

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 24, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Carlos Quintenilla, Jillian Beck, Kelsey Orens, Carol Nguyen

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bocarsly moved the resolution for the Westwood subway extension as an action item. Starr seconded.

-Sidrak moved to strike the constitution changes

-Yao moved to add referendum education steps as new business

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant

- Starr moved and Saxe 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. *4/17/12

-Gamble moved to approve the minutes from last week. Bocarsly seconded.

- Bocarsly moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes for April 10, 2012, as amended

-- Council voted to adjourn with a unanimous vote. 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 made this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

Saxe said they granted \$1185 to the Olive Tree Initiative.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

-Saxe said they granted the office of instructional development \$150 and \$584.86.

-Gamble asked about the last one.

-Saxe said the offices are taught under OID

C. Travel Grant

Gamble said there is one allocation to the Vietnamese student union.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Sidrak moved to approve contingency. Smith seconded.

-Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$38,897.07 for their programs.

-A total of \$6,875.98 was requested from contingency.

-A total of \$2,004.50 is recommended for allocation for this week (at 50% reduction).

-There is a total of \$43,583.52 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Smith asked if all the money would be used to the end

-Arruejo said there are less groups applying. He's only getting 10-20 groups applying at a time.

-Smith called to question. Shah seconded.

-With a vote of 12-0-0, contingency was approved.

F. *Capital Items Fund Allocations

-Bocarsly moved to approve capital contingency. Saxe seconded.

-Smith called to question.

-With a vote of 12-0-0, capital contingency allocations were passed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said the mayoral debate was postponed. Mike Cohan suggested postponing it. They said there might not be enough attendees if they had it this Saturday. She said none of the candidates are official yet. She said once the new president is elected for the country, the mayoral candidates often change a lot. She said they made positive relationships with the candidates. Resnick said the farmer's market is tomorrow. She said she sent out an email to their offices. Her office and E3 are putting the market 4-7 in Bruin Plaza. She said she would be in a banana costume. She said they chose directors for the Homecoming committee. She said they still have 6 months to plan this. She said they are co-programming with parents weekend. The third annual WOMP is this weekend. She said it would be outside Yamato. The office accomplishments were posted to the website. She said if they want to make changes to let her know. She talked about the community service scholarship. She said the scholarships would be \$750 each. They need their help in spreading the word.

She talked about the USAC code of ethics. She said they would present them to council by next week. She said they want to set the precedent for next year's council. The winternship starts tomorrow. She said students are given a broad, holistic education. She said they are planning an end of the quarter USAC mixer. The date is Wednesday May 30th from 6-8pm.

B. Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak presented two of her fellows at the meeting. She said there are some changes to the CRC changes. She said thank you to Yao for writing the language and for Zimmerman. She talked about Allyweek. Wednesday they had a religious panel and speakers representing different faiths, such as Muslim, Atheist, Mormon, Catholic, etc. She said Thursday they had a surprise visit from Josh Hutcherson. They had an event with Amnesty International talking about situations in Cameroon. Delta Lambda Phi had an event as well. They received coverage from sports and other universities would like to have ally day. UCLA got a shout out for people in Hollywood. She said they raised over \$2000 for the LGBT center for services and the Lavender graduation. She said thank you to Dr. Geller for making a shout out in the We Make it Better video. She will send out the USAC presidential employees evaluations out.

C. External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said they are waiting on information from UCSB. She said they are having a death penalty event on Thursday. She said yesterday the ban of the death penalty was on the November ballot. She said professor Kline will moderate. There is a Bruin Lobby Core certification coming up. She said if they are interested, to go to their staff basement room. UC Berkeley chancellor is creating a proposal for UC campuses. She said it had to do with campus boards and that they would have more time. She said it is getting a lot of attention in the bay. She said organizations are getting ready because the student loan rate could go up. She said that is why HR 14170 is important. She thanked people for going to the event with speaker Perez

-Arruejo asked if the proposal has backing from UCSA

-Gamble said no but it would be discussed in the next meeting

-Saxe asked what her stance is

-Gamble said she doesn't have one now. She said campus autonomy is important but they need to be careful if they use state money. She said that they need to think about the effects that they may have on other campuses. She said she hasn't really thought about it yet.

-Saxe asked if they would get a sum of money and then decide where it goes

-Gamble said it could be differential but it might not be. She said it still has to be sorted out. She said she would send out information

-Saxe said she's seen a little bit of it but that would be great.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquel Saxe

Saxe said they had each student introduce themselves and what their future goals were. She said it was great to see how ambitious everyone was and what their future plans were. She said the organization gave out their college scholarships. The gratitude was phenomenal. She said last week, the education under fire occurred. She said there was a great turn out. She said one of the speakers was a past UCLA student. She said one person started at a community college, went to UCLA, and then went to medical school. She said his story is inspiring. She said she has been working with the Armenian student association. She said they have been putting on an event about the Armenian genocide. She said they have their stress free day on May 1st. They are doing it with the student alumni association. They will have a performer and massages. She said they would have testing materials and academic services maps. She said they are trying to circulate those at orientation. They had a Bruin Lobby Core certification at their staff retreat the last week.

She said they want to lobby on issues on higher education. They are working in response to the Daily Bruin article about the conflicts in the modern world requirement. She said she did appointments last week. The appointment works as admissions as a tour guide. She said there was a conflict of interest and they caught it. She is replacing the appointment with Stephanie Suarez. She is on the student access committee and is interested in making sure they address the needs of transfer students. She has worked in organizing Bruin Day and different conferences. She said if there are any questions to let her know.

- Gamble asked about the certification. She asked about the visits
- Saxe said she wanted them to be prepared
- Gamble said to send any information her way
- Saxe said she'd love to. She asked if there were any coming up
- Gamble said there is one coming up regarding the middle class scholarship
- Saxe said thank you.

Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said the mini fund deadline is this Friday and the final one is May 4. She said any small events should apply.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

A. USA Bylaw changes

- Hester moved to approve bylaw changes. Bocarsly seconded
- Sidrak asked if Zimmerman could explain why they struck the constitution changes
- Zimmerman said they are tabling it to next week. They will strike bylaw changes for the SWC.
- Arruejo asked if the constitutional changes need a vote from students
- Zimmerman said that is why they are looking into it
- Arruejo asked if it was too late
- Zimmerman said they would talk to Mike about this
- Sidrak moved to strike article 3 section 1 sub section i and the changes that fall under the student welfare commission. She said article 6 section c subsection c under operational procedures, they cannot make that strike and they would make that change when they get to it
- Zimmerman said she worked with Roy and they said they should clarify it rather than strike it through.
- Arruejo asked if anyone approved the bylaw changes
- Zimmerman said yes. They have to make a motion to strike.
- Sidrak said going in order, article 4 section b, they struck out the information on the rally committee because USAC doesn't have the same relationship with the rally committee and they aren't in charge of how they appoint their chairperson. Article 4 section j talks about the student outreach committee. She said she proposed part 3 on the members of the committee, and they would add a representative from the student programming committee.
- Zimmerman said they could make a motion
- Sidrak moved to add a representative from the center from student programming. Hester seconded.
- Yao asked if they could add it under i.e.
- Zimmerman said they are just clarifying it
- Resnick said this is a friendly amendment
- Resnick asked if there were objections
- Dr. Nelson asked if that means that there is no rally committee
- Resnick said that rally committee is a separate entity and functions as their own student group at

UCLA

- Dr. Nelson asked if it had anything to do with SPACE
- Zimmerman said they don't have an office. They have a closet with all their stuff
- Dr. Nelson said they have had a long story of history and some alumni might wonder what is going on in that regard.
- Resnick thanked her
- Sidrak talked about article 6 section a
- Arruejo asked if they could change part a of the membership as well. He said with the increase of student groups and the workload they are trying to maintain, three alternative members instead of two would be good. He said unlike other groups, this needed to be mandated by USAC. He talked about the change to the finance committee. He said it would consist of 6 members. He said that the finance committee serves more than 900 student organizations. They believe that having an additional full time member would be beneficial to the UCLA population. He asked if someone would amend this.
- Smith moved to make that amendment so that the finance committee would consist of 6 members and each member would have one vote. Chikanov seconded.
- Arruejo said on the next one, on the same article section b article 4, it would be an addition to the statement. He said they would think more in the lines of how the campus activities committee does. He said they are looking at how many committees they should do. He said this would make a more variety of programs and a wide section of groups to determine if USAC is using their funds responsibly.
- Smith asked what the averages were now
- Arruejo said in spring it would be more than 20. He advised the next finance chair to do at least one per week.
- Smith asked if they would randomly choose
- Arruejo said yes and this is what they would advise them to do as long as it's not retreats or off campus events. He said it would be by random. He said they would probably know what to do.
- Sidrak said for the next part, she moved to keep it and change what is indicated in the revised bylaws and the rest should stay the same.
- Smith asked if this would make it clearer
- Zimmerman said yes
- Arruejo said he asked them for this amendment because it goes more in line with what the university and USAC wants
- Bocarsly asked for clarification
- Zimmerman passed him the changes. She said they aren't striking it through but changing "any organization"
- Resnick said they had a motion and a second. She asked if there were any objections.
- Arruejo said the next one says they should complete a written proposal. He asked to remove the word "legible." He said half applications are electronic and some have to be typewritten. He said it is repetitive to put legible. On budget group procedures, he wasn't sure what number to put but there should be some number. He said they should all leave a portion of their budget for the next person. He suggested 1/12 of their SOOF. He said it could be stricken or clarified
- Smith asked what the importance was of leaving that money
- Arruejo said the importance of adding it is because using the SOOF would allow them to do something before June 1. He said it doesn't have to be done. He said this defines what the portion is
- Zimmerman said they don't have access to their budget until August.
- Smith asked if they could use the money
- Zimmerman said it would help them transition if they needed something small, like paper. It leaves a small cushion
- Smith asked if each council would continue to get the same amount

- Zimmerman said yes
- Sholklapper said the SGA, last year they cut off when they could access the funds.
- Zimmerman said they could only use it until June 1
- Sholklapper said that is too much
- Arruejo said he doesn't know what it was before.
- Sholklapper said most funds wouldn't be touched because hopefully they'll have the supplies
- Smith asked if SGOF was the same
- Arruejo said he might be asking to strike out this
- Resnick said SGOF should be considered separate. She said perhaps this could just apply to operational funds
- Zimmerman said they could hold off into next week and she could do more research
- Smith asked if there was more confusion about it
- Gamble said they need to distinguish if it is operational. She asked if there is a 1-2 month period. She asked if they could check on that too.
- Zimmerman said that are certain things that happen during summer
- Bocarsly said SOOF shouldn't be included and organizations are typically conscious of how much they use
- Resnick asked if they needed to make a motion to table that portion of the change
- Zimmerman said they could remove that amendment
- Sholklapper moved to remove that amendment
- Bocarsly seconded.
- Sidrak said article 6 changes shouldn't be strikethroughs. Subpart three should be student operational fund period to May 31. Subpart 4 should be student organizations prior to a new year's allocation instead of a new quarter's allocations. She said May 31 is when offices are typically over. He said it makes sense to do it May 31 rather than June 30.
- Zimmerman said they were struck through because they felt like these funds were for office supplies. She asked if they were getting benefits from that survey. She said they struck them instead of changing the dates. She said evaluations weren't as necessary for small amounts of money. She said they felt it was okay to strike it through. She said it is up to council and they could keep it as well.
- Arruejo said he didn't know.
- Zimmerman said this is a middle ground compromise.
- Sidrak said they would leave it as is.
- Smith said they would have a lot of contingency and programming to go through
- Resnick said thank you
- Arruejo said since they have it in front of them talking about letter b, at least in the three years he's been in USAC he doesn't know if USAC can mandate that student accounting should do that. He said he wasn't sure what to do with that. He said it's his responsibility to get that to SGA.
- Zimmerman said she feels like the times have changes. She said they could just make them available rather than present it because it could be online.
- Sidrak asked if they could just change that
- Zimmerman said yes
- Resnick said in editing it they could say that they would just post it to the website.
- Smith called to question the amended bylaw changes
- Bocarsly seconded
- With a vote of 12-0-0, the USA bylaw changes were made.

B. Resolution in Support of the Final EIS/EIR for the Westside Subway Extension

Starr moved to approve the resolution

- Bocarsly apologized for the late notice. They finally have enough funding to build a metro to the Westside and there is debate of where it would go. Beverly Hills doesn't want to have it there.

Bocarsly said they could possibly have thousands more riders. Bocarsly read the resolution as follows:

Resolution in Support of the Final EIS/EIR for the Westside Subway Extension

WHEREAS, more efficient public transportation is essential for increasing the livability of Los Angeles for students and others, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the Century City stop at Constellation and Avenue of the Stars would be used by 3,000 more commuters every day than the alternative location on Santa Monica Boulevard, and; (1)

WHEREAS additional ridership of the subway will result in greater traffic mitigation and shorter transit times for people across West Los Angeles, including students, and;

WHEREAS, the location at Constellation Boulevard is in closer proximity to the Century City mall, the most likely Century City destination for UCLA students, and; (2)

WHEREAS, the proposed stop on Santa Monica Boulevard has been deemed seismically unsuited to a subway location by both the Metro Board and an independent study funded by Beverly Hills. (3)

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council urges the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board to approve the recommendations of the final EIS/EIR and move forward with the Century City subway stop on Constellation Boulevard.

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Michael Starr, USAC Facilities Commissioner

References:

Metro final EIS/EIR. <http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/westside/images/final_eir_eis/38.%20Century%20City%20Station%20Location%20Report.pdf>

Los Angeles Times. <<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/opinionla/la-ed-subway-stop-beverly-hills-20120421,0,6539795.story>>

Exponent Hazard Assessment Study.

<<http://www.beverlyhills.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=10153>>

- Dr. Nelson said to make sure they had the s in Beverly Hills.
- Smith asked how long the train was
- Resnick said there is a link to the website and a blurb.
- Bocarsly said there is a Facebook campaign
- Gamble said this is an extension. She said there is no extension in the Westside. She said it is important to have a logical stop. She said it would improve an existing stop
- Zimmerman said they are finishing a stop in Culver City
- Arruejo asked when the proposed date is
- Bocarsly said he wasn't sure. This is to address the vote-taking place Thursday
- Arruejo asked if the final vote was coming up
- Bocarsly said if the Beverly Hills County doesn't come up with charges, then yes

- Gamble said they need to approve the recommendation. She said they made a recommendation and has to approve it. The Beverly Hills council doesn't want that to happen
- Soto said the Beverly Hill council doesn't want it to go under Beverly Hills high school
- Resnick said this is off the campus and it's important to recognize the statements that tie it back to UCLA.
- Soto said for the third whereas, if they wanted to include UCLA students, staff, and faculty
- Resnick said definitely. She asked if it would affect just UCLA students
- Bocarsly said it would be appropriate. He moved to change the third whereas to say UCLA students, staff, and faculty. Starr seconded.
- Bocarsly called to question the resolution as amended. Sidrak seconded. There were no objections.
- Bocarsly read the resolution as amended:

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 - Los Angeles Times. <<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/opinionla/la-ed-subway-stop-beverly-hills-20120421,0,6539795.story>>
 - Exponent Hazard Assessment Study.
<<http://www.beverlyhills.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=10153>>
- Sholklapper asked if they should clarify what EIS and EIR are. He asked if this would be a

friendly avengement.

-Resnick said yes

-Sholklapper moved to change the title to **Resolution in Support of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Westside Subway Extension.**

-With a vote of 12-0-0 the resolution was passed. There were no objections.

-Arruejo asked what the size of the ad and who would put it in the Daily Bruin. He said 1/3 of a page is the usual.

-Bocarsly volunteered to put it in the Daily Bruin.

-Arruejo said they need to vote on the size of the ad.

-Resnick said it would be a 1/3 ad for \$340

-Soto asked if they wanted to use the USAC discretionary funds instead.

-Resnick asked if that would take a special vote

-Zimmerman said they would just vote

-Resnick said this is a good point. They only have three more meetings left. They have funds left over and only used around \$2800. She asked if someone would like to make the motion to take the money for the ad out of the discretionary fund for the 1/3 page ad

-Smith moved to take the money from the discretionary fund for the 1/3 page ad in the Daily Bruin. Sholklapper seconded.

-With a vote of 12-0-0, the resolution ad was planned to be in the Daily Bruin

-Bocarsly said there would be a meeting on Thursday morning about this subway extension

C. Educational Steps in the Referendum

-Yao said thank you to Kelli Fallon, Daniel, Cynthia, Jeffrey, and Daniel for coming to the meeting. They talked about making sure they maintain neutrality. One of the ways they decided to do that is to point other solutions to that. She said they would paint the full picture. She said they tried to come up with a cool name. It is CURE, contingency USA/BOD Referendum enactment. They came up with an email for it and came up with the next steps for education. She said one of the next steps is to email listserves. She said they reached out to the election board. She said they should read the election board code carefully. She said they would utilize listserves. She said to let her know if they had more questions on that.

-Resnick said she knows that the campus-wide email came out late. She said she believes that they have one more for this quarter. She said that is a large listserve to send out to. She said for her last email, they would like to put out information about the referendum and encourage people to vote in the USAC elections.

-Yao said in addition, students are going to do a Facebook page, Bruinwalk flyering, and try to tap into the existing flyers. She said they would utilize sustainable resources. They would visit student group meetings and utilize signboards. They have a work group of about 7 people. She said hopefully the steps they outline wouldn't be too difficult. She said they would send out an email and they could share what listserves that they could send information to. She said to invite their friends to the Facebook campaign. They would ask offices for 2 hours in the week and 3 people. She said in terms of signboards, they wanted to ask if the offices had any extra ones to donate so they wouldn't have to buy further ones. She said she would send out an email as well

-Hester said some groups did a cartoon. She they might be able to have that and ask student groups to show it at their meetings.

-Yao asked if she was talking about a cartoon

-Hester said yes and it would help people understand the referendum

-Resnick asked if they thought about creating a logo for that

-Yao said yes. She said they are having a meeting Thursday at 6pm. She said to come if they have more ideas. They are limited in terms of people power. She said if people were interested, they would love to have them. If they have design people that would be helpful as well. She said they

would have to send out information to listserves, pass out flyers, and invite people on Facebook. She said to announce the referendum during elections as well. She said in the past, referendums spend a lot of money. She said they are trying to utilize what's already happening so they don't spend a lot of money. She said they would use paper flyers and potentially posters for signboards. They will think of this tomorrow in terms of funding. She said to come out to their meeting and look out for those emails. She asked if there were more suggestions

-Saxe said the Daily Bruin becomes more popular during elections.

-Sidrak asked if they could cover it

-Resnick said thank you to Yao for following up on this and if they have no education, it risks being overlooked. She said she found a holistic approach to the meeting. She asked if they could send a proxy.

-Yao said yes

-Resnick said to send a proxy if they could. She said let them know where it is and thank you for the updates.

XI. Announcements

-Resnick said they are putting together a wish list of what council wants to see at orientation. She said a majority of the planning for orientation is done in fall.

-Arruejo said reqs are due for all programs before April 27 on April 27th. He said to turn them in now. He said on Friday, he would have an office hour and budget review director would have office hours as well. He said they would be sending an email to the 800 student emails they've collected reminding them about that.

-Resnick said thank you and that it could possibly take up to three months to get reimbursements.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Sholklapper moved and Bocarsly seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Resnick called for Acclamation. Resnick asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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