

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 24, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David Bocarsly, Andrea Hester, Lana Habib El-Farra, Michael Starr, Carly Yoshida, Yasar Mohebi, Kim Davis, Jan Tancinco, Anees Hasnain, Taylor Mason, Stephen Kraman, Sahil Seth, Cassarah Chu, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Nicole Vestal, Avi Oved, Lauren Inoih, Jillian Beck, Alon Kashanian. Ian McRae, Jeffrey Lin, Katy Sanlis

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:22 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Kraman moved to strike travel grant

-Tancinco moved to add a surplus discussion under new business. Kraman seconded

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

-- Council voted to adjourn with a unanimous vote. 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.

*7/17/12

-Hasnain said the attendance needs to be updated. She said that on there's a typo on the first place

under what Kraman said. On the second page, she asked Bocarsly for clarification and said that it

should say it's talking about Kashanian's vote. She said on page 7, when it talks about risksfactors she said that live scans was not included. She said that on page 7, Kraman said that he was the chair of the CS not CAC mini fund. On page 9, McGrey said that he would take a law course

not law school. She said that on page 10, she said that she would talk to a counselor in relation to

transfer orientation. She said that it should say CAC not CPC. She said that Dr. Oburn was misspelled on page 11. On page 12, it should say freedom riders not writers. She said that the group of 5 should be "transportation and liability" and it should be "to the greek system to get commissions." It should say sponsorship not desponsorship. On page 13, it should say that OR solutions it says the office and "rec" should be "req."

- Kraman moved and Chu seconded to approve the minutes for July 17, 2012, as amended
- Council voted to adjourn with a unanimous vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
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Flores called for Acclamation. Flores 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 made this week.

V.

Special Presentations

A. Kevin Uson, UCLA Hypertension Project Power

Uson said that he is one of the executive directors for PCH. The other members introduced themselves as

well. Uson said there are only 2 health projects here representing them but there are three other projects

that are not present. He said individually, their projects have different goals but they are all there for a

similar issue. He said that they should understand what they do as a service project. He said that

hypertension is when a person has high blood pressure high above normal. He said if someone has high

blood pressure, their increase for risk increases exponentially. He said that hypertension indicates risks of

the arteries. One out of every three adults has high blood pressure. The cost of treating high blood

pressure in 2010 cost over \$93.5 billion dollars. He presented statistics of different demographics with

high blood pressure as well. He said blood pressure indicates problems with the heart and increases the

risk of angina or a myocardial infarction, stroke, or retinal damage. Uson said that hypertension is

asymptomatic. He said that the only way to treat it is to detect it early on. He said that there are possible

causes to high blood pressure, such as obesity, sodium intake, excess of caffeine, excessive alcohol intake,

etc. He said that here is BHP, VCH, LSHP, APHC, and PCH that try to promote this issue.

-One member said that the Blach Hypertension Project attempts to address this issue. He said that the rate

of getting a stroke or diabetes can be correlated with the hypertension. He said that they go to 3-5 sites.

They serve up to 900 people per year. He said that they also go to health fairs, which are usually located

in East LA to the African American populations. He said there are about 1,100 participants.

-Uson said that Vietnamese Community Health attempt to increase awareness and provide hypertension screenings.

He said that about 25% of Vietnamese 25 and above suffer from high blood pressure. He said that more

than 52% of patients don't know that they suffer from this disease. He said that for VSU, they have free

hypertension screenings. They have potentially 450 participants per year. He said that at health fairs, they

provide a variety of screenings.

-One member said they go to Westminster every quarter and people might not have the proper access.

-Uson said that when one totals this, there are about 1000 participants.

-One member talked about the Latino Student Health Project. They also address Mexicans. He said that

they target the greater Los Angeles area. They usually have three health fairs per quarter.

He said they go

to Mexico every quarter.

-One member talked about the APHC. They target people in the San Gabriel valley. He said they aim to

raise awareness of health in the Asian Pacific Islander communities through free health screenings for

BMI/body fat.

-One member said that APHC also puts on health fairs. The health fairs have been established for years and

have a big population base. They also go to an average of 6 sites per quarter. Blood pressure is one of the

only services that students can provide. He said that APHC has its own data.

-One member talked about his personal experience with the health fairs. He said they had an old lady with a

blood pressure over 200. They called a physician and the patient went to the hospital. They said that

preventative care is really important. He said this is a great experience for their own volunteers. He said

without this experience, a certain volunteer would learn a lot.

-Uson said that in his personal experience, he saw someone who was fit. He said that when the man was

screened, his blood pressure was under 180. He said they advised him to go to a doctor. He said the

screenings are really influential. He said that anyone could have high blood pressure. He said that the

only way to tell if someone has high blood pressure is if they are screened. He said PCH goes to the

greater Los Angeles region. He said Filipino-Americans have had the highest rates of hypertension amongst the Asian population nationally. He said that according to the community assessment, a lot of people are not aware of the issue of hypertension. He said that they are able to serve the community on a personal basis. He said that they go to cities such as Carson city with a large number of Filipinos. He said that projects have a total of 18 health sites. He said that people like them because the services are free and that they like UCLA volunteers. He said they have health fairs. He said they serve up to 600 service recipients through these health fairs. He talked about the benefits of their services. He said that through PCH they're able to learn about diets of Filipinos. He said they have a cultural connection, realization of volunteer aspirations, giving back to their community, etc. All of the projects serve approximately 6270

people per year. He said that they are presenting because recently, they cancelled hypertension training classes for volunteers. The American Red Cross has been reluctant to respond. He said that they re-contacted the American Red Cross, searched for local organizations that can provide the same orientation, contacted med students, contacted nursing students, contacted the UCLA Ashe Center, etc.

He said that they aren't sure if the AHA would really help. He said that they need a short term solution.

He said that their energy and networking power only goes so far. He said they wanted to present the issue

to USAC council to network or contact

-Bocarsly asked about the Ashe Center and what the response was

-Uson said they aren't sure of the logistics of how to offer it. He said this is critical for all of their health

projects. He said by winter quarter, they'll be out of luck. He said that they are always thinking about

their community as well

-Hasnain said they need a catalyst from now until school starts. She said that if it's not resolved, it will be

difficult for these service projects to help their communities

-Bocarsly said he brought up Ashe because that's who they have the most contact with.

-Uson said that representatives are contacting other entities and are hopeful, but don't seem to understand

their importance to their communities

-Bocarsly said this is something they could help with

-Mason said they could help. She asked if they had to pay for the American Red Cross screenings

- Uson said that they're cancelling them
- Jasso asked if there were other people offering classes
- Uson said no
- Seth said that someone could become certified to teach the classes
- Uson said that they need a physician or med school student that could teach. As ealth credits, there is a curriculum to teach but need someone to teach it
- Seth said they could pay that person to teach the class. He asked how they could help
- Uson said they could contact the Ashe center or the UCLA hospital
- One member said they need someone not only to teach but someone to provide certification
- Davis asked if they've contacted the nursing students
- Uson said they tried. He said they have the goals but they need to contact the right people
- One member said money isn't the issue. He said they had to pay \$44 per person. He said they were able to cover it
- Hasnain said the matter is getting certified
- Dr. Geller asked if they talked to any students on SHAC
- One member asked if their committee is set up
- Jasso said they have 2 people are appointed
- Bocarsly said they could put them in touch with them. He said they'll have their training in the summer
- Nicole ____ said to try contacting professors. She said that they also have a lot of connections as well
- Mason said she's not sure of the structure, but each department chair is in charge of a mailing list. She said that med students would like to help
- One member said they could be trained but the med students can't provide certification
- Jasso said she knows the director of Latino health at UCLA and can provide the contact. She said she is very interested in helping them. She said she understands the lack of resources.
- Zimmerman said she will email out the contact information
- Uson said they appreciate any issue they can get. He said that any help they could get would go a long way
- Bocarsly said they are willing to help and they will contact them with any help.

B.Cynthia Jasso and Patty Zimmerman, Student Government Operational Fund (SGOF)

- Zimmerman said they were going to explain the funds and what they are and how to access them
- Jasso said that they need t submit a budget before they can access their funds. She said that the funds are for all of their offices.
- Zimmerman said that SGOF is the Student Government Operational Fund. She said they're for t-shirts, retreats, etc. She said it is important that they budget their items
- Jasso said certain offices only have this fund. She said that some offices have referenda. She said Simmons

will email a template of past referendums the first week of August. The budget is critical for referendum.

-Zimmerman said this is a mini version of what they are doing for their referendum. She said that it is pretty straightforward. She talked about the benefits of making a budget, such as planning for upcoming events and deadlines. She said it makes everyone's lives easier to plan early.

-Jasso said to make sure to review calendars. She said they should have received the slideshow. She said to start thinking about what they need and how much they're going to spend.

-Zimmerman said they should break it into categories. She said it won't be broken down as shown on the slide in SGA. She talked about stipends and said this is the fund it comes out of. She said there are caps to stipends. She said the sheets give you an example of the maximums.

-Jasso said stipends go up to a max of \$2000.

-Zimmerman showed examples of the funding. She talked about graphics. They could only use up to 30% for t-shirts. She said they must use a licensed vendor. She said she is more than happy to assist with that

-Hasnain asked if there is a process to get new vendors licensed.

-Zimmerman said yes. She said it should be up to standards and they need to be licensed with UCLA. She said it's not impossible. She said they need to work with trademarks and licensing. She said they recommend not to do reimbursements but rather purchase orders.

-Bocarsly asked about SGOF and SOOF

-Zimmerman said SGOF is SOOF. She said with cash advances it is easier.

-Jasso said not to assume that all companies accept PO's

-Zimmerman said try not to spend your own money. She said SGOF is more used for Daily Bruin for recruitment.

-Hasnain asked about an ad for volunteers.

-Zimmerman said to check with Simmons. She said to make sure they have funds available. She talked about operational funding and guidelines. She said that it seems like a lot of work, but summer is a great opportunity to start planning through the school year. She said to get it done by August 1st if possible

-Bocarsly asked about turning them in

-Jasso said turn it into her mailbox. She said if they want to sit down with them they could email them. She said try to communicate with them as much as possible. She said to make sure you budget and use funds as responsibly as possible.

-Zimmerman said everyone should pick a time when they can meet with SGA. She said they should do this

in August. She said once they figure this out it should be simple.
-Jasso said she will meet with everyone who is absent.

VI. Appointments

A. *Adiel Hernandez for Community Activities Committee

-Seth moved to approve Hernandez for the Community Activities Committee. Kraman seconded.

-Kraman said that Hernandez had a vote of 2-0-0. Hernandez understands the principles behind the Community Activities Committee. He said that Hernandez is interested in a non-traditional approach to the Community Activities Committee. He said Hernandez is very knowledgeable of the committee

-Hasnain said that Hernandez is very knowledgeable and that Hernandez has applied to funding.

-Jasso said that it is great to know that someone knows about minor details in funding sources. She said that Hernandez is part of CPOSA. She said that Hernandez is a really great candidate. She said the vote was 2-0-0.

-Hernandez introduced himself. He is an incoming 4th year. He said that he is applying because it is a passion that he has. He said he started seeing the need and urgency to tackle these problems. He said that he will get exposed to the projects and will become conscious. He said he is willing to learn and that he wants to know what the different communities are going through. He said he is not biased. He said that he sees need in projects. He was the project director for the AB540 project and several other projects. He said that he has gone out to the community and helped spread knowledge that documented and undocumented students can go to college. He said that he would like to bring different issues to his light and see how they could help people out. He said he wants to try to have a transparent committee. He said any committee can be intimidating and it shouldn't be because they want to help. He said they should be approachable as a committee. He said his application shows everything has been involved in and his passion is what drives him.

-Seth asked if he was in contact with past individuals of CAC. He is curious of his knowledge of mangaing line items

-Hernandez said he has been in contact with past members. He said that he applied to the CAC fund before.

He said that each line item has specific details

-Mason asked if they went through CPOSA training

-Hernandez said yes

-Mason said the training is really in depth. The training goes throughout the summer

-Hasnain said CSC does something similar

-Bocarsly asked about the structure of the committee

-Hernandez said there are 3 undergrads and 3 grad students. He said that he is unclear about the last person.

The application is due August 16 and they have to submit it through OrgSync. He said a copy is turned in

to the advisor. He said that they must be present at hearings to make fair decisions.

Throughout the year,

they must keep in constant communication with the projects by going to two sites a year

-Jasso said the last person is an alternate. She asked him to describe his role as administrative assistant in a

project

-Hernandez said he had to see that all numbers were correct.

-Jasso said that Hernandez has experience with budgeting

-Dr. Geller asked him about the strategies he has in place to make sure that he is able to balance this and

academic work

-Hernandez said that he's been involved in the past years. He said he developed a more experience in time

management. He said he would have never imagined himself before taking roles like these when he was

a freshmen. He said in these past years, he's developed different skills.

-Kraman asked him what is community service is to him

-Hernandez said it is volunteering out of his own heart. He said that it will later on lead to a more conscious

individual. He said that is what the world today needs.

-Seth called to question Hernandez for the Community Activities Committee. With a vote of 8-0-0,

Hernandez was appointed for the Community Activities Committee.

B. *Jacob Ashendorf for Budget Review Director

Kraman moved to approve Ashendorf for BRD. He said that Ashendorf showed a lot of drive for

this position. He has put in a lot of work to learn about the intricacies of BRD. He said that he

has shown drive and initiative even before he has been approved at all. He said he has the right

character and ideas to do the position justice. He said the vote was 1-0-1.

-Hasnain said his recommendation was to learn more about other funding sources. She said he has

never submitted a funding application on his own. She said that there were little things that he

has said throughout his individual said that were a little discerning.

-Mason asks what he has said

-Jasso said Ashendorf talked about the vote system in the funding study group. She said now, they

choose one person who gets to vote.

-Bocarsly asked if they didn't like the idea of having voter members

-Hasnain said that he was quick in making that decision and it was symbolic of how she felt as

Ashendorf as a candidate

-Jasso said Ashendorf lacks some understanding of some specific details of what they would like

him to know. She said as a candidate for this position, he has developed with the time that she

has seen him. She said he has a lot of growing. They wish that he had more experience and more summer commitment. She said that Ashendorf is doing a summer internship at a bank

and has made a commitment to meet with SGA and with Jasso on weekends. She said she wishes he was there more often. Ashendorf has been treasurer for his fraternity.

-Seth said that working in a bank is good funding experience. He mentioned being quick with

suggestions

-Hasnain said she wasn't impressed with his application

-Dr. Nelson asked how many applicants they have. He said that he did hear about the learning

curve. He said that he's concerned about having a person that might leave in the middle of the

year. He said they need someone that could do the work.

-Bocarsly said he met with him and he's very passionate about this. He said he doesn't get the

sense that he's doing this for a resume. He said that he'll come up as much as needed

-Hasnain said that he would come up one day per week

-Bocarsly said that he would come up at least once per week and as much as needed

-Zimmerman said that he needs to attend SOOF hearings

-Bocarsly said he'll be back in LA by then. He said that the concern is that he needs this time to

learn.

-Seth said it's important to note that coming up for meetings might not be important and that

emails might be sufficient. He said that they won't have council meeting for 2 weeks and they

don't know if they'll have that time for another candidate

-Bocarsly said that he needs time to learn and this could be the two weeks to have to learn. He

said he's not allowed to disclose how many people apply. He said he is by far the most passionate and most knowledgeable about this

-Hasnain asked about how they're supposed to vote and if they should vote on what they think

-Bocarsly said this is the most qualified candidate to him

-Mason asked what if a more qualified candidate exists

-Bocarsly said that he has asked for outreach but he doesn't see more candidates coming up

-Zimmerman said administrators could help

-Seth said that a one day commitment is more of a big deal than it may sound

-Zimmerman said they would make more of an effort

-Jasso said that she has been in contact with Ashendorf. She said that if she had one vote, she doesn't know if she would give her vote to him. She said that he has initiative. She said that he also has a lot to learn. She said that she hopes that the council is very proactive in asking questions. She said there are opinions that ARC members have. She said to make their own opinion at the end of the day.

-Seth said they can't teach passion but they can teach institutional knowledge. She asked if she saw a large improvement

-Jasso said she saw an improvement. She said that he could regurgitate what you cannot apply for. She said that one of the things that is critical for a funding chair is understanding the aspect of a student organization and applying for funding. She encouraged them to look at his determination and to challenge him as much as you can. She said that he would do his best job if he was appointed for BRD.

-Bocarsly said there is a large range of opinions.

-Davis said if they open discussion they could ask him to step out

-Bocarsly said yes. He said that they will ask the appointment to step out during discussion

-Ashendorf introduced himself. He is a third year. He said this is a great opportunity to be a part of USAC. He said the role is very important to campus culture and campus life. He said that he also wants to give back to his school

-Mason asked what he would try and make more efficient

-Ashendorf said the application online is slow. He said that this may be a long-term goal. He said he would change a few things about what's asked on the application.

-Jasso asked what is his definition of fair funding.

-Ashendorf it is the just allocation of funds

-Davis asked him about his experience with funding at UCLA

-Ashendorf said he went to one funding hearing. He said that he is the assistant treasurer of his fraternity. He is in charge of allocating cash reserves for events and applying for SOOF. He applied for BOD as well

-Kraman asked about the importance of funding and blending qualitative and quantitative information

-Ashendorf said quantitative might be more difficult to judge. He said that it is good that he has a panel.

-Jasso asked about his time commitments

-Ashendorf said he would be involved with this and one other organization. He said in summer he would work at a bank. He said he knows that this job would require time

-Jasso asked how often he would come to UCLA

-Ashendorf said he could come up once a week and this should be sufficient

-Kraman asked what restrictions are for BOD and SOOF and about when fees were weird in one incident

-Ashendorf talked about what the funds include. He talked about t-shirts. He said 30% of SOOF could be used for shirts. He said each organization could only have one design per year. He said when he met with Nguyen, they had an incident with Dance Marathon. He said that if a chair charges a student entrance fee, they must give back to them what we gave them in perverted form. He said that is legal by bylaws

-Seth asked about his opinion about working with student groups, applications, and applying to BOD

-Ashendorf said that he will be very open to groups. He said he wants to work with as many groups as possible

-Seth asked if he was aware of the workshops that were put on

-Ashendorf said that he would put on workshops and office hours

-Jasso asked him about other funding sources and how this knowledge would be essential

-Ashendorf said it is essential because groups won't get all the money they want. He said they could apply for contingency, the CS mini fund (though they cannot apply to both at the same time), and the TGIF fund. There is also the travel grant.

-Jasso asked what his goals are for the funding study group

-Ashendorf said that he is still forming his opinion on the funding study group. He said that it may not be the most effective as it is now but he would like to work with student leaders in making it more effective

-Dr. Geller asked him to elaborate on how he determines the fair response when you have some groups that request huge amounts of money and groups that are requesting a very small amount to fill a gap.

-Ashendorf said if organizations asking for a ton of money is difficult. He said Nguyen had a tier system. He said he would be willing to work with CSC advisors.

-Dr. Neslon said one of the problems is that there are more organizations than money available. He said that he would like him to talk about prioritizing what he would give out

-Ashendorf said the reach an organization has on campus is important to him. He said that he doesn't want to introduce bias. He said that this is the purpose of the application

-Dr. Nelson asked him about spring quarter, where there is a lack of resources. He asked what

recommendations he would give the council

-Ashendorf said he would like to figure out the answer and he would like a little more experience.

He said he can't think of anything but the reach of that program

-Jasso asked if it would be the reach of the program or organization

-Ashendorf said they would look at the program for BOD

-Mason said there are groups that reach a small number of students that could filter out students

that could have a larger impact

-Ashendorf said that he has a committee to help him make these judgements.

-Jasso asked if he had plans on changing the score sheet as it is. She said that it depends on what

kind of program you would have that would lead to different scores on the score sheet

-Ashendorf said there are repeating questions on the score sheet. He said that some questions

could be yes or no questions.

-Jasso said the score sheet favors larger programs. She asked how he would tailor the score sheet

to meet the needs of smaller programs

-Ashendorf said the quantitative is a more objective but important measure. He said he could add

the range of time that they believe the effect would last

-Davis asked him about how a program is conducted. She said that students will have line items

and different things prioritized. She said it might help to have programming experience

-Ashendorf said there was a carnival on campus. He said he worked with three vendors in getting

carnival games. He said that he was working with purchase orders. He said he dealt with logistics. He said he's gone through the struggles he thinks people applying have gone through

-Kraman asked what skills he has to make him a qualified BRD

-Ashendorf said he is the treasurer for his fraternity. He said that he is very well versed with excel. He said that they are his computer's merit badge.

-Dr. Nelson said that he is an econ major. He said that that econ majors are interesting. He said

that if you look at the quantitative aspects and qualitative aspects, you get different perspectives. He asked him looking at it like a tsar. He asked if he would go back and forth between looking at qualitative and quantitative aspects

-Ashendorf said that he isn't going down one pathway or another

-Dr. Nelson said this is theoretical

-Jasso asked what outreach methods he would implement. She asked how he would get people to

apply to SOOF

-Ashendorf said he doesn't like that SOOF is due before school starts. He said that unorganized

organizations won't get their SOOF. He said that it favors the already favored. He said that having a simple thing such as a Twitter account would increase accessibility.

-Jasso said people use SOOF for shirts and nothing else. She asked what he would communicate

with organizations to make sure they are following up.

-Ashendorf said he would call groups and tell them to use their money

-Bocarsly said this has been a more objective use of funding. He asked him to explain his objectivity or subjectivity

-Ashendorf said he likes his formula. He said Ngyuen has a tier system. He said he would take the

median of the voters and he would rather take the mean. He said that in terms of subjectivity, he

would work with his committee on grading.

-Bocarsly asked him about the positives of Nguyen's system

-Ashendorf said the system is good because it doesn't penalize small groups and deals with outlandish requests. He said that there are other steps in the grading. He said that nobody gets

100%.

-Jasso said that if a person applied for less than \$3000, you were eligible for the maximum amount. She said with the system, it ensures that smaller organizations were taken care of but

the larger requests would be reduced by eligibility. She said depending on the amount that was

out there, Nguyen would figure out what the percentage cut they would each have to get mandatory. She said from there, they would get the median score. She said for BRD, they would

have a median of people

-Bocarsly said the committee is two USAC

-Jasso said it is 2 USAC council members and an ASUCLA board of director, FiCom, the assistant BRD, and the BRD. She said they give the organizations a fair grading system by taking the median. She said from there they had the final amount.

-Bocarsly said the key point to note is that what Nguyen did really changed how the funding system worked. He said that there is a lot of objectivity set in place. He said subjectivity is when it comes down to the budget review committee. He said that Ashendorf doesn't like the

gap between small and large groups. He asked Ashendorf how he would fix that gap or if he feels it's better how it is

-Ashendorf said that the way it is has long meetings that don't change allocations. He said if they

do have meetings they should make it more important. He said that the subjective process could

hold higher rate

-Jasso asked if the qualitative aspect was lost and how he would combat that

-Ashendorf said he wishes there were mandatory hearings for SOOF.

-Mason said when he talked about the score sheet, he mentioned the lasting impact of an event

and how he would measure it

-Ashendorf said they are asking for an objective subjectivity. He said they could ask presenters about the long-term effect an event has on the application. He said time matters and the long-term effects really matter. He said the group might even have statistics. He said that statistics would give more weight to a program.

-Jasso said there are meant to be SOOF evaluations. She said that a lot of people don't fill out the evaluations.

-Bocarsly said the council would move into discussion.

-Kraman said he likes him still. He said he shows that he is very dedicated and driven. He has a level headed and open approach.

-Seth said he agrees. He said he had a lot of institutional knowledge about little things. He said Ashendorf has drive and passion and shows willingness to work with Jasso and the rest of the USAC council.

-Tancinco asked how he compared between tonight and the heading

-Hasnain said he seemed more well prepared tonight

-Tancinco asked Jasso how she would vote

-Jasso said Ashendorf definitely improved. She said he has her approved and her only concern is the summer aspect

-Yoshida asked if his ideas are Jasso's ideas

-Jasso said it is good that he has considered different areas and her opinions.

-Yoshida asked about the mean and the median aspect and if there is a negative to changing it to an average

-Jasso said that sounds like a better way to assess an organization. She said that council will send proxies, for example and there might be a skew.

-Mason said that Ashendorf seemed open but he didn't seem to have very solid suggestions. She brought up the score sheets. She said that Ashendorf flipped and flopped when asked questions

-Bocarsly said he will set the score sheet but the decision is up to the budget review committee

-Champawat said it is important that this position has an administrative function. He said that it is comforting that Ashendorf easily understands numbers and the impact of numbers. He said if that kind of person can grasp outcomes and then put together a method of guidance, it will work. He said that they should consider if this is someone who has an effective use of the tools and someone that is committed. He said that all numbers come to them for approval. He said

that allocation of money comes from objective criteria and much less from the subjective.

He

said that this is primarily an administrative role

-Seth said that Nguyen was a great BRD. He said that BRD had a great system and not changing a

lot of things is great. He said that subjectivity and objectivity depends on a program. He said that he is a part of a group that applies for a large amount of money. He said subjectively, thousands of students attend their shows.

-Mason said that she understands that and Ashendorf couldn't say that. She said she doesn't know

if they could be implemented.

-Champawat said that sometimes they expect someone completely ready. He said that they need

to look at indicators of ability

-Hasnain asked if this includes completing a funding application

-Dr. Nelson said they need to look at the guidance and flexibility this person could offer. He said

more organizations could pop up. He said they are looking for someone who could guide the committee in making decisions. He said he respects how seriously they are taking it. He said they could ask additional questions if needed.

-Kraman said that Ashendorf said he didn't like the small separation between the good applications and the bad applications. He said that if groups don't do an application well, they

souldn't get full funding.

-Seth said you don't have to complete a funding application to be BRD if you are qualified

-Jasso said that people who haven't shared their opinion they should share them

-Vestal said she knows Ashendorf. She said that he will do an amazing job at something. She said

that at the end of the day, he will stick to what he believes is right. She said that people have ideas at the beginning of the year but these ideas might change as the year progresses. She said

that Ashendorf has the future in mind

-Zimmerman said that this position isn't heavily needed in the summer besides SOOF. She said

that the one time a week should be sufficient. She said for BOD he'll have to learn a lot. She said that it's not a dealbreaker that he won't be here for the next three weeks

-Davis said that there is no question that he is a go-getter. She said she is concerned about his

familiarity with the student groups he effects. She said they have small and large groups.

She

said that reach might be small for groups but they would be looking to move forward. She said

it is concerning of whether this drive is enough for him to go out and learn about groups at UCLA. She asked if he was lacking that experience and foresight of UCLA. She said that they need to take into consideration if he could apply that drive

-Jasso said the formulas are subjective when the formulas are created. She said that when she

does recommendations, there are subjectivities but objectivities later. She said it is important that they understand groups that do great work in the community and on campus

-Seth said one person can't be engaged in all organizations. He said that personally, he has been involved in a minimal number of organizations. He said that he has had the drive to go out to learn about the different groups on campus. He said that keeping that in mind, he thinks holding that objectivity is good when subjectivity comes into play

-Yoshida asked if some people abstain

-Bocarsly said they could abstain if needed. He said that he takes a lot of pride in the appointments he makes. He said that he hopes that they trust in his decision. He said that the

BRD works closely with the president. He said they are in a time crunch. He said Ashendorf has the passion and drive for this position.

-Jasso said it's not necessary that someone is here over the summer. She said that it is a priority

and a special presidential appointment, she would prefer that they all feel comfortable with the vote.

-Bocarsly said if they don't vote for him, they don't have any other applicants good for this position. He said that if he's not worthy, to spend a lot of time reaching out to people who might be good for this position.

-Seth called to question Ashendorf for BRD. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 3-0-5, Ashendorf was approved for the BRD.

-Bocarsly called a 5 minute break. The meeting resumed at 9:45.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *Contingency Allocations

-Kraman moved to approve contingency allocations. Mason seconded. There was one organization applied.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$925.20 for their programs. A total of \$588.50 was requested from contingency. A total of \$480.50 is recommended for allocation for this week.

-Seth moved to approve contingency. Davis seconded. With a vote of 8-0-0, the contingency allocations for this week are approved

-Jasso said she could also send allocations as a PDF

-Bocarsly asked if they could come to their meetings

-Jasso said yes and that the meetings are on Wednesdays. She said that the meetings are on Wednesdays around 8 and that they are all welcome.

-Bocarsly said they should all take advantage of that

VIII.

Officer and Member Reports

President- David Bocarsly

Bocarsly said that Thursday he went to UCI and meet with the student government and president. They have a unique three branch system and talked about how it plays out on campus. He said he saw their cross cultural center. He said that they saw the impact they had on their campus.

-Jasso said there are people on campus that are looking to make a unity center in UCLA.

-Bocarsly said they could ask him about them as well. He said it is important to look at centers at other campuses. He met with the president, chief of staff, and diversity president of the University of Utah. He said this is something they should consider doing as well. He said he is leaving tomorrow for New Jersey for his cousin's wedding. He said he will be reaching out to the constitutional review committee soon. He said to be on the lookout for that. He said El-Farra, Hasnain, Davis, and Hester are the members. He talked about the governance conference run through the dean of students. He said that he will ask them via email. He said the Thursday before zero week or the Friday of first week were possible dates. He said that he will send out a vote and they should let them know what they prefer. He said welcome back to Mason and Chu. He said they went through two orientations so far. He said Mason and Chu are signed up for orientation tomorrow. He said that they have a great tent and a full table for tomorrow. He said this is a great way to reach out to incoming freshmen. He said he got in USAC lanyards today. He said he brought one for everyone. He said that they have a lot and these are a great way to publicize what they are doing

-Champawat asked about surplus.

-Bocarsly said they could move it up in new business

Internal Vice President- Carlos (Proxy)

Carlos said he is very passionate about working with campus climate issues. He talked about the diversity learning requirements. He said they met with the community affairs office. They discussed the results of the survey and bringing it to the wider campus community. He said that he is working on an intern program system for the three different intern programs. This would be a one unit class.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

Academic Affairs Commissioner-Kim Davis

Davis said she is looking for a CPO/CRC liaison. She met online with some people from CCLE about syllabus preview. She said that will be available with some improvements throughout the year.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

Lazarovici said the BRD vote reflected the conflict for a scurry for resources on campus. She said that formulas being subjective when you create them is true. She said that there will be winners and losers when you set up that structure. She said what was striking about the presentation was the personal stories that some of them told. She said she wishes that the personal stories were the first things they told them. She said that this is a good lesson.

-Hasnain asked if the personal stories would be beneficial

-Lazarovici said yes

-Hasnain said that it might be hard to express the importance of their problem

-Lazarovici said they should have stated their problem up front. She said that it made her also realize the limits of emailing people. She said it isn't effective. She talked about the importance of networks and personal connections. She said that is the way work gets done.

Administrative Representatives- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said people in positions might look at things in a microscopic position. He talked about the people who presented on hypertension. He said that someone might look at a budget and say that they don't have time but another might say that they should do something about it. He said that if you go to someone, they are less likely to turn someone down than on email. He said that this is a very valuable lesson. He said you could send a

resume through emails. He said they should go to meet people personally. He said this is immutable regardless of their youth. He said personal contact is important

IX.

Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X.

New Business

-Kraman moved to table finance committee guidelines until after surplus discussion.

A. Roy Champawat- Surplus Discussion

-Champawat talked about Bruin Bash. He said last year, there were problems in relation to funding brought about by surplus evolution due to the significant decrease in surplus. He said

that brought into question the basic funding model for Bruin Bash. He said that the council entrusted the commissioner the artists and the mandate to do so. He said that they can't put out

formal offers because there is no funding model to make that event move forward. He said that he

is willing to make an unofficial sense of where surplus is. He said it looks like they are headed

toward the \$500,000 figure of when there was comfort in their preceding councils to give substantial funding to Bruin Bash. He said the final surplus lower was previously significantly

lower. He said they are back to a situation of more of \$500,000 rather than \$250,000. This would

bring back to give substantial funding back to that event. He said if there is enough discussion to

get a sense of the basic matter, they could begin securing talent if that is an event that they want

to go forward

-Bocarsly said that last year surplus dropped to \$250,000 and it came back up.

-Seth said that last year at this time they had a good feeling of surplus as well. He said that they

put a lot of emphasis on outside funding. He said that Tancinco and Mason has been working on

Bruin Bash already. He said that personally, he is passionate and with the program. He said that it

defines their college experience. He said that it is a big part of student's life here. He said he would be in fully in support for making an offer for a Bruin Bash artist. He said he would like to

continue to looking for different sources

-Yoshida asked how much it is for the event

-Champawat said it is around \$150,000. He said this year, it will be in Drake stadium. He said that it is associated with a dance. He said there are a number of aspects with it. He said there are security costs with it from the Chancellor's office. He said the council manages the quality of the event and the quality of the experience. He said there are staging expenses and crowd control

-Borcarsly said last year in anticipation of the surplus, they gave \$90,000. He said this was a big chunk of the money. He said that there was anticipation they might not be able to afford it again. He said that if they go back to their old ways, they could see this cyclical process over and over again. He said they could fund it or fund part of it. He said in the next council meeting, they will come up with an official proposal

-Mason asked what was the difference between this year's confidence in the surplus number and last year's.

-Champawat said last year, there was excessive surplus. He said the council changed their effectivity of spending funds. He said that they still had a substantial number of changes. Since they became more effective in spending, it was down significantly. When surplus was down significantly, they weren't sure where the strain was coming from. He said that they were looking at problems and solutions. He said that they keep refining these tools. He said that they now have this framework of a concert that they may or may not want disrupted. He said he has reasonable confidence that this is where they will be. He said the fiscal year is not closed. He said they are the sitting body now and their money is not yet opened. He said they closed in last year's expenditures. He said he has reasonable confidence. He sees where his happened last year. He said that people were hesitant to spend money. He said the concern over money last year caused people to be very cautious. He said in the past, this was a problematic level of surplus. He said that Seth made reference to sponsorships. He said that is not an unrealistic place to put confidence. He said last year, they didn't have a particular sponsor. Previously, they had sponsorship money that was underutilized from the previous year. He said that sponsorship

money is an effective and reasonable expectation as a solution to this. He said this would be a substantial funding source.

-Mason said that she knows that everyone wants to do sponsorship. She said a lot of them are going to make mad grabs at sponsors. She said historically, they would rely on the chancellor's office and surplus. She said she wouldn't want to push it all to sponsors

-Champawat said this is a great observation. He said that they are USA and ASUCLA. He said that they need to work carefully with sponsors. He said that they are covered in liability. He said they have to make sure they work carefully with these things. He said there may be limits to what they might want to do. He said this is an appropriate forum for the student body. He said this is the right forum for it but to make sure they don't get ahead of where they want to be

-Kraman said the corporate and the student fee investment is something they want to look to. He said that Bruin Bash is the biggest event that they have. He said that he still hears about when LMFAO was there. He said that sponsorships are great.

-Seth said that a unique solution could be working on gathering a fund of sponsorship money. They could look to surplus but if surplus is critically low, they could use that backup money could be an interesting solution.

-Mason asked for clarification.

-Bocarsly said they could keep fundraising for next year

-Champawat said that they don't get to encumber the future. He said they should try to spend everything they are allocated. He said next year, they can't tell council what to do. He said if the money came with an intention for the donor, the money could cross over if that was the intention. He said that there are circumstances they could build that. He said that when they had more money than necessary, that money became part of next year

-Lazarovici challenged them to think about what other things they might want to spend their money on

-Hasnain said to be careful of their sponsors. She said they have a very socially and politically conscious campus.

-Bocarsly said they are all aware of the surplus situation. He hopes that they all take the time to analyze how surplus works and how it has been used in the past. He said it shouldn't be something that should be relied upon. He said over the next two weeks, they should brainstorm ways they could look at the balance.

-Champawat said he wanted to get the basic discussion to get a sense of the table. He said if anyone is skeptic to spending this money, they could get a sense of this. He said they are back out of that scarcity of resources in theory. He said if anyone has something that's negative they should get it out now.

-Bocarsly said there will be proposal soon and to get out something negative soon

-Jasso said to understand that they are supposed to spend what they have. She said that surplus in the past was relied on. She said it is important to manage their funds and their budget. She said there should be no surplus. She said that it is great they have Bruin Bash. She said they need to understand that surplus is not supposed to exist. She said that it's not always supposed to be there

-Champawat said that they're supposed to spend the money.

B. 2012-2013 Finance Committee Guidelines

-Seth moved to move into the discussion of the 2012-2013 finance committee guidelines

-Jasso said they moved into their guidelines. She said she emailed the recommendations for this week. She said a revised version of the finance committee guidelines were sent out. She said she would like to go over what the changes are. She said graphics was lowered to \$400 from \$500. She said she is not trying to change these dramatically. She said that there are certain things she wanted to provide more instruction on. She talked about honorarium. She said last year there was a discussion about performers being paid more. She said she has spoken to Simmons about this already. She talked about travel changes. She said the amounts there before didn't make sense. She

said on discretionary, whatever they have issues with should be brought to her attention. She asked someone to amend her guidelines and to add a section to where the discretionary powers would be limited to only be used in emergencies for the finance committee chair.

-Seth moved to approve the aforementioned action.

-Dr. Geller said they don't need a motion to change it

-Bocarsly said she's proposing they want to change it

-Dr. Geller said the specifics don't need a vote. She said they will ultimately vote on it.

-Bocarsly said for referendums they vote on it

-Dr. Geller said they change referendums because it is different from what is circulated

-Kraman asked if she increased what was applied to more.

-Jasso said no because there is no trend for a higher recommendation for \$500. She said if a group were to apply and USAC approved a \$700 programming allocation, they receive an amount of \$700 and that it is a lump sum. She said she doesn't like to increase certain line items such as facilities because most costs are waived through Waiverpool.

-Bocarsly said if they have specifics, they could always change the line items per year.

-Jasso said these are harder to change, such as food

-Bocarsly said caps have been set for a reason. He said that they could look at past trends as well.

-Jasso said in the past, people said they felt like contingency was the entire source of funding when it's not.

-Bocarsly asked if this was changed before January

-Jasso said it was changed because of the honorarium. She said she wants to get changes done before the new fiscal year begins. She said if someone has an issue with a line item to speak to her.

-Seth called to question the 2012-2013 finance committee guidelines as amended. Kraman

seconded. With a vote of of 7-0-1, the FiCom guidelines were approved

XI. Announcements

-Jasso said if they applied for summer contingency, their requisition is due this Tuesday. She said to check out their FiCom site. She said to create their budget. She said one hour will be reserved for a workshop and there will be a fair for all the funding chairs

-Seth asked if it was possible to send out minutes earlier

-Bocarsly said they still have to go through the changes

-Zimmerman said if the minutes are sent earlier they could send out the revised minutes earlier

-Hasnain said thank you for paying attention to the presentation by the health projects. She said to send out connections if they have them. She said for day of service for CSC in late October, they should reserve that.

-Mason asked when volunteer day was

-Hasnain said it is September 24th.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.
The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Seth moved and Mason 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 10:42 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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