

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 31, 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, Raquel Saxe, Michael Starr, Jason Smith, Tamir Sholklapper, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT: Dan Chikanov, Ronald Arruejo, Dr. Deb Geller

GUESTS: Cynthia Jasso

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Saxe's proxy moved to table the academic affairs grants until she gets there/

-Gamble moved to strike travel grants

-Bocarsly moved to change the surplus item into an action item.

-Gamble asked if there was documentation

-Sidrak said they were asking to suspend something, so there was no documentation

-Resnick said they would like to vote at the end of their discussion

-With a vote of 11-0-0. It was approved as a action item

-Bocarsly said he would also like to add an item following up on the decision with ASUCLA

-Gamble asked if there was writing to accompany it

-Bocarsly said they would make a decision about whether they should use any of the funds or not

-Resnick said if there is anything to be emailed there is room in the agenda

-With a vote of 11-0-0, it has been added to the agenda.

- Bocarsly moved and Starr 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. *1/24/12

-Yao said she wasn't there last week

-Arruejo's proxy said he wants to visit "all 15 offices" in his officer report

-Bocarsly said he would amend Arruejo's officer report to say "all 15 offices"

- Bocarsly moved and Starr seconded to approve the minutes for January 24, 2012, 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

ASUCLA Board of Directors Representatives

-They said they would be back with a more encompassing update later in the quarter.

There was a \$76000 liability that was passed. They want to help them, which is why that decision was made. She said they found this works the best for them. She said this is a formula they agreed upon. They also said that they are authorizing them to spend more than they have with the assumption that they would have a surplus next year. If they have more than \$76,000 next year, ASUCLA will cover the difference. They said they wanted to bring it up as an option and they would be working to get them surplus numbers sooner. They said if they had any questions to email them.

V. Special Presentations

-Gamble moved to table the presentation until after their appointments. Bocarsly seconded.

A. UCSA Campaign Update by UCSA Field Organizer Tommy Le and External- Vice President Joelle Gamble, Tommy Le

-Le said this is an update of what they did over summer and what will happen the rest of this quarter. He said they seek to advance higher education by training students to advocate for accessibility, affordability, and quality of the UC system. He said the organization has been around for a long time. There are graduate and undergraduate students. He said every single one of them is members of UCSA. He said they are

represented on their governing board via Gamble. He presented their priorities for the year. There are 4 large priorities. He said the first is the undergraduate student campaign. This past year, it was hosted at UC Riverside. They are working on voter registration reform and financial aid reform. The graduate and professional school campaign wanted to add two more student regents to the board. They also have an access and affordability campaign. Their goal is to reform prop. 13. Also, they are working on the UC Student Vote! project where they educate people to vote and to vote in the general and presidential elections. He said before, they advocated for the passage of the California DREAM Act: AB 130 and AB 131. Governor Brown signed the DREAM Act. He talked about voter registration reform, where they would increase access for students to register to vote. SB 397 (online voter registration) was signed into law. People are able to register to vote online. UCSA is pushing for this process to be institutionalized. He said they would like to increase access by organizing to have polling locations on all UC campuses. He said at Merced and Riverside, they didn't have polling locations. He said UCSA is a space for networking and sharing ideas. He said the campuses with polling locations shared ideas on how to communicate with the register. Now those two UC's have polling locations. He talked about reforming financial aid appeals. He said the process is not publicized or standardized and is different among UC campuses.

-Gamble said this is bad for first years and third years. She said the process was not accessible.

-Le said because of that, the financial aid directors helped them address that. As a result, they are drafting proposals for UCOP. He said they would like to help to improve student's lives. He said for the graduate/professional student's campaign, they have had additions to the student regents through STARs (Student Advocates to the Regents).

-Gamble said they would lobby the UC Regents.

-Le said for the upcoming year, people would be able to apply for the position. He talked about the goals of access and affordability has to do with getting rid of taxes, cuts, and tax measures. He said at the July regent's meeting, UCSA successfully removed a "trigger fee increase." He said luckily, the trigger was removed so the fees didn't go up automatically mid-year.

-Gamble said the fees are something they would have seen around this year but now they're not

-Le said over 13,000 UC students took a stance and urged Gov. Brown to support their issue. He said they hoped to reform prop. 13. He said UCLA out-organized all UC campuses in collecting post cards. He said what they signed had an impact, because Brown released a proposal that gave more funding to the UC. He is proposing the millionaire's tax for the November election.

- Gamble said Brown proposed a tax measure and this is a positive thing.
- Le said what they signed worked and made an impact. He said that students met with the speaker of the assembly on various issues. He said June primaries are coming up. He said all the new districts are going to be in place. He said their registration might be in another place. He said they are electing on almost all levels of government. He said that in November, they would be voting on ballot measures. He said there is a top 2 vote getter policies, which is proposition 14 in 2010. The top 2 vote getters regardless of party would move to the general ballot in November. He asked if they were all registered to vote. He said they hope to register the first years on the hill to vote. He proposed some important save the dates. The deadline to vote is May 22. Election day is June 5. He asked if they had any questions.
- Public: She asked if the regent's positions were undergrads
- Le said there would be 2 undergrads
- Dr. Nelson asked if there would be alternates
- Le said after the regents were in place they would have alternates
- Resnick said they are trying to figure out UCSA's role with the presidents was and if they had suggestions on how they could work better together
- Gamble said they could meet and talk about it. She said they talked about it at the last board meeting. She said they are drafting a new document about what's the role with the council of the presidents
- Proxy for FiCom: She asked about the agenda for the graduate/professional students
- Le said they worked on the graduate's health insurance. He said if this doesn't happen this year, it would be pushed and voted on at congress
- Proxy for FiCom: She asked if the prop. 13 campaigns would be long as well.
- Le said they would work on it. They would discuss it with coalition members first
- Gamble said if it were successful, it would come up again. She said if the campaign were good, people would want to keep working on it
- Proxy for FiCom: She said congratulations with their work on the DREAM Act.
- Le said results came from students. He said to email him if they have questions.

VI. Appointments

- A. *Dimitra Kuruppu for Wooden Center Board of Governors (WCBOG)
- Sholklapper moved to approve Kuruppu for WCBOG. Bocarsly seconded.
- Sidrak said she is a 4th year. She is applying for this position because they needed more voting members. She is president of student leadership and advisory council. She serves as an ex-officio on the board currently. ARC approved her with a vote of 3-0-0.
- Resnick said Deluka suggested her.

- Kuruppu introduced herself. She said she is president of SLEK, which is a recreation council made up of student employees of student recreation.
- Bocarsly asked what they do with SLEK
- Kuruppu said they do projects with recreation that they think that students want. The water refilling stations were from SLEK. She said they have a student employee family fund in case student needs funds.
- Resnick said since they've been on WCBOG, what are some things they would like to do this coming year.
- Kuruppu said space is a big issue for student groups. She said there is a lot of talk for new buildings to be put up.
- Starr asked how she thinks being SLEK and WCBOG would be beneficial
- Kuruppu said having experience on SLEK that she could represent student employee's view. She said they hear a lot of student's needs and they cater to them. She said they do planning and execution of a lot of the instructional classes. She said they have experience taking what students want and turning it into something they would like to see.
- Starr asked if she is free Thursday mornings at 7:30
- Kuruppu said yes
- Starr called to question Kuruppu for WCBOG. Sholklapper seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0. Kuruppu was approved for WCBOG.

- Bocarsly moved to table Reynards appointment until he got there. Sholklapper seconded.

B. *Jeremy Reynard for Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB)

- Bocarsly moved to approve Reynard for the ITPB. Hester seconded.
- Sidrak said Reynard currently is chief in staff for facilities, student rep. for student senate council, etc. He was approved with a vote of 3-0-0
- Starr said he is phenomenal
- Saxe said he is very reliable and dependable
- Reynard said he is a second year business and economics major.
- Resnick asked why he would be part of ITPB
- Reynard said they are missing student input. He said that Reynolds, a specialist, said the Gmail idea passed because of student input
- Starr asked what his GPA was
- Reynard said 3.96.
- Sidrak asked what his familiarity with ITPB was
- Reynard said the process was complicated but they were trying to streamline the process.

There is an initial proposal. If picked up by an executive sponsor, the people would propose it. There would be a report written on the policy to be implemented. The major oversight group would do analysis of the proposed policy. They would bring this to other groups for view. The college systems group looks at technical feasibility of the proposed project. He said Jackie and Michelle want student input in the process. He discussed the structure and how student voice was stressed. He said they compile all reports from the different groups and bring it back to the two main governance committees, such as City and the information and planning board. City deals with funding and the ITPB is more on the strategic planning. He said once the reports are compiled and either board approves them, it moves on to be implemented. He said they are trying to streamline the entire process.

-Yao called to question Reynard for the ITPB board. Sholklapper seconded. With a vote of 10-0-1, Reynard was approved for the ITPB.

-Resnick said he has an option of having it as a 1 or 2 year appointment.

-Reynard said he would like to do it for 2 years.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

-Saxe moved to strike funding for this week.

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 academic affairs mini-grant this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Shah said there were two allocations. One was to street dance collective, which was the first break dancing event on a large scale. WACSmash was given funding as well. They have a limited amount of funding so they cut a little from WACSmash.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Gamble moved to approve this week's contingency. Bocarsly seconded.

-Jasso said she would like a council member to amend the matrix

-Starr moved to amend her suggestion. Smith seconded.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$42,657.49 for their programs. A total of \$12,793.21 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$3,418.98 is recommended for allocation for this week (at 50% reduction).

There is a total of \$5,655.07 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Bocarsly said China Care Bruins doesn't have the cut

-Jasso said that should be amended

-Bocarsly moved to amend the China Care Bruins allocation to \$150. Sholklapper seconded

-Bocarsly said the CSC matrix had a mistake.

-Jasso said they would fix that.

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

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said they should have gotten a sustainability-advertising guide. She said this should help USAC go greener. She said everyone would hopefully be able to go to dinner on Feb. 23 from 6-8pm. She said this allows for a chance for all council members to be there. She said this is a free dinner from the interns. She said thank you to gen. rep 3 for the USAC roll out. She said it was cool to see all of the offices out there for a common goal. She said thank you to everyone who made it out. Student regents would be here this Friday from 2-4 in Ackerman conference room A. She said this past Friday she had a meeting with the chancellor. She said they asked if there were ideas about funding and she was connected with the head of funding at UCLA. She said the president's office launched a website for homeless or struggling Bruins. She said this is only for UCLA students and are working to make sure this is safe and approved. She said she would email more information out. She said the USAC survey is out through OrgSync. She said they would make sure it stays in the OrgSync emails. She said they would like to make students know that USAC is there for them. She said they are excited to see the responses of that survey. She said thank you for bearing with them for the capital contingency survey. She said through their discussion, they said that they would take the results from the survey regarding OSAC. She said her office is hosting a day of mental health week. Their day is Wednesday. They are planning kid's empowerment day. During 8th week, they are having a week of sustainability. She said happy belated birthday to Gamble

Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said the apartment's fair was last week. She said there were more than 1,000 students there. She said landlords were excited and would like to come back next year. She said there was a presentation by officer Eckles. She said there would be a student leader's networking night soon. She said campus safety week is week 8.

External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said voter registration on the hill is Monday. She said the Bruin Lobby Core is having a lobby certification this Thursday. Thursday is the UCSA meeting. She said she would send out the agenda. She talked about the grassroots lobbying conference and the student lobby conference. They visited Waxman. Gamble talked about SOPA and how it has been tabled, but it might be introduced in another bill coupled with child pornography. She said this is just something to be aware of.

Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquel Saxe

Saxe said she came from the writing success program 10th year anniversary. She said they hope the program would continue to grow. She was inducted to the board and is the only undergraduate member. She said there are a lot of amazing administrators sitting on the board. She said she is excited to see where that will go. She said they are working on mental health week and will advertise resources on campus. She said they have updates from different academic committees. She said the committee is looking at reworking the analytical placement exam. She said if people don't pass out of the exam they have to take an extra course. She said they are looking to create an online process to prepare students before they take the exam. She talked about the transfer policy and had discussions about making it more accessible for transfers. She talked about online classes and increased enrollment. There was a decrease in transfer enrollment. There was a 30% increase in the freshmen class. Next year, UCLA will be implementing a wait list. She said there were meetings about the syllabus preview, which would help students choose what GE to take. She said she has been meeting about the alumni mentorship, peer-to-peer mentorships, and the global leadership conference. She said they are looking for opportunities to bring programs back to campus. She met with Judy Smith and discussed the communities and conflicts in the modern world requirement. If the vote is yes, they will go to a month long period for faculty to vote, back to a vote, go to governance, undergraduate council, and through another round before it would come through. She said that GE believes that if they vote, they would still be able to implement it for the next freshman class. They discussed the undergraduate student-writing center. SFAC decided not to fund it but Smith said they would find a way to fund it. She said they were looking at the cluster program and how to continue to make the program accessible. She said it is a phenomenal program that other

campuses have been trying to have. Campus retention committee did their mid-year evaluations. She said they would like to talk about those allocations in a future meeting.

- Dr. Nelson asked if there was discussion about information going to community colleges about impacted majors.
- Saxe said that didn't come up in current discussions. She said they did talk about major preparation. She said that would be helpful to send along
- Dr. Nelson said there are some majors that are impacted.
- Saxe said she would go to her representatives and let her know
- Smith asked for clarification on the syllabus preview
- Saxe said they brought it to the faculty executive committee. It would show an abbreviated syllabus and people would be able to see important parts, such as an expanded course description, more into what the course would cover, grading requirements, and reading requirements. She said they would like to have more information. She said usually, people sign up for more classes than they want to take. She said if people had more information while signing up, it would ease the problem of people signing up for classes they didn't want to take or would eventually drop

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Community service project and TGIF mini-fund applications are due Friday. They received a good amount of applications for the regular TGIF fund.

Student Union Director- Roy Champawat

- Champawat said they delivered digital flyers. He said their events have been going well.
- Resnick said ASUCLA has table tents as well.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

A. Winter SOOF Allocations

- Smith moved to approve winter SOOF allocations. Bocarsly seconded
- Nguyen passed out the allocations. There were 69 groups that applied this quarter. This would put them at over 300 that applied for SOOF total for fall and winter. He said they have \$24,630.79 in SOOF. They used the same formula.
- Resnick said thank you for the comments
- Saxe said they were dealing with contingency. She asked how it affected SOOF
- Nguyen said it doesn't affect SOOF at all.
- Champawat said this doesn't have anything to do with surplus. He said right sizing the

funds to demands is still necessary.

-Nguyen said he cut back 15% for each organization

-Champawat said this underlying problem is in play here as well.

-Sholklapper asked about the money that goes into next week's surplus. He asked if people are reminded to use the money.

-Jasso said they would email groups on a bi-weekly basis about closing accounts

-Bocarsly asked why the groups that asked for a hearing had a higher score

-Nguyen said those who asked for a hearing is out of 50 and those without is 42

-Bocarsly said some aren't out of 50. He asked if they get an advantage to having a hearing

-Nguyen said with a hearing, they could clarify what's not on the application.

-Bocarsly said it gives them more of a chance to get a higher score

-Zimmerman said they have to have a hearing if they never applied before. She said they need a hearing if they have a different request to answer questions

-Champawat said that some groups don't have a hearing.

-Bocarsly said groups that had a hearing had higher scores

-Nguyen said it is averaged out. He said this is just how it happened

-Gamble asked if they had the average for winter 2011.

-Nguyen said he doesn't know. He said he heard it was higher.

-Zimmerman said this seems more even with fall quarter than it did last year

-Bocarsly asked where the total SOOF funds comes from

-Nguyen said this is remaining funds

-Champawat asked if there were 2 SOOF hearings

-Nguyen said there were 2.

-Champawat said there is a base allocation of funds. He said certain areas are hard wired. He said in the end after allocations, there is a 20%-80% split, with 20% to government and 80% to operational funds

-Bocarsly asked if they were student fees

-Champawat said yes

-Jasso said in last year's SOOF, average was around \$613.

-Nguyen said the average this fall was \$450

-Champawat asked if second SOOF was smaller than the first

-Nguyen said yes

-Zimmerman said this is the issue that came up last year. She said 300 groups applied in fall and 60 in winter. She said it benefits the groups that apply in winter because there is more money and fewer groups.

-Gamble asked how many applied this winter

-Nguyen said 69

-Bocarsly called to question SOOF. Hester seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, winter SOOF allocations were approved.

B. Discussion of Surplus Breakdown*

-Starr moved to approve the discussion item. Sholklapper seconded

-Bocarsly said this is an action item

-Sholklapper said it is the same name but it is an action item

-Resnick said she would like to share results from the capital contingency survey. She said 9 groups said they would apply, 7 maybes. Two offices rated their quality of equipment as a 1. She said they would like to propose a 50% cut to what's currently is in contingency to be divided up. They plan on revisiting the fund week 2 of spring quarter. She said they thought it would be best to do this tentatively. She said they would come back spring quarter and see what they know about it. She said last year was an OSAC year. She said around \$13,000 was applied and allocated. As the second year that groups have their offices, they would like to leave flexibility for the next OSAC year. She said they saw that since this is a money-tight year, there would be a need in moving funds from capital contingency to be used in BOD and contingency. She said they are proposing a 50% cut. She said they have a plan to revisit it again week 2 of spring quarter.

-Sholklapper asked how many groups said their equipment is a 1

-Resnick said 2.

-Sholklapper asked about the other numbers

-Resnick went over the statistics again. She said they emailed Nguyen to call a funding study group meeting to revisit capital contingency applications.

-Zimmerman asked how many people filled out the survey

-Resnick said 31.

-Sholklapper asked how many groups there are total

-Zimmerman said the email was only send to the three signatories. She said that it is possible that only 1 signatory reponded

-Bocarsly said it was sent out twice. He said looking at the reprints, there are 5 that would apply and 1 that prioritizes capital contingency.

-Sholklapper said it's an appropriate cut and they should move forward

-Smith asked what would be the strategy to publicize capital contingency

-Resnick said now that groups have filled out the survey, groups know that capital contingency is available. She said she would follow up with groups so that they know that contingency is available. If there are any suggestions they should let her know.

-Smith said last year, Miller applied for capital contingency through Gen. Rep. 3.

- Zimmerman said the only restriction is computers
- Bocarsly said marketing is important. He said that since they know there is a need for programming, it shouldn't be a priority to get people to apply for capital since groups that need it would seek the funds.
- Smith said he feels fine with moving the money over. He said they want to publicize different resources for students. He said there are new offices in the building that have never applied to different funds. He said they should give students a chance to apply.
- Jasso said they are going to start to market. They want to finalize it by next Friday. They want to advertise a lot since they want to advocate for student organizations. She said they would still try to get as many groups to apply and serve the student organizations in Kerckhoff.
- Gamble said some groups might be discouraged from applying for capital. She said they want to make sure that groups know the funding is available if they need it.
- Bocarsly said they don't have to allocate all of the money and will revisit it in spring
- Saxe said everyone should know about this fund. She said there are current efforts for funding and it should always be included but it shouldn't be a priority. She said there is still an amount left over that all groups should have access to
- Zimmerman said last year, OSAC had flyers all over the OSAC doors. She said this was a good idea and was simple
- Bocarsly said they are USAC and are trying to advertise the funds. He reminded them not to use the funds if possible because that would take away from other groups. He called to question the move of the portion of funds. Shah seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the budget transfer has been approved.

- Gamble asked if they could get that in writing. She said it is easier to see the decisions made if written.
- Bocarsly said he could do that.

C. Follow up with BOD Discussion

- Sholklapper moved to approve the follow up with BOD discussion. Sidrak seconded
- Champawat said they should talk about allocation versus spending. He said they are allocating money rather than spending more money they have. He said if through their allocation they were to end up in a situation where they had a shortfall, the board would back them up. He said they have the ability to help in that way. He said they are not borrowing money or spending more money. He said the board is not lending them money but allowing them to allocate more funds.
- Bocarsly said everyone has an understanding of the outcome. They have \$76,000, which

was a big accomplishment on their part. They initially requested gift money. The board is willing to cover them, but the downside that next year's surplus is going to be less. He said they talked about decreasing the surplus fund since it is an unreliable source. He said additional money they spend would be less money for surplus next year. He said they are in a difficult situation or find a middle ground. He said that if they don't get more money, they would need to cut their losses. If they don't get these funds, they would probably cut more. He said it is important they remain consistent. He said they should find a middle ground.

-Jasso said if they stayed at 50%, they came up with around \$25,000.

-Saxe said she talked to Simmons and she said over \$10,000 could be generated from closing out accounts

-Jasso said if they close out fall quarter, it would be \$18,000. She said this number is not included

-Dr. Nelson asked if the money would be used this year or next year

-Jasso said this year

-Bocarsly said there would be less surplus next year

-Dr. Nelson suggested deferring the \$18,000 to next year

-Bocarsly asked for clarification

-Saxe said if they don't use \$76,000, it would all go back to the same place. She said whatever they spend would not go into surplus for next year

-Williams said all of the things they do would lower surplus for next year. He said using overdraft protection would lower surplus for next year

-Smith asked about closing accounts and what protocol was

-Jasso said that Arruejo could close inactive accounts

-Bocarsly recommended not coming up with a number of what they should use but rather say keep allocated how they are, add a 50% rate, and see what they are using. He said they could use 0 or use \$76,000. He said they should continue to allocate and just see for themselves

-Jasso said if they don't spend the \$42,000 given, they would cut up to 70% from student groups. If they decide to spend all \$42,000, the reduction would be smaller.

-Bocarsly asked how these numbers would affect BOD for spring

-Jasso said it definitely would effect spring. She said groups would apply for large amounts of money. She said groups would apply for \$10,000-\$15,000.

-Champawat said he thinks they should give a clearer guidance to the two funding bodies. He said they could say contingency funds are available up to \$42,000. He said they need some guidance for the council. He said they don't need to accept the money because the money is there

-Williams said some money they allocate wouldn't be spent. He said there is a cap of what they could allocate. He said if they were to start closing out accounts, adding it would start affecting the amount. He said they couldn't raise the allocation more than the 40%. He said they could end the year with a negative balance

-Shah asked if this is pinned to the idea that they will have surplus next year. She asked where the money would come from

-Champawt said ASUCLA

-Williams said the amount they had in surplus was significant but smaller than previous years. He said they allocated a great amount of money. He said their original idea was to ask for \$100,000. The board recognizes they probably have \$100,000, so they are allowing them to spend that money. He said if they were to draw a credit line, it would look like they would get no surplus. He said in the end, next year's council would get surplus. He said the amount is getting smaller. He said they are spending money they have and the board is just giving them the chance to spend it. He said the crisis is next year.

-Champawat said surplus is projected to go down further

-Dr. Nelson said next year is his concern also. He said the worst thing they could consider would be doing what they can just for this year. He said it is also a precedent that they give BOD money. He said he is worried about a precedent that every year council would go to BOD. He said they should consider what legacy they want to leave

-Smith said he feels the same way. He asked about what closing accounts what would do and if they could use the money from closing accounts

-Jasso said they could. She said she would be concerned that this is not a long-term solution. She said they would not have a lot of surplus next year. She said no matter where they take it, they would still have less money

-Smith said even with efforts to fundraise, if things could change. He said that they would also push for financial literacy

-Jasso said this finance committee really pushed for financial literacy and notifying students about the funds that are available. She said they would continue to push for this on campus. She said they are doing the best they can in terms of advertising funding sources.

-Smith said funding workshops put them in a situation where more was used, which is fine because that is how the money should be used. He said his emphasis was on the external fundraising efforts

-Sholklapper said he would like to keep the kerfuffle from happening. He said that if they spend the money and they use it, surplus is reduced and less money goes towards next year's council. He said the issue that came to him was whether if it was their responsibility to close accounts and spend money or save money for next year. He said the problem was

that there was a surplus. He said they should strive to set the precedent this year. He said they would like to make it so they don't rely on surplus. He said the problem is that it solves this year but leaves fewer surpluses. He said it was their job to return fees to students for this year. He said they would do this best for using surplus and finding a solution to increase funds for next year. He said there is a larger need for funding this year. He said they should set a precedent

-Gamble said they are there to serve UCLA students. She said for her they should find a way to use funds without severely reducing funds for next year. She said if they do a referendum or financial literacy campaigns, there wouldn't be results right away. She said they would like to find a balance. She said she is trying to figure out if closing accounts would happen no matter what

-Jasso said it is up to them if they would close out accounts. She said now, they are closing out accounts.

-Gamble asked what the possibility is

-Starr said if they close the accounts and do or don't use the money, it wouldn't matter. He said they would be using contingency regardless. He explained closing accounts and the ASUCLA funds

-Champawat said their long-term mandate is that if they leave a modest amount to surplus, it would not be distortive of their funding mechanisms. He said since it built up to a large amount and effective action has brought it down has brought this issue up. He said it has to do with mechanisms on how to spend funds efficiently. He said they would never have zero surpluses.

-Bocarsly said he is an advocate for lowering surplus. He said there is a cause in the bottom to make sure that they got surplus in September. He said getting surplus late wouldn't be an issue next year. He said closing accounts and this amount they're getting goes to the same thing. He said they would be spending their surplus or not. He proposed being consistent for the rest of the year. He said it depends on how many groups apply. He said they could reevaluate later on and see if they're spending too much. He talked about ways to pass on money to next year's surplus. He recommended spending it 50% out of the \$32,000.

-Jasso said the finance committee agrees they should remain consistent throughout the entire year. She said that is the official opinion of the finance committee

-Saxe said it is saying that if they don't close up accounts, those groups could still use that money. She said essentially, it both comes out of next year.

-Jasso said they've already started closing out accounts. She said they're not closing it out at once but at a weekly basis. She said they sent out reminders that they would be closing out accounts soon. She said they would be getting \$18,000 unless student groups would

start taking out money. She said some people just had problem recs and that there is a chance the \$18,000 could be less

-Champawat said that is \$18,000 that people haven't turned in their recs for

-Jasso said they probably would be getting money from the \$76,000

-Saxe said second week, they should reevaluate this as well and make sure they are consistent on how much they spend.

-Yao said it might not be \$18,000 but they might have \$10,000. She said they would get close to \$25,000. She said they should spend consistently.

-Williams said he is not a funding expert. He said a lot of their funding comes from the board. He said that is one of the purposes of the board. He said this would be a tough call. He said it was mentioned that surplus would come in by September. He said a cost comes along with that. He said they would have to pay for that. He recommended that they get it as early as they can. He said the estimates are high and the patterns have been off. He said if they need to fund Bruin Bash next year and they usually fund it through surplus. He said they should work together to get more ways to get more programming money. He said they shouldn't leave them with any money next year.

-Dr. Nelson said if they are giving 50% out, it is likely they would spend all of it. He said with all the calculations, automatically the groups that are allocated would use everything. He said he doesn't think that they want to have the legacy that they didn't cater to their successors. He said doesn't think it will be that much since they're allocating so little.

-Jasso said they allocated with no reductions last quarter. She said while they have \$18,000, it could be dramatically less next quarter. She said there could be less money in accounts

-Resnick asked when the cuts were implemented

-Bocarsly said week 7

-Resnick said this is a great point that they shouldn't rely on closing accounts

-Shah said her biggest concern is that this isn't a sustainable model. She said they would only leave a lower surplus unless the referendum is still on the table. She said when they talk about closing out accounts, if they're talking about contingency or USA/BOD as well.

-Jasso said they are expecting to close BOD soon.

-Resnick said to address the second part of her question, they should meet possibly outside of council to discuss what a referendum looks like

-Shah asked if this was sustainable and what they were leaving besides a lower surplus

-Saxe said the 33% guideline is the institutionalized change.

-Williams said since they did a better job allocating money, they are open to criticism and have a problem coming. He said they should look forward to next year. He said they might know surplus September 1. He said the year after that, they would have a problem

because the better they get; the less surplus would roll over. He said he doesn't recommend a referendum. He said they could do a special election in all quarter. He said a referendum is a difficult thing to do. He said they should figure it out next year. He said if they don't have enough money for Bruin Bash, the board could help them. He said they need to normalize this to a lower number.

-Gamble said that using ASUCLA money and closing accounts is the same, that they should allocate the same amount and close accounts continually and only go to ASUCLA in case of emergency.

-Bocarsly said that's what they do. He said whatever they choose to use from ASUCLA is a last resort. He said at the end of the day, they are using their own money

-Gamble asked what decision they were making

-Bocarsly said that was the decision. He said he drafted what they were discussing. He read the suggestion as follows: *USAC recommends to the Finance committee to allocate contingency programming at the rate of 50% for the rest of the quarter and the first two weeks of Spring quarter. We will reevaluate the continued spending of the contingent liability funds second week of Spring quarter. Furthermore, USAC recommends to the Budget Review Director to not allocate any of the contingent liability funds towards Spring BOD programming.*

-Gamble encouraged everyone to speak if they haven't

-Sholklapper asked about fees

-Champawat said some of the problem is that there is no inflation adjustment. He said that this is part of the problem. He said this could be a good subject for the funding study group.

-Dr. Nelson said this council has anticipated what other councils have had to deal with. He said there are more groups that exist that want money for their programs. He said that they could run a referendum or be more astringent with the money they give out or prioritize what group's give what. He said in the future, these problems are still going to be here. He said they should see if they are going to prioritize or see if they would give less money out. He said they had to assess this. He said in terms of the future of the country, they problem are how to help people out of work.

-Resnick said she recognizes the catch-22. She said they are not looking to spend everything this year

-Starr said the only thing they recommended was to FiCom. He said he would feel bad allocating groups less than 50% of their requested amounts. He said they have a fall back with ASUCLA. He said they were short by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

-Jasso said they would use \$25,000 from ASUCLA

-Starr said that they already made cuts. He said he wouldn't feel comfortable making more cuts.

-Resnick said they have an idea drafted in front of them. She said they would like to make

a recommendation to finance committee.

-Saxe said she added a sentence based on the decision that they can't go above what they are providing. The sentence read as follows: *Furthermore, USAC recommends to the Budget Review Director to not allocate any of the contingent liability funds towards Spring BOD programming.*

-Yao called to question

-Bocarsly called to question the following statement: *USAC recommends to the Finance committee to allocate contingency programming at the rate of 50% for the rest of Winter quarter and the first two weeks of Spring quarter. We will reevaluate the continued spending of the contingent liability funds second week of Spring quarter. The allocation totals should not exceed the contingent liability provided by ASUCLA Board of Directors. Furthermore, USAC recommends to the Budget Review Director to not allocate any of the contingent liability funds towards Spring BOD programming.*

-Shah asked if this was something they needed to vote on this next week. She apologized for not being at all the meetings. She said she would like to do 50% this week and have time to understand the statement.

-Sholklapper said he has no problem with that.

-Resnick asked if they would like to set up meetings to discuss this further.

-Shah said she has been busy this quarter. She asked if they could continue the discussion further and have time to understand the process of it.

-Saxe said she would rather have the discussion of a referendum with all of council present. She said they would like to have the council come to a consensus. She asked if they would like to do an executive session. She said this discussion should happen separate.

-Sholklapper asked if she could write her questions

-Shah said she could. She said she doesn't know if she has an issue with it.

-Resnick asked if other council members would like to meet outside of it

-Hester said she would like to continue discussions as well. She said she would like to read through the minutes and process things further.

-Resnick said they should have set questions and next week's discussion should be shorter.

-Sholklapper tabled this topic until next week. Gamble seconded.

-Saxe asked if they could consult Nguyen on how it would effect BOD discussions.

-Jasso said yes.

-Zimmerman said it should be an action item next week. She said they don't need a vote.

XI. Announcements

-Jasso said capital contingency would begin accepting applications Friday. She said next tuesday they would break forth the changes. She said if they would like to co program,

they are having a recs workshop. They would also like to have an all USAC funding workshop

-Hester said they might be interested in co-programming with her

-Yao said CSC has 2 initiatives. One is non-profiting networking night on Feb. 7. She said they have alternative spring break. They have issues such as hunger and homelessness, working with disadvantaged youth, etc. She said even out of state trips are \$250.

-Bocarsly said he is working on a student events calendar that would work with UCLA happenings. He said they have had extensive talks with people throughout the year. He said it should happen at the start of fall quarter next year. He said this would be a great resource for them. He said Deluka said they would do it and the only roadblock is the funding to put up this website.

-Hester said they are in the process of planning their financial aid fair, which would happen the Monday before FAFSA. FAFSA is due March 2. They hope to have the scholarship office, fastweb, etc.

-Starr said they have tote bags.

-Saxe passed out mental health week flyers. She said her grants have a lot of money. She said to pass them on.

-Shah said Feb is a full month for them. She said they are using significantly less money. She said they are getting good at utilizing their resources. She passed around a winter quarter flyer and a concert series flyer. She sent out a hip-hop appreciation flyer online. She said everything is free.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Bocarsly moved and Yao 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 9:40 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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