

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 16, 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 7:02 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

Approval of the Agenda

-Mason moved to strike the cultural affairs grant  
-Hasnain moved to make the appointment an action item. Chu seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the appointment was made into an action item.  
- Mohebi moved and Mason 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

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- Seth moved and Starr seconded to approve the minutes for October 9, 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

Rachel Quarrel- Director of the University Volunteer Center

-Quarrel said Hasnain has been working extremely hard and she wanted to thank her for that. She talked about feeding the hungry and homeless and working with special needs students. She talked about One Bus, One Cause. She said that they are really excited to participate in this. She said that in November they would be going to the VA. She said Hasnain and herself are happy to explain anything else to them. She said that if she needs anything she can take questions now. She is at volunteer.ucla.edu.

V. Special Presentations

**Student and Campus Life Technology- Jonathan Curtiss**

Curtiss asked to show this short video before the movies. He passed around statistics. He said last year, UCLA received over 1300 copyright infringement complaints. He said any violation of federal law or any changes in student's status gets automatically reported. HE said this could open up an investigation which could lead to deportation. He suggested that they warn students about the consequences, hence the video. He said he showed it last year. It was created by a UCLA film student working in student affairs. He showed the video. He said that an avenue would be showing it in Ackerman. He said to consider it and talk about it. He said to let them know about this and he could get the format in terms of running it.

-Tancinco said this would be a great idea. She said it would need to be in a 4x3 format. The film staff is meeting now and he could meet with her director. She said the door is open.

**Undergraduate Student Initiated Education- Alice (Student Representative for USIE)**

-She said that this is a program designed to provide juniors and seniors a chance to create their own class and facilitate their own seminar. They start from scratch and create their own syllabus. She said students apply right now and there is an application through the USIE website. She said students think of their own topics and design the class from the bottom up. She said it was created by students. She said that it is a program modeled after a program in Berkeley. She said they are trying to make USIE as big here as in Berkeley. She said they know a lot of opportunities on campus already but only half of them know about this. She said not a lot of students know that they can teach a seminar. She said this is a great program. It started by a proposal and started as a pilot program. When it started it had to be reviewed every two years. She said it is a way to gain education experience. She said last year they reviewed the program again. She said right now, they are trying to get the word out. She said this is fast information about the committee and what the council does. She talked about the Faculty Executive Committee. She said they make policies for undergraduate education at UCLA and authorize, supervise, and regular all undergraduate courses. She said they want to get students to embrace this opportunity. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, November 5th at 5pm. She said it has been difficult to advertise because generally juniors and seniors moved off the hill. She said they are reaching out to USAC, using word of mouth, listserves, etc. She said they make up a humongous aspect of campus. She said this is an outreach to get more people to know about it. She said the applications are reviewed by the Student-Faculty Advisory Committee. This committee consists of students and faculty, with 2 student representatives to look at proposals. She said they are trying to get more people to apply and be facilitators. Faculty members can teach students about the program in Winter and Spring quarter. She said if they know anyone who is a 1st or 2nd year, this is a great experience for them to learn about the program. She said they are trying to outreach to faculty as well. After the application is accepted, facilitators work with sponsors. She said winter quarter is when they look after the syllabus and learn about teaching in classes. She said faculty members continue to work with students in Spring quarter. She said in USIE, people can make up any topic they want. She said they have a class about restaurants and museums. They also have a class about physics and its relation to superheroes. She said it is a great way for students to learn about a certain aspect in a fun way. She said USIE has received a lot of positive feedback. They have been in articles and the UCLA College Report. She presented the different websites for USIE, FEC, and UcG. She said these committees work closely with academics.

-Seth asked if she could send information out.

-Hester said she could send it out to them.

## VI. Appointments

A. \*A. Penn Scoble – Financial Aid Policy Committee (FAPC)

-Seth moved to approve Scoble. Kraman seconded.

-Hester said they appointed another person a few weeks ago. FAPC makes decisions about allocations for financial aid.

-Bocarsly said this is a 2 person committee

-Hester said the vote was 2-0-0. Hester said they suggested for him to broaden his understanding to students at UCLA and expand on communities that are affected by financial aid policy. She said that Scoble drew on his own personal experience with his financial situation. She said that there are issues by a wide variety of students and that Scoble could be well informed on any of those.

-Scoble introduced himself. He said he is very happy to be here.

-Bocarsly asked why he applied

-Scoble said he is qualified and that he is passionate about it.

-Yoshida asked him to expand on his qualifications

-Scoble said he is a referee, a regents scholar, worked in the conservation center and was recommended for leadership positions, and he comes from a background that gives him a lot of perspective. He said something that was important to him was playing on a soccer team with a lot of kids that were undocumented and low income. He has a middle class background and a lot of experience being friends with people from different backgrounds. He said he went to private school K-8 and met students not of low income

-Seth talked about being an advocate for the middle class. He said with the middle class scholarship not passing, how he sees himself being an advocate for the middle class

-Scoble said the reason the university accepts out of state students is because they get more money from them. He said there are loopholes where they can become in state residents. He said they can examine how much money is given to them and reallocate it. He said they could look at policies of loans.

-Hasnain said out of state students aren't there because of their different tuition rates

-Scoble said he agrees. He said that the university has a lot of diversity. He said the university was made to provide education for students of California

-Jasso asked how he would avoid alienation of people

-Scoble said he would be very open to people in office hours. He said he would like to talk to the financial aid office and have people in that office give people his number. He said it is important to make himself available to students. He said he wouldn't want to alienate a big portion of the school.

-Jasso asked how he would ensure that he would get the ideas or some of the issues out to students. She asked what kinds of networks he would create and how that would affect how he would advocate for students

-Scoble said he is a part of midnight soccer and they play on a parking structure. He said he is part of the regent's scholar's society. He said he would be very happy to speak to students about issues. He said he would go to floor meetings and classes to talk about prop 30. He said he would have extra office hours and would talk to a financial aid person. He said he would take any measure to do so. He said he would be willing to hold extra office hours if needed. He said he is willing to put in the time.

-Mason asked about his knowledge of state and federal issues in terms of financial aid on campus.

-Scoble talked about prop 30, 38, AB130, the dream act, and 131. He said that another

important thing he would try to accomplish is to make sure the undocumented students who go to high school in LA would know that the door is open to them. He said when legislation passes, it sometimes takes a while to let people know that it passed.

-Mason talked about the commuter community who doesn't have the same benefits for scholarships. She asked how he would reach out to them.

-Scoble said he could call them, but he wasn't sure how realistic this was. He said that he is willing to do these things personally. He said he would talk to them himself.

-Hasnain asked about resources at UCLA that address financial aid issues outside of the office

-Scoble talked about the Blue and Gold Plan, for students whose parents make less than \$80,000 overall. He said there are grants and scholarships. He talked about Pell Grants and State grants, both of which have grade point average thresholds. He talked about the University Grant. He talked about the thresholds for these. He said the number of dollars provided could be better. He also mentioned work study as a way to support themselves.

-Mohebi talked about how Scoble wants to talk to students. He said what tangible ideas he has for outreach to students. He said talking is very ambiguous.

-Scoble said the financial aid emails are sometimes ignored. He said he would like to work with the financial aid office and tell them that they could refer people to him. He said he would ref games throughout the LA area. He said a lot of the answers are vague but he is willing to go out and look for more tangible ways.

-Mason asked what are some changes that happened to the Pell Grant and the Cal Grant and how they affected students at UCLA

-Scoble said they went down. He said over the last 20 years, the amount that the state government gives is about half. He said tuition is going to be raised more if prop 30 does not pass. He said it is possible that the raise would be less if it is not passed.

-Jasso talked about the financial aid policy committee. She said the committee has been dormant. She asked for a few examples where he's been able to hold people accountable on a student and administrative level.

-Scoble said he believes in responding to an email when he gets it.

-Jasso asked how he would get people to respond

-Scoble said he would follow up with people. He said this is something that is important to him. He said that this is something that he sees as a job and duty. He said he would be dogged about it.

-Bocarsly said they would have a quick discussion and let him know after they were done voting

-Mohebi said he was great

-Starr said he was great and knows a lot

-Seth said that an issue that affects him is the middle class scholarship. He said having an advocate was a good thing. He said that his answers were amazing and he would advocate for the middle class and lower income students as well

-Jasso said she was weirded out about his out of state student hypothesis. She said that is something after the fact. She said they could follow up and make sure that the out of state students are not neglected. She said she knows a lot of out of state students who are affected drastically by financial aid.

-Bocarsly said the appointees are representatives of them and they can all approach them

-Starr said that Scoble realized what he said. He called to question

-Hasnain said that Scoble wanted to lower scholarships for out of state tuitions

-El-Farra said he is qualified. She said he justified the fact that he doesn't receive financial aid and he justifies it by saying that he has friends that receive financial aid. She said how they could appoint someone who doesn't apply for financial aid

-Seth said that not getting financial aid affects him and his family a lot. He said with the middle class scholarship not passing, there should be a strong advocate for that.

-Hester said she understands what she's saying but that part of the issue with money comes down to financial aid. She said that she hopes that he could take this position and continue to be well-versed on the Blue and Gold Plan. She said that Scoble could expose students to outside sources as well. She said she liked that Scoble reiterated that he is willing to learn and open himself up to speak with other people. She said they could see it in their role to help appointees to reach out to networks that they are not closely related to. She said that can be a role to be a link between the two.

-Mason said she wasn't hearing anything new. She said it was the same answer that all funneled back into prop 30. She said she was looking for him to improve. She said she wasn't sure about the feasibility of his goals. She said she would like to see more structure.

-Davis said she mentioned this with almost every appointment, but that they should consider a balance. She said the other appointment supports himself. She said both have different perspectives. She said they are very different but would compliment each other well.

-Seth said Scoble seems passionate and he said he would be willing to work with both appointments.

-Starr called to question.

-Mohebi said they could follow up with the appointments. He said when someone says something about out of state students, it affects some of them. He said while the UC system supports Californians, they are the representatives of all students.

-Hester asked when the office hours were so that they could all be aware

-Bocarsly said he wasn't sure but it would all be online. He said Scoble showed a lot of passion and dedication. He said if he is appointed, they could talk to him about the issues they care about. He said representatives should be cognizant about these issues.

-Starr called to question. Seth seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 10-1-1, Scoble was approved.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. \*Contingency Allocations

-Kraman moved to approve contingency allocations. Mason seconded.

-Jasso said she has been working on financial committee guidelines. She said it says that the finance committee chair will not allocate a third of the funds until he or she knows about the final surplus numbers in order to be safe. She said this question came up in the past. She said it is because they don't fall into the situation they had last year. She said she would talk about it in her financial committee report later. They would find out the surplus tentatively the week of November 2nd.

-Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$17,647.81 for their programs.

A total of \$6,745.25 was requested from contingency.

A total of \$1,820.00 is recommended for allocation for this week.

There is a total of \$50,912.43 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

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

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

**President – David Bocarsly**

Bocarsly said that the CPO welcome event is on Monday at 5:30 in JWAC. He said his office is one of the sponsors. He said the all-USAC retreat is coming up in a week and a half. He said it would be in Sunset Recreation Center. He thanked some of the administrators for agreeing to come. He said it would be a great opportunity to meet all the USAC members. He said that they will be giving formal invitations within the next couple of days

Zimmerman asked what the times were

Bocarsly said it would be around 2:30-4:30. He said they are looking into doing refreshments as well.

Tancinco asked if this was for the entire staff

Bocarsly said yes. This is October 26th. He said We Run the City is coming up. He talked about the Presidents coming November 16th. He said it should be a wonderful program. He said it would consist of presidents from until back of 1947. He said some of them are organizing a government's forum. He said the campus wide email was sent out. He said it can hopefully get a lot of people to register to vote. He said the second intern meeting is tomorrow. He said to please email him if they can make it to the meeting at 7pm in Wooden in the main conference room.

**Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester**

Hester said this Friday is the Your Voice Your Vote concert and the Student Networking Night. She said they are having representatives from CSP and Deb Geller. She said she hopes to see them all there. She said she met with Mike Cohen, who suggested having a USAC council meeting on the hill. She said this could get people excited about elections. She said they could have a meeting geared towards international students. She said this way, they could get people involved and more aware. She asked if they would be willing to have a meeting on the hill.

-Starr said they could have a meeting in the dining hall

-Hester said they are having the CSP luncheon soon. She said next Wednesday is the IVP fellowship meeting. This will include introductions.

**External Vice President- Lana El-Farra**

El-Farra said to vote. She said that they had a meeting and they outreached to people to get them to vote. She said in terms of numbers, they are over 2000. She said thank you to Bocarsly for the email. She said when she checked, they had 200 voter reg people and the numbers have increased since. She said they also have the first EVP update video. There will be another one in October and they will be bimonthly after that. She said the video is about 4 minutes long. She said they figured out their SOCC delegation. She said it was hard to narrow it down. They accepted 114 people. It was extremely difficult to narrow it down. She said they are having a prop week of action next week. She said CAC helped them with this. It will be called Prop to the Props Week of Action. This will be on propositions and there will be rallies. She said there was a good turnout. Bruin Democrats did a really great job. The staff and internship meetings have already started.

**Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis**

Davis said USIE applications are due November 5th. She said she has been meeting with Alice and administrators who have been working on USIE. She said Berkeley has 419 a semester and they offer 15 one quarter a year. She said from discussions, they are going to have a committee in academic affairs for USIE so that it is more student-initiated. She talked about Major Blast on the hill tomorrow. She said they will be there. They talked about the academic services application on the iPhone being developed. She said that if there are small services they are aware of to let her

know.

**Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman**

-Zimmerman said thank you to all those who attended the solar panel event. She said they will be saving around 200,000 pounds of CO2 emissions. She said it is great to see people come together. She said the student who came up with the idea was there to speak. She said the TGIF large fund deadline is October 26th. She said she hopes that the solar panels will inspire students. She said to think big, green, and sustainable. She said lastly, the fire instructions are here. She thanked all of them and that the student groups have been doing a great job. She said it would be October 23rd.

-Yoshida asked if they don't pass

-Zimmerman said they would send recommendations and they would work to fix those issues. She said there has to be clear passageways from the desk to the door and nothing hanging from the fire extinguishers. She said if there is a violation, they will come back to recheck it. She said if they are doing last minute cleaning to let her know if they are doing large trash amounts. She said she will coordinate pick ups if needed.

**Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici**

-Lazarovici said she watched the debate with one of the student clubs and she joined in on phone banking. She talked to a voter in Nevada. She said she worked on get out the vote and that there is early voting in Nevada. She said early voting takes place in malls and super markets. She said it is very convenient. She said early voting in Nevada starts October 20th. She said she thinks that the voter she talked to will go out and vote early. She mentioned that because she heard everyone talking about voter registration. She said that human contact is what is going to be really effective.

**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 for those applying for BOD, the deadline is this Friday. She said to speak to their student advisor. She said she wanted to talk about their first funding workshop. She said she sent out a link about funding presentations in their staff meetings. She said she would send out the link later tonight. It would take about 15 minutes of their time. She said if they are interested to fill out the Google form as soon as they can and let her know.

-Seth asked if she could send it out again.

-Jasso said to make sure they send out their reqs on time. She said Mason visited her to get a signature. She said she works at the law school.

-Tancinco said they are screening Moon Rise Kingdom. Tomorrow afternoon Bombay Bicycle Club is having a show tomorrow at noon in Bruin Plaza. They came from Britain. Tomorrow night they are showing a musical. Tuesday would be Paranormal Activity 4. She said they would always have access to the VIP list.

-Mason said they are in the middle of national coming out week. She said they had a tour starring the director of the LGBT center. Tomorrow is the word on Wednesday with a Pacific Islander who identifies with the queer community and does slam poetry. She said on Thursday they would be having a reception for the queer Chicano/a art gallery and they would be bringing the artists. She said the concert would be on Friday and thanks to Mohebi and Davis. She said they would

have a series of events on Dias de los Muertos and to talk about commodification. She said they would have Bruin in the Kitchen. Next Saturday would be a trip to Oliveros Street.

-Hester asked about the art event

-Mason said it would be Thursday

-El-Farra said there are 4 days left and she would love to see all of them out there for at least 1 hour. She said to come out on Bruinwalk and register all of their friends.

-Chu said a lot of people are getting sick and reminded all of them that SWC and the Ashe center offers cold fighting packs. She said feel free to send people to the SWC office

-Yoshida said there is a sexual assault prevention training and it was moved to De Neve

-Hasnain said October 27th is the day of service. She said they have different sites with animals, hunger and homelessness, etc. She said they would have a film and panelist event. She said they will have representatives from helping Janet and it would tie back to Janet and bone-marrow registration. She said she would appreciate it if they all attend

-Seth said the textbook scholarship ended. He said thank you for the marketing push.

-Jasso asked if it would be possible to have a Google doc for announcements

-Hasnain said they could use the calendar

-El-Farra said they could use the Facebook group more

-Starr said they have the minutes

-Bocarsly said they could have it open and they could print a couple of copies

-Mason said they could send out the announcements on the agenda

-Hester said they could add it periodically

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

## XIII. Adjournment

- El-Farra moved and Mason seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Acclamation.

## XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali

USAC Minutes Taker

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