

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 9, 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: Taylor Bazley, Hong Chen, Yael Levin, Jonathan Waxer, Ronit Hakakha, Rachel O'Keefe, Natalie Bakhshi, Devora Fine, Talia Kamdjou, Shadi Nemanpour, Channah Barkhordari, Porey Lin, Jiwei Zhang, Jenan Shukry, Noam Taylor, Jonathan Gilbert, Ryan Nelson, Eena Singh, Savannah Badalich, Rabbi Auner Engel, Daniel Saffe, Amanda Sass, Avinoam Baral, Shanna Chau, Raghau Desai, Tilmun Ginnie, Elizabeth Garrett, Sonidhya Singh, Kristin Kalkin, Kim Swain, Avi Boran, Gail, Millan, Angeli Allison, Matt Abularach-Macias, Samantha Kramer, Kana, Alyssa Slosberg, Leah Paz, Tammy Rubin, Avi Oved, David, Tess Knot, Leah Luterstein, Janelle, Katie Melon, Myriam Asamiam, Areli, Madison, Lorraine, Liwah, Parli Calbrith, Eric Adams, Ghani, Merva Reza, Sara Khan, Ranni, Raquel Saxe, Kenneth Ramos, Joseph Silva, Monica, Andrew Neaton, Cregio, Juday Williams, Leban Deety, Jason Schecter, Cyrus Sinai, Sophia Wilcock, Afmans

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.*

1 Approval of the Agenda

-Hester moved to add Ally Week Presentation under special presentations

-Jasso asked to strike check in and capital contingency

-Hasnain moved to strike check in and capital

-Davis moved to strike ASRF

-El-Farra moved to strike advocacy grant

-Seth moved and Chu 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 Kraman seconded to approve the minutes for April 2nd, 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

CEC-

He said there is one week left to turn in short film submission and there will be a lot of great judges. They are showing Silver Linings Playbook next week. Next Thursday they are sneaking Much Ado About Nothing.

-She said they are showing Lincoln tonight.

Avi Boran

-He said that he read the resolution put forth today, he found it incredibly broad and hard to follow. He said that it is impossible to equate all of these issues and he said that it mentions crimes against the LGBT community, farm workers, etc. He talked about "Israel offensive" and said he found that rhetoric offensive. He said regardless of the terminology, putting all of these causes together don't do justice for the causes but makes it difficult as a student what and from whom the student government wants to divest from. He said arguments are contentious and it is impossible to see the intent. He said it could be abused to move forward with a political agenda and strongly advised against the resolution.

Jonathan Gilbert- Bruins for Israel

Gilbert said he finds the resolution offensive. He said 2 years prior, 27,000 rockets were launched from Gaza and that is a human rights issue. He said this brings forward false accusations. He said if it included all human rights, it would talk about Syria, Egypt where persecutions occurred, etc. He said this is part of a larger UCLA campaign and that it references a past resolution that was based on the Goldstone report that has since been rescinded. He said he doesn't see how they can build upon it. He said it marginalizes his community on a campus that should be welcome and open to everyone. He said the resolution is against positive ideals and advised to vote no.

Gail

She said comments from UCSD who passed a similar resolution saw it as not a black and white issue. She said that divestment was done deceitfully, however students at UCI are united more than ever. From UCSD, they found that they lost faith in student government who voted in favor of the resolution. She said the divide between people has hardened, however the Jewish community is divided. Many students had to seek help and academics started to fall. Three members of their student government resigned because of divestment. She said that the student government found they were manipulated in a vote.

Millan

He said he has two points that are hopefully unique. He said since the resolution, there has been no programming with Hillel. He talked about building friendships and that is what the campus is about. Having a resolution that makes people afraid of having those conversations doesn't belong on the campus. He called El-Farra out and saw it as a political move. He said she will get more supporters or council will vote no. He said in his eyes, it is about Israel and it is leading to divestment which has been spread across the UC campuses. He said he doesn't want it to come to UCLA

Angeli Allison-

Allison said the resolution will divide the campus and won't become a unifying force. She said they have to work on strengthening not separating

Matt Abularach-Macias -MEChA

He said the resolution doesn't say divest from anything. He said it's about human right violations and he's confused why people are in support of this. He said as an organization, they have taken stances to support this. He said they boycotted Coca Cola and Addidas, which dealt with human rights violations. He said there was inhumane treatment of workers. He said people are making larger implications that aren't said in this. HE said he is confused why the public comments are going in that direction. He said he hears them but he doesn't know why they don't want to support a human rights violation

Samantha Kramer

Kramer said she is offended by the offense in Israel. She said that language makes her feel marginalized. She is not in support of human rights violations and does not make her feel supported by student government. She said she does not feel safe on campus and urged them to vote no

Kana- Israel studies

She said to look at the resolution carefully and briefly. She looked at one of the causes and read the section. She said that there is a long list indicated and divestment in any forms has to do with Israel because they target which companies they want to divest from. She said GE and Cambodian have exports but none of those countries are listed. She said they technically should be investing only in non-American companies. She said this school is a federal school. She said when they talk about ethical investment, they are talking about what they're trying to mask and that it is about Israel. She said those divestment companies pinpoint Israel and it becomes Anti-Semitism. She said they need to recognize that this is going to marginalize the student community. She said if they are meant to be taken to that level, they should appeal to those who have those divestments in their hands. She said when they want change to take it to the next level. She urged each and every one of them not to vote for this resolution

Jonathan Waxer- Impact LA

Waxer said it is no secret that divestment has been passed. He said he wishes Matt was here to hear his comment. He said the language may be vague, but the intent is not. He quoted the resolution of the "let it be resolved" which mentions divestments. He said it mentioned that UCLA would not make further divestments in any companies from aforementioned violations, which include Israel. He said they are calling for a divestment from Israel. He said he fundamentally disagrees and said they should not divest from the Jewish people of Israel. He said this resolution restricts his comfort and feels like if it passes, he cannot call UCLA a safe place. IT marginalizes many members of his community

Alyssa Slosberg

She said she disapproves of this resolution because of the aforementioned reasons

Leah Paz

She said she is the president of Globe Med and said as someone involved in groups of humanitarian aid, aiming this resolution towards as Israel belittles the work she has been a part of on campus and feels that they go through a lot of Israel organizations. She said this belittles a lot of work a lot of groups do on campus because it tries to put together too many things that are too different and they would rather see something that is controlled and not beating around the bush

Tammy Rubin- student board president of Hillel

Ruben read a quote from the USAC constitution of serving the diversity and needs of students and to provide for the expression of student opinion. She said by passing this resolution, they are not doing their job of representing all of them. She said if they divest from human right violations, then explicitly say which human right violation

Avi Oved

He said they have a lot of respect for them on the council table and understands how difficult it may be. However, he questions them. He said some of the most vocal student leaders are here and they need to increase transparency and reach out to the people they are trying to represent

David

He said passing this resolution would be going around and not be representing a lot of groups on campus.

Tess Knot- editor and chief of Jewish Magazine

She said she works on the Jewish magazine on campus and brings communities together. She said the resolution tears communities apart and urged them not to support the resolution

Leah Luterstein

She said as a republican and a politically conservative student, she doesn't support this resolution because it supports the war in Iraq. She said it calls for divestment from the United States. She said she supports Bush and his actions against global terror. She said the war on Iraq is not a human rights violation. She talked about Iraq and how they had belief that Husain would attack. She said knowing what they know, they still would support going to war. By intending to divest, they are marginalizing her community's beliefs

Janelle- president of MSA

She talked about how the city of Los Angeles and how they voted to divest. She asked them why UCLA would take a different stance. She said it would offend her if it passed and said not to make assumptions.

Katie Melon- Bruin Republicans

She said she is against this resolution and said it states that the war leads to justice and equality to all. She said it insults those who fight for freedom. She said she cannot support a resolution that would come out

on the war of terror and would say it is an insult on their country. She said this does not represent her views

Myriam Asamiam- EVP of Bruins for Israel

She said she is heavily involved and said she does not think that she is not making any assumptions about this resolution. She said all of the language should be believed by the entire campus, though she does not feel comfortable with the language

Areli

She presented a quote to the council that described the Israel-Palestine conflict. She said the conflict is enormously complicated and incredibly divisive. The conflict took measures Israel claims to be vital to their security. She asked if it is wrong to protect their citizens from suicide bombers. She talked about how complicated the issues were regarding the treatment of Palestinians. She said there are valid claims on both sides. She said both groups have failed to negotiate a fair solution. She said the sad reality is that this is a very complicated issue and it will take a while to sort out. She said asked what makes anyone think they could solve it in a couple of years. She said the road to peace is to do everything to bring both sides together

-He said that today, we have to look forward and come to the table to negotiate. He asked what UCLA would accomplish in choosing to divest from Israel. He said this would ensure no Jewish student would feel comfortable and would ensure Israeli students and Palestine students to feel uncomfortable. He said a better way to approach this issue is to unite and show lawmakers that young people support the middle east. He talked about what he would support and said he would support solutions and forms of compromise. He cannot support a wedge between two social groups on campus. He said resolutions have been brought to other UC's. He said although this resolution is using less direct language, it is an attempt to divest. He said USAC should be hosting forums to encourage dialogue. He said his student government should not vote for this resolution and said they should be the resolution of change.

Madison

-She talked about the resolution and talked about environmental concerns and genocide. She asked how human rights violations are being defined. She said she would like to bring that issue back up and urged them to look at human rights violations as the United States looks at them

Lorraine- MSA, Liberal Progressive

She urged them to vote for the resolution and talked about the resolution that is on the table. She said it does not single out a group. She said in case it wasn't clear, it is about the university being able to have its divestments reflect its values. She talked about Hillel and MSA. She talked about the campus climate reports where people were able to report hate crimes. She said anti-Semitism was reported. She said that was the university's stance against racism. She said this is extending this to include companies, not states.

Liwah- Students for justice in Palestine

She said the resolution is not about Israel-Palestine. She said the resolution is looking at divestment from companies that threaten environment and sustainability. She said it is not about Israel.

Parli Calbrith- Amnesty International

She talked about the other resolutions on other campuses. She said if this comes down to an issue of language, to fix the language. She said she hopes that council can move beyond assumptions and reclaim the resolution as something that can set an example of how they should have and could have handled this issue. She said divestment could be a tool in promoting human rights

Eric Adams- chairperson of Queer Alliance

He said he wanted to talk on behalf of his community. He said they live in a world that teaches them to assume rather than ask and to make amends. He said as a queer student, he had to deal with people throwing insults and objects at him. He said roommates had to switch rooms because they felt like they would rape them. He has been yelled slurs at and he promised them that none of that is something they could talk about with the other person. He never talked about the assumptions with the other people. He said it was easy for him to demonize the Muslim community and had a hard time to work with people that condemn him. He said he worked with MSA and was never judged because of them. He said he has many friends among them. He said Israel is not a target. He said they are withdrawing from human rights violations. He said they talk about being leaders and being vocal and it is time for them to do so. He said they must do so again and be the leaders they so claim to be by not making assumptions and try to make peace. He said to start to build peace.

Ghani- Indian Student Association

He said they will announce the results for the signatures from their efforts tomorrow. The rally will support the student initiated effort

Merva Reza

She talked about the investment bureau. She said the resolution is an opportunity to research further and they want investments to meet their values

Sara Khan

She said their investment policy does not reflect their values. One of the True Bruin Values is accountability. She said in the end, their investments should match their values

Ronit Hakakha- president of Hillel

I'm here tonight because Lana once silenced me and members of my community. Earlier this year, Lana voted in favor of a UCSA resolution regarding HR 35 that did not represent me or many in my community. I, and other student leaders in my community, approached her, sharing our dismay at not being contacted or consulted when she heard of the resolution, or even after it was passed. She seemed sympathetic. She even promised that, if something regarding our community were to arise again, she would personally reach out to us. Needless to say, she didn't. I am tired of broken promises, I am tired of empty words. I'm here tonight because I will not be silenced again.

This resolution directly points out anti-Semitism and a controversial view of Israel. I can only wonder what anti-Semitic incidents in particular you reference, as that is the only student campaign you mentioned that does not include a citation. Also, I know a lot of you in this room have said that many individuals are making assumptions that are incorrect. It seems clear by the number of students in this

room and the diverse opinions in this room that this resolution is vague enough to allow such differing interpretations.

You did not reach out to Jewish student groups and once more decided to attempt to speak on our behalf without our consultation – after you specifically promised in a meeting with us that you would confer with us for every incident that impacts our community. You, Lana, did not represent me and many members of my community when you voted on that UCSA resolution in Fall. Notice that I say “many” and not “all” members of my community -- I would never dare, as you have, and as you attempt again, to push one view of a contested topic on others. You do not represent me now, and neither will a council that passes this resolution.

Instead, I urge this council to work with students towards constructive discussions and collaborative initiatives. Council members should not politic and should never encourage divisiveness and marginalize a segment of their constituency, as this resolution does. I ask of you all to please assure that this council works to promote unity and celebration of the diversity of opinion on this campus. Please work to represent the interests of all, not just some, students at all times.

Raquel Saxe

She said she is the past academic affairs commissioner. She said they talked about holding one another accountable. She talked to Hasnain and how she wanted to represent all students at UCLA. She said by sponsoring the resolution she is not supporting all students. She said Mason said CAC will bring students together to unite but as people and individuals and how it would bring people together. She said the cultural affairs are not representing her culture and how she chooses to identify. She said they are making it extremely difficult for that to happen. She talked to El-Farra and said she is disappointed because she did not talk to students who were involved in the resolution. She said it is surprising that this is something she chose to pursue. She said she thought they had a civil cycle and hopes to continue efforts to work together. She said El-Farra mentioned that she wanted to make sure she advocates for all students and said she is not advocating for all students and did not go to them before they sponsored this resolution. She said without specifying the resolution, they need an advocate and not a politician.

Kenneth Ramos- President of American Indian Association

Ramos said it was told them needed 28,000 signatures. Tomorrow they will announce the results. They have flyers and asked them to pass them around. He hopes that students can come together and hopes students can benefit from it

Joseph Silva- collective against labor exploitation

He talked about the implications of this. He said this was about ethical investments and said it is something where they can unify. He said he is a campus organizer and is working for the workers on campus. He said they need to acknowledge that this isn't about one single issue. He said this is about multiple topics. He said these people are scraping at the bottom. He said he is working on an Addidas campaign. He said to think about these issues regarding ethical investment

Monica

She said they are having a signature gathering and hopes they will come out. She said she hopes that this will be a moment to unite the campus and hopefully they can support a measurement. She thanked the council members who voted in support

Andrew Neaton

He said he is from the student collective as well. Their predecessor divested from Russell athletics. He said they voted in favor of Alta Gracia. He said it is working on the spirit of activism. He said they need to bring activism into their investments and they need to put their money where their mouth is

Cregio

He said this was written by students and said that starting from the title of the resolution, it is talking about universal principles of investments. He said they should pass the bill and amend it as needed. He said it is important that they know that they should decide if they support ethical investments

Juday Williams

She said she has no ties to the Israeli-Palestine conflicts. She said she would vote yes on this resolution and she has worked on this. She said the demand is coming to cost precious lives. She asked council to pass the resolution

Leban Deety

He said as a student at UCLA, he is disappointed that they want to reject the resolution because they want to reject human rights. He said there is a question of where the council stands and he said the council said he would be offended if they reject it

Jason Schechter

He said he sees a lot of familiar faces from Bruins for Israel and Students for Palestine. He said the bill divides people and he said he thinks that they all know what it is really about. The bill is about Israel and Palestine

Cyrus Sinai

He asked if the students could stick around for the Ally Week presentation because it deals with students at UCLA. He said this is a chance for allies to get involved.

Sophia Wilcock

She said a lot of them mentioned how investment should reflect their values. She said she chose UCLA because of its diversity. She said Israel is where rights of women are respected. She said they should promote the values of Israel

Afnans

She said although as a council by voting yes, by voting no they are not supporting all students on this campus

V. Special Presentations

**A. Ally Week Presentation- Cyrus Sinai**

Sinai said thank you to everyone for being here. He talked about an issue and said he works in the internal vice president's office as the co-director of Ally Week. He said he is a board member of the Queer Alliance. He said he runs the group spectrum. He said he is one of three representatives on the LGBT council. He said Ally Week is a weeklong series of events that take place third week that focuses on bringing students together for the UCLA community. He said 1 in 10 students are LGBT and most are in the closet. He said they can agree that it was brought together because of hate crimes against LGBT students. He said climate is not where it needs to be. HE said there is a great need for education on campus. He said they all know about gay marriage but that it is not the biggest issue affecting their community. He talked about the different successes of Ally Week. He said they had a religious panel, actors, and athletes speak. He said their focus is athletics, Greek life, religious student groups and the transgender community. He said groups they've partnered with are UCLA athletics, Greek Life, ORL, USAC, IVP, and USAC LGBT groups on campus. He went through the events. He said on Monday, the event was a photo session in Bruin Plaza where they could have their picture taken. For a small donation, they had shirts. There was an athlete ally component and prominent figures in the sports world would speak. Ben Cohen would speak about his process of coming out. Tuesday would be ally history and 6-8 there would be an event in LATC. Wednesday the focus would be on the Greek community and they would have a performance in Bradley International Hall. Thursday would be the religious panel. He said for those of them in a religious group should come. Friday would be the national day of silence. He said it should acknowledge the day of silence and they would have an openly gay legislature come and speak. He said they could help by participating, especially Monday. He said making it a profile picture could help friends who are struggling. He encouraged them to wear the Ally Week button. He said to help get the word out as well. He said they could change their cover photo. He said to let them know when their meetings are so they could present for Ally Week. He talked about alumni that helped out with alumni week. He said they recently recorded a video and now they are working on editing it. He said thank you to council for their support. He said to let him know if they have any questions.

-Seth proposed to talk about the resolution up

-Bocarsly said they have E-board waiting as well

**VI. Appointments**

*There were no appointments this week.*

**VII. Fund Allocations****A. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

-Chu said the Union Salvodrena de Estudiantes Universitarios were offered \$750. Thai Smakom at UCLA was offered \$550. The Latin Student Assiciation was offered \$500.

**B. \*Contingency Allocations**

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

-Jasso said there were 16 applications this week. She didn't include the finance workshop. The total required is \$51,546.25. The total requested is \$13,190.21. The contingency balance is \$26,676.17. The total recommended is \$6,666.16.

-Hasnain called to question contingency allocations. Starr seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

### **President – David Bocarsly**

Bocarsly said he came from the mayor of the city's address in Royce Hall. He said it was his final speech to the city. He said one of the biggest things he preached was education. He said he gave a lot of important facts of education. He said it was nice to hear him challenge their mayoral candidates. He said he hopes to have an ally in him. He said he sent an email and said they got the endowment paper signed and he sent them all the language. He said after the meeting he would sign a \$100,000 req. He said this is a big accomplishment. He said they should see bylaw proposals of how the return to the endowment should be used. He said one thing his office is taking on is a Holi event. He said ORL is not doing it so one of his office members is planning it. He hopes to see it in the next couple of weeks.

-Hasnain asked why ORL wouldn't do it

-Bocarsly said there were issues of paint and furniture.

### **Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester**

Hester talked about this week which was career week. She said they have a lot of rewarding events. This week is also enough is enough week. She said there are a variety of great events. She said next week is Ally Week. She said to please participate in that. She said next week is bruin transfer pride week.

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

El-Farra said in the next couple of weeks, her offices are all doing days or weeks of action on different actions. Local would take a strong role on voting and voter registration. She talked about the day of action on the week of the 23rd. She said they decided on April 23 which would be a call in day. She said there would be a fund our future week of action part 2. She said it has more of a focus and they will focus on the prison industrial complex. She talked about the travel and advocacy grant and said it would be easier to apply to. She said the travel and advocacy grant are separate. She said they are trying to make sure they are staying true to the office's mission, which is advocacy. She said they are going to be more environmentally friendly. She said they only have to turn in the first page of the application

-Jasso asked when the change is

-El-Farra said it might start next year

-Jasso said it would be better if they started in the fiscal year.

-El-Farra talked about the national field associate from the west coast. She said it would be about student loan debt and the student-initiated act. She said there was a call-in day for Cal-grant bills and all three of them passed in the assembly today.

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

-Davis said next week would be a busy week. She said the academic affairs commission is hosting an academic inequity week. She said they would inform students on academic inequity. She talked about the Teach documentary. Tuesday on Bruinwalk would be an exchange for pledges. They could stand against academic inequity and they would get a shirt. She talked about the speakers coming and how they could talk about their education stories. Wednesday during the day they have a day of action. She said they could sign a pledge. She said in the evening, they have the local superintendent to talk to student leaders to talk about the state of education in Los Angeles. Thursday they have a resource fair where they could get involved in access and retention. Thursday they are working with the career center on Don't Give Up on Us on underserved communities. She said she knows they will see something in the Daily Bruin.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said this weekend is Bruin Day and they would be having tours. She said they have two funding allocations, which are the community service mini fund and the green initiative fund. She said to think about where their group adds to service and how their group can be sustainable.

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

Dr. Nelson April 22nd UCLA will be smoke free

-Hasnain asked about the student government tours

-Zimmerman asked if they sent the contact information. She said the student leaders will be sent blurbs about each office and if there is anything else they would like to relay to her she will

-Hasnain asked if they would stay at the office

-Zimmerman said no and they would lead them around Kerckhoff Hal

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

Dr. Geller

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

Lazarovici said

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

*There was no old business for this week.*

#### **X. New Business**

##### **A. Election Board Calendar- Singh**

Starr moved to go into E-board calendar

-Pede said she would talk about the changes with the election board calendar. Packets were made available last week from Monday to Friday. Tuesday April 2nd E-board discovered that they saw 12 and 5pm both listed and were concerned that these were in reference of the final packet deadline. She said she wanted to be inclusive of all students. She said they later found this to not be the case. She said the 5pm deadline referred to the winter quarter check in where the 12pm is for Friday, April 5th. She said that is the context. She said the election calendar as passed on January 29th has it listed as 12. She said there were some discrepancies with the calendar and the official language is 12 noon on Friday April 5th and

anything after will be invalid. She is asking to extend the deadline and she said they would spread to it verbally and through social media that they were accepting applications until 5pm that day. She said they did not edit the candidate packets that were sent out. She said all packets sent out were published with the 12pm deadline. She said there was a lot of confusion and they perceived a great deal of that. She said the widespread confusion lead them to reconsider and review where their procedures had been. She said they had not sufficiently communicated this change to all students. She said on Friday is when they realized their decision to extend it to 5pm was not approved. She said when they extended it, they wanted to change the language and that was a decision that was made without changing what had been approved. She said on Friday was when they realized they had this discrepancy. She said this lead them to the conclusion they needed to move the deadline. She said they were aware all students did not have access. She said they decided the best decision would move it to Tuesday, publish in the Daily Bruin that there was a lack of publicity, follow up with people who submitted a packet, and make everyone aware that they would continue to accept application materials until 5pm. She said that is why they picked Tuesday. She said that would give them the chance to reach out.

-Hasnain asked Kaupalolo when the last time was when candidate packets were over the break

-Kaupalolo said he doesn't remember the last time it was done. He said during those time, the petitions would be signatures. For petitions, a large push was done but not candidate packets recently.

-Davis asked if people who turned in packets were notified

-Pede said they were notified that there was an extension

-Starr said it was either noon or 5 and he knows that everyone who wanted to run it was due at 5 on the week. He said he doesn't know why they would extend it until Tuesday. He said it was either 12 noon or 5pm. He asked if there would be more candidates if the time was changed and he said it seems drastic that there would be 3 extra days.

-Singh said the timelines were in question and someone who turned it in at 12 noon could have had 5 extra hours. She said that is a discrepancy and they needed more days to let people know and have people turn it in. She said that is an inherent inequity that is not a fair process

-Starr said he understands. He said running for USAC is not a light decision and it seems ludicrous to change the date by that long. He said this was a decision that he planned for and he said if these are the student leaders and they can't get a packet in, they shouldn't have an extension

-Pede said there is a fundamental opposition and she said she understands but she sees the fundamental inequity. She said she sees two circumstances and having the possibility of having that happen is a discrepancy

-Starr asked if anyone specifically said that. He said that he would be furious because more people got accepted because people decided late. He said people could go to the website and see that there was only a 5 hour discrepancy

-El-Farra asked if there was also an issue of winter packets versus spring packets

-Pede said the decision was made to start the candidate process earlier. Winter positions needed to be finalized by spring break. She said they had a different spring edition this quarter. She said all winter quarter petitions needed to be sent in by the end of winter quarter. She said a great deal of candidates still didn't understand the differences between that. She said this was an isolated issue. She said since this was such a widespread issue, so many candidates lead them to conclude there was a widespread confusion. She said it was especially difficult because time was more important. She said it compounds why time is needed to clarify when things are due. She said the validity of paperwork is crucial

-Tancinco asked why the confusion was never brought up in emails

-Pede said it was convoluted and she wanted to explain it at this point. She said that is the principle issue here. She said this is a whole other dimension that should be considered. She said they are trying to get information out as quickly as possible.

-Tancinco asked if more candidates would have applied if the deadline was at 5pm.

-Pede said she is not allowed to bring forward which applications were submitted. She said if there was a 5pm deadline, there would need to be a special election process. She said the special election would need another e-board and she said the commission would not be able to start until fall. She said new council would not be able to operate until fall

-Bocarsly said this is a very component. He said in no way who is running should affect their decision. Not all positions were filled by the 5pm deadline

-Tancinco asked if they would publicize they made a mistake

-Pede said they would take accountability for the discrepancy. She said the ad in the Daily Bruin included that they would continue to take applications and included a checklist of what they needed in order to apply. She said they wanted to clarify the packet issues. She said there was a brief to update it

-Davis said she personally would not be in favor of a special election. She asked if E-board has thought about sanctions of who had turned it in on Friday. She said it says Friday and not Tuesday

-Pede said it is possible and they haven't discussed that yet.

-Starr said he doesn't see how the names affect the time. He said he understands changing it and the point of 5pm still stands. He said having something turned in at 5 he understands if they need more signatures. He said he is not breaking away from 5pm. He said nobody needs time to realize that an application is due.

-Bocarsly asked if it was by 5pm if there would have to be a special election.

-Pede said they would have to confer. She said she would have to get her information straight before

-Jasso said Pede keeps her composure well. She asked if there were information sections

-Pede said they wanted to but they weren't able to follow through with that.

-Bocarsly said privacy of candidates needs to be considered

-Hasnain said special elections would affect funding and student groups and a lot of students

-Chu asked for clarifications on special elections

-Pede said there would need to be a new ballot and she couldn't guarantee it would be ready by the end of the quarter

-Kaupalolo said they probably couldn't have special elections this quarter

-Chu asked to clarify and asked if the deadline is still 5pm last Friday or noon, if it would still be special elections

-Pede said both cases would need special elections.

-Chu asked if that was mostly because of winter and spring candidates or the deadline

-Pede said she could not discuss that because of confidentiality

-Chu said she was asking what the real problem was

-Bocarsly said they could not accept signatures after the winter deadline. He said they could not turn a blind eye to that.

-Pede said regarding E-code, when reviewing the ad they have to publish two ads and they ran two ads both advertising the availability of packets but they didn't have the deadline posted. She said they took the opportunity to publish both ads yesterday and today given that Tuesday at 5 would be accepted as the

new deadline. If Friday is still considered, the process by which candidate packets were received is not within the rules of election code

-Chu said it was problematic that the new deadline was published when it wasn't approved. She said the problem was that they were not following the approved calendar. She said they still published the ads without getting it approved.

-Pede said it was not adhering to the ballot so they are continuing to accept materials and the validity said it is pending council approval on this day

-Dr. Nelson said it seems like there is always something that comes up with E-board. She said it is one of those normal things that he has become accustomed to. He said what always happens is that they give support and trust to the E-board chair but the chair and E-board are the only ones who know the ins and outs of what they have to deal with. He said they are all going to have to make decisions and they have to decide whether they will be flexible or not. He said that is an individual decision they have to make. He said if they looked at the rules and regulations, half of the people that worked there would not be working. He said the only thing consistent with human beings is that they're inconsistent. He said it is an individual decision and these are the kinds of things they need to decide upon when they are working in their career

-Kraman said since the latest deadline is Tuesday at 5 if it helps at all.

-Pede said she can't speak to what materials were submitted and when because those deadlines can still be traced back.

-Seth said the biggest problem is the special election. He said they should be willing to be flexible to a degree. He said he would like to move to table this a little to figure out if they could turn it in at 5pm on Friday if they would be flexible with that and if there would be a special election

-Pede said sanctions would need to be decided on a case by case basis. She said she would bring up the precise language so she could check it and she could give an accurate answer. Pede read a portion of the election code and how if you fail to turn it in by deadline you fail to be on the ballot

-Bocarsly said they could override that

-Pede said they are voting to revise the calendar. She said they would need to follow E-code

-Seth said he would make that separate motion if that were the case

-Pede encouraged her to think about future years

-Seth said they need to be flexible

-Bocarsly said in the past, they voted to override the bylaws

-El-Farra said E-code is separate from USAC

-Starr said if the due date is 5 Tuesday, that could be that they turned it in. He said that if someone showed enthusiasm for running for USAC, they should be able to run. He said he doesn't know why they need another three days. He said that is the issue. HE said if the issue is signatures it is fine

-El-Farra challenged them to think that people could have missed the entire deadline because they didn't have enough time

-Jasso asked why it was moved to Tuesday. She said she hears the point of interest

-Pede said advertising was the main goal and that is why they decided Tuesday at 5pm. She said she understands Starr's concern and how people should have been more accountable. She said this is something they are willing to reconsider. She asked for a short recess if a specific rule or sentence was given to them. She said if there is exact writing they could check she could look into it

-Bocarsly said they could change the deadline to Tuesday at 5pm. He asked if they wanted to add a stipulation at 5

-Starr asked about paper ballots and said that was a separate conversation

- Bocarsly said if it was Tuesday at 5, there would be no special election and a stipulation would be looked into
- Seth said if people want to change their decision, it might be unfair to other people. He said if there was that stipulation that would address that problem. He said it is a fairness issue.
- Pede said the concern is that people might be changing their decision to run. She talked about confidentiality issues. She said they are not releasing any candidate materials without Bruincards. She said otherwise, anyone could look at applications. She said their process has also been if an applicant wants to ask they could email them. She said in her opinion and given her experience, she personally doesn't believe there is a reason to be concerned by it
- Seth said if you see someone walking into the election board office you know who is running
- Pede said it doesn't mean they are turning in their own packet. They do background confidentiality checks as well. She said she doesn't believe there is real danger in that situation
- Jasso asked how much time she needs for the recess. She said she was in the agenda before. She asked around how much time she would need
- Pede said it wouldn't be more than 5 minutes. She said she would need the exact wording to check
- Starr said it could be an email sent to E-board or some sort of official documentation
- Pede said if they are given a couple of minutes, they could work on that and look into it
- El-Farra said they had this conversation before and said ultimately, they should trust what E-board decides. She said they are making this decision based on fair grounds and they appointed Pede to take this on. She said to please keep that in mind when they make their decision
- Tancinco said they should listen to E-board and it is not necessary to have special elections
- Davis said she has language
- Starr moved to go into a 5 minute recess
- Davis read her language regarding potential candidates expressing earlier interest on USAC

The council went into a 5 minute recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:20.

- Pede said if it was approved they would not have to have a special elections. She read the new language.
- Kraman moved. Hasnain seconded.
- Starr objected to clarify that they were amending the e-board calendar.
- Pede said she could notify the applicants
- Bocarsly asked about the election tomorrow.
- Pede said they could notify everyone there and said they could add this statement
- Starr asked if he could call that to question
- Bocarsly said the election calendar will be Tuesday, April 9th at 5pm and there would be a stipulation.
- Starr called to question as amended. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 10-0-1, the election board calendar with the stipulation was approved
- Bocarsly said the integrity they showed was admirable and thanked them for their work
- Pede said candidate orientation is tomorrow 6-8pm
- Zimmerman said she realized on the calendar under week 8, it says induction ceremony but it is actually an installation ceremony. She said that is a friendly amendment
- Pede said she will note that change

-Zimmerman said she will note that change

-Bocarsly asked if Porey could make his presentation first

-Seth moved to table the investments resolution until after the SHAC resolution. Mohebi seconded.

#### B. SHAC presentation- Porey

-Porey said there has been a change and it will be a \$20 increase per person due to the change in the forecast of the insurance rates next year. There is a multimillion dollar deficit and instead, the performance of each UC will be taken into account and each increase will be different. They do not have to increase by \$40 but only \$20. He talked about the purpose of the resolution and to show Chancellor Gene Block. He said everything done today is his recommendation.

-Bocarsly asked if it should be a range or say \$20

-Porey said it is tentative

-Yoshida read the resolution.

-Hasnain moved to change the word to “lifelong”

-Jasso talked about the third whereas and asked if there was a third citation for that

-Porey said he could get back to them

-Bocarsly said they need it now

-Jasso said they found it

-Dr. Geller said she had a question about the \$10-\$30 policy

-Porey said it should be per year

-Hasnain moved to add “per policy” to “per policy per year”

-Porey said that is fine

-Hasnain moved to change heath to health

-Porey said these are all forecasts. He said they don't know the exact numbers of debt and nobody knows the exact numbers

-Hasnain asked if they should say “these forecasts”

-Kraman said nobody knows the numbers

-Hester said the last whereas could be given the aforementioned remarks, these are forecasts

-Hasnain moved to add a last whereas that said that given the aforementioned remarks, these are forecasts subject to change based on a finalized budget

-Seth moved to change it to \$10-\$30 a year. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0 it was changed.

-Hester moved to add “Given the aforementioned remarks, these are forecasts subject to change based on finalized data”

-Porey clarified the language

-Hasnain moved to add this to the agenda. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0 it was added.

-Hester asked to change it to commas

-Bocarsly said semicolons are right

-Hester made a friendly amendment to add to the end of each whereas to add “; and”

-Mohebi moved to add “therefore” to the first let it be resolved

-Hester moved that they should change UCLA Undergraduate Student Associations Council. Davis seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0 they added council.

- Hester asked for clarifications about calling on the Chancellor
- Porey said it was fine how it is and he said he doesn't know how the chancellor would react
- El-Farra asked if the chancellor is the target and he said the committee would make a recommendation
- Bocarsly said they call on UCLA to remove the lifetime cap and asked if it would be appropriate to call on the chancellor to support the lifetime cap
- Dr. Geller said it could be the student committee and the chancellor
- Porey said they are calling the chancellor. He said having support of GSA would be stronger as a whole
- Hester asked if they could say USAC is calling on the chancellor. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, it says that USAC aligns with SHAC to call upon Chancellor Gene Block to support removing the lifetime cap
- Chu said they don't know the amounts yet and asked for clarification
- Seth called to question the resolution as amended. Hester seconded.
- Yoshida read the resolution as amended:

### **Resolution to Remove Lifetime Maximum Benefits Caps**

WHEREAS, at UCLA and across the University of California multiple students each year exceed the system-wide annual pharmacy cap of \$10,000; in addition to life threatening diseases, such as cancer, many of these students are afflicted with chronic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis that can lead to permanent and lifelong disabilities if left untreated; and,

WHEREAS, UCLA pays for an uncapped pharmacy benefit to provide these students with appropriate therapy, which frequently allows them to lead productive and normal lives, and contribute to both the academic environment at UCLA and the community after they graduate; and,

WHEREAS, our pharmacy benefit remains uncapped, but our lifetime maximum benefits are capped at \$600,000 (1); and,

WHEREAS, given the aforementioned remarks, these are forecasts subject to change based on finalized data.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that though UCLA's cap is greater than the system-wide cap of \$400,000, we believe that students with trauma, cancer and other life-threatening diseases should concentrate on their health, not on the substantial out-of-pocket costs they could incur through the existence of this limit; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that though few students meet or exceed this cap, we believe that it is in the best interests of the UCLA community to provide protection for the students that do; and

THEREFORE LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council aligns with the Student Health Advisory Committee to call upon Chancellor Gene Block to support removing the lifetime cap. We acknowledge that this comes with additional costs of between \$10 and \$30 per policy per year; however, we believe that it is imperative to have a health plan that meets or

exceeds the national requirements of the Affordable Care Act, regardless of whether our insurance plan is exempt.

(1)

[http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/Lists/ChannelContent/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=6&Title=Student%20Health%20Insurance%20Plan%20\(UC%20Ship\)&Channel=Insurance](http://www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/Lists/ChannelContent/CustDispForm.aspx?ID=6&Title=Student%20Health%20Insurance%20Plan%20(UC%20Ship)&Channel=Insurance)

With a vote of 11-0-0, the amended resolution for SHAC has been approved.

C.

-Seth to discuss the resolution. El-Farra seconded.

-El-Farra said thank you to everyone who came today to support and to express opinions. She said the comments were directed to the resolution or to her. She talked about what could be seen as motives or her intent or bringing this forward. She said this is exactly what the name said. She said the EVP office does a lot of advocacy work. She said a recurring theme has been about investments because they did talk a lot about where their money was as USSA and UCSA and she remembers a supportive council of the reasons why USSA pulled out or “divested” their money from Bank of America. She said council did not find anything wrong with that. She said individuals have been working on getting UCLA money out of their unethical practices. She said there was work done from divestments. She said with the work done by worker’s rights done by MEChA and other groups, they felt like this was a good time to bring this forward. She said it was broad because there have been a lot of issues of where money was. She said it is important in realizing where money is invested. She said she worked on this from various students from various communities and many have spoken at public comment.

-Bocarsly said it was made into a Google Doc.

-El-Farra said no one community is addressed in this resolution and they were not trying to call out any state or nation but that they as Bruins want to have ethical investments. El-Farra read the resolution as follows:

USAC Resolution Calling for Ethical Investments  
Sponsored by: Taylor Mason, Anees Hasnain, and Lana El-Farra

WHEREAS, it is UC Los Angeles’ duty to uphold the True Bruin values of integrity, excellence, accountability and ethicality, respect for the rights and dignity of others, and public service to make a positive impact in our global community#, which includes the promotion of human rights, equality, and dignity for all people without distinction;

WHEREAS, the mission of the UCLA Foundation is “to actively promote philanthropy and manage donated resources for the advancement of UCLA”# in order to “support the University’s commitment to teaching, research, and service”#;

WHEREAS, students at our university have historically stood against injustices within our campus and abroad;

WHEREAS, student campaigns against Islamophobia#, anti-Semitism, mistreatment of undocumented students#, race-based crimes against the Latina/o community#, segregation and discrimination targeting Afrikan Americans#, hate crimes targeting the LGBTQ community#, violations of worker's rights and living-wages#, exploitation of farmers and workers#, the Vietnam War#, the war in Iraq#, genocide in Darfur#, apartheid in South Africa#, and the 2008-09 Israeli offensive on Gaza# all demonstrate our commitment to justice and equality for all;

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Students Association Council denounces violations of human rights and worker's rights in Los Angeles, the United States, and overseas;

WHEREAS, there is a general campus consensus against violence and infringements on human rights, as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights#;

WHEREAS, there is a general campus consensus against violations of worker's rights;

WHEREAS, there is a general campus consensus against actions that harm the environment;

WHEREAS, investments in companies a) that are complicit in violence or violate human rights or b) that violate worker's rights or c) that threaten environmental sustainability, do not constitute socially responsible investments and fail to promote UCLA's values, threaten campus climate and marginalize students;

WHEREAS, the role of UCLA students in advancing human rights, worker's rights, and environmental sustainability in the past sets an example for us to follow as students of global conscience;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USAC will further examine its assets and UC assets for funds being invested in companies that are complicit in a) violence and violations of human rights or b) violations of worker's rights or c) threats to environmental sustainability;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that we call upon, our university, the University of California Treasury, and the UCLA Foundation to divest their holdings from socially irresponsible companies that are involved in a) violence and violations of human rights or b) violations of worker's rights or c) threats to environmental sustainability;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that, following the UCLA administration's steps to promote principles of equity and inclusion, UCLA will adopt a socially responsible investment policy as a means of furthering these principles;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that if it's found that UCLA funds or UC funds are being invested in any companies that fail to uphold social responsibility, UCLA will divest, and will advocate that the UC system divests, all stocks and securities of such companies with the goal of maintaining the divestment, in the case of said companies, until they cease these specific practices. Moreover, UCLA will not make further investments, and will advocate that the UC system not make further investments, in any companies materially supporting or profiting from the aforementioned violations;

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that we, the students, call upon our university to dissociate itself from groups or companies that promote systematic prejudiced oppression, whether this system targets people based on their religion, gender, race or sexual orientation, by divesting from companies that

participate in or profit from violence, human rights violations, worker's rights violations, or threats to environmental sustainability.

-El-Farra has some amendments off the bat. She said after listening to all of them in the room, she wants to make a few amendments. She said she read this prior but she wanted to make sure this was said and done. She talked about the fourth whereas that demonstrates past campaigns done on the council. She said they didn't want to divest from certain causes but to show that there is a history of activism on the campus. She said after hearing a lot of communities felt marginalized, she moved to strike the clause in its entirety.

-Kraman seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the clause has been struck.

-Seth thanked everyone who came and said there were a lot of great points. He said there was a dichotomy of the points made. He said some students and individuals advocate for an increase in divestment, which is because US donating to countries such as Israel had stopped a lot of deaths that could occur. He said Israel has a deeper meaning for Jewish students. He said Israel is not just a homeland but is the land for the Jewish people and an attack on Israel is an attack on their community. He said if they vote no, they remain the status quo and that does not directly marginalize any student on the campus community. He said if they say yes it will marginalize some students and it goes along the movement and because it is vague, it can be misinterpreted. He said council has passed resolutions that condemn Israel and a connection can and will be made. He said some students brought up the point of labor rights. He said he is for a resolution that targets a specific problem and labor rights. He said he does not feel like this resolution is specific enough and it could cause divisiveness. He said he would like to take a straw vote who would vote no straight off the bat.

-Bocarsly said to engage in some conversation and they could come back to his question.

-Jasso said some conversation should focus on whether it should even go forward. She said she would rather have this conversation to be productive. She said to have no hostility and she said she didn't want individuals to feel uncomfortable.

-El-Farra said she urged the council to read the resolution and it does not have anything to do with Israel and Palestine. She said she understands the implications with the word divestment and she said it is sad they would judge this based on what is happening on other campuses. She said each resolution stands on its own. She said it could be construed in different ways but that could only be done by future councils. She said it says in the last further be resolved clause that they need to divest and she needed to make an amendment. She said she wanted the conversations to be started. She said it is important to start those conversations. She said it is titled ethical investments because that is what it deals with. She said they want to take that stance. She said again, this is not about Israel and Palestine and it is about students knowing where money is going. She made an amendment at the last let it further be resolved that UCLA would look into divesting and the university would look into divesting. She said the council would just be looking into decisions

-Starr agreed but one of the past resolutions was quoted in this resolution. He said that he wouldn't want something he doesn't support to be used in the future in another way. He talked about intent versus perception. He said it is clear so many students were offended and marginalized. Last year, Pi Phi had a churro sale and it sparked a huge debate about racism about acceptance and culture not a costume movement. He said the person who bought the Pocahontas costume didn't mean to be offensive but the perception has been offensive. He said last year they had a similar situation and Resnick went on a campaign to make sure their voices were heard. He said it would be great having 50 people demanding

they pass the resolution. He said half of them pass it and half of them should pass it and he said it was divisive.

-Hasnain said thank you for bringing that point up and said she sponsored it not to hurt any community but she read it as not invest in companies that do communities harm. She said as it stood as originally submitted was alienating to student groups. She said thank you for clarifying that. She said she hoped whether they vote on it tonight or table it to people that they do consider this issue because taking a step back it violates human rights. She said she hopes they can find a way to negotiate this resolution because it points to the integrity of students and the way they approach students and their academic lives. She thanked Saxe for calling her out and too often they are not held accountable for what they do. She said it helps keep them all in check and makes sure they are making wholesome decisions

-El-Farra said it all makes sense to her. She said it terms of each resolution, she wanted to urge council the decision they are making and what future councils do are not in their jurisdiction. She said they pass resolutions all the time and it could always be built upon. She said they are right here right now talking about this today. She said what will happen could be dealt with later but today they are talking about this resolution

-Seth said given the divisiveness, his problem is that it will be misconstrued if it is vague and it is vague. He said if they are talking about labor rights or calling out workers' rights, they can make an action. Specifying it makes it a statement and an action allowing them to say they did something. He said they led to misconceptions and people being marginalized

-El-Farra said she believes each resolution is purely a statement. She said all of them are just the same

-Hester said she understands what they mean and they need to focus on the language here. She said they want to support ethical investments. She said it said it would "dissociate itself from groups or companies." She said she is guessing that in the end it is about ethical investments and she would be comfortable amending it if they were comfortable with the wording. She said they need to define what ethical investments mean

-Yoshida said as a general representative, she does not feel comfortable seeing what happened today. She said she is not comfortable with it and she agrees that resolutions need to have a clear purpose and they need to be specific. She said it should come back in a different form

-Davis said they have the opportunity on the table and as they've seen, they represent a more diverse population at UCLA. She said she thinks that there are some important issues brought up that don't create a divide halfway through the room that they can all rally behind to create a unified campus. She said a lot of them can labor behind labor rights. She said she believes touching upon the words divestment and humans rights, she thinks they should focus on something tangible. She said she has a twin sister at UCI who heard that this was coming to the table because it passed in UCI. She said she is from a Jewish conversation and she was very upset hearing about this resolution and she said maybe it isn't about divestment. She said to her and to a lot of other students, it could be perceived as divestment and they should focus their efforts on that

-Jasso said as a nonvoting member that they agree on ethical investments but there is no agreement on the way it is worded. She said she would encourage the council to go into a straw vote and encouraged them to table the resolution for next week and to talk and evaluate it more with different communities and see if they wanted to deflect certain portions or just as a whole. She said they needed the definitions they were asking for. She said at the very same time, this is a chance to engage the wider campus community to allow not only a statement but what future councils will look like. She said they have the ability to provide as much clarity and consensus to the student body. She said to table it for a week like they tabled

it last year. She said they should do forums on campus. She said they want to see forums about this issue as well and about building bridges. She said she doesn't like having talk around each other and not to each other.

-Seth said he agrees a lot with what Jasso said. He said he wanted to change the focus to labor rights. He said the Ally Week presentation also brought it up. If they look at the news, there is a revolution going on in the LGBT community and they should have one regarding the hurdles they face

-El-Farra said there is potential that it may be tabled. She said she is not for or against that. She said she understands the potential in tabling it. She said as a councilmember and someone who introduced it, she will not represent it unless it talks about that speaks to all three topics. She challenged the council to think individually if that clause she took out in the beginning and she never saw the clause and the word Israel was never mentioned how they would feel about it

-Bocarsly said he doesn't want to tell his opinions and he is a member of the Jewish community. He said he appreciates her taking out the clause. He said a bigger issue is the term human rights. He said Davis mentioned it and who dictates it. He said there are so many organizations out there and he is very worried when he hears that because he never knows what that means. He said that is why it is very problematic. He said he would like to table this conversation but he doesn't think a lot of opinions will change if "human rights" is still in there. He said he looks forward to a contrastive conversation if she is insisting that this is part of the resolution

-El-Farra said she heard the public comments and she understands it and that is why she took out that clause. She said she would rather them not pass the resolution than to table it and bring it forward as something they don't believe in. She said it could change but the three aspects of it will stay the same.

-Bocarsly said knowing that the word human rights will be hard to keep in there, needs to be part of this decision.

-El-Farra said council could easily take out the word human rights but she would rather not see it pass and she would rather have those three aspects on it. She said she didn't know human rights had such different perceptions. She said those kinds of things are new to her and she didn't realize they would be offensive. She said that is the core of the resolution. She said maybe they could have future resolutions but this resolution she would rather not have it torn apart. She said she would rather keep the core.

-Bocarsly proposed to table it or go to a vote and potentially pass it or not pass it. 5 people voted to table it. 5 people voted to go to a vote.

-Yoshida said she doesn't understand tabling it if it wouldn't change

-Jasso asked if the core is ethical investments or human rights. She said she perceives it as being ethical investments and she could see human rights being defined. She said she could see it being worked on. She said the implication is just human rights. She said she is confused

-El-Farra said the core is ethical investments based on human's rights, workers' rights, and environmental rights. She said she wanted a general resolution that said they stood for ethical investments. She said taking out human rights would change it

-Jasso said the human rights aspect was problematic and it shouldn't have been part of the vote. She said they could find a definition of what human rights is and challenged them to define terms that could make this resolution go forward. She said she agrees with the foundations and principles. She said she didn't want to see it die because there was no flexibility to have this conversation. She said she wanted to see conversations off the campus table

-Bocarsly said it could be brought back

-El-Farra said she is willing to define those terms and those conversations need to happen

- Bocarsly said they could come up with another resolution that engages the community
- El-Farra said it would mean tabling it and it would be up to her and herself
- Bocarsly said this one would not come back in its present form
- El-Farra said she would rather have a vote. She said she wanted to know what their opinions are
- Chu said she is interested in seeing where this resolution could go and she agrees that there are very broad terms and this resolution would benefit from specific wording. She said she would like to table this until next week but she doesn't see the point of tabling this and coming up with a new resolution
- Bocarsly said if they table it, they are coming back with the same thing. He said tabling it means they have amendments
- Kraman said he thinks that a lot of sentiments are because they were passed on other campuses, divestments would sound bad. This is something they need to be aware of. He said he sees the value of passing a resolution in that framework. He said that right now, divestment seems like a poor term they could be using. He said the generality of the resolution is hard to make a statement especially if it could be used in the future and he is internally conflicted
- Seth said if they propose a resolution, he would like to see a week to send it to the student body and see what their opinions are.
- El-Farra asked if they do that for every resolution
- Seth said this is vague
- El-Farra said that is setting a precedent for every resolution
- Bocarsly said they should give the campus time and has an open forum. He said that is a fair compromise
- Mohebi said he is about human rights and that is what he does in his office. He said he went to Israel and Palestine and he talked to Hasnain and El-Farra about it. He said it seems vague and if they said "divestment" they wouldn't know he was working on the fossil fuel campaign. He said each side of the argument could say that they are denying human rights. He said having these opposites creates a lot of polarity.
- Hasnain said there is a girl named Carly who said divestment is a strategy used to state their opinion. She said it is unfortunate that there has been direct association between the word divestment. She said the suggestion to table it indefinitely is not saying they don't care but they should table it and bring it back. She said if they are comfortable in seeing how it could be developed, that is the way they should precede. She moved to table the resolution so they could do more research and see what is appropriate so they could have a much more educated and positive conversation. She said fair trade for example deals with human rights. She said she moved to table this indefinitely.
- Dr. Nelson said that this is the university in action. He said this was a good opportunity for different students with different attitudes and backgrounds to take place. He said the university doesn't set up an opportunity for these kinds of things to occur. He said this comes up every year in some form or fashion. These two groups of people have been forced to be at each other's throats because of the power of politics who didn't think about what the future would do. He said this type of dialogue helps solve what is going on. He said he couldn't think of a better group of people to sit down and learn from one another and come back with a more enlightened view on what to do. He said that it seems that further discussion is warranted if people are willing to come back next week. He said through communication, people can reach agreements.
- Hester said she wanted to add something. She agrees with tabling but unless there is a date, place, and time she is afraid it won't happen. She asked if her office would like to propose a forum she would love to add that to a motion

- El-Farra asked if it would be a forum or office hours. She said a forum seems like the consensus.
- Bocarsly said they need to do it between now and Friday.
- El-Farra said a forum would exist before this resolution is even brought back.
- Bocarsly said they could use his office if needed or they could look at a room in Ackerman.
- El-Farra said again thank you to everyone who came today. She said in no way was her intention to call for divestment from Israel or from companies from Israel. She said her intent was to start this conversation. She said bringing in personal stories is valid. She said she might be the only person who has been to Israel, Gaza, etc. She said she understands the complexity of the issue. She said it was misconstrued and she didn't want to marginalize or hurt other students. She said she hopes that there would be more engagement from other communities. She said if the word divestment was so tainted because it came from so many other universities, it is about the mission and vision of the resolution. She said she is not here to push divestment but here that they need ethical investments because that is what the university needs
- Bocarsly asked if they needed to go to a vote
- Dr. Geller said indefinite is a given and they need to vote
- Hasnain moved to table the resolution on the stipulation that there is a forum before it is brought back. With a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution has been tabled.

## XII. Announcements

- Hasnain said CSC will have issue awareness week during week 4. She said this quarter they will focus on issues that LA faces. She said one of the opportunities they will bring is bringing people to skid row. She said she drove through downtown and skid row is a couple of blocks from where people make a lot of money. She talked about Project Bruin and said if they want to work with them they are more than welcome to May 11th or May 18th
- Hester said thank you to Davis. She said she hopes that other chairs set up a time where they talk about what their offices are doing. She said to take advantage of what their offices have done so far. She said if they know of organizations that do special things to encourage them to let them know.
- Chu said tomorrow night from 6-10 is Roll Aids planned by the Aids Awareness Committee and Ackerman turns into a roller-skating rink. She encouraged them all to come out. She said it is Enough is Enough week and she highlighted the events and the purpose. If you love me workshop is a domestic violence workshop by CAPS. There is a self-defense workshop by UCLA recreation. There is a survival panel to shed more light on how prevalent stalking and domestic violence is. Jasso said thank you to the \$80 for food and April 16th they will have their second are you a req over your req funding workshop. She talked about OSAC and said that she has a larger mailbox. She said to please let student organizations apply to OSAC and the deadline is April 19th. She said she would have two officer reports
- Mohebi said April 22 UCLA is going tobacco free. He said they would give out 700 shirts and tanks. He talked about the fair trade resolution and said the coffee might be fair trade in the dining halls
- Davis talked about USIE applications and the first diversity workshop will be next Wednesday
- Seth said next week would be a panel featuring recent graduates and seniors teaching about job opportunities
- Yoshida said April is sexual assault awareness month. She said some events were being put on by CARE. She said she forwarded all of them the flyer and said to send them out. She said her office is hosting their final CARE SOS training for spring. She said April 18th and 25th in the CAPS conference

room would be the training. She said it deals with how to respond and how to support survivors. She encouraged everyone in this room to get educated and it is very prevalent.

-Bocarsly said he will be at UCI for student regent interviews. He said he is going to sign the requisition. He said to file out after good and welfare

XIII. Adjournment

- Starr moved and Seth seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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