

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 3, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David Bocarsly, Lana Habib El-Farra, Michael Starr, Carly Yoshida, Kim Davis, Anees Hasnain, Taylor Mason, Stephen Kraman, Sahil Seth, Cassarah Chu, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Lauren Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT: Andrea Hester, Yasar Mohebi, Jan Tacinco, Michael Starr, Cassarah Chu

GUESTS: Avi Oved (Proxy for IVP), Nicole Vestal (Proxy for Gen. Rep. 3), Jonathan Waxer, Kristen Taketa

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Seth moved to add summer meeting times to old business

-Mason moved to strike Matthew and Allen from appointments

-El-Farra moved to strike the travel grant

- Kraman moved and El-Farra seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly 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. *6/12/12

- Seth moved and Kraman seconded to approve the minutes for June 12, 2012.

-Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved.,

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

-Kraman said Waxer is here for student advocate. He said this is a position that has less direction since they haven't had it in the past few years. The definition is one who will maintain correspondence with the ombud office.

-Mason said he impressed them. She said this is the face of the student body to administration. She said they would deal with the visibility of resources. She said that he would have a lot of freedom with the position but it would also be a big burden. She said that he worked in the Bruin Resource Center. They encouraged him to expand his vision beyond his comfort zone. She said he's done a lot of resource/

-Jasso said he did a lot of research with the UC Berkeley advocate. She said he's a strong and passionate candidate.

-Mason said the vote was 2-0-0

-El-Farra asked about the UC Berkeley advocate works

-Bocarsly said they could ask Waxer

-El-Farra moved to approve Waxer. Mason seconded.

-Waxer introduced himself as a 4th year psychobiology major. He said many of them have probably heard that there was a need for being a student advocate. He said he wanted to help people. He said this is very tangible. They could follow UC Berkeley's office.

-El-Farra asked about the Berkeley model and what he likes about it and what he would change

-Waxer said this is an office open 9-5 for 40 hours a week. They deal with academics, financial issues, grievances, as well as conduct problems. These could be non-academic problems or academic problems. He said one thing he loves is that one office covers so many different things. He said one thing he would change would be to start a little smaller. He said a lot of students don't know what's available to them at the university. He said they could make it more straightforward.

-Seth asked if this model would be a connection to different areas of campus or creating a new office

-Waxer said a student would come in with a problem. He said he would work with the student and work with them. He said it would be a case-by-case basis. He said that he would direct students to the appropriate places.

-Yoshida asked how the office would be

-Waxer said it would be near the communal office space. He would like to focus on academic and financial issues. He said as of now, Berkeley has 50 case records.

-Yoshida asked how he would distinguish himself from AAC and FSC

-Waxer said they would be a confidential office. He said he didn't know everything that AAC does.

-Bocarsly said these offices are there to provide resources for students

-Seth said for clarification, he could refer students to other offices if needed

-Kraman asked about caseworkers

-Waxer said at Berkeley, they have administration. He said training would include learning from administration and see how they handle situations. He said they would take them step by step on how to deal with their problems. Over time, caseworkers would take over their own studies.

-El-Farra asked what year he was and how many years this was

-Waxer said he's going into his 4th year

-Bocarsly said this is a 1-year appointment

-El-Farra asked how he would advertise his service

-Waxer said being a presidential appointment, he would advertise through there and through a website. They also hope to be advertised through word of mouth. He said they would have a good website that's easy to navigate.

-Bocarsly said this is something they're starting up this year

- Davis asked about his experience working with administrators
- Waxer said he participated with undergraduate research. He said they had to do a certain number of training protocols. He said he has spoken to the dean of campus climate. He said he hopes to learn a lot in the summer and put the position full force in the fall
- Bocarsly asked whom he contacted
- Waxer said he contacted the previous Berkeley president and the current student advocate at Berkeley. He said it is great to talk to her and she assists with the low down
- Kraman called to question Jonathan Waxer for student advocate. With a vote of 7-0-0, Waxer was approved as the student advocate.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. EVP Travel Grant

There was no business for the EVP Travel Grant this week.

B. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. *Contingency Allocations

- El-Farra moved to approve contingency allocations. Yoshida seconded.
- Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$8,734.52 for their programs.
- A total of \$2,750.83 was requested from contingency.
- A total of \$890.00 is recommended for allocation for this week.
- There is a total of \$1,988.45 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.
- Jasso said there were reductions for MSA because they were missing documentation.
- Mason called to question contingency allocations. Seth seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the contingency for this week was passed.
- Oved and Vestal introduced themselves
- Zimmerman asked if they could do the consent item for the contingency fund
- Jasso said it wasn't in the agenda
- Discretionary Contingency Programming Funding
- Jasso asked if someone could suspend bylaws for the purposes of retroactively funding the resolution for the Daily Bruin that was approved for May 1, 2012.
- Seth moved to suspend the bylaw article 6 for the purposes of retroactively funding the resolution for the Daily Bruin that was approved for May 1, 2012. Davis seconded.
- Zimmerman said a vote needs to take place. She said the consent was to spend the money under the discretion of the FiCom.
- Jasso said that is in the financial guidelines.
- Zimmerman said the FiCom could give funding and have it as a consent item to the council. She said since this is funding for a program that has already taken place, it is a consent item
- Bocarsly asked why they voted to take it out of AAC budget and asked if they could override the bylaws
- Zimmerman said they could talk to SGA about that
- Bocarsly said they voted on it with AAC
- Jasso said they could use a maximum of \$500 of the discretionary funds. She said she would be sending a new draft of the discretionary guidelines.
- Seth called to question the suspension of the bylaws. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the

bylaws were suspended and the consent item was passed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

-Bocarsly said he had the opportunity to meet with different people on campus. He was part of the president's transition call. He said they had a phone call among all the incoming and outgoing presidents. He said he is a member of the UCSA president's council. He said today, he had the opportunity to talk to the summer in the union tour guides. He said they give orientation attendees a tour around the union. He said they asked a lot of questions and it would be a good opportunity to get involved. He said he met with Steve Gamer, the director of the UCLA foundation. They talked about a leadership development fund. He said they look forward to meeting in the future to subsidize programming funds. He said hopefully this takes off pretty quickly. He said Arurejo and himself had a chat and he talked about his experience on council. He said he talked about the impact the council had on him. He said what they're doing does change people's lives. He said he met with Vice Chancellor and her assistant Vice Chancellor. They talked about a number of different avenues about lobbying in the state and local government. They talked about the importance of student involvement so they could enhance their voice to advocate for their government. They stressed the importance of voter registration. With such a huge election year, this is something they should all get involved in

-Hasnain said the voter registration day would be a great way to get involved

-Bocarsly said this is a campus-wide initiative and they should encourage people to get involved. He said it is important to constantly be aware. They are talking about a student plan. He said they always talk about investing in higher education. He said that their government and community relation's team did a lot of research. They said \$1 in UCLA translates \$15 into the UCLA economy. He said he met with the chair and the chair elect. He said they suggested that they enhance their ties. They are interested in finding a faculty rep so they could continue that conversation. He said Mike Cohen talked about a CSP gathering that could be done early on in the year. He said in terms of his rivalry initiative, he has spoken to Mick Delucka. He said UCLA and USC are taking part in Run the City. He said this is one step in being a part of the special Olympics in 2015. He talked to the vice chancellor of the academic personnel. They talked about what she did and he encouraged them to meet with different initiatives. He met with Raja about how he and different members of the LGBT center could partner. He said that Raja would like all of council to learn how to be allies together. He said hopefully they could get all of their offices involved. He said that Lazarovici and himself had a talk today as well. He said his office would like to do an all USAC retreat on the first Saturday of school. He said they would like to get as many different people in their offices together. They would like to do education on what USAC is.

-Mason asked for the date

-Bocarsly said September 29th.

-Davis said this conflicts with Rush

-Bocarsly asked if they like the idea of getting everyone together

-El-Farra said if it's a day thing it should work

-Bocarsly said it could be at sunset recreation center. He said this would be a nice space to get this all together. He said he would need their help in asking their offices to show up. He said they are looking to have more appointments. He said they are still looking for strong applicants. He said they should start looking for people who would be good appointments. He said to let him know if they had anyone in mind.

Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

Oved said their student networking night would be week three of fall quarter. It would be a general student networking night and people would learn how to recruit for organizations. He said they want to have multiple networking nights catered to different groups on campus, such as an LGBT or FiCom networking night

-Jasso asked what day week three it would be

-Oved said he wasn't sure.

-Jasso said that they would be there

-Oved said if there are different communities on campus that would benefit to let them know. He said the student advocacy branch would reach out to their respective groups, whether it is Greek life or Going Green. He said their safety director touched base with Nancy Greenstein. They would like to have a ride along with UCPD to get a perspective of what that's like. He said they would like to invite student groups who are interested since some groups would like to be more involved with the campus aspect. He said their perfect sponsorship director dropped out last minute. He said that if they know anyone who is business savvy to refer them. He said they would like to coordinate the internships and the different opportunities they have. He said they would like to coordinate a wait list since the internship wants to have one committee committed to that.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

El-Farra said last week she was able to meet with some directors of her office. She said this past weekend they went to Santa Cruz for their UCSA retreat. She said all the EVP's were there and their staff was there. She said it was Thursday-Sunday. She said there is no tuition increase next year contingent on the tax initiatives in November. She said the main thing that will push that through is the student voter turnout. She said tuition would raise by 20% if there is low voter turnout. She said Governor Brown said the Cal Grant funding would be restored. She talked about the middle class scholarship. She said the scholarship is in a committee in the Senate. She said for AB1346, there was a hearing in the senate. She said she spoke to a director in UCSA about this. She said she hopes to do a social media campaign. She said they got interest rates to stay the same. She said they got this at the last minute. She said it was very last minute and came with another bill regarding highway safety. They are still waiting to see that this is for a good amount of time. She said with that resolution will be a clause that fixes the interest rate at 3.4%. She said UCSA congress is in August in San Diego. She said it is a great opportunity and they talk about their campaigns. She said students usually get involved in student government afterwards.

-Seth asked the date

-El-Farra said the conference is August 17. The deadline for applications is in July.

-Bocarsly asked if there were a maximum number of students who could go

-El-Farra said they told them they would take about 60-65 students but that number could go up

-Bocarsly asked about funding

-El-Farra said they stay in dorms and there is funding for other things like transportation. She said for national affairs, there were difficulties with the budget. She said they are almost ready for UCSA congress and they will unfortunately only be taking 10 students. She talked about vote. She said they would want to register 5,000 students by October 22.

-Jasso asked if that was just for UCLA

-El-Farra said yes

-Bocarsly asked if they track students who say they already registered

-El-Farra said students need to register there

-Davis said they would all be having retreats. She asked if they could have registration papers

-El-Farra said they could come to their staff meetings and they could do it at their staff meetings.

She said they are working with the orientation staff and freshmen summer programs. She said zero week would be big. She said they were working on the concert. She said the concert is in full

swing and they have an artist. They are also looking for sponsors for the concert.

-Hasnain asked if they are including the contact with Dr. Oburn

-El-Farra asked for clarification

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

Davis said there was an academic senate legislative assembly and they voted in favor of the Anderson self-support degree program. She said that means that the faculty of UCLA is in favor of it. She said this affects the budget of undergraduates at UCLA. She said after interviews since 10th week, she filled almost all of them. She said for the academic freedom they have Goldberg, Anna, Peralta, Janino, Sing, Dee, Nguyen, Ong, Rojas, Quatch, Nguyens, Mitchell, Charney, Arunasarajal, Moore, Orens, Vasquez, Bur, Sanchez, Ronaro, Asata, Wong, Nguyen, Hernandez, Cabrera, and Horn. They have a position for the education abroad, instructional technology, etc. She said they have been working on the mobile applications. She said that a student who graduated was given a job with IT for UCLA. She said she met regarding the interface web experience that would put all the UCLA websites on one site. She said they would be put together. She said throughout this year, they would meet with focus groups and opinions. She said she would be asking people to participate. She talked about syllabus preview. She said she would maintain syllabus preview. She said they wanted to make sure students know that it is available to them. She said the academic inequity week is coming up and they will reach out for items such as Teach for America. She said if they have any entities within UCLA that would like to participate to let her know.

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

-Lazarovici said she was interested in the new student advocate position. She said that the position existed before but the new person could make what he wants with it. She said she was this happened to her before. She said some of it worked out great and some of it didn't. She said that all parties needed to be clear about what the vision and mission is for the position. She said there is a possibility that people could go in two different directions. She said since it is a new position, they should work with that person closely. She said she is fascinated about the idea of the ride along. She said going on a ride along would be a good opportunity. She said she had a colleague who went and it was an attempt by the newspaper to understand what LAPD goes through. She said she remembers that it opened up her colleagues eyes to police work. She said this would be a great opportunity for people on campus who are involved in a lot of protest activity. She said this would be of interest to people related to police brutality. She said she loves all of the voter registration events going on and she would be willing to help. She said she was with a group that was allowed to be inside a hall where people took their vote on citizenship. She said while she has a party preference, she wanted to see what it was like for a person to come to the US and become a citizen. She said one person asked if they filled out the paper if they had to vote. She said this opened her eyes to countries where you had to do certain things. She said years later, she found out that in Australia you had to vote in every election. She said everyone had to show up. She said when she was a student, she had to stand in line around Ackerman ballroom to register for classes. She said that seeing students register on a website is incredible. She said she had a meeting with Bocarsly and wants to be a resource to the whole council. She said she would be in contact with them to see if they could set up one on one meetings over the summer

-Vestal asked if the chief of staffs could be forwarded

-Bocarsly said they have a Google doc they could include them on

-Dr. Nelson said he was away as well. He said he is interested in ride alongs as well. He said they have an excellent police staff in UCLA. He said although this place looks peaceful, there is an underside that would make them more aware. He said to keep in mind that they are upper middle class and people are fighting for survival. He said that they should know what police do. He said

that he has a good understanding of how the faculty thing on why they vote as they do. He said it is interesting but their faculty has their own perception of things. He said they could phrase their arguments. He said any time there's a situation that's potentially argumentative, it is important to see how one thinks. He said they should look at where there is common bond. He said they have more in common than something different. He said he would be available this summer.

ASUCLA Executive Director-Williams

Williams said don't go into ride alongs as a criminal

IX. Old Business

Council Meeting Times

Seth said they don't want to push back meeting times. He asked when they needed quorum and if there was an option of moving contingency to after officer reports

- Zimmerman said they could do a meeting without quorum but couldn't vote on anything
- Dr. Geller said if the agenda from Friday remains unchanged and there are no changes including deletions, they could approve the agenda and have the officer report section. They couldn't do motions or votes.
- Zimmerman said they couldn't approve appointments, minutes, and contingency.
- Bocarsly said there's nothing in the agenda they could push down
- Zimmerman said they could push the officer reports up
- Seth asked if they could move the agenda around as need be
- Dr. Geller said there is nothing that would stop them from changing the order of the agenda
- Bocarsly said the order was in the bylaws
- Seth asked if they could suspend the bylaws
- Dr. Geller said they couldn't make changes above the spectrum of the meeting
- Yoshida asked if the meeting could be until 7:30
- Jasso asked if the 4 that are absent today would be absent the rest of the summer
- Bocarsly said Hester, Starr, and Mohebi would not be back. He said Tancinco and Chu might not be back either.
- El-Farra asked if we had a meeting next week
- Bocarsly said yes
- Zimmerman said if they have 7 without them it won't be an issue.
- Seth asked if they could email out the times at the next meeting
- Bocarsly said if Chu is there next week they should be fine
- Kraman said 9 people should be there next week
- Bocarsly said they should be fine with quorum

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

- Hasnain said the volunteer center would be having one bus one cause with kids. She said they would be having volunteer day September 25th. She said the Day of Service would be October 27th. They would have 10 sites for their 10th anniversary. She said they will sit on the mitigation committee and will be with a member of PCH. She said she heard from Jamie and she was accepted into Americorp.
- Bocarsly said a lot of offices have appointments but they're not brought to council. They are telling them out of courtesy. He said key appointments are for council.
- Hasnain said they are still looking for an appointment for SFAC.

-Jasso said she would be sending out the finance committee guidelines and a Google Doc by Sunday. She said only make comments or adjust on things they would like to see or have questions on

-Zimmerman said before changes could come to the table, they need to run them through ASUCLA and SGA. She said that if they are trying to change the language they need to do this.

-Jasso said she would be in 300B this entire two weeks and would love for them to come and visit. She said she would be sending out the Google doc.

-Yoshida said she has business cards.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Kraman moved and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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