said this was an agreement 50 years ago that they would create a great education system. He said in the past they had a great government. He said they did it before and education was free. He said the UC's were free for decades. The master plan said that the UC would be as diverse as the state of California. It also said the top 1/3 of graduating students would always have a place in the UC's. He said they still give a place in the UC system for the top-graduating seniors. He said they also considered increasing non-California enrollment. He said out of state students pay more than in state students. He said they pay a larger amount for 4 years. He said that 7,700 new non-Californians means \$100 million new revenue. He said they would talk about the impact of this on diversity and finances. Stein said they considered reducing a return to aid. He said they could reduce the percentage to an 11% reduction, which nets \$100 million. He said that the blue and gold plan gives aid to the middle class. He said while the financial aid plan is not perfect efforts are still being made. The regents considered having differential fees, where they would charge more for certain majors. He said that idea was rejected as well. Stein said that other schools do charge other majors more but UC's chose not to go this route. He said they also considered raising tuition. Every 6.4% increase nets \$100 million. He said this is being implemented. Stein said there is a plan being considered by the regents that goes back to student fees.

-Mireles talked about the September regents meeting. He said that regents trust the office of the president and his senior team to make a presentation to them and they typically accept what they get. After months of being told that we have this budget deficit, all of the senior financial people and the people regents trust said that to fill the 1.4 billion-budget gap, they needed revenue increases over the next 4 years. The ideal situation was an increase in tuition and an increase in state revenues. He said they were cut a billion dollars. They were cut 640 million dollars with the

likelihood of cutting more. Mireles said that it wasn't realistic to get more revenue from the state. He said they see a potential 16% tuition increase every year for the next 4 years. He said that in state CA students would be over 22,000 a year to attend a UC. Mireles said he saw regents tell the office of the president no. He said it would be so easy to always demonize the regents. He said that nobody serves on the board to raise tuition. He said they often go along with it but at this case they see potential.

-Stein said that typically, the UCOP usually convinces the regents to vote yes. He said a couple regents really pushed back. He said some regents said they had to find an alternative. He said the problem was they were unable to come up with an alternative. He said they considered a massive private/corporate fundraising plan. They also considered a single-issue ballot initiative. He said there were no firm answers at the last meeting. He said over the next few months, they would talk about where they could possibly reduce the quality of the UC or raise the fees to previously unimaginable levels. He said in the absence of a new funding source or massive state reinvestment, the answer may be yes. He asked the council to share the information with their staffs.

-Starr asked if they could send the PowerPoint's to everyone.

-Mireles said of course. They provided their contact info

-Saxe said beyond sending these to staffs, what would be an effective way to get students involved

-Stein said he has his own personal views on what to do. He said they could lobby. Stein said they should mob and embarrass law makers that have told them that they would vote for fee increases but also say they support higher education. He said in reality, students should do what they are most comfortable with. He said they need people that are willing to protest and lobby. He said they need to have people willing to talk to their groups.

-Dr. Nelson said he's dealt with a lot of businesses that honor students. He said that if they can talk to businesses where corporations higher students, they could possibly kick in more money.

-Mireles said there is plans go to the top corporations and inform them.

-Resnick it's important to educate people and why the fees are increasing. She said they were trying to get Yudof and other regents to campus. She asked if they could present this or have a panel with a larger number of students.

-Stein said they would love to.

-Mireles said a lot of regents are LA based. He said several could come.

-Stein said regents are uncomfortable. He said some don't interact with students at all. He said that they should speak more to students

-Gamble said her office got their first meeting with regent Reese. She said that students could meet with her, share their stories, etc.

-Mireles said that a meeting where they're the only speakers doesn't attract a lot of people/

-Lazarovici asked if the dollars presented are adjusted for inflation

-Stein said yes but he wasn't sure if he was assuming this

-Mireles said in most cases, the numbers wouldn't make sense if they weren't adjusted for inflation.

-Lazarovici talked about how the regents got uncomfortable. She asked what the tipping point was

-Stein said that some people do vote against fees. He said a tiny number vote against them

-Mireles said there are 18 appointed from the regent, 4 elected officials, 2 alumni regents, Yudof, and one student. He said that politicians are sometimes against fee increases. He said they have yet to see a dramatic increase that voted against fee increases

-Stein said at the last meeting, there was a substantial amount of regents that were against the fee increases. He said that this was the worst reception that they had seen at the regent's table

-Hester asked how in touch they feel that regents are in touch of what is going on with campuses

-Mireles said they are poorly in touch of what is going on. He said that most regents learned

about the increasing diversity bake sale from CNN. He said that the regents make big picture decisions about tuition policy and admission policy. He said that they are the ones that take what happens on campuses and make sure the regents here.

-Cynthia said that they described the UCOP and how the regents accept them. She asked if the figures they were showing were shown by UCOP

-Mireles said that some were

-Stein said that they tried to take them from UCOP and present them as much as possible

-Mireles said this information is what they are using to make decisions about their future

-Stein said they were passing around evaluations

-Resnick said if they have questions to email them.

-Smith asked if there was anything they could do as students as a regental reform.

-Stein said UCSA is working on regental reform is being worked on. He said that they only have 1 voting student so they are trying to have 3 instead. He said the other reform idea is to provide governor Brown with a set of criteria or guidelines for hiring regents. These include have being a student at a UC, working in educating, supporting a just society, etc. He said that he was in a meeting and he said he was open to receiving criteria like those.

-Shah said they were talking about regental reform for a while. She asked how realistic it was. She asked what the regents are doing now in achieving goals and what they need from them.

-Mireles said that to change how regents are appointed and the language of how many regents we want, they would have to amend the constitution, which is a challenging task. He said they would need $\frac{2}{3}$ legislature to put it on the ballot and 8% of people that voted for the governor to sign the ballot.

-Stein said that they're working on a regental amendment. He said the governor's office said there were interested and were interested in students' names for appointments

-Mireles said he started with a lot of policies he thought he wanted to introduce. He said as he reflected, it isn't about what he finds the most important. He said he wanted to be an advocate for students. He said he hopes to implement is for a tobacco free UC. He said the sale of tobacco would be forbidden on UC's. He said he thinks this is completely based on science.

-Stein said he wants to work on fees and the budget. He said that he wants to work on campus climate. He sits on the steering committee of campus climate. He talked about creating a survey. He said he is interested in seeing real results. He said he doesn't want to waste 2013 before they make substantial changes. He said he would like to change the composition of the regents. He said he would like the UC to become more politically active. He asked if people knew what a political action committee was. He said that this would allow them to do the work that wins elections in Sacramento. He said the UC is the only entity that doesn't have a political action committee. He said the prison committee, for example, gets more money. They would fight for public higher education and allow them to have muscular presence in Sacramento. He said that they could like yestohigher.org on Facebook.

-Mireles asked if they could take a picture with all of the officers

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

Gamble said they had their first advocacy grant. She said the first one was to Calpirg. They are having a homelessness awareness panel. They are working with student groups. They are expecting a hundred or so people. The Bruin Democrats are taking 8 students to Tahoe and got \$500. She asked if there were any questions about the allocations or the advocacy grant.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Bocarsly moved to approve contingency. Sidrak seconded.

-Jasso said that a total of \$15,250.66 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$7,205.95 is recommended for allocation for this week. There is a total of \$35,955.44 left in the Contingency Programming Fund. She said there were over 20 allocations this week.

-Bocarsly called to question contingency allocations. Shah seconded. With a unanimous vote, this week's contingency allocations were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

Resnick said they had a campus climate discussion. She said she shared a Google doc she started so that they may input their questions. She encouraged their input. She said they would submit their questions by Friday. She said they would like to have lunch and proposed Friday. Resnick said she got a call from Vice Provos Olsen about the new conference center. She said it would be in place of parking lot 6. The conference center would be there instead. They would work with Williams as well to make sure our enterprises aren't negatively affected. She talked about Homecoming. She said she would post the video that Bocarsly made to the USAC webpage. Resnick said it turned out really great. She said because there were some students that were concerned about funding, that they didn't use the entire surplus. They would return around \$3000 to surplus. She said they would be writing a letter to the editor to be put in the paper in positive support of Homecoming. Almost 5,000 people attended Homecoming. She said her projected goal was 2,000 attendees. Others challenged them to bring 3,000. She said the chancellor loved it and they had good support from administrators. She said some students weren't pleased, so they would put out a survey to make sure there is some aspect that every Bruin can delight in. She said for their first year, they did an incredible job. She said this is how they would make Homecoming better. She said they would be strong as a council and wanted to remind them to support each other's initiatives and if they don't know the answer to direct people to someone else. She said to please support all of the council on the table. She talked about surplus. She said Champawat would take questions. The tentative surplus is still going through audits, but it would be 5 figures at most and around \$80,000. She said she apologizes but could not answer questions about this. Next Wednesday would be the USAC mixer. She said she sent out the campus climate questions and is trying to get to CSP by Friday. She said she would send out a Doodle for one-on-ones. She said she has a meeting with the news editor next Tuesday night. She said it is important that they have a good relationship with the Daily Bruin. She said if administrators had input on the campus climate or the Daily Bruin that they should send them as well.

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said they talked a member the campus climate committee. She said they see potential in their task. She said they would like to see CSP and USAC together for this luncheon. She said the planning board voted to outsource accounts to Gmail, since this project was years in the making.

She said she would continue to serve as a member of the advisory board. They need to come up with how to phase the migration to Gmail. She said Strathmore Saferides begins this Thursday 9-2am. There are multiple stops in the apartments, the dorms, Hilgard, and places in Westwood. She said the CSP resource fair is this Wednesday from 12-2 in Ackerman. The funding information is on the USAC website. She said if they had special presentations to remind them of the time limit of 15-30 minutes and if they need the projector to let them know.

-Smith said they have a USAC orientation in his calendar and mixer

-Resnick said they are the same thing. The orientation/mixer is November 9.

-Sidrak said in response to Marcus's comment, ally week would take place in spring. She said they have reached out to the LGBT resource center, ORL, etc. She said they took the comment seriously.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said all of the postcards are in national and statewide. She said thank you for people allowing them to come to their meetings. Gamble said they would have 2 trainers for students for Grow. She said they were doing lobby certifications this week. She said Perez's office has a big meeting for them. She said they have a meeting with regent Reese soon. She said they are focusing on their week of action. She said that it is important that they educate students. She said they are trying to do their best that students are engaged. The 14th is a day of outreach. The 15th they are trying to get the mascots to come in. They would have a phone-banking day. They are standing in solidarity with an economic crisis throughout the world. Friday they would go on congressional lobby vision to lobby for Pell Grant funding. She said they have a lot going on and she will hopefully do a tax referendum presentation either next week or the week after. She said if they have any questions to let her know.

-Resnick said she is doing a great job.

-Saxe asked who organized today's rally.

-Gamble said that her office helped. She said that other organizations planned it as well. It was from students that head about Bam. She said students wanted to be proactive. Bam is By Any Means Necessary. She said that at the diversity rally they were present. They are an organizing group.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said the texting phone number from is going well. She said that academic building and classrooms had the most significant number. She said that they are addressing the areas that were pointed out.

-Resnick asked if she could send out the numbers again

-Saxe said the faculty executive committee had reservations and the vote was pushed to November 18. She said the committee in her office is working with faculty to address concerns and put together information about the requirement and what it would entail. She said there were questions about where historians fall into this. She said there was an issue if this has political motivations. She said there was a lot that the name had and should be addressed by its new name. She said once the vote happens on November 18, they would like students to have an active voice in what happens. She said they wanted to have a lot of students get involved. They would have info sessions as well. She said if the vote is no, they want to have another plan of action.

-Dr. Nelson asked if they could differentiate between north and south campus

-Saxe said that the faculty committee represents all of the campus

-Dr. Nelson said he raised the question because someone that is an engineer or a major in organic chemistry would need to have this information available as well.

-Saxe said some schools have a similar requirement already. She said the college would apply to

north and south campus majors. She said that historical and social analysis requirements, if approved, would have the third requirement. She said she would keep people updated on when info sessions were happening. She said they would have a social entrepreneurship kickoff soon. She said students in free enterprise would bring another option for students. She said they have a guest speaker from Extreme Makeover on November 10th in the career center. They have a positivity conference with the academic well being committee. She said the conference is 12-5pm in Ackerman 2nd floor lounge. She talked about the updates with the syllabus and would be presenting it to the faculty committee as well. The pilot team had been sending them their syllabi. They were working with the math department to bring services back to Covell. She said she knew that one of the Homecoming articles pointed to Covell. She said that they brought back a lot of the services that were once under Covell. She said they need to make sure students are utilizing them. She said there is a policy proposal going through the academic senate about transfer students, represented and misrepresented groups and closing the gap, and making students more aware of the requirements of their major. The undergraduate council talked about the education minor. She said the minor is highly at risk. She said they are trying to find ways to save this program. She said that 3% faculty salary increase was an unfunded mandate through the UC regents and the president's office. She said it would fall into departments and deans. She said that the funds would be covered and they wouldn't see cuts to the departments directly.

Community Service Commission- Jamie Yao

Yao said she wanted to let them know who her appointments were. She talked about SREC, which was about student risk and liability. She said there is a lot of risk with going off campus. She said they work on driver safety training that students do before using university vehicles, leader trainings, and life scan process, and other things such as university sponsorship. She said if they have more questions to let her know. The committee is composed of administrators, advisors, and students. She appointed Felicia Corrona, the transportation director of Bruin HOPE. She is passionate about service. Yao said Corrona is great at what she does. The second person is she. She said this is a consent item. She said there is an open spot in the committee. They decided that they should have a student member to bring perspective in. She said any references are welcome.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lavarovici

Lavarovici talked about the checklist that was passed out following public comment. She said that a friend of hers from high school made an effort to join the Filipino culture club. She said that she learned some of the customs. She said that it made her think about what they could do as leaders on the campus to reflect and be active and conscious about learning from other cultures and being an ally to people who are not like them.

Administrative Representative -Dr. Nelson

Dr. Nelson said it is amazing of the racism, homophobia, etc. seen on campus. He said many students bring this with them. He said it is amazing how far gone people are. He said that he has seen so many twists and turns against the diversity requirement. He said that some people are still in the 1950s. He said that this is something they should all be aware of. He said that sometimes students should know better but they don't.

-Saxe said this has been supported more than in the past. She said details are being juggled right now. She said that the requirement is moving in a positive direction and she hopes they could push it further along

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said there are so many organizations out there. She said that they could back each other up and they could touch more communities than the ones in their office. She said it is great

to see when they all work together and they're doing an amazing job already. She said there is a Google calendar to share events. She said they have a great resource to put all their events in one spot. She said they are more than happy to work with them on this. She said that people having presentations should contact her. She said that the more information she has the smoother the presentations could run

-Sidrak said if they let her know then she will let Zimmerman know

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

Jasso asked the council to consent an appointment of the finance committee. In high school he sat on a council that distributed funding. He has experience with funding and evaluations. There were no objections.

XII. Announcements

-Smith talked about transfer awareness day next Thursday, November 10. During that day, there would be a transfer resource fair. Information would be disseminated about student organizations. He said that they make up 40% of campus. He said that from 7-9 they would have a dialogue with transfers in Delta Terrace. Smith said he would pass that information to Zimmerman

-Hester said tomorrow will be their free GRE workshop. It will be a mock prep course lead by a Kaplan instructor. They are having a graduate application workshop. They would have a personal statement workshop later as well

-Yao said this Saturday is their day of service. They would focus on hunger and homeless this year. She said they have great sites this week. She said they are doing their last push for publicity. She said she would have flyers in her office

-Zimmerman said they love the flyer and she would love to put them on the screens.

-Shah said going back to the campus climate, they put a post on their website. She said this is a trigger issue and it attributes to the UCLA campus. She said that it's interesting to see what people say on both sides of the issue. She said this year they have a section for UCLA events that relate to cultural affairs. She said if any of their events are related to culture to send them her way. She said applications are out for members of their staff. She said applications are due Friday. They have the Word tomorrow. Tomorrow is called Art is Resistance. She said that this is a good place to come to in order to see what people talk about. Shah said next Tuesday 6:30-7:30 would be pop art. She said it would be free. They have a call for submissions for visions of Los Angeles. She said if they know people to let them know and submissions are due by November 14. Shah said that she hopes that Champawat talks about surplus.

-Jasso asked when they plan to have surplus

-Resnick said projected when they spoke is end of November. She said audits are still being made.

-Zimmerman said that they are spending money more effectively. She said they would go over this in more detail. She said the number would go after the projects. She said the numbers are preliminary. She said they could email Champawat any questions.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Sidrak moved and Shoklapper seconded 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 9:14 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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