

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 27, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: John Joanino, Kristen Taketa, Hong Chen, Nshad Sathe, Eitan Arom, Taylow, Nishad Sethe, Jonathan Martinez, Katy Sanlis, Sabrina Ponce

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.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Hester moved to strike Lilit and moved to add the 4th floor vandalism to the agenda ‘

-Mason moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant

- Seth moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *11/6/12

- Kraman moved and Starr seconded to approve the minutes for November 6th, 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

Nishad Sethe- Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee

-Sethe talked about opening up the UC application revisions. He said that involves communicating with other people involved with enrollment analysis and opening it up with other campuses as well as creating a committee. He said this is a multi-year process that will hopefully begin soon. He talked about the financial rebenching of the UC's. He said currently UCLA is at an advantage, receiving the most loans per student. UCSB is at the bottom. Rebenching would equalize this more. There are arguments for and against it. A negative would be that UCLA would lose money.

-Seth asked where this money goes towards

-Sethe said the money goes everywhere. He said the money goes to all campus resources. In the earlier system, the money would go to the president's office. Now all

money that goes to that campus goes there. This means all UCLA money receives goes to UCLA. He said this is an initiative in the past that the enrollment group and the senate haven't liked. This will affect enrollment and we will decrease the in state enrollment, so obviously this is an issue

-Bocarsly said rebenching could be detrimental because it doesn't take into account different departments on campus. He said because they have a lot of students in the program, they would be hurt detrimentally. He asked what they are doing and the committee is doing

-Sethe said the committee is looking to create a system for this to be implemented. He said they are looking at a worst case scenario. He said one of their proposals is to exclude graduate programs from undergraduate programs. He said they are opposed to that because if you look at UCLA, they require more money than Berkeley and UCSF together

-Bocarsly said the academic affairs commission works with the senate but how can they all fight for equity and funding for our campus

-Sethe said there is bias on the committee since they are from UCLA. He said they should advocate for all UC's. He said UCSB is underrepresented as a UC. He said they have not had the same ability to attract different students. He said UCLA and Cal are the top schools with international students. He said there is not really a chance for more funding for other schools.

-Mason asked where this money is coming from. She asked where they could advocate for more funding.

-Sethe said the proposal has the idea of new money coming in from the state. He said there is no new money coming in. He said rebenching would equalize it but it would reduce UCLA's funding

-Bocarsly said this is an important topic. He said he will definitely talk to him about this

-Jasso asked when his office hours are

-Sethe said Tuesday 1-2

Student Giving Committee- Taylor

-He said they met their goal and exceeded it. He thanked them for their role in that. He said he is the president of the Roosevelt Institute. He said they have been analyzing the role of student government on campus and what they should do in an ideal setting. He said they could look at how to better student government structurally. He said they would look at issues of underrepresentation, etc. He said they want to find solutions. Their meetings are Wednesdays from 4-5 in Kerckhoff 152. He said they have thought of the problems and solutions to these problems. He said he appreciates all of their inputs because of that. He said there is nobody in the club that is in a USAC office. He said most people are freshmen in the club. He said they want to move into a more realistic view. He said the last major change was in the 80's with the addition of the SWC.

-Tancinco asked what problems they came up with

-He said they had 13-14 main problems, but the main problem is that some groups not involved in the elections are not well represented, such as south campus or Asian groups. He said some groups are unrepresented on council. He said they proposed a merger between a senate and how the council is now. He said their input is really important

-Tancinco asked how many people are in the club

-He said 20-25 are in it and 15 come to each meeting. He said it is a small club and part of the reason why they can get a lot of things done. They have many different majors

and a diverse group of students.

-El-Farra asked if they were meeting week 10

-He said he would post it on the Facebook page

SFAC- John Joanino

He said they oversee the use of the student services fee. He said they recommend to the chancellor how the funds should be used. He said they changed the review process.

They stopped reviewing all of the student affairs units and instead review them every other year. He said this is something that will be going on for SFAC. He said they would establish an application for receiving funding for student services fees. He said that application will be out next quarter. He said CAPs had a committee and SACBOG doesn't receive compensation. He said they also do advocacy on the state-wide council. They are working on the funding streams initiative and UCOP. He said their operating budget funds state-wide study abroad programs. Now it is being extended. He said they are trying to extend those guidelines. They are working on the student fees enforcements campaign. He said the fee is being used for things that it was not intended for. He said his email is on the sign in sheet and they can also ask their chair. They could also come to their events if needed.

V. Special Presentations

CS Mini Update- Jonathan Martinez, Katy Sanlis, Sabrina Ponce

-Martinez said they allocated around \$32,000 which is 40% of their total budget for this year.

-Sanlis said some of the students never touch the money in their accounts historically. She said there is a CS Mini cheat sheet. She said that people will know they have to read it and they would outline where they would use the funds and what for.

-Ponce said that they noticed a lot of organizations don't differentiate between the program and site. She said they will include this in the instructions

-El-Farra asked if there would be a difference in the allocations

-Ponce said that is for the clarification and support of their organization. She said the allocation is adjusted because they can't give all of the money they need because they still need to allocate to other projects

-Bocarsly asked why there are a lot of variations and if it was because of what they asked for

-Martinez said yes

-Ponce said this is the only source of funding for some of the groups.

Vietnamese Student Union- Roman Nguyen, Johnny Tran, Anna, Joshua, Evelyn Tran

-Nguyen said there was an incident toward the VSU and the API community. There was a note written that said something about Asian women. He said they wanted to bring awareness to council. He said it was very offensive and VSU does not tolerate it

-She said she woke up happily and she gets a message saying that their office has a racist and sexist slur. She said she is a very proud Vietnamese woman. She said the words posted up still hurt and the words come into ideas, beliefs, and actions. She said she was sexually assaulted on the streets and she was in disbelief seeing this. She said it makes her feel gross and something her community faces all the time. She said she is a proud person of her community and someone is telling her not to be proud. She said she hopes that

USAC will be in solidarity

- Anna said she works with the vice chancellor of student affairs on access and retention. She said they talk about how to reach out to students. She said knowing that such a thing happened makes her question how she could go to students and encourage people to apply to this school. She said she questions herself working there and incidents like that make her question if she wants her brother and sister to be here. She said this is their motivation to speak up about it. She said she hopes they stand in solidarity with them as well.
- Nguyen said thank you to the council. He said they will have an awareness event this Thursday. He said thank you to the council.
- Bocarsly said thank you for coming and that they would talk about this later in the meeting.

VI. Appointments

A. Armen Hadjimanoukian – Transportation Services Advisory Board

- Seth moved to approve Hadjimanoukian. Kraman seconded.
- Hester said Hadjimanoukian is applying for TSAB, which consists of one undergraduate and a second undergraduate member for a one year term. She said Hadjimanoukian was elected to the Westwood neighborhood council and related these to the board. He cited numerous projects such as the bike chair program, parking issues at UCLA, etc. She said Hadjimanoukian had a broad understanding of the issues on the board. The recommendation was 2-0-0. They recommended to him to if possible look at past decisions made on the board.
- Bocarsly said it is one presidential appointment and one from the facilities commissioner
- Yoshida asked if it was part of zipcars
- Kraman said they are their own services
- Hadjimanoukian said he is chief of staff of facilities and is an elected member of the Westwood neighborhood council. He has a deeply rooted interest in making sure that students have the access to different transportation systems. They have on campus, off campus commuters, students that have cars, and students that take public transportation. He said they would make sure parking is available, students have a way to get out through access to bikes, etc.
- Seth asked what his opinion is on increasing prices for permits for commuters
- Hadjimanoukian said if prices were lower, more students would want to bring their cars. He said it is an issue for some students but that is why they have van services. He talked about zimride. He said there are single trip events or students who come from farther cities
- Starr asked if his role in the Westwood neighborhood council will help
- Hadjimanoukian said it will and said they could have things set up in the Westwood community. He said they are dealing with city laws which is what the neighborhood council deals with.
- Hester asked about past board decisions
- Hadjimanoukian said last year the bike library didn't run out of bikes. He said problems like running out of bikes should be addressed and they should make sure these resources are available.
- Starr moved to move into a discussion.
- Starr said he was great and he was an intern in his office
- Kraman said it is helpful that he is on the Westwood neighborhood council
- Mohebi called to question. Seth seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Hadjimanoukian has been approved.

B. Porey Lin – Student Health Advisory Committee

- Starr moved to approve Lin for SHAC. Mason seconded.
- Hester said SHAC advises the administration of the student health services at the Ashe center. She said they prioritize issues and make suggestions. She said the recommendation was 2-0-0. Lin had a broad understanding of the UC SHIP health plan. They were impressed by how he wants to institute changes and how he wants to improve overall Ashe services. She said they were intrigued he has done his research. He brought in training and highlighted Ally training
- Jasso said Lin met with a lot of members of the community, such as members of the LGBT center. She said he is a really great candidate on paper and in person.
- Hester said the notes they sent out were to follow up on the ideas he mentioned in his application and hoped that he could expand on the information he had
- Dr. Geller asked if this was a 1 or 2 year appointment
- Bocarsly said they have one of each available so it is up to Lin
- Lin said he is applying for the Student Health Advisory Committee and is a poli sci and Russian major. He wants to go into medicine and wants to help the student body. He said he hopes that he will be of help to USAC.
- Seth asked how he sees his role shaping the Ashe center
- Lin said there are specific issues. He spoke to the current chair. He talked about UC SHIP, which is estimated to be 15% in the red. He said there are administration issues. He said this is due to administration budgeting. He said this would be a key year for SHAC and they would be advising how to keep costs for students. He talked about changing hours of the Ashe center. He said it was very successful in UC Berkeley. He said in order to get that accomplished, they would have to gather more data in a more effective way. In order to do so, they would need to implement the National Health survey, which is not currently being done. He said they have to write a letter to administration. He said there would be a lot of action with it.
- Kraman asked where he sees himself being a voice for students on the committee
- Lin said he spoke to a member of the LGBT center, who was very interested in working with SHAC. He talked about LGBT training for doctors. He said he was thinking about contacting the current Ashe center director and thought about where they could negotiate times which these trainings would occur.
- Dr. Geller asked if he was looking for a one or two year appointment
- Lin said two years in order to avoid issues and to avoid encouraging on hand problems
- Hasnain moved to approve Lin for SHAC. Mason seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Lin was approved for SHAC.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. EVP Travel Grant

- The total was \$740.00. They allocated to invisible children and they got \$440.00.
- Bocarsly asked for the total amount left over for the cultural affairs grant
- El-Farra said the other group got \$300.00.

C. *Contingency Allocations

- Starr moved to approve contingency allocations. Seth seconded. There were no objections.
- Jasso talked about contingency allocations. There were only two applications this week.
- Total required is \$2,191.00. Total requested is \$1,230.00. The total recommended is \$455.00.
- Bocarsly asked why there are so few applications

- Jasso said they're usually picked up Wednesday so they expect more later
- Chu said maybe there aren't as many programs since it is the end of the quarter
- Seth called to question contingency allocations. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

D. Travel and Advocacy Grant

El-Farra said there is a retreat. They requested \$550.00 and allocated \$440.00. They allocated \$4310.00 since the beginning of the quarter

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

-Bocarsly said their intern directors should have contacted them. He said to look out for it for an email from Maggie Thorton. He said to check their spam folders. He said he talked about the business insider report saying that UCLA is the most dangerous campus. He sent out the official media response. He said that to refer to the link he sent as a way to respond to the situation. They are working on a more in depth of the safety analysis. He said John Sarvey, president in 1990, passed away this past weekend suddenly. He said that a lot of people were touched by him and there was outreach from his family. He said he had a card he wanted to send out to the family and hoped that they could sign on and write a message to them. He said he hopes that they could provide some love and comfort to their family.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester talked about having USAC meetings in different places. January 29th they would have their meeting in the Dashew center. She said she is in the phases of having a meeting on January 22nd on the hill. Those are weeks 2 and 4. She said earlier this week they had a meeting for campus safety week. She said this would be the second week of winter quarter.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

El-Farra said they started having groups come back to their EVP meetings to talk about what they learned. She said travel and advocacy grants are external to the office. They had two groups present to them. She would be in Massachusetts for the USSA board meeting. She said they will be having a USSA board meeting in January, which is the weekend of the inauguration. She said Jerry Brown is angry because the new chancellor in Cal is being paid an extra \$50,000 from the old chancellor. She said it goes back to accountability and goes back to who is making these decisions. She said Tim Mike asked for a pay cut. She said they lost a good chancellor and these ties into regental accountability. She said lastly they are having a student forum on Thursday from 5-7. She said they are spreading loan information to all of their staffs. She said they will transition into other issues. She said they would talk about issues that are relevant to students. She said they would have an issues box to students. She said they want this to be a way to address issues so they could start a dialogue on campus. She said their office is having a potluck if they want to come.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

Davis said after many months of interviews, they have a campus retention liaison. She said the liaison is great. There are two academic appointments left for the mobile steering committee. She said this Thursday from 11-2pm in south campus and Bruinwalk, SWC, Gen rep 2, active minds, and AAC will be having stress free days. Active Minds will hand out iced tea and fortune cookies. She said next Wednesday in Haines A18 from 7-9pm they will have a student empowerment forum. Questions will be submitted before the forum via the Facebook website via an anonymous Google form. She said she will email out the form and the Facebook event tonight.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller**-Dr. Geller said it was nice to be away and good to be back.**

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. UC-wide Climate Survey: 5 reasons for taking the survey

-Mason talked about the UC wide climate survey throughout the UC system. She said the vice chancellor of student affairs is trying to get different pockets of campus to take the survey. She said she wanted 30% of the campus to take the survey. She said if they all have ideas, they could put them into the draft of the Google doc. She said it would move quicker since it is 5 each. She said they would get feedback and finalize everything next quarter. She said they are scheduled to have theirs January 6th.

-Bocarsly asked for clarification

-Mason said they should come up with ideas why students should take this survey and they should finalize it by the next meeting

-Bocarsly asked if they want concrete things right now

-Mason said yes

-Starr said it benefits students. He said that is the survey would help you in some way. He said finding means of wording in correctly would be beneficial.

-El-Farra said to say something like if you don't speak for yourself then someone else would speak for you, such as other students, administration, etc.

-Mohebi said "don't complain to me, self-advocacy"

-Mason said it would be a pamphlet and asked if they would use discretionary funds.

-Bocarsly asked if the school would put funds into this

-Mason said she would need to ask her.

-Bocarsly said the school would probably be happy to help them with this.

-El-Farra said they could use the next quarter email for this

-Bocarsly said they could use some of the marketing tactics they had and they can capitalize on their own newsletters in addition to the campus-wide email

-Hester asked if they should add things onto the Google Doc

-Mason said she needs to have it by next Friday

-Bocarsly said if they can come up with tangible things for the survey they could come up with how it helps them

-Hester asked if the survey down the road would be of survey to SFAC or people that are reallocating funds

-Bocarsly said they could tie it back to community and conflicts in the modern world. He said they could reach out to donors for potential programs. He said these are tangible results. They could also get free tuition

-Jasso said these services could benefit them

-Mason said it is hard to come up with things because they are already involved and they need to think about the perspective of an average student

-Zimmerman said they could do a sort of competition to see how their university ranks up against the other universities

-Bocarsly said they need to inspire people who just don't care. He said if they can get people to care, that's the step in the right direction.

-Zimmerman said they could pose the question of if they've ever had something happen to them and to let us help you

- Bocarsly said to imagine if generations before them took time to help them and said they have the ability to really make changes for the future of UCLA
- Seth said that the youth voice has been instrumental. He said without individuals speaking out like them, things wouldn't have been changed
- Bocarsly said they could brainstorm and add to the document as the week goes on.
- Mason said it is a lot harder to do faculty and staff. She said they could get ones for students and have a broad number 1 and flush that out.
- Seth said in terms of the faculty, they could say why they want them to fill it out and say that they want to hear what they want them to say as well. He said they should make them feel instrumental and powerful.
- Bocarsly said if they are going to try to inspire students to talk to faculty and staff, they need to first get students to take the survey.
- Davis said they could say they are part of a California movement
- Bocarsly said this is the biggest survey in higher education
- Chu said it is important for professors to get a better understanding of what experiences students are having and they could tie it back to their curriculum
- Mohebi asked what the E was in True Bruin values
- Bocarsly said excellence. He said they could relate the survey to the quality of their degree.
- Mason said they could send a reminder email tomorrow.
- Dr. Nelson said if they include faculty and staff to make it clear that it is part of an academic mission for students. He said staff is there to make certain that they are there to enhance their educational experience and to see people succeed.
- Bocarsly said when they talk about campus climate they are talking about faculty and staff as well.

B. Surplus Plans Discussion

- Bocarsly said they would bring surplus plans next week.
- Hester said they could speak more about it
- Mason said she doesn't have the document on her, but looking at Jazz Reggae, it is the largest student run event in the nation. She said they ask for 50-60k and last year was a little higher. They will present next week for funds and they have the budget for next year.
- El-Farra asked if this was similar to Bruin Bash
- Mason said yes
- Bocarsly said if this is asked from USAC
- Mason said it is the total they ask for. She said she can send out an email to them
- Bocarsly said to send it out and then they'll hear their presentation next week
- Champawat said if money is given to Jazz Reggae, it is a program of the council. He said if they event goes well and there isn't need, in the end the money stays in the system.
- Davis said she emailed some articles from the Daily Bruin. She said they should take those into consideration when dealing with surplus. She said they could take some of poll and they could give money to the option that gets the most votes
- El-Farra said this is a great idea. She said this is a great way and wants to know what their timeline is. She asked what their timeline is and said they should reach out to students outside of USAC. She said they need to make sure they have sufficient time. She said they could have students submit proposals and they could go through proposals.
- Bocarsly said they could add this money to the equation whenever they choose.

- Jasso said capital contingency cannot open until surplus is finalized and they usually open the fund the first week of winter. She said it would be great if they had it finalized by then. She said they need to think logically
- Kraman asked if all of surplus needs to be allocated. He said they could allocate a portion to contingency
- Jasso said from her understanding, they allocate surplus and the remaining goes to capital contingency
- Bocarsly said this is a bylaw thing but they can choose to do it however they want.
- Champawat said they could use bylaws to allocate their remainder
- Seth said in response to opening up the fund to groups, he wanted to bring up they should be wary of it because it might not fall into their motives of the council
- El-Farra said they don't have to have students vote on it but they could evaluate the different proposals.
- Bocarsly said it could be like a suggestion box
- El-Farra asked if they could set aside money for the project and say that it is a student project and they could have it as a longer time so that the rest of the money could go to contingency
- Bocarsly said that would be creating a new fund
- Davis said they could have options for new students to choose from. She said these options could be approved by council. She said she liked the idea of setting aside money in having a student discretionary fund
- Champawat said if they go with a different path, they could go into feeding the same surplus cycle. He said the project has to be funded to some group with standing, etc. He said they could possibly feed money back into surplus and accomplish something they weren't trying to accomplish
- Bocarsly said this would be if the people of the options would be running the project
- Champawat said this table is an example of how democracy works. He said he doesn't think that the representation isn't present
- Seth asked about opening it up to student organizations
- Bocarsly said they shouldn't
- Seth said if it is a new project they should come and present it
- Champawat said most of their funding has carefully designed processes to ensure subjectivity so they shouldn't circumvent these mechanisms
- Hasnain said it seemed like Jazz Reggae is an all USAC event and asked why that argument is valid for one event and not all events
- Champawat said the council has an enormous exposure at Jazz Reggae. He said if things go awry, there is nothing that could lose more money than that. He said it was a financial statement
- Bocarsly said they would pursue some sort of survey. He said it brings them back to the survey question
- Tancinco asked if it would be quicker to set aside office hours.
- Mason said they could take some of the money and put it aside and tell students they have this much available and see what they can do with it. She said this way they can prolong the survey and have the event late winter or early spring
- Bocarsly asked if they could put it into discretionary
- Champawat said that's what the fund is
- Bocarsly asked if they want the money back to student groups if they could transfer it back to the funds
- Champawat said it could go wherever they want
- Jasso said if it would be student groups or students

- Bocarsly said it would be to students running the event sponsored by USAC
- Jasso asked about events that already exist
- Seth said he wanted to understand this logistically. He said they are asking students for ideas for what they want them to put on.
- Bocarsly said they give options of what they typically do and see where the students would like it to go
- Davis said it would be something that is already established. She said it could go to contingency, the textbook scholarship, night Powell, etc.
- Seth asked if they could get funding for it
- Jasso asked what he innovation is if it is going to already established programs
- Bocarsly said the money they don't spend goes to the student programming anyway. He said they give them the option of putting the money into other big ticket programs. He said the money is going back to student groups in the first place
- Hasnain said surplus filters into multiple funds that students can use. She said they are aware that these funds are tight. Now they are taking funds from that and making it harder for other programs to run.
- Starr said it's not taking away money but reallocating money they didn't know they would have. He said it is a sticky situation that is almost becoming a problem because student groups are expecting this. He said ideally there would be no surplus
- Jasso said in terms of capital, they have zero. She said in a sense, every time they take out of surplus that is money they are taking out of student programs
- Champawat said the times when the council has most actively made allocations before surplus, the years where the most allocations were made were the years where surplus was the largest. He said it had the effect of a more stable amount of money going into those programs. He said the funding that relies on surplus becomes a problem. He said using some of that can have an effective calming.
- Bocarsly said they need a more in depth conversation on surplus
- Seth said they were elected because they are able to make those decisions. He said in that balance, they need to decide how much will go to contingency and how much will go to student programs
- Hasnain said she agrees and understands but said allocations are never 100%. She said they will have things extremely tight. She said people are putting their own personal funds in. She said if they could help programs run, that is what they should do rather than taking this money away. She said that it comes down to the lesser of two evils and that they should be fiscally responsible in paying attention to what students want. She said people don't want one time events that may come and go. She said while USAC councils come and go, they are there for a while. She said there is a vast majority of them that are established
- Bocarsly asked if they know what students want and said they could open up the option of what they want to see
- Davis said she agrees they were elected by the student body but they should reach out to students to see what they want. She said they should see what students want
- Mason said this chance for students that aren't a part of an organization to see what they want. She said they know their own pockets very well and some students don't have that agency. She said some people don't have the support of a student group
- Zimmerman said most allocations of surplus aren't programming based. She said it includes saving Covell, night Powell, storage lockers, etc. She said it doesn't need to be a new program but it should be bringing something to the university and doesn't have a good funding mechanism.

- Bocarsly asked if they are all comfortable saying they will leave aside a chunk and open up a survey to see where they want the money to go to. He said they could bring the responses to the table and see where they want to put that money to
- Jasso said it is Jazz Reggae asking for surplus and asked if there were other programs
- Bocarsly said they should all talk about how they could be more consistent with programming
- Jasso said the more they take out the less other funds get.
- Bocarsly said nobody else has approached him
- Tancinco said she might have some interest in it. She said she would talk about it later
- Dr. Nelson said surplus comes up every year. He said they look at the allocations and they are really small allocations. He said students are operating on a shoestring budget. He said he hates that students put in their own money. He said they have 3 quarters and they want to make sure someone in spring has just as much money as a program in fall or winter. He said this is something where those who get money want to see all of it spent. He said they could keep money in the bank and contingency money could be used to offset costs. He said he is concerned because nobody thinks of the rainy day funds. He said this is just a thought. He said every year, contingency is an issue. He said it is fantastic they want to talk to student peers about this.
- Jasso said they need to consider that there are a growing number of student organizations. She said to ignore that they have contingency but to think they have 94 programs they already funded. She said \$76,000 seems like a lot of money but a difficulty in stabilizing the budget does not know how much would be spent in other quarters. She said she urges them to reach out to student groups and asked them to consider that student organizations have mini programs that will target more people than all of their offices combined. She said she receives thank you emails that tell her contingency and other funds are needed. She said if it is through their USAC office then that is a separate option. She said they need to assess the growing need for programming costs.
- Bocarsly said a survey to student groups will not hurt and it is a matter of if they should put money into the formula immediately. He said if they are interested, they could head up a survey and market that to students and market it to students
- Chu said she liked the suggestion of coming in to office hours. She said it would be cool to have that chance
- Mohebi said public comment is a great opportunity for that
- Chu said public comment doesn't allow them to answer the public comments
- Mohebi said they would have to wait until winter quarter anyway
- Tancinco said they would reach out to the same people that know what they do. She asked how other orgs would fill out the survey
- Davis said the Daily Bruin puts out polls weekly. She said they could put it on their website
- Jasso said if there would be funds set aside, it would be done within the next week so capital contingency would be open winter quarter. She said they need time to understand what students want. She said even getting a proposal for \$1000 could be a possibility
- Mason said it is important but it is also important to give the students the chance to express what they want money to go to. She said they could have students voice out and they could even use their own discretionary funds.
- El-Farra asked how much is left
- Bocarsly said they only spent \$2000. He said they could move forward with allocations of surplus and move forward with the survey

- Hasnain asked if the events that were proposed are events that already occur. She asked what they would do to mitigate that and said the money they don't use goes back to student programming
- Bocarsly said they put all of surplus into programming. He said the survey would see what they do with discretionary
- El-Farra said they could have a list of what the campus would benefit from
- Bocarsly asked if they would head up a survey
- El-Farra said they could put it on the agenda for next week. She said these should be things that benefit the student body
- Bocarsly said it could be put on the Google doc. He said that it is important to have a brainstorming session about the consistency of surplus.

C. 4th Floor Vandalism

- Bocarsly said they heard the public comments about the vandalism. He said they talk about being preventative about these acts. He said it could benefit their communities if USAC stood in solidarity like they said.
- Hasnain said she also sent a follow up email to Montero, Cohen, and Kay and she were able to talk to Champawat, Dr. Nelson, and Kaupololo. Kaupololo said they need to light a fire under the butt of administration. She said he suggested that she take on constructing meetings with different outlets of UCLA and if any council member is interested she will put the accountability on them to be included in the meetings. She said some of the things said have led to tangible actions by student affairs, CSP, etc.
- Jasso asked if they have security cameras in the halls
- Hasnain said the lighting is poor and she has been here at night. She said some people are here and she needed to call building security. She said she talked to UCPD today and asked if the information of other crimes in Kerckhoff were reported to ASUCLA so that they would be aware of. UCPD said 8 years ago administration said security cameras were rejected. She said she would appreciate more measures on ASUCLA's end to make them feel safe. She said if people don't feel comfortable, where else can they go on campus.
- Jasso said there is a notion of broken glass and that crimes start in petty things. She said they spend a lot of time here and that surplus at one time has been used for storage units. She suggested putting security cameras here from discretionary or the board of directors.
- Champawat said there wouldn't be resistance from building management to put in cameras. He asked why they said not to do it
- Hasnain said since it was a top down approach, students rejected it
- Mohebi asked if any other places on campus have security cameras
- Champawat said it is not a problem to put in cameras. He said they should continue this discussion and make sure that this is what they want. He said he would want them to feel like it is their home. He said it is different if they are asking for cameras. He said they would be open to that
- Tancinco said she agrees and there was a homeless man living in the CEC office. She said as an Asian woman, she was very offended by the comments. She said they didn't really interact with the people from the public comment.
- Bocarsly said he reached out to them. He said he will follow up and let them know. He said they need to go back to talk about what they will do about this specific incident.
- Champawat said they need to be clear about cameras. He said cameras are looking at spaces but they don't have the resources to look at the camera all the time to look for potential threats. He said the primary use is to check in when it happened. It would be an investigative tool but it doesn't create a completely rosy picture. There might be other

things to make them safe.

-Hester asked what the proposal was and asked if it was to talk about diversity

-Hasnain said it is to talk about campus climate issues and what ideas they have as students. She said Kaupololo said it would be effective to have a point person and she would be a point person. She said it is a way to make sure both sides are in line with each other. She talked about the resources that already exist aren't heavily publicized. She said Delucka and Kaupololo are working on emotional intelligence campus training they will put their student staff through. She said Dr. Nelson brought up a great point and that often these discussions don't lead to tangible or immediate actions which is unfortunate, but if they don't start having these discussions then nothing will get done as quickly and it is taking advantage of opportunities they have and others don't.

-Hester asked if this is similar to DCC.

-Mason said it is similar but it only meets so often and it is getting to a stagnant state. She said she will reach out but these are meetings that should happen more actively

-Hasnain said it is unfortunate that it took these events to happen for these meetings to be had. She said if this means they use this as a chance to publicize what they do as a council, they could bring all sides of the table together so they could all collaborate and make it more impactful for the entire campus. She said it is the entire campus's climate and it affects everyone

-Seth asked if they could make an appointment for this to work as a liaison between departments and USAC

-Bocarsly said the DCC is an example of what needs to happen. He said if they think it's effective they could do that

-Mason said they sit on a committee under a lot of stagnation. She said it is very new and just coming up. She said for this, them as a council haven't touched a lot of issues that have been going on. She said a resolution is a passive thing in itself. She said there is always a reactionary response. She said they should invite all of these students out and sit down with leaders on a much more intimate level. She said a lot of groups don't have a sense of trust with USAC or feel like they need them

-Jasso said she wanted to know how they could tangibly go about security cameras. She said they also touched on goals and expectations. She said it could also tie into that fund and she said she wanted to get an answer from Champawat

-Champawat said he would like them to think about it a little more and think through what the range options are. He said he would like to make sure that the consensus is that they want this because he tries to be clear that this is their space. He said he would like them to work through that. He said it is more of an investigative tool and he wanted to know more about their perceived threats and maybe there's a tool or solution that is more effective

-Kraman said he will send an email fielding concerns they have and they could come up with a solution they could bring up at a later time. He talked about diversity or inclusion as a whole. He said they could set aside a time to talk about issues groups might have to try to have an informal setting where they could come up with issues they have before they arise.

-Hasnain asked meetings with admin would be council and admin. She said it would include other groups as well. She said that is a great idea but they need to make sure they are remaining in communication with these groups. She said forces created situations they're in now. She said this is something they talk about on a daily basis. She said ideally it would lead towards opportunities, actions, etc. She said she understands that a lot of this starts in discussions and with students that are unhappy with their situations. She said they are there for them and they determine what goes on here and they should use their positions to help others not in their positions to accomplish these goals

- Mason said she agrees. She asked what they would do to support VSU besides going to the rally on Thursday and cautioned them to being top down because they could go to meetings with administration but at the same time ASU and VSU work with administration themselves. She said they should meet with the organizations first and then going to administration. She said to communicate with these students and does the research then make these developments. She asked what they wanted to do short term
- Bocarsly said there would be a support base for them. He said he would follow up with them and let them know that they are concerned. He said they will work to make sure this doesn't happen in the future
- El-Farra asked if the chancellor knows about this and asked if there is an effort on their part to have a conversation with him. She said the main thing is that students need to know this happened. She said there are people that disregard the fact that other students are being degraded. She said this is the reason that these occurrences always happen. She said they need to make sure they utilize resources to the entire student body.
- Bocarsly said a statement by the campus would be effective
- Champawat said the community needs to be condemning the behavior. The administration needs to buy tools to do it but these are their generation. He said to let it be known that this is something they should be ashamed of.
- Mohebi said they had events for other communities where they were attacked and they would have a forum and more. He said it gets to a point where talking about it is sometimes all they can do. He said if there is something wrong and they see it happening, they should use their hands, speak out against it, or bury it in their hearts. He said they could have a row walk. He said that it is sad that sometimes they all can do is talk about it. He said raising awareness is something they can positively do.
- Bocarsly said they talked about some ideas and Hasnain is talking about conversations, talking to the organizations, etc
- Jasso said the language was very hateful especially gender wise. She said if they can't do tangible action, they could change their rhetoric that is at times exclusionary of women and different sexual orientations. She encouraged them to use gender neutral language in meetings and when they spoke to their staff. She said VSU is circulating only one picture. She said she urged them to use the VSU picture. She said to keep in mind VSU's actions.
- Mason said students could sign up their names in support and this gives a visual. She said they could list what students are for or against.
- Champawat said this could be published in the Daily Bruin
- Davis said they need to be creative with campus issues. She said she thinks they have to think of students that just walk down Bruinwalk and aren't usually involved. She said they should think about students who aren't involved and don't read the Daily Bruin and at least show them what's happening.
- Dr. Nelson said what they're talking about is great. There are predecessors that have done things that are great. He said people would say or do things where there were no repercussions. He said whoever did this feels marginalized and they did it because they are insecure. He said what they do is keeping these people to feel marginalized. He said things people would say would do it and walk away because there are no repercussions. He said if they influence one person to say this is not right, this is one person more than before. He said they would follow in the footsteps of other students. He said in the past two elections, there are certain things that are decided upon that show a move toward a more enlightened election. He said that people voted on behalf of same sex marriage. He said there are things happening in his perspective in lightening speed. He said anything they do will help in the long run. He said to keep that in mind and don't lose heart because these things happen because other people are insecure. He said they are bad thinking people with

serious problems.

-Bocarsly said he hopes that people takes initiative to pursue the problems and see what they can do

-El-Farra asked if the people who plan to do something to do something to keep each other in the loop in order to look united

-Starr said it is important to think of creative ways of doing this. He said he looked up the resolution from last year and that they could do something besides passing a resolution. He said they should try to think of something creative. He said a resolution is something they could do but in the end what does it do.

-Mohebi asked if Hasnain would have meetings, Kraman would set up a dinner, and they would have an awareness campaign. He said they could start some sort of awareness campaign

-Bocarsly said stand in solidarity with VSU and attend the event Thursday. He said they should continue the follow up.

XI. Announcements

-Hasnain said if anyone is interested in attending alternative spring break to email her. She said there is an application process.

-Hester said she won't be here next week and Avi would proxy

-Tancinco said Thursday they would sneak Warm Bodies and next Tuesday they are showing Dead Fall and another event next Thursday

-Kraman said study nights would be in the global viewpoint lounge. He said it would be in the front of Ackerman

-Jasso said the alternate application for the finance committee is out. She said to let her know if they have any questions. She said the funding study group would happen Monday December 3rd in Kerckhoff 152. She said they can email topic discussions to her. She said she hopes all of them can come and she thanked Bocarsly for keeping the Daily Bruin in the loop. It is at 6pm.

-Zimmerman asked if there was an email

-Jasso said she would send out another one

-El-Farra said there is an EVP public forum Thursday 5-7 in Royce and it would be broad. She said students can bring whatever issues they want.

-Chu said SWC has taken a shot at safety on Wednesday on the hill. Stress free days are coming next week. Kick your food up a notch and Bruins in the Kitchen is next Thursday. She said World Aids Day is on Friday which is collaboration with different organizations on campus. She said there would be a procession that will converge in the middle of Bruin Plaza. The event details are in the newsletter.

-Mason said the word on Wednesday is tomorrow in Kerckhoff. She said Thursday is Bruins in the Kitchen and there would be a Q and A session with a photographer. She said there would be beyond the label week and they talked a lot with their directors and saw that they only had a few days. She said they would co-program with gen. rep. 1 as well

-Bocarsly said look for the intern email and to sign the card if they haven't yet

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Seth 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 9:37 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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