

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL  
Tuesday, May 15, 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:

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

-Shah moved to strike the mini grant

-Sholklapper moved to move the addition of the plaque as an action item

-Smith asked if it was for money

-Resnick said it is voting on wording on the plaque

-With a vote of 11-0-0, the addition of the plaque was added as an action item.

-Bocarsly asked if they had to approve the election results

-Sidrak said that was on the revised agenda

-Resnick said it is the first item under new business

-Bocarsly moved to strike the USA budget. He said GSA didn't have quorum so ASUCLA won't approve the budget until July. The new council will approve their new budget

-Sidrak said he would send out the agenda again

-Zimmerman asked someone to approve the mortar board add

-Saxe moved to add the approval of the funding for mortar board. Smith seconded.

-Resnick read the revised new business .

- Smith moved and Sidrak 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. \*5/8/12

-Hester said she wasn't at the meeting last week.

Starr moved to approve the minutes from last week. Sidrak seconded.

- Bocarsly moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes for May 8, 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 this week.

**VI. Appointments**

**VII. Fund Allocations**

**A. Academic Success Referendum Fund**

**Saxe said she sent it out about an hour ago. She said a lot of the fund asked for food. They allocated money for facilities and honorarium. Saxe said allocations had to be completed earlier this week. They are wrapping up the rest of them.**

**Saxe said there were 4 different groups and 1 did not follow the referendum. The other three received funding.**

**B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant**

**C. Travel Grant**

Gamble said there is one for Mecha for education Latinos for America conference. She said they got \$400 for their conference. She said there would be a notification that the travel grant is closed.

**D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

**E. \*Contingency Allocations**

-Sholklapper moved to approve contingency. Hester seconded.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$58,861.84 for their programs. A total of \$7,274.31 was requested from contingency. A total of \$3,223.86 is recommended for allocation for this week (at 35% reduction).

There is a total of \$31,325.09 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Starr called to question the contingency allocations. Smith seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations for this week were approved.

F. \*Capital Items Fund Allocations

Sholklapper moved to approve capital item fund allocations this week. Starr seconded. Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$921.69 for capital items. A total of \$921.69 was requested from the Capital Items Fund. A total of \$912.38 is recommended for allocation for this week.

There is a total of \$5,049.18 left in the Capital Items Fund.

-Sholklapper moved to approve capital items fund allocations. Gamble seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, capital item fund allocations were approved.

-Bocarsly asked when this fund closes.

-Arruejo said he would talk to Deb to see if they can have an extra week, but for now capital items fund allocations are closed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

**A. President- Emily Resnick**

Resnick said they would be reviewing the community service scholarships soon. She encouraged them and their friends to apply. She said last week, they had a Homecoming meeting and they will be working with UCLA recreation to work on Homecoming. 130 students applied to be on Homecoming committee. The USAC mixer moved to Wednesday, May 30th.

**B. Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak**

Sidrak passed out the letters that they wrote to themselves in September. She said that it is important that they enjoy whatever they wrote. She said she got everyone Diddy Riese as well. She said thank you to everyone.

**C. External Vice President- Joelle Gamble**

Gamble said the May revision came out yesterday. She said everything is still contingent on that ballot initiative in November. She said it is important to know the results. There is a regents meeting this week and there will be no vote on a fee increase. She said they would be looking at investments and how to streamline processes. She said they would be voting on fee increases as early as July. She said the fee increase meetings might be soon. She talked about the lobby visits coming up. She said there is a tug of war and they got a response back. She said in regards to the lobby visits, some were interesting. She talked

about system wide appointments are still open and this is open until May 18. She said the application is due May 18. She said the budget transparency task force is getting more motion. She said Patrick Wentz is excited about it and students will have more access to that process. She said on May 23 is when the city council will hear back about the plastic bag ban. She said she will attend and this affects their campus.

#### **D. Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquele Saxe**

Saxe said she was asked to facilitate a group for the vice provosts of education. Students have been recommended. She said they are making sure that the new vice provosts will value students and new and innovative ways of learning. She said they passed out surveys to the apartments about major blast. She said the committee on planning and budget had a talk about admissions. She talked about using a waitlist for freshmen and international housing. She said they are looking to consider more resources not at peak hours. She said there would be a need for additional courses because of the large freshmen class they had last year. She said the undergraduate council reviewed American Indian studies. She said the undergraduate student education for digital film and media program was reviewed and approved. She said that starting in three days, faculty could vote on the communities in conflict in the modern world requirement. She said to please send this out to their offices. She said faculty only has two weeks to vote. They had their mentorship mixer on Friday. She said two council members will continue this next year. She talked about the Community Programs Office and other upcoming events.

#### **E. Cultural Affairs Commissioner- Kinnery Shah**

Shah said some people don't realize to the extent of what they do. She said CAC was her home at UCLA. She said she would like to clear up some of the misconceptions. She listed almost all of the events that they put on. She said most of the time they had at least 2 things going on. They always have a consistent following of people. They have Jazz Reggae, world fest, national coming out week. art exhibitions, coming out week. hip hop appreciation. etc. She said they do reservations for the coffee house and the art gallery. They do a lot of co-programming and take people on diversity tours. She said they do a lot of external work as well. She said some people said that CAC was insular and inclusive. They have over 120 students on CAC consisting of different ages and majors. She said they have different affiliations. She said some people live on the hill or are in cultural groups. She said they have multiple application processes during the year. She said they start right away. She said a lot of the events start week 1. She said they want to make sure that they have the chance to connect to them to the Enormous Activities Fair. She said this year, they had 150 people apply to Jazz Reggae. She said they have to cut people and she tries to take people that apply to the series. She said in general, they have to cut people for Jazz Reggae staff. She said the application process is open to everyone and they are not exclusive. She said they try to accommodate everyone. She said some people say that they only work with some student groups. She said that they outreach to political groups and different student groups. She said they've co-programmed with 75 orgs and funded 45+ orgs. She said cultural affairs have a certain mission and they can only reach out to groups that align with their missions. She said it is a two way street and it's impossible to go to all of the meetings. She said they've sent out consistent emails. She said some people say that CAC doesn't know how to market. They have 1200 people

on the Jazz Reggae list serve. She said they have different Facebook pages. They have 5000 people follow them on Facebook. She said these are people who self-subscribe. They also try to utilize department listserves. She said they utilize ORL, UCLA screens, go on the hill, and flyer. They flyer every week. For Jazz Reggae, they advertise everyday from 9-2. She said that people work hard to make sure the information is out there. She said that some people say that they're not doing their job since campus climate is still an issue. She said that this doesn't make sense and campus climate is a much bigger picture issue. She said that's not to say that they're not doing their job. Their mission statement recognizes that what happens on campus is affected by what happens around them. She said it's about initiating the dialogue. She said people talk about what they go through at UCLA. She said all of their exhibitions are socially and political driven. She said that is where hip hop appreciation month came out. She said world fest was a reaction to riots. She said they recognize that they are a diverse campus. She talked about diversity tours and that they need to explore what's around them. She said another claim that was made was that the CAC role is focused on external and programs. She said these two roles should not be separated. She said sitting at the table allowed her to know what was happening at UCLA. She said they don't touch everyone and others on the council table do. She said talking about these issues allows her to bring them back to Cultural Affairs. She said as a commissioner she has the opportunity to work with different student groups. She said at the word, people talk about their experiences at UCLA. She said from that perspective, she wants to reiterate that these roles should be together and not separate.

#### **Dr. Geller- Administrative Representative**

Dr. Geller said each of them on council and the FiCom chair should have gotten an invitation to a dinner at the chancellor's house. She said it probably went to their personal email. It is invitation only. A few hundred students are being recognized for their accomplishments this year. She said if they didn't receive it to let her know.

#### **Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services**

-Zimmerman passed out exit packets. She said there might be questions that come up. She talked about installation, which is this Sunday. She said to arrive at 12 and family comes around 12:30. She said it has information about requisitions. She said if they have questions to let her know.

-Sholklapper asked if the student welfare commissioner is changing.

-Zimmerman said it changed

-Sholklapper asked if it was outgoing and incoming

-Zimmerman said it was going to stay the same

#### **Sidrak moved to table the bylaw changes. Gamble seconded.**

IX. Old Business

##### **A. USA Bylaw Changes**

Sholklapper moved to approve the USAC bylaw changes. Chikanov seconded.

-Sholklapper said to look at his most recent email. He said there were some problems with the numbering and letterings. He said a majority of changes change welfare to

wellness. There are changes to section i. There are updates and clarifications of what the association does and who they work with. He said they changed welfare to wellness. He said they changed welfare to wellness in other sections too. He said some things were out of order. He said things were changed to make sense. He mentioned how “5% of referendum fees would be put aside for a welfare fund” and about the appointments they make, such as the project directors. He said he figured a lot of that on his own this year. He said below that in the section about administrators, all of the departments are listed and a lot of these administrators have been on there for a long time. He moved to add the blood and platelet center to article 3 section i subsection 9. Smith seconded. Sholklapper asked if they should write UCLA before those sections or if it was implied. He asked if he should just say “from the UCLA departments.” Bocarsly seconded. He said in the financial supports commissioner, he would like to change what it says. He said the student group outreach committee also references the student welfare commissioner.

-Bocarsly asked about number 10.

-Sholklapper said that could be a friendly amendment.

-Resnick thanked him for his hard work

-Arruejo asked what referendum that was based on

-Sholklapper said it's not based on a referendum.

-Bocarsly called to question the new bylaws. Starr seconded.

-With a vote of 12-0-0, the bylaws were amended.

## X. New Business

### A. Election Board Results

Eena said the results are on there. She said it will say who was elected if the seat was contested. She said it has E-board signatures. She said in terms of elections, there is going to be a review of the election code in terms of endorsement hearings. They will probably be meeting this week. She said they will set up a more efficient system.

-Sholklapper asked if the election results are fair

-Eena said yes

-Saxe asked about the randomization for the ballot.

-Eena said yes. She said she could initiate the talks until the next appointment

-Smith asked if it requires money

-Eena said she would have to sit down and see when the ballot could be done. She said they have enough for the ballot they have but they need to look at what money ballot randomization would take

-Arruejo asked about general representatives. He said it doesn't matter about the surplus number, but he was wondering why she didn't out which rounds because there were

-Eena said they went by the most number of votes

-Chris said it doesn't matter since there were only three people applying

-Smith asked what the threshold vote was

-Chris said he could get that to them

-Resnick said thank you to them

-Smith called to question. Shah seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the election results have been approved.

-Resnick said this is a testament to their term.

B. Wording for the USAC Memorialization of the Freedom Rider's Bond

Sholklapper motioned to approve the wording. Bocarsly seconded.

-Resnick said that they were very honored and they would like to include who brought about that change on the council table.

-Sholklapper said they threw that on there. He asked if it was 1962-1963.

-Smith said it was.

-Sholklapper said he could read it and they could amend it. He read the USAC memorialization of freedom riders bond as follows:

### **Memorialization of UCLA Freedom Riders**

*Bruins exemplifying integrity, excellence, accountability, respect, and service*

We, members of the Undergraduate Students Association Council, are mounting this plaque in recognition of the selfless efforts of our student body during the Civil Rights Movement. This was a time of challenges and a test of perseverance for Bruins across the United States of America. True Bruins recognize the importance of supporting each other and standing up for justice in, and beyond, the hills of Westwood.

In the 1960s, our predecessors debated the establishment of a Freedom Rider Loan Fund from student body funds to appeal the bonds of incarcerated Bruins in Mississippi.

Although the Board of Control overrode their decision, concerned UCLA faculty ultimately secured the fund.

Challenging segregation in interstate transportation, the following fearless Bruins, as well as respected colleagues, participated in the Freedom Rides with the support of UCLA students and faculty in the summer of 1961:

#### ***Jackson, Mississippi***

Carrol Gary Barber

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We would like to recognize the 1961-1962 council members who supported the cause and efforts of the aforementioned Bruins:

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May this plaque always serve as a testament to the true power of human love, devotion, and responsibility. May future councils who enter this room look to serve the student body to the best of their abilities as our Bruin ancestors have done.

“To make our way, we must have firm resolve, persistence, tenacity. We must gear ourselves to work hard all the way. We can never let up.” -Ralph J. Bunche

-Gamble asked about the quote at the bottom. She asked where it came from and she said there is a quote from Bunche. She read the quote and she said it would be fitting here.

-Sholklapper said to throw it in

-Smith said it should be a quote from someone that is African American. He said that Civil Rights Movement should be capitalized.

-Resnick said they could put the names of the council members after the Freedom Riders. She said that their names could be in paragraph form and that the focus should be on the Freedom Riders.

-Smith said he agrees. He said they might be able to omit their positions and just put the year of the council.

-Resnick said that would be a great way to group them.

-Saxe said they could contact those on here

-Resnick said that would be great and that they are very humble

-Yao made a friendly amendment that changed the grammar of USAC council

-Sholklapper asked about the word “through.” He made a friendly amendment to change it to from

-Yao said for the last sentence of the first paragraph, it would be great to talk about justice in the hills of Westwood. She moved to amend the last sentence of the first paragraph to include supporting each other and a part about Westwood.

-Smith asked about the asterisks for deceased

-Sholklapper said they could be omitted.

-Resnick said they could make it more formal than “who debated for all those long hours.”

-Sholklapper asked what they were called

-Hester asked if she would send it for review before it is finalized

-Resnick said yes. She said they could put 1962-1963 council members.

-Sidrak said it could say that they fought for the aforementioned Bruins

-Resnick said she likes advocated. She said to look at the paragraph after Freedom Riders.

-Sholklapper moved to add the following:

We would like to recognize the 1961-1962 council members who advocated for the aforementioned Bruins:

James Stiven, Anne Drumm, Jerry Chaleff, Steve Mooser, Richard Millard, Jean

Kolonsky, Mary Lee Lloyd, Dan Drown, Richard Weisbart, Nancy Rockoff, Sue Woods, Gwenda Boydston, George Nicholsen, Jeff Donfeld, Mark Leicester, John Carter, Walter Howald, and Al Barouh.

-Sidrak seconded.

-Hester asked if they could add “following council members” so people don’t get confused.

-Saxe said advocating for Bruins was not necessarily what they were advocating for. She said the aforementioned Bruins were the Bruins for that same cause. She said it should be changed.

-Resnick asked if anyone had suggestions

-Smith asked if it would have to be a complete sentence. He said in the beginning, it explains what was happening. He said if they’re trying to figure out what to say, that would expedite the conversation

-Starr said it could say that they were supporting their cause or efforts.

-Resnick asked if anyone would like to change that in there.

-Starr moved to change the first sentence. Smith seconded.

-Yao said she doesn’t think the quote applies to the situation as well.

-Sidrak asked if that was a quote or just a thought

-Sholklapper said he put that because the board in control overrode their decision but regardless of that they still made an effort to make something happen. He said they’re often told what not to do but sometimes there is something more correct

-Yao said that makes sense, but some people might think it’s applying to the Civil Rights Movement

-Sholklapper asked about moving it up

-Starr said it reminds him of Pirates of the Caribbean

-Sholklapper moved to amend that line. Shah seconded.

-Resnick said thank to Sholklapper and that is an awesome way to end their year. She said anyone interested could help in planning this or the memorialization

-Shah said at the bottom there are two years listed and if that was done correctly

-Resnick said it was summer so it would have been the 1961-1962 council. She said she would check this before.

-Bocarsly said there were a Dan Brown and Dan Drown

-Sholklapper said in the last paragraph it could say strive to serve. He read the memorialization as follows:

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- Saxe said to make a point of who is presenting the plaque, they should add “...the selfless efforts.”
- Resnick said thank you for reading
- Shah said she doesn’t know about the 2011-2012 since it puts the focus on them rather than the actual issue
- Saxe said it is in present tense so it is very vague
- Hester said it could say that this is mounted on the 2012 council.
- Dr. Nelson asked if they should alphabetize the names
- Bocarsly said the councilmember’s are listed by position
- Resnick said maybe that’s something they could take back and alphabetize

-Soto said regarding the end, they could maybe include the date of when this actually will be mounted so passerby's can recognize this was a set date in time

-Smith called to question. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the memorialization of the Freedom Riders was approved.

-Saxe moved to approve the funding of the mortarboard ad

-Sholklapper said they could approve the costs

-Zimmerman said the discretionary fund would be the best place and they could get a plaque made.

-Smith moved to move \$340 for the Daily Bruin plus the cost of the plaque that is TBD. Shah seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the funds will come from the council discretionary fund.

#### C. Mortar Board

Saxe moved to approve the funding for the mortarboard

-Zimmerman said every year they do this. She said since they've done such a great job this year, they used that fund. She hoped to get \$600 to put the USAC mission and the incoming officers and contact information up. She said this gets the word out to students and is a great way of advertising. She said it could come from the discretionary fund or contingency.

-Smith called to question

-Resnick asked if it could come from the discretionary fund or contingency

-Zimmerman said yes

-Resnick said this is a USAC purpose.

-Smith moved to allocate \$600 from the USAC discretionary fund for the mortarboard. Shah seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the funds for the mortar board were approved.

#### XI. Announcements

-Saxe said they had an issue with funding and got a last minute email. The deadline for allocations was sent. She said this would be a consent item. She moved to go back to the academic success referendum fund. Bocarsly seconded.

-Yao said Wednesday is volunteer appreciation day. She said to tell volunteers to wear a shirt and they will possibly be offered plan B and thanks by volunteers. She said tomorrow their event is with the community programs association putting an education town hall on. She said she's been to the past two. She said there are food, performances, and speakers. She said they had their project Bruin Saturday. She said youth comes to campus for a day. She said it's great to give them that experience at UCLA. She said a lot of different groups come. She said there are workshops hosted.

-Arruejo asked about project Bruin.

-Yao said in light of cuts, this day is a way to give youth a chance to experience science and the name was changed to Project Bruin.

-Sholklapper moved to suspend the bylaws for an 8-clap. Bocarsly seconded.

#### 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: 35 pm. by Acclamation.

XIV.            Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katrina Dimacali  
USAC Minutes Taker  
2011-2012