

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 12, 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: Pamela Vila, Yancey Cashell

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

C. Approval of the Agenda

-Davis moved to strike ASRF and capital contingency.

-Seth moved to strike the cultural affairs mini fund

-Hester moved to strike the Bruin Resource Center

-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.

-Cindy said she is the sub for Jasso today.

-Starr asked if they could cede the floor for public comment

-Boogard talked about uploading videos in a public platform controlled by ASUCLA. He said they were working with administration and at the last board meeting there was some resistance. He said they are still going to keep working and he said the fight is still on.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *3/5/13

-Seth moved to table the minutes until after public comment. Mohebi seconded.

- Seth moved to table the minutes until after special presentations. Starr seconded.
- Hasnain said she emailed out the minutes
- Hester said that Asi should be changed to Rafi and Marika's name is Yruika. She said she will email the changes
- Starr moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the minutes for March 5th, 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

Sophia, Lauren, Tammy- Comm Board

-They said they met twice this quarter. They went into executive session and are creating a plan. She said they are trying to create a new plan and get that to them when it is finalized. They said that the comm. board and the Daily Bruin are starting a fundraiser where downloading an app will give funds to student media. They said they sit on the operations committee and they listen to the concerns from the media. They said that they would update the new budget and update that when it is finalized.

Vanessa- Calpirg

Vanessa said they wanted to talk about proposals and resolutions. She said to keep their eyes peeled for more announcements.

Alan- Student Health Advisory Committee

He said they were there to remove the lifetime cap for all students who go to the Ashe center. He said while there are a few students who require these medicines, these students are suffering and some may die. He said UCLA has a great lifetime cap, but it is still hurting a few students and GSA is still supporting this. He said they all agree with SHAC and GSA to remove this lifetime cap.

-Bocarsly asked for clarification

Ras- Armenian Student Association

-He talked about the campaign that stands for southwest Asian north African which is the correct way to refer to middle eastern students. He said as an Armenian student, there was no checkbox for Armenian and it makes them feel like their identity is disregarded. He said this is what a lot of people in their community feel. He said a number of campuses have passed similar resolutions. He said about 50 student organizations have signed on in support. He said people in charge of the campaign started in Berkeley. He said they have an outspoken advocate for the campaign as well. He said it has already shown it is a student initiative and wants them to be a part of this groundbreaking campaign.

Michael Jimenez

He said he was able to sit on a panel for a hearing and presented other updates on hearings.

Pam Vila- Eating and Activities Taskforce

Pam said they got healthy campus initiative funding and they will use it on international no diet day with SWC's student health advocates and they booked Bruin Plaza on May 6th.

Dr. Nelson said asked what they follow up they do

-Bocarsly said they don't have a lot of interaction

-Dr. Nelson talked about the SHAC. He said in the past, there were presentations made in the beginning of the meeting and he said he was concerned if there were any follow up that came about and asked if there was any structure to respond to comments that have been made

-Bocarsly said he has been on contact with SHAC. He said if the council wants to add a more concrete system they can

-Dr. Nelson said students make statements and he said he didn't know if there was any follow up

-Bocarsly said they could do something more institutionalized

V. Special Presentations

A. Call to Action

He talked about immigration rights and civil rights movement to assert themselves for full citizenship rights for the immigrants who live in America today. He talked about the DREAM act and how they supported undocumented students for coming out and advocating for things such as the DREAM act. He said the DREAM act and any other steps forward requires the mobilization for the supporters and advocates for immigrant and civil rights. He said there was one book that was published where it was stated that immigrants should never reach citizenship status. He said that's where a student government can come into play. He said being a representative for the campus could help break through what is currently a media blackout for Wednesday, April 10th. He said there is a partial list of some of the organizations that was passed out. He said this march has grounds for a lot of support behind the effort. He said as for their part, they will call on the passage of the DREAM act. He said if NAFTA can move wealth amongst borders, humans should move around borders as well. He said people should be able to make a citizen if they were brought by their parents. He said any student mobilizations calling for the passage of the federal DREAM act would allow them to win it now.

-Margarita said she feels like UCLA is a key city of the undocumented populations. She said immigrations have the right to win citizenship rights. She said she would appreciate it if they consider this proposal.

-Laurie said they should sponsor the cause because a lot of people in her school were Latinos/Latinas and were deported. She said they should have the same right to contribute if they work here or bring something here.

-He said action on this is essential and it is necessary to afford the ideals of democracy in America, because if the proposal is to pass they will have a system of national laws that are a legal argument and justification for putting 12 million people into permanent 2nd class status with no hope of becoming a citizen. He said it would be even worse before. He said this would be the federal government passing a range of laws for the whole nation and that is the danger that they face.

-Bocarsly asked if he left his contact information.

-Hester said she could send out his email address to the council

-Seth asked if their goal is to pass the DREAM act on top of more

-He said yes. He said they are free to adjust. He said funding for the money would be to march with the contingent. He said if they took a stand to pass the DREAM act, they can. He said it is meant to be open.
-Bocarsly thanked him for coming.

B. Bruin Resource Center- Vanessa Luke

-Luke said they work with special populations, such as foster youth, transfer students, students with dependents (such as children, brothers and sisters, etc.), undocumented students, etc. She said she wanted to make sure that they are on their radar to be available to any resources in their populations and to make sure they are available to students with one on one things. She said they deal with advocating for communities. She talked about an initiative for transfer students. She said it is interesting because they are only here for 2+ years. She said people generally don't get as much programming from the get go. She said that is partly because of transfer student needs and are typically lower socioeconomic status. She said that is typically why transfers sometimes don't get the same resources. She said the first run of the transfer Bruin Pride will deal with visibility so the rest of the community can see where they are. She said they will have them celebrate their achievements. She said one of the issues students have is that they're commuting from off campus. She talked about the week-long event. She said their own chancellor was a transfer. She said UCLA transfer students have the same graduation rates and get the same GPA. She said to recognize that these people are Bruins and makes them feel more welcome and more like Bruins. She said transfer pride is one of the ways they are going to do that.

-Dr. Nelson said they can't typecast transfer students.

-Luke said that the first quarter is really hard but then they could see that it is hard for everyone

VI. Appointments

A. Nick Montion- UCLA Committee on LGBTQ Affairs

-Starr asked if they could cede the floor for public comment

-Seth moved to approve the appointment for LGBT affairs. Starr seconded.

-Hester said he was interviewed and got a vote of 0-3-0. Now he took more initiative and received a vote of 3-0-0 and was aware of more opportunities on campus. She said a few recommendations were to emphasize his experience, which was lacking in November. She said to be familiar with what Cyrus was doing on the committee.

-Starr said he was great and the notes say most of it. He said he has been talking to Cyrus.

-Dr. Nelson asked if he was encouraged to come back from before.

-Hester said Montion was recommended by two administrators who vouched for his work in the LGBTQ community prior. They interviewed him again and thought he demonstrated the necessary qualities.

-Bocarsly said he was not voted in and after numerous recommendations he was brought to ARC and was interviewed again.

-Montion said he is passionate about helping the LGBT community

-Kraman asked about his connection with the LGBTQ center and Raja

-Montion said he had a really good relationship with Raja. He said in regards to the center, it has been welcoming he got to meet with a lot of people

-Hester asked about issues they are potentially working

-Montion said they are working on campus policies and getting an LGBTQ section on the SIR and get an idea of their demographic

-Dr. Geller asked if he has opinions of what the campus does well in terms of the LGBTQ community or what they should work on

-Montion said they have information in regards to almost any issues. He said there is trouble with people's comparability going into the LGBTQ community and in order to fix that they would have to show more visibility on campus because it is one thing to not know it's there and another thing to not know what to expect.

-Bocarsly said he would be their third and final appointment to LGBTQ affairs and one more to J-board and that would be it for the year.

-Starr called to question. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, Montion was approved for the UCLA Committee on LGBTQ Affairs.

-Hester moved to re-add Bruin Resource Center under special presentations. Mohebi seconded. There were no objections.

-Hester moved to add BOD allocations under new business. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, it has been added.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. EVP Travel Grant

-El-Farra said there are a lot of allocations. She said they allocated for the African Coalition Conference, African Coalition, Hermanos Union, VSU, Alpha Pi Alpha, Model UN, Alpha Pi Alpha, Mecha, TSC, Creative Minds, ASA, ASU. They allocated \$13,793 which is on track. They wanted to allocate about \$5000 per quarter. The problem is that a lot of students are not taking the money out. She said they will be giving people a deadline for when they can take out the money.

B. *Contingency Allocations

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

-Cindy said the total required is \$25,572.84. The contingency balance is \$51,069.86. The total requested is \$9,017.54. The total recommended is \$4,360.00.

-Kraman called to question contingency allocations. Seth seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations for this week were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

Bocarsly said last Friday he met with Jacob Ashendorf, CPC, and Mike Cohen to talk about funding bodies and CSP. He said they wanted to express their concerns. He said he could keep them updated with their continuing conversations.

-Tancinco asked what the concerns were

-Bocarsly said some people were allocating food and there were other inconsistencies. He said they wanted to make sure every group had the same opportunities and resources. He said this is something they expressed in the funding study group. He said his internship is finishing up. He said they had two funding

things to talk about, such as the endowment language. He said they would need to make their bylaws. He said they finished the language and they will sign the language this week

-El-Farra asked if they would see the language

-Bocarsly said when he gets the finalized language he will forward it to council. He said it will be short bylaws that he will present. He said thank you to those who responded to his email about the student leadership fund. He said they are looking forward to their responses.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said Transfer Appreciation Day was last week. She said this Friday will be the carnival for equitable development. She said their class would go to Chinatown to protest a building of a Wal-Mart. She said she would appreciate seeing them Friday 2-5 in Campbell. She said Zimmerman and herself were working on an introduction to USAC. She said if they have any specific information to let her know and they will try to incorporate that into the workshop. She talked about their retreat and it would be either week 1 or week 2. She talked about all of them volunteering somewhere. She said they could go to a lunch or dinner together. She said that will hopefully allow everyone to participate. She said their week 2 council meeting will involve Christine Mata. She talked about having a log of their successes and almost successes.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

-El-Farra said thank you for the transfer appreciation day. She talked about the Wal-Mart issue and said her office will try to come out. She said her office is trying to close the quarter. They are looking to pushing the prison reform campaign. She talked about teach me how to lobby workshops. She said they will have a promo video coming out spring quarter. She said she will be leaving for LegCon Thursday morning. She said she will have a USSA meeting there. They are working on a student new deal that deals with student loan forgiveness. She said they are encompassing it in the student new deal. She said Joelle will be at LegCon. She said UCLA just rocks.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis thanked them for coming to stress free day in Bruin Plaza. She said today was a huge success. She said they reached out to probably 2000 students. She said they have a lot of pencils left. She talked about the mobile class enrollment and that it closes at the end of next week. She said they will be reviewing all of the information with the UCLA registrar. She talked about mid quarter student feedback. She said over the past year they've been working with the director of UCLA and have been doing intense research with her. She said they asked if they would be interested in putting out mid-quarter feedback. She said this way professors can make adjustment if they feel it is needed. After final reviews the professors would evaluate how they did and they will give a survey to see how this affected their experiences. She said students have already mentioned that just being able to give out these evaluations have changed their perceptions in a positive matter. She talked about USIE and Seth and she have been working to increase how many student taught classes there were. They also wanted to increase the amount of alumni that would be moving forward. She said to help them get the word out of what USEI is. She said they have two information sections, one on April 9th and one on April 19th. She said they were developing a diversity workshop series with Christine Mata, the first year experience, and student affairs. They have three

workshops in place and if they attend all three the students will receive a certificate. These students would pledge to share what they learned to 5 other students.

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

Lazarovici said there was a thread of who is in and who is out, such as the talks about transfer issues and immigration reform. She said this seems to be a recurring theme for the past 40 or 50 years. She said she loved the moment of storytelling when the person talked about going to school with people who got deported. She said this was a powerful glimmer of her experiences.

Roy Champawat- Student Union Director

36000 pounds of CO2 were saved from solar panels

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. Bylaw Change Proposal of Appointments (Appointment)

-Seth moved to approve the bylaw change proposal of appointments.

-Hasnain said the proposal submitted to CRC were Bocarsly and Kraman trying to restructure the bylaws. They compiled everything into a new article and delineated it. She said CRC was appreciative of the work they put in and had a few friendly amendments to the proposal. She talked about additional changes they would like to see, such as broadening the language in the section regarding the advertisement section. She said this should be broader and it would allow people to seek the Daily Bruin if they wanted to. She talked about article 2 section B subsections 3, where they recommended keeping the phrase dealing with coming to council for approval. Zimmerman suggested keeping this so there is follow up language in addition to what is further below but removing "key positions" section because it is discussed later on. She talked about section c4 and changing the title to Council Approval. She said subsection B would add being approved by the president. She said on subsection c they decided to remove the component about UCSA because that will be discussed in a later proposal. She said El-Farra and Bocarsly would work on that. They would reword what is under Council Consent Approval. They flipped the two points in that sentence because it seemed to make more sense that way. She talked about what was under section D subsection 2. She said appointees make one special presentation and they decided to add that they could do a public comment.

-Bocarsly said he was at the CRC meeting as was Kraman.

-Hasnain said the vote was 3-0-0 with the amendments.

-Starr called to question. Hasnain seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-0, the bylaw change proposals of the amendments were approved.

-Dr. Geller asked what happened

-Bocarsly said they changed the bylaws at CRC and these were sent out and they just approved it.

B. *Bylaw Change Proposal (AAC)

-Seth moved to go into the bylaw change for AAC. Hasnain seconded.

-Davis talked about appointing USIE chairs to the board since it was mostly overseen and kept by the administration. She said the administration needed students to take this on again. She said each position is a two year position. She said they wanted to put the USIE under vice chairs and make sure that USIE was maintained. She said she wanted to make sure AAC maintains academic resources, such as where students can find tutoring services, etc. She said they would maintain a committee dedicated to academic outreach. She said they would provide public forums or other means to make sure student voices are heard.

-Hasnain said the vote was 3-0-0.

-Bocarsly thanked Davis and challenged all of them to look at their bylaws. He said to have them by week 1 or week 2 of next quarter.

-Kraman called to question the AAC bylaw changes. Hester seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the AAC bylaw changes were approved

C. *SWANA Resolution

-Seth moved to approve the SWANA resolution. Starr seconded.

-El-Farra said she wanted to keep it as close to the ones other UC's are passing. She said like Ras said, Berkeley students have been working on this campaign for a few years to get on the UC application a dropdown box that would list all these ethnicities under SWANA, which is most likely to pass and be on the UC application. They were working with the UCOP, the office of the president. They only need to show that students want this. She said they needed to show that student organizations want this. She said this is timely because it needs to be approved by April.

-Mohebi said currently, everyone is under "white." He asked if they ask you twice in the application

-Kraman said there are different parts

-Bocarsly said there was a section to choose for scholarships

-Seth asked if this is similar for all categories. He said it is similar across the board

-El-Farra said it does list them geographically but she doesn't think all of them are like that

-Seth asked why this wasn't for all of them

-El-Farra said these communities have been categorized under white and these have led to access and retention issues. She said other communities can suffer from these problems but this could be a jumping off point. She said supporting it would be better than waiting until everyone does it. She said they just need to make sure there is student mobilization

-Dr. Nelson asked for the premises of this

-El-Farra said it started at Berkeley as a grassroots movement. She said it started to move to different campuses and they did presentations at different conferences. USSA approved a similar resolution. She said they have been working closely with the office of the president as well. She said the stipulation that students will support it. She said UCOP has helped them in terms of formulating what it will look like. She said if it were to be implemented, they don't want backlash.

-Dr. Nelson asked if the office of the president is seeing how widespread diversity is

-El-Farra said yes

-Bocarsly said he spoke to Ras and a lot of communities are looking for this to happen and they have to start somewhere.

-El Farra read the resolution as follows:

A Resolution in Support of the Creation of a Southwest Asian and North African Checkbox on the
University of California Application

Sponsored by: Lana El-Farra, **Anees Hasnain**, **Taylor Mason**

WHEREAS, The current University of California application provides applicants the opportunity to select the ethnicity that best describes their ethnic background; and,

WHEREAS, The racial and ethnic groups represented on the application conform to the racial and ethnic groups represented on the United States Census; and,

WHEREAS, Federal data collected on race and ethnicity is needed to “monitor equal access in housing, education, employment, and other areas, for populations that historically had experienced discrimination and differential treatment because of their race or ethnicity;”[1]

WHEREAS, These standards are also implemented on “household surveys, on administrative forms (e.g., school registration and mortgage lending applications), and in medical and other research;”[2] and,

WHEREAS, According to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the ethnic categories on federal data of race and ethnicity “represent a social-political construct designed for collecting data on the race and ethnicity of broad population groups in this country, and are not anthropologically or scientifically based;”[3] and,

WHEREAS, The classification of “Middle Easterners” as Caucasian on a federal level was cemented in 1977 by the OMB when the government standardized the use of racial and ethnic categories and recognized four racial groups: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, and White;[4] and,

WHEREAS, Though numerous Caucasian peoples exist, for example Georgians, Armenians, and Circassians, the idea of a “Caucasian” race is a social and political construct intertwined with politics of power, that has been used to define a community – specifically persons of European descent– as distinct from peoples of African and Asian descent;[5] and,

WHEREAS, The classification of North Africans, Middle Easterners, and at times South Asians, as “Caucasian,” is a manifestation of the historic racialization of minority groups within the United States and the exclusion of persons of Middle Eastern descent from this discourse; and

WHEREAS, Racialized identities are a social construct that affect institutional access to education, training, employment, wealth, and social capital;[6] and,

WHEREAS, In 1997, due to increased criticism of the effectiveness of the census in terms of reflecting the increased diversity of the United States, the OMB accepted the following recommendations of the Interagency Committee for the Review of the Racial and Ethnic Standards for revisions to the standards for the classification of federal data on race and ethnicity:

(1) The separation of the Asian or Pacific Islander category into “Asian” and “Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander,” and

(2) Changing the term “Hispanic” to “Hispanic or Latino;”[7] and,

WHEREAS, In 1997 the OMB accepted certain recommendations of the Interagency Committee for the Review of the Racial and Ethnic Standards, while rejecting a number of requests to add an ethnic category for Arabs/Middle Easterners due to a lack of agreement on a definition for the category;[8] and,

WHEREAS, Arguments against the creation of an “Arab/Middle Eastern” category include the belief that persons of Arab or Middle Eastern descent would unfairly benefit from programs aimed at the socially and economically disadvantaged, and that the lack of consensus on what geographically constitutes the “Middle East” makes it impossible to create such a category at this time;[9] and,

WHEREAS, In a review conducted between 1993 and 1997 in collaboration with the Interagency Committee, multiple principles to govern the review process of federal data on race and ethnicity were established, including that “Any changes in the categories should be based on sound methodological research and should include evaluations of the impact of any changes not only on the usefulness of the resulting data but also on the comparability of any new categories with the existing ones;” and,

WHEREAS, The OMB did recognize that further research should be done to determine the best way to improve data collection on the Middle Eastern population; [10] and,

WHEREAS, Accurate research, evaluation, and analysis on a population and the “usefulness” of such data without the existence of a pre-existing category to record such research is impossible, because the number of those who check “Caucasian,” “Asian or Pacific Islander” or “African” in lieu of writing in their specific ethnicity in an “Other” category is unknown;[11] and,

WHEREAS, Persons who select “White/Caucasian” and specify that they are “Middle Eastern” or “Arab,” etc. are still recorded by the U.S. Census as “White;” and

WHEREAS, Advocacy on a national and federal level in response to the decision to exclude “Arab/Middle Eastern” from the Census can be seen in the work of community organizations such as the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC) and the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), which have organized campaigns to educate Arab Americans about the importance of the Census and in mobilizing the community to actively participate;[12] and,

WHEREAS, In 2010 the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) became a member of the 2010 Census Advisory Committee and thus serves as a link between the Bureau of the Census and a key stakeholder communities (responsible for advising and assisting the Bureau), and additionally ensures that “the Bureau exercises proper oversight in protecting the security and privacy of data on Arab Americans;”[13] and,

WHEREAS, Because of the lack of representation in the United States, the Middle Eastern community has formed into an “invisible” minority, or a minority group that faces issues similar to other minority groups (such as a lack of access to resources and low socio-economic status) but does not receive recognition as such; and,

WHEREAS, Due to this status as an “invisible minority,” the Middle Eastern community is often excluded from programs centered on diversity and multicultural communities on a national and institutional level; and,

WHEREAS, These issues that are present on a national level are also manifested on a University level due to the current methods most University’s have for collecting data on the ethnicity and race of their applicants, including the University of California; and,

WHEREAS, Similar to the federal categories of race and ethnicity, the current University of California application provides the following ethnic categories: “African American/Black,” “American Indian/Alaskan Native,” “Asian/Asian American,” “Hispanic/Latino,” “Pacific Islander,” and “White/Caucasian;” and,

WHEREAS, The “White/Caucasian” category includes the following subcategories: “European/European descent,” “Middle Eastern/Middle Eastern descent,” “North African,” and “Other White/Caucasian;” and,

WHEREAS, Ethnic data is not considered in the UC admissions process and applicants can select more than one ethnicity; and,

WHEREAS, Ethnic data from the UC application has many uses for community and campus organizations, including the evaluation of acceptance, admittance, retention, and graduation rates; and,

WHEREAS, Recruitment and retention efforts on individual campuses benefit greatly from the data collected from the UC application and utilize the data to measure outreach efforts to specific under-represented communities; and,

WHEREAS, In 2006, the “Count Me In” Campaign led by the Asian Pacific American Coalition was successful in changing the University of California application to better reflect the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities by creating 23 Asian American and Pacific Islander categories and reporting Pacific Islanders separate from Asian Americans;[14] and,

WHEREAS, Motivations behind the “Count Me In” Campaign included highlighting the discrepancies between different Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in terms of access to education and admittance to the UC system; and,

WHEREAS, The Middle Eastern American community faces a similar issue of discrepancies between certain more privileged communities and less privileged communities under the broader identity of “Middle Eastern;” and,

WHEREAS, The term “Middle Eastern” is too broad to accurately document these discrepancies; and,

WHEREAS, The lack of data collection and consequently the lack of information on the number of students of various ethnicities that would fall under the umbrella of “Middle Eastern” prevents effective

advocacy and functioning of program areas directed towards studies related to the Middle East and the Middle Eastern American community, recruitment of faculty members of Middle Eastern descent, and development of various other educational resources essential to the Middle Eastern student population; and,

WHEREAS, In order to solve these institutionalized issues of advocacy and representation on a UC-wide level, it is essential to separate the “Middle Eastern” and “North African” categories from the “White/Caucasian” category in order to create a new category that will allow for further disaggregation to create more specific subcategories that reflect the diversity of the Middle Eastern community; and,

WHEREAS, Because the term “Middle Eastern” is problematic due to the colonial and Orientalist origins of the term, a more appropriate name for this new category is “Southwest Asian and North African” (SWANA) because it is based on the geographic boundaries of the region; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed SWANA category and its respective subcategories are as follows:

South West Asian/ North African

Algerian

Afghan

Armenian

Assyrian/Chaldean

Azerbaijani

Bahraini

Berber

Circassian

Djiboutian

Egyptian

Emirati

Georgian

Iranian

Iraqi

Israeli

Jordanian

Kurdish

Kuwaiti

Lebanese

Libyan

Mauritanian

Moroccan

Omani

Palestinian

Qatari

Saudi Arabian

Somali

Sudanese
Syrian
Tunisian
Turkish
Yemeni
Other, North African
Other, Southwest Asian

and,

WHEREAS, Just like federal standards of ethnic and racial data collection, these subcategories are socio-political and are not anthropologically or scientifically based; and,

WHEREAS, The inclusion of ethno-religious group is in an attempt to recognize the distinct ethnic and cultural roots of such groups; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed category and its subcategories are the product of numerous community discussions and development among UC students of Southwest Asian and North African descent across the UC system; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed subcategories are subject to change based on the needs of the UC community and discussions on a UC-wide level between the SWANA Campaign Committee, students, faculty, and administration;

WHEREAS, The creation of a SWANA category on the UC application will have wider implications in terms of general issues of representation of the Middle Eastern community and the erroneous assertion that persons of Middle Eastern descent are “Caucasian” and therefore do not constitute as an ethnic minority facing issues stereotypical of many minority communities; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council recognizes the important positive effects the creation of a Southwest Asian/North African category on the UC application will have on UC students of North African or Southwest Asian descent, including increased advocacy and information necessary to create recruitment and retention centers geared towards this community; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council supports the creation of a Southwest Asian/North African category with the proposed subcategories on the ethnicity portion of the UC application; and

THEREFORE LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, That the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association Council recognize Southwest Asian and North African communities as multicultural and ethnic communities on all applications, scholarships, or programs geared towards multicultural and ethnic communities.

[1] Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. "Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity." Federal Register Notice (1997). <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_1997standards/>.

[2] Ibid.

[3] Ibid.

[4] Baum, Bruce David. The Rise and Fall of the Caucasian Race: A Political History of Racial Identity. New York: New York UP, 2006.

[5] Ibid.

[6] Ibid.

[7] Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. "Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity." Federal Register Notice (1997).

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_1997standards/>.Ibid.

[8] Ibid.

[9] Office of Management and Budget. "Review of the Racial and Ethnic Standards to the OMB Concerning Changes..." Federal Register, Part II (1997). Pages 36873-36946.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_directive_15/#chap5>.

[10] Ibid.

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-Chu said Undergraduate Student Association Council should be capitalized

-Bocarsly asked about the coalition that was called the Asian Pacific American Coalition.

-El-Farra said she believed so. She said they put that one in

-Bocarsly asked if that was supposed to be there

-El-Farra said she believed so

-Seth said there are those coalitions across and at UCLA it just differs in name

-Mohebi said UCSD calls it that as well

-Hester said for the first therefore be it resolved, the last clause after descent needs to be moved up to following the important positive effects because it talks about the effects and not the descent. She said it is grammatically incorrect.

-Bocarsly asked if they should have a period after descent

- Seth asked if it could be a new clause
- Bocarsly said it is part of the same ask
- El-Farra asked if she should take note of these changes
- Bocarsly said yes
- El-Farra asked for clarification on the changes
- Hester motioned to make this friendly amendment. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the amendment has been made.
- El-Farra said the last part of the let it finally be resolved should be an application not geared towards a specific community.
- Hester moved to extract the section about having it geared to a specific community. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the amendment was made
- Kraman called to question the amendment as amended. Davis seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution was approved.

C. *BOD Applications

- Ashendorf said over \$800,000 was requested. He said they had the same process as always and allocations are based on a tiered system. He said they multiplied it by the groups score. There are some adjustments for groups that were pre-allocated more than they actually needed.
- Hester asked about a group and if they applied to BOD
 - Ashendorf said it is under the night
 - Chu asked if there is anything left in BOD
 - Ashendorf said they allocated everything. He said there is one group that wants to use the money as a loan because they charge admission for the event
 - Bocarsly said if they request admission fees they have to give the money back
 - Ashendorf said it was a dance club that requested a lot of money
 - Bocarsly asked if he would be following up with groups.
 - Ashendorf said all requisitions are due in April and it will be his timeline photo.
 - Bocarsly said this is one way to lower surplus in the future
 - Ashendorf said he only had to close out a few accounts
 - Mohebi called to question. Davis seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the BOD allocations were approved.
 - El-Farra asked about the council who should be in that committee this quarter. She said she was supposed to be on BRC
 - Bocarsly said they would approve the funds for this quarter. He said everyone was on a committee regardless
 - Kraman said street dance collective asked for a loan

XI. Announcements

- Kraman said Pauley would be open
- El-Farra asked if there was a section that seated a few hundred people
- Kraman said it would be for banquets, etc.
- Hester said they could ask for LATC clubhouse
- Davis said the rental would work if they brought in a speaker
- Kraman said yes because it goes through CSP

- Tancinco said they are screening the Hobbit Thursday and Cal Penn would be speaking next quarter
- Chu said they have a Zumba class this Thursday. Food trucks for finals would be on Sunday-Tuesday night
- Tancinco said the next cooking video is out
- Dr. Geller said she would be out Thursday until next Thursday and she will be available through limited access to email.
- Champawat said they notice they put their events on the redesigned ASUCLA webpage.
- Hasnain said CSC picked a date for project Bruin. She said in the past they only focused on elementary and middle schools but now they are reaching out to high schools.
- Hester said it is May 18th and it is the Saturday of alumni day and the Saturday before Jazz Reggae

XII.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Starr 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 8:48 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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