

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

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

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

ABSENT: Carly Yoshida, Yasar Mohebi, Sahil Seth

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- *Bocarsly 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

-El-Farra moved to strike the travel grant.

-Mason moved to add voting for the Bruin Bash fund allocation as an action item. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 8-0-0 the action item was added to the agenda.

- Hester moved and Davis 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. *7/24/12

-Hester said some of the names of the people present weren't there

- Davis moved and Kraman seconded to approve the minutes for July 24, 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

A. Bruin Bash 2012- Jan Tacinco and Taylor Mason

-Mason said Bruin Bash is a kickoff that introduces new students and returning students to UCLA. The concert, dance, and movie are all a part of Bruin Bash. The funding also includes the

Enormous Activities Fair.

- Tancinco said it would be September 23. There will be a movie, dance, and EAF the day after.
- Mason said performers had been Kendrick Lamar, Wild Child, Childish Gambino, etc. She said performances are one of the smallest parts in terms of funding.
- Tancinco said there are many other entities involved in the decision making process. This includes Greek Life, the events office, UCLA Events, etc.
- Mason said they could use Bruin Bash to promote their individual offices. She said they could present on the slides shown.
- Tancinco said that most students attend Bruin Bash and this is a great place to advertise.
- Mason said that their offices usually get prime seating at the EAF. She said they will be there this year. She said last year, the shirts said USAC as well.
- Tancinco said before each act they can say something to the students.
- Mason said talent and honorarium are around \$50k. The events bill is around \$80-88k.
- Tancinco said that is the most important part of Bruin Bash.
- Bocarsly asked what that was compared to last year.
- Tancinco said before last was \$150k and they cut down.
- Mason talked about other sources of money, such as from the Chancellor's Office, Sponsorship, and Greek Life.
- Tancinco said in 2009, they asked council for \$70,000. 2010 they asked for \$80,000. 2011 they asked for \$90,000. This year, they are asking for \$78,000. They said this is less than the past two years.
- Mason said last year they asked for a lot. They wanted to be realistic about the numbers and wanted to make themselves more sustainable.
- Hester asked what are areas they budgeted out of this to ask for a lower amount
- Tancinco said this year, honorarium is a lot smaller. This year, they hope to spend around \$50,000. The lounge cost around \$8-10k. They will ask the Greeks to contribute more.
- Dr. Nelson asked if they lined up the talent.
- Mason said they have set budgets.
- Bocarsly said he knows that Bruin Bash was created from the chancellor for specific reasons and it is important that it is contributed. He asked if they ever approached the administrators about the numbers increasing.
- Tancinco said it is stagnant
- Dr. Geller said it started at \$40,000. She said it came down to \$38,000 when budgets were cut. She said she is waiting to find out if any additional funding has been provided. She said they would ask to bring it up. She said the initial thinking was funding for a much smaller event. She said it is for one Sunday evening activity and it was never intended to fund the other activities. She said they recognize the costs have gone up and it has gotten bigger. The university resources are quite strained. She said once they respond to SFAC recommendations, they'll know. She said if they find out what they recommended, they could find out if they supported their request. She said they could possibly remind the office that this is time sensitive. She said there may be value to engage in their SFAC appointees and the importance of additional funding for this.
- Champawat said this program has evolved. He said that it was constructed around positive energy. He said that associated events are in everyone's interest. He said that there is still some need for an ongoing activity after midnight. He said that the evolved story addresses the underlying need the entire community shares.
- Tancinco said it will be in Drake Stadium. She asked if they would need more money next year for Pauley.
- Champawat said it might be less. He said Pauley is a cost effective venue. He said in Pauley, the concert converted itself into the dance. He said efficiencies in Pauley came back to this
- Kraman asked if they did outreach to other sources of funding
- Mason said sponsorship has been going well. She said they are looking for sponsorship for the

entire school year.

-Tancinco said there was a carry over from last year.

-Champawat said there was a carry over of sponsorship funds

-El-Farra said the request from last spring was denied from SFAC.

-Bocarsly said there is a lot of investment from USAC. There is also a lot of support from the administrative end. He asked why they were increasing for investment and see if they could get more investment from other entities

-Champawat said as this event has evolved, there is disclarity of this event and where it comes from. He said it is almost exclusively funded by the council. He said it is part of what council does. He said some of the significant investment could seem more justified if the name or the imagery of USAC were more closely associated with what has brought the event about. He said councils in the past have been anxious to communicating to the campus how USAC affects their lives. He said this event is one of the greatest points of contact between the council and the student body. He talked about getting their name out. He said that this is one of the ways the world works. He said there the money from the Chancellor's office serves some purpose. He said this event is brought by USAC and it is not clear to the public. He said they should invest in the marketing of USAC.

-Tancinco said there are other groups that put a lot of work into this. She said that by renaming it USAC Bruin Bash, they might be expected to pay into the whole thing

-Champawat said this has been paid by council surplus.

-Tancinco said other groups contributed as well

-Mason said there is a difference between USAC and the different offices. She said that last year, this became policital.

-Dr. Nelson said he knows why Bruin Bash was concieved. He said they need to make sure that the Greeks were involved. He said the genesis from this comes from Greek Life.

-Champawat said there is no money of any substance coming with that.

-Dr. Nelson said he knows how it started and he knows what it can turn to. He said money is less of an object than what the event that it turns to. He said there are residual effects.

-Hasnain said a possible in between could say that it is having it say "USAC sponsored Bruin Bash." She said they could increase awareness. She said this might be a better middle ground solution

-Mason said she is okay with having the USAC presence be a lot stronger.

-Dr. Nelson said there are a lot of politics on this. He said if something bad happens, it would be on them.

-Bocarsly said it is already on them

-Dr. Nelson said the more they emphasize their name, the more responsibility they have. He said this is a campus event. He said there are certain things they could do, such as saying that the council put in a significant percentage of this. He said they could put blurbs out there.

-Kraman said they need to find USAC's presence more associated with the event. He said they have to take responsibility for students and their actions. He said the most common thing he heard through elections is that people don't know what USAC does. He said they have the fiscal right to put their name on it. He said he likes saying it is sponsored by students.

-Tancinco asked what it was like before Bruin Bash

-Dr. Nelson said there was something called Black Sunday. The Greeks would lure students out of residential halls to party. There were fist-fights. He said some people were on sidewalks. The police had to come out there. He said he remembered walking with the police. He said there was something serious about to occur. The police said this could not continue, so an alternative needed to be found. The university would pull their resources so these parties wouldn't happen and risk injury or lost of life. The police spend thousands of dollars to make this a secure Sunday evening. People came from different places, which was a problem because they had no vested interest. He said the idea was to have a safe venue on campus where students could come and

enjoy themselves on campus.

-Champawat said his primary interest is to talk about the long-term financial stability of this event. He said he wanted to frame a long-term financing of Bruin Bash challenge. This year was threatened by the complete failure of Bruin Bash. He said partly, he threw out imagery of name association. He said as a potential part of a financial solution, if there is a rationale, the more reasonable the investment would be. He said he feels like it's in the university interest to solve this. He said normally, in the world of sponsorships, the money they put into this is way past the name they put into this. They just finished the Farmer's Classic, for example. He said that campus politics are complex. He said what confronts them is much more subtle than that. He said they need to weigh political alliances. He said he is trying to help find a stable and ongoing basis to put the funding in place.

-Mason said on that note, it is difficult to assure that will always be stable since it is always contingent on surplus. She said she doesn't see a name change. She said she understands investment and surplus.

-Champawat said any investment of the council's money has more rationale.

-Mason asked if it was contingent more on council's money

-Champawat said that is how things exist now

-El-Farra said her worry is that it would be on particular offices. She said that her office doesn't do programming.

-Mason said it would be called USAC since it comes from surplus, which USAC controls

-El-Farra said that could lead to future councils asking if they should all contribute

-Bocarsly said they need to make a decision about the money they are giving. He said they should talk about how they could have a stronger presence on this outside of council table

-El-Farra asked if they would know where their money would go to particularly

-Mason said the Chancellor's fund goes to security and EAF. She said for sponsorships, they have a set amount that goes to EAF. Some money from EAF could go to Sunday night activities.

USAC money would go to honorarium

-Bocarsly asked if they could get a specific breakdown

-Davis asked if they were still working on sponsorships

-Mason said they are still working on this.

-Hasnain asked for clarification

-Bocarsly said they needed \$5-\$10,000

-Davis asked if they could vote on \$68,000 and give more if needed

-Zimmerman said they would spend all the other money first and then dip into surplus. She said for sponsorship money they could roll it into next year. She said that is a better path so that they have a cushion. She said if they don't need all \$10,000, it will roll over

-Bocarsly said that is more of a long-term thinking.

-Kraman asked what the thinking was behind the \$7000 they asked SFAC to approve

-Dr. Geller said they were looking at a cost of about \$90,000. She said there was an interest if they could get it to \$45,000, they could get it to \$45,000. The intent was to counterprogram fraternity programs and get buy in from the Greek community

-Bocarsly asked for clarification if that includes the EAF bill

-Tancinco said yes

-Champawat said that is a good basis for conversation. He said this gives weight to the Greek community

-Jasso asked if they appointed the rest of SFAC

-Dr. Nelson asked if they went to residential life to ask for funds

-Bocarsly asked if they could give them money contingent upon getting it from them

-Mason said they would cut back on their money they allot them

-Hasnain asked how much they are allotted

-Mason said \$8,000

- Dr. Nelson said they have to make proposals of what they have named. He said he would be concerned that they need to pass numbers they could deal with. He recommends that they don't get stifled.
- Tancinco said the longer they wait the worse the artists get
- Bocarsly said any money left over would go back to surplus
- Champawat said his guidance would be to not put constraints in it. He said they have embraced this event for years. He said he could assure them that money left over would roll over to next year's event. He said they need to be assured that there is sufficient money in hand to execute this event. He said Tancinco and Mason would negotiate. He said that the proposal is the amount they should go with. He said that anything unspent would be available for the core funding for the next year's event.
- Jasso said they should not do anything contingent to anything outside of their control. She said she hopes they are not afraid to spend surplus. She said surplus is meant to be spent. She said this is what they're supposed to be doing. Their goal is to get to zero. She said they will probably never get to zero because of all of their accounts. She said surplus is not supposed to be in existence
- Hasnain asked if this was enough to make sure this is a quality event
- Tancinco and Mason said yes.
- Bocarsly said this is probably going to be the biggest allocation they make.
- El-Farra moved to approve an allocation of \$78,000 from USAC surplus for Bruin Bash. Chu seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, the allocation was approved.
- Bocarsly thanked them for their work. He requested council to be one of the first to find out about the artists.

VI. Appointments

- A. *Michael Jimenez for Student Conduct Committee (SCC)
 - Kraman moved to approve Jimenez for SCC. Hasnain seconded.
 - Kraman said the vote was 2-0-0. He said Jimenez has great and relevant experiences. He was part of the student conduct council of ORL and participated in hearings of a similar structure. He went through the Student Conduct training.
 - Hester said Jimenez knows a lot about the code of conduct and the committee. She said to keep in mind that this committee is made up of at least 3. She said tonight they will see 2 of the possible members. She said they had their own impression of how he would conduct himself at a hearing. They recommended that he expand on his experiences that directly relate to the committee. She said Jimenez cannot talk about trials but he can talk about how they relate to his position. Jimenez wanted to raise awareness of the committee.
 - Jasso said Jimenez went to the training already and has the drive and determination to be a part of this committee.
 - Dr. Geller said at training, he was a fully engaged member. Jimenez asked great questions and left the dean staff with the impression that he would be an asset to this committee.
 - Bocarsly said he sent the appointments to the training. He said to keep in mind the other member of this committee.
 - Jimenez introduced himself as a third year political science major.
 - Hasnain asked how he would spread awareness of the student code of conduct
 - Jimenez said he would do a video at orientation related to the student conduct code. He said that students would be able to focus on this and see that this is important. He said that students think they already know how it is
 - Kraman asked about his previous experiences
 - Jimenez said he was part of the student conduct council with the ORL. He dealt with hearings, such as drinking incidents and noise violations. He learned about confidentiality and effective questioning. He attended training as well
 - Bocarsly asked about the process of someone going to the student conduct committee
 - Jimenez said one of the dean of students would be assigned to the case. He said they would talk to a dean of students. The dean would make a decision on the sanction. If the student is not responsible, they will be

sent to the student conduct committee. If there is no evidence to associate them with it, they may dismiss the case

- Hester asked what he learned from the student conduct training
- Jimenez said he learned a lot about what questions to ask and to be considerate with language
- Kraman asked what other resources on campus the student conduct committee could relay
- Jimenez said the dean of students, ORL, CAPS, and if necessary UCPD
- Bocarsly asked what is most interesting about the student conduct code
- Jimenez said you cannot sell graduation tickets and it is questionable to submit one of your past works or something based off of it
- Tancinco asked if there is something in the code that he disagrees with
- Jimenez said no
- Starr called to question. Davis seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Jimenez was approved for the Student Conduct Committee.

B.*Areli Carreon for Student Conduct Committee (SCC)

- Kraman moved to approve Carreon for SCC. Hasnain seconded.
- Hester said with a vote of 3-0-0, Carreron was approved for SCC. They were impressed that Carreon talked about her personal experience that led to her involvement with students. She said cases involve plagiarism. They said that Carreon has personal experience and being in Know More, a sexual education group. She said Carreon knows how to deal with delicate issues
- Jasso said Carreon's resume shows her adaptability. She said that she is definitely someone who is a chameleon and has been in various situations. She said she understands how to play a critical role with the hearings.
- Hasnain asked if she expanded on what she hopes to accomplish
- Mason said she talked about office hours and visibility. She wanted to start a student group.
- Kraman said she highlighted the idea that people needed to be held to their actions so they learn. He said that Carreon understands the student conduct committee well
- Jasso said Carreon recommended possible community service for sanctions.
- Dr. Geller said Carreon was also engaged and an active participant in the training. She said the staff and the existing members of the committee felt like she would be a good addition to the committee
- Bocarsly said ARC's job is to speed up the appointment process. He said they want to make sure they ask questions.
- Davis said Carreon is in her sorority and she is someone who people go to for advice. She said Carreon will learn a task in a matter of days or hours.
- Carreon introduced herself. She is an incoming sophomore. She is in Kappa Delta and works in the CPO. She would like to get involved on campus. She is looking for a way to make students have a voice here. She wants to be a part of decision making and what goes on
- Chu asked what experiences she had to prepare her for this position
- Carreon said she was a part of Know More. She was a mediator. She would make presentations and students would come and speak to them. She said she got to listen to stories and see if they needed to move cases up to authorities. She was also involved in Unicamp. She said she worked with 12 and 13-year olds. She said that she learned in the training for the student conduct committee that there will be different stories and they needed to see what's more likely. She said in Kappa Delta, she is one of the representatives for her sorority. She said as a representative, she had to make decisions for her house.
- Kraman asked what she would like to change in the student conduct code
- Carreon said the sexual harassment section could be more defined
- Kraman asked what are ways to outreach to students to make sure they are comfortable talking about issues
- Carreon said she could have office hours and put posters up. She would advocate for personal issues such as sexual harassment. She said she could outreach and show people that it's okay and that they're not alone. She said she could start an organization similar to No More and present to college students these sort of possibilities that are out there.
- Bocarsly asked about the process of coming to the student conduct committee
- Carreon said there is an allegation and they are referred to the dean. She said if the dean has enough evidence and the student admits it, they deal with it. If there is enough evidence and they don't admit

to it or the person said they didn't do it, the case goes to the student conduct committee. From there it would go to the vice chancellor

-Starr called to question. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Carreon was approved for the Student Conduct Committee.

C.*Joseph Hassine for Community Activities Committee (CAC)

-Bocarsly said they already appointed two others. This is a four person committee. The fourth person is an alternate. This is a time sensitive committee. There is no chair for this committee. There are four undergraduate representatives

-Zimmerman asked if this was an alternate position

-Bocarsly said this is something they decide later. He said applications are due within the next couple of weeks

-Jasso said they told a previous member that she would not be an alternate. She said if they would choose who would be an alternate from these last two appointments.

-Bocarsly said that he will decide. He said everyone is part of the decision making and one person wouldn't get the vote.

-Kraman moved to approve Hassine for CAC. Starr seconded.

-Hester said it was a great experience meeting Hassine. Hassine is a transfer from a community college. Hassine was president of student government and was part of their community service chair. She said he has ample experience being in a leadership position. She said Hassine was part of the community service commission in high school and college.

-Jasso said Hassine doesn't have experience on campus. She said that Hassine would have a fresh look and critical perspective on the committee, seeing as the other people had experience on the committee.

Jasso said he understands costs of an event. She said Hassine loves community service and has a passion for it. She said he demonstrates drive and motivation for this position

-Hasnain said Hassine e-mailed her and said he is really invested in community service. She said in his previous experiences, he is aware of the costs and planning

-Jasso said he did a lot of background research and looked at the requirements for CAC.

-Hester asked if he wanted to do more site visits

-Jasso said yes. She said every liaison does at least 2 site visits. She said he would like to change the timeline to check on a group once in the beginning and once at the end so there would be continuous interaction with those who applied to CAC

-Kraman said the vote was 2-0-0.

-Hassine introduced himself. He said he is a transfer and a sociology major hoping to go into law.

-Bocarsly asked why he is applying and what his passion is

-Hassine said he was in student government for three years. He said he continued doing community service chair through high school and community college. He said he is attending the UCSA conference. He said that he is excited to get involved

-Jasso asked why community service is important and needed

-Hassine said community service is important because if you don't experience it, you are only living your own experiences or your friend's experiences. He said through community service, you could learn other experiences from other people. He said he wants to learn about other people

-Jasso asked about Max's Love Project

-Hassine said his counselor's son was diagnosed with cancer. He said it provides resources for families with children with cancer. They send goody bags to children as well.

-Tancinco asked for clarification on the job that was created for him

-Hassine said that the college saw they were lacking community service so they created the position for him there

-Kraman asked what his knowledge was of CAC

-Hassine said CAC helps fund community projects that are more focused on outreach to groups outside of UCLA. He said most things they focus on are disadvantaged communities. He said his job would be to sit in on hearings and go through groups that are requesting fundings. He said he would decide which groups receive funding. He said he would do 2 site visits and would hope to do more to keep their goals in check.

-Mason asked how restructuring would take place

- Hassine said it wouldn't necessarily be a restructuring. He said they would do 2 site visits that would be a specific distance apart. He said that he would try to space his visits out to check on groups at different times
- Bocarsly asked about what he knows about the time commitment
- Hassine knows that it is two weeks from this Thursday. He said that he would definitely be available.
- Jasso asked what his definition of fair funding is
- Hassine said it starts with the application for funding. An application should include everything they need. He said it should be structured. He said fair funding would be CAC provided funding to groups. He said groups would need to keep up with their goals and objectives.
- Hasnain said often times, projects see steps of the application as a negative thing, though it forces them to grow. She asked if he had any ideas to give the application a more positive spin.
- Hassine said this is something he had to do this past year. He said that he would check in regularly to groups. He said he would include himself as a team member rather than a spy.
- El-Farra called to question. Chu seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Hassine was approved for CAC.

D.*Kristin Elia for Community Activities Committee (CAC)

- Kraman moved to approve Elia for CAC. Mason seconded.
- Hester said Elia is being reviewed for CAC. She said they were impressed that Elia has experience with the committee from the other end. Elia was part of UNICEF. She said Elia explained her experience with the mini-fund. Hester said they were impressed with Elia's responses of fair funding. She said Elia understands site visits. Hester said they didn't have much to recommend to her.
- Kraman said they interviewed her earlier
- Hester said the vote was 3-0-0
- Mason said Elia knows what she's doing
- Kraman said she sees CAC as a liaison between the groups
- Elia introduced herself. She said she is a third year political science major. She said community service is very important to her. She said she has been involved in UNICEF for the past couple of years. She said it is easy to get caught up in doing your own thing at UCLA. She said it is important that people pay attention to what they could do for the community. She said the application looks at what they are doing for the community and how they could improve
- Kraman asked about her past experiences and how they apply to this position
- Elia said she has applied and been in a hearing before. She said before applying, she researched the job and the time commitment. She emailed past committee members and asked about their experiences. She said she interned for a law firm and worked with several attorneys there. She said legal work is very time sensitive. She said she would bring a fair attitude to the committee. She said she has been trained to look at all sides of an argument. She said she is aware that other organizations are involved. She said she could provide a fresh outlook.
- Bocarsly asked about UNICEF
- Elia said their main project is going to transitional homes. This is for homeless families. She said they conduct workshops that are educational in some form. She said they would try to provide motivation and education for them. She said they would occasionally have other fundraising events
- Hasnain asked if there are things she wishes to improve about the application
- Elia said the application is very good. She said she would see an improvement integrating it with the CSP office and groups. She said that it would be beneficial to go to group meetings and making sure they are using their funding as they should. She said it is about supporting groups.
- Mason asked what her definition of fair funding is
- Elia said to make sure you are knowledgeable about all aspects. She said someone would look at what each group is requesting and if what they're asking for is reasonable. She said if they are over budget and everything seems reasonable, they would see what is more crucial. She said this is based on her own opinion.

- Hasnain said for the application, groups could indicate what line items are of higher priority.
- Chu called to question. Davis seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Elia was approved for the CAC.
- Elia asked when the orientation is
- Dr. Geller said it isn't scheduled yet
- Bocarsly said it would be prioritized

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

- Mason moved to approve contingency allocations. Kraman seconded. There were no objections.
- Jasso said they had 6 organizations that applied. The fiscal year commenced on August 1.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$4,080.88 for their programs.

A total of \$3,108.90 was requested from contingency.

A total of \$1,423.15 is recommended for allocation for this week.

There is a total of \$69,874.84 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

- Bocarsly asked what the initial number was in contingency
- Jasso said it was around \$71,000
- Bocarsly asked why it's lower
- Jasso said the amount they have is less than what they had beforehand. She said they got \$5000 less
- Bocarsly said this is before surplus
- Jasso said surplus will be added later
- Kraman asked if they are allocated about the same every round
- Jasso said there aren't many organizations around. She said with groups with more organizations, the number will significantly increase.
- Bocarsly said Jasso's job is challenging and she has to budget money based on past trends
- Jasso said she is splitting it up in three. She said she is giving \$5-\$10k threshold. She said since the quarter hasn't commenced, that is when it fluctuates more
- Bocarsly said they added to FiComm guidelines.
- Jasso said in the matrix, she puts the line item in priority. She said she would go according to what is requested.
- Dr. Geller said in the request for the historical ballroom dance club, the comments said the honorarium almost exceeds guidelines. She said with the various ballroom related clubs, they should watch who honorarium are for all the club names
- Jasso said she has a running list. She said she makes sure people were paid. She said she already contacted Anna. She said the next time they apply for the same people, they won't be able to receive funding.
- Bocarsly asked if they would receive a third allocation
- Jasso said once they have been paid twice, they cannot fund them 3 times. She said they will move into a monthly system. She said she would be talking to her when that comes up.
- Bocarsly said they could monitor them on their end
- Chu asked her to elaborate on Sigma Lambda Beta's application since they got more than

requested

-Jasso said it is a typo and it should be \$250

-Chu moved to amend the contingency allocations for Sigma Lambda Beta

-Hasnain asked if it included food

-Jasso said they asked for the same amount.

-Bocarsly asked what the right numbers were

-Jasso said it is \$250 food and asked for \$70 for transportation. She said the recommendation remains the same. They asked for \$50 for facilities.

-Zimmerman said the typo isn't what they're voting on.

-Bocarsly said they didn't need a motion

-El-Farra called to question contingency allocations. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

-Bocarsly said today, he had a chance to talk about Bruin Fest. This is something USAC will be a part of on the Friday of zero week. There would be different activities on the IM field. He said he would talk about space to do something they would like to do as a group. He said they could do a voter registration drive there. He said this could be a wonderful experience. The day is September 28 from 9-12. He hopes that they all be at the booth for a shift. There will be games as well. He said he talked to Ward from UCLA Communications Board for the development of an iPhone app for USAC. He said that they made 60 apps over the past year. He said he hopes to reach out to a lot of students. He said they would hopefully have a section for all of the offices. He said that himself and El-Farra met with the chancellor. He said he met with Naples and Montero about the governor's conference. He said they are figuring out logistics. He said they would not do this before zero week. He said he is interested in getting the constitutional review committee together. He said he talked to Delucka. He said that they may reach out to them again over the next couple of weeks. He said this may happen before council meeting over the summer. They have retreat coming up within the next couple of weeks. He said if there are people they have in mind to let himself or Hester know.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said she is happy to be back. She said retreat will be September 7. She said thank you for sticking with that date. She said it will be Friday and Saturday night. She said the venue will be determined soon. She said they have the chance to have people present. She said she will be contacting administrators shortly. She said if they have anyone who wants to present to contact her. She said she sent out an email about the Freshmen Transfer Summer Program orientation which will be tomorrow night. This will be in DeNeve multipurpose room. She said if anyone else wants to come to let her know.

-E-Farra asked what this was for

-Hester said it is for the Freshmen Summer Transfer Program. She said they could meet before and go over what they want to do. She said there is potential they could present at the college summer insitiute, which is similar to the freshmen summer program.

-Bocarsly asked if there were dates

-Hester said not yet

-El-Farra asked when the transfer program event was

-Hester said 7:30-9

-Jasso said if they are presenting in DeNeve, their concern is that they would have to get students to come

- Hester said she could email the person she's been contacting and see where they are living
- Kraman said they move them around
- Jasso said for FSP she stayed in Rieber Vista
- Hester said she'll email the person she was contacting and get back to her
- El-Farra said she will contact her as well

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

El-Farra said there were hearings yesterday. She said they had John Joanino there. She said they had same day voter registration and it would not be enacted until 2015. She said the committee it was in was put into the suspense pile. She said for 1501, part of the middle class scholarship, was put into the suspense pile and never made it to the hearing.

- Bocarsly asked what that means for 1500
- El-Farra said they both have to pass for it to work
- Bocarsly asked for clarification
- El-Farra said 1501 is the tax part, which is needed for 1500
- Hasnain asked why it was two separate things
- El-Farra said it was probably political reasoning. She said when they talk about how to get the money, it became political. She said she could ask and find out
- Mason asked what the suspense pile is
- El-Farra said it won't be discussed until it is out of the suspense pile. She said it is getting to the point where the speaker will need to lobby. She said that the reasoning behind it is to lobby more representatives. She said for 8970, which creates accountability and transparency between regents and students passed 5-0 and is onto the Senate floor. She said that Joanino was a key witness in this. She said that the chancellor would be writing a letter of support for their vote campaign and would be sending out emails for students. She said that he sent out emails to vote and one to the community to get everyone on board to their vote plans. She said that she asked for a line to students about voting. She said that they have UCSA congress coming up. She said they had USSA congress in Wisconsin. She said after 21 hours, they came up with their campaigns, which are student and loan debt that she helped draft. This came with an educational part, a legislative approach, and a movement building and grassroots movement. She said that they would target companies that prey on students. Another campaign is the DREAM act and the last one is shared governments between all states. They elected a new president and vice president. She said that there were 4 people running for vice president and one was a Bruin. She said that it was a tough race. She said that they have Sophie Zammon and Tiffany DeLaughton elected.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

Davis said the syllabus preview will continue. This will be easier to access in winter quarter. She said this should make classes easier to enroll in. She will be meeting with the writing success program soon. She said she is looking for a CPO campus retention liaison.

- Kraman asked what is new with the minor requirements
- Davis said she would get back to him on that

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said she made a prep your office worksheet to give them ideas. She said they wanted them to have safe passageways and nothing hanging from the ceilings. She said they had all the ways they could assist. She said this is the perfect time because they might find hidden supplies. She said if they had large sums of trash, to please contact her. She said they can't have everything piled in the hallways. She said they could assist with heavy lifting. She said there are designated storage areas. She said if they designate a spot for storage, it will make following guidelines easier. She said guidelines are about passageways.

- Hasnain asked when inspections are

- Zimmerman said they are probably week 2.
- Chu asked what they need to do to secure their filing cabinets
- Zimmerman said they will work with maintenance to secure it. She said that they will coordinate that to zip seal them to the wall
- Mason asked what to do if things are stuck on the ceiling
- Zimmerman said there are pipes in offices. She said if there are things blocking the sprinklers or attached to the pipes, they need to take things down. She said the issue is the obstruction of the water pipes
- Tancinco asked what happens if they fail the inspection
- Zimmerman said they will come back with recommendations and will give a timeline for that. She said they will fix things from there
- Davis asked if things were hanging from foam
- Zimmerman said nothing should be hanging from the ceiling
- Hasnain asked about the 2.5 foot paths
- Zimmerman said she could have the head guy to check if something would be okay. She said she could find out specifically
- Starr said there is a lot of stuff in the gen. rep. office
- Zimmerman said they would do a run through of the offices. She said she would be willing to go through offices line by line
- Hasnain asked how often this was
- Zimmerman said it happens every couple of years. She said this would be in line with OSAC. She said she had the chance from SDSU coming on September 14 to look at their student government. She said she would love to have their officers meet with our officers. She said she would love for them to participate. She said to submit SGOF if they haven't
- Jasso said she is tracking them and she has them in file in her office. She said she would share the Google Doc
- Hasnain asked when she is available
- Jasso said TR after 3pm. She said she is going home this Friday.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

- Lazarovici said an organization she is involved with incubated a fellowship program. It is a Muslim dialogue for young professionals. She said it might not be necessarily for people here, but they could pass it along to people who might be interested. She said the web address is on the sheet.
- El-Farra asked if she knew Azisa or Atina
- Lazarovici said yes. She said Bruin Bash did not exist when she was a student. She said it seems that this expensive event comes out of a problem caused by fraternities that all of the student body is paying for with tens of thousands of dollars. She challenged them to widen the lens of how to look at this. She said to question the assumptions they have about what's normal for UCLA. She said anything like "well this is how we've always done it" is a red flag to step back and evaluate if something is a good thing or not. She said she mentioned fraternities because in her experience, she has not heard of brawls caused by sororities. She said she knows that fraternities in the Greek system do a lot of volunteer work, build skills, and network. She said when she was at UCLA, fraternities were the source of a lot of the free speech issues and damaging campus climate events that happened. She said it is galling to see organizations based on excluding other people create structures on an elite campus.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said in the first year that students come here, there is a lot of baggage that students bring with them from high school. They want Greek life to be 99% positive. He said Greek life was thrust upon him and they are now making great strides. He said he was positive about USAC

funding this event because part of problems of Greek life has been with alumni. He said alumni want to resurrect how things used to be. He said that his concern is that “here is how something used to be.” He said hopefully there are people who don’t have to remember Black Sundays. He said the issue doesn’t occur on sorority row, but sorority people go to fraternity row. He said that there are things that have changed.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

There was no new business for this week.

XI. Announcements

-Jasso said to turn in SGOF budgets or email them to her. She said for referendums, Debby should have contacted them already. She said there is a lack of communication between that office and herself. She said in the next few weeks, she would send a draft on a new application. She said she would have them vote on new financial committee guidelines that are in place. She said she emailed the new finance committee guidelines with updated stipend information. She said they changed it per month. She said they will be updating that. The USAC website hasn’t been updated since June 12

-Zimmerman said they are migrating the website to UCLA. She said they are having a server issue but they can’t update for the last couple of days. They should have it fixed by tomorrow.

-Jasso said if they have questions about allocations in the new budget report to let her know. She said they get the new budget every Friday. She said if they have questions about referendum to let her know. She said she signed off on the SGOF transfer funds.

-Hasnain said they could use the website to plug their events. She said she scrolled through announcements and it didn’t say anything about Bruin Bash

-Bocarsly said there is a scrolling calendar. He said they all have access to the USAC calendar that will be updated onto the website

-Zimmerman said to use the calendar. She said she could post announcements if they send them to her.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Starr moved and Kraman 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 9:22 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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