

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
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, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT: Michael Starr

GUESTS: Jeremy Reynard

I. A. Call to Order

*- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.*

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs mini-grant.

- Hester 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. \*12/6/11

- Sidrak moved and Saxe seconded to approve the minutes for December 6, 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

*There were no public comments this week.*

V. Special Presentations

*There were no special presentations this week.*

VI. Appointments

*There were no appointments this week.*

VII. Fund Allocations

### **A. Academic Success Referendum Fund**

The following is a list of the Academic Success Referendum Fund Grant Allocations that were submitted to the Academic affairs Commission for consideration. A total of \$4010.50 was requested from ASRF; of that, a total of \$3418.00 was allocated.

### **B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant**

**Saxe said they are offering \$450 for a course being offered.**

#### **C. EVP Travel Grant**

-Gamble said the United Khmer student group and the J Street U were allocated money. \$690 was allocated.

#### **D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

*There was no business for the cultural affairs mini-grant this week.*

#### **E. \*Contingency Allocations**

- Bocarsly moved to approve contingency allocations. Saxe seconded.
- Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$13,290.56 for their programs. A total of \$5,493.80 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$1,404.00 is recommended for allocation for this week (at 50% reduction). There is a total of \$11,201.05 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.
- The last three organizations were from his committee.
- Bocarsly said they would have a conversation about getting more money and asked if it would effect the reductions
- Arruejo said the more money they get, the less they would reduce allocations
- Bocarsly said they might want to table this until later so they could change how much they allocate
- Arruejo said it is up the council
- Smith asked if they should spend more money just because they are going to have a conversation about it
- Bocarsly said they would talk about the referendum and about asking the ASUCLA board of directors for money
- Smith said they could continue going on with the allocations because they don't need to spend more. He said they could continue on with the 50% allocation
- Sholklapper asked how much more they would be getting
- Bocarsly said it seems likely this will happen. He said they could determine this after their allocation
- Saxe said they should table this to the end of the meeting. She moved to table this until after the conversation regarding the budget.
- Gamble objected because they assumed this would go along with the referendum
- Bocarsly clarified
- Gamble said they need to take it to the service committee and we don't know what their reaction is yet. She said she would rather continue the conversation at a later meeting
- Bocarsly said from what they've heard, they think it will happen
- Yao said they could talk about moving it around and then see how the conversation goes.
- Soto said it makes more sense to have their conversations but he agrees with Gamble since there is a service meeting this Friday.
- Bocarsly said for the sake of educating everyone in the topic, they should move to table the

conversation

-Smith asked how he was sure

-Bocarsly said that they could talk about this during that agenda item.

-Bocarsly moved to approve the contingency allocations. Soto seconded.

-Arruejo said as of right now, he sticks with his 50% reductions. He said it is unsure of what will happen.

-Bocarsly said they don't have anything concrete enough of changing anything so he would approve these.

-Resnick said they could have further discussions later.

-Bocarsly called to question. Saxe seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, contingency was approved this week.

### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

#### **President- Emily Resnick**

Resnick thanked those who spoke with Lancing over break. She said she has been talking to the student regents about an event during winter quarter. She said the president's office would have a blood drive week 3. She said she has the contact information for the blood drive. She said they would have a president's wintership as well. She said the USAC roll out would be 10am-2pm on Jan 31st. She said they are putting together a survey for all student groups on OrgSync. She said they want to make sure everyone agrees with the survey. They have 4 people coming in for the mayoral debate.

#### **Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak**

Sidrak said Strathmore Saferides resumes this Thursday. Their appointments are coming next week. Over break, they sent the Museum of Tolerance an email. The finalized date is Wednesday, January 25 from 6-7pm. She said they outreached to ORL, the LGBT center, etc. for the focus group. She said questions should be emailed to her. She said CSP wanted to have a luncheon about how they could support one another. It is scheduled for next Friday at noon. They need a head count to order food. She asked if people had a conflict. Sidrak asked if it could be the Friday following

-Smith said there is an event next Friday

-Sidrak said she would cancel it and get back to it. She asked if the members of CRC could raise their hands.

-Shah, Yao, and Saxe raised their hands

#### **External Vice President- Joelle Gamble**

Gamble said UCSA had their board meeting in New Jersey over the break. One resolution was about online piracy and one was about sponsored voter registration. She said another topic was moving their fund to a credit union to support credit unions in solidarity. She said this would help the surrounding community. She said UCSA holds funds in a US bank. They are giving money to campuses for voter registration. For the board meeting, they will work on financial aid proposals. She said this could be taken back to the financial aid directors. She said at the meeting, UCLA is making a resolution for a UC budget transparency task force, which recognizes that the UC budget is not accessible and is difficult to read. She said there should be a version of the budget that is easy to read so that the main purpose of the task force is to make sure it is transparent. She said they want it to be open to students for all students from all campuses. She said this would

come out in the next month or so. The student vote coalition is accepting more student groups and if any offices want to be involved to let her know. The meetings would be in a couple weeks. The budget came out on January 5th. It has a task initiative attached to it. She said only some things are increased in tens of thousands. She said there are increases but they are small. She said without the initiative there would be \$20 million in cuts. Her office is working with the student fee advisory committee. They are working to let students know where their money is going.

-Bocarsly asked where the rest of the money is going

-Gamble said some increases go to retirement. She said they are still trying to break it down. She said UCSA hired someone to break it down and see what's going on

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe**

-Saxe said the undergraduate writing center is working to move night hours to the hill. This way, students will know it's still open for winter quarter. They have a list for the academic services map of which buildings have which services. She will send this out. This will be put into a map soon. They will present the syllabus preview committee this Friday to get the support of deans. The community conflict and modern world requirements will be reviewed in a separate meeting and will be discussed at the end of the month

-Arruejo asked if the center moved to the hill

-Saxe said there are additional hours available on the hill

#### **Student Support Services- Patty Zimmerman**

-Zimmerman said their numbers doubled for the 24-hour study lounge. She said they're excited to expand this and to work with USAC earlier in the quarter. She said they could add more things. They are really excited about that.

### IX. Old Business

#### X. New Business

##### A. \*Request for USAC Discretionary Funds for Textbook Scholarship

-Bocarsly moved to approve the request for USAC discretionary funds for the textbook scholarship. Sidrak seconded.

-Hester said this is her request from the financial supports commission. She reviewed how the textbook scholarship works. She said undergraduate students who are US citizens are eligible. There is a short application online. Applicants FAFSA information is obtained from the FAO. Applicants are divided into three pre-determined FAFSA EFC tiers. They want to achieve their new and improved TBS and TLL (textbook loan library) goals. Their new TBS should be sustainable, not reliant on student fees, could come possibly from an outside donor, cross-reference the books students wish to purchase using the scholarship with what is already available in the textbook loan library, consistent monetary amount and number given each quarter, increased advertising (table tents, through RA's, etc), and available to undocumented students. She said the new and improved textbook loan library would have more course readers, donations of a book or course reader to access the loan library, and advertisement of the TLL on the mobile app and through UCLA library. She said they would like to continue because it is a tangible mechanism to help students and increases USAC visibility. She said 36 recipients did not turn in their contracts. She said she multiplied that by 200, which was \$7200 left of roll over money. She said they would like to give out 50 scholarships of \$200. They are requesting 10,000-7200=\$2800

-Reynard asked if they expect less people to accept the scholarship

-Dr. Nelson asked about the scholarship

- Hester said after talking to people, they realized there was a lot of advertising at the Enormous Activities Fair. She said since advertising is more difficult this quarter, they would give out less. They did not want to take all the discretionary funds
- Dr. Nelson asked how many people applied last quarter
- Hester said around 4000
- Dr. Nelson asked how many they expect to apply this year
- Hester said she wasn't sure
- Gamble asked if the amount last year was \$250.
- Saxe asked if she got the scholarship and already bought her books if the funds were retroactive
- Hester said she wasn't sure, but they are closing their accounts for students who have had the scholarship for more than two quarters.
- Soto said in terms of the 36 students who didn't accept the scholarships if there was a way to give them to people that would use it
- Hester said she was not sure of how to go around it
- Smith asked if the same 36 applicants were on the lower tier of the EFC, since some people might receive gift aid
- Hester said she didn't look at the names of the people. She said this would help them better understand why people didn't accept the scholarships
- Dr. Nelson asked if they could have a questionnaire to explain why they would not accept the scholarship. He asked about spring quarter.
- Hester said she didn't know, but she feels like it would be easier to advertise for spring quarter since break is only one week long. She said they could ask people to apply at the very beginning. She said she would like to give out more spring quarter. She said they would see how the upcoming quarter goes.
- Dr. Geller said she mentioned that it takes two quarters to accept the funds. She asked if everyone that uses it uses the full award.
- Hester said unfortunately they weren't able to do that yet but they are working with ASUCLA to look at who didn't use all of their rewards. She said some students used part of their own money to buy books.
- Dr. Geller asked if the rewards could be used for a single quarter
- Hester said the application is open the first week of school. She said by the time people can use the money, it is already the middle of week 2. She said perhaps they could do a drawing at the end of the quarter rather than the beginning
- Bocarsly said when they talked about it last quarter, they discussed how they would have more money next quarter. He asked where this would come from.
- Hester said she wasn't sure
- Resnick said they could possibly go to corporate sponsorships.
- Hester said that was their tentative solution but they were not certain
- Bocarsly asked if it was feasible
- Hester said possibly but she couldn't guarantee it
- Resnick said this is on the table since she would like to request money from discretionary funds. She said if there are questions now would be a good time.
- Smith said he doesn't mind, but wants to make sure that this isn't something they blow through.
- Bocarsly said this is something that is very important to USAC and students. He said this helps with USAC outreach and is a great resource for students. He said for consistency's sake it is important to have. He said this should be conditional based on that it will continue to future quarters.
- Hester said they would like to make it sustainable
- Resnick said this is an awesome opportunity. She said they could put a link on the site to the USAC website or advertise their general meetings.

-Bocarsly called to question \$2800 for the textbook scholarship from the council discretionary fund. With a vote of 10-0-1, the vote had passed.

B. \*Referendum for Programming Funds

-Zimmerman said in regards to discretionary funds, it is under her office and she should let Deb Simmons about the allocations. She said it might be a budget transfer

-Arruejo said he knows how it is transferred

-Yao moved to approve a referendum for \$3 a quarter for programming funds

-Yao said they would go about it in a problem and solution format. She said the proposed solution is the referendum. She said this began when they realized they had a lower surplus than expected and they are looking for solutions. She said Bob Williams said they may be able to request funding from the ASUCLA board of directors. She said this meeting seemed like a simple meeting, but it turned out that there was a bigger funding issue at hand. She said she would present the spreadsheet Roy Champawat gave to them at the meeting. She suggested opening up the Excel as well. She said Bocarsly might fill them in on what they might miss. Yao said the money has been consistent throughout the years. She said the numbers aren't changing much. She said this is the money they have to work with every year. She said the next two lines are surplus funds from contingency and USA/BOC programming funds. She said that funding is not consistent. She said there are a couple of different reasons their surplus was decreasing. She said they had an effective FiCom, closed out accounts, and a growth in student groups. Champawat pointed out inflation and how the value of a dollar is now less. She said the total in the next line is the total in terms of USA, BOD, and contingency. She said other allocations from surplus were allocations they made for the projects. She said they made allocations for Homecoming, Bruin Bash, textbook scholarships, etc. She said the next line is how much can be allocated. The next line shows a trend that has decreased throughout the years. She said in the graph, they looked at the net surplus outcome. They subtracted the total surpluses minus the last year. She said the outcome has decreased quite dramatically. She said this is a much more widespread problem. She said there are actual trends of a financial problem since they are being more effective with their spending. She said they are getting less and less surplus. She said at first, they thought they could just request money. She said next year, USAC would have to request funding. She said they are not in the business of consistently giving them funds. She said that Gamble said that they should do a referendum, since this would provide a long-term solution. The referendum would account for a need for programming as well as the inflation that they were not accounting for.

-Dr. Geller said they mentioned an \$85000 change number

-Zimmerman said this is an estimate. She said the number in place of it is roughly the amount of Bruin Bash. She said that is around how much they usually take from surplus. She said there are some events that are only funded through surplus

-Yao said if they think of an example, Bruin Bash is expected. She said the funding has an inconsistent source.

-Soto said Bruin Bash was a concern they had. He said that the way it is funded is unsustainable. They usually expect \$38,000 from the chancellor, which goes to security and UCPD. He said the rest of the money comes from corporate sponsorships that Ken Heller has worked on. The rest of that is requested from USAC. He said that this isn't sustainable. Their attempts at getting corporate sponsors fell through. They didn't get all the funding they expected, which is why they asked for \$90,000. Soto said previous councils allocated funds from surplus toward Bruin Bash, but it was increased from the year before since then they asked for \$80,000. He asked what was stopping future commissioners from asking for more. Soto said they could institutionalize the referendum and have part of it to go to Bruin Bash. Part of the money of the referendum going to Bruin Bash would allow them to get a solid number.

-Yao said they didn't include language in the referendum but were focusing on the break down.

They are focusing on the idea of it. She said on Friday, they would propose this to the ASUCLA directors for the money they are requesting from them. She said they asked them to provide an indication that USAC is in favor on working on this long-term solution of the referendum. She went to Arruejo to talk about the funding analysis

-Arruejo said he sent an email regarding the financial trends of the finance committee. They allocated 50% more, including the reductions. There is an increase in allocations. He said there if there is an additional \$50,000, it wouldn't be up to what they would like but it would be only 10-20% reductions. The other \$50,000 would go to BOD since funding for spring quarter would hit groups the hardest. The groups in spring quarter would see the most reductions.

-Yao said in order to vote on it would mean a lot, since in order to request funding they would like the commitment of all of council since if all of council were behind this, then the referendum would more likely succeed. This would be a long-term solution.

-Bocarsly proposed \$3 per student per quarter, which should be enough to make the fund sustainable in the future.

-Resnick said this was one of the main points mentioned at the end. This would be something sustainable. She said hopefully this wouldn't be an issue that the future has to struggle with.

-Bocarsly said they need to vote on how much they would put into a referendum for future years and because of their commitment to sustainability, they needed to talk about how they would present it to BOD and how it would effect this year.

-Dr. Nelson said they should talk about why Bruin Bash was established. He said they should prevent something that happened in the past. It is essential that something like this passes because it is in the best interest of their students. He said this is constructive. He said they this was instituted as a health and safety issue.

-Dr. Geller asked if they were looking for less return to aid or plus return to aid. She asked if people would pay for summer as well and which ballot it would be on

-Bocarsly said before return to aid, for three quarters and not summer, and it would be on next year's ballot

-Zimmerman said Bruin Bash for the last few years was a topic of discussion since they couldn't find a way to institutionalize it. She said when the idea of a referendum came up, it was a first time a solution like this came up

-Saxe asked if there was a certain amount of the \$3 that is specifically for Bruin Bash

-Zimmerman said the \$3 could be determined at a later date

-Saxe said this seems like it's for student group programming. She said Bruin Bash is a different event. She said these two things shouldn't fall back to one referendum. She said they need to make that distinction.

-Zimmerman said she sees from both ways. She said if they agree to pass this for student programming, they could see how it is today. A different day or meeting could discuss percentages. She said now they should decide if they would like to try to pass referendum. She said after discussion if they decide they do not want Bruin Bash on this referendum, they could try something else

-Dr. Geller said she would like to reframe it. She said \$2.25 would go to them per student per quarter. She asked how many students they expected

-Zimmerman said 2600

-Dr. Geller said it would be 33% of the total or 33% of the amount. She said if they start at \$2.25, they go up to \$3.

-Bocarsly said they looked it up

-Zimmerman said it's 25%

-Dr. Geller said they didn't adjust for inflation before. She said they could write the referendum for inflation on referendum

-Zimmerman said you can't add percentages to additional referendum

- Dr. Geller said it would be changed to return to aid
- Arruejo asked if it would matter if it would be 25% after return to aid.
- Zimmerman said this is something they need to look into. She said this is something they could look into
- Gamble asked for clarification for what is being voted on. She asked if they are agreeing on the numbers
- Resnick said a yes would be a yes to the initial proposal, which would say they would have a referendum that would be worked on later for student group fees
- Gamble asked for clarification
- Resnick said they should vote on the number requesting from students and the language would be worked on later
- Shah said they aren't looking at this holistically. She said they have a lot of student groups. She said they have more money but it doesn't prevent more students from applying. She said they are jumping to vote on a referendum when they don't have a clear picture from ASUCLA's end. She said they are committing without a concept on how this would effect this year. She said she would like to take the time to see how they address student groups. She said she would rather look into it more than just do it because there is a meeting for Friday
- Zimmerman said ASUCLA is interested that the council feels like they need a long-term solution. She said they aren't concerned with the numbers. Their concern is that if they come tomorrow, they wouldn't continue to ask for funds later in the year. She said the board of directors would be just as comfortable if they vote for a referendum. They would look at the details to see that a solution is in place
- Dr. Geller said if they are not prepared to vote on specific language, they could vote on a commitment to a referendum and authorizing the appropriate research to determine what the amount should be and what programs it should support. She said they could later work on their numbers. She said they needed to have the election committee establish dates soon.
- Resnick said the \$3 was based on Arruejo's number for allocations and the return to aid. Resnick said the amount includes a buffer so it would be continued for the next years.
- Bocarsly said it came up at the meeting with Champawat and Williams. He said the number given was about \$100,000, half each for contingency and BOD. He said that with more referendum, they might not permanently solve the problem but for a longer period of time. He talked about the numbers they would get with different amounts on the referendum. He asked if the 50-cent change would be worth it. They thought about how they could help the students for the greater good and not hurt students.
- Yao said \$3 per quarter would be \$9 a year. This could solve the problem and not ask for too much.
- Saxe said when the numbers come up, Bruin Bash isn't considered in programming funds. She said she knows that they should ask for private donations. She asked how realistic that private money would come in for this. She said they would like to keep this number as low as possible.
- Smith asked how they could assure that students wouldn't apply for more funding. He said he always pushed for financial literacy so that students would go out to the LA community and potentially gets money donated. He said it doesn't make sense to ask for the money when students could go out and get more money.
- Zimmerman said one of their big missions is to help students and student groups thrive. She said it is difficult to receive money from outside companies. She said it is only a good thing that they give out more money. She said they should be that resource
- Smith said they should go for skill building and grant writing
- Dr. Geller said they used to go to beneficiaries. She said after the passage of pledge, the amount of funding requested from student groups did not increase. She said if they gather data from beneficiaries from pledge, they could see if requests went up or not. She said each year, the IVP



requests more money. She said whether they market it by doing a referendum or if the offices do a better job of advertising, the cost of programming goes up. As the costs go up, the amounts of programming goes up. Every year they see more groups registering. She said they are likely to see from the cost of programming, diversity of student groups, and effective marketing plans from council, numbers and sizes of requests would increase.

-Soto said this year things didn't pan out. He said one should look at how one holistically acquires more donors. He said at the same time, corporate sponsorships shouldn't be the only thing that funds Bruin Bash. He said they can't rely on outside companies. He said that a certain amount should be committed to Bruin Bash since it happens every year.

-Yao said now, they have a flawed system since they relied on surplus. She said they've come to a level of great programming that needs more than this amount. She said she feels like this referendum is necessary. She said Bruin Bash has always gotten money from surplus. She said Bruin Bash would get money from surplus anyway. She said if it was institutionalized, Bruin Bash could possibly give extra money back

-Soto said when they contact artists, they don't have numbers to work with. He said the numbers can fluctuate

-Bocarsly said the Bruin Bash conversation is important to have. He said the money that doesn't go to surplus will go to Bruin Bash. He said this conversation is not necessary to have now. He said he would like to shift the conversation back to the number they were talking about. He said they talked about the funding situation for hours. He said being able to fund student groups and giving them the chance to program is their duty as council. He said that there needs to be a solution.

-Gamble said she is still hesitant. She said they got a projection of surplus. She said the projections aren't reliable. She said she is skeptical because they don't know how much money to put into this. She said they are talking a lot about surplus. She said that they need to reform council spending as well. She said if their priority is to run student groups, they should look into this as well.

-Bocarsly said in terms of surplus spending, he doesn't look at projections. He said this year they had a significant lesser number. He said that in the past, FiCom didn't close accounts. He said that Arruejo's efficiency should continue but they do want guaranteed money in the fund. He said the chart shows the guaranteed money they should get. They should increase the student groups and applicants. He said they should lower surplus, but they should raise that number

-Gamble asked about closing accounts. She asked if closing accounts would effect next year's numbers

-Arruejo said it wasn't much and it would be less this year

-Gamble asked if closing accounts was a significant factor

-Arruejo said it would amount to no more than 10%. He said reallocating amounts would be less and less

-Lazarovici asked if this would be like a thirsty man drinking salty water. She asked if more groups are necessarily better. She asked if 900 small groups were better for UCLA. She said that she is involved in a merger of two similar groups that essentially do the same thing. She said this has its difficulties but it has its scale. She said BOD has them stuck in a corner. She said there was a similar referendum when she was a student and students ran a no campaign. She said they would have to face a possibility of not winning.

-Dr. Nelson said he didn't know if they saw the amount of new groups. He said it calls for prioritizing if this was something they wanted to do. He said that Bruin Bash was essential. He said that students were getting less and less money. He said they might want to think in terms of Bruin Bash. He said down the road, some people might need to make decisions on how to increase money for student programming. He said they should decide what they want to do for next year. He said if they want to go for the whole thing they should. He said they should be

aware that they should not do it all at one time. He said they have an increase in fees at one time. He said they should think realistically in the allotted period of time.

-Sidrak said she keeps hearing that the student groups are increasing. She said it doesn't depend on them whether or not the groups are increasing. She said they could talk to CSP and adding an EOL about campus climate that could possibly change how students register.

-Resnick said one of the biggest issues was making sure that the groups could use usable donations. She said student groups should receive donations that would help them function. She said one of the things they could discuss is if they wanted to have a referendum on the ballot. She said they could continue to do the research, but they could hear if having a referendum was seen as a feasible solution.

-Smith said he would only support this if they as a table didn't over program. He said that if they are programming and use all the money, it doesn't make sense. He said it doesn't make sense if they ask for money just so they could have control of the money

-Bocarsly said they are there for students. He said that it is being shown that this is happening. He said that surplus is something they can get access to. He said that if they change that mentality they would be heading in the right direction.

-Resnick said council members have realized that there is barely enough money for student groups. She said this is an important direction that the council should consider

-Saxe said they all have the best intentions. She said the root of the problem was that the money was building up in surplus. She said that food was added to contingency, which was a big problem. She said that food was a huge amount given to student groups. She said that is when programs began to rely on USAC. She said this has to be a strong message because council in the future could suffer from this too. She said they should see how council in the future would view this

-Bocarsly said this is something that came up. He said that they do not know the difficulty they've gone through. He said these might not last beyond future generations. He said they should make sure that these things become staples. He said he agrees and that it is important to continue that

-Saxe said the surplus might continue to be a problem. She said this could be passed on through administrators. She said if they went back in time, the council was probably trying to get people to apply.

-Zimmerman said they are looking at the big projects that depended on surplus and trying to find other avenues. She said they could possibly broaden it to other students. She said these projects could become more institutionalized. She said new ideas could come up. She said some of the ideas are infesting and new and it is a great avenue to have.

-Gamble said it's not just surplus but also when it comes to BOD. She said some of their own projects got several thousand dollars. She said they have the ability to go to ASUCLA, etc. She said it is important that they look at how they have the ability to dip into other sources of funding.

-Yao said she respects that. She said they already met with Champawat and Zimmerman and got analysis. She said they could look at more variables.

-Gamble said she didn't know where. She said she would like to see effects of enrollment, how funding bodies have changed, the audit, how council has moved to address this, etc.

-Yao said in terms of the audit, when they would get it

-Gamble said the end of January

-Yao said in terms of a timeline, the short-term solution would effect the student groups now. She said they have a time limitation to all of this

-Shah said USAC offices were mentioned. She said this does have to be considered. She said that if they look at contingency and BOD, there are more offices than there are student groups applying. She asked what they were doing to see if they were doing programs for USAC or programs that would benefit student groups. She said that they looked at new ways, but they

didn't know if they would have money in the future. She said they may hinder innovation by simply adding money into the pot. She said she is not opposed to adding money but she would like to see a more holistic approach so to address a council 5 years from now

-Bocarsly said these are things they should work on. He said it would be great to see that the future would not be in this situation. He said that they have an issue now. He said that there is definitely a lot more to discuss. He said he completely agrees

-Resnick said this is the solution for now but they should be in the process of reforming this for years. She said if they made cuts, they would be done with more advertisement of said cuts. She said they are trying to figure out how to reform it. She said this is a concrete example of how they could increase the money available for student groups. She said the conversation was lengthy but awesome. She said she would like to return to the initiative on the table.

-Saxe said she doesn't have a problem with the referendum, but she would like to spend a lot of time to see how it is crafted. She said in terms of USAC offices using the money, they should see to what extent USAC is dipping into these sources. She said they should look at numbers and compare them to other student groups. She asked if students would vote to pass this. She said they are asking to pass this while fighting against fee increases. She said they know that elections are politically intense times. She said the worst thing that could happen would be that this becomes a party issue. She said this should be something that the council is behind

-Gamble said in terms of passage she is not sure. She said that TGIF seemed cheap, which is why it was passed. She said they could not vote on a referendum until the chancellor approves the language. She said she would like to feel comfortable before she votes on something. She said they have a lot of work put into it, but there is more that she would like to see to feel more comfortable

-Zimmerman said the board of directors isn't trying to buy hands. She said their idea was to think big picture. She said this opened up a lot of student's eyes. She said the board in general is trying to think of the overall good of the council. She said that they would like to see if council is also thinking about the bigger picture solutions

-Gamble asked if someone could write up what they would say to him or her. She said there is nothing tangible in front of them. She said she is not sure what saying yes means on Friday to the board.

-Bocarsly said it seems like to get the best chance at a short-term solution, they should 100% back a referendum. He said unfortunately, if they want the highest chance of that, they need to make a decision now. He said he didn't know if they would be able to do that leaving the meeting. He said they needed a specific number and they would bring it in to the board of directors. He said if they aren't comfortable with an exact number, they could present a statement but have a lower chance of getting it. He said they could drop the idea altogether and look for another funding source.

-Gamble said it seems like ASUCLA is giving them a shaft. She said that the only way to ensure that they will be happy is if they commit to passing referendum. She said this makes her uncomfortable.

-Shah said with this referendum, they were thinking about it. She asked who was running the referendum and where the money would come from. She asked how it would manifest itself. She said it would probably be a tough sell to begin with.

-Yao said she doesn't think ASUCLA is giving them the shaft. She said they saw this was a long-term problem. ASUCLA wanted to ensure that they wouldn't have to give them money every single year. She said they need this money for the future. She said in terms of what goes on in spring, they're voting on the gist of the referendum, which is something they could all support.

-Bocarsly said a lot of people pointed out concerns with this. He said this is the best solution they've come up with so far. He said this is a big step in the right direction. He said this is positive and it is great that they are all questioning it.

- Resnick said a vote would show that they are interested in some form of referendum
- Yao asked if they would support a motion instead of a dollar amount.
- Saxe asked if that would be strong enough to support BOD giving us money
- Zimmerman said she couldn't answer that, but it is important with what council wants to do. She said it would be up to BOD. She said BOD wants to fund student groups. She said they are the ones presenting to them.
- Saxe said there was an issue of the graduate students asking for money. She said if they make a commitment, they would tie themselves to something that wouldn't get them what they intended to. She said she would rather make a stronger commitment. She said this sounds too weak for them to change their mind
- Bocarsly said he would like to remind them that the referendum is their support for solving this issue in the future. He said it sounds like they would commit to something they wish they would take it back. He said if they don't have exact numbers, it would still be an uphill battle with BOD but it would still be a possibility
- Dr. Geller said there may be value in reaching out
- Gamble said a commitment without numbers is what scares her. She said that \$100,000 to ASUCLA is a lot of money. She said even with a referendum attached, the issue is giving out the money in the first place
- Bocarsly said that Michael from GSA was supportive and understanding.
- Saxe asked if the \$50,000 was tied to GSA. She said they appointed undergraduate reps and they couldn't tell them how to vote. She said she agrees the referendum would benefit the future, but she thinks the problem is going forward without the rest of the information.
- Yao asked what next steps they would want to take in terms of finding out more research. She said in terms of other parts of the referendum, they would look at other aspects they had right now.
- Saxe said they are signing their own blank check without understanding the full ramifications. She said she would like more information on the referendum first. She said if they tie it with the BOD solution for now, they could pull in the research. She said she wanted to make sure that was what BOD was looking for.
- Yao said it is not a blank check since they all have a role in writing it. She said the writing would just be explaining that.
- Saxe said agreeing to a referendum would be just because of the next two Friday meetings. She said if they do it and BOD doesn't make the decision they hope they make, then she would rather put it off until they feel more comfortable. She asked how confident they were that making a decision without a specific number would make BOD give us what we were asking for
- Resnick said they wanted the idea of such a thing. She said they would not go through the steps unless it had all the support of the council. She said it wouldn't move forward unless it was something everyone was comfortable with. She said that at the end of the day, this needed to be something that the council needed to be comfortable with. She said they should not present something they should not feel comfortable with.
- Zimmerman said people didn't want to say yes to a referendum. She said it seems like they are interested in looking at a referendum as a possibility and would like to do more research.
- Saxe said if they approach BOD with the concept that they are supportive of long-term solutions potentially in the form of a referendum or constitutional reforms, if that would hold weight. She asked if their commitment to a long-term solution was the same as choosing a number.
- Resnick said this is a good solution right now. She said they do need to present them with something
- Yao asked if that would clarify rules, potential referendum, etc.
- Saxe said they could look at the ideas from tonight. She said that Hester didn't have a specific commitment for example, but they could trust that she would look into the textbook scholarship.

-Zimmerman said the essence of what they are looking for is a commitment from council and not a quick fix solution. She said that would be a best-case scenario rather than no decision from council.

-Bocarsly said coming up with tangible things would be the best case. He said they are making this presentation on Friday. He said that they are thinking of other long-term solutions. He said if they could come up with a list that would be the best thing they could do

-Resnick said this might be difficult but they could create a Google Doc. She said council could try to add ideas with the best ideas and proposal that they can. She said this would be contingent that everyone would come up with an idea no later than tomorrow

-Bocarsly said they might not have many ideas

-Saxe asked if they could say that council is supportive of long-term solutions and include possible solutions, such as outside donations. She said they could outline what steps they are taking. She said now, they should show some form of commitment.

-Bocarsly said he doesn't see them changing the constitution. He said none of the things mentioned would be as helpful as a referendum. He said that they came up with some solutions that would help minimally. He said that they thought a lot and thought of one significant idea. He said that he didn't want to present to them if they would not bring significant changes. He said that they would not think of a number. He said that if everyone feels comfortable that they would come up with solutions, they could vote on that. He said they could say that all of them would commit to a referendum

-Yao said that they should think about if they should do something about the problem right now that is as significant. She said there needs to be a lot of money to help solve this problem

-Resnick said if they look at their overall budget, it is quite small. Resnick said there is a spreadsheet that shows the budget. She said this is a solution to increase the overall budget. She asked if there were still people that were uncomfortable to putting a possible referendum to a vote.

-Shah asked if they were committing to running a referendum

-Resnick said it wouldn't be a referendum that everyone wasn't comfortable with. She said yes they would vote on whether or not they would run a referendum.

-Bocarsly said this was a solution because this seems like one of the best solutions that they have come up with. He said that hopefully this made them aware of the thought process that he has gone through these last couple of months

-Gamble said she is not trying to say if a referendum is best. She said saying yes to a referendum no matter what is a problem because she doesn't know if things need to be attached to it or how much it would be. She said it is not the right time to take a stance to a referendum. She said she doesn't think that they should commit right now for the sake of this meeting

-Soto said that going into this meeting, he was previously planning to vote on it to pass. He said their best option now is to go to the board to saying these are their possible options. He said that there were concerns about the dollar amount. He said he would be comfortable saying that they could present that they were committed to a long-term solution.

-Bocarsly said they could come up with ideas but they would not be as substantial. He said that they would pretty much be saying they are committed to a referendum. He said that they would seem unprepared.

-Gamble said they don't have to say that they're committed to nothing. She said they could say that there will be a referendum proposed.

-Bocarsly said that he didn't want to propose it unless it was unanimous.

-Gamble said that they could say that they are committed to working with the council to running a referendum. She said it is almost unfair to ask for unanimous consent on an invisible item. She said they can't force people to vote on something that they don't have

-Bocarsly said he couldn't say they are committed to proposing a referendum unless it is

unanimous

-Saxe said that by committing now would be committing to something we don't know fully. She said if they can't all agree on the language of a referendum that would be why they couldn't commit. She asked if they could commit to doing a proposal of a referendum. She said they could at least tell BOD that they are committed.

-Gamble said she feels like they are doing this now without the vote.

-Saxe said they just need to show this to BOD so that they could take them seriously.

-Sholklapper asked why they needed to vote on it and say what she just said

-Saxe said that was what she was saying

-Zimmerman said if that was the case, there might be council members they didn't hear from. She said they should see how everyone says. That is why the vote would be in place.

-Yao said if they could say something, they should be able to vote on it too

-Bocarsly said they should vote on a statement to show what they are committed to.

-Gamble said this is why action items need an item attached. She said there is nothing to vote on. She said if something could be drafted, it would make it easier.

-Resnick said she understands this, but she could say that as a council they are looking for long-term solutions for this problem. She said she would still make the Google Doc so that council could add ideas. She said they could affirm that they are committed that they are looking for long-term goals to solve the problem.

-Saxe said she would try to draft something to vote on. She read a possible statement that could be sent by the council.

-Resnick said to that, other formal things could be added.

-Saxe said this would develop some sort of proposal. She said they are not all voting yes on it but it would show BOD that they are all taking it seriously.

-Saxe read the proposal as follows:

As the Undergraduate Students Association Council, we commit to working toward drafting a referendum proposal that will generate student funds for programming adjusted for inflation over time. Council members are dedicated to finding a long-term solution for our financial crisis in the form of researching the impact of this referendum or other equivalent changes to our current economic situation.

-Saxe said it would be helpful to show the changes they made to contingency as well.

-Bocarsly asked if he would call to question. He moved to amend the original motion. Sidrak seconded.

-Resnick asked if anyone had any comments concerning the proposal.

-Bocarsly called to question the statement

-Sholklapper seconded.

-Saxe asked if they should include the date

-Resnick said it could be helpful.

-Saxe said this would show that they have a more concrete idea

-Resnick said Spring 2012 would suffice

-Saxe called to question. Bocarsly seconded.

-With a vote of 9-1-1, council passed the statement.

-Resnick said a majority of council passed it. She thanked them for staying honest to their beliefs. She said she will still create a Google Doc. with ideas. She said the more they could present BOD with the better.

### C. \*Approval of UCSA Charter Changes

-Bocarsly moved to approve the UCSA Charter Changes. Sidrak seconded.

-Gamble said it's pretty straightforward. She said that anything that is underlined was changed. She said section B, C, and D of article 2 was changed. She said prior to this year, they filed their

own status. Everything else is grammatical.

-Bocarsly asked about article 8

-Gamble said this is still related to the change of status.

-Smith said it doesn't change their membership.

-Gamble said they're straight with the IRS now

-Bocarsly asked what that does

-Gamble said they would have to bring it back to their associations. She said she voted yes and she needed them to vote on it. This would be brought back to UCSA. She said it was a matter of coming back.

-Bocarsly asked how many schools had voted already

-Gamble said they were probably one of the first ones.

-Gamble called to question the changes to the UCSA charter. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the changes were approved.

#### XI. Announcements

-Sidrak said Nancy Greenson would come to their next campus meeting talking about student's rights to demonstrate. She said they could ask questions.

-Sholklapper said next week SWC, CEC, ORL, and the Volunteer Center is putting on an event called the Power of One. He said it is a forum of panelists that would encourage students to get involved in their communities and volunteer services.

-Chikanov said there is a research opportunity. He asked them to forward the emails. This would give students the chance to get into research. It is co-sponsored by the career center, undergraduate research center, etc. It would be next Tuesday

-Bocarsly said next Tuesday would be the Kickoff. He said Dillon Francis would perform. He said that they would have other activities going on.

-Zimmerman said Volunteer Discount Forms are out. She said ASUCLA Event Funds are out and a deadline might be coming out. She said to keep an eye out for the TGIF mini fund.

-Yao said there is a recruitment fair. They would like volunteers. This year their biggest demand was to take it to the hill. It would be two days on the 17th-18th. They would have giveaways, student group performances, etc. They would like to have a USAC booth.

-Hester said thank you for their patience. She will give updates.

-Smith said with the gen rep 3 and LGBR center and Queer Alliance are putting on an exhibit addressing issues in the transgendered men. It would show the death of the female body transforming to a male. The event would be Tuesday the 17th from 7-9, however the art gallery would be showing the work.

-Arruejo said there would be a USAC funding workshop coming up. This would be 3-5. Finance committee would also have a workshop

-Resnick said next week they would vote on the final number for surplus.

#### XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

- Sholklapper moved and Starr 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 10:10 p.m. by Acclamation.

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Approved: January 17<sup>th</sup>

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
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