

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 16, 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: Hons Chen, Jiwei Zhang

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

- Hasnain moved to strike capital contingency
- Hester moved to move the reports under the officer reports under the administrative representatives and add the academic affairs commissioner and student wellness commissioner report
- Davis moved to strike ASRF
- Yoshida moved to add a resolution to the agenda
- Bocarsly asked if they had three sponsors
- Yoshida said yes and a member of the public said it is called the collegiate housing and infrastructure act. With a vote of 11-0-0 it was added
- Hester moved to add election ballot to new business. Starr seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-0, it was added to the agenda
- El-Farra asked to strike the travel and advocacy grant
- Hester asked if they could add FSC ballot changes after ballot voting. Chu seconded.
- Bocarsly went over all of the action items today
- Chu moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.
- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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- Hester moved and Davis seconded to approve the minutes for April 9th, 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

IVP Office representative

She talked about the realizing a vision conference for high scholar's with entrepreneurs talking at the event. She said she sent an email to Hester and said it would be great if they came to support

Roman Nguyen

Nguyen introduced himself as the president of the Vietnamese Student Union. He said they are supportive of the Bruin Diversity Initiative. He said it was voted down and the president voted it down. He talked about the coalition that came together. He said they did not allow the school to vote on it. He said this is an opportunity to address a campus-wide issue. He said most people supported the initiative. He said it means a variety of different things and serves the whole student body. He said it means different goals and values and encouraged them to reconsider their original stance. He said he hopes they take this to heart

Rojii

He said a lot of the council asked where the money would go and he challenged the council to check out these services and come take tours. He said he would allow them to be more informed

Molly

She talked about some of the arguments against the Bruin Diversity Initiative. She said as a public university, they have a right to make sure diversity is a priority and said it is all encompassing. She said diversity means Greek organizations, transfer students, Bruin democrats, etc. She said it is in this spirit they created such an initiative. She talked about different groups and said that they as students can run a referendum. She said she encourages all students to address their issues. She said they wouldn't deny any other organizations. She encouraged the council to reconsider their stance on this initiative

Jazz

He said he is a first year and a member of the Asian Pacific Coalition. He talked about what the comments before talked about and the idea of diversity. He said he chose UCLA because he wanted to be a part of a diverse student body and had the voice to empower them. he said it includes political outlook, religious affiliation, and many other things. He talked about volunteering for Bruin Day and he said the students come from so many different backgrounds and they pitched to them that they would have student services when they come here. He said he is thankful for their time. He said if they are pitching this to students, they should have this as a reality to these students.

Jarad Amalo

He said he wanted to urge council to endorse the freedom of speech resolution. He had the chance to work with Bruin Democrats to address that they had a free speech zone and that they are a public university. He

said they wanted to endorse the freedom of speech. He said he worked with El-Farra and Bruin Democrats. He said they talked about why this initiative is important and said this is a freedom issue they want to address

Liz Freedman

She said she is part of Bruin Democrats and wanted to voice her support for this resolution. They were working on this for over a year and hopes they all vote to support this as well

Ragah and Shawna

He said they are showing Much Ado About Nothing and Pain and Gain as well as a film called The Iceman. These are all in 8pm in Ackerman.

-She said tonight they are showing Silver Linings Playbook

Tammy, Ruben, and Megan E3

These representatives wanted to voice their support for the initiative E3 put forth

V. Special Presentations

A. Academic Affairs Team

-Davis introduced herself as the academic affairs commissioner and her staff. She said she would present a presentation of what they have done and what they are completing soon

-She said they have academic wellness weeks where they pass out blue books and scantrons, notebooks, and pencils. They also promote CAPS, healthy eating habits, stretching classes, and other resources.

-She talked about the academic services expo where they had different services present so students could learn about resources on campus

-She said they put together a mobile app, which was a place to find academic resources on campus. She said this could be easily updated for years to come.

-Davis talked about mobile class enrollment and said that they had a student approach them who worked with them to create a mobile application that worked. She said they took it to the UCLA registrar and it was illegal so they had to start from scratch and worked on the integrated web experience. They also worked on an enrollment application and ideas for that. This came with a survey that over 230 students took it. She presented the data from the survey. She went over some of the questions they had on the survey. She said from this data from the UCLA registrar, they will take into account this data and create an application within the next year or so. She talked about academic outreach advocates and how they created advocates that contacted communities of what they would want to see from the academic affairs commission. Queer Alliance asked them to chair the LGBT minor which had the threat to be merged with gender studies. They started a petition with 750 signatures and created a pamphlet that they are working to get into orientation studies that talks about what the minor is and what GE classes count for the minor. She said they are also passing it out on Bruinwalk. She talked about student voice empowerment forums and how it was postponed. She said when they approached the administration to start a workshop, there were legal issues. The second forum focused on the diversity forum which came from conversations on what students would want from a potential diversity requirement. She said students wanted a discussion based forum where students could discuss stories. She talked about mid-quarter evaluations that they worked on since June of last year. She talked about tenure and said they are advocating to change the

culture of mid student feedback at UCLA. She said they dealt with several classrooms and professors and reached 2,000 students by reaching out to professors. She said they picked them up after midterms and they made changes during the quarter. They put out another survey after grades and said even if the professor didn't change the students felt more engaged. She said teachers liked this feedback because they could change if needed. They are expanding their scope. She said they are called student feedback surveys.

-Tammy said they've expanded on USIE, where students can create a class on their own. They go through a winter class and go through how to put forward curriculum and have a class. She said they pushed the application to spring so when they apply they have a better chance to talk to their advisor.

-Davis said they now have 30 students and now there is student input. She talked about the iGrad seminar. She said they get to sit with a college counselor to make sure they are ready for graduation.

-She said unfortunately the communities in conflict of the modern world requirement were voted down and they reached out to create alternative workshops instead. They have three they're planning and a roundtable discussion. The second one will be held. Khy would lead it and one would be led by Mata. Students who attend 2 or more will receive a certificate saying they are a diversity advocate.

-Davis said all attendees will sign pledges that will say they will share what they learned to people in UCLA

-She said they have been working on syllabus preview and felt like this was something they should lobby and work for. She said this became a reality this quarter. She said students could look at that ahead of time instead of switching later. She talked about how they sent letters to kids to a school in Georgia. She said they sent them close to 300 letters and a UCLA pennant. She said there were 344 students at the school and almost every student would be receiving a letter.

-Davis said they would finish the letter writing campaign soon.

-She talked about the Global Leadership Connection and said students got to know each other and came from different schools. They participated in different interviews and at the end they had an award ceremony where they win scholarship money to go to a college of their choice. She said it has been a great experience that they hope to move on to.

-Davis talked about counselor connect where they brought counselors to Kerckhoff and helped 120 students at that time. She said students could get all the information they needed

-Katie talked about Academic Inequity Awareness dedicated to motivate action on inequities in the public education system. She said they had a documentary screening on Teach. They had a panel on educators a reform advocates. They had a t-shirt exchange today for students that could pledge for academic inequity. She said they just posted a workshop called "what's your education story." She said tomorrow is their day of education. She said that evening they would host their superintendent who would speak about what's going on locally. She said they are right there and UCLA is aware of it. She said that would be a great opportunity to learn more. She said that is where motivating action comes into play. She said they had a lot of resources there. She talked about a spoken word night that was coming up. She encouraged all of them to come.

-Davis passed around flyers and said if they wanted a shirt they could sign the pledge and grab a shirt.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments for this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Mason the Chinese Student Association were allocated \$150, the Iranian Student group was allocated \$0, the American Indian Student Association was allocated \$650, the Vietnamese Student Union was allocated \$250, the Chinese Cultural Dance Club was allocated \$600, the United Arab Society was allocated \$350, the Indian Student Union was allocated \$650, the Association of Chinese Americans were allocated \$550, Hui O Imiloa was allocated \$400, and the Jewish Student Union was allocated \$0. Some student groups turned in their application late which affected the amount of funding they got.

-Jasso asked for clarification on the funding chair

B. *Contingency Allocations

Seth moved to approve contingency allocations this week. Mohebi seconded.

-Jasso said they had 27 applications. She said there was a total of \$187,714.27 required. There was a total of \$34,653.94 requested. The contingency balance is \$19,180.01. The total recommended allocation for this week is \$9,330.50. She said since she will transfer \$8000, they have \$16,925 in capital contingency.

-Bocarsly asked if they had to vote on a transfer

-Zimmerman said in the bylaws it said at least 12%

-Jasso said she would do it next week

-Tancinco asked when the last chance was to apply for capital

-Jasso said May 8th. She said after May 8th would be applications for events June 1-July 30th.

-Mohebi moved to approve contingency allocations. Seth seconded. With a vote of 9-0-1 the contingency allocations were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports**President – David Bocarsly**

Bocarsly said it is appropriate to recognize the tragedy that happened in Boston. The council took a moment of silence. He said if there is anything they think they could do, that would be a very nice sentiment to come from the council. He talked about the Diversity Symposium 7th week. He said they will have an opening and closing event. He said faculty and members would submit programs. He said diversity can mean anything and he highly encouraged them to tell people to apply. He said the application is due tomorrow. He said he could send out more information. He said his interns ran an event in front of the USC/UCLA game. He said they are working on a mixer between themselves, IVP, and EVP interns. He said Holi is something they've been working on and they met with Sunset Rec today. He said this would be the Sunday after 4th week at about 4pm. He said they are also working on the USAC end of the year banquet, which is something they haven't done before. They reserved the Pauley Pavilion club. He said they need at least 125 people there. The date is set for May 20th. He said if they have any suggested programs to let his staff know. He said he will get back to them on the exact start time.

-Jasso asked about the funding

-Bocarsly said they could use the USAC retreat funding and he would apply to contingency

-Zimmerman said they might be able to use discretionary funds

-Jasso said there is about \$9,700 left in the funds. She said that money is basically open and she suggested thinking about something they need and spend the money.

-Bocarsly said if they need it, then it would go to the banquet

- Tancinco asked who to contact to book the pavilion
- Bocarsly said it was done under recreation
- Chu said they're done with the lottery but they weren't doing any other dates
- Bocarsly said there was a lottery that they went through twice

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

El-Farra said they are working on the day of action. Next week would be their voter reg efforts and working on more local efforts. She said they registered more than 5,000 students. She said a lot of students might have registered under their home address so she wanted to make sure students are registered in LA. She said week 5 would be a state week of action. She said it would be focused on the FIRE campaign. She said Tuesday and Thursday would be educating students on Bruinwalk. Wednesday they would collaborate with workers and would work on their action. She said next Tuesday they would have a student loan-debt workshop from 6-8pm. This would be a workshop done by herself and Marissa. She said this would be next Tuesday and next week they would have a call-in. She urged their senators to introduce the same bill in the Senate at the same time. She said she hoped they would do that. She talked about doing more community lobbying efforts. She said they are reaching out to corporations such as Starbucks and In-N-Out. There would be a video that would come out today or tomorrow that they would be advertising.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

- Davis said to come to academic awareness equity week.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said the Green Initiative and Mini Funds are coming out this Friday. She passed out installation invitations which would be Sunday, May 19th. She said it would be like last year and hoped that they could all make it. She said she would send out a script of how the process works. She said if someone is running for a position, the turnaround is pretty tight is the three day Jazz Reggae weekend. She said if they know anyone running to make sure they keep it on their radars. She said they wanted to make sure everyone is informed of this date.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

Lazarovici thanked the gentleman that invited the council to check out the programs regarding the diversity initiative. She enjoyed hearing from the first year student telling his story about his experience at Bruin Day. She said the personal story was a very effective way of communicating about the issue. She said she really enjoyed the presentation from Davis and her staff. She said the mid-quarter evaluations jumped out at her and talked about what a gift feedback is. She said the fact they are getting feedback is a gift to you. She said it is a very difficult thing to welcome feedback but the more they could lower their resistance the more they could benefit from it. She said she had a change of heart about student initiated education. She said she rolled her eyes at first at this concept and said she had an experience today in her work life where nurses started a class and it was extremely successful. She said she now looks at student education in a different light and how that is valuable.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

Dr. Geller said a provost is visiting campus Monday April 29th from 3-4 and they are planning a session for a small group of student leaders. She said to email her and it would be a very small group by invitation only.

-Bocarsly asked for the date

-Dr. Geller said it is April 29th from 3-4

Student Wellness Commissioner- Cassarah Chu

Chu talked about Bruin Health Week and the different events. She talked about what the commission does and advocates for, including physical health, psychological healthy, etc. She talked about the SWC AIDS awareness committee. She said next week they are putting on HIV AIDS awareness and testing event. She talked about Active Minds, which focuses on reducing the stigma around mental health disorders and illnesses. She said it affects people who suffer the people around them, and society as a whole. There are workshops on suicide, depression, etc. She talked about the peace of mind art exhibit. She talked about the suicide prevention show and panel featuring psychologists, students, etc. She talked about Stomp Out the Stigma. She asked who the beneficiary was for Roll-Aids

-Seth said it was the UCLA Aids institute

-Chu said another committee is the blood drive committee. She said they do one big blood drive every quarter. In fall they do the health living and bone marrow event. She said during Bruin Health Week they would do Iron Chef and they would educate students on how to get iron in their diet. She said people don't give blood is because they lack iron. She talked about the SWC Body Image Task Force. She said they had a silent rave in Powell. she talked about international No Diet Day and how they had yoga days during finals week. She talked about the art gallery they had as well. She talked about the Bruin Run/Walk. Last year, there were 1400 participants. All proceeds go to the Mattel Student's Hospital. She said funds help children live in the hospital. She said it is dedicated to easing the experience of being in the hospital. She talked about the CPR/First Aid program. She said they are doing Super CPR on the hill. She said if they want to get certified to check this out.

-Mohebi asked how long certification lasts

-Chu said two years. She asked what an event that blood drive has was.

-Mohebi said Iron Chef

-Chu said SWC Earth is their environmental health component. She said they promote environmental awareness and a reduction of pollutants in the air. They collected bottles and exchanged them for notebooks. She talked about sun safety and they talked about talking about preventing different conditions. She talked about gender health, which is comprised of sexual health, gender disparities in health, and accepting gender and sexuality. She talked about having a right to say yes or no and navigating relationships and sexuality. She asked what HNF stands for.

-Mason said Health and Fitness

-Chu said they do yoga and will invite YouTube star Casey Ho and they are expecting 300 people in the event in Wilson Plaza. She talked about student health investigative task force. She said there are many new and contemporary issues with the student body and they are always playing catch up. Caffeine intake, Adderall, and sleep deprivation are what they focused on. She showed a picture of the Stress Less Fair. She talked about the Student Health Advocates. She said this is where she started freshmen year. She presented the four programming topics they focused on.

-Jasso said alcohol

-Chu talked about the total wellness magazine. She said she is always impressed it is produced completely by students. She said the magazine looks like a fully professional magazine but it is free and online. She said their event is do it yourself dips, where they will teach attendees to do dips while screening Wall-E. She said the Body Image Task Force is having dining in the dark. She said they would bring this to the UCLA campus. She said it takes away from the experience of enjoying your meal and this would be next Friday. She said they are having native foods. She said the student health investigative task force would have a stress less event. She talked about the student health network that would promote wellness on campus. She said it becomes redundant to have the similar organizations doing the same thing. She said the organizations involved are any whose primary mission is to promote the health of the student body. She said it was exciting to have this student network and people that share her passions. She asked which committee focuses on suicide prevention

-Dr. Geller said Active Minds and she said they won an award for their national organization

-Chu presented the Bruin Health Week flyer. She asked what Total Wellness is and what the event is

-Hasnain said it is a student run and initiated magazine

-Yoshida said they are doing a dip event and showing Wall-E

-Chu said thank you for listening

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. Resolution for Support of Fair Trade at UCLA

-Starr moved to approve the resolution. Davis seconded.

-Mohebi said they're excited to bring this forward. He read the resolution as follows:

Resolution to Support Fair Trade at UCLA

WHEREAS, in many developing countries producers and farmers often receive wages that cannot sustain a healthy standard of living and are often subject to substandard working conditions due to exploitative trade policies; and (1)

WHEREAS, Fair Trade is a market-based approach which guarantees that farmers receive a fair price for their harvest, experience safe working conditions, receive a decent living wage and retain the right to organize, while selling their harvest for a premium price on the market, the profits of which are reinvested back into the producer communities through education, gender equality, and health initiatives; and (2)

WHEREAS, "Today, Fair Trade benefits more than 1.2 million farming families in 70 developing countries across Africa, Asia and Latin America"; and (5)

WHEREAS, Fair Trade seeks to keep families, local economies, the natural environment, and the larger community healthy today and for generations to come. This is done by prohibiting harmful agrochemicals and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in favor of socially responsible practices and encouraging sustainable agriculture systems such as shade-grown crops; and (2) (5)

WHEREAS, Fair Trade has received some criticism from select groups and is not a universal fix for the many problems of inequality in the international trade arena, but still maintains that guiding the campus towards a more Fair-Trade-oriented culture is a commendable and worthy goal; and (3)

WHEREAS, Fair Trade bodies such as Fair Trade International (FLO), Fair Trade Federation, IMO- Fair Trade for Life, and Fair Trade USA, all certify/guarantee and promote Fair Trade products so that citizens may choose to be more conscious consumers by using their purchasing power to support a more just and equitable international trade framework; and

WHEREAS, Fair Trade USA's values include Empowerment, Integrity, Sustainability, Innovation, Excellence, Personal development, Community, Fairness and Impact, which complement our own UCLA True Bruin values of Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Service and Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Fair Trade USA has been a driving force behind the development of Fair Trade Universities and Towns across the nation motivating thirteen universities to become Fair Trade Universities (including the University of California in San Diego and Pomona College) and motivating others, such as the University of California, Berkeley, to pass resolutions in support of Fair Trade; and (4) (6)

WHEREAS, UCLA has the opportunity to present a model for progressive social change and to advance sustainable practices; as a globally recognized educational institution, UCLA has the ability to continue to lead by example through such innovations as the Ackerman solar panels, the establishment of The Green Initiative Fund voted by students, and the presence of the Zero Waste by 2020 Initiative; and

WHEREAS, supporting Fair Trade embraces the aforementioned True Bruin values through respecting the rights and dignity of global workers, through holding consumers accountable for their purchases, through promoting personal integrity in one's purchasing decisions, through positively contributing to the global community, and through continuing UCLA's tradition of excellence and leadership regarding human rights, social justice and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, UCLA, as a campus of over 40,000 individuals, possesses a sizeable purchasing power which it uses to promote our socially responsible values; and

WHEREAS, ASUCLA has already made efforts to responsibly utilize this purchasing power by offering Alta Gracia clothing products in the ASUCLA Student Union and by offering Fair Trade coffee, tea, sugar and chocolate at most ASUCLA coffeehouses; and

WHEREAS, while the achievements UCLA has already made in the field of Fair Trade are notable, there remains ample opportunity for the improvement and expansion of Fair Trade options and support of Fair Trade products on campus; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) of University of California, Los Angeles, values the Fair Trade ideology and supports its mission to create more equal opportunities for all global citizens by creating a more globally conscious UCLA consumer community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the administration to maintain Fair Trade status once attained.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on UCLA Housing and Hospitality Services to provide Fair Trade products whenever possible in their facilities in the categories including but not limited to the following:

1. Chocolate
2. Coffee
3. Tea
4. Sugar
5. Fruit and vegetables
6. Herbs and spices (e.g. vanilla)
7. Apparel
8. Household products

THEREFORE, LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council of University of California, Los Angeles, supports efforts to increase the awareness, consumption and volume of Fair Trade products at UCLA.

(1) <http://www.undp.org/content/dam/undp/library/corporate/fast-facts/english/FF-Poverty-Reduction.pdf>

(2) <http://www.fairtradeusa.org/about-fair-trade-usa/mission>

(3) http://www.brass.cf.ac.uk/uploads/TheFairTradeCupResponsetoAdamSmithD9_1.pdf

(4) <http://www.fairtradeuniversities.org/colleges/>

(5) <http://www.fairtradeusa.org/what-is-fair-trade/faq>

(6) <http://nolanpack.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/SB187.pdf>

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Yasar Mohebi, General Representative 3

Lana Habib El-Farra, External Vice President

Carly Yoshida, General Representative 2

-Tancinco asked if it included calling on ASUCLA

-Mohebi said ASUCLA already has fair trade practices but housing services hired a new manager of sustainability and they are interested in getting fair trade on the hill. He said on campus a lot has already been done but this is the first time the hill has been approached

-Hasnain asked if the sources should be in numerical order

-Mohebi said it was because they moved things around. He said they would change healthy to health

-Bocarsly asked what FLO and what IMO was

-Mohebi said those are the right sources

-El-Farra said good job to Mohebi

-Mohebi said IMO is Fair for Life

-Bocarsly said that would be a friendly amendment

-Mohebi said IMO is institute for market ecology

- Seth moved to add Institute for Marketecology next to IMO. Starr seconded. There were no objections.
- Hasnain asked to check the citations
- Zimmerman said they swapped the link for 5 to make that 3 and then brought them down
- Seth called to question
- Mohebi said he was double checking the links one last time
- Bocarsly asked if this was the final step
- Mohebi said the final step would be on the hill and that would be their outreach to campus outlets
- Seth called to question the resolution. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the resolution on fair trade was passed.

B. USAC Free Speech Zone Resolution

Seth moved to approve the free speech zone resolution. Starr seconded.

-Chu read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION TO EXPAND FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON CAMPUS

Cassarrah Chu,

WHEREAS, as a public university, the ability to freely exchange ideas is crucial in order to receive a true liberal education and encourage student dialogue beyond classrooms and textbooks. Students of all races, genders, ideologies, sexual orientations, etc. should have the right to express their beliefs throughout the UCLA campus.

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law...abridging... the right of the people peaceably to assemble" [1].

WHEREAS, limiting student speech to Meyerhoff Park, deemed as a "free speech area", restricts students' rights to express their personal convictions to a small area and subjects them to other limitations regarding reserving the area and the use of amplified sound [2].

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Tinker v. Des Moines* that non-disruptive speech is permitted in public universities [3].

WHEREAS, in September 2004, U.S. District Court Judge Sam Cummings abolished the free speech zone policy at Texas Tech University, stating: "According to the opinion of the court, campus areas such as parks, sidewalks, streets and other areas are designated as public forums, regardless of whether the university has chosen to officially designate the areas as such. The university may open more of the campus as public forums for its students, but it cannot designate fewer areas. Not all places within the boundaries of the campus are public forums. The court declared the university's policy unconstitutional to the extent that it regulates the content of student speech in areas of the campus that are public forums" [4].

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education conducted a survey of over 300 universities in the United States. Of those institutions, 259 (75%) maintain policies that "both clearly and substantially restrict freedom of speech" [5].

WHEREAS, as students who represent diverse and sometimes conflicting viewpoints, we have come together to expand free speech at UCLA.

WHEREAS, Our goal is to strike down the designated free speech zone, allowing students to use other areas of campus with thoughtful, engaging demonstration. We must defend the rights granted to us more than 200 years ago.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council supports expanding the “Free-Speech Area” to all parts of campus as long as it does not disrupt instruction in classrooms.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council urges administration to make this change.

1. http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill_of_rights_transcript.html
2. <http://www.studentactivities.ucla.edu/meyerhoff.html>
3. http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/comm/free_speech/tinker.html
4. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_speech_zone#On_college_and_university_campuses
5. http://thefire.org/public/files/Fire_speech_codes_report_2007.pdf?direct

-El-Farra said the last one should be “let it finally resolved”

-Bocarsly said it might be “further.” He said make the “o” lowercase and that each clause would have a semi-colon and the word “and”

-Dr. Geller said she is confused by this because they don’t have a free speech zone. She said what they have is a limited amplified sound zone. She said it seemed misguided to put forth a position that we limit the sites of protest activities. She said she is not sure of what is trying to be accomplished. She said they are actually expanding the use of amplified sound and she said if that’s the case, she would challenge the titling and the focus on speech

-El-Farra said that park is the free speech zone. She said students generally believe that is the only place they could hold a rally. She said even though that’s not how it is, they could make known that free speech is actually everywhere

-Dr. Nelson talked about free speech in the classroom. He said the park was a center of free speech. They run into difficulties if they feel someone should yell and scream outside of a classroom or hospital other than in a demonstration. He said demonstrations need to keep moving so no one place is interrupted. He said the academic aspect might be being ignored here. He said when the Olympics was here, there was a designated area for passing out literature because they didn’t want any disruptions. He said an organization being moved to another spot resulted in loitering. He said when they think about broadening what this means, the same thing could happen. He said this creates a problem. He said they have to look at all aspects of this. He said no one speech is a bridge

-El-Farra said it does say that it could be done if it does not disrupt classroom instructions

-Tancinco asked if they can scream outside of a classroom

-Dr. Nelson said when it comes to academic freedom, some things are appropriate and some things aren’t.

-Seth said this might not meet their needs and goals and asked if they could table this until next week

-El-Farra said this was her intent by asking but she didn’t see opposition. She said they could table it

- Starr asked if they could have that park not be a free speech area but has it as a place where amplified sound is available
- El-Farra asked if they wanted to work on it now or later
- Seth said he personally has problems not having it a free speech place because it is already a symbolic space. He said it is greater and there is a pillar in the middle. He said it is a symbol of free speech
- Bocarsly said they could get the people who wrote it involved in the conversation
- El-Farra said they could still talk about it and see what they envisioned in it
- Mohebi asked if they approached administration with this
- El-Farra said she would connect them to the administrators. She said the proponents went to students and student groups and said they could cut through to administration.
- Bocarsly said they could put it off for now
- Seth moved to table the resolution. Mason seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the resolution was tabled.

C. CHIA Resolution- Michael Witous, Lambda Chi Alpha President

Seth moved to approved the CHIA Resolution. Chu seconded.

-He said that he would read a letter that gives contacts to what the resolution is. He said it would provide affordable housing for all students. He read the resolution as follows:

A Resolution Supporting the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act

WHEREAS, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in existing tax law that would result in allowing tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to make grants to non-University owned not-for-profit student housing entities that provide collegiate student housing; and

WHEREAS, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more affordable at no cost to taxpayers by offering a housing alternative less expensive than University housing; and

WHEREAS, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing by encouraging charitable contributions to collegiate housing for installation of lifesaving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, 1,500 of 27,941 students currently live in non-University owned not-for-profit student housing and 5.4% of students at University of California, Los Angeles live in non-University-owned not-for-profit housing during their collegiate years;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of California, Los Angeles Undergraduate Students Association Council supports Congressional passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of California, Los Angeles Undergraduate Students Association Council asks the California Congressional Delegation to sponsor the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act.

- Witous said the statistics don't match what is written in the resolution and he didn't know if that would be a friendly amendment. He said he could make that change. He told them the statistics that should be added.
- Jasso asked if he could forward the letter for the citation
- Witous said he could attach it
- Dr. Nelson said he had a question in terms of fraternities and sororities. He asked if funds would go to these facilities
- He said it would simply make it so the donations would go to improving the housing.
- Dr. Nelson asked if they get a tax write-off on these houses
- He said it is tweaking some tax laws so they could make these contributions so they could have it without having money being taken away from these contributions
- Mason asked what the need is
- Witous said they have water leaks that could cost tens of thousands of dollars. He said Greek housing is pretty run down and alumni are reluctant to donate. He said donations would have a greater affect if tax reforms are being made
- Yoshida said security has been a huge incident and this is because the lock system isn't good enough
- Dr. Nelson asked if they are asking if donations could get tax write offs if money could be shifted over
- Witous said not shifted over. He said they are private entities but they do go to students. He said this would allow private donations to help respective organizations
- Dr. Nelson asked if they wanted to change the tax code
- Dr. Geller said there is federal legislation that has been pending that has made donations for fraternities and sororities tax deductible. They are asking us to support this pending legislation. This would expand the 501C3 status so people who might make donations would then look at fraternities and sororities as facilities needs as something they might contribute to. Without funding, houses aren't able to keep up to code. She said his university has supported this as well
- Witous said this has been supported before
- Lazarovici asked if a donation now would be tax deductible
- Dr. Geller said no
- Lazarovici asked what the tax status is
- Dr. Nelson said he didn't know and he doesn't think they are, otherwise they wouldn't be having this discussion. He said it is pending federal legislation. He said for people to give money, you want to be able to write that off.
- Bocarsly asked who in the university supported it
- Witous said Dean Robert Higgins
- Mohebi talked about the IRS501C7 code relating to the fraternities and sororities. He said these are two separate paragraphs
- Lazarovici said she is seeing a generational difference. She said most of them probably didn't fill out taxes. She said she is confident they will learn incomes that would allow them to do things financially that would allow them to have write offs. She said it is nice to have a tax refund. She said one of the ways people get their tax book down is to give money to charities. She said most of the reason people do that is to support the cause of organizations. She said there are people who do it for the tax write offs. She said all of that was incredibly boring to her before she had to do the 1040 long form. She said what she is seeing is creating one more way for people to give money in a way that is tax deductible. She asked if they wanted to go on record to create a way for people to give money that is tax deductible. She said it is

her personal opinion that fraternities and sororities are not on campus housing so to say they are campus housing is a way for alumni of fraternities and sororities to have one more opportunity to give to their houses to make it tax deductible

-Dr. Nelson said it is a good idea because universities get 9% of students of walking distance of the campus. He said sororities and fraternities are instrumental in this case. He said the Greek houses do help the university defer some additional costs of having a lot of people of walking distance of campus. He said this is something that would be worthwhile.

-Mason said she is in opposition to it because she would like a better picture of a statement of need. She said if their name is going to be on it, she would like to know what they are supporting and she understands what Lazarovici is saying. She said this wouldn't go to the entire campus. She said she would like to come back with a more detailed resolution that gives a better picture of what the resolution actually is. She said she would like to streamline the way they do resolutions.

-Mohebi said when anything has the word "tax" he is thankful he has his dad and something that has to do with politics he tries to refrain from. He said for him, he understands the need for fraternities and sororities but this does look unfinished.

-Bocarsly said the statement of need is supporting this act. He said since they've talked about legislation, what is okay

-Dr. Geller said they don't have a vote. This is not a ballot measure, but advocacy. This is the same kind of work El-Farra does. She said there is not much more the university can do. She say what they're doing is taking a position saying they support it and why.

-Bocarsly said he thinks they ask for a specific thing. He said she raised valid concerns about timeliness and citations

-Witous said it puts a blank over facility issues. He said this is a national issue and it transcends the UCLA campus. He said he would amend citations if that would be helpful

-Seth said he doesn't know why there would be a need of specific examples. He said this might dilute the purpose of the resolution

-Jasso said this isn't a general blanket statement because this resolution is more pointed. She said this conversation is more pointed

-El-Farra said thank you for presenting. She asked if this is timely

-Witous said he didn't want to force the legislation but he is going to DC this Saturday. He said it just took them a while to get this on the table. He said essentially, it may be obsolete a week from now. He doesn't say that as a threat but as the reality of the situation. He said he didn't know there would be so much resolution since it is general with all campuses. He said he understands their concerns of "jumping on the bandwagon" but this is a general issue but something officials of UCLA have endorsed as well as fraternity and sorority relations

-Mason said she appreciates that. She said thank you for coming and presenting. She said when they do resolutions, they are representing UCLA in state, global, and national issues. She said these are in their constitution but they still cite the constitution. She said they are doing this for the student body. She said if a student is looking through this, it would be confusing for them. She said it would be beneficial to add a statement of need and what the trends of safety would be in these houses. She said there is a different view of fraternities and sororities on campus

-Bocarsly said this is timely but it was also late going onto the agenda.

-Seth said he would like to suggest that they come to some sort of decision soon

-Starr said he was looking for a place to cite the bill itself. He asked if it was HR1327

- Witous asked if they could vote on the principle of whether they agree on this and then he could go through and edit it
- Bocarsly said they could write a statement supporting the act and take a vote on that
- Jasso suggested going to the next agenda item and he could find the citations
- Starr asked if it was introduced in 2011
- Witous said 2003
- Seth said if they choose to table this, he still thinks they should take a straw vote to see if they agree on the principle of this
- Bocarsly asked if he could look up citations
- Witous asked if it was possible to include citations after
- El-Farra said they found the bill and asked where they found the facts
- Witous said this is something he would like to change because there was information in FSR. He said that is from university statistics. He said he could use the letter as a citation
- Bocarsly asked if they could site it in the first whereas's
- El-Farra asked if they have a letter
- Witous said he does
- Bocarsly said they need the name and date
- Witous said the date is March 28th 2013 and it doesn't have a formal title but it addresses Barbara Boxer and Senator Feinstein
- El-Farra said it could just be indicated a letter in support of Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure
- Witous said he just received it
- El-Farra asked if they could put that on the website
- Jasso said it could be included
- Bocarsly said they could link it to the website. He asked him to send him the letter. He asked if they were ready to go to a vote.
- Starr called to question the resolution as an amendment.
- Starr read the resolution as follows:

A Resolution Supporting the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act

Sponsors: Carly Yoshida, Kim Davis, Stephen Kraman

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[1] <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/112/hr1327/text>

[2] UCLA Letter of Support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act to Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Dianne Feinstein, March 26, 2013

-Starr called to question. Seth seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 7-0-3, the resolution was approved.

-Witous said thank you so much for this. He said he was approached last minute to do this and he said this is not the typical way things would go. He said he will try his best to represent them in DC.

D. Election Ballot

-Seth moved to approve the election ballot. Hasnain seconded.

-Singh said she made some copies of the election ballot order.

-Jasso asked if they could send it to the general could do it.

-Bocarsly said they could send it to the whole council

-Singh said she didn't know if there was a general email

-Zimmerman said it is a distribution list

-Singh said it goes into the student initiatives. She said there are a framing question and what the initiative is. She explained the supplemental links and students would have access to information at the end of the packet

-Bocarsly said there was updated language

-Dr. Geller said these were approved by the council and the chancellor. She pulled up the actual wording

-Mohebi asked if this was the order

-Singh said yes and that this was the order chosen at the general orientation. She said general representatives would use the single vote transfer system and the others would use the instant run off

-Hasnain asked for clarification

-Singh said the votes would be transferred for instant run off. She said for single vote transfer, the votes need to reach certain thresholds. She said if nobody hits the threshold, they go through the run off again

-Starr asked if it could be alphabetical and asked if they could be moved

-Singh said they went by the order of the constitution. She said she didn't see a huge advantage of moving it.

-Kaupalolo said it has to be in this order

- Chu asked if voting for general representatives is time sensitive
- Singh said no and said it is overall
- Dr. Geller provided clarification
- Bocarsly said they also added the summer line in the one they approved
- Dr. Geller said that is fine and they are concerned about the question itself
- Bocarsly said there were changes in the question as well
- Kaupalolo said the question can't be changed
- Dr. Geller said the question was as approved by council and the chancellor's office
- Bocarsly asked if they sent the wrong document
- Dr. Geller said they approved the original language but they didn't get it early enough to review. She said they didn't get the review done before they voted on it. They were sent the revision but they said what they were doing was to approve the initial question. This initial question was supported by the chancellor's office as well. They can change the supplemental information but not the question themselves
- Bocarsly said changed it to get it approved
- Seth asked if the Bruin Bash question could be first
- Singh said the diversity question is an initiative so it is first. She said with these pieces of the election, it goes candidates, initiative, and then referendum.
- Seth asked if they could override E-board
- Dr. Geller said they are the body that edits and approves the election code but they can with 2/3 vote
- Zimmerman said the initiative has so much supplemental language. She asked if they see all of the script before they get there
- Singh said the first three pages are what are on the ballot
- Zimmerman said with the Bruin Bash referendum, it is before the question
- Kaupalolo said there is supplemental information and it is the 28 pages
- Singh said the referendum is simpler because the dollar amount goes to one fund
- Zimmerman said it is one fund but two sources
- Bocarsly said it goes to return to aid as well
- Davis asked if they will see the Bruin Bash question after the yes and no
- Singh said yes
- Bocarsly said the concern is that they don't vote for the referendum and not realize it
- Singh said they could make it very bold to make it extra clear
- Hasnain said if they see a title they won't think it's the same thing as the Bruin Bash referendum
- Bocarsly said the question is at the beginning of the Bruin Diversity one and then there are three pages of description and they vote yes or no. He said statistically, when someone gets three pages of information they might not read it
- Dr. Geller said the paragraphs have to be there. She said the information added were mandated changes in order to get this approved
- Jasso said she is kind of confused. She asked if the council wanted to make changes
- Starr said the first page is the main thing to read.
- El-Farra asked if there was a way to put a bold note at the top to make sure everyone votes on everything so people know to look for it
- Mohebi said he didn't know if there were instructions. He said throwing in a bold doesn't really do anything

- Mason asked if they could have candidates, a drop down, an initiative,, maximizes, etc.
- Singh said no.
- Jasso asked where in election code USAC would have to change
- Singh said it is on page 11 and 12 in E-code
- Bocarsly said it is article B
- Seth moved to suspend election code in article B. Starr seconded. Chu objected. She asked if E-board is still doing a voter guide.
- Singh said it is a matter of if they can give how much is on their plate. She said sorry to say it hasn't been finalized yet. She said they would at least have a voter guide online. She said it would be made clear that these are the parts of the ballot.
- Seth moved to suspend the election code in article B to switch the initiative and the referendum. Starr seconded. With a vote of 6-4-0, it has not been overridden.
- Bocarsly asked if they could make it clear that there are two things other than the candidates on the ballot.
- Singh said they would make sure students are well educated and they don't want to see that either
- Bocarsly said anything they do would be helpful.
- Chu asked how they would fix the language.
- Bocarsly said they can't change the question
- Kaupalolo said if it was a spelling error it could be changed
- Singh said they could change it
- Bocarsly said that is a friendly amendment to change student to students
- Dr. Geller said to provide the most current version and they would go forward with that. He asked if there were any other questions
- Mohebi called to question the ballot. Chu seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the ballot has been approved.

E. Finance Commissioner Bylaw Changes

- Seth moved to approve the finance commissioner bylaw changes. El-Farra seconded.
- Seth said he wanted to update the bylaws reflect what his office does. He added "the" before financial commissioner and said that his office does more advocacy than programming. He said under number 3, the commissioner description would reflect having representatives of the committees and appointments. He talked about the financial commissioner workgroup. He talked about the council mentioned there and said it would be changed to ensure consistency.
- Bocarsly asked if they could change USAC to council and have two it would be the number 2. He said there would be a capital C for council
- Zimmerman asked about the outline number under three
- Seth said he wasn't aware there should be outline numbers. He said A-E talks about dollars
- Hasnain said it should be a new number
- Bocarsly said it is the same language as under AAC and SWC.
- Seth said it makes it clearer. He said he didn't know he had an appointment until he was running. He said he didn't know how the process worked
- Bocarsly asked if a part could be changed to "the council"
- Seth asked if there were any other amendments.
- Bocarsly said everyone should also do this as well. He said they have until 7th week to do this. He said it takes over a week to be approved. No changes could be approved 4th week.

- Mohebi called to question. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the bylaws have been changed.
- Zimmerman asked if they made it 4
- Bocarsly said yes
- Seth said he would send it to council

XI. Announcements

- Mohebi said Tobacco Free starts Monday. He said he tagged them all and he talked about fair trade
- Yoshida said Thursday is the first half of CARE SOS training. She said tonight they were working with UCLA Radio on a show about sex called love line. She said that is on 8pm on Tuesdays
- Tancinco asked who is answering
- Yoshida said Jahara. They are having events next week about the consequences of sex. Next Friday 5-7 would be a dialogue about sex, gender, and region
- Jasso said the second annual are you a req over your reqs workshop was postponed. They have four weeks of allocations left. The last day is May 8th. During 7th week they would have a summer funding workshop, which could include transition retreats. She said she wouldn't be there Thursday and Friday. She said to talk to her on Wednesday. She said she would leave early Wednesday
- Starr said they may request \$500 to help pay for Bruins Night Out and they might apply for SGOF
- Chu said thank you for bringing up the events in Boston. She said many of the runners completed it and ran to the hospital to donate blood. She said that really touched her and asked if the council would pursue a run for Boston where they write letters to victim families and leading some type of run that ends in the Ackerman blood and platelet center. She said she would love to pursue that
- Jasso said they could include Operation Gratitude
- Bocarsly said he thinks that is a great idea and asked if they wanted to do this soon
- Jasso said they could use discretionary funds
- Seth said it would be cool to have a USAC council to donate to emergency relief funds. He said it could be a symbolic way to get councils involved.
- Bocarsly said that seems like a council by council program but he likes the idea. He said he could work with her
- Mason said this week is World Fest. Tomorrow is their global issues fair from 11-1. She said Thursday is World Cafe in the Dashew Center. She said Friday is their culture show in the sunset amphitheater and Saturday they have a diversity trip to historic Filipino town. She said she could email all the information out
- Bocarsly said diversity symposium submissions are due tomorrow

XII. Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Starr moved and Mohebi 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 10:01 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

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Approved April 23, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,
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USAC Minutes Taker
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