

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL  
Tuesday, October 23, 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 7:00 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

Approval of the Agenda

-Hester moved to add a travel and advocacy grant as a consent item

- Starr moved and Kraman 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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- Mohebi moved and Starr seconded to approve the minutes for October 16, 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

V. Special Presentations

A. Homecoming/Pauley Student Spotlight- Kenn Heller

-Heller introduced himself as a part of recreation and associate director of innovations. He said he is here to talk about a program that was on his radar. He said on November 2nd, for the first time UCLA students will be able to go to Pauley Pavilion. He said what they have the event called Pauley Opening Madness. He said the event starts at 6:30, which is a week from this incoming Friday. He said the event would be free. He said hopefully a lot of people would come. He said they would have to get a ticket at the CTO. He said the doors open at 6:30. He said outside and

the Southside would be the Homecoming celebration. He said there would be free food and booths. He said that would run from 6:30-8:30 and people will probably go earlier. The event in Pauley will probably start earlier. The men and women's basketball team will be doing scrimmages and they will have representatives come. He said there would be a free throw competition and a lot of freebies. They will have celebrities there as well. There will be a ticket swap as well. He said the idea is to come to Pauley for the first time. He said this is a venue paid for by students. He said one of their most exciting aspects is that they were able to get additional funding from reg fee to be able to keep the building open until 1. He said they still haven't figured this out, but they might be able to get people out of the parking lot. He said part of it is to see what it's like to walk around. He said that this is an opportunity to see something happening there before the first basketball game.

-Tancinco asked if it was just free for UCLA students

-Heller said it was just for UCLA students and a select group of 1000 parents.

-Seth asked if it was first come first served seating

-Heller said it is reserved for the first few sections

-Hester asked if there was a Twitter hash tag for Pauley

-Heller said it's already planned. He said they would promote that. He said it was a free event because students want to be able to participate. He said it was originally designed as the student opening.

-Hester asked if they should wear UCLA gear.

-Heller said absolutely.

-Chu asked about people who already purchased their ticket

-Heller said the person who purchased the ticket should go to where they bought it and they will get refunded

-Dr. Nelson asked when it would be

-Heller said it would be next Friday

## VI. Appointments

### A. \*Lauren Ball – Communications Board

-Seth moved to approve Ball for comm. board. Starr seconded.

-Kraman said the recommendation was 3-0-0. He said Ball has a solid knowledge about the position and what the communications board is about. They wanted her to look into the pledge referendum. Kraman said Ball was aware of what Comm. board oversees besides the Daily Bruin.

-Ball introduced herself as a second year communications major. She said she loves UCLA and wants to give back to campus.

-Jasso asked why she is most qualified for this position

-Ball said she is a representative as a student. She said the communications board needs a student. She has a passion for UCLA. She said she loves media and could bring a unique perspective.

-Mason asked what her knowledge was of the communications board

-Ball said there are three committees. She said there is UCLA media, etc. There are there websites that they control. There's the executive committee, the operations committee (the liaison between student editor of chiefs and the board), and the financial committee (who oversees the budget).

-Seth asked what her knowledge is of the Pledge referendum.

-Ball said it was an increase in fees and \$3 went to the communications board. She said that it was a small band-aid to a larger problem, which is that media is hurting all over the country. She said this is a problem throughout other newspapers.

-Jasso asked what she learned so far

-Ball said she went to a 5-hour orientation. She attended 2 board meetings and learned the problems student media faces and learned about a changing dynamic in media. She said she

- learned the history of the board and the problems that have been hurting the board over the past couple of years.
- Tancinco asked about the problems and what she plans to do
  - Ball said their circulation for the Daily Bruin has decreased. Marketing has been focusing on creating apps, which is a great way to reach out to students through media. She said they created a platform where any student can make an app. She said she would love to see another organization that would make apps for student groups. She said this way; they could deliver more advertisers to a greater number of students.
  - Lazarovici asked what are her other interests in journalism via communications.
  - Ball said she wants to go into food marketing and food writing. She said she couldn't be in the Daily Bruin or any of these other groups because it would be a conflict of interest.
  - Hester asked what experiences she's had to help her in this position
  - Ball said in high school, she did a lot. She said professionally, she learned to balance her time well. She said it is a small position but she can make it more than it was in the past. She said she wants to have regular hours. She said people can talk to her and she wants to be available
  - El-Farra asked about the other publications in student media
  - Ball said there are 7 news magazines. There is femme, the Jewish magazine, Outright, No Mo, La Gente, etc. She said these magazines allow groups to reach their communities and tell other Bruins what's going on in different cultures. She said she picked up a magazine and if she knew where to get these magazines, she could let other people know and make them aware to students.
  - Jasso asked if she started initiating conversations with the editor and chief
  - Ball said she has been temporarily placed on the operations committee. She said because of the uncertainty of her position she didn't want to reach out just yet but she hopes to very soon.
  - Starr moved to move into discussion
  - Yoshida said Ball works in her office and have an insane work ethic. She said she is really impressive
  - Jasso asked how Ball learned about the orientation and meetings.
  - Bocarsly said there was a session and Ball was interested. He said the committee is aware they are not approved yet.
  - Starr called to question. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Ball was approved for the communications board.
  - Dr. Geller asked if it was a 1 or 2 year appointment.

A. \*Tammy Rubin – Communications Board

- Mohebi moved to approve Rubin for the communications board. Kraman seconded.
- Hester said Rubin had a thorough understanding of what the communications board does. She said that she also spoke about her experience as the high school editor of their newspaper. She said Rubin advocated for media on campus in terms of working with the Daily Bruin. She said they suggested that they talk about the roles of other sources of media on campus. The vote was 2-0-1.
- Hasnain asked what the reason was for the abstention
- Mason said the conflict is that it is a powerful role. She said with all of her experience, she is concerned about her ability to step away from her own biases and treating each of the cultural magazines fairly. She said this is something that doesn't deserve a no vote but she did want to raise this concern she had.
- Rubin introduced herself as a second year undeclared life science major. She said she really values what the comm. board does and that having a voice on campus is really important.
- Kraman asked about her knowledge of the comm. board meeting.
- Rubin said she went to the orientation meeting. She said she researched on it and found that it is broken up into 3 different groups. She is tentatively under the operations committee. She said

- while there are people who may understand the finances of comm. board, she actually goes to school here and knows what the comm. board does.
- Chu asked her to elaborate on innovations
  - Rubin said problems are that the paper is going out of style. She said news will never go out of style and that websites are important in empowering people to have a voice. She said people were tentative using apps in general. She said she told the board that a lot of students have phones.
  - Dr. Geller asked what she believes the role in comm. board is and if they should be viewpoint neutral
  - Rubin said it is responsible to empower students. She said she doesn't think it is necessary for the board to expand on their opinions but should rather allow students to do so. She said as a student she has opinions but on comm. board she would have a different responsibility.
  - Hester asked about the publications outside of the Daily Bruin.
  - Rubin said they are in charge of websites such as Bruinwalk and different magazines. She said having all of those different options is crucial and speaks to the innovations they should have.
  - Bocarsly asked her to wait outside for discussion.
  - Davis said Rubin is her chief of staff and as her position has put aside a lot of her own personal opinions. She said Rubin is great
  - Seth said she's known Rubin for a while. He said Rubin talked about heated issues.
  - Jasso said she respects his opinion but she wanted to clarify. She said one of the concerns was that in an op-ed piece, she said Bruin Plaza is not a place to speak their opinions. She said that is concerning but that she is great and qualified.
  - Bocarsly said when they appoint people they represent all of them.
  - El-Farra said Rubin is a really good candidate and has the knowledge, but they shouldn't disregard her past writings. She said that Rubin's writings have offended a lot of students on campus. She said she can be efficient but being objective is different
  - Kraman said she said she would be able to do her role and be unbiased
  - Starr said he voted for someone who misquoted him because their work ethic might not reflect their personal opinions. He said that he sent an email about it.
  - Jasso said it is one thing to look at her but they should think about her representing students. She said they should look at if they're appointing people or representatives.
  - El-Farra said this is comm. board and are working with entities that are powerful.
  - Davis said that Rubin mentioned empowering the student voice and that she emphasized empowering other students. She said she would be able to empower other student's voices. She said Rubin has used periodicals to express her opinions
  - Kraman said they are appointing 4 undergraduates. He said Rubin wouldn't be the end-all dictator of comm. board. He said there are people who will be checking her
  - El-Farra said she is not against people having opinions, but it is the way that she has expressed her opinions in the past have been concerning for a lot of people on campus
  - Mohebi asked if Rubin would still be able to write op-eds.
  - Bocarsly said it's stated on there
  - Mohebi said she is fully capable of this position. He said that they asked if she would be unbiased and he doesn't think they're in the position to say that she's lying. He said that they need to give her the benefit of the doubt and hold her responsible
  - Mason said her concern is the committee that she chose to be on and her reasoning's. She said she wanted the power to choose a staff. She said that in conjunction with her biases and previous writings concerns her. She said chief of staff steers the newspaper in a certain direction.
  - Seth said the reason she chose that was because she was editor in chief of her high school newspaper. He said that anyone who wants to be editor in chief needs to be qualified. He said that they always choose between two great candidates for editor in chief.

- Bocarsly asked if Kraman could ask if it would be a 1 or 2 year appointment.
- Kraman said 1 year.
- Starr called to question. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 8-0-4, Rubin was approved for the communications board.

A. \*Jonathan Martinez – Community Service Mini Fund Chair

- Kraman moved to approve Martinez. Mohebi seconded.
- Hester said the CS Mini Fund budget director serves on the committee. She said he can hold this position and demonstrated leadership abilities. Martinez cited transportation and special supplies. Hester said Martinez talked about his responsibilities and duties and how he would uphold these. Hester said the only suggestion is to emphasize his ability to uphold the committee chair. The vote was 2-0-0.
- Jasso said this is an urgent appointment and the application is due in 4 days. She said without a chair, there are no hearing and no funding
- Zimmerman said she advises this fund pretty closely. She said she helps with logistics and she is there to guide and help them. She said she is excited to have a few more committee members on her team.
- Bocarsly said there are 2 positions left
- Hasnain said they have been trying to push this appointment and keep in mind this is a time sensitive appointment.
- Martinez introduced himself as a 4th year. He said he wants to apply because he has the experience and the drive. He said he has the drive and knowledge. He said he is a math minor and likes financial matters.
- Kraman asked about his involvement with community service groups.
- Martinez said he was involved with Project Literacy, have done tutoring, mentorship, and health fairs.
- Hasnain asked what his experience is with the CS Mini fund
- Martinez said he would apply
- Hasnain asked what he likes about the app
- Martinez said the evaluation part
- Mason asked what are the needs for community service projects
- Martinez said a lot of people ask for transportation services so they can go to sites
- Mohebi said he wanted to change access and he asked how he would
- Martinez said not a lot of people know about the fund but don't apply because they don't know how. He said he would inform people about it through Facebook events. He said he would utilize social media to get people aware of this funding application
- Dr. Geller said he was involved with organizations and asked how he would stay objective when evaluating groups he has personal connections to
- Martinez said he doesn't want to let his personal biases get in the way and that everyone deserves a fair chance. He said he will look at the application and how effectively they justify their requests
- Seth moved to go into discussion. He said he seems qualified and great.
- Mohebi called to question. Chu seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Martinez was approved for the community service mini fund chair

A. \*Sabrina Ponce – Community Service Mini Fund Committee Member

- Seth moved to approve the appointment of Ponce
- Hester said the vote was 2-0-0. They recommended she go more into the fund and expand more on her experiences with Bruin Hope and how she is experienced with large and small groups. She said Ponce spoke to what needs community service projects have in terms of food and transportation. She said the suggestions came out of what she emphasized. She said with the

- vote they are confident in her ability to carry out this position.
- Ponce introduced herself as the project liaison director for CSC. She said she applied for finance director for Bruin Hope. She said she wanted to see more into the process of allocations.
- Hester asked how she would describe student groups large and small.
- Ponce said she started volunteering with Amigos de UCLA. She said she worked with larger organizations as well. She said the only difference is usually just the transportation. She said she really wants to be part of this because the committee members have to be neutral and fair. They need to understand there is no difference in terms of dedication for different sized groups.
- Mohebi asked how she sees herself being unbiased.
- Ponce said she doesn't tend to favor small projects because she is the director of one. She said often, the only difference between groups is the technicality. She said groups collaborate with different projects. She said UCLA students demonstrate that no cause or issue is more worthy than the others and she understands that as well
- Kraman asked about the use of CS Mini and how she sees it outreaching to other projects
- Ponce said she could maybe advertise in resource centers so that they reach out to people already looking for resources.
- Hasnain moved into a discussion.
- Seth called to question. Kraman seconded.
- With a vote of 12-0-0, Ponce was approved for the community service mini fund chair.

- A. \*Peter Berquist – Wooden Center Board of Governors
- Seth moved to go into the appointment of Berquist. Kraman seconded.
  - Kraman said the Wooden Center Board of Governors handles the overall budgeting and project management of Wooden and the other spaces recreation oversees.
  - Starr said meetings are 7:30. He said the meetings are early.
  - Hester said the recommendation was 3-0-0. They recommended him to expand on WACBOG and expand on the benefits of Wooden. She said they wanted to see what his knowledge of in terms of people that don't use it as much and talk about issues from the past.
  - Berquist introduced himself. He said he wanted to extend his involvement on campus in Wooden. He said he is in Starr's office.
  - Kraman asked what his knowledge is of the Wooden center and how he would outreach
  - Berquist said there was a quorum problem. He said he would make sure they make the meeting time. He said having the ability to vote is important. He said he would like to expand on knowledge of funds and cater to a large group of students.
  - Yoshida asked how he would make Wooden a more valued place for students
  - Berquist said they could gradually allow people to look into programs that are offered there and see if they are interested
  - Yoshida asked what the process is for implementing new classes is and how they would get opinions on these
  - Berquist said it would probably be a 2/3 vote. He said they could begin developing processes to find funding.
  - Kraman asked about the structure of the board
  - Berquist said there are 4 undergraduates and non-voting members that represent other entities of campus.
  - Jasso asked how tall he is
  - Berquist said he is 6'6
  - Starr moved into discussion
  - Bocarsly said he is looking for a 1-year appointment
  - Kraman said he believes so
  - Berquist said it's one of each
  - Bocarsly said they would move into discussion. There are also two alternates

- Hasnain called to question. El-Farra seconded.
- Davis asked what year Angie is
- Kraman said she would be a third year
- Hasnain called to question. El-Farra seconded
- Hester asked what term it is.
- Hasnain called to question for a 1-year appointment. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Berquist was approved for the Wooden Center Board of Governors.

A. \*Angie He – Wooden Center Board of Governors

- Starr moved to approve He for Wooden Center Board of Governors. Seth seconded.
- Hester said He is going for WACBOG. She said He works as a customer service representative and is an assistant for the neurology center. He was knowledgeable and named the administrators on the board. Hester said He talked about how Wooden could communicate their programs to the wider UCLA audience. She said He is cognizant of improvements that could be made. The recommendation was 2-0-0. They recommended that He talk about Wooden and her work experiences.
- He introduced herself. She is a third year econ major and is pre-med. She said she is applying because she works at Wooden and knows a lot of the functions and programs there. She said it is a family at the recreations desk. She said she is proud of the facilities there.
- Kraman asked what some of the current issues that the Wooden center faces are
- He said they are looking at space. She said they are looking at Sproul exercise. She talked about Holly and utilizing that space. She said there are debates on whether they should change a racquetball court or parking lot space into a multiuse space. She said a lot of times they are practice spaces anyway. She said they are doing a healthy campus initiative where they work with health groups and health professors, which is mental health, physical health, and healthy eating habits. She said someone mentioned they would help with the student wellness committee and they would work on making healthy food and yoga under the stars. She said they are working on sustainability and are transferring a lot of things online. They are working on the IM field turf. She said there are also issues with budgeting.
- Hasnain moved to discussion.
- Bocarsly said this is a two-year discussion.
- Mohebi called to question.
- Kraman said all the things she talked about were what they talked about in the meeting
- Mohebi called to question. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 11-0-1, He was approved.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Travel and Advocacy Grant

- El-Farra said they allocated money for the Students or Justice in Palestine. They were allocated \$350 because of the number of people attending the conference.
- Bocarsly asked how much was in the fund
- El-Farra said \$15,000
- Bocarsly asked how they would allot funds
- El-Farra said they are talking about this now. She said in previous years, they kept going until it was gone. They need to look at what was done
- Jasso said in the past they took money out of surplus

A. Cultural Affairs Mini Fund

Mason said they allocated \$150 for the Indian student union.

A. \*Contingency Allocations

- Seth moved to approve contingency allocations. Kraman seconded.
- Jasso said the amount for what is left isn't there because they are updating the budget reports

later in the week. She said she would get that to them. She apologized for sending them late. Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$12,587.16 for their programs. A total of \$4,805.08 was requested from contingency. A total of \$2,316.50 is recommended for allocation for this week.

There is a total of \$XX,XXX.XX left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

Jasso said they wouldn't know final numbers of surplus until after November 2nd.

-Mohebi called to question contingency allocations. Seth seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

-Jasso said they now have 9 applications per week.

#### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

##### President – David Bocarsly

- Bocarsly said thank you for being attentive and efficient with appointments. He said he wanted to say thank you to those who went to the internship last Wednesday. He said hopefully they could meet people throughout the quarter. He said thank you to those who came out to the CPO event. He reminded them that the all USAC retreat is this weekend. The invite was sent out. He noted the time change and pushed it for the unveiling of the John Wooden statue. He said dinner is free thanks to ASUCLA and catering. He said there is yoga under the stars and a night hike. He said they have close to 100 staff members RSVP'd. He said they have a lot of great presenters. He said they have a budget review director coming, Zimmerman, etc. He passed out flyers. Bocarsly said he sits on the council of presidents and they have a retreat in Irvine. He said they would see how things are between campuses. He said We Run the City is November 11th. He encouraged them all to sign up. He said the day before the USC game would be a governance forum to talk about student voice and student governance. He said they would make personal invitations to them. He said he is sending out another campus wide email in the next week. He said they would like to educate voters to go to the polls. He said they want to make sure voters are educated. He said he would provide another Google Doc. He said this is another chance to market their programs.

##### Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said yesterday, the safety director and herself met with Greenstein to go on a tour of what goes on in UCPD. She said she was in a ride along for three hours. She said it was great to speak one-on-one with an officer. Hester said if they have a ride-along arranged they would really enjoy it. She said Student Networking Night was last Friday. She said it was a wonderful event for leaders to get to know one another. She said they started thinking about what they're doing in winter quarter. She said for next quarter they're having an off-campus living fair and having landlords congregate. She said they hope to continue that idea throughout winter and spring quarter. She said they want to potentially have a panel to mitigate conflicts with their landlord. She said if they have experiences in an apartment to share them with her. She said there is a fellowship meeting tomorrow and they will be asking what events they will have this quarter. She said November 15th would be the CSP Resource fair. The IVP and President would be there. She said thank you to those who went to the luncheon on Friday. She said to follow up on connections they made

-Jasso said student legal services would be a good partner for the apartment fair

-El-Farra said she would like to co-program as well

##### External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

-El-Farra said she doesn't have a number of how many people are registered yet but will have it next council meeting. She said she appreciates everyone's support. She said it was a long 4 weeks. She said they are working on voter education and are working on the week of education.

They are having games on Thursday on Bruinwalk. She said local affairs are putting on a meeting with different people in LAUSD. She said they would have a day of action in terms of student loan debt. She said Westwood neighborhood council elections are coming out since they have lot of people running. She talked about the letter received. She said she brought the documents of HR35, the resolution ASUSA signed. She said she hopes they all read all three of these. She said she hoped that they read the letters in its entirety. She said there are different versions of the resolution. She said she saw the data that was sent out and said that if they needed more information to let her know. She said only two people went to her to talk about the resolution. She said there are issues with transparency. She said this resolution was treated like any other resolution on her part and there was no conspiracy to not let students know about the resolution. She said she was unaware that certain students would be present at the Berkeley meeting. She said nobody was in session at the time except for Berkeley. She said she was not aware of this in advance. She said she did not lack transparency and when they had a conference on their campus they had complete transparency. She talked about what it meant by signing this letter. She said 4 other board members are from UCLA. She said they publicly condemned positions they had made. She said some people don't want to work in their offices anymore after signing this letter. She said they disrespected her sitting on the position. She said Bocarsly, Hasnain, and Tancinco talked to her about this. She said they talk about council unity. She asked if this really shows campus unity. She said this goes against a decision on a board that she sits on and divides them further. She talked about marginalizing part of this campus. She said HR35 suppresses academic freedom. She said whenever they take a stance, they most likely have to take a stance that might make others uncomfortable. She said they are not being neutral by signing onto this letter. She said they are taking a stance against UCSA and against students in their offices that no longer feel safe. She said it was mainly about academic freedom and speech. She said it says HR35 kills constructive dialogue on campus. She said HR35 kills intellectual dialogue.

-Bocarsly said he really appreciates her bringing this forth and whenever they bring up Israel-Palestine it is an important issue. He said it is a public statement for students who felt marginalized. He said he still firmly believes this was something important to say

-Hasnain said in signing this they are taking a stance. She said they should all know what they signed up for

-Bocarsly said it was taking a stance against the UCSA resolution but not on the issues in the middle east

-Jasso asked if they could include the resolution or the blurb in any emails sent out since she was unsure about it when she read it. She said she would really appreciate more information on a subject like this.

-Bocarsly said there are links to all the information is on there

-Jasso said she was just very thrown off

-Bocarsly said he didn't because he didn't want to put bias on this

-Jasso said the more information they have will allow them to make a better decision.

-Bocarsly said he appreciates that.

-Mason said she could see where there were blind spots. She said for future council sessions, when they have something that serves a large population on campus this needs to be something that is publicly stated and not via email. She said people want to skate around issues that are pertinent. She said they need to set an example and this should have been brought to council. She said they need to treat the issues as legitimate as they are.

-El-Farra said they all took a stance on HR35

-Davis said her interpretation was the way the resolution was passed. She said there is a lack of transparency. She said they trust her with her responsibilities and they took a stance with how the resolution was presented.

-Seth said HR35 is wrong and there are incoherencies. He said the resolution was necessary. He said some of the language in it seemed like it was taking a stance. He said it seemed like there

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Comment [1]: UCSA

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Comment [2]: Blurb in any emails sent out

were assumptions made that he felt uncomfortable about

-Bocarsly said as a Jewish student, he was appreciative of it but HR35 went too far. He said he appreciated the letter at first. He said people signing it did not necessarily endorse HR35. He said there was a lot of language that was used. He said he hopes the letter conveys it appropriately.

-El-Farra said the letter isn't condoning HR35 but that if they look at the resolution, a lot of students who felt marginalized. She said the letter the council signed shows that they are feeling marginalized. She said the flip has occurred and they are marginalizing students by signing it.

-Bocarsly said the letter is not taking a stance

-El-Farra said the letter that UCSA sent was wrong, regardless of their political beliefs. She said they went against what UCSA had said.

-Hasnain said if they are working on an initiative, they should go to whoever specializes in something. She said it only strengthens their programs and their unity.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis said she met with the new director with the writing success program. She said one big thing is a speaker and poetry series. She said tomorrow at 7pm in Haines A18 is a Bruin democrats and Bruin Republicans debate, which she will moderate. She said there is a new academic appointment. She said she will send out a description of what that is. She said they need to fill it before October 29th. She said Linda Sarna released a statement about rebenching. She said the rebenching issues were sent out and she can send it out to all of them. She said USIE is due November 5th at 5pm. She said to please apply to the USIE program. She said in the Daily Bruin there were articles questioning the holistic admissions at UCLA and she will reach out to see more information about the studies and holistic processes. She said a lot of them are working for diversity and they need to understand populations at UCLA. She said last year, they passed a resolution about the community and conflicts in the modern world. She said that the counselor sent out a letter. She said she will email out the letter. She gave some credit to a task force of students. She said this is a huge step forward and there are a lot of great changes that will be happening.

-El-Farra said Cynthia Flores is working on an admissions review task force if she wanted to touch base.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

-Lazarovici said she was at the student leader-networking event and talked to students about communications. She talked about people expressing disagreements where people can still coexist with each other. She said she hasn't seen any of these documents yet. She said from the time she's been at UCLA, there are large groups of people that disagree on issues.

Alumni Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said they tend to see reality from their own eyes. He said they should, through education, see reality from another's eyes as well. He said the professor in the law school worked with white and Asian students. He said holistic admissions talks about life challenges. He said for an admissions officer, if there were two students that apply with 2 SAT scores from different places, he gave the admission to the out of state student because they had more challenges. Dr. Nelson talked about privilege. He said some people have greater challenges than other. He talked about affirmative action and how it deals with privilege. He said that Obama and anyone marginalized have to have a higher record and more prestigious role than someone who's not. He said that equality is when mediocre people have opportunities regardless of race. He said one professor didn't talk about life challenges. He said when they get out there; they need to

understand everyone’s perspective because if they don’t, that is when problems occur.

Alumni Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

Dr. Geller said she sent out information about the Global Initiatives for people who are committed to social change and service.

IX. Old Business

*There was no old business for this week.*

I. New Business

A. ARC Discussion- Mason

-Mason said she wanted to discuss a few things about ARC. She said a trend they were noticing is that many of the appointments have been given an advantage since they’ve already attended meetings and were temporarily placed on the boards. She said it seems like they are retroactively appointing people. She said it is a slap in the face on the committee since these candidates are already been training. She said it goes back to timing and CS Mini. She said it goes back to how they are stratifying this appointment system better. She said ARC doesn’t feel necessary to the appointment process.

-Bocarsly said they need to talk about this in CRC.

-Jasso said she appreciates CRC and they talk about recommendations are. She said they talk about it outside of this space. She said as a person at ARC that doesn’t vote she feels disrespected that they can’t have a meeting outside of this meeting. She said there is a time sensitivity to appointments and it is a slap in the face. She said talked about how some appointments are rushed, such as those for the Community Service Mini Fund. She talked about how is Sabrina, Jonathan, etc. going to bring about change. She asked what it says about council. She said they are giving people privilege of going to orientation. She said it is great they have initiative and asked about people coming in with equal footing. She said she feels like appointments should just be left to the president’s appointment. She said the council and ARC serve to think critically but vote everyone through because they need to and there is a time sensitivity. She said as a student on campus she hopes they could think critically about ARC. She said not everyone can make meetings and they should have these conversations bluntly. She said there is a lack of council attention to the issues at hand. She said to think critically of the spaces they belong to in a public setting so students can see that they are committed and they can have constructive outcomes.

-Seth said he is confused. He said with the two individuals who went to orientation, if there were other instances where this occurred

-Jasso said yes

-Seth said something they wanted was to see if the students were critically engaged in meetings and asked why this is a bad thing

-El-Farra said not everyone is aware of these meetings. She said some students are given that privilege

-Mohebi said they can Google the meeting times

-El-Farra said they are closed off

-Jasso said someone lets them know there are orientations. She asked if they could let everyone know about orientations. She asked why some applicants could receive unequal footing. She said they aren’t giving an equal opportunity to be engaged

-Bocarsly said she is making an important point. He said it comes back to the same issue of not having the applicants at the time they are needed. He said they need the support of the entire council to address a wider range of applicants

-Starr asked if they could make another Facebook event for the appointments left

-Mason said in terms of taking initiative they should shift the language. She said if she was an

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**Comment [4]:** Those for the Community Service Mini Fund

applicant, she would see meetings as something that would be for accepted people. She said when it comes to the number of people available, she honestly doesn't see this as a viable argument and doesn't know what a suitable applicant pool is. She said this is something that she doesn't trust

-Bocarsly said he could talk to her about the applicant process

-Mason said they should be able to talk about these issues and decisions on the council table in public

-Bocarsly said applicants should not be a public document until on council. He said when they are accepted; they can send the application on council.

-Jasso said if they don't know how many people applied to positions, that is an issue they're looking at. She said this way; they would know what positions need to be outreached for. She said it isn't about knowing information but getting a better idea of USAC appointments. She said the bylaws clearly outline it

-Davis asked if they can make a Google Doc and show how many people are applying and how many people they are putting through. This would increase transparency and would increase their pool

-Dr. Geller said if they go in that direction, they should include if that is a committee with a mandatory training day so they know

-Seth said he is puzzled as to the point of qualified people and the number of people applied. He said they are taking authority from Bocarsly and saying that he doesn't know who is qualified and who is not.

-Jasso said any council can bring an appointment forward. She said it goes with the HR35 issue.

-Kraman said these are conversations that they've had in ARC. He said that they need to look at who is for the right position at the right time. He said that they need to look at who exists and work with what life gives you. He said they need to continue with these conversations and there are issues that they need to decide on what the bylaws need to be and that they suck. He said there is no good interpretation of what ARC is supposed to be. He said he likes to get qualified people in ARC. He said these need to be conversations they need to work out then present to council.

-El-Farra said even people with abstentions are brought to the council.

-Kraman said abstentions are neutral votes and are brought up so they could make a decision

-Bocarsly said the abstention rule has been talked about.

-Mason said they are sometimes pressured to push people through which skews their ability to think critically. She said that if people go into meetings already, this skews their interviews. She said this goes into privilege. She said this doesn't allow a fair playing field if some people have an unfair advantage. She said they are useless as a committee if there is no transparency

-Davis said they need a timeline of when something is due, orientation dates, and the deadline that they need someone appointed. She said this would alleviate a lot of miscommunication and would give some power back into ARC.

-Starr said he feels like everyone they appointed was qualified and passionate. He said the issue came up because there were two people who went to the orientation. He suggested that they reread their ARC notes. He said the interviews are spoken word of what went on in the ARC interview. He said ARC has a lot of responsibility. He said if ARC specifically has someone to recommend and don't, it might show a lack of responsibility. He said a majority of people at UCLA are hard-workers. He said ARC is asking the right questions.

-Hasnain said from her understanding, ARC exists to expedite the process. She said there is a section where any council member can submit an applicant to ARC. She encouraged everyone to reach out to others to apply for these positions. She said it is clear of the ARC role. She said ARC weeds people out to come to council for final approval. She said they should give ARC the information they need

-El-Farra asked if they could put someone through ARC

-Hasnain read a section of the bylaws saying that there are cases where council can submit applicants. She said it would have been appropriate to send information to the CS mini fund chair

to ARC. She said there is ambiguity in the bylaws about the appointments that CRC needs to clean up

-Dr. Geller encouraged CRC to work on cleaning up the language since it is vague. She said presidential appointments are only submitted to ARC by the president. She said members have the option to submit those they like through ARC even if not required. She said it would be in those circumstances but it is clearly vague and encouraged them to fix the language and figure out what they want the intent to be that clearly specifies what role they want ARC to have if the policy isn't working for you.

-El-Farra said that something was mentioned and how Jonathan Martinez was in the pool of applicants for a month and a half

-Jasso said they were looking for a chair for a month and a half

-Bocarsly said he applied last week

-Hester said they were shaken up because they haven't typically brought up. She thanked Mason for putting this on the agenda. She would love to see discussion about these types of issues. She said this is the opportunity to do that. She encouraged them to let her know agenda items. She said as someone who sits on ARC, it doesn't mean that others can't provide input to ARC. She said they are all council and this is something that affects their time here and next year. She said they should take some time to clear up the problems in ARC and CRC so next year they can continue the great work they've already done.

-Chu said the process has been a huge issue. She asked if this was an issue last year as well.

-Starr said this year they are more aware of it. He said they are more aware of it. He said that USAC appointments aren't well known. He said they are well ahead of last year and there were always meetings when they had appointments. He said Peter said it was the most frustrating thing because they didn't have quorum in the Wooden Board of Governors. He said last year, they saw appointments all throughout the year. He said there are deadlines, but if there isn't someone qualified then they won't appoint someone yet. He said he bylaws doesn't understand the campus desire to appoint people

-Dr. Nelson said presidents would say the number who applied and who they are putting forward. He said they usually have to beat the bushes to get applications filled. He said this is early in the fall quarter and the positions are being filled rapidly. He said it is always important to have a critical mass of applicants. He said that ARC would generally approve and there would be endorsement by the council. He said this doesn't usually happen and he is happy this is happening. He said they need to decide how they want to do this. He said if it is advertised and there are certain things a person has to say, the president has to say who has potential and who is being pushed through. He said he is happy they are taking this very seriously. He said they need to think about what they want to do and how they should do it. He said this is a worthwhile discussion.

-Lazarovici said the appointments are an extension of student government. She said the topic area should be looked at. She said they need to look at a way to be directly involved in student government. She said as Dr. Nelson was saying, they see the world through their eyes but to the audience it's more about the piece of campus life or the topic they might be interested in.

-Dr. Geller said they have challenges. She said for committees with scheduled orientations, they are challenged to make their appointments on time if they want to have equity and access in marketing those appointments. She said there are students who went to summer session or who went to summer school. She said they have to settle who's available or fight those deadlines. She said they might have to do all of that. She said they need to try to get appointments to ARC before spring quarter. She said they could tell people that there are orientations over the summer. She said this way they could deal with those things and not be in the undesirable position to say they can't train someone, can't appoint someone, or appoint someone to attend a committee orientation without an appointment and might not be approved. She said these are the kind of thing where they need to always be thinking about what lessons they learn to who follows you.

She said people need to learn from past experiences and do something differently. She said the only difference from the past is abstentions. Majority vote in ARC comes to USAC. Anything besides majority can be run through the president first. She said abstention isn't a way to get to the no recommendation, which is whenever they have a tie vote. A tie vote is no recommendation. An abstention should reflect a conflict of interest or that they don't have enough information to make a decision. She said that ARC and council in general should use abstentions judiciously. She said if they have an appropriate reason to abstain they should but that they should stick to their opinions. She said if they find someone they can go to council or go back to the president to see if there are any more candidates. She said own ARC and takes it seriously. She said to demand the respect from council by taking it seriously. She said that if they have a strong positive recommendation they should bring it forth. She said they should not repeat what ARC already says. The interview should build upon ARC. If there are people that are not good enough, they should send the candidate back.

-Starr said to encourage people to reach out to appointments, especially people that applied to their offices.

-Bocarsly said he appreciates the conversation.

A. WOMP- Anees Hasnain

-Hasnain said WOMP was seeking the support from council. There is a belief that WOMP can be improved. It is in their backyard and unites them all.

-Dr. Geller asked what it is

-Hasnain said it is the Westwood beautification project and it plays into the broken windows theory. She said money had to be paid to undo damage done from WOMP. She said there is a space paid for by the university to do these actions. She proposed bonding over service and turned it into more of a council wide initiative. She said they could have 14 sites and each site could tie into their office goals. She said these things could demonstrate that they live up to service, which is a True Bruin value. She said their commission would look into this as well so it will go forward. She said it would be a fun and great opportunity. She said she has learned a lot about different spaces on campus. She said she would love for it to be an all-council thing.

-El-Farra asked if this would take the Westwood part of WOMP.

-Hasnain said it would be a different event from WOMP.

-Kraman said they should reach out to the Westwood neighborhood council and they probably don't have the funding to do so.

-Hasnain said it is a great idea and she likes empowering people. She said if they could make it beneficial it is brilliant. She presented the opportunity to meet and is moving forward.

-El-Farra asked when this would be

-Hasnain said it would be spring quarter

A. \*Fall BOD Allocations- Ashendorf

-Starr moved to approve BOD allocations. Mohebi seconded.

-Ashendorf said there is one change on this list. This is similar to SOOF and the difference is in eligibility. He said if they approved for less than \$500 they are in the lower level and so forth. He said they used 15% and only 26 groups applied

-Jasso asked for clarification

-Ashendorf said they have money from two funds

-Hasnain asked how often this is allocated

-Ashendorf said 3 times a year

-Hasnain asked how much was allocated

-Ashendorf said 15%.

-Bocarsly said the only people who can apply for it are groups with events now until the next quarter

- Zimmerman said the BOD allocation deadline for winter is in November
- Hasnain said groups who apply now are getting less than groups that apply later. She said groups may have received less funding than in winter quarter because of these policies
- Zimmerman said usually the numbers are consistent throughout the years. She said she emailed Ashendorf last year's allocations
- Bocarsly asked what the difference was
- Ashendorf said dance groups asked for the same honorarium
- Jasso asked how he chose who to give honorarium to
- Ashendorf said it is random and it is the same leader for both groups
- Jasso said it should be equally taken out of both groups
- Dr. Nelson said the same person got paid for coming two different nights
- Ashendorf said the groups asked for multiple honorariums for each night and it just so happened that two clubs asked for the same place but different honorariums.
- Chu said the clubs have dance workshops throughout the quarter. That is why there is overlap
- Ashendorf said if he didn't do this, they would have 3 groups apply for the same thing
- Dr. Nelson asked if this is the same person who applied for honorarium for every year
- Ashendorf said these people have been in the system for years
- Jasso said they never really drafted the honorarium cap. She said BOD doesn't have an honorarium cap. She said they don't want to point out one specific group and this could be brought to the funding study group
- Kraman asked about changing the application
- Jasso said they make people aware of different funding sources. She said to let the group know that didn't get their BOD allocation to be fair
- Starr said good job to Ashendorf and to the best of his ability dealt with it
- Jasso said they both have the right to rescind signing a requisition. She said to keep this in mind for the future if they see requisitions mounting up for the same people.
- Seth called to question. Starr seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-0, BOD allocations were approved.

#### XI. Announcements

- Hasnain said October 25th will be an event with SWC and CEC dedicated to bone marrow education and registration.
- Chu said they are cosponsoring this event where students can lead a healthy lifestyle and apply for bone marrow registration. She said she's happy the events are happening on the same day. She said gen rep 3 and IVP are also participating.
- Hasnain said they are screening 50/50 as well and empowering students to get people to do something about it. She said it is all around the idea of bone marrow registration and try to attend at least one of the two events
- Chu said they all know Janet's story and shared an experience from this weekend. She said the person who reached out has a family friend who needs a bone marrow donation. She said hearing about her passion and her direct link to bone marrow registration reminded her why they do all the things they do. She said it is easy to get caught up and it was really cool to hear about someone being effected by these efforts. She said she wanted to share that and remind people why they're here and how important the work they do is.
- Hasnain said the other event is Day of Service this Saturday. She said to tell friends to apply. There's free breakfast, lunch, shirt, and performances. She said to go on their website and register.
- Seth asked if they contacted Sigma Nu. They did Team Crissy and they got a match a year ago.
- Jasso said they had their workshop last week. She said she emailed them about funding presentations. She said some times are conflicting with her schedule. She said to please respond and confirm. She said the funding focus group should be ready to assemble

-Mason thanked those who went to Your Voice Your Vote. She said the turnout was disappointing and nevertheless it was a great program. She said the artists were amazing. They are celebrating Dia De Los Muertos this week. Tomorrow they will have a Dia De Los Muertos focus. The focus on the cooking group will be Mexican food. Saturday would be a trip to Oliveros St.

-Jasso said they have the best food ever and they should paint their face.

-Kraman asked what day the tour was

-Mason said this Saturday

-Zimmerman said the green initiative fund is due this Friday and the community service mini fund. She said they are excited to see the great funds especially after the solar panels. She said if people have questions they can forward them in her direction. She said they had safety inspections today and thanked everyone of how great the offices were. She thanked them for their efforts.

-Kraman said he would bring sustainable facts. Tap water is .002 cents and a bottle is .85 cents.

-Tancinco said they are screening 50/50 this Thursday. Next Monday-Wednesday they are doing a Batman trilogy. She said campus movie fest is launching next week. She said they provide all the supplies they need for a video.

-Chu said SWC's publication just released their new issue.

-Mohebi said tomorrow is the sustainability fair. Fair trade coffee is 50% off tomorrow until Friday. He said they would give out flyers and coupons

-El-Farra said the first EVP public forum would be next week and would be centered around propositions. She said it would be next week and a continuation of education of propositions.

#### 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 10:17 p.m. by Acclamation.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
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USAC Minutes Taker  
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