

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 9, 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, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Sahil Seth, Carly Yoshida, Yasar Mohebi, Elizabeth Pashko. Roy Champawat, Jan Tacinco, Cassarah Chu, Bob Williams, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Kristen Taketa

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-El-Farra moved to add the voter registration daily Bruin ad under new business as an action item. Mohebi seconded. There were no objections.

-Jasso asked what ad they are looking to

-El-Farra said they want to add it to the discretionary fund. Chu seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Seth moved to approve the agenda, as amended.

-Mason moved to strike the EVP travel grant

-Seth moved to approve the agenda. Kraman seconded.

- 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

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-Seth moved to approve the minutes. Kraman seconded.

- Hasnain moved and Davis seconded to approve the minutes for October 2, 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.

I. Special Presentations A. Academic Senate- Linda Sarna, Chair

Sarna said it is her privilege to represent the approximately 3500 members of the academic Senate, which consists of faculty with tenure tracks. She said that they would come into contact with non-senate members. She said the members are in charge of safeguarding the quality of your education. UCLA has a shared governance model and they have the opportunity to give advice about all things affecting our university, from budgets to new programs. She said there are multiple committees those focuses on specific areas, such as a council of research. There is the undergraduate council that looks at program reviews. The graduate council looks at program reviews as well. She talked about the library committee that would look at the open access policy

for journals. She said she wanted to focus on a few things. She said that UCLA is a proud public University that is now state-assisted. She said there are a variety of entrepreneur efforts being made. She said they probably talked about a proposition advocated by regents, which is prop 30. She said she wanted to educate them on prop 30. She said the important thing to understand is that the proposition is an agreement with the governor that, if it passes, the money is freed up that allows education to be funded. Prop 38 goes towards education, which would allow for the same cuts if prop 30 didn't pass. She said whichever gets the highest number of votes will be the ballot measure that will pass. If the ballot measure does not pass, it will trigger budgetary cuts. There are a variety of things that deal with this and issues that will affect students are those concerning tuition. She said she loves that they have to get out the vote campaign. She said there are all sorts of reasons to vote this November. She said she wanted to tell them about the climate survey. She said this is the time to give their opinions and talk about their experiences at UCLA which will happen in January. There are chances for free undergraduate tuition and iPads. She said something exciting as chair of the senate is the healthy campus initiative. She said she is a professor in the school of nursing. She is a cancer nurse and focuses on people with lung cancer. In the later phase of her career, she worked with tobacco control policies. She said when the healthy campus initiative came, one of the core foundations is a tobacco free campus. The president of all of the UC's received a proposal from their healthy campus welfare commission and wrote to chancellors to request that all campuses in the UC system go smoke free by 2014. She said all health science campuses went smoke free last year. She said they had the distinction of being the last campus go smoke free. She said they want to be the first campus to be tobacco free. She said today they confirmed that their policy would go into affect on Earth Day April 22nd. There are health and environmental effects. This will take everyone's efforts. They drafted a policy based on their existing policy and will have forums for discussion. They will do everything to support smokers. This isn't a policy of you can't smoke but rather you can't smoke here. She said UCLA has almost 200 properties. They would have to switch out some of their signs. She said they want to be first out of the gate. They will be having a meeting on October 15th and are calling this a tobacco free initiative. She said they have been engaged in discussions with all kinds of people. They want to support smokers that make a quit attempt and want to have free nicotine patches at the student health center. They want to have nicotine replacement centers. She said this would be a culture change. She said they have more international students than ever before. She said in China, they have over 3 million smokers. She said there is a culture in other countries where they give cigarettes as gifts. She said President Yudof is bringing them all along at the same time. They have 2 student representatives on their steering committee. She asked if they had any questions.

-Hester asked if there would be materials or ways that non-smokers could approach their friends but come from a positive place

-Sarna said yes. She said she wanted to stress the power of nicotine addiction. She said this is a brain disease. She said they will launch a website with educational materials. She said Yudof wants to stress education. She said they want to educate everyone on what the issues are. She said they would talk about the student code of conduct. She said for right now, it is about education. She said communities go smoke free. She said it gets annoying for smokers to have to move. She said they would work with the Westwood community. She said they know quit rates would increase. She said there was a goodbye smoke initiative and it went well with no violence.

-Seth asked if smoking on campus would be a ticketable offense

-Sarna said she's not sure and there probably won't be tickets the first month. She said cigarettes on the ground can become toxic waste. She said she wanted everyone to be as informed as possible.

-Bocarsly thanked her for coming and said the academic senate is a strong resource for all of them and a great way to reach out to faculty

-Sarna thanked Bocarsly for pointing out that they should reach out. She said she is in close contact with students about issues. She said she would meet with graduate students. She said she couldn't go to every meeting but she could help them with concerns.

-Bocarsly said they are talking about prop 30 later.

B. Special Olympics- Kelly Pond, Michelle Brien, Marco Martinez

Brien introduced her. Martinez competes in sports as a part of their Los Angeles program. She asked who attended a Special Olympics event. She said she wanted to share a few fun facts. They are the world's largest sports organization and offer training all year long for free. Their program is for children and adults with mental disabilities. She said they want to demonstrate leadership and inclusion.

-Martinez said he competes in the 100, 200, and 1500 meter run and other competitions. He likes to meet people and friends and likes to come into the office and help out.

-Brien said Martinez took the bus from Huntington Park

-Martinez said he designs things from things that he finds from school. He said he made a logo and presented it to them. He said he made all of the employees a sign and made signs for some of the sponsors and celebrities.

-Brien said the signs are huge and made of a large desktop. She said the signs are amazing. She said that they were even auction items. She said the Special Olympics are international. She said the next World Games would be in LA. UCLA and USC are two of the sites for sports. UCLA will host three sports. She showed a brief video about what the World Games is like. She said they are really excited and they can't wait. She passed around postcards that showed a special event called We Run the City. They are coming together to support the Special Olympics and would be every year until 2015. There are three categories where campuses can win. The first one is whoever registers the most runners, who raises the most money, and who has the first 100 runners to cross the finish line. They will celebrate it at the big game. They have a website and every day the site is updated with which school has the lead. She said it is \$35 to register and they get a t-shirt. A Special Olympics athlete would hand them a runner's medal. She said on the website calendar there are links each school can use. She said she would leave more postcards for staff as well. She said everything is on the website. She said Martinez wanted to show them their athlete oath

-Martinez presented to athlete oath to the council.

-Bocarsly said he would talk about that in his officer report as well.

VI. Appointments

A. *Danielle Griffin – Campus Sustainability Committee

-Seth moved to approve Griffin. Starr seconded. There were no objections.

-Hester said this is for the campus sustainability committee. She said the committee works to develop and implement a plan to advance environmental sustainability. The vote was 0-0-2. They asked questions based on how they could be a greener campus and how to reach out to students. She said the reason for abstentions was that they wanted to understand better how she would serve in this committee how they would get the word out there. She said that she faced difficulty with Team Green on the hill. She said they were really looking for an assertive show of initiative if part of the committee. She said in the application, Griffin focused on advertising and student awareness. She said they wanted to know how she would do that.

-Kraman said she is in her office. Kraman said that Griffin might not have explained things as well because she knows him.

-Hester read the recommendations sent to her.

-Bocarsly said they had a conversation last year about people that had no recommendation. He said that ARC and himself had conversations and determined that she is someone that can succeed in this position.

-Hasnain said Griffin was co-transportation director and kind of dropped off the face of the earth and it got to the point where they kept trying to contact her and she didn't return any of her communication. She said if you can't get to a site when volunteering, you can't serve. She said it is concerning that she had a lack of communication. She said she is concerned with how she acted professional.

-Davis said Griffin said she is her little sister in her sorority. She said Griffin is very passionate about things. She said Griffin took on a project at their house and when she finds something she is passionate about, she surpasses her goals.

-Hasnain said the communication is concerning

-Starr said they should base it on her application

-Seth said they have heard both sides

-Bocarsly urged them to interview her as if she is on a fresh slate and get to know how she would be in this position.

-Dr. Nelson said ARC gives recommendations. He asked what they were

-Hester said they sent recommendations 6 days ago. They recommended her to emphasize her experiences to make her integral to the committee, brainstorm strategies to advertise and get students to care about the issue, and to familiarize herself with what tools and resources that currently exist for students at UCLA.

-Jasso said the recommendation involved Team Green because in her resume, it doesn't mention Team Green. They wanted her to get what she learned from Team Green and talk more about it. She said feel free to talk to Griffin about it.

-Griffin introduced herself. She is a third year and a global studies and geography major. She is interested in seeing what people can do to be sustainable and how their campus is using resources to get the message to students.

-Bocarsly asked what she did on campus in regards to sustainability

-Griffin said she has been to E3 meetings. She said she is familiar with sustainability issues and was on Team Green last year. She said she would like Team Green get more responsibilities. She said those are the two main things

-Jasso asked what she does off campus

-Griffin said she had an off campus environmental internship and she is aware of national environmental issues and what nonprofits are doing

-El-Farra asked what her time commitments are

-Griffin said she expects to have a meeting every month. She said she wants to have a day where students will know what they are doing and who stands on their board. She said she also has her sorority and she are facilities, which includes office hours. She is a part of the Los Angeles committee of sustainability. She said she sees different people from different academia.

-Mason asked how she would incentivize sustainability on campus.

-Griffin said campus sustainability is about campus engagement through educational needs and volunteering. She talked about advertising. She said they have action research teams and a volunteer application on the website. She said she wants people to know about those opportunities.

She said she wants to reach out to student groups to get their opinion and get them involved.

-Mohebi asked about the zero waste goal set by UCLA in 2020.

-Griffin said they do a great job. She said they could have teams to spearhead this.

-Jasso asked her what skills she had to make her the ideal candidate

-Griffin said she has experience reaching out to people. She has been on E3 and she knows what they want. She said she was on Team Green. She said she was on the community service committee and she did an awareness day for homelessness. She said her main edge is not sustainability but her experiences in the past.

-Jasso asked about her specific skills.

-Griffin said she has experience with people skills, organizing, and logistics. She said the main reason she is qualified is because of her involvement. She said that last year's committee member felt like she didn't really do anything and make a difference. She said in order to make the position effective, it is best to have those resources available. She said she works with people in various environmental backgrounds.

-Mason asked if she feels okay with continuing without the laptop. She asked what initiatives she's familiar with in terms of sustainability.

-Griffin said she knows that there were implementations with ketchup and mustard but she is not too familiar with many initiatives. She talked about action resource teams to get people involved.

-Hester said she mentioned that she is passionate about the environment and sustainability. She asks what she wants to bring into the committee

-Griffin said people ask her this all the time. She said it effects everyone and that she cares lot. She said this will make her more certain to carry out her work.

-Hester asked what strategies she's brainstormed for the campus sustainability committee or other organizations for the UCLA audience

-Griffin said she wants to do an Earth Day panel and work with the tobacco free initiative. She said she wants to reach out to environmental classes.

-Bocarsly asked her to tie everything together and how these experiences would help or detract from her role

-Griffin said the Los Angeles Resource Collaborative deals with outside issues and facilities works with the campus. She said having a part in each of those would allow them to share practices and make sure that they all have the same goals. She said there is a 4-acre plot of land and she's been working with a professor to create naturism there. She said faculty is excited about it and they are excited that she applied to facilities. She said this is something she wanted to add to the volunteer portion of engaging students

-Chu said in her application she wanted to increase advertising and get the word out. She asked how she would increase advertising while making sure ads are green and affordable

-Griffin said advertising at events is in the realm of facilities and student groups. She said she would use listserves and talked about putting things up for geography students.

-Bocarsly said they would move into discussion and then move into a vote.

-Mohebi said she was nervous but after a lot of talking she got her point across. He said she had a lot of ideas and she was just tumbling over her words

-Kraman said she did a good job explaining her experiences and she showed why she's passionate about it.

-El-Farra said she is concerned that if they're training every single person after their interview. She said after her interview and without previous knowledge, she does have a lot of different qualifications. She said that she did a good job. She asked if they are prepping everyone so they are telling them what they want to hear

-Kraman said while they don't want to spoon-feed them, they should bring students together and help them succeed to the best of their abilities

-Starr said he feels like they focus too much on what they recommend to them. He said interviewees get so caught up in their knowledge. He asked if they knew the structure of their position

-Mason said yes

-Davis said there needs to be a balance with knowledge and recommendations

-Seth said what he learned in financial supports was from the people there. He said institutional knowledge will develop over time and ARC is a central part of the process to culture students that they bring forth

-Mason said she feels like ARC is a preliminary judgment of students. She said she is googling

things about the committee the same way that the candidates are. She said any advocate that seriously wants to be on the committee could find out what they're getting themselves into. She said if they don't know the structure and their state, they are not qualified to run that specific committee.

-Jasso said it seems like council expects them to provide answers. She said she doesn't have the time to research things for people. She said in terms of this case, Griffin did improve. She said they have to reevaluate what the purpose of ARC is. She said in terms of the role of ARC if this discussion is what they should have before they vote. She said if they need to talk about ARC, they should talk about it outside of the council table.

-Starr said the question that ties everything together brought about a good answer

-Champawat said he's on this committee and that this is a committee that is student lead. He said people have to work on this from a greater perspective. He said that they need someone who can represent students and hold their own with vice chancellors.

-Dr. Nelson said the Daily Bruin interviewed him about ARC. He said this is one of the unique times where people are questioning ARC. He said ARC can hear what a person has to say and ARC can bring it to a vote upon council. He said ARC would either be satisfied or dissatisfied. He said this seems somewhat simplistic but this is the second time there is no vote. He said there is a reason to bring this around.

-Chu said when she heard her answers about the undergraduate students, she wasn't satisfied with her answer. She said Griffin's involvement in other spaces will help her and she has the presence she needs to be a part of the committee.

-Yoshida said she could probably hold her own

-Starr called to question. Seth seconded. With a vote of 7-3-2, Griffin was approved for the Campus Sustainability Committee.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *Contingency Allocations

-Mohebi moved to approve contingency allocations. Seth seconded.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$49,670.14 for their programs. A total of \$7,731.70 was requested from contingency. A total of \$3,953.68 is recommended for allocation for this week. There is a total of **\$54,761.83 left in contingency.**

-Hasnain asked why Bruin Hope didn't receive more for traveling

-Jasso said not everyone was able to apply to travel

-El-Farra said she could speak to her about travel grants

-Jasso said she has office hours posted on her door.

-Seth called to question contingency allocations. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 11-0-1, the contingency for this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

- Bocarsly said he emailed them about coming to his intern meetings next week. They had applications due a week and a half ago. He said they have 25 wonderful people. He said at their second meeting the interns would meet the council members. He said if they can come and they didn't respond they would still really appreciate that. He said this would be next Wednesday at 7:00. He said he's talked a lot about We Run the City. They launched their marketing campaign. He said he is proud that UCLA is up to 58% and it was opposite yesterday. He urged all of them to continue to outreach

- Seth asked how long the run is

-Bocarsly said it is 5k. He said all of the help they can get is the most important aspect of this. He said they will send official invites soon for their USAC event. He said he would be sending a

campus wide email concerning voter registration. He said he would like to have as many students as possible read it.

-Jasso said last year Resnick added announcements and it became long. She asked if it would be possible to provide a link where they could promote their offices.

-Bocarsly said there was a lot of feedback saying people didn't read the email because it was long but he could put a link to a Google Doc that they can put updates in. He said if there is anything that is pertinent to campus to send that to him. He talked about appointments. He said they could sit down outside of the council table. He said they approved about half of the appointees. He said he needs their help with recruitment. He said that outreach is needed for the CS Mini Fund. He said any help is appreciated. He talked about the unity center. He said there was a presentation from a company that will analyze space and develop the concept. He said there was a lot of dialogue about developing what would be in the unity center. He talked about election board in regards to the Daily Bruin. He said they needed an E-board chair by the first week of fall quarter. He said he had a meeting with Eena and Kris Kapololo about the endorsement process. He said it seems like Eena is coming up with a developed plan to help mitigate this. He said there wasn't an appointment for election board yet. He said it is important that they get this done soon and that this he would love any of their suggestions or ideas they have about the election code. They would talk about this in CRC as well.

-Mason asked when would conversations about election board chair would be

-Bocarsly said ASAP. He said outreach should happen immediately

-Mason asked to add it to the agenda

-Bocarsly said it could be under new business

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

-Hester said they had an ARC reflection with all of the members of ARC. She said she appreciates them voicing their opinions and the more they can communicate the better this committee can become. She said Ally Week is happening in April. She said the IVP is working with the LGBT center and they brought forth athletics to make sure it reaches out to a broad number of people on campus. She said the fellowship is well under way and they are having interviews. They will have fellows soon. She said she really appreciates their time as council in attending a fellowship meeting. She said the first event will be next Friday, October 19th the same day as Your Voice Your Vote concert. It will be the Student Leader Networking Night. Their keynote speaker is someone that does PR for the football team.

-El-Farra asked for an email for this event to send out

-Hester said yes. She said this is to understand the basics of running an organization and she hopes that students will run for positions in organizations and open themselves up to leadership roles. She talked about the student governance conference with members of administration. She said one of the things she spoke about was the increased international community on campus. She said they do so much in terms of advocacy but could also be friends with new people who perhaps seem lost. She reminded everyone that this is how he or she can help all students on campus.

She talked about the Global Sibling Program. She said it is really fulfilling and they are their domestic global sibling. She encouraged all of them to apply. She said the application is due Sunday October 14th. She said it is really great. She talked about the luncheon with CSP next Friday in the Ackerman Viewpoint Lounge. She said another thing they've worked on is having a permanent USAC URL for each of them. She said it would be great to streamline it so year after year they could build one URL with a different domain to that URL. She talked about Quidditch and said she sent out a Doodle. It looks like Sunday November 18th for the tournament.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

-El-Farra said they had their last UCSA board meeting at UCLA. She said it was a productive meeting. She said they elected their new president. Angelica resigned two weeks ago so Raquel,

an undergrad from San Diego, was recently elected. She said her internship interviews are going on now. The Student of Color Conference is this Thursday. She said she sent out an email to their staffs. She said they should apply. She asked if she sent out the Google Doc with the volunteer times.

-The council said yes.

-El-Farra said their goal is 5,000 Bruins. She said after tonight, she will say they are around 1500 and they need 5,000 by next week. She said 80% of their goal might be done in the last week but they hope that they don't have to wait that long. She talked about the link to register to vote. She said at the UCSA board meeting, they saw how many online and paper forms they've gotten. She said it is important that the link is sent out to every database they have. The chancellor at Cal sent out the link and within 24 hours 700 students registered to vote. She said that Bocarsly would send out the link as well. She said the link is a lot easier than the paper forms.

-Hester asked what the link is

-El-Farra said it is a register to vote link. There are two. There is one with collaboration with Calpirg. There is one only for UCSA. She said it is ucsa.org and that goes only to them. She said she doesn't care which link they use since both will go to their numbers. They are putting on a week of action educating on propositions. There will be education and a rally. This will happen the week of October 22nd. She said Bocarsly and herself met with external affairs and they are doing a lot in terms of proposition 30. She said they are now working with them to engage the student population. She said to vote.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis asked if they were familiar with the USIE program. She said USIE program is where students teach programs with a staff advisor. She said they are looking for student leaders and representatives to help promote the program. She said they are hosting a resource and equity week. She said they are putting together a planning committee. She said she is looking for a campus retention committee appointment. She said her office is coprogramming an elections viewing party. She said in 2008 there was large numbers of students in attendance and they hope to meet that.

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

-Lazarovici said she used to work for a nursing union and worked with veteran nurses. She said she worked with people who were in nursing for a long time. She said a nurse she worked with would smoke with her patient in the hospital and that used to be considered normal. She said that this seems bizarre but is normal. She said she got to sit next to people who smoked at their desk. She said the culture is changing and it is great that it is changing

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

-Dr. Geller said thank you to those who joined them last Friday morning. She said they would give them the list of the people who attended.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

-Zimmerman said the Green Initiative Mini-Fund is due this Friday. This is their second year of the fund being in place. She said this is for projects that are \$500 or less and for groups that are making their programs sustainable.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

I. New Business

A. *Brian Khorshad - Vice Budget Review Director- Ashendorf

-Seth moved to approve Brian Khorshad as the assistant budget review director

-Ashendorf said Khorshad is helpful and competent. He asked if there were questions

-Jasso said Khorshad is in the office all of the time. She said he has been actively asking

questions about fiscal stuff and hearings.

-Bocarsly said since he is a stipended position they need to vote

-Seth called to question. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Khorshad was approved

B. *SOOF Allocations- Ashendorf

-Seth moved to move into SOOF allocations. Kraman seconded.

-Ashendorf introduced himself. He said Active Minds was removed. The total is 177 groups. He said his methodology is very similar to the one set up last year. There is a base allocation multiplied by the percentage they got. He said this is the fairest way he's seen it. He said this method is harsher on groups that ask for a lot of money and nicer to groups that ask for a little. This way the small allocations aren't too small and the larger allocations still have a considerable amount of money. The second column is lightly adjusted. He said the next column is the average score, the percent of the average score, etc. The first adjustment is a reduction that was multiplied by .2068.

-Jasso clarified the request amounts. She said when there is a big request, the formula tries to level out the playing field.

-Bocarsly said the allocation or recommended allocation from Sunday is different. He said Ashendorf is recommending this so they have to approve the amended allocations.

-Chu asked what they were doing to ensure that there isn't a cycle for groups that apply for excessive amounts of money.

-Ashendorf said that question is more for the funding study group. He said he is personally against the \$3000 cap. He said if there is a cap, it sets a target for people. He said that some groups just try to get \$3000. He said he doesn't know how to stop that but it will go to the funding study group

-Bocarsly said it is a good question but a difficult question that is more appropriate for the funding study group

-Jasso said hearing wise, she has a lot of emails. She said some groups didn't receive a hearing email. She asked how he made sure that the formula didn't effect groups that didn't have a hearing

-Ashendorf said that some groups got an email in their spam folder. Some groups didn't sign up for a hearing. He said that he made it so the hearing would benefit them. He said the hearing is a chance to show them how they're connecting the community, etc.

-Bocarsly asked if they were judged on a different score

-Ashendorf said no

-Jasso said there are certain aspects of the rubric where they needed a hearing and asked what he did about this

-Ashendorf said it is an issue with the score sheet. He said that is why BOD has an advantage, since every group has a hearing

-Dr. Geller said this is the first time in years that no group asked for more than the maximum and good job

-Hasnain asked if there would be changes implemented before winter SOOF.

-Ashendorf said he does have a lot of changes and doesn't know if it's fair to change mid-season. He said the rubric is incredibly redundant. He said that all forms are computerized, for example.

-El-Farra called to question the amended SOOF allocations. Seth seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the amended SOOF allocations were approved

-Mohebi asked if it mattered if they sat on one of these groups

-Bocarsly said no

I. *Funding Study Group- Bocarsly

- Kraman moved to go into the funding study group discussion. Seth seconded.
- Bocarsly said in the bylaws it says who should be in the Funding Study Group. He mentioned who would be in the group.
- Champawat said he designated Zimmerman for now
- Bocarsly said they are approving council members, Seth and Chu. He said one member needs to come from one of their appointees. Wendy Choi volunteered from Academic Affairs. He said the committee is open and all funding allocation committees. He said Kareema Vera from the CPC will be on that as well.
- Dr. Geller mentioned the CPC director. She asked if Mike Cohen is aware
- El-Farra asked how they picked the council members
- Bocarsly said he reached out to members not on CRC or ARC
- Jasso emailed them about the funding focus group, which is where they would hash out concerns that council members had to be brought to the funding study group in an organized matter. She said the meeting would be here tomorrow. She said they should all be there and she knew they would be to voice their fiscal concerns. She said that one is appointed. She said the council members would not be the voting members if not on the group but that they could voice their concerns during their meeting
- Bocarsly said the vice chair is typically the FiCom or one of the two council members
- Jasso said this is something they do in the funding study group.
- Bocarsly said the vice chair should be approved by the president
- Jasso volunteered to be the vice chair of the funding study group
- Mohebi moved to approve the funding study group. Seth seconded. With a vote of 10-0-2, the funding study group was approved.

I. Finance Committee Member- Cindy Wang

- Kraman moved to approve Wang. Hasnain seconded.
- Jasso said Wang is a second year and she is interested in being FiCom. She said Wang is part of the acapella group. She said that Wang is really great and truly enjoyed working with her. She said that Wang exceeded their expectations. She said that Wang was recruited by other offices. She said that she hopes they can meet Wang. She said there is one more position open after.
- Seth said Wang is really great and loves FiCom which is why she dropped from the financial supports commission
- Davis said the same except for AAC
- Seth moved to approve Wang. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, Wang was approved.
- Dr. Geller said there are two students are named Cindy Wang and she needs her ID number
- Jasso asked if she could email her
- Dr. Geller said yes and she needs it for her appointment letter

A. Yes on 30 Resolution*

- Kraman moved to discuss the resolution as an action item. Seth seconded.
- Seth said that El-Farra and other council members saw the need to endorse prop 30. He said there are restrictions on how they propose the yes on 30 campaign. He said it is effective coming from the undergraduate student association council
- El-Farra said the resolution is purely to support proposition 30 which is fine on their part since the UC regents did so, however they are not endorsing a campaign. She said they are funded differently
- Bocarsly asked for a Google Doc
- Seth said it was sent out
- El-Farra said a Google Doc where everyone edits gets hectic and said one person should

make changes.

-Chu said to make Seth the person to edit it.

-Seth read the resolution as follows:

Yes on 30 Resolution

Sponsored by: Lana El-Farra, Sahil Seth, & Yasar Mohebi

WHEREAS, the State of California's divestment from public higher education in the last 30 years, due in part to the passage of Proposition 13, has stifled the ability of UCLA to admit and educate undergraduate and graduate students without undue financial burden to them; and WHEREAS, total cost of attendance at UCLA has increased nearly 200% in the last six years from \$6802 in 2006 to \$13218 in 2012, pricing UCLA out of reach for many low-income students; and

WHEREAS, the goal for State funded education in California is to provide World Class education through adulthood and ensure that all Californians have access to public education; and WHEREAS, education is directly correlated to the growth of our economy and a way to plan for the future. Education should be one of California's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 is a proposed tax initiative led by California Governor Jerry Brown aimed at alleviating forecasted budget cuts to public higher education by increasing the California sales tax from 7.25% to 7.5% as well as creating three new tax brackets for taxable incomes exceeding \$250,000, \$300,000, and \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 was a compromise between labor, teacher, and nurses unions advocating for the Millionaire's Tax and Governor Jerry Brown's First Tax Increase Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst's Office, the nonpartisan agency advising the California Legislature on the state budget for over seventy years, estimates \$6.8 billion in revenue if Proposition 30 passes; and

WHEREAS, the University of California projects a 20 percent tuition hike and \$375 million cut that will immediately trigger if Proposition 30 does not pass; and

WHEREAS, the University of California projects \$2,400 tuition hike by the end of 2012, should Proposition 30 not pass.

WHEREAS, the UC Regents themselves have endorsed Proposition 30, citing it as the best option for avoiding a mid-year tuition hike;

WHEREAS, Other large institutions such as the LA Times have taken stances to support state funded education and Proposition 30; and

WHEREAS, elected student government officials are charged with advocating for measures that keep students best interests in mind; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of UCLA supports the passage of Proposition 30 in the November election,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of UCLA will taken large measures to support the initiative and positively campaign on behalf of Yes on 30.

Lana Habib El-Farra

USAC External Vice President

Sahil Seth

USAC Financial Supports Commissioner

Yasar Mohebi

USAC General Representative

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/28037>

<http://www.yesonprop30.com/>

[http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/California_Proposition_30,_Sales_and_Income_Tax_Increase_\(2012\)](http://ballotpedia.org/wiki/index.php/California_Proposition_30,_Sales_and_Income_Tax_Increase_(2012))

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-end-prop-30-prop38-20121002,0,2923644.story>

-El-Farra moved to edit it the “let it be further resolved” to “LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of UCLA will take it upon themselves to ensure that the student population is educated about prop 30 when going to the polls on November 6th.”

-Jasso said Dr. Nelson said the last one should be “let it finally be resolved” and to bold it to be consistent

-Starr said to put a period after mind

-Yoshida said you want an apostrophe after student

-Mohebi asked if they should add something about prop 38

-El-Farra said it is the Molly Munger tax. She said that Molly Munger goes directly towards education. She said if they start to throw out 38, students are going to get confused. She said they want to keep the messaging clear. She said it is a lot easier for them to keep messaging clear. She said this is the UCSA stance.

-Bocarsly said it is great to focus on what they’re focusing on

-Hester said the second to last whereas should have a lowercase o and that for the “therefore let it be resolved” the “passage of” should say something about supporting the passage of

-A member of the public said that they are getting a budget cut no matter what

-Kraman moved to change UCLA to the University of California Los Angeles

-Mason said for the 9th whereas, it should say “projects a \$2,400”

-Bocarsly asked what he thinks about the whereas about the 7.25% to 7.5% part and the compromise between labor, teacher, and nurses union part and if it is necessary

-El-Farra said why shouldn’t be involved. She said some students will fall into these tax brackets and she gets a lot of questions about it. She said there is a trade off between a tax increase and a tuition increase

-Bocarsly asked about the county increase

-El-Farra said it could be changed to say a .25%

-Seth said it should mention LA County

-Bocarsly recommended that it should say a “California sales tax increase to .25%.”

-Seth seconded. There were no objections.

-Bocarsly asked about citations.

-Kraman said he found a summary

-Jasso mentioned the comment Hasnain left

-Seth said they could take out that link

-El-Farra said they should change the title to “USAC Supports Higher Education”

-Seth said “Prop 30” somewhere

-Bocarsly said the UC regents mention prop 30 in their title

-El-Farra said other members use the full name

-Bocarsly said it says USAC resolution

-Seth moved to change the title to “Resolution to Endorse Proposition 30.” Kraman seconded.

-Bocarsly said they should fix the citations

-Seth said there is an LA Times reference and they could put a citation that references the LA Times

-Mason asked if they are still amending it

-Bocarsly said they could make an amendment

-Mason said to add a citation to the 10th whereas

-Seth asked if it before or after the semicolon

- Bocarsly said after
- Kraman moved to replace the third reference to the link he posted from the attorney general.
- El-Farra seconded.
- Bocarsly said they need to figure out the other citations, such as the description of Prop 30, the total cost of attendance, etc. He asked if there were other changes. He said a whereas mentions a 20 percent tuition hikes and said this might not be completely accurate
- Dr. Geller said it was a \$250 trigger cut and a buyout. She said that is for this year
- Bocarsly said the complaint about the tuition buyout is that they won't see the money until later
- El-Farra said the buyout happens this year
- Dr. Geller said they will give you an amount of money and if you don't raise tuition they will get more if the proposition passes and this would be this year. She said if it fails, they won't get the \$125 million and they will lose \$250 million . If it passes, it adds to \$375 million this year.
- Seth said he is trying to find the citation on the website.
- Bocarsly said he will change the numbering so that they are in order. He asked if they need number 3.
- Hasnain said they might have a stronger resolution if they chose someone more neutral
- Bocarsly said some are subjective and he doesn't know if they need a citation
- Hasnain asked which whereas it is
- Bocarsly said it is the 4th whereas.
- Hasnain made a friendly amendment to get rid of the Yes on 30 citation altogether, which means all the 3's need to change to 2's and all the 4's to 3's.
- Bocarsly asked if there were any other final changes.
- Seth said if anyone else could find it, it would be helpful.
- Bocarsly said they have to reread the amended resolution.
- El-Farra asked if they should put a link of what prop 13 is or explain what it is
- Kraman said he could look it up
- Mohebi asked if it would be re-edited
- Bocarsly said it could be a citation
- El-Farra read the resolution as follows:

Resolution to Endorse Proposition 30

WHEREAS, the State of California's divestment from public higher education in the last 30 years, due in part to the passage of Proposition 13, has stifled the ability of UCLA to admit and educate undergraduate and graduate students without undue financial burden to them; (1) and WHEREAS, total cost of attendance at UCLA has increased nearly 200% in the last six years from \$6,802 in 2006 to \$13,218 in 2012, pricing UCLA out of reach for many low-income students; (2) and

WHEREAS, the goal for State funded education in California is to provide World Class education through adulthood and ensure that all Californians have access to public education; and WHEREAS, education is directly correlated to the growth of our economy and a way to plan for the future. Education should be one of California's top priorities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 is a proposed tax initiative led by California Governor Jerry Brown aimed at alleviating forecasted budget cuts to public higher education by increasing the California sales tax by .25% as well as creating three new tax brackets for taxable incomes exceeding \$250,000, \$300,000, and \$500,000; (3) and

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 was a compromise between labor, teacher, and nurses unions advocating for the Millionaire's Tax and Governor Jerry Brown's First Tax Increase Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst's Office, the nonpartisan agency advising the California Legislature on the state budget for over seventy years, estimates \$6.8 billion in revenue

if Proposition 30 passes; (4) and

WHEREAS, the University of California projects a 20 percent tuition hike and \$375 million cut that will immediately trigger if Proposition 30 does not pass; (3) and

WHEREAS, the University of California projects a \$2,400 tuition hike by the end of 2012, should Proposition 30 not pass; (3) and

WHEREAS, the UC Regents themselves have endorsed Proposition 30, citing it as the best option for avoiding a mid-year tuition hike; (3) and

WHEREAS, other large institutions such as the LA Times have taken stances to support state funded education and Proposition 30; (4) and

WHEREAS, elected student government officials are charged with advocating for measures that keep students' best interests in mind.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California Los Angeles supports Proposition 30 on the November ballot;

FINALLY, LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California Los Angeles will take it upon themselves to ensure that the student population is educated about Proposition 30 when going to the polls on November 6th.

(1)<http://www.californiataxdata.com/pdf/Prop13.pdf>

(2)<http://againstcuts.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/AC-Packet-9-2012.pdf>

(3)<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/28037>

(4)<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-end-prop-30-prop38-20121002,0,2923644.story>

-El-Farra said to register to vote

-Chu called to question. Seth seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the resolution was approved.

-Jasso said contingency won't be used and that it would be advertised on the USAC website and on the USAC Facebook.

-Bocarsly said they don't want to use student fees for this and congratulations on this.

A. Election Board Discussion

-Hasnain said she wanted to talk about what was mentioned in the Daily Bruin

-Mason said it was mentioned earlier when they were talking about ARC and asked if there was a clear way to have a timeline for appointing

-Bocarsly said there are some applicants and if they had people in mind to forward them as well. He said Eena is working towards some of the changes for next year.

-Jasso said since Eena was the last E-board chair if she would be paid

-Bocarsly said she is doing it voluntarily. Changes done to the Election Code need to be done by the new E-board chair

-Mason asked if they wanted to look at changes in the committee

-Hasnain said the article in the DB made it seem like they wanted to alter E-code before the got a new chair

-El-Farra said they will eventually appoint someone. She said someone should be appointed ASAP to be included in these conversations.

-Bocarsly said it wouldn't be Eena's place to be in those conversations

-Mason said with the conflicts last year, she doesn't feel comfortable having last year's E-board and asked if there was a more objective way to look at this. She said that it could be Jasso potentially or someone who could deal with it without having a direct hand in it.

-Bocarsly said Kris plays that role

-Mason said students might have a different perspective

-Bocarsly said they can continue this conversation if she thinks this is a good idea. He said the election code is changed by them and they were elected to make those decisions

-Davis asked if they could be updated what the conversations consisted of concerning E-code

-Zimmerman said CRC

- Bocarsly said Eena is working on a potential proposal
- Jasso said they should invite council to be part of these meetings. She said that she never got an email about when meetings were happening. She said she felt like they were closed meetings and if they are opened up it would be beneficial. She said they may be biased but at the same time they all experienced it
- Bocarsly said he will make the attempts to that
- Mason said they should have a balance
- Zimmerman said CRC looks at E-board. She said once they develop a proposal for potential changes, which everyone is invited to, they could have their vote and CRC vote then brought to council
- Bocarsly said CRC would vote and E-board would present it to the council
- Zimmerman said right and they would present the recommendations from CRC and make sure it is accurate
- Jasso said a concern of hers is that when she was reading the article, it seemed like USAC was a united front. She said in the future for transparency, if all of USAC is for something to voice it but if it hasn't been talked about in council, it shouldn't say that they all stand behind something.
- Bocarsly agreed and said it wasn't written as clearly as it should have been.

A. Voter Registration

- Seth moved to go into voter registration.
- El-Farra said they want to have a Daily Bruin ad and wants it to be something that would come out of council. She would love to see a whole page ad that says register to vote with the link. She said it is very important that it gets sent to the whole campus. She said a full page would get the most attention. She said she doesn't know how to fund it and it could possibly be out of discretionary funds. She said it could be a collaboration out of different USAC offices. She said she wants it to be a discussion
- Starr asked how much it would be
- El-Farra said \$1020
- Tancinco said it might be more since it would be in color
- Starr said they could ask the Webmaster to put a link
- Yoshida said students might not go out and type it out
- Kraman said it could be a QR code
- Mohebi said he's never used his QR code
- Jasso said there is \$7800 after the last two events funded
- Seth said it might be difficult to register on their phone
- Hester asked if they thought about submitting an article
- Seth asked how much a half page was
- Jasso said around \$540
- Hester said they could reach out to mobile app people to put reminders on
- El-Farra asked how they get an ad up
- Bocarsly said it would be through Daily Bruin marketing
- Davis said they could go to the My.UCLA notices
- El-Farra said they had a register to vote thing and they are in the works to making the link where they could vote online. El-Farra said they don't get those numbers.
- Yoshida said she has a couple of contacts
- Kraman said they have a mobile interface for registering to vote
- Starr said it seems like a lot of money but they could do half from discretionary and half from offices
- Seth said he could throw in money for it
- Kraman said he would contribute
- Davis said he would contribute

- Starr said he could contribute
- Bocarsly said he would like to
- Mason said she could allocate funds to it and asked if they could mention Your Voice Your Vote
- El-Farra asked how much people are willing to put in
- Bocarsly said if they don't use it all it'll go back to discretionary
- Zimmerman said if they only use \$300 for example to make sure they let Deb Simmons know
- Jasso said there is no event code and they basically just take out of the funds. She said if the allocate the full \$1000 the flag shouldn't come up
- Bocarsly said it should be half and half
- Starr said half the remainder
- El-Farra said she would contribute as well
- Tancinco said they could do a freestanding insert
- Starr said it is a guarantee straight in the trash
- Tancinco mentioned the prices
- Bocarsly asked how many DB's are printed a day
- A member of the public said she didn't know
- El-Farra said that would mean they needed to make a flyer
- Bocarsly asked if that included the cost of the insert
- Starr said there are 10,000 printed a day. He recommended an ad instead
- Seth said a full-page ad is definitely noticeable
- El-Farra seconded
- Jasso asked if they could do a table tent on the hill
- Hester said they could have a table tent for voting
- Bocarsly said if they gave \$400 they would be fine.
- Seth asked how much each office would give
- Jasso said each office would give \$600 and the other \$420 if voted would be from discretionary.
- El-Farra said it would be 7 council members
- Bocarsly said it would be \$1020 for black and white
- Zimmerman said they could do off the table how much each office wants to contribute
- Tancinco asked if there was space in the Daily Bruin for this
- Bocarsly said that is true
- Jasso said they need 2 days prior
- El-Farra asked when her office hours were
- Jasso said Friday
- Bocarsly said they are asking \$400 for discretionary. He asked if there were any other recommendations
- Chu asked if they could be in the center of the paper
- Seth moved to move \$400 from the discretionary fund for the use of a Daily Bruin ad to encourage people to register to vote. With a vote of 11-0-1, \$400 was approved.

XI. Announcements

- Jasso said the funding calendar is up and running. She said to help spread the word any way they can. She said to spread information about funding.
- Mason said National Coming Out Week starts this Thursday and will end next Thursday. Throughout the week, they are taking tours to different places, there will be an art gallery, film screening, the word on Wednesday, and the week will end with Your Voice Your Vote.
- Tancinco said tomorrow is Jaws at Sunset Rec. Thursday they have a sneak of Sinister and they are all on the VIP list if they want to go. Workaholics, Bombay Bicycle Club, etc. are coming up as well.
- El-Farra said to apply to the Student of Color Conference. She thanked everyone who helped her help people register to vote. She said after the 22nd she will profess her love for them

-Seth said gets their staff involved at the on-campus jobs fair and the textbook scholarship. Applications are due Saturday. <http://www.usac.ucla.edu/fsc> and click on the link to register. He said they need a bunch of people to apply for that. He said to please go to Facebook groups and outreach.

-Chu said it is mental health awareness week this week. Monday they had stigma day and today was the body heal and mind and convention and tomorrow is the QPR suicide prevention workshop. She encouraged all of them to go. There is national depression screening in south campus Thursday. There is also a National Coming Out week coming up. She also brought free stuff. She said there should be enough for everyone sitting at the table.

-Starr said Jaws is tomorrow

-El-Farra said they will register voters

-Starr said the pool will be open after hours and there will be food

-Yoshida said thank you to those who went to farmers market

-Mohebi said he got the tickets

-Chu said this year she would love to do a spread the word to end the word r-word. She said they are putting together a small task force of people. She said if anyone is interested to send them their way

-Hasnain said a member of best buddies would like to get involved

-Bocarsly said he would like to get involved

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 9:59 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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