

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 1, 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: Kim Swain, Sabrina Sabal, Anthony Garcia, Rosemary Kahale, Jennifer Movessian, Rafi Orphali, Raz Sarkissian, Daniela Girbal, Carina Khanjian, Jilber Galadjian, Kristen Taketa

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Swain moved to push back the academic success fund and AAC report until Saxe is there.

-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency

-Gamble moved to strike the cultural affairs grant

- Sholklapper 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. *4/24/12

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

- Bocarsly moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes for April 24, 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

Rasmid- Armenian student association

He talked about the resolution they were trying to pass today. He said it commemorates the Armenian genocide. He said it is important to the community on campus. He said that while it ties into the plague of genocide, he says it reaffirms the truth. He said the government of Turkey denies the genocide occurred and they act as if it never happened. He said that this is trying to

fight to keep true. He said this happens because leaders feel like they could continue doing this. He said that some people would be reading survival testimonials.

Rafi- ASA

He said the genocide is unpunished and unrecognized. He said a lot of people haven't heard of the Armenian genocide because of the denial and lobbying. Every April 24th they protest outside of the consulate. He said with the passage of time, it gets harder because they see the pain and suffering their ancestors went through. He said with the passage of the resolution, they will inform people and show that they place human rights and justice over politics.

Jennifer- ASA and Alpha Gamma Alpha

She read a testimonial. She read a first hand account of when Turkish soldiers came and took them out of their homes. She talked about how the officials raped the narrator's father and abused them. Their father tried to hang himself and the mother found her. Their father killed himself after they escaped.

Cea Javal ASA and Alpha Gamma Alpha

She read a testimonial of a narrator who walked many days and saw corpses. She talked about their scent and how they came upon a small hole in the ground. She said they lowered themselves into it and began sucking on the mud. She said people were there for about half an hour. She said that many days later, they drank from the river even though there were people's bodies floating in it. They crossed the river in small boats and walked to their next destination. She said there was only some of their family left. She said they took refuge and her mother died. The narrator of the story was treated badly. A lot of people were made to walk in the desert and kept without food and water.

Karina-

She said that her grandfather was a genocide survivor and it took place about 100 years ago. She said that his story is a little bit different. She said that there were few resistant movements. She said some cities were able to gather support. She said that her grandfather was a young boy and would have to run down the mountain and pick all of the bombs the Turkish soldiers would throw at them and take them to the Armenians so they could throw them back at them. She said a lot of kids died because the bombs were active. She said her grandfather survived and it was a miracle. She said one of the troops came and saved some of the Armenians, taking them to Russia. Her grandfather eventually came to America. She said every one of her grandparents was a genocide survivor. She said that even though it was hopeless and tragic, they are here because of those hopeful stories. She said the school she invested her life in has taught her a lot. She said it takes her history and makes it a human issue. She said there are many human issues and people should protect these human rights violations.

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

There was no business for the academic success referendum fund.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the academic affairs mini-grant.

C. Travel Grant

Gamble said there is one allocation for Relay for Life to Colleges Against Cancer. They were allocated \$180. Starr moved to approve the travel grant. Sholklapper seconded.

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.

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.

-Sholklapper asked about the cuts and the funds in relation to the rest of the year

-Arruejo said he wants to keep the recommendations consistent with 50% since that is what they've been doing

-Sholklapper asked about summer contingency

-Arruejo said \$7000+

-Sholklapper asked if it would be affected

-Arruejo said no

-Sholklapper asked if they were better allocating these funds to the students

-Arruejo said he wouldn't be against moving it up

-Sholklapper asked what would be a fair amount

-Arruejo said between 60-80%. He said there were less applications because the USAC website has been down. He said that his recommendation would be 60-80% and would deplete contingency to less than \$50,000

-Sholklapper said tenth week wouldn't have a lot of requests

-Arruejo said big events are now and banquets and transition events are coming out

-Sholklapper asked the council what they think

-Resnick said she resonates with what was previously stated. She said their goal is to not dip into contingency liability. She said this is a big programming time for students and they are in more of a comfortable position

-Smith said he understands the fairness but recognizes that they should spend it all up. He asked for Arruejo to bring numbers this week

-Arruejo said last year in spring quarter they allocated \$90,000. He said there have been fewer requests from contingency. He said that since they are at \$40,000, they could use more of it. He is on the fence because it hurts the groups who happened to apply early. He said that if they move up, they should only move up a little since it would help use more of the contingency.

-Resnick asked if these would roll into surplus

-Arruejo said yes

-Resnick said they could look at how the referendum affects it as well

-Smith asked if this was the most influx of applications

-Arruejo said the most applications are during spring quarter

- Smith said it could be 65%
 - Sholklapper said he was thinking about 70%. He said it is their responsibility to serve the students
 - Smith said he was thinking that since the quarter is busy this might be best
 - Arruejo said that he would do it at 60-70%
 - Gamble said other groups might not apply because the percentages were down. She said she would like to see the differences between the different percentages
 - Resnick said contingency applications are due before the events. She said a majority of events would be between 5th-8th week if they haven't happened. She said they are able to increase their applications.
 - Arruejo said last year, the finance committee became more liberal in their allocations. This is why they had to pull out of other group's funding, something they haven't had to do before. He said raising it this year would be reasonable.
 - Dr. Geller said there is no reasonable assumption with the referendum. She said a get out the vote campaign is critical. She said they couldn't assume it will pass and create additional funding. She said to respect the consistency issues and think about what they would leave for the next council to deal with. She said there is nothing that suggests there will be a great surplus next year. She said not only are they raising the questions of consistency, but they are also taking those funds in order to address things like Bruin Bash. She said the next year's council would look at what they do now. She said they should look at what good they could do by looking at what they could leave for next year's council for things that might come up in fall. She said if the referendum passes, the funds wouldn't be available until into fall quarter.
 - Resnick said thank you very much. She asked if there was a plan set aside for fall contingency
 - Arruejo said fall contingency includes the whole year. He said this is from fall, winter, and spring. He said there isn't a specific fall contingency
 - Resnick said they could rise what they allocate. She asked if this would have any affect on contingency in the fall
 - Arruejo said it depends on what the next FiCom will get and the general trends they want to set for the entire year. He said that they would need to make sure what they do is kept consistent
 - Resnick said this is something that has only been brought up this meeting and that they can later look at different allocations. She said they could gauge other voter's opinions of what they think of the referendum next week
 - Arruejo said they could move on to old business and he could make a spreadsheet right now.
 - Resnick said they could table contingency
 - Smith moved to table contingency until after the resolution. Sholklapper seconded.
 - Arruejo asked what the percentages they wanted. He said he had 60, 65, and 70.
 - Resnick said that was fine.
 - Smith said Arruejo said 67
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- Hester moved to approve contingency for this week. Chikanov seconded.
 - Resnick said the new attachments were sent out
 - Arruejo said he added the new cuts to the contingency allocations
 - Resnick asked what the new totals were there
 - Arruejo said it was on the bottom
 - Sholklapper said there is not that big of a difference
 - Resnick said the changes were not significant. She said to keep in mind the points previously made
 - Starr suggested keeping it 50% in order to keep it fair. He said that it is unfair to those when they decided it, but that they should be consistent through the year. He said that by going back on the decision it wouldn't be fair.
 - Resnick said that since this is their third to last meeting, it would be weary to give the next

appointed councils how the next referendum plays out

-Sholklapper said the allocations should be increased. He said that the changes would be negligible. He said they would still be looking out for next year, but it is the fairest they can do. He said that this would be an appropriate move. He recommended 65%, so they wouldn't be going too high and making a slight adjustment. He said this would hopefully be more fair.

-Saxe asked if these groups were informed that they would probably receive a 50% allocation

-Arruejo said they weren't told that but that they should use the allocation they give them. He said they don't tell people they'll receive more or less, since groups might not understand. He said that there is a 50% reduction and some groups have asked.

-Resnick said that what Sholklapper suggested is what's best to do. She said they should be weary of the funds they have. She said the 65% is a good number.

-Sholklapper asked if the amount they would take out of surplus would affect next year's council

-Arruejo said any change would affect next year's council. He said his recommendation is to stick with the 50%. He would be okay with up to 70%. He said that this would stay in the guidelines of the finance committee. He said they could go to 70-80% but it is up to USAC.

-Zimmerman said that she sees either way. She said as fund accounting, their job is to spend the money they receive this year on the year. She said to keep that in mind as well.

-Sholklapper said if they leave more money in surplus, it would start growing. He said they don't know until those numbers come in

-Resnick asked if anyone is strongly opposed to increasing the surplus to 65%

-Gamble said no. She said it seems like such a small number. She said there is less than \$1000 change. She said some groups have a difference of \$100. She said they have been having this conversation all year. She said it is this responsibility to take care of this year's students as best as they can.

-Resnick said thank you to Sholklapper for bringing this up

-Smith asked if there was a motion on the table

-Resnick said yes

-Sholklapper said they could call to question

-Smith called to question a 65% allocation for contingency. Yao seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the contingency allocations for this week have been passed.

-Arruejo asked if the 65% would go until the end of their term

-Resnick asked when his term ended

-Arruejo said until June 1

-Resnick said it would be wise to keep it to 65% until they hit summer contingency

F. *Capital Items Fund Allocations

There were no capital item fund allocations this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said they need help from the council. She said this referendum really needs a push behind it. She asked if anyone could speak on the referendum's behalf. She said there would hopefully be more volunteering in that sense. She asked if anyone could speak at the endorsement hearings at about 9:30pm. She said that it could be someone who is already planning on attending.

-Sholklapper said he could do it if someone is with him.

-Soto volunteered to speak on the referendum.

-Resnick asked if someone could throw together a slide for the referendum

-Sidrak said there is a lot of information on the website

-Resnick said to send those to her by noon tomorrow if possible. She thanked them for stepping

up. She said if they change their mind to let her know.

-Sholklapper asked if they could make it so they're supporting it

-Yao said yes

-Sholklapper asked about the candidates that are running

-Yao said that Eena said that for meet the candidate, the information should be more neutral but for debates and endorsement hearings it is up to their discretion

-Sholklapper said the debates and endorsements would be fun

-Resnick said thank you. She said the farmer's market was a success. She said the vegetable vendors were happy as well. She said this is something that can hopefully be continued for years to come. She said thank you to those who went to WOMP. She said to spread the word about the community service scholarship. She said if they know of anyone who could benefit from this to send it out. She said due to rearranging, they weren't able to meet with student legal yet. She said these would be presented to council next week. She said to please send her comments and suggestions of anything they want to see changed. She said she is thankful that they spent a lot of time on this already. She said thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Thursday. She said she was glad they could come together to support Sholklapper's office. She said it was impressive to see everyone to step up. She said she wants to give their offices the chance to send them what they want for the all campus email. She said she would be sending it to E-board and Chris Kaupalolo. She said since they have so many things going on, to educate people on candidates and to go to endorsement hearings as well as the referendum and the constitutional changes. She talked about the Daily Bruin stoplight article. She said it is a shame that they weren't able to put out everything they've done. She said to focus on what they have done and not what they have not done. She said to keep spirits up.

B. Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said as she mentioned in the agenda email, she sent out the presidential appointments feedback. She said if people can't make it, a written evaluation is needed. She said 42 people were appointed and 19 filled out the survey. She said it would be re-sent out. She said most people fulfilled their responsibilities when surveyed. She said for progress, the answers vary on their level of involvement. She said that for USAC support, a lot of responses focused on publicity on their appointment.

-Smith said he had a presidential appointment his second year. He said that he got something out of it being around and present, but there is an instance where one is jumping into something and they don't feel included. He said he wasn't sure about their involvement. He asked them to reevaluate their connection with these committees. He asked if there was anyone that he knows that sits on these committees. He said that this is where experiences might not be too great

-Sidrak asked if they thought it would help if council members were assigned to follow up with the presidential appointments

-Smith said this would help immensely. He said one a quarter, everyone could come together.

-Resnick said that was a good idea. She said that they are lucky they have a lot of council members. She said since they are representing USAC, this could be a good idea.

-Gamble asked about the chancellor advisory committee.

-Smith said he was on there. He said that they sit around the committee

-Gamble said that needs to be reevaluated. She said that this is an important committee and it is a problem that they didn't meet

-Smith said this is an important involvement

-Gamble asked why they didn't meet

-Dr. Geller said she doesn't know. She said they are planning to get the president a list of committees and the contact people. She said that they sent out the summary of committees. She said they ask for updates and these should be back in the next few weeks.

-Gamble said this seems like something that should meet every year at least once. She asked if

she knew who the contact was.

-Dr. Geller said some positions were not filled because people retired. She said that the associate vice chancellor for enrollment services was higher but there was a many month gap between her selection and her start gap. She said this most likely a committee that will appoint to her. She guessed that they didn't meet because the campus leadership for that wasn't in place and now it is.

-Resnick said that this is a great idea. She thanked her for being the relay center. She said she would make sure to pass that along to their next transition.

C. External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

Gamble talked about the passing of a recent bill. She talked about being more engaged in UCLA advocacy. She said that they are having their final UCSA board meeting at Santa Cruz and they will be interviewing possible student regents. They will also talk about a bylaw change.

-Resnick asked if there was a motion to table the Academic Affairs Commissioner report

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner-Kim Swain

Swain said they had their last stress free day. She said they had major blast. She talked about the communities in conflict being voted on. She talked about the California admits. She also talked about the Anderson proposal still being reviewed. Swain said Saxe just landed.

Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said installation is May 20. She passed out the invitations. She said they discussed prior to the election calendar a good date. She said it is better to have this close to elections. She said this is a fun event and want people still engaged. She said the 20th was a date that worked best. She said that if they have friends running to office, this event would be May 20th. She said to notify family and friends about the event if they are running. She said that she couldn't pass out invitations until people are elected. She said the final TGIF mini fund applications are due this Friday. She said the CS mini fund is taking place this week. She said this is very exciting. She said to encourage people to apply since this is their final mini fund. She said they are bringing back the voting kiosk. She said that they could point people into Ackerman so that they could vote in elections.

-Smith asked what time installation is

-Zimmerman said it starts at 12:30 but the council should come at 12. She said there is a lunch afterwards.

-Resnick said if they will not be there, it would be nice to send a proxy. She said that people usually give a parting gift. She said thank you to Zimmerman.

Laureen Lazarovici- Alumni Representative

Lazarovici said she would like to reflect on the public comment. She said that their might be a time where communities won't be in conflict but it is clear that communities are still in conflict. She said it would mean a lot if the school that taught her so much would learn from her. She said this is significant because it reflects teaching and learning on this campus. She said it might be 40% classroom and 60% out of the classroom. She said that is an interesting notion to be cognizant about. She said the school year is coming to an end. She said she has a couple of resources that might be helpful. She said they could pick up their copies on their way out. She passed out a book called the 360-degree leader. She said that this is a book about how to lead from wherever you are. She said if someone is not an official leader, they could still use and cultivate skills on how to be a leader from wherever you are. She said read starting on page 84. She said the other door prize is called slideology. She said they've seen a lot of PowerPoint presentations. She said a lot have been really bad at getting their point across. This is about doing

presentations that can get their point across. This is by one of the people behind An Inconvenient Truth. She said power points are a visual accompaniment, not the presentation itself. She said she hopes that these are helpful to them. She said she bought them at the student store.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

A. *Ballot approval

-Resnick said this item would be moved up

-Hester moved to approve the ballot approval. Soto seconded.

-Eena presented the ballot changes. She showed the council what the changes were and said that there were only two changes.

-Resnick asked if there were any questions

-Smith asked if they would be able to use their own networks to send out information about the referendum or constitutional amendments

-Eena said if it is to inform people about the constitutional amendment, it is up to their discretion. She said language on the listserve should be neutral. She said if someone would file a complaint, they would have to look at it.

-Smith asked if they should email her

-Eena said yes. She said they should use neutral wording. She said that the E-board couldn't say anything against them

-Smith said he won't necessarily take a stance in promoting the referendum, but he is willing to email out this information

-Resnick said that makes a good point. She said she would be sending out a campus wide email encouraging people to vote. She said when the referendum is being passed, their purpose was to engage student interest. She said if there were any confusion, it would be better to ask the E-board before sending it out. She said this is a good question because it is hard to discern.

-Starr called to question the ballot approval. Smith seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, the ballot was approved.

B. *Resolution Commemorating the Armenian Genocide and Condemning its Denial

-Sidrak moved to approve the resolution. Gamble seconded.

-Smith talked about the Armenian genocide and read the resolution as follows:

Resolution Commemorating the Armenian Genocide and Condemning its Denial

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles has a sizable population of Armenians, and each April, students join the Armenian-American community in commemorating the Armenian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is home to one of the largest Armenian Diaspora communities in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Armenian people, along with other minorities of the Ottoman Empire in the years of and surrounding World War I, were subjected to outright massacre and deportations that spared no one – women, children and the elderly included – as well as instances of direct or indirect forced transmission of children to non-Armenian households; and (1)

WHEREAS, numerous governmental and non-governmental agents of the time bore witness to the events of the Armenian Genocide – including agents of those countries either neutral or allied to the Ottoman Empire; and (2)

WHEREAS, the events that befell the Armenian people in the years of and surrounding World War I have been deemed genocide from both the historical and the legal perspective by numerous national and international academic as well as governmental bodies – including the state of California; and (3)

WHEREAS, this genocide has resulted in the elimination of the Armenian people from their historic homeland of over 3000 years through the criminal loss of property and life; and (4)

WHEREAS, the government of the Republic of Turkey is engaged in a campaign of genocide denial that employs official and unofficial agents and uses threatening as well as blackmailing tactics against those governments and institutions that attempt to discuss and recognize the Armenian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, the Ottoman Empire and subsequent governments of the Republic of Turkey including the present government have followed a policy of destruction, re-appropriation, and intentional neglect of historical Armenian landmarks and other physical evidence of the no longer present Armenian community of the area; and (5)

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) has been at the forefront in encouraging awareness of such atrocities in order to prevent recurrence of these crimes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that USAC solemnly commemorates the Armenian Genocide and condemns those attempts made by governments as well as other entities, both public and private, to distort the historical reality and legal relevance of the Armenian Genocide to the decedents of its survivors and humanity as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the USAC supports the efforts of the Armenian-American community UCLA to establish April 24 as the official Day of Remembrance for the Armenian Genocide; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That USAC shall hold a moment of silence at their meeting; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the following:

University of California President Mark G. Yudof

Chancellor Gene Block

Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Robert Naples

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Scott Waugh

CITATIONS:

(1) <http://www.umd.umich.edu/dept/armenian/>

(2) <http://www.armenian-genocide.org/>,
<http://www.aaainc.org/genocideintro.htm>

(3) <http://www.isg-iags.org/>
<http://groong.usc.edu/ICTJ-analysis.html>
<http://www.armenian-genocide.org/>

(4) Contact UCLA Professor (Emeritus) Richard G. Hovannisian (hovannis@history.ucla.edu)

(5) Contact Harvard University faculty member, James Russell (Russell@fas.harvard.edu) who has done work on this subject. Also visit <http://www.unesco.org>

Sponsors:

Jason Smith, USAC General Representative

Kinnery Shah, USAC Cultural Affairs Commissioner
Emily Resnick, USAC President

- Resnick said she knows that a lot of these points have to do with worldly issues. She said it relates back to the UCLA community as well.
- Dr. Nelson said the 9th whereas should be undergraduate students with an “s.”
- Sholklapper asked if commemorate is the right word.
- A member of the public said that they use the word commemorate in most occasions.
- Resnick said that they could use the word recognizing instead
- Sidrak said in the dictionary, it is a solemn ceremony in commemoration
- Resnick said that nobody would think they would be celebrating this
- Gamble said the third be resolved from the bottom should be “be it further resolved”
- Resnick said yes and for people to change spelling errors at the end
- Sholklapper asked why they say “this USAC” and “that USAC”
- Resnick said it should be kept consistent
- Smith said that both would work
- Resnick said that’s true
- Smith said they could change the first be it resolved.
- Resnick said that she would send the resolution to the different individuals at the end
- Zimmerman asked to add the Webmaster to that
- Sidrak said asked about the moment of silence section. She asked if it should be “whereas”
- Gamble asked if it was for April 24th
- Resnick asked it would still mean something if they held a moment of silence here
- Sidrak said it could be when they pass it
- Smith asked if she was talking about the verb tense
- Sidrak said she wasn’t sure if it was on April 24th or today
- Resnick said they could change it to May 1st
- Smith said if they come to campus on the other year, “shall hold” can still apply since in resolutions actions are supposed to take place after.
- Dr. Nelson said to be consistent, the 4th from the bottom let it be resolved is lowercase. The bottom ones are uppercase and it should be consistent one way or another
- Dr. Geller said she is curious about who receives copies
- A member of the public said he’s not entirely knowledgeable about the upper administrative system and they could add people if they want to
- Gamble said she would like to amend the resolution to add the vice chancellor of student affairs Janina Montero
- Resnick asked if they would like to make it “USAC held a moment of silence” or “shall hold a moment of silence at their meeting”
- Starr said it should say “held”
- Resnick said if it says “held” it could show that it has happened. She said they could bring it back to show that their council did. She asked if someone could make a friendly amendment to change it
- Gamble moved to amend the resolution to say that USAC held a moment of silence at their meeting at May 1, 2012
- Sholklapper asked about the “and” and the commas that follow. He said that some of the ends of the statements don’t have a comma. He removed the commas
- Zimmerman said the one they would have to vote on is the “held” and the date
- Sholklapper said they should add “and” to the first be it further resolved
- Resnick said thank you
- Smith read the resolution as follows:

The Finalized Resolution was read.

-Smith called to question. Starr seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the resolution commemorating the Armenian Genocide and Condemning its Denial was passed

-Smith said he could put it in the Daily Bruin. He moved to be able to use USAC discretionary funds to publish it in the Daily Bruin for a 1/3 page that costs \$340.

-Sholklapper seconded.

-Saxe moved to have it taken out of the AAC budget instead of the discretionary funds.

-Smith said he would talk to her

-Chikanov seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the funds for the resolution would come from the AAC fund.

-The USAC council took a moment of silence.

-Resnick congratulated the Armenian Student Association on the passing of the resolution.

C. *USAC Discretionary Fund for Referendum Educational Materials

-Yao said they would like to do this first

-Sholklapper moved to approve the USAC discretionary fund for referendum educational materials. Yao seconded.

-Yao said they talked about referendum education. She said if they use office resources, it is neutral. She said that they've come to a consensus where they would still like to do a neutral education. She said that this entails funding. She said in terms of funding, they want to keep it as low as possible. She said the only types of funds they need is for flyers. She said they also need funding for posters for the signboards. She said to elaborate, they first talked to E-board but in a recent conversation, they wanted to make sure that there was neutral language. From there, they decided to precede using office resources. She said in terms of the flyers, they talked about using office copiers in terms of what they would print out. She said that from this conversation, the only thing they are requesting is from the document that was sent out. She said there were 8 posters for \$80. She said wording would be neutral.

-Resnick said thank you to Yao and everyone else who participated in these conversations. She said she thinks this is a great idea.

-Smith asked if this would be simplified information about the referendum going out. He said if they're walking where it would be.

-Yao said they would be on A-boards.

-Smith asked if they would be around Bruinwalk

-Yao said yes. She said they would keep the content simple. She said it would be similar to a blurb and to the bullet points on the Facebook page.

-Gamble said she's fine with the amount. She asked if they would be colorful or if there would be a logo

-Yao said they would be colored. She said they just got their logo yesterday. She said it says CURE and is green with a cross going along with the CURE theme.

-Smith called to question the request from the USAC discretionary fund. Sholklapper seconded.

-With a vote of 9-0-0, the request for funding from the discretionary fund for referendum education materials was approved.

XI. Announcements

-Resnick asked if Sholklapper and Soto could make a presentation at debates as well.

-Soto said he wouldn't be able to make it to the debates. He asked if anyone could make it to the meet the candidates

-Resnick said they didn't ask yet. She said the only request was to speak at endorsements

- Yao said Eena said yes
- Sholklapper said he could make it to the debates. He said he would love it if other people could go as well.
- Resnick said she would update the email she sends out. She said council members who have finance directors could speak on the referendum as well.
- Yao said for the rest of the referendum outreach, one of them was for A-boards. She said if their office has A-boards they would love if they could bring them to the FiCom office for the posters. She said in terms of outreach, the best thing they could do is on Facebook and to invite people to the event. She said to email their listserves. She said to send this to Cynthia. She said they would ensure that there would be no conflict of interest. She said to make sure there is no mandatory sign up.
- Soto said they still need all of them to sign up to do Bruinwalk flyering. He said that he could resend that. He said that they're asking for two representatives from their offices
- Sholklapper said they had run/walk this past weekend and they raised over \$50,000. He said they have the I heart UCLA blood drive this Thursday. He thanked Sidrak.
- Zimmerman said installation is coming up and it is a really great event. She said to pass it along to other people who are in the race so they don't forget to be ready for it.
- Hester said the finance resources database has been launched. She hopes that the next FSC could take it on. She said questions would be taken into account

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 8:54 pm. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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