

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 29, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Emily Resnick, Kristina Sidrak, Joelle Gamble, Daniel Soto, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, David Bocarsly, Andrea Hester, Ronald Arruejo, Raquel Saxe, Dan Chikanov, Jason Smith, Tamir Sholklipper, Michael Starr, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Katrina Dimacali, Donnaly Natividad

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Hester moved to add a financial supports commission officer report

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs programming fund

-Gamble moved to strike the Travel Grant

- Bocarsly moved and Shah seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

-- Resnick called for Acclamation. Resnick asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *11/22/11

- Soto moved and Gamble seconded to approve the minutes for November 22, 2011, as amended

-Resnick called for Acclamation. Resnick asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

Jan Andasan- Queer Alliance Retention Coordinator

Andasan talked about the funding situation. He said he would like the council to effectively structure the funding allocations. He said that they took away SAC status in 2005. He said they should look at that conversation and why they decided to change the structure. He said that the fees should come back to students. He said that the funds should make sure they're successful. He said that students care about where the money is and it's tenth week, so they might not be present.

V. Special Presentations

-Saxe moved to limit the special presentations to 20 minutes.

A. Presidential Intern Sustainability Committee

-Resnick introduced the council to the presidential interns.

-She said they are the sustainability team. This is one of the three teams in the office.

-Haddith said he is advising the sustainability component of the program.

-Shawn talked about their project for winter quarter. They would like to work with the sustainability group on campus. This would be a certification program. This would be a friendly competition between each office. They would also be talking about the TGIF funds soon. They will keep the council posted. They said that this is three buildings on campus, with one building already getting platinum status. This status includes different things people could do, such as adding more recycling bins. They talked about the incentives. The competition would be going on next quarter. They would nominate a sustainability representative and would receive instructions. The prize would be funding. They said that all together, USAC would strive to be platinum. They said that they will have a different incentive instead of funding and sent out an email to council members. The interns would like liasons from each office.

-Sidrak asked if they could send out the email again.

-The interns said they would resend the emails. They said that they would do training for the interns.

-Smith asked what level they were being graded on. He asked if their meetings or programs are being graded.

-The interns said they are looking at the overall way they run the office. They would see where each office stands at that point. They would be communicating mainly with the liason. An example of a qualification would be if the lights go off after 30 minutes

-Smith asked if this was an initial grading

-The interns said they would check in the beginning and check back later.

-Smith said that he doesn't have anyone in his office to be put in that role. He said all the general representatives share one office.

-The interns said they would assign point people for each office. He said their goal is to make sure all USAC would get to platinum status. They would help them get a person to help with their situation.

-Sidrak asked if they would approach other offices in Kerkhoff.

-The interns said they are doing it by departments. He said they aren't sure if they do buildings by buildings. They said they would look into that.

-Gamble asked if the standards are relative to what the office does. She said for example, her office uses a lot of paper and travels a lot.

-The interns said they use a calculator that is specific where they could add, change, or modify things. They said they take all aspects into account. The interns said that they certify a department relative to where they are.

-Dr. Nelson asked if students have directions to follow up with

-The interns said yes. They said they are a subcommittee of a larger movement. The movement is nationwide. They would be focusing on USAC. They said that they would be more well-known after they are platinum certified. They asked if the general representatives would like to be separate.

-Resnick said she could send out the email to everyone. She said the other groups would present at the beginning of next quarter.

B. Pediatric AIDS Coalition (PAC)

-They introduced themselves. The members are Erin, Darren, George, Sam, and Levi.

-George said he oversees all the money

-Sam said she looks over outreach to the UCLA community

-Darren said he looks over programs before dance marathon

-Levi said he's in charge of Dance Marathon

-Erin said their purpose is to raise awareness about pediatric aids. She said this year, the dancers are raising \$240. It costs \$19 to prevent mother and child transmission. Every 2 hours, a dancer will be saving

1 child. They would reach out to 13,000 children. She said it costs \$1,000 to send 1 kid to camp for a week

-George said that they work with a research project. This one has to do with early infant diagnosis. They use the PAC name, which could lead to multimillion-dollar grants. They put PAC as the original benefactor. With issues of awareness, they have a big campus presence. They put on Bruin Plaza days that raise awareness of HIV. They have the privilege of having the ambassador of Uganda speaking at Dance Marathon.

-Levi talked about Dance Marathon. They decided to change their name to highlight their yearlong dedication to the cause. They also work with mentorships. They have 4 beneficiaries. They have local and global beneficiaries. Each year, the executive board enters with agreements. They are multiculturally beneficial. They offer media coverage, services, celebrities, etc. In accordance with this campaign, the beneficiaries make sure they generate donations with guidelines. They have to follow guidelines as well. They said their funding had to be in accordance with this mission statement

-Darren said they give exposure to different groups on campus. They said without this event, groups wouldn't get this type of exposure. They are a cost-conscious event.

-Sam said they're committed to this university. She said a lot of counselors take about Dance Marathon. She said a lot of times, UCLA is tied to community service and philanthropy. She said this is one of many events on campus that brings students on campus. She said they do a lot of co-programming at UCLA. They work with UCSB Dance Marathon, Global Medical Brigade, etc. None of these coprogramming events make more than \$100. She said they want to maintain long-standing relationships with groups with similar goals. They are the biggest Dance Marathon. They bring together all Dance Marathons and other groups ask for LA's feedback. They are constantly working with other structures.

-George said they are also seeking alternate sources of funding. He said they are being flexible. He said they also plan to talk to Disney.

-Sam said they do work off a 0 dollar budget. All of the performers they have are minimal. She said the work that goes into fundraising goes directly to the cause

-Levi said this is a great thing for UCLA students. He said that every penny goes toward a beneficiary.

-Gamble asked about lobbying in DC.

-Levi said not yet

-Gamble said she has a travel grant that they could apply for

-Resnick said there is a USAC Dance Marathon team and a dance captain on council

-Levi said they acknowledge everything that USAC does every year. He said they appreciate everything they have done for them.

C. Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)

-The members are Cynthia, John, and Leynard.

-John said they wanted to explain what their committee does. He said they wanted to obtain and channel student input into decisions regarding the level and use of student fee funds. They sit on a committee with faculty, etc. They said they also help advise the chancellor. It is up to the chancellor to make a decision. They presented a flow chart of the student fee advisory committee structure. SFAC is composed of 4 undergraduate representatives, 4 graduate representatives, 3 administrative representatives, 1 faculty representative, and an ex-officio planning and budget representative as well as an advisor.

-Leynard talked about how they are broken down into subcommittees. They have the unit review subcommittee, the visibility subcommittee, writing center subcommittee, project review group, and the council on student fees representatives. SFAC is trying to promote who they are so the campus can come to them and understand what they do. They hope to foster more student input. They also have the writing center subcommittee to work towards addressing whether or not the writing center meets the criteria of receiving student fees. The project review group reviews renovations and student needs. SFAC makes sure that money being utilized benefits students. They also have the council of student fee representatives. The different campuses come together and discuss issues that face the UC's

-Cynthia said SFAC revised the SFAC accountability policy. They established a streamlined unit review system to be used for future years. They started a campaign to increase visibility and accountability of SFAC information. They worked closely with the undergraduate writing center. They also spearheaded a campaign with the council on student fees. They oversaw the IEI fee increase and implementation changes. She said visibility is important because a lot of people don't know that there are two different fees. Education fees are for academic needs. Student service fees are for nonacademic needs. These need to follow policies. She said if there is an inappropriate proposal, they review it. She said students don't really look at the difference between the two fees. She said they also want to have an ask SFAC table. In the past, they had office hours. They hope that students will ask them about issues and have input on the committee. They are not able to fund the undergraduate writing center. They are revisiting this. They are the only SFAC that can see the whole budget. They work with Sonia to see every dollar and how it is spent. Irvine only gets to see \$100,000. A lot of other SFAC's only allocate rather than review. UCLA decided to put a proposal to have every SFAC held to the same standard. They hope to have other UC's to be able to see the whole budget and oversee student services fees and make sure they are benefiting students. The chancellor took a chunk of the money in Irvine and gave freshmen and transfers sweaters. She said there are different things happening on different campuses. They spearheaded a campaign for referendum guidelines. UCLA was called out for the SPARK referendum and how the money was spent inappropriately. She said they hope to make one guidelines for all UC's to avoid future problems. They also oversaw the IEI fee increase. This year, they got strategies of how to implement that

-Leynard said there was a \$2 increase to the instructional enhancement fee that would supposedly go to continuing the moodle. expand the lecture capacity and capability, and expand mobile app applications. They talked about Bruincast videos, which is important because class sizes are tight. Video and audio are important. Changes included: Linking the Bruincast lecture to CCLE, piloting a self administered lecture capture workflow system for capturing and uploading podcasts, purchase 10 mobile lecture capture devices to be checked out by TA's after they received training, launch a private iTunes University in which iTunes course podcasts can only be accessed by UCLA students, etc. They talked about the mobility academic applications plan. This included apps, such as the clicker module. The clicker module would be helpful for south campus classes.

-Cynthia said she suggested this last year. They also hope to have podcasts on mobile devices. They talked about the undergraduate writing center. This provides one on one sessions with students regarding their writing skills. Peer learning facilitators staff the center. They meet weekly to see how they could help the writing center and whether it qualifies for SSF monies. There has been a lot of conversations facing this.

-Sidrak asked about when a professor doesn't use their moodle.

-Cynthia said students should address them. The professor should have a certain number of things to qualify. If it doesn't meet the standard, they should contact SFAC. They oversee this fee. She said she had the same problem last quarter. They expanded it to every school on campus.

-Sidrak asked if this would happen next quarter

-Cynthia said yes

-John said a concern was that professors didn't learn CCLE. They plan to have trainings to make sure professors and TA's know how to use it. They were looking to utilize these.

-Cynthia said in two years, they hope to have every professor and TA trained

-Gamble said she had a question about the implementation plan and the timeline. She asked if they raised fees in relation to the implementation plan.

-Cynthia said only letters and sciences is on the same moodle. They wanted all schools to be on the same page. They asked for them to create a clear implementation plan so they could talk about possible problems. She said the chair goes to CSF. She said that one of the members used to be a student regent.

-Gamble asked if this year's SFAC is solidifying the plan and last year's proposed it

-Cynthia said yes. They could not implement the fee without the implementation plan.

-Saxe asked where the standards are for the websites.

-Cynthia said she could send it. She said once they are approved, they will be public

- Saxe asked if the IEI fee is on student services
- Cynthia said it is assessed 6th week. It is factored in financial aid. They wanted to make it close to when they enroll.
- Saxe asked if they oversee the \$324 per quarter
- Cynthia said they also oversee referendums. They don't have oversight but they do make sure campus based fees are overseen
- Saxe asked if other campuses oversee IEI
- Cynthia said the academic dean, etc. oversees it
- Saxe asked if they had faculty look at it
- Cynthia said no
- Dr. Geller said to her understanding, they look at how stipends are allocated. She asked what the process is for consideration for stipends
- Cynthia said they would notify her and present to the committee. They would need to say why it qualifies for student services fees and how much they should get. They haven't done it in a while. There was a modification to stipends 2-3 years ago.
- Dr. Geller asked if a new committee can write to them
- Cynthia said the only call that is annually is for emergency funds. She said the proposal could be sent to them and reviewed
- Smith said recently, there was someone who was let go in the LGBT center. He said SFAC funds different parts of student affairs. He said that was someone dear to the LGBT community on campus and they were let go by the director. He asked if it was a money situation
- Cynthia said they fund different units. She said they fund units and review it, but don't fund specific amounts. She said they could ask for amounts but they can't take away funding from a person. They have no say on who is hired or fired
- Smith asked if there are simple things they could say about how the departments are funded
- Cynthia said they have to be student services. She said they cannot be academic services. She said they have to be services and they follow UC policy, which is online and public. It was edited and updated recently. The biggest disqualification is if its academic
- Gamble asked about tutoring. She asked what it looks like on other campuses
- Cynthia said other campuses don't have as much of a say. She talked about Davis. State funding funds anything that had to do with academics. She said this is not the same across the board. At Riverside, they don't oversee or allocate anything. They don't really get a say on how anything gets funding. She said they asked about the writing centers and the other committees didn't know. Riverside, Irvine, Davis, and Santa Cruz had no record. UCLA is the only campus that really knows
- John said looking at learning centers, they saw they offered workshops that dealt with stress and other tutorials. Academic related programs were funded mostly by state funds
- Saxe said she is continuously learning about what they do. She said on USAC council, they are still looking to see what they can get involved with. She offered herself and the council to build that relationship. She said herself and Sidrak met with IT about the mobile apps. She said this could help increase relationships and they hope to build this together
- Cynthia said they hope to ask student groups for input. If the council has ways to outreach to students, they should let them know so they could impact as many students as possible. Students that don't know about SFAC is really sad, since they are students who are active with their fees. She said even students don't know that they have two different fees. She opened up the meetings, which are Thursdays 3-5
- Resnick thanked them for coming in to speak to them. She said it is commendable that they help other campuses.
- Arruejo asked council to pass the attendance sheet down.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

-Saxe said this is a consent item. She said they have two allocations that were resent. One is for the VSU culture night for \$2000. She said academic success agreed this was the cap. Facilities got \$155 for study nights.

-Gamble asked if they had good applications.

-Saxe said a lot of things were changed. The funding board uses the same scoring sheet BOD uses. The recommendation was to have a full allocation because of the small amount. In terms of VSU, they got almost a perfect score. There were a couple of things contingent on the score, such as the amount applied for. This however was newly implemented. She said in terms of nature, it applied well to the grant. She said she could send the scoring sheets if she would like.

-Gamble said she might already have it.

-Saxe said there are no mini grant allocations for tonight.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. EVP Travel Grant

There was no business for the EVP Travel Grant this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Starr moved to approve contingency allocations. Bocarsly seconded.

A total of **\$3,441.56 was requested from contingency** of that, a total of **\$301.00 is recommended for allocation** for this week (at 70% reduction).

There is a total of **\$15,492.55** left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Arruejo said he sent an email. Since they had two weeks of 50% reduction, he feels like keeping it at 50% would be in the best interest of students. He asked for a motion to amend this to 50%.

-Bocarsly moved to amend the allocation to 50%. Starr seconded.

-Starr asked if this first one was something that could work with the travel grant.

-Arruejo said he contacts groups like that as well

-Gamble said she could double check if they applied.

-Resnick said the voting from the funding allocation group would be next week

-Bocarsly called to question this week's allocations. Starr seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency was approved for this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

Resnick said she emailed and tested out the information for the campus wide email. She hopes to include the resolution being discussed tonight. She said this will go out Thursday or Friday. She is excited that some of the presidential interns came. She said in light of discussions, they should be on the lookout of a presentation from her and what USAC's role is and how they could best advocate for their students. She said to look at the communal office space. She said the posters from the all USAC mixer are up. She said

to email her for yellow permits in lot 4 and 5 and the name. She said she would keep them posted for blue permits. She thanked the funding study group for all of their work. She said this Friday is the south campus student center tour.

-Champawat said there are only two people signed up so far

-Resnick said USAC cooperative efforts committee will be sending out an email soon. They are working on putting together an all USAC newsletter. She said herself, Sidrak, and Gamble made public comments. She said the meeting went over well. Regent Reese contacted her. She said they will be meeting next week or early winter quarter. She will keep the council updated. She said she is looking to bring her in continuation of the event where they bring regents to campus. She said this week until next week is a necessities drive. They could be dropped off at the president's office and around campus. These would go to the Bruins Resource Center. She said they will have a short meeting next week to approve contingency and bylaws. She said happy birthday to Shah

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said she send out minutes from their first campus safety meeting. She said they should spread the word about the laptop protection software, which is good for 4 years. It has a remote GPS. They could track where their laptop is. There is an audio function that could alert people that it is a stolen laptop. She said the highest numbers of theft were objects such as iPods and iPhones. She said Nancy passed along some important pamphlets about rights to demonstrate. She said there are important definitions about resistance. She said the action of linking arms and sitting down is defined as actively resisting. She said she wasn't aware of this. She said she could send this out.

-Saxe asked how they would get access to the software

-Sidrak said she would send it out once it is approved

External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

-Gamble said the regents meeting happened, including where there was an attempt of shutting it down. She thanked those who came to do public comment. She said from the meeting, she was happy to hear that Lancing would come to campus. She said from her meeting, they will work to have the UC budget more transparent or easier for students to read. She said they understand that the budget is hard to read for students. She said the rest of the meeting is follow up. She said speaker Perez will be signing the state postcard. She said one of the budget asks will be on the budget. She said for the postcard campaign, it will be moved to January. This is being changed because of everything going on. She said the postcards will be delivered most likely the week after finals. They would have a lobby visit with Governor Brown. She said the regents meeting is supposed to be in Riverside. She said they are worried about this. She said they hope to continue to have regents meetings in San Francisco.

-Saxe said there were mentions about rallies in Sacramento

-Gamble said they would have to see, especially since they haven't taken a stance on prop 13. She said they would have to see if they are okay with that.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

-Saxe said they had stress free day. It went well and they passed out Scantrons. She met with Judy Smith. Smith is planning to get more majors and departments to take on capstone projects. She said the idea is that when you're invested in your major, it is something that would be applicable to skills you can take when you graduate from UCLA. She said they also spoke about the political science minor closing. Smith addressed that the public affairs minor is underutilized. This is something that relates to policies specifically. This will be reviewed this upcoming quarter. She said chemistry wasn't able to start their tutoring program to replace Covell, but it would start next quarter for Chem 14A. She would send out an academic services map soon. She said their social entrepreneurship applications are due tomorrow. She said they hope to make these self-sustaining.

- Yao asked how sufficient the political science minor outreach was.
- Saxe said they sent out emails to anyone who follows their listserve. They have tried to send it out to others and it will go on the campus wide email.

Financial Supports Commissioner- Andrea Hester

Hester said she met with Champawat and Zimmerman. She said she would like to open up discussion about the textbook scholarship in light of the funding situation. She said after their meetings and how surplus wasn't what it used to be, she realized they had to rethink this. They talked about the discretionary fund available to council. She said the original intention of the textbook scholarship envisioned that the books purchased would be sold back to ASUCLA the funds would be used to pay for more scholarships. She said that this was different than what they are doing now. The original framework moved away from surplus in order to become sustainable. She said that another idea was to have an auction or looking for outside donors so they didn't have to rely on surplus. She said they are at the end of the quarter. She said they are looking for different options. She said the surplus is their money and she didn't want to step on someone's toes. She said that while the textbook scholarship is very helpful, she realizes it isn't as broad in scope as other programs. She said she hopes to hear from the council on ideas. She said options include applying for surplus, not having a textbook scholarship for winter quarter and only having it for certain quarters, or whatever they suggest.

-Smith said they could offer it a certain time of the year. He said going back to the original plan, it is a good idea to have the scholarships being sold back. He said this is something that could be sustainable

-Shah asked how this would impact the textbook loan library

-Hester said the only way they could expand the library is through the scholarship. They hope to make this more as a course reader library. She said the buyback is a good idea but it would effect the other program

-Saxe said the loan library is a great resource for students. She said this is something that they could put more thought into

-Gamble suggested to replenish the library with donations. She said the textbook scholarship shouldn't be gotten rid of. She said they should focus on expanding it and private donations so it could be opened up to undocumented students

-Champawat said they have put in place the discretionary piece of money for the council. The year before last didn't have this fund. He said they could bridge this into winter quarter. He said that there was some promise from the UCLA fund for donations. He said there is possible progress in getting private donations. He said the image would be strong for a donor

-Dr. Geller said there are a lot of great reasons to have a textbook scholarship. She said they can't offer a program unless all students can apply. She said they come up with mechanisms for choosing people. People in the middle with financial aid with loans can have their loans displaced. If you're on financial aid, it just displaces other dollars. It's not clear how many people actually benefit in a solid way. Once the undocumented can be a part of it, more students would get help. There are still issues in this. She said people have been selected and turned down their scholarship. She encouraged the council to explore more the impact on financial aid and see if it is the smartest move in terms of PR. She said they could look at how many scholarships they give. With the textbook loan library, everyone could benefit and anyone could check out a book. If they could do creative things to beef up the library and market that as effectively as the scholarships are marketed, they would still impact people with the program and be able to free up dollars to use for students.

-Hester said they did a book drive at the end of spring quarter. She said some of the books were out of date or random books. She said they are looking to continue that.

-Resnick said they could do anything to help. She said they could do what the test bank does where a test needs to come in for a person to take out a test

-Sidrak asked if the discretionary fund is separated out of surplus and what the purpose was

-Champawat said this came up with the John Wooden 100th anniversary. He said that the fund allows for flexibility of the table. The fund exists for GSA. It is for unanticipated need that doesn't fit into one of the

channels.

-Sidrak asked about unspent money

-Champawat said it becomes surplus

-Smith asked if they should put more money into it. He said if it is supposed to be for all students, it only helps a few people. He said some people get more state funds than others. He said this cuts out a lot of people they would be channeling and it would be useless to pour money into it. He said putting money into it might not be a good idea if they could find other more sustainable ways.

-Yao said for John Wooden, they opened it up. She asked how much was in the fund

-Champawat said \$10,000.

-Saxe said moving to private funding is a good idea. She said if they want to have it for the upcoming quarter, how they would be able to maintain it. She said they probably couldn't get funding over winter break

-Sidrak asked how many are usually rewarded

-Hester said 125 in fall quarter were given out. She said for the theoretical winter quarter, she is up to playing with the numbers.

-Bocarsly asked how they got funding for spring

-Hester said they always got surplus

-Bocarsly asked for clarification

-Champawat said all the funding would be asked for at once

-Smith asked about ASUCLA

-Champawat said the book is the property of the financial supports commission

-Zimmerman said the commissioner would collect all the books and see what could go to buyback

-Champawat said the store knows who has the textbook scholarship. If it went back, the money would go back to the commission

-Smith asked if it was like that

-Zimmerman said they had a list before to make sure everyone brought back the books. They would go back to buyback and whatever couldn't would go back to the loan library.

-Bocarsly said since buyback isn't the same price, how it is sustainable

-Champawat said it was never fully sustained

-Zimmerman said this was what the fundraising was for. She said this would hopefully get outside sponsorship as well

-Yao asked if there were ever-successful fundraising by USAC offices

-Champawat said there is nothing about it that is unfeasible. He said this need hasn't been present the same way. He said they could go to private donations or look to sponsorship from companies. He said they have become more open to this kind of sponsorship. He said they should be open-minded.

-Yao asked if they had any resources

-Zimmerman said she could meet with her and point her toward other leaders. She said asking for funds come best from other students.

-Champawat said they may have a competitive advantage in terms of fundraising

-Zimmerman said this is a great opportunity for fundraising. She said commissioners may change and the focus may be on the library or buyback. She said the focuses were different each year.

-Champawat said almost none of their fees are indexed to inflation. He said inflation eats funds. He said over time, money is being eroded by the effect of inflation and why there is a pressure on them financially

-Smith asked if it is in their role or the FSC to research this and look into how they could not only find new ways to fund these but to look at what student life is looking like.

-Champawat said yes. He said putting together a group to see how the ask is could be some great work to do. He said their legacy could be a powerful thing to do too. He said some of them would be meeting with Williams. He said this is great.

-Hester said she is leaning toward taking a break from the textbook scholarship for winter quarter and exploring other ideas for spring quarter.

-Bocarsly said this could save needs, but this is still a great thing to have. He said they should look into

using some of the discretionary fund for it. He said surplus isn't the best way to go.

-Smith said he agrees with holding off winter and making the money and making the connections they may need. He said this wouldn't be an issue. He said by tapping into discretionary, they might not reach a large number of students. He said this goes with the idea of if they would rather do it halfway or fully

-Resnick said discretionary is there to help. They could possibly pair discretionary with donors for spring.

-Saxe said she agrees with Bocarsly. She said if it had to be lowered, this makes a lot of sense. She said she would like to use discretionary fund to see the program continue. She said if they are talking about continuing the name, it is easier for students to find it in the future.

-Hester asked if discretionary was a vote

-Zimmerman said it is a vote

-Hester said they could potentially vote on it for next week

-Resnick thanked Hester for bringing this to council

-Bocarsly asked about the timeline for this

-Hester said it would be modeled after fall quarter. They would do a Facebook event and put up flyers. The application would be due midway through the first week they're back. She said last quarter they had it Thursday or Friday.

-Saxe said if there are other things to use discretionary fund for to bring them up either this week or next week.

-Smith said they shouldn't be attacking this fund, because this would turn into contingency. He asked if it was allocated every year

-Champawat said yes, it would be fulfilled every year

-Smith said he doesn't want to give students the initiative if it's not fully sustained.

-Sidrak said she is also struggling with this point. She said last year, a lot of students knew about the textbook scholarship. She said it is a question of doing it halfway or maintaining continuity

-Gamble said UCSA has a fund that they could dip into. She said it would be great to offer the same thing every quarter. She said if they only offer a little for each quarter, students might wonder why the scholarships were less.

-Hester said she understands what everyone is saying

-Bocarsly said they should just give out less scholarships.

-Hester said they promote how much they could win rather than how many scholarships there are. She thanked them for their feedback.

Roy Champawat- Student Union Director

Champawat said they started tweeted things about the student union. He said this is something they could all use. He said this helps put the word out there. He said if they would like them to adjust that they are open to suggestions. He said he appreciates their help with the 24-hour study lounge. He said people were invited to a Facebook event.

Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said she is excited for this program. She said it runs Wednesday and Thursday night. It starts again Sunday night until Thursday. There is a van service, coffee, and fresh fruit. They hope students utilize the program.

-Champawat said they have open study if the rooms are not scheduled.

-Zimmerman said she had another sign made. She said the sign holder was damaged but they are getting it fixed soon.

-Smith asked about the study space. He asked how they publicize it and if they show it is an open study space

-Champawat said it shows up on the screens, the room, and something inside the room. He said it is visible as you go through the building. It is also listed on the event listing, reading "open study."

-Zimmerman said they are excited to work with USAC on the open study lounge. She said she would love it if USAC would work with them earlier in the quarter. They are open for suggestions on how to improve

the program.

IX. Old Business

A. * “Condemning Police Brutality and Supporting Free Speech and Student Safety at UC Campuses” Resolution

-Bocarsly moved to approve the resolution. Chikanov seconded.

-Resnick said thank you to those who came to work on the resolution last night. She said this resolution has a lot of action steps and useful links.

-Gamble said there were tweaks. The resolution talked about police brutality and is linked to free speech. She said there is a lot of context to what’s happening. She said if some regents are inaccessible, this explains why there are so many direct actions being taken. The let it be resolved statements are current. It includes information about Chancellor Block, etc.

-Resnick said this is something that she wants council to want as well. She said she hopes everyone supports it.

-Gamble read the resolution as follows:

Resolution condemning police brutality and supporting both free speech and student safety

WHEREAS, the skyrocketing costs to attend UCLA and declining quality of the academic and student services provided have caused added stress and increased frustration amongst the student body; and

WHEREAS, Regents meetings are infrequently held at campuses with undergraduate student populations and the November 28, 2011 meeting was rescheduled to a teleconference meeting held early Monday morning immediately after Thanksgiving break (1); and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of communication to students about Regents meetings and student-related policies directly coming from the University of California Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, this lack of transparency was seen at President Yudof’s visit to UC San Diego during which he denied a request to meet with student leaders there; and

WHEREAS, University of California students have fewer and fewer avenues through which to express their concerns, as Chancellors often hold office hours only once or twice a quarter and most students do not have the ability to access their administrators; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of accessibility to the University of California decision-makers, students across the UC are initiating direct actions to make their voices heard on the pressing issues of quality and affordability; and

WHEREAS, direct actions have taken place in the last two weeks at UCLA and each of the our sister campuses (2); and

WHEREAS, peaceful student protestors at UC Berkeley were met with excessive police force and batons (3), and peaceful student protestors at UC Davis were pepper sprayed (4); and

WHEREAS, cases of police brutality on one UC campus have implications on all other campuses; and

WHEREAS, in November 2009, excessive police force in the form of batons, pepper spray, and taser guns were used on UCLA protestors (5); and

WHEREAS, the top priority of the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council is to serve as an advocate and voice for the students it represents.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council condemns any acts of police brutality and excessive force used against peaceful student protestors.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council stands in solidarity with students at the Berkeley and Davis campuses of the University of California.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council encourages students to exercise their freedom of speech and assembly in a way that is consistent with University regulations (6) (7) and be informed of the known consequences of their actions.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that UCLA students have a civic responsibility to fight injustices and uphold democratic values for all, with the understanding that as True Bruins, we should seek to “make an impact in our global community through public service” (8).

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council strongly urges Chancellor Block, henceforth, to issue timely public statements in regards to pressing issues that affect our campus community.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council will advocate for measures within the UCLA division of the University of California Police Department to prevent incidents of police brutality from occurring at this campus.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council urges the UC Office of the President to keep the January Regents meeting at UC Riverside, and subsequently hold all Regents meetings at UC campuses with undergraduate and graduate student populations to ensure all voices are represented.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council President will send this resolution to all appropriate administrators, including the Chancellor of the University and the Director of the UCLA Police Community Service Bureau.

Sponsors:

Joelle Gamble, USAC External Vice President
Kinnery Shah, USAC Cultural Affairs Commissioner
Emily Resnick, USAC President
Kristina Sidrak, USAC Internal Vice President
Daniel Soto, USAC Campus Events Commissioner
David Bocarsly, USAC General Representative 1

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<http://www.truebruin.ucla.edu/statement.htm>

- Yao made a friendly amendment to take out the “the” in the 7th whereas
- Saxe asked about how they would advocate with the police department
- Resnick said they could present as a USAC council and have an open dialogue in that way. She said if anyone has other ideas to let them know as well. She said they met with members of the campus safety alliance as well.
- Gamble said this is one of the best ways to do it because Nancy comes in later on in the year.
- Smith asked about past resolutions. He asked about all of the sponsors. He asked about the sponsors and their role in the resolutions
- Resnick said they need three sponsors to have it pass. The people listed are the people that worked on the resolution after. It will be known that this is sponsored by all of USAC
- Arruejo said they could have a lot of sponsors, but it should go to officers where the programming directly relates to them. He said that as president, she already must sponsor the resolution
- Zimmerman said she can't really veto it. She said she could have something not come to council to a vote since she can't give a fiscal vote. She said usually the sponsors are the authors. She said sometimes council members add their names. She said anyone could add their name if they would like to.
- Dr. Nelson said there are no rules with who follows up on this. He said usually, resolutions do not follow up and usually makes a statement about how council feels about an event.
- Smith said this is important, since he doesn't know why there isn't a follow up. He said he doesn't know who's supposed to keep in mind the resolutions when these things come up. He said he doesn't believe in people adding their names unless they're willing to tackle it if an issue comes up
- Dr. Geller said there is no maximum of sponsors. She said if there is unanimous vote for the resolution, it may be powerful to have every member of council as a sponsor. She said typically, the sponsors are the authors and the person who makes sure it goes into the Daily Bruin. As follow up, this could come up with that role.
- Resnick said she would be following up with the last “let it be resolved.” She said there were countless people to add to the last let it be resolved, but the ones listed are great point people. She said it would go further beyond and to the campus community. She said since this is something that will go to all students, she thinks it would be interesting to have all of council's names on it.
- Starr asked if they did this with the Flyaway resolution as a statement
- Resnick said this would be powerful
- Gamble said this could be added to the bottom that it would be supported by all of USAC. She said people who added to the language could be listed as sponsors
- Saxe said sponsor has a certain connotation
- Resnick asked if authors and sponsors could be looked up in the bylaws
- Sidrak said that in the resolution, no author or sponsors name should be included in the publication of the resolution.
- Resnick said it might be a good idea to add that all of USAC supports it
- Smith asked what to do since a member is not there
- Gamble said it's most likely assumed that they are all in support for this.
- Resnick said no names would be published. She said she would mention that it is fully supported by council
- Saxe called to question the amended resolution. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution was passed.
- Resnick said great job to everyone, especially those who spent time on it outside of the council table.
- Zimmerman said they should make a motion to see who is in charge of putting this on the Daily Bruin
- Arruejo asked if the 1/3 page is automatically approved
- Zimmerman said they usually have a point person

-Resnick said this will go out Thursday or Friday. She said this is a rare and current resolution

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Arruejo asked about resolutions and if it was contingency
- Zimmerman said yes. She said he could talk to Debbie
- Arruejo said it is \$340.
- Gamble asked if they have to publish it
- Zimmerman said they could use discretionary
- Gamble said this could just go to the email
- Zimmerman said as a council they could decide how to publish it. She said this might be something that the Daily Bruin might already want to talk about. She said this is something that would be great to have in both
- Sidrak asked if they needed a motion
- Zimmerman said yes
- Arruejo asked if this should be suspended
- Saxe moved to suspend the bylaws. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the bylaws to print the resolution in the Daily Bruin were suspended.
- Resnick said she would follow up on this
- Chikanov said Sunday would be yoga under the sunset. He passed out flyers.
- Starr said study nights are going on. The services were being publicized a lot and they are giving away blue books and food. He said this is an ideal place to study. CSC offers the vans.
- Yao said alternative spring break is coming up. The doodle for meeting with Bob should be filled out by tonight.
- Arruejo said the funding study group met this Monday. They came up with two recommendations. The first is a performer or anyone that receives honorarium can receive it twice. Groups may not ask for more than the maximum eligibility. Arruejo said he would send out the strike through's and amendments.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Gamble moved and Bocarsly 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 9:39 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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USAC Minutes Taker
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