

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Emily Resnick, Kristina Sidrak, Joelle Gamble, Daniel Soto, Jamie Yao, David Bocarsly, 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: Andrea Hester

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of 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. *5/1/12

-Sidrak moved to approve the minutes from last week. Sholklapper seconded.

- Bocarsly moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes for May 1 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.

-Smith moved to add the special meeting as an action item. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, it has been added.

-Smith asked how attendance plays in that matter. He said this was a meeting that was not regularly scheduled. He asked if this is something in the constitution or bylaws.

-Arruejo said it was technically a USAC meeting. He said he's not going to lose a stipend

-Smith said it was never about the stipend. He suggested exemption rather than not present. He said he was not necessarily obligated to come at such a short notice

-Arruejo said he's not sure if they followed every rule. He said he would look into that for formality's sake.

-Smith called to question the approval of the minutes. Shah seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, the

minutes from the special meeting were approved.

IV. Public Comments

Angela

Angela talked about a Facebook picture that was offensive. It was reminiscent of the Asians in the Library video. She talked about campus climate and she said this is something that really hurt her. She said that this is something she's been dealing with already. She said this is Asian Pacific Heritage month as well.

-Dr. Nelson asked if it came from an office

-Angela said that it came from someone from the president's office

-Resnick said she has spoken to her about this and she feels terribly. She said this is not something that is overlooked. She said anyone that makes people feel uncomfortable is not okay

-Williams asked if this was associated with a group from UCLA

-Angela said it was from her personal page

-Williams asked about the Bruins United symbol

-Angela said this is her profile picture

-Dr. Nelson said he had to address a sorority that was advertising a party that was insulting Mexicans. He said that if you text, Facebook, or email, it has a life that goes on. He said people might not mean anything disrespectful, but people always watch and see what's there. He said once something is out there you can't get it back. He said people have lost jobs over things put on Facebook. He said back in the day, you would talk to people. He said now, you can't tell how far something will go when you talk about it online. He said that the library incident went viral. He said this kind of thing can have dire consequences and saying "I'm sorry" doesn't pull the anger and the hurt. He said that people have to walk in other people's shoes before you could say what offends them. He said you shouldn't make fun of people because it will come back. He said you couldn't pull back an apology.

-Resnick said our personal actions go so much farther beyond what we say and what we do. She said this is an important message to take. She said she wants to make sure this doesn't happen again.

V. Special Presentations

A. "ASUCLA Memorialization of the 1962 Freedom Rider Bond Fund Vote" by Dr. Robert Singleton and Robert Farrell

They introduced themselves. He talked about their responsibility to define their principles and interests. He talked about memorializing an action in 1962 in a group of Freedom Rider loan fund. He said when they were on campus, it was a different reality. He said they were products of that environment. He said Westwood was not the place it is now. He said then, Westwood had to be occupied. He said they needed to address certain policies on campus. He said the student council heard their argument. He said that people had to stand by an appeal bond in an effort to get back on campus. He said that there was a referendum. He said this is student government and structures are the same. He said when students wanted to do this, the university didn't want them to. He said that he believes that the student council stood with them in taking the position in what some students chose to do as a commitment to civil disobedience. He talked about some of the UCLA students who chose to give up their summers to participate in activities to address the segregation in the interstate transportation in the United States. He said when looking at these things, they were a big deal. He said they the Supreme court in two decisions said that this segregation was illegal. People in the deep south chose to resist it. He talked about Brown vs. Board of Education. He said there was a move that changed in the south and there would be massive resistance. He said it showed up for them in terms of transportation. He said they thought about what they chose to do. He said if they assign this to a commission, to memorialize this or the people that were involved and to honor them with a citation. He said they were on the cusp of

something tremendous happening statewide. He said UCLA was on the cusp of that in terms of their involvement with the Freedom Rides. He said faculty that stood with them and their commitment inspired them. He said the faculty needs to be remembered too. He said there is so much that comes from this experience. He said the faculty stood with them and provided funds. He said they might come up with ideas of their own. He said this was just a thought and they came by on a whim. He said they would like to memorialize something that came to council 50 years ago.

-He presented them with pamphlets. He received a scholarship to look at the archives. He said Dr. Nelson also looked at it. He said that this talks about what they were doing in 1963. He said that what student representatives helped them to do was a shame and they could hopefully reverse this. He said he brought a video that was lost for 50 years. He said when they went to Mississippi, the bus burning was an icon that should never be forgotten. He said they knew they could be harmed. They became a place where information came. He gave them the video and talked about a showing of the award-winning documentary sometime on campus. He said that he would like to give them a copy of the pamphlet, which tells them more extensively language about how they got to the Freedom Rider loan fund. He said the state of Mississippi found they could make them come back if they didn't have money. He said they could no longer afford to keep them out of jail. Students came to their rescue. There was a moment of fear that they would have to go back, but faculty helped them and kept them from going back. He said he could make a loan and they could get a copy of the DVD of the Freedom Riders

-He presented a narrative of someone on the Freedom Riders. He said that McNickles was a Freedom Rider in jail who was beaten severely. He was beaten and the scars are still visible today. He said to show that is part of their history of their students who played important roles. He said by fall, there were pressures on the interstate commerce commission to ban segregation in transportation. He said once that was done, everything came down. He said that as a gift to their future, there is a cosmetology shop in Ackerman. This exists because they protested since they could not get personal services in Westwood. He said the chancellor made sure this was in the student union. He said that this is a minor thing that spoke a fire at the time. He said it came at a price. He thanked them for their time.

-Sidrak said she was excited about this. She said she took reverend Lawson's class and they talked about the Freedom Riders. She said she didn't know about this historic role of the student government. She said thank you so much for them coming in.

-Saxe said last quarter she took Tom Hagan's class and put on a 50th anniversary event on campus. She said they heard from speakers and she really appreciates the student role of this.

-He said Tom Hagan was also a Freedom Rider. He said Hagan had interactions with students that led to the drafting of the statements that led to the growth of student movements that led to social issues of the time

-Williams said it sounded like it's a question of the student council and ASUCLA can do things separately from the entity of UCLA. He said ASUCLA existed before the beginning of the campus. He said this is a fascinating event. He said he would like to look into it and compare it to how it might happen today. He said it's a fascinating thing to think about.

-Smith said thank you. He said it is an honor. He said this is the second to last meeting. He said it is an honor to get such a great history lesson. He said it is touching to tap into himself because once you know your history you know yourself. He talked about racializations now and ones that exist. He talked about racial incidents. He asked what is the number one pressing issue of their time that they've noticed. He said in certain ways it's not so different. He asked for their perspective.

-He said it would take a long period for this. He said even when they came to Westwood, people couldn't live in certain places. There was a bureau of unemployment and a bureau of housing. He said it went on anywhere. He said it went on as the same thing under a different label. He said they needed to have a discussion about that. He said they need a way of changing how people feel

strongly about into something else. He said sometimes behavior changes too. He said behavior they want to change is something that they want to be accomplished. He said that they need to look at what they want to change. He said that they found it fascinating when reading the constitution

-He said it was a time of a different reality. He asked how they would feel if there were only one place to live close by or they would have to commute from Santa Monica or South LA. He said you would still have to work and maintain your grade point average. He said you're embarrassed. He talked about personal services and how women couldn't use some facilities. He said popular pizza places didn't welcome everyone unless you're an athlete. Many athletes didn't feel the same sting as they do. He said that was a time when UCLA was promising in football and basketball. He said that there was hyphenation here. He said that consciousness is defined today. He said the question he would like to pose is what would you like to do and how are you addressing these issues with your peers. He asked how the effort is going and that they have a right to bring this forward. He suggested they all felt like this as a result of the human condition. He said they all had consequences as Freedom Riders.

-He said that they didn't want to take up too much time

-Dr. Nelson said the students didn't have a lot of rights in the 1960s. The people who went on the Freedom Riders also went on to the Vietnam War. He said he was in Pennsylvania during this time. He said they had segregation as well. He said he didn't go to the south. He said there is something about UCLA that helped them does that. He said there is strong leadership that UCLA has. He said he gets annoyed if a student does something stupid. He said these are people that make legacies.

-Resnick said thank you for stopping by her office and coming by her office. She said this puts things into perspective. She said it is still so wonderful. She said everyone is fully engaged. She said this is something they will continue to work on.

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 this week.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the academic affairs mini grant this week.

C. Travel Grant

Resnick read an email from Gamble. Gamble said nobody who applied was denied funding. This is a consent item.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

Shah said there are a lot of allocations since she wasn't here last week. She said the lower allocations are because they are strict since they are running out of funds. She said the applications were great. She said everyone was applying for the right things.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Sholklapper moved to approve contingency. Bocarsly seconded.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$53,941.67 for their programs. A total of \$8,516.47 was requested from contingency.

A total of \$3,229.85 is recommended for allocation for this week (at 65% reduction).

- Sholklapper asked what sunset reek cookout is
- Arruejo said it is mostly a workshop event
- Soto rescinded the CEC application
- Resnick said they would call to question the amended contingency. Saxe seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, this week's contingency was approved.

F. *Capital Items Fund Allocations

- Sholklapper moved to approve capital items fund allocations. Saxe seconded.
- Sholklapper asked about an allocation
- Arruejo said they need a new computer
- Smith asked if dance groups could apply since they didn't have an office
- Arruejo said they couldn't. He said any group in Kerckhoff or on UCLA could apply.
- Sholklapper called to question. Saxe seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, capital contingency was approved

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said to spread the word about the community service scholarship. She said to get the word out to who's deserving. She said they had an honest and candid talk with USAC council members. She said they would be seeking feedback. She said this would be a great step in the right direction. Today they had a farmer's market debrief in talking about this event in the future. She said they hopefully got the last campus email. There was an update from her office. She said the middle class scholarship could come off as misleading. She said she didn't want to come off as passing the middle class scholarship and she wanted to give a shoutout to Gamble and their hard work. She said Gamble and herself have spoken about this. Tomorrow morning they will be meeting about Homecoming 2012. She said she is excited that this is in the works.

- Starr talked about the welcome back concert that may be coming up
- Resnick said she would send out more information. She said they are changing the USAC mixer to May 30th. They will send out an email to all of their offices. She said she looks forward to presenting the code of ethics

B. Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak talked about the online funding application. She said the initial goal of having one application was ambitious and became problematic in consolidating all of the funds and keeping all of the questions in tact. She said over the course of the year it changed. She said they tried to consolidate the funds. She said she met with all of the funding chairs to discuss the idea. She said they looked into different forms of making the website. She said the final decision was spending thousands on ASUCLA IT or building it on orgsync and devising it on a way where it would still be accessible. She said that was the final discussion they had. This is still in the works for launching in Fall 2012

- Zimmerman asked if she could get looped into the meetings as well.

C. External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

- Resnick read Gamble's email as follows:

- I will be talking with UCB Chancellor Birgeneau this week about revisions to his local

governance proposal. He has said he is open to ideas from students. More updates to come.

-Been in communication with Assembly Republican Caucus about budget priorities for the past two months. We contacted them before SLC but just received a response last week via email. (If you would like to see the letter that was sent and their response, let me know). Nothing substantial has come of it as of yet, because their budget proposal and plan for education is so at odds with the one being presented by Democratic leadership.

-UCOP is sponsoring 6 students (3 grad and 3 undergrad) to go to the joint lobby day and press conference next Tuesday through Thursday. This was what became of the rally that Chair Lansing originally championed. The Regents saw what happened on March 5th and downgraded the rally to just lobby visits for publicity purposes.

-At the May meeting, the Regents will be discussing their tuition contingency plan if the tax measure doesn't pass this November. Contrary to some reports, they are not voting on a 6 percent increase next week. I can imagine that would make it more difficult for them to work with students next week if they did consider it....

-Our office, along with UCSA, is reviewing the Edley/Robinson report that came out and will be submitting commentary to UCOP by next Monday. There is also a public comment period for anyone who wants to submit comments or suggestions.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquel Saxe

Saxe said they had their board meeting as well. She said they had a presentation. She said the faculty members are appealing their decision. They talked about how it is relevant to them. She said the accounting minor means a lot to the students in the program. She said people are very receptive to the idea. She said people want to continue talking about having an undergraduate business program. She said they had a presentation on the same topic where the funding model will happen regardless of the decision of the academic senate. She said percentages are changing but the number of California residents is staying the same. Cal has cut residents. She talked about the faculty salary increase that the faculties were in favor of. She said faculty would like to see a more autonomous model and they are looking at how this could be revised in the future. She said online education is over the budget. They are optimistic about making back all of the money they spend on the program. She said she has been working on the communities and conflicts in the modern world requirement. Faculty should have been notified about the vote. She had the chance to work with more students on how to advocate

-Arruejo asked who are the members that can vote

-Saxe said anyone who has the title of professor could vote. A lecturer cannot vote. A faculty part of a department can vote. She said it is important for them to talk to people in their department

-Arruejo asked about quorum

-Saxe said she's been hearing mixed things but she could find out. She said most are in favor of the concept. She said if they spread the word, they'd get enough votes.

Lauren Lazarovici- Alumni Representative

-Lazarovici said there's a debate on Saturday. She said it is her birthday tonight.

-The council sang happy birthday.

-Lazarovici said she would like to reflect on other Bruins and other Bruin ancestors. She said this has been an odd occurrence of events. She said when she used to cover some of these stories and worked with people that they worked with. She said she only recently worked with him in the Freedom Rides. She said to ask about the Freedom Rides. She talked about how amazing it is to have such a richness of resources. She said previous councils were a legacy and supported the Freedom Riders. She said they might not have a sense of their legacy now, but in future decades

they'll see what the impact of their actions might be.

IX. Old Business

A. *USAC Code of Ethics

-Sholklapper moved to approve the USAC Code of Ethics. She said there might be enough copies for everyone. She said it is a lengthy document. She said everything in bold is what changed since they had last seen each other. She said they went back to the committee and reworked the ethics. She said they are still open to any changes they would like to further see on this document. She said this is a voluntary document. This was also checked with their e-board and Ken Heller. She said in the purpose, she wanted to read what Heller said. She said article 2 comes from USAC bylaws. She said as much as they had tried to define conflict of interest, they have not been direct in their intention. She said they wrote the entire document since that exact portion is not clear. She said the dynamic of the student body is changing. She said Heller said they should more clearly define that. She asked if they should read it through. She said to please give this the attention it deserves. She read off the changes to the USAC code of ethics. She said there was a change to make note of why the true Bruin pillars are listed. She read about being an employee in regards to conflict of interests. She talked about the true Bruin pillars. She talked about the first true Bruin pillar. She talked about the next points, which are excellence, accountability, respect, and service. She said she changed a word to "unjust" to make it easier to understand. She said the additional guidelines are where they went into the nitty gritty. She read the changes under the respective sections. She said there was an ask for future councils to work out the code of ethics as well. She said there is another section that holds the council member accountable. She said the last line would make it up to the councilperson to abide by these rules. She read the last section. She said she would love to hear their comments.

-Sidrak talked about how an officer signs this. She asked if there would be judicial action if they didn't uphold these.

-Resnick said this is more so that it does not happen. She said that it is more of a way to have council deal with those. She said in the end, it is up to the J-board. She said this is a personal vow or proclamation

-Sidrak said a lot of organizations have some sort of expectation that there is transition between leadership. She asked if there was any way that they could make sure the successor is educated as well as future councils for years to come.

-Resnick said this would fit wonderfully under additional guidelines. She said they could put that it is their duty to educate their successor. She said it should never be a problem in transitioning into a position since they are a governing body. She said this could be the last letter that this would be signed each year.

-Zimmerman said it could come after the oath

-Dr. Geller asked about section 2 and that all undergrads are USA members. She said they could talk about appointees. She said they couldn't hold every undergrad accountable to this. She said it should be changed to "USAC officer." She talked about 3D and she was wondering how this is reconciled by fraternity and sorority membership and how it is discriminated by gender. She said they might not need an observation at all.

-Resnick said she understands

-Dr. Geller said they could put that they will not discriminate against people based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.

-Dr. Nelson said they should add sexual orientation to that as well

-Saxe said the language that could be used is gender expression

-Resnick said thank you. She apologized it took long to go through. She said they were waiting for student legal services. She said this is something USAC officers will hopefully abide by in the future

-Smith said 4C is an interesting statement. He asked if that section could be clarified but not

challenging your being and who you are

-Saxe said it could say that one will not show unfair preference to family, social, political, or other relationships.

-Resnick said thank you for bringing that up. She said under letter k, it says that it should be signed at the installation ceremony. She read letter j as well that includes the portion about the transition of officers.

-Smith asked if it should read “community based organization”

-Saxe said that it could be meant to read as a community of students

-Smith mean outside organization, such as a corporation

-Resnick said it could mention an off campus organization. She said they could consider adding a clause for the council to discuss the code of ethics at the retreat

-Smith said going back to “educating your office” they could talk about the retreats as well. He said they could specify that more.

-Resnick said she was originally referring to council retreat but they could add that as well. She made changes to the code of ethics.

-Smith asked about the presentation that would be done at the USAC retreat. He asked if this could be the same presentation that could be passed on to their staff.

-Resnick said she added letter J.

-Bocarsly said there needs to be a change in USA council

-Sholklapper called to question the amended code of ethics. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, the code of ethics has been approved.

B. *USA Bylaw changes

-Sidrak moved to approve the USA bylaw changes. Starr seconded.

-Sidrak said Saxe would talk about them

-Saxe said she mentioned this before. She said this is adding to the appointments. She read the bylaw changes, which talked about the Writing Success Program. She said they asked her to sit on the board this year. She said that they made sure that students are aware of this program. She talked about ORL as well. She said it is important that their student government is in that space as well. She said under number 5, the bylaws have the same language by AAC have had representation on the SIAC. She said the language was not in the bylaws. She said she wanted to institutionalize this. She said this is what the SIAC bylaws state

-Arruejo asked if they already approved AAC to put it on.

-Saxe said they were excited and were told they would put it forth to approve it. She said SIAC was in the constitution for a long time

-Smith asked about the connection between AAC and SIAC in terms of historical perspective

-Saxe said SIAC works with access and retention for a long time. She said there is so much history in that office. She said she was told to approve people to committees and she was concerned that people might forget. She said people were surprised they were not in the bylaws. She said even if the current AAC doesn't work on it, it is important that this stays continuous.

-Smith asked about the AAC appointing someone since AAC might have information about these spaces in one way or another. He said if that is a conflict of interest that may be something to look at

-Saxe said it is something subject to USAC approval. She said the point person from SIAC knew about the committees and became part of the marketing. She said it is up to if the appointment is qualified

-Smith called to question. Sholklapper seconded. With a vote of 8-0-1, the bylaws were passed

X. New Business

A. *USA 2012-2013 Budget

Saxe moved to approve the USA 2012-2013 budget. Yao seconded.

-Zimmerman said Champawat would be back.

-Smith moved to table this until after announcements. Saxe seconded.

-Sholklapper moved to approve the USA 2012-2013 budget. Yao seconded

-Champawat said at this point, the hard work they do is in committees and people appealing. He said this process is about referendums and where these funds go into. He said there are only a few areas of judgment at this point. He said there is more about the general fees. He said he would frame this by saying that there is the difficult discussion about their stipends. He said he feels like the stipends are inadequate. He said they managed to increase the stipend recently. He said this is a difficult thing to grapple with. He said that they are around \$3500 per office. He said this is a third of fees. He recommended that they grant their successors a less unreasonable stipend. He proposed a 10% change, which would account into many years of no change. He said this is also a good year since they almost never an increase in enrollment. This increase would bring it up. He said often numbers are mirrored. Stipends are part of the overhead budget. He said if they money is not given over for that purpose, it would flow down to the bottom couple of lines into SOF and SGOF. This would show an increase over the last year. This would give the opportunity to assist in the cost of living. Aside from that, in general what they will find is their income and projected enrollment. He said the only category of fees that would flow through here is user fees. He talked about the monies that would flow through other bodies. He said they would float through other bodies and some don't float through the same way. He asked if he was being clear.

-Arruejo said for contingency, why is it always at \$76045 as seen on page 203. He asked why it didn't increase with more students

-Champawat said two things primarily fund the contingency. He said that it is mostly surplus money. This is a percentage. He said contingency is not a referendum fee but part of the bylaws. He said this line item is calculated through the bylaws as a percent of the budget. He said it is in the expense area

-Arruejo said someone should change it and it should be in line with how many students are enrolled. He said he agrees with the stipend. He said he couldn't vote. He said looking at the different executive offices, the offices like in Cal get more than half of what the student fees are. He said that this might defer people away from doing this job. He said for future councils when there is a large amount of surplus, they could increase the stipend. He said politically it should be voted no.

-Smith said he is on the fence. He said they are asking students for more money. He said by increasing it is problematic since they won't even put more money into contingency and they would put more money in their pockets. He said that other schools have these things set in place. He said there must be a reason why it used to be closer in the realm of tuition. He said he thinks it causes a different attitude when people want to be elected to these positions. He said they should ask if people want to get their tuition paid or want to cause change on campus. He said in terms of morals it seems a little nonsensical

-Champawat said he sees what he's saying. He said that reason is always good. He said that some groups are more stressed than others. He said there is always that counter pressure. He said it is nice that it comes up at the end of their term. He said this is not an appreciable struggle. He said it could be an opportunity to not frame it in that lens. He said that costs of going to school and inflation in the world are not the same. He said there is a good point of who can make the choice to serve. He said this is something for them to work out. He said this is always a struggle.

-Resnick asked where the funds would come from

-Champawat said it would decrease SOOF and SGOF. He said he said 10% is something he just threw out there and they could change it. He said it is a hard change to make and they are making it for their successor

-Sidrak said she has had this conversation with Williams. She said other UC's have emailed them

of how much they get paid. She said she understands the access to these positions. She said it is uncomfortable to ask students for more fees and increase the next year's council's stipends. She said some individuals would be running for council again so they would be voting for their own stipends

-Saxe said similarly, if the money is going back to student groups she wouldn't feel right about taking that money away. She talked about the transitional committee. She said she is assuming this is coming up because fees are increased but stipends were never increased. She asked if they could adjust it so that if fees come up, stipends would have a percentage increase.

-Champawat said this is interesting

-Dr. Geller said they could do it similarly where they identify a specific inflationary measure and increase it by that inflationary measure, which would be around 2%

-Yao said in reading the budget on line 8, why did the community service mini fund changed over the years so much.

-Dr. Geller said revenue

-Yao mentioned the numbers

-Champawat said he suspects that they redirected money from another fund to that fund

-Zimmerman asked about the surplus

-Yao said she could follow up on that

-Champawat asked if there were other sources of income

-Yao said she doesn't think that would come into the community service mini fund

-Champawat said the actuals would become a little different than budget. He said he would ask about that and that this is part of the historical record. He said they would need to see where the influx of funds came from.

-Resnick said a member of UCSA put together different stipends from UC's. She said Cal gets about \$4000 a year. We get around \$3500. UC Irvine gets \$7200. UC Merced does not get a stipend. She said she would send this out when she gets the most updated one. She said they are one of the lowest but there are not huge discrepancies.

-Champawat asked if they were lower

-Resnick said UC Santa Barbara was lower but they got their tuition is covered

-Arruejo said here, everyone is treated as equals

-Lazarovici said her husband is a part of a commission that pays for LA school board members. She said they get \$19-\$20k a year. She said they would pay elected officials so it's not the domain of the affluent. She said people with their own wealth funds their own campaigns. She said this is not a full time job. She said that's something to think about. She encouraged them to put together some small group to study this, not near when they are asking students to raise fees. She said increasing politician's wages is never a political winner

-Smith said this is election week and certain people don't know what USAC is. He said not to question their impact on campus, but it's more or less whether they feel like they deserve this. He said it would be nonsensical to raise something like that. He said if it looks at inflation increases, he might vote on that but he won't vote on it unless they put more money into student programming. He said he believes that the referendum will not pass. He said that in the Daily Bruin said that the \$3 could go into a cup of coffee. He said students should feel like they are putting money into something that gives back to them

-Dr. Geller said there is a line in the expense section and she asked what it is and how it differs from contingency and programming

-Champawat said he believes these are forms of allocations to certain organizations.

-Bocarsly said he was concerned about this as well

-Champawat said looking at their activities, they are getting up to \$5.8 million. He said these numbers represent mandatory student fees. He said a lot of money flows in that has to do with other fees. He said that if groups collect money, these flow through here. He said he could go back and get more information. He said this is not in the original budget.

- Dr. Geller talked about “officially recognized” and how this was a term that no longer exists.
- Champawat said mandatory fees are a calculation. He said there is also money that flows into the account
- Champawat said sometimes CSP transfers money into our system.
- Bocarsly asked why is that included in the budgetable expenses
- Champawat said it comes in as a revised budget. He said it’s not part of the original budget in fall.
- Bocarsly asked where the revised budget is
- Zimmerman said at the beginning of the year, groups put money in their account.
- Bocarsly asked where we are here
- Champawat said there is a combination of money that flows into their accounts. He said there are other monies that flow out of their system into the community.
- Bocarsly asked if that was the exact number of their budget
- Zimmerman said this is SIAC
- Champawat said it’s going to flow out of the accounts that you have more direct association with
- Bocarsly asked what line item 1 is and how SGOF and SOOF is split up
- Champawat said these numbers refer to the footnotes.
- Bocarsly said he wasn’t sure how they’re related
- Smith said there is a lot of ambiguity in this conversation and he would like to move to table this until next week. He said he didn’t want to figure out why certain numbers are certain ways. He said there should be words that express what they are. He said he would rather have people look into SGA, etc
- Champawat said they could approve it next week. He said to look at the stipend issue and an inflation mechanism in place.
- Resnick said she would make sure to get the most updated version of the UC’s. She said this is important to consider
- Bocarsly asked if they could meet before the meeting
- Champawat said that there are a lot of numbers here and it gets confusing
- Resnick said thank you for bringing up that point.
- Champawat said the officially recognized student organization is where the SOOF money ends up. She said that is where they disperse that money to different organizations.
- Zimmerman said that is what the number 1 means, whether it is SOOF or SGOF
- Bocarsly asked about where the funds come from
- Resnick asked if they could see what stipends would look like with a 10% increase
- Champawat asked if they wanted models
- Smith said yes, especially ones that did not pull from SOOF or SGOF. He said they should be putting more money into contingency as well
- Champawat said remaining money goes into SGOF and SOOF. He said they would come up with more models.
- Bocarsly asked how they would vote for their own stipends but they needed a referendum
- Champawat said a referendum is creating new fees. He said there is the most movement in membership fees. He said these are not passed with clear purposes. He said they pay for their organization. They also pay for accounting services, payroll, etc. He said some of this goes into contingency and some goes into USA.
- Bocarsly said operational fees are coming out of excess
- Champawat said if they calculate it, it might be equal.
- Bocarsly asked what they needed to put to the student body and what they could do themselves
- Champawat said they could put out a fee with a generalized purpose. He said the squeeze is always on SGOF and SOOF. He said all the other fees are tied to specific purposes. He said increased revenue is what they go back to the body for
- Sholklapper asked about increased revenue

-Resnick said thank you for their work.

-Smith moved to table the 2012-2013 USA budget until next week. Bocarsly seconded.

XI. Announcements

-Resnick said she got an email from one of her friends who need a presidential appointment. She said this isn't something they need to vote to add on. She said to please let her know. She said in regards to their special presentation, she would start an email thread to look for the best way to honor these journeys. She said next week is their last meeting. She said at the end of their last meeting, there would be an extended good and welfare. She said it would be a late meeting. She said old council will leave and new council will come

-Sidrak asked if they add something to the last agenda

-Zimmerman said they never have an agenda. She said they approve the agenda and have a swearing in.

-Dr. Geller said they might have an IVP or president who is familiar with an agenda

-Zimmerman said she already contacted the justice to do the oath

-Arruejo asked if the incoming IVP does the agenda

-Zimmerman said yes, but they won't be penalized if they don't

-Yao said week 7 would be issues awareness week. She said their purpose is to raise awareness from these issues and show students how they could get involved. She said their goal is not to reinvent the wheel but rather to tap into what student groups are already doing. She said Monday would be a film screening. She said they would screen Regeneration about youth and the issues they face. She said on the second day they would have an international no dieting day.

Wednesday would be with CPOSA with a town hall. She said this is a great way for students to learn about different opportunities. Thursday would be info-graphics that show LA and statistics and quotes. She said they are excited because there is a lot of collaboration for it. She said they are really excited to have it less programmatic on Thursday. She talked about CURE referendum and thanked Chikanov and Sholklapper about meet the candidates. She said signboards are out on Bruinwalk and other locations on campus. She said these let people know the background. She said the most important thing is internet and social media. She said to invite people on Facebook. She said the Facebook is educational only. She said to send their listserves the CURE referendum email. She said sending it from the CURE referendum email makes sure there is no conflict of interest. She said if they send it, to let them know. She said nobody signed up on Bruinwalk flyer. She said to please sign up on that.

-Zimmerman said this is the last chance to have information in their binders. She said all the commissions are so different. She said she wants to make these binders as accurate as possible. She said installation is May 20. She said to make sure all the new candidates know about the installation and so that their families know about it. She said to let them know so people are prepared

-Sholklapper asked when the binders are given out

-Zimmerman said the binders are given out at retreat time and they get introduction packets at first. She said if they want information in the little binders next week to send it because she's getting them bound over the weekend

-Shah said she sent out an email about the fact that cultural affairs is insular. She said for clarification, she put together a comprehensive list of which they've worked with. They've reached out to over 375 organizations, worked with 75, etc. She said they reached out to 125 self-subscribed organizations. She said Cultural Affairs is not exclusive or insular. She said this was very offensive, especially since this was one of their main goals. She said she wanted to put that out there. She said they are doing free ticket giveaways tomorrow morning. She said it depends on how early people are willing to go. She said that will be tomorrow and there will be another one on May 15.

-Resnick said that is an impressive list she's compiled.

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 9:48 pm. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

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