

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Hong Chen, Ryan Nelson, Porey Lin, Liz Palmer, Scott Arno, Rosslyn Forrester

I. A. Call to Order

*- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.*

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Mohebi moved to strike the fair trade resolution

-El-Farra moved to strike the special presentation

-Hester moved to add an E Board update to the special presentation

-El-Farra moved to strike the travel 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. \*2/12/13

- Seth moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the minutes for February 12, 2013.

-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

A. Representatives from the Community Activities Committee

-Jeffrey said they had their winter mini fund for community service groups and they have a mini fund coming up in the spring.

-Joseph said they do site visits. He said they each meet with 8 groups during the year.

-Kristin said another requirement is for groups to do a mid-year and end of the year evaluation. The mid-year evaluation is coming up.

-Bocarsly thanked them for their work and for coming by

Rachel Corell-Director of the Volunteer Center

Corell said hello and gave an update from the volunteer center. She said they have three more events this week. They will go to the food bank. They will also have projects with the alumni scholars who have been building a project from scratch. She said in May they do a presentation to their scholarship funders. She said if they would like to join them to look at their website. She said last week they had a successful non-profit networking night. She said hopefully they engage students in thinking about post-grad. She said they have a lot of exciting projects for spring as well. She talked about volunteer day planning. They are looking for community partners where they can send a ton of Bruins. She said they are looking for places they could send new students. She said if they have site suggestions to let her know. She said to help spread the word and they would do another announcement in spring.

Serena and Ben- OCOD

-Serena talked about helping disabled people get through doors. They talked about working with ASUCLA restaurants. She talked about the van services. She said if people need to go to the Ashe center they get pushed to the bottom of the list. She said student fees so people fund the OSD van that work at UCLA cannot use the van. They said they hope to see a golf cart to transport people. She said SHIP now covers neuropsychiatric situations and now they have almost the full fee for the screening. Students pay \$200 when they get screened. ADHD diagnosis services are at CAPS.

-Ben talked about tutoring programs exclusively disabled students are not required but they have a scholarship fund for people that cannot afford tutoring. He talked about disability sensitivity and if it should be talked about to incoming freshmen. He said they wanted to make it more disability friendly on campus.

-Chu asked about the scholarship and how many people are rewarded.

-Ben said he is not aware of the current numbers. He said from what he understands, they have to look at your financial aid statements until they deem you necessary for a scholarship

-Chu asked who the tutoring is provided for

-Ben said it could be whoever they wanted, possibly a graduate student

## V. Special Presentations

### A. E-Board Presentation- Eena Singh

-Singh said endorsements and the timeline. She said there will be a registration form and a substitution form. She said they need to hold people accountable to the information packets and they asked for signatories to use their emails. She said they understand that there are time conflicts. She said at the meeting they will talk about endorsements and slips. They are scheduled for Wednesday. The mandatory part of the meeting would be three hours only and they can switch in and out with substitutes. She said after the three hours, they will have an open meet and greet directed towards student group representatives. She said they will ask questions they didn't have time to. She said that part is not

mandatory. She said in addition, the hearing part will be live streamed and recorded and put on their website. She said slips are due Friday at noon. She said if it was slipped under the door they will call the signatory before they officially publish it. If they don't get the endorsement in time they will say endorsement pending

-Bocarsly asked if the meet and greet would be replicated the next day. She said it would be in a more sensitive matter. She said this is focused on student group leaders and signatories. She said the purpose is to get student leaders and students on the hill involved and educated on the elections process. She said the format is pretty successful. She said the meet on the greet is still open to student leaders

-Bocarsly asked about the substitute system

-Singh said they will hold onto their Bruincards during that time. She said any d=signatory should be there at all times. She said 3 people were enough and one substitute made sense. She talked about participation. She said the substitute is responsible for relaying all information to the signatory. She said the signatory can talk to the substitute and the signatory makes the decision

-Bocarsly asked if people could have three substitutions

-Singh said they have three lines. She said at this point, the three spots are all that are available. She said thank you and send her an email if they need anything. She said these would be on their website.

## VI. Appointments

### A. Joshua Edgar C. Alegado- Student Initiated Access Committee

-Mohebi moved to approve Alegado. Seth seconded. There were no objections

-Hester said the vote was 3-0-0. They asked him to increase his knowledge on the space and the program. She said he was an administrative assistant and asked more about that role. She said that Mason said she raised a majority of these concerns.

-Alegado introduced himself as a third year polis sci. major. He said he was involved with SIAC with SPACE. He said he loved the work he did. He said being part of that administrative team opened his eyes to the committee. He said budget was a big constrain for the project. He said he would like to help address the needs of the different projects.

-Kraman asked what other groups SIAC serves and how his experience could help

-Alegado said there are SHAPE, PEER, PEAR, SPACE, MECHA, MAPS, and HOPE. He said he worked with the different projects and how they were serving students. In SPACE they worked with high school and community colleges. He said other groups worked with middle school. He said the biggest connection they had was workshops that introduced them to the community and having field trips for them. He said in terms with working for the position, he would see how different groups are addressing the community aspect and see how they different serves could address the needs of the community they're working for.

-Seth moved to go into discussion.

-Seth called to question. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, Alegado was approved.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. \*Contingency Allocations

-Seth moved to approve contingency of this week. Mohebi seconded.

-She said there were 19 groups who applied this week.

-Bocarsly said it also has the amount recommended

-She said it is in an Excel

-The total required was \$99,500.25. The total requested was \$19,395.90. The contingency balance is \$66,687.10. The total recommended is \$8738.00.

-Hester called to question contingency allocations. Kim seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

B. #Cultural Affairs Mini-Fund

Seth said there were 4 groups that applied. The groups that applied were Raza Youth Conference, United Afghan Club, Taiwanese American Union, and MeCha

C. #Travel and Advocacy Grant

D. #ASRF

Davis said that MeCha applied for their conference

E. \*Capital Contingency

-Mohebi called to question. Seth seconded.

-Two groups applied, which were USAC External Vice President and Circle K International. The total required is \$1,200.84. The total requested is \$1,200.84. The contingency balance is \$18,126.08. The total recommended is \$1,200.84.

-Mohebi called to question. Seth seconded. With a vote of 9-0-1 capital was approved

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

**President – David Bocarsly**

-Bocarsly talked about the endowment. He said they are finalizing some of the official language. He said he will bring that to them next week. He said it would be very open ended. He said he would show them the language and the fund would be opened up very soon. He talked about the student leadership fund. He said that would come into fruition as well. He said they hope to get that open within the next week to week and a half. He said he will write a letter and they will reach out to past student presidents

-Hasnain asked if this would conflict with the Community Service fund

-Bocarsly said the student leadership fund would be creating an alternative fundraising fund for retreats and other leadership funds. He said he is excited to get this started. He said they will work with the FiCom and ASUCLA to get that as a fund accessible to student organizations. He said this is something that they could get to a point of sustainability. He said to start of the fund, development and himself thought it would be cool to say their council invested in the fund. He said they could donate \$1-\$5 if they wanted to. He said he would talk to them individually. He said they are working on bylaw appointments and he has reached out to most of them. He said he talked to almost all of them. He said he would bring it to CRC soon. He said he's excited to work on the Diversity Symposium and that should be a great step on bringing people together. He said the survey closes on Friday and this is the last push. He said to please tell their offices and friends

-El-Farra asked if they got a link if they filled it out

-Bocarsly said she might want to do it again and he believes you're not supposed to get the email if you finish the survey

**Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester**

Hester said this Friday she will co-facilitate a branding workshop. She said coming up week 9 on Thursday would be a transfer appreciation day. The daytime would be promotion of transfers and awareness and in the evening would be a research fair. She said she hopes to see them.

-Hasnain asked if she talked to BRC

-Hester said yes. She said if any of them would like to have a table that would be great. She said she spoke to Mike Cohen and his recommendation was to have it at the beginning of spring quarter. She said she hopes that they are still interested in a Kerckhoff open house. She said she would keep them posted. She said their meetings have been shorter. She said if they would like to have an officer report then they can. She said to email her and she would put them on the agenda.

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

-El-Farra apologized for not having the prop 13 presentations. She said she hopes to have it week 9. She said there was the UCSHIP rally and march. She said they were able to have someone come out and speak to them. She said that he was willing to meet with the chancellor if they could schedule a meeting. She said it is important for them to be aware of this. She said they could see that the UC is trying to get them at different angles. She said there is a possibility of transcript fees going up. She said in terms of the office, they have their week of action next week. She said they still don't have funding for higher education. She said these are things and questions and they would talk about prop 13. She said prop 13 is really extensive. She said there are two parts they want to reform. One capped property taxes at an extremely low level but you had that cap until you moved so that corporations that stay forever never have to pay higher property taxes. She said that would save \$8 billion a year. She said that they could increase revenue because of the 2/3 requirement. The first would change the requirement to 55% and the other would increase the spread of property taxes. She talked about the forum and said students are welcome to bring their solutions for funding higher education. Wednesday is a hip hop and prop event. Thursday they will have an art wall. She said if they want to learn about prop 13 to come out to the forum. She said next week she will tell them more about the week of action.

-Bocarsly asked why it was 55% and not a simple majority

-El-Farra said she doesn't know why it is 55%. She said it is better than having 2/3

-Bocarsly asked what the bills were

-El-Farra talked about AB188 and the senate constitutional amendment. She said these are two pieces of legislation. She said it is a long term campaign because reforming the proposition would take a long time.

-Dr. Nelson said it was one of the most disastrous decisions California has ever made. He said since then, there has been a steady deterioration. He said taxes went up so high that people could not afford their homes. He said it was one extreme to another. He said that they said it would take 20 years to get to bottom and 20 to get back up. He said the bottom was not 20 years. He said it seems it would take more than 20 years to recoup what the great loss was. He said when they hear that funds for education is low, it is extremely embarrassing. He said this is some very important legislative action and hopefully they can move forward.

-Bocarsly asked for clarification

-El-Farra said having corporations pay property taxes it would save \$8 billion a year

-Dr. Nelson said when they find low property taxes for a million dollar home, it is quite a difference. He said the discrepancies are outrageous

### **Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis**

-Davis said AAC has been very busy. Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> would be the global leadership connection conference and they will bring 50 students to UCLA for a conference on college, how to apply to college, and how to conduct interviews. She said they would have their counselor connect in the small patio. They will have counselors from all parts of campus. She said students can ask about classes. She said on February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm in Moore 100 they are having a student voice empowerment forum. She said it would be about where UCLA and the UC system are going in regards to online education. She talked about bringing another diversity requirement to the table for next year. She said thank you for the letters for the kids in Georgia. She said they were really excited and that they are very close to their goal. She said the deadline for applying for the USIE has been moved to mid spring quarter so more students have time to connect with faculty and to be more aware of what USIE is. She said they have been working with the registrar on a mobile class enrollment app. She said syllabus preview has been achieved but they are lobbying for professors to upload their syllabus.

#### **Administrative Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson**

Dr. Nelson said there was an insulting themed party. He said that what he realized was that the absence of a diversity requirement gives students a license to say that they did not mean anything by this. He said that there was probably no purposeful intent to hurt someone's feelings but sometimes students get caught in their own reality. The diversity requirement would allow people to realize other realities that are out there. He said ignorance is not an excuse, but that if people have been locked in their own environment they are not inclined to be sensitive to other people. He said people don't recognize that some people are locked into their own realities. He said he would rather have to deal with a student organization and be able to come down hard because they should know better than have a group say that they didn't mean anything by this. He said he hopes that their faculty wakes up to that reality and do something about it

#### **Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici**

Lazarovici said she is glad that prop 13 is on the table. She said Jerry Brown was governor when prop 13 was passed. She said it would be a historical center if he could redeem that because some of his political decisions led Californians to want to pass prop 13. She said she was a K-12 student when it passed. She said she went to summer school for free at a public school. She said she took ballet classes for \$5 and there was a list of classes for kids everyday at the public park. She said the libraries were open 7 days a week. She said UCLA was practically free for her. She said there was no money in the state. She said it was to save homeowners money but also to starve the public sphere of funding because of a political and ideological view of the public space. She said people are referring to the split role property tax. She said that some people might lobby against any tax reform. She said she owned a condo in Virginia. She said her property taxes were low by vote of the city council. She said that added a whole other layer of political bizarreness. She said 55% is more politically palpable. She said it is a political compromise that becomes necessary. She said property taxes are boring until they're not. She said property taxes are not boring because they effect how much they pay for their education. She said they will deal with property taxes when they grow up and buy property. She said these things make living in a civilized city possible.

#### **IX. Old Business**

*There was no old business for this week.*

X. New Business

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XI. Announcements

- Bocarsly said to look at the fair trade resolution for next week
- Yoshida said the farmers market is next week
- Mohebi said to look at the resolution and he thanked Hasnain. He said they can email him about the resolution
- Seth said he will have an event next week and won't be here
- El-Farra said she might not be there
- She said El-Farra sent an email
- Davis said talk to her about Justice Core
- Chu said she hopes to see them for I love by body week. She said there is an exhibit and asked students to submit what they perceive as beauty. She said next week on Monday is a resource fair with student orgs based on body image. There will be a photo booth as well. Tuesday is a movie screening called America the Beautiful. She said it will be shown at 7pm on Tuesday. She said Wednesday would be a workshop with the LGBT center about body image and how it relates to identify. She talked about body image issues in the LGBT community. She talked about FITTED and how physical activity has become an industry. She said there is a silent rave in Powell. There would be a DJ and 100 media kits. The only people that could hear the music would be people with the kits. It would be 8-9 next Wednesday in Powell. She talked about mindfulness workshops by Fitwell. She said there would be a speaker that went a year without looking in a mirror. It would be in Haines A39. She said the speaker also got married that year. Saturday is a reflections body image workshop. She said they would discuss body images in the female community.
- Hasnain said thank you to those who went to the non-profit networking night. Alternative spring break and the issue awareness week and project Bruin is coming up. She said they can put on a workshop or interact with the kids.

XII. *The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Seth moved and Davis seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katrina Dimacali  
USAC Minutes Taker  
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