

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 5, 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, Lauren Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

1 Approval of the Agenda

-Yoshida moved to add an OSAC Application Approval under new business as an action item. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0 OSAC Application Approval was added to the agenda.

-Jasso asked to strike capital contingency

-Hasnain moved to strike capital contingency

-El-Farra moved sing happy birthday to Yoshida under new business and strike the travel grant

-Davis moved to strike ASRF

-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

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- Seth moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the minutes for February 26th, 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

Jonathan and Katie- CS Mini Fund

-Jonathan said they allocated over \$39,000 for 42 projects.

-Katie said they were able to fund projects more than they were originally funded

-Jonathan said they sent an email out regarding the impact this had on projects

-Zimmerman thanked Hasnain and Yao for their work with the DREAM fund and receiving allocations with the CS Mini. She said allocations might be a higher amount for future allocations. She said thank you.

David Mangold - Executive Director from the IVP Branch

David talked about the IVP Student Organization Liaisons SOLs. He said they had 8-10 people and looked at initiatives that would help the students. They worked to develop new seminars. SOLs worked to empower coalitions and promote communication between organization. He said it was in the realm of the IVP office to promote this. He said they hope to institutionalize SOL and CSP expressed interest in that as well.

Rafay Haseeb

Asi talked about his work with SOL and how he wanted a pan-Asian organization. He said he set out to create a southasian coalition that was modeled after Indus, which referred to the Indus civilization. He said the goal was to unite those groups so that they still had autonomy as an organization. He said last week they met with the organizations and they talked about the goals they had for the organization. He said it included the dance teams, a political action component, a social component, and an entertainment component. He said they are aiming to make this an official organization spring quarter. He said they would look into which departments they should include and hope to bring change to the overall community on campus.

Yurika Yoneda- North campus and pre-professional organization

Yoneda said they wanted to focus more on the coalition. She said they are working on communication and networking within these groups. She said they have networking nights but sometimes people can't network with people. She said she is planning a dinner for 8 to allow people to find similarities. They established a Facebook group so people would have access to everything they need. she said networking is important and by having that support they are able to have that communication between each other. She said she plans to span to bigger organizations and also trying to reach out to the North campus as well. She said next quarter they are working with high schoolers who are looking to build business relations. They will have 200 high schoolers come to Ackerman Grand Ballroom and will be having an event.

Jen Polson- SOL for community service

Holton said she is a south campus major and she said she felt like south campus was competitive. She said she wanted to have a south campus activities fair that was centered around south campus groups. She said they took a different approach and hoped to start a coalition. She said a coalition without a purpose wouldn't flourish but a coalition with a purpose would promote more of a sense of community. She said they are all excited to find out what groups are in south campus. She said she worked with CSP and Mike Cohen. She said if anyone would like to help then they should let her know. She said their support is appreciated.

Mangold said their SOL would have presentations. He said they wanted to make them aware of all of the available resources.

V. Special Presentations

A. UCLA Transportation & Parking Department 2013-2014 Fee Rates- Lisa Koerbling, Debbie Corral
Koerbling said she is the director of finance. She said she wanted to talk about how transportation relates to students. She said she has some visible goals. She said they have campus trip cap, where they draw a ribbon around campus and they count their trips across that ribbon everyday for a week. They hope to have no more than 139,000 trips to and from campus everyday. She said they created a climate action plan. She said they are regulated by the southern California air community district. She said their employee driving rate is 53%. She said if they include student commuters, their average vehicle ridership is 2.2. She said the Bruin Bus is a huge commute option. She said 55.3% use it from Weyburn Terrace. She said they started in 1990. She said their daily trips have decreased but their population has increased substantially. She presented the campus mode split. She said they did a great job in promoting public transit. She said it has increased more than triple in the last 5 years. They also have a lot of public transport growth. She said that has been very popular. She said they are focusing on active transportation, which is transportation with their low energy. She said they had to make it safe to walk and bike. She said they have increased focus on active transportation, which includes speed humps and more signage. She said when construction on the hill dies down they will install more speed bumps to calm the speeding and to keep people's speeds safe. She said they have spaces where they have speed displays. She said they found that people were driving up to 50 miles per hour there. She talked about their focus on bicycling. She said there is more green paint coming. She said it has been challenging with all of the people, bikes, and cars. She said student and employee cycling was going up. She said they took abandoned bikes and gave them back to the UCLA community. She talked about the bike library and how it was really well utilized. She said they received some TGIF funding. She talked about their focus on walking. She said they are finally installing a new crosswalk. She said instead of crosswalks being two bars they added more. She said they had some pretty challenging intersections between bikes, pedestrians, and skateboards.

-Bocarsly asked if the ridership includes the busses

-Koerbling said if they ride on a bus the vehicle doesn't count. She said they count the people, they tell them how they rode, and they divide. She said they managed their finances over a ten year cycle. She said they continually evaluate their programs. Their goal is maintain 1 year of reserves. She said if something happens, those bond holders still wanted them to uphold their side. She talked about the impacts on parking. She said they are trying to subsidize alternate transportation. She said they did a repair to structure 9. She said they replaced the aging pay station infrastructure. She talked about the anticipated impacts of FY 2013-2014 and Beyond. She said the next year, they are doing structure 5. She said currently, there are millions of dollars they are needed to repair infrastructure. She said they are eliminating the Northwest Campus shuttle. She said they are simplifying the student parking service. She said they make about \$22,000 and pay about \$12,000 in debt. She said they subsidize certain components of transportation. She said after that they plan to use around 4.7 million dollars. She said they planned to pay off reserves over time. She said they will begin reserves over time. She presented the proposed parking fee plan. She said students who live in resident halls need to pay a due date. She said there would be a small increase in the 2% carpool. She said those who participate in carpooling get a discount.

-Bocarsly asked for clarification of the numbers.

-Koerbling said these numbers were by month. She talked about the remote lot. She said that daily rates are fairly competitive. The rate will raise to \$1. They will have discounted night dates. She said a permit in Westwood Village is really expensive.

-Jasso said they would reduce the kiosk staff. She asked how many students work there

-Koerbling said about 100 students work there. She passed out comment cards and said they do listen

B. CalPIRG FEC vs Citizens United- Melissa and Kyle

-Melissa introduced herself and said she is an intern. They tackle large social problems. She said they work to see what benefits the lives of students. She said they are trying to get a resolution passed. She proposed to them the first amendment. She said it states information about congress and how they should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, etc.

-Kyle talked about students united. He said they have the right to spend funds to use expenditures. He talked about super pacts. He said negative ads depend on superpads. He said under the influence is a euphemism for corruption. He talked about what corruption was and said that this is viewed as gifting. Any normal person would feel obligated to reciprocate gifts. He said there is a lot of money that goes into financing campaigns. He said these are the third party perks. He said an example of third party perks involve people under Obama. He talked about electoral decay. He said in this election, there was a giant influx of electoral decay. .

-Melissa talked about how bad it is. She said \$6 billion were used in the 2012 election and that over \$2.3 billion was spent in the presidential race. She said there is a disproportionate spending of money. She said that congress spends 3-4 hours a day campaigning. She said they keep themselves in office by funding. She said they are working to pass a constitutional amendment

-Kyle said people were able to give to regular PACs as well

-Melissa said a constitutional amendment is a long term goal. She said they wanted to instruct legislatures to work towards an amendment. She said they wanted to add their support for measure C. She said they feel like there should be limits in the amount of money in politics. She talked about the ballot initiative in Los Angeles, specifically measure C

-Kyle talked about the ballot victories in He said that they were a red state. HE brought up UC schools that passed similar resolutions, such as Cal, Riverside, and UCSB.

-Melissa said justice stevens said that corporate wealth can unfairly influence elections

-Kyle talked about opposition arguments.

-El-Farra said she would be bringing this resolution to the council next week

-Melissa said she would want to do last minute editing and then send it out.

VI. Appointments

A. *Reed Vierra – UCLA Committee on Disability

-Mohebi moved to approve Vierra for the UCLA Committee on Disability.

-Hester said the vote was 3-0-0. She said she suggested him to touch base with Ben and Serena, the UCOD appointees and researching tangible ways to look at mobility issues. She said Vierra drew on personal experiences and ideas on how to tie it back to UCLA.

-Kraman said Vierra was aware of the issues his friend in high school went through

- Davis said Vierra will be abstaining for a vote because he works in her office. She said he is very responsible and he reached out to various places on campus.
- Vierra introduced himself. He said he is a second year and is involved in USIE board, active minds, and academics committee. He said his friend has a muscular disorder and she had to struggle a lot in their two-story high school. He said she had to face a lot of struggles and that it showed him how many struggles people with disabilities had to face
- Vierra said he tried but they never got back to him
- Kraman asked what he would like to see UCOD improve on
- Vierra said to increase accessible walkways or signage and promote the programs that they already have
- Bocarsly asked what programs exist
- Vierra talked about the bus, which was inconsistent and not always on time. He talked about note taking services and alternate exam times
- Kraman said he was great
- Mohebi called to question. Starr seconded. With a vote of 10-0-2 Vierra has been approved.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. EVP Travel Grant

B. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Mason said they gave funds to the street collective. ASA got \$600.

C. *Contingency Allocations

- Mohebi moved to approve contingency of this week. Kraman seconded.
- Jasso said she will let them know how much they got back from closing accounts next meeting. They closed it Dec.1-Jan 30th.
- Bocarsly asked when it would happen again
- Jasso said end of March
- Seth called to question contingency allocations. Mason seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

Bocarsly talked about the MOU for the student events calendar. He said this would have a testing period for the next couple of weeks. He said once it is signed they cannot push it back any longer. He said happy birthday to Yoshida. He said they are about to launch their student leadership fund. He if they are all interested, he will bring this forward next week.

- Hasnain asked where it would go
- Bocarsly said it would go to leadership development programs. He said about 30% of application funds from contingency went to retreats. He said they could support student programming without charging students for it
- Jasso said she is concerned with SOOF and that a lot of students can use SOOF for retreats.

-Bocarsly said any way they allocate it will be a council meeting. He said the goal in the future is to hopefully be able to isolate retreat allocations so more would go towards student programs. He said they are in the process of evaluating whether they should look on the lifetime caps on their SHIP. He said some students hit their caps and can't afford the healthcare they need. This would require a small increase in the SHIP price. He said this may be something they will ask them to vote on within the next couple of weeks

-Zimmerman asked what the cap was

-Bocarsly said their cap is higher than most UC's. He said that UCSD has a higher cap. He said with Obamacare, there shouldn't be caps. He said the discretion of they should be under Obamacare will lead them to decide if they will remove caps or not. He said removing caps would increase every students price \$30-\$50.

-El-Farra talked about the graduate president at Cal and said she is doing her graduate work at Cal. She said she could tell him a lot about this.

-Bocarsly said he would like them to ask questions as well

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said towards the end of the year, Zimmerman puts together a binder to pass on. She said to jot down a few notes about the year so that they know what to go off of. She said they could do this each week. She said she met with Zimmerman about a workshop for the incoming councilmembers as an introduction to USAC. She said this would be an hour before the council meeting. The idea would be that they would provide basic information about how they could see a project through from start to finish, keep track of emails, etc. She said that is May 21st week 8. She said the SOL are part of the IVP office. She said the idea of getting the word out as a whole is important. She said she worked with ISAC about a student government publicity day and week 2 they would get the word out to a variety of student groups across campus. She said they would get out the information week 1 and week 2

-Seth asked if there was a connection between having USAC commissioners and SOLs.

-Hester said when the idea came up, they knew they would talk to the appropriate commissioners. She said she hopes it was clearly communicated that the SOLs mainly bring together student groups. She said if they would like to see more relevant council members she would be open to talking about it

-Seth said they could find ways to all work together

-Hester said to help getting the USAC word out by week 2 before elections. April 13th is Bruin Day and they were asked to have a table. She asked if they wanted to table. She said they will have that and arrange a time.

-Zimmerman said last year they did Kerkhoff tours. She said the ASUCLA tour guides took them to USAC and then the commissioners or staff would take them on tours. She said they could send representatives.

-Hester said BRC was working on a transfer pride week week 3 of spring quarter. She said they would love to have USAC be part of their efforts. She said if they are interested they would really appreciate it. She said transfer appreciation day is happening Thursday. She said it is all laid out on the flyer. She said thank you to SWC, AAC, etc. for being able to table at the event.

-Jasso said during spring break she would email them funding 101 packets and that they could add those to binders.

-Zimmerman said she could add it

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

El-Farra said they were educating students about immigration reform. She said they had a film screening. She said that went on before council and they had a great turnout. Thursday they have a panel about the intersectionalities about the student movement. She said they are taking a 5 day break before LegCon.

-Hasnain asked if this would happen next year

-El-Farra said she wasn't sure

-Hasnain said there are community service groups that could participate

-El-Farra said it is national coming out week and the immigration reform incorporated together. She said they had the student lobby conference this past weekend. She said it is a conference that comes full circle over congress. She said this is the weekend they go to the capital. She said they had a few issues and suggestions for legislatures. She talked about the unit cap that was instituted in the budget. USSA has strong feelings that the unit cap doesn't exist. She said they can't penalize them because some classes aren't being offered. She said decisions such as these shouldn't be made by governors. She talked about online education, which was stipulated to have about 1 million dollars. She said she went to the visit in the governor's office. She said the staffers are sticking to the unit cap and online education. She said right now it is really vague. She said in prop 30 they didn't have a fee increase. She said they want a tuition rollback. She said they want to go back a few years and bring it down. She said in terms of a professional degree, their professional and grad counterparts are looking for a tuition increase. She talked about buyouts so they don't have this fee increase. She said that the speaker is anti-term "buyouts" because it is seen as giving them money without certain conditions. She talked about the props and AB38 as well as the oil severance tax. She talked about lobbying. She said the middle class scholarship might be coming back. She said they are working on some sort of version of the scholarship. She said there are no major cuts to cal grant. She said cal grant B is not offered to first year students. She said it doesn't make sense to not offer it. She said AB1364 would bring back the Cal Grant to its original \$1550. She said AB1241 deals with Cal Grant B. She said they have to go to college at least a year after high school but they wanted to expand it to 4 years. She said they are dealing with tuition equity for out of state students. She said they want to offer students community college classes and to be able to pay the same rates in community college. She said graduate students created a report card for legislatures. She said after this legislative cycle they will be able to grade them. She said based on that they will see who their allies really are. She said the march was great. She said one of their students spoke at the rally and it was really great.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis said AAC has been very busy over the past week. She talked about counselor connect last week. She said they were there for 4 hours. She said all of these students signed in with them and would receive an email about how to navigate Murphy, petition for classes, etc. She said on Sunday they had global leadership connection interviews who are in the running for 12 scholarships. She said it was nice seeing them in their business attire. She said from those interviews she was impressed seeing what they do in their communities. She said these are students from charter, private, and public schools. She said there is a mobile app survey. She said it'll went up Friday night and had over 200 participants. She talked about mobile class enrollment. She said at the end of last year they had a working app but it turns out that he was illegally scraping for that app and he was offered a position working to make apps. She said this past year they had a lot of meetings and they put out this survey that has been approved by their commission and the academic affairs commission. She said this is someone of the official student voice. She said this

is very important that their student voices are heard. She said they have been working on mid-quarter evaluations over this past year. She said this past quarter they have distributed over 100 mid quarter evaluations. She said they distributed mid-quarter evaluations and professors would implement necessary changes. They would later indicate if the surveys were helpful. She said she would share findings shortly. Mid quarter evaluations are a work in progress. She talked about the student voice empowerment forum that addressed the diversity requirement and online education. They had the major players present. She said questions were heard and answered. She said some offices didn't send any representation. She said they need to work to support each other.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson talked about basketball this year. He said one of the things he finds unique is that a lot more students are coming in drunk. He said it was rare to have that before. He said that partying is evidently on the rise. He said that years ago, there would be sponsorships that student organizations got from beer companies. He said that students would drink a beer that they would drink for the rest of their life. There was a propensity that students could turn into alcoholics. He asked if this was a rise and acceptability. He said he wondered when people were not drinking. He said he doesn't know what goes on in residential life. He said he has never seen it this way before. He said this is something student leaders might be aware of.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

Dr. Geller talked about taking positions on political matters. She said that people, like on prop 30, could do educational efforts. She said to make sure what they present in the future is worded correctly

- Seth said individual offices cannot have a stance on political beliefs though the table can. He said prop 30 dealt directly with education. He said he agrees that if it doesn't affect higher education he wasn't sure if they could take a stance

- Dr. Geller said the regents took a position. She said they cannot use institutional resources to promote any political positions. She said they could pass a resolution but could not support a prop and publish it. She said they could promote things that are education in nature. She said they did a good job on that last time. She said they could craft a resolution that could meet those requirements. She said they could not take a position on the ballot initiative. They could separate the ballot initiative with the issues of free speech, etc.

- Bocarsly said they couldn't use student fees to publish and asked about social media

- Dr. Geller said social media is fine. She said if they wanted to do something out of the realm of education, they could as long as they are aware of the limitations. She said they could go in various directions but to be conscious in the decisions they make

- El-Farra asked if these were regarding things that students could vote for

- Dr. Geller said they could talk about initiatives or underlying issues

- Bocarsly asked about lobbying

- Dr. Geller said lobbying is okay but they couldn't tell people how to vote

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

Lazarovici said when she came back to California she went to a Daily Bruin banquet. She said they invited Daily Bruin alumni and she was stunned at how many students showed up at a weeknight banquet drunk. She said that wasn't a great place to network with people. She said a lot of students missed out on

a chance to network. She said she was intrigued by the presentation by the student group liaisons. She said they deal with the issue of how people share what they learned. She said people in groups of communities come up with how to share and learn from each other. She said groups do specific tasks. She said that she thinks it is great to encourage peer to peer teaching and learning. She said people and organizations are so busy that they sharing of things they are doing is way down on the list of priorities. She said a barrier she sees is that there is a zero sum mentality of success. She said she thinks that there is no finite amount of success and that there is a lot of success to go around. She said she loves the idea of tuition rollback. She said the gentleman they appointed illustrated the power of a personal story in getting the point across. She said this is something they should do when doing a presentation or trying to be persuasive

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. *Bylaw Change Proposal (Appointments)

Seth moved to go into bylaw change proposals. Kraman seconded.

-Bocarsly said CRC wasn't able to meet. He said the best bet is to talk for a little and have the vote next week. He said there are changes in the order of how things are being proposed. He said a lot of things were out of order and contradicted each other. He talked about information on appointments. He talked about selection, review, and council approval. He talked about special consideration for two year appointments, responsibilities, and how to remove someone if they don't uphold those responsibilities.

-Jasso asked if he could send what the final looks like

-Bocarsly said the final looks as is

-Jasso asks if the final is there

-Hasnain asked if they could see what the final looked like

-Bocarsly said he sent out the final and the edited one

-Zimmerman said they will send the clean copy after CRC makes edits.

-Bocarsly said he could send the clear copy now. He said if it is bolded it is new and if it is a double red strikethrough it is gone completely. He said the only real change that is being made is the way the approval process works. He said it is now very vague. He said the ones listed in the bylaws have been maintained but it also says ARC was meant to speed up the process. He said that he felt like it was intended to mean that not everyone has to come up before council. He said all the two year appointees can come before council. The ones that get stipended by them need to come before council as well. He said some appointments that are not stipended would go in front of ARC. He said this would make the process more efficient.

-Zimmerman said there were two sections that were added, one from the EVP office and one from AAC.

-Bocarsly said those are the presidential appointments. He said they wanted to list out every presidential appointment that was made. He said he wanted to send out opportunities from USAC. He said that he talked to Davis about her appointments. He said that they decided that the three listed are ones that should come before council. He said EVP makes appointments to USSA. He said they would come before council as well. He said every other one would be a consent item and those would only go before ARC.

Financial supports, community service, and student wellness make appointments. He said they wanted to make the practices more clear

-El-Farra said the EVP appointment is 2-4 people. She said she has 2 people within each. She said right now they feel like it makes sense that they come for consent because it is already part of their internal role. She said she is willing to see them as consent and she said that they application process is the same. She said people know that they are going to the meetings with her. She said she has the BLC director and the legislative liaison. She said to make it strict in the guidelines would restrict EVPs.

-Kraman said they might want to say that anyone in the office could have the potential to have a further role. She said even if it is formal, she doesn't see the point of making them come to council for approval. She said she is willing to have them come forward for consent. She said it seems like they are staff members.

-Hasnain said it seems like this position is similar to the council positions as consent items rather than having council approval since Bocarsly's appointments aren't brought forward for approval.

-Bocarsly said they could put some facts on the table and think about it. He said as a representative, it meets the criteria of what comes to council. He said for the most part they approve most of the people they appoint.

-Hasnain asked about the student advocate

-Bocarsly said it was important enough to bring as an appointment. He talked about the EVP's instructions in the bylaws. He read the section regarding the EVP office. He said it could be moved into the appointment section

-Davis asked if half was approved by council and half by ARC

-El-Farra said it is so flexible and that if it put under the criteria for approval, the staff doesn't receive stipends. She said there is no vote or power coming from the appointees

-Bocarsly said the voice is still relevant. He said the EVP needed to appoint alternates

-Mason asked for clarification for the reasoning for taking away appointments to council

-Bocarsly said it says ARC is meant to speed up the employment process. He said the ARC should do that. He said they would have everyone approved but maybe not an interview

-Mason said the tone of the bylaw changes feels like it takes away their authority. She said the fact that they're giving the president's office more authority and taking away authority from offices. She brought up the ARC members

-Jasso said Bocarsly brought up the ARC members

-Bocarsly asked how it should be done

-Mason said she is not in support of the changes

-Bocarsly said it changes the way they've been doing things in terms of what they've been doing. He said ideally, they trust one another to make these decisions. He said where people aren't approve, they have the chance to not approve someone

-Mason said if they do that it should be all appointments

-Jasso asked if El-Farra knew if other campuses did it this way. She asked if they could go back and look at the bylaws and see their own interpretations. She said if something needed to be changed they should do it. She said this is not necessarily the venue to speak about their own office. She said she would like to see what other campuses know about their appointees

-Hasnain said because El-Farra is the voting member she is not appointing anyone. She said it is perhaps the way it should be worded. She said whoever replaces her would be the appointment. She said they were trying to appoint her staff members

-Kraman said while this is an overall change, he doesn't change what the bylaws are saying. He said they have the power of repressing an interview. He said while it may or may not be the position of councilors right, there is a lot of respect between council. He said that is the sentiment behind it. He said while they are adding an extra step, they should make sure they are very thorough and transparent through this whole process. He said they did a good job by opening up an appointment by application. He said overall it seems like more red tape but it would move smoothly and efficiently

-Dr. Geller talked about USSA. She said it is fair to consider two options, one is the one he is suggesting or changing the section of the bylaws. She said they should see which changes the council is more receptive to. She said there are a number of appointments. She said three appointments are supposed to be commissioners or the commissioner's appointee. She said it doesn't mention that if a commissioner is available they could do what they wanted. She said the facilities commissioner has 1. She said there should be clarifying language. She said for any committee by nature of their office there be that same alternative so they could appoint an alternate to take their role

-Bocarsly said the respective elected officers should be part of that category

-Dr. Geller said they should move out of that listing

-Bocarsly said that goes for all of them

-Kraman said the facilities section is jumbled

-Dr. Geller said each council member should look at their own section and recommend any changes that could improve that section. She said they could clean it up if possible. She said their insight is a great place to start for changes in those potential changes

-Bocarsly said he listed the members and their duties. He said he wanted to list them in the order of the constitution

-Hasnain said they included Bruin Lobby core, etc. and asked if these were only sponsored groups.

-Bocarsly said those are already in there. He said they should figure out what they want to do with that. He said it was also listed

-El-Farra asked what a sponsored group was

-Bocarsly said it is in the bylaws

-Dr. Geller said it says it is part of USAC, which is called out on the campus as an official organizational unit.

-Bocarsly said it already listed some organizations and said to look into it

-El-Farra said she would look into it

-Zimmerman said they shouldn't strike the SWC.

-Bocarsly said it is just moved

-Zimmerman said it is good to take out parts but it is good to have that move to the actual area. She said she understands that it got moved down

-Bocarsly said he made some changes to the office of the president

-El-Farra said she will move more into this and she will talk to other schools. She said she will talk to past EVPs and see what the process was like. She said she is not against transparency. She said the approval and vote part is something she needs to look into.

-Bocarsly said if appropriate they could split this into two votes,

-Jasso challenged CRC to give them a deadline when they could have looked at their specific sections.

She said she doesn't see the initiative on their part. She said that way, it fits more so with their time. She said it doesn't seem like they're moving. She said they should look at what they want their offices to do in the future

- Bocarsly said he is determined to bring this up next week.
- Hasnain asked how realistic this deadline would be
- Mason said more realistic if they had a deadline
- Davis proposed that first week of next quarter to work on it
- Bocarsly said that would be a good deadline to look at their section. He said to get it in by second week
- Zimmerman said to look at their specific appointment section. She said to please send that to CRC.
- Hasnain said to have it due Sunday morning
- Zimmerman said it would be done by Sunday morning to CRC.
- Bocarsly said he gets really frustrated because it is seen as patchwork. He said he hopes they can work together and make it as efficient as possible
- Kraman moved to table the bylaw proposal. Seth seconded

B. Seth moved to go into the OSAC application. Kraman seconded.

- Ople said he emailed all of them the updated application so that he could send it out by Friday.
- Jasso asked if this was the same application. He said he changed one question and the order. The guidelines are a little more thorough. In the old application it focused on the point breakdown but he included how the hearing would be. He hopes to have it out by this Friday and have it due April 13th.
- Bocarsly asked about the rest of the process.
- Ople said after submission, his committee and himself would have interviews and they should have everything done by 5th week. He said he doesn't have a set move in date but there would be one date before the end of the quarter
- Hester asked when they would be released
- Ople said they will be released and then have appeals
- Hester said they should say appeals should be made by a certain date, etc.
- Ople said he could change it
- El-Farra asked what a week after May 3rd would be
- Seth said May 10th
- Hester moved to change the application to add the date of May 10th
- Seth seconded. There were no objections.
- Bocarsly pointed out the part that says they should be registered for 5 years with CSP
- Zimmerman said it could be brought up for discussion. She said it is important that they could lower the year but they want to make sure it is a well-established group. She said there has to be some relief factors. She said if they want to discuss lowering it she doesn't see it being a one year group
- Bocarsly said sometimes groups want to grow but younger groups don't have the chance to
- Mohebi said a group such as Homecoming would want to be established in an office
- Ople said it might be in the bylaws
- Zimmerman said they were there for a while
- Bocarsly asked if they could come back later and fix
- Zimmerman said not necessarily because it says 5 years on the application. She said groups younger than 5 years wouldn't apply.
- Bocarsly asked if there was interest in this.
- Zimmerman said they have the communal office space. She said a solution would be that instead of allocating students to have an office, there is a second communal office space. She said this would be for

ten groups to use. She said there would be a few computers and for those groups they could outreach in a different way

-Bocarsly asked who could apply

-Davis said they could establish a range and stipulations

-Jasso asked how she would mitigate ten groups applying for computers

-Zimmerman said they had guidelines for this

-Jasso said groups not in that communal space could have those items and others would not. She said she is cognizant of the way they deal with capital contingency

-Zimmerman said they could use more ways to use the communal office space for more groups. She said as FiCom, they wouldn't be approving ten computers to go into one office

-Jasso said it could present a problem if groups are staggering. She said once they set a funding application, they try not to change it at all.

-Zimmerman said it would be access to an office.

-Jasso said if it is a communal space, they could change in the application which rooms were available. She said in addition, they could put that secondary office as an exception to the rule

-Bocarsly asked how they would apply and how they would manage all ten groups.

-Zimmerman said the OSAC process should remain the same. She said the communal office space was created for this. She said they could allocate it as 10 or 100 groups. She said they could find more ways to utilize space. She said they should move forward and solve the problem of actually getting an office and then move forward with it.

-Bocarsly said they could do better. He said he likes the suggestion of having lock space or cubbies. He asked if approving the application was limiting themselves.

-Zimmerman said Ople can choose in his reallocation of office space and nobody needs to apply.

-Seth asked if they wanted to discuss the issue of the 5 year rule. He said that he was part of a group that was only there for 3 years and performed at Royce.

-Hasnain said some rooms are not used effectively. She said she agrees that is hard to quantify but she would lean towards 5 years because it demonstrates more sustainability for presence on campus

-El-Farra said the real challenge is the turnover past 5 years and that groups would be qualified if they could sustain themselves after the turnover

-Jasso said these discussions could happen later.

-Bocarsly said they can approve it and look further into it

-Seth asked if they could take a straw vote

-Kraman said he thinks dealing with shorter term groups, a communal space would be a better option

-Bocarsly asked the council if they should look into lowering the term length or leave it as it exists.

-Seth said they could approve it or look more into changing the number.

There was a vote of 2 for looking into it and 8 for approving as is.

-Starr said 5 seems like an arbitrary number.

-Mohebi said that the people that are appointed are in the positions for a reason

-Starr asked why they should limit it

-Ople said he wouldn't be opposed to it. He said he could add something in the application if they are under 5 years old.

-Bocarsly said they could add an extra question

-Ople said they could do appeals by an appointment. He said he wasn't sure how fair that was

-Kraman said that in the application exceptions could be made. He said that they could add “through the appeals process.”

-Jasso said it wouldn't be putting in a couple of sentences but it would change the way the application is itself.

-Kraman said if a young group wants an office, they wouldn't have events to fill out

-Jasso said during the appointment, they discuss how allocations happen. She said her concern would be when there are more groups applying, they would be turnout down more groups

-Bocarsly asked about the mailbox

-Ople said they could apply for a locker, office, or mailbox

-Jasso asked about groups that didn't get an office. She said they might not even have room for all of the organizations.

-Bocarsly said the OSAC chair can always say no

-Kraman said it seems like overall, the only groups trying to apply are groups that have proven that they deserve to be there. He said if they add an exception that required them to go through the same rubric, you would just be making an exception to the 5 year rule

-Seth said they could look at need and it opens this up to groups part of the exception category

-Zimmerman said they don't really want appeals. She said they want appeals to be done. She said realistically, appeals should only be from the 50 that applied. She said they should add it to the application and not after the fact

-Bocarsly said if they want to move forward, they could add another portion about how long a group was there for and an additional question as needed

-Starr said they could add that exceptions could be made for groups that show strong need

-Bocarsly said if they add the ability for a group to apply it should be at the top of the page

-Dr. Geller said it shouldn't be an appeal. She said someone who didn't appeal would have lost. She said footnotes don't apply because it has been 5 years since those circumstances have been relevant. She said the thing to keep in mind is that when they give an organization space or funding, each of those things they do are 1 more step towards a court looking at a group as a university program, thus making them more liable. The threshold is not because they existed but because they have programmed without negative outcomes and there is minimal risk outputting resources onto that. She said simply looking at what number that's had at least a couple years to demonstrate, they should consider how long the application and allocation process is. She said they could put together the timeline from their extremely limited space. She said anything greater than a full year of function requires looking at the numbers and how many they want to include

-Bocarsly said they could look at groups that were there longer more

-Mason said she started a group and the biggest hump they need to go over is the turnover. She said they are at that 3 year mark and even though they trust the people coming after them they really don't know

-Starr asked if anyone is against 5 years

-Bocarsly asked who wanted to vote for 3 years. 4 people voted. He asked who wanted 5 years. 9 voted.

-Starr called to question OSAC application as amended. Seth seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the OSAC application was approved

-Dr. Nelson said there would always be a political dimension with space. He said there were things that happen every year with this.

C. Happy birthday to Yoshida

The council sang happy birthday to Yoshida

XI. Announcements

- Jasso said she would close out accounts and she will give them notice. She said to apply for capital contingency allocations. She said they should not be wasting money. She said she will say that mid April. She said please apply as much as they can and tell organizations that have offices.
- Mohebi said to take a flyer. Tomorrow his office is having a smoking cessation training and another event Friday and the fair trade resolution would probably come next week
- Chu said thank you for the support for I love my Body week
- Zimmerman said she would be gone 10th week and to please send her anything ASAP
- Jasso said she wouldn't be here March 21-end of spring break so to please let her know.

XIII. Adjournment

- Starr 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 9:56 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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