

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 30th, 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, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Lauren Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT: Cassarah Chu

GUESTS: Kristen Taketa, Jiwei Zhang, Taylor Bazley, Alex Roebelin, Jacob Finn

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

-El-Farra moved to strike the travel and advocacy grant

-Seth moved to approve the agenda. Davis seconded.

- 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

1 *4/23/13

- Starr moved and Yoshida seconded to approve the minutes for April 23rd, 2013.

-Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comments

A. Vanessa- Calpirg

She said they are working with Rock the Vote to bring candidates to campus. She said MTV would also moderate the debate. She said if they are interested in getting involved to let her know.

B.

V. Special Presentations

A. Campus Events Commissioner- Tancinco

Tancinco introduced herself and her staff. She said they would present what they did this year. She said there were two groups, marketing and programming. Marketing includes concerts. She talked about the Bombay Bicycle Club, Twin Sister, Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, and a festival with White Arrows, Milo Greene, and Dirty Projectors and Wildcat. Film is another part of their staff.

-Milo talked about the free films, such as Wreck it Ralph, the batman trilogy, etc. He talked about the sneaks they had. They had Gangster Squad, Paranormal Activity 4, etc. He said on 5/16 they would have Monsters University, Pitch Perfect, etc. They said they had campus movie fest in Fall. She said this year they had 43 submissions. They also have the shorttakes film festival. They had 70 submissions and a lot of cool judges this year, such as Shawn from Boy Meets World, Kel of Kenan and Kel, etc. She talked about the speaker's staff. They had speakers such as Whitney Port. Russell Brand and Josh Radnor would be speakers.

-Tancinco talked about the different marketing staff. The marketing director talked about making the graphics eye catching. Tancinco said the print works hard on the graphics. She said they started a new staff this year which made videos. She showed some of their videos. She talked about the marketing on different social media

-Greg talked about their Instagram account, Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, and Pinterest. He talked about their Eventbrite. He said they brought movies that people asked for. He said people liked their concerts and speakers.

-Tancinco said she likes Eventbrite because they can see where they should improve. She said they could see what people want to see.

-Frank talked about marketing. He said they had a clothes drive for Macklemore. He said they had a limbo competition to have special Hobbit seating. He said they try to market their events in every way possible. He said they like to have everyone see what they're doing

-Tancinco talked about Bruin Day and said they had the most presence

-Yoshida asked how they hire at CEC

-Tancinco said they take people at the beginning and at the end of the year

-Jasso said they did a really great job at spending their money.

-Tancinco said it is important that fun and entertainment is important to people's lives. She said it is important to have fun events that bring people together.

VI. Appointments

A. *Ernesto Bustinza – Judicial Board

-Seth moved to approve Bustinza. Mohebi seconded

-Bocarsly said they forwarded him a while ago. He said he was on the agenda before and he would be the final J board appointee. He said that he is a first or second year

- Dr. Geller said he is senior status with one full year left
- Mason said they voted 4-0-0.
- Starr said he was well spoken and he knew the process of J board cases. He said he was neutral and he was involved in a leadership role with circle K before
- Mason said to be mindful that he is shy and was suggested to be confident
- Bustinza said what he was involved in and he is considering law school or public policy. He said currently he is in a co-ed community service fraternity and Circle K.
- Kraman asked what he would bring to board
- Bustinza said he would bring a new perspective to the table and he is excited to take a larger part in his community
- Bocarsly asked about past cases
- Bustinza talked about the justices and talked about a case with Bruins United having a sanction. He said each case is really interesting.
- Mason asked how confident he is in his ability to speak out in a potential J-board case
- Bustinza said he is a listener at first but he does feel comfortable in expressing his opinion. He said he would stand for what he believes in
- Bocarsly asked what experiences he has that makes him qualified
- Bustinza said he volunteered in Long Beach City Council where he dealt with confidential information and had leadership positions
- Bocarsly asked if he knew this was a one year appointment
- Bustinza said yes
- Starr called to question
- Seth called to question. Mason seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, Bustinza was approved

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *Contingency Allocations

- Seth moved to approve contingency of this week. Mason seconded.
- Jasso said there were \$64,869.44 total required. The requested amount is \$16,458.83. The contingency balance is \$17,137.94. The total recommended is \$7,410.00.
- Mason called to question contingency allocations. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

B. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

Mason said she had to strike the fund today

C. ASRF Fund

-Davis said Bruin Run Walk got an allocation. VSU got \$100 for their event. Chinese Cultural Dance Club got \$2000 for Lotus Steps. Colleges Against Cancer got \$194.89 for Relay for Life.

D. Capital Contingency

-Mohebi moved to approve capital. Starr seconded.

-Jasso said there was \$2,856.99 required. There was \$2,856.99 requested. The contingency balance is \$8,925.24. The total recommended is \$2,408.99. She said if it is under \$10,000 she would put an ad in the Daily Bruin. She said she was not asking for money and they knew they were putting an ad out. She said they have the funds to do so

-Seth said they could easily send out an email to people

-Jasso said it is for transparency of where the student funds are. She said it is an administrative line item and it was allocated last term.

-Starr called to question. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 10-0-1, capital contingency was approved

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

Bocarsly said it is 5th week and they have 2 meetings left. He said bylaw changes require a week in advance. He said to do great work and finish strong. They had Holi this weekend. He said people learned a lot about a different culture. He said they had the MOU signing for the student my events calendar. The launch date is set this month. They would start the marketing campaign over summer. They have an end of the year banquet coming up. He said RSVPs would come next week. He said they would have different options for food. He said they would have vegetarian options as well. He said he would love pictures from all of their offices.

-Mason asked when they need it by

-Bocarsly said ASAP

-El-Farra asked if she could link him to the Facebook

-Bocarsly said he could use them if they are high enough quality. He said the banquet is May 20th. He said they would put a Freedom Writers plaque out and it is ready to go up. He said it would go up during the 7th week meeting

-Zimmerman said to let her know exactly where they want to put that up

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said there is an event commemorating Black April. She said last week IVP and other organizations put on global advocacy day. She said they had a 5 foot beach ball and people marked down where they are from. She said the stories that came from that were very interesting. She said this attracted a lot of people. She said a random beach ball can spark a lot of conversations. She said there were IVP bylaw changes sent out. She said they are related to student group liaisons. She said these were changes that would be institutionalized and bring student groups closer. She talked about the off campus resource fair and they got sponsorship funds. She said this would be 11-2pm in Kerckhoff Grand Salon

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

El-Farra said tomorrow is May Day. She said the event is 12-1. She said Thursday would be their week of action. They would be doing postcards that talk about the school to prison pipeline. She talked about working on the debate. She said this was really last minute since the debate was supposed to be at a high school. She said they have a space issue. She talked about the resolution and E3 reached out to her. She

said she was approached with a specific resolution. She said she plans on sending it tonight and they hope to pass it sometime next week. She said they could let her know if they have any critiques or feedback

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis said they more than doubled the amount of applicants for USIE. She said their next diversity workshop is May 13th. She said Dean Mata would facilitate with ORL and AAC.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said they have installation May 19th. She said there is a tight turnaround. She said she is working on the binder to be passed on to the next council. She said they can individualize the binders for the next council. She said if there is anything that they want in the binders for all of the council to let her know. She said a lot of students are doing spring cleaning. She said to contact her office if they have big items

Administrative Representative- Dr. Deb Geller

Dr. Geller said they would have an event at the Chancellor's office. She said she was asked if they could identify 4-6 students who would work the registration desk. She said if they have anyone in any of their offices to please let them contact her. She said they are looking for the first 6.

-Zimmerman said if there is a reason they cannot attend installation to let her know or to send a proxy

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

1 Addressing Motorcycle Thefts- Hasnain,

He said thank you for having him. He said he had his motorcycle stolen in 2003. He was a commuter and he had to stay in Powell through the weekend. He said people's academics would suffer. He said he heard that bikes got stolen all the time. He said one of his former TA's was there and his bike was gone. He said at that point, he was mad because there are people that think it is okay to steal motorcycles. He said an environment has been created for Grand Theft criminals to steal bikes. He said a lot of people got things stolen.

-JR Matthews said last Tuesday his bike was stolen in parking lot 9. He said he didn't know people could get a day pass. He said his bike was stolen and it was #12 that was stolen. UCLA doesn't take security measures to secure this. He said if they look at the parking area for motorcycles, they have metal bars. He said that his bike was his primary mode of transportation. He said it takes him almost an hour to get home. He said he recently got a reward for his research. Part of his grant includes interviewing over 100 people. He said two weeks ago he was able to interview people but now he doesn't have a bike. He said he couldn't do interviews like he used to. He said that there needs to be some sort of solution to fix this. He said they discussed things like how they don't have cameras. He said the university has money and he said he knew how things went. He said there are venues and ways they could add safety measures. He said it would have been great if it was there. He said he hopes that this could help someone.

-He said he had a great TA and he would do whatever he could. He said they needed to try to do something about this. He said he didn't know what a viable solution would be. He said he wanted to come to them and get information of where they could go for this. He said there are people on campus who still ride bikes. He said read a statement of 5 motorcycles being stolen in a month. He asked why nobody is doing anything about it.

-Kraman asked if they had any suggestions besides cameras

-HE said he wanted to come with concrete solutions. He said he has a full time job and has three kids. He said his point is that if he didn't have a bike; it would be hard for him to go to school. He said he lost his chain. He said they tore it up. He said his company would donate his labor to figure out what to do. He said cameras would be helpful. He said some thieves have felt bad. He said there is one student who got a picture of a van who was trying to steal a bike. He said UCPD has it. He said these aren't small crimes. He said police dogs would be helpful. He said something in the near future should be implemented.

-Matthews said he didn't think someone would take the bike. He said he would get another motorcycle. He said he wanted to have something to chain it and most colleges have cameras of some sort. He said he would put it in plain view so he wouldn't have his bicycle stolen again

-Mason asked what their capacity was to help

-Dr. Geller said there is a director of transportation services. She asked if they were in touch with Nancy Greenstein

-He said that they said that they couldn't do anything about it and they wouldn't patrol campuses to look for the bike. He read the email from transportation services. He said that the concern was that they said they didn't pay fees in garages

-Dr. Geller encouraged them after the new council is elected to contact the new facilities commissioner. She said to ask this issue be something they pursue and that perhaps someone in the organization to apply for the other seat on the transportation advisory services board. There is an undergraduate needed. This is a great way to get their concerns heard

-He asked about getting funding. He asked about how they would get construction worked out. He said his company is willing to donate time and materials

-Kraman said he didn't know if they could contract out because they already have negotiations

-Dr. Geller said depending on the size and scope of the project, it would be done by the facilities or it would be put out for a competitive bid. He said they should contact facilities managers

-Matthews said they only had a few managers.

-He said he knew for a fact that someone using them as a bid was just using them as a number. He asked who was running for facilities. He said he would talk to the people that are running and he would want to vote on who wins

-Bocarsly said they could push to get those issues heard through the administrative level

2 *Bylaw Proposal – Academic Affairs Commission- Davis

-Mohebi moved to approve the bylaw proposal. Seth seconded

-Davis said this was brought to her by their committee and member of SIAC. She read the section that was changed. She talked about access and how it was important to the school.

Article II: Appointments

Section C: Approval Process

4. Council Approval

e. The following appointments, to be appointed by the Academic Affairs Commissioner

i. The Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools: two (2) undergraduate representatives for one (1) year terms. One (1) of these appointments shall be chosen from a pool of potential appointees recommended by the Student Initiated Access Committee.

-Mason called to question. Hasnain seconded. The vote from CRC was 3-0-0. The council approved the bylaw change with a vote of 10-0-0

3 *Bylaw Proposal – Endowment- Bocarsly

-Mohebi moved to approve the endowment bylaw proposal. Kraman seconded.

-Bocarsly said it got a 3-0-0 vote from CRC. He said they are in article 7, section C. He read a section:

a. At the beginning of each Fiscal Year, the return from the Council Programming Endowment shall be added to programming funds according to the following breakdown:

- i. The USA Programming Fund shall be allocated fifty percent (50%) of the return from the Endowment.
- ii. The Contingency Fund shall be allocated fifty percent (50%) of the return from the Endowment

-Bocarsly said they put language in section V and VI that explains it. They added the term student group surplus to allow that to happen. He mentioned the part:

v. In order to stabilize funding allocations, the Council will allocate a maximum of \$150,000 to Student Group Surplus to augment the USAC Programming Fund, Capital Items Fund, and Contingency Fund, according to the following formula:

and

vi. After the Council makes allocations to initiatives and Student Group Surplus, the remaining Total Surplus will be invested into the Council Programming Endowment after the closing, audit and publication of the previous year financial results.

-Bocarsly talked about section III. He said it was adjusted to be more clear. He asked if there were any questions

-Jasso said it is hard to not know how much they are working with. She said \$150,000 is a good maximum. She said it gives them enough funds to be able to sustain themselves but it doesn't give them too much. She commended him on the way he created this that stabilizes contingency.

-Bocarsly said this is a year of conversations finally coming to a close. He said that this should address some problems. Kraman called to question. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, it was approved.

4 *Conflict Free Campus Initiative Resolution- Mohebi

-Seth moved to approve the resolution. Kraman seconded.

Resolution of Support for Conflict Free Minerals

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) recognizes the role of conflict minerals - gold, tin, tantalum, and tungsten - in the humanitarian crisis taking place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been exploited by companies for its vast natural resources and “profit from the mineral trade is one of the main motives for armed groups on all sides of the conflict in eastern Congo - the deadliest since World War II” that has employed tactics such as mass rape and child soldiering; and (1)

WHEREAS, “In 2010, President Obama signed the Dodd-Frank Consumer Protection Act into law. Section 1502 of that act addresses the international trade and use of Conflict Minerals”; and (2) (3)

WHEREAS, the United Nations has ranked the Democratic Republic of Congo as the least developed country in the world; and (4)

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles has a social responsibility for the welfare of its fellow global citizens; and

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles has sizeable investments in electronic companies that may source from the Democratic Republic of Congo; and (5)

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) calls on electronic companies to source responsibly and to clean-up their supply chains in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (5)

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the US Government to support the economic growth of the region and promote sustainable and responsible investments. (6)

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the USAC calls on the administration of the University of California, Los Angeles to favor products that use verifiably conflict free minerals and companies that are actively investigating their supply chains and investing in the region.

(1) <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/content/conflict-minerals-and-us-policy-reform-0>

(2) <http://www.sourceintelligence.com/what-are-conflict-minerals>

(3)

[https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.banking.senate.gov%2Fpublic%2F_files%2F070110 Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform comprehensive summary Final.pdf](https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.banking.senate.gov%2Fpublic%2F_files%2F070110%20Dodd%20Frank%20Wall%20Street%20Reform%20comprehensive%20summary%20Final.pdf)

(4) <http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/>

(5) <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/companyrankings>

(6) <http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/blog/post/john-prendergast-testifies-congo-senate-foreign-relations-subcommittee-african-affairs>

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Yasar Mohebi, General Representative 3

Sahil Seth, Financial Supports Commissioner

Lana Habib El-Farra, External Vice President

-Mohebi talked about section 5. He said it dealt with how well companies were resourcing. He said that although it is not on the top, companies are working to clean up their supplies. He said to look at number 3 which was a summary. He talked about conflict minerals. He talked about talking about source and chain of products that are manufactured.

-Mason said her only concern is the note about sizable. She asked if they have concrete information about investments UCLA has made.

-Mohebi said they got the information from looking around ASUCLA and the computer section. He talked about all of their investments and how things could go over someone's head. He talked about UCLA and its specific investments.

-Mason said she could put a link in regarding the ranking of certain companies

-Dr. Geller asked about the first whereas. She said it is presented as a statement of fact and asked what the basis of that was

-Hester said she is asking where the role of UCLA is

-Mohebi asked if they should change that part to USAC

-El-Farra moved to change it to say the undergraduate student's association council. Mohebi seconded.

With a vote of 11-0-0 this section has been changed

-Mohebi asked if it made grammatical sense

-Hester moved to change in the second therefore let it be resolved to change "and promote" to "through the promotion of." Kraman seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, it has been changed.

-Hester asked what went at the end of the let it be resolved

-Bocarsly said "and" is more current. He said he liked the constructive tone of this rather than saying that they would pull investments from all of these things

-Hester asked if she could change electronic company to Electronics Company in the last whereas

-Seth called to question the resolution. Mason seconded.

-El-Farra asked if it was in relation to electronics companies

-Mohebi said it focused on those minerals in relation to electronics companies

-Seth called to question. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the resolution was approved.

-Mohebi said this isn't just a blanket statement. He said other schools are working on similar resolutions. He said that things were being done to make sure people had equal rights.

5 *Discretionary Fund Request – Bruins Night Out

Starr

-Seth moved to approve the discretionary fund request. Starr seconded.

-Starr talked about the fund request. He said they didn't have enough for Monster's Inc. in Westwood. He hoped to have \$1000 to match with CEC since the total was \$2000 and CEC was providing \$1000.

-Jasso said they had over \$6000. She said since there are two allocations out, to be cognizant of how much they got. She said to be aware and don't over withdraw. She said she would email all of them the general account

-Tancinco asked for clarification

-Jasso said for contingency, they provide an event code. She said because discretionary is a general and open fund, they don't provide an event code. She said she was asking that they were cognizant of how much they are allocated. She said she wanted to make sure that this was on record and she would email that out tonight. She said if they would like to transfer that money to fill out a budget transfer

-Tancinco asked if she would use the number she sends out

-Jasso said yes and it would take 2-3 days

-Bocarsly asked if they could transfer into the retreat fund

-Jasso said yes

-Seth called to question. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 10-0-1 the transfer was approved

-Zimmerman said it is only for catering so it would be one form

-Jasso said they are also applying for the venue

-Bocarsly said it was venue and food

-El-Farra asked if July 1st was when the funds are put in again

-Zimmerman said August 1st

-Jasso said if the item was purchased when the turnaround happened, Hester is still responsible for signing the req. She said they need to have the signatures until June 1st.

-Bocarsly said any extra SGOF should be signed through EVP

-El-Farra said Gamble spent her money and when it came to EVP office, they had to pay for things over summer. She said she remembered having to benefit with USSA. She said when they got access to the new funds, she was already short

-Jasso said they got an account number that they have credit on.

-Bocarsly said to talk to administrators and they could find a solution

-El-Farra was asking if they could use discretionary for it

-Zimmerman said ingoing council can't use outgoing council's funding

-El-Farra said they could talk about this later

-Champawat asked if they knew about the events now

-El-Farra said yes

XI. Announcements

-Kraman said is econ class is partnering with FSC's program. He said that a tour talked about the diversity requirement and he's glad to be back

-Seth said his office is co-hosting alumni day. He said part of what they are working on is where about 6000-8000 alumni come together. He said they are looking for student ambassadors to show people around. He said if any of their offices have individuals that want a student ambassador to contact him. It is on May 10th. He said there are different shifts. He said it is the Friday after elections.

-Jasso said May 8th is the last day to apply to contingency. She said week 8 would be a workshop for summer contingency. She said SOOF starts the first week of school. She said she hasn't booked the room yet.

- Bocarsly asked about reevaluating SOOF
- Jasso said it is a continuing conversation
- Bocarsly asked if i would continue this coming year
- Jasso said yes. She said they would be having a funding study group anyway
- Bocarsly said he could help
- Jasso said to fix their requisitions. She said if there is a payment they have not made to not leave people with payments. She said to take care of their accounts and follow up with their funds. She said to make sure they take care of it. She said their signature is valid until May 31st. She said to get reimbursed if needed
- Mason said CAC, EVP, and AAC are co-programming an event called Stained she said it is a performance piece brought from different community organizers in LA. She said it talks about the impact of mass incarceration on inmates. She said the LA county jail is the largest mental health provider in the nation. She said it would be very interesting. She said to please try to come out and they would also be giving away a free Jazz Reggae ticket. She said they have Common, Santigold, Ziggy Marley, etc. She said she would ask about incoming council. She said if they are interested in a booth at Jazz Reggae to let her know.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

Seth moved to adjourn the meeting. Kraman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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