

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 24th, 2013

417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Joanino, Avi Oved, Omar Arce, Jessica Trumble, Sam Haws, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim, Maryssa Hall, Lauren Rogers, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Darren Ramalho, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Nicole (IVP Proxy), Ken (FSC Proxy), Donna, Pete Angeles, Sodilia Soloway, Antinia

I. A. Call to Order

- Joanino called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Badalich moved to approve the agenda. Ramalho seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

-Badalich moved to approve the minutes from June 4th. Arce seconded. With a unanimous vote, the minutes from last week and the week before were approved.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. New UCLA Conference Center/Hotel Project

Angeles talked about the growth of campus. He said in one generation, this place has gone from the historic quad to everything right now in one lifetime. He said to put this into context and that things change rapidly. He said it is a much-needed amenity for this campus. He showed them the artistic rendering of the conference center. He said they wanted to foster the scholarly exchange of ideas between students, faculty, and academics and to enhance the image as a great research university worldwide. He said that now, they can't even find meeting spaces. He said they like lot 6 because it has easy access to

Anderson, the medical enterprise, the alumni center, and Pauley Pavilion. He said there is a surplus of parking. He said there are 1400 extra spots. He said there would be 25,000 square feet of meeting space and 254 guest rooms. Guests must have an affiliation with the University and its learning process. He said there us plenty of that business out there. HE said the projected cost is \$152 million and there was a \$40 million donation by the Luskins and \$112 million will be financed and paid by the center's operating revenues. He said they take no state funding and it should be a self-sustaining auxiliary enterprise. He talked about the room rate and how there was a lot of confusion on this. He said the room rate is \$185 per night versus over \$249 per night in West LA group hotels. He showed them the artistic approach and talked about the architects. He said the architect also did the Terisaki building. He said that the arrival point on campus isn't large so they would make the entry point larger. There would be an entryway to the hotel and opening doors in a courtyard. He showed the deck on the west side with an entertainment deck. He said there would be a ballroom and function area. He said there would be parking and it would fit into the campus. He showed a 3D rendering of the conference center. He said now, it is a parking lot and showed the rendering when the conference center is built. The bus turnaround is a more impressive arrival point. He said there would be an upgraded walkway into campus. He pointed out the alumni center in relation to the conference center. He said in the front driveway would be a courtyard and an outdoor dining area connected to a restaurant and a lounge. He talked about a water feature and outdoor fire pit. He said it is connected to Pauley as well. He showed the view from the desk out towards the west. He showed elevation renderings and the courtyard. He showed the lobby, which he said would definitely have a 4 star feel. He said they wanted something that shines positively on UCLA. He said this is for the 4 star conference visitors. He talked about the market. He talked about counterarguments to the conference center. He talked about Smith Travel Research and showed them how it used all big group hotels in West LA. He said what is amazing about his is that today; the group average rate for their market for the last 12 months is \$262.82. He said the conference center rate is far below \$262. He said they don't have the same market occupancy, which is 82%. They just need 60% the first year, 65% the second year, and 70% the fourth year and no more than 75% the fifth year. He said there is a fair bet that the conference center would be economically viable and serve the campus's needs. He asked if they had any questions.

-Ken asked what the total occupancy is for the hotel

-Angeles said most rooms have two queen beds and he said a lot of academic groups want affordable rooms. He said there are 252 rooms

-Ken asked about he occupancy

-Angeles said they need around 250 people

-Ken asked how this relates to the UCLA mission

-Angeles said the LA Ink downtown did studies about the LA hotel market and Los Angeles is 118th in terms of hosting academic conferences. He asked how this could be because there is so much business in it. He said they don't need academic business when they have pipeline business like Disneyland and he said academic businesses want lower prices. He said when they look at hotels; they don't have a lot of meeting spaces because people usually go to the entertainment market. He said that is why LA doesn't go to academic groups. He said there is a niche to draw academic businesses. He said the goal isn't to maximize businesses. He said their goal and objective is to maximize the number of students who can walk to campus so people don't have to commute. He said this would maximize the campus use

-Hall asked how accessible this would be to student groups. She said LA is very expensive in terms of hotels and asked if there was a rate for students.

- Angeles said yes. He said the \$10 million dollar endowment would subsidize groups to stay there. He said his guess is that it would go through the academic senate to see which groups would get the funds. There would be seasonality in a UCLA academic environment. He said the busiest month in LA is August. He said there would be these opportunities where there would be lower rates.
- Hall said her event probably wouldn't be August but they could talk
- Angeles asked what the lead-time is. He said people usually book conferences a year before. He said the conference center would definitely leverage pricing.
- Hall said this is something that they should keep in mind but something that future councils will see so people know when groups should apply for things.
- Angeles said by next year they would have a better grasp of this

B. Revised Budget and Middle Class Scholarship Act- Joanino and Hall

- Joanino said they wanted to go over the Middle Class Scholarship Act from Governor Brown and how it affects students
- Naameh asked if this would be sent out
- Hall said they would take a step back and look at the trajectory of how the UC system has been working. She said now, tuition is well above \$13,000. She asked what they think about this
- Badalich said it is expensive
- Champawat said ouch
- Naameh said it is difficult to access schooling
- Trumble said her brother's tuition was \$10,000 less
- Naameh said it reminds her of loans
- Hadjimanoukian said they were approaching privatization
- Hall talked about the master plan and how they envisioned schools in CA would be free. She said this has been changing and students put more into tuition than the state is subsidizing
- Joanino said tuition has increased over 300% in the past decade. He said they would discuss the direction they will be going
- Hall said they want this presentation to be interactive
- Joanino said proposition 30 passed last year and raised income taxes on differential income brackets. He said they raised the taxes as well.
- Hall said Governor Brown proposes a budget and revises it in May. She said 25.4 billion in total spending is for higher education. The UC would get \$511 million over the next 4 years and there would be a removal of unit cap requirements and \$10 million for online education
- Joanino said they would still have ECP
- Naameh asked if they would talk about that later
- Joanino said yes, throughout the year
- Hall said politics throughout CA are constantly changing and said this is just to get them thinking about it. She said recently, there were 4 Cal Grant bills that were passed. She said they passed AB 1241, AB1364, AB1285, and AB1287. She said people take a year off or two years to save up and there used to be a cap so students couldn't do that so they pushed to extend the cap for two years after the student graduates
- Joanino talked about the Cal Grant program and how it was designed. He said they changed it so the Cal Grant access award was changed to be more up to date. He said this was a bill that was passed last week

-Hall talked about the middle class scholarship that was passed last week that deals with students who don't qualify for financial aid. Speaker Perez was working on this that would slash student fees to 40% for families making under \$100,000 and up to 10% for families that made \$150,000 or more.

-Joanino said they just wanted to bring this conversation to the council table and asked why they should care

-Badalich said her little brother could come to UCLA

-Hadjimanoukian asked if they could go further into the Middle Class Scholarship

-Joanino said it is money coming out of grants and not officered in loans. He said the money would go into financial aid in the form of grants

-Hall said it would be gift aid

-Ramalho said his commission is talking about what online education would look like and he said it is really important they invest in this conversation

-Hadjimanoukian said this is a huge step since they feel like the middle class could be better incorporated

-Hall said the root is affordability and accessibility. She said they need to continue pushing back and to ensure their legislatures are listening; she has been meeting with legislatures so there are current students who can see what education looks like. She talked about UCSA Congress August 9th-11th. She said with capitalizing what is happening with California they wanted to focus on looking at what California is prioritizing in terms of funding

-Lazarovici asked about the loan rate issue

-Hall said they are at a standstill waiting for congress. She said July 1st is the deadline for the increase in Stafford loans. She said there are several applications online. She said they educated a lot of students on what was happening. They are waiting for action to happen

C. FiComm-Gen Red Bylaw Presentation- Jasso

-Jasso said she wanted this conversation to be about her letting them know what the problem was in terms of the last council and offering a timeline of when to address this issue. She said she takes the directive of something critical to continue important conversations. She said last year, Sholkklapper, a previous SWC commissioner, noticed there was a lack of USAC accountability to their funds and the idea that USAC council is not present in the decisions they make. She said the proposed change was to involve three general representatives in the weekly meetings and to have a voting power. She said she did promise the previous council that they would continue this conversation. She said she didn't want to work on something they all didn't want. She said she had a question for Naameh since she was the only gen rep here. She said she didn't want to do it in back door conversations. She asked what her time expectations were and if she sees herself as FiComm.

-Naameh said if the idea is passed, they would begin attending meetings in summer. She said this isn't realistic because she wouldn't be here for the second half of summer. She said as a gen rep, she didn't want to be a gen rep because she is not knowledgeable about FiComm duties and she has her own office and platforms

-Badalich said this should be postponed regardless since Singh and Haws aren't here.

-Jasso said she wanted to talk about the timeline. She said if there is a bylaw change, it needs to happen during the transition summer. She said she doesn't see gen. reps. coming in during the fiscal year. She said this is a lot fairer. She said they start with either a bylaw change or no bylaw change. She said she wanted this by their July 15th meeting. She said she will be trying to create a rotating system and having a different quorum since the previous quorum needed three gen reps present. She said she would want the

gen reps trained and she said it is a duty for the council to be there. She said it should be a rotating system. She said she would try to talk to Singh and Haws

-Hadjimanoukian said to do this retroactively isn't fair and asked why it was the gen reps

-Jasso said the reasoning was because she didn't want to take credit for this. She said gen reps allow for a diversity of parties and generally represent. She said one of the things she wanted to say was that the whole problem is that they want more USAC members to be more involved in funding. She said now they would have gen reps answering questions and everyone voting. She said she wanted to include all of them on the budget review committee at least one time. She said if this is what it takes to be a part of a student conversation every day, then she is all for that idea. She said in terms of gen reps, she wants everyone to be as actively involved as possible. She said council members need to be involved with funding. She said that is what logically makes sense.

-Ramalho said looking at this conversation, it is their duty to be involved in these meetings already. HE said these are recommendations and they vote if they want to pass this. He said they should all do their part and next year, he plans to go to as many of those meetings as he can. He said he wants to be able to justify his explanations to student groups. He said to be involved in the conversations. He said it is unfortunate they need a bylaw on this

-Hall said this had to go through CRC.

-Arce said they wouldn't have quorum for CRC

-Jasso asked if the council present at the moment wants to see this implemented in the next fiscal year or if they should wait. She said she didn't want to have a committee set and three new members added later. She said that is her preference. She said she didn't want to waste her time if they don't feel like this is a conversation that is needed

-Ken said if it is not possible, they could use this year as a transition and see if there is a rotating position so they could be used to having council present. He said depending on the success of this program; they would have a year under their belt

-Lazarovici said it seems like the conversation seems a little premature. She said they should consider if they wanted this at all. She said she loves the idea of pilot projects. She said they work for the reasons Ken described

-Badalich said she likes the idea of a pilot program. She said she understands that they all need to get to the budget meetings, but realistically a lot of them are so involved in their commissions. She said definitely having more insight on the budget by USAC is important but it can't always happen from the council members. She said she likes the idea of a pilot program because they could be the voice of USAC at that moment

-Hadjimanoukian said he doesn't think it should be based on these gen reps

-Jasso said they should have it done before next year's election period

-Hall asked if this is something that this year's council wants to do. She said they are fresh and new and they need to move forward. She said this is something they should think critically about and if this is something they should see as necessary. She said they don't want this conversation to be circular.

-Joanino said if they want to do it, he feels uncomfortable because so many members are missing

-Dr. Geller said the proposal was reviewed by CRC under the prior council. If they wanted to take that to a vote, it doesn't have to go back to CRC. They have three options. They could put it on the agenda on the vote and say yes or no. They could leave it on the table and never bring it to a vote, which is a way of saying they are not interested. If they want to revisit it, they could take it off the table then and move forward. She said she wanted to point out their opportunities to attend the budget meetings. She said there

is something else they all could do. She said their finance committee is advisory to them and they could use the council meeting to ask for as much information as they want to make their votes. She said what they get is what the prior council asked for. She said they could see the applications and more information. She said in many years, the approval process has approved to be a rubber stamp since there was so much trust in the Finance Committee but they can make changes as they see appropriate. She said they have a lot of options of how they influence the allocations. She said changing the constituency is up to them and they don't have to put this to a vote if they don't want to. She said if they want to vote to knock it down they can. She said to figure out what works for them as a group. She said once their chairs are appointed to educate that person on how they could best serve them. She said they could come up with a pilot program or it could mean something different. She said to think without limits and to take the box away and figure out what makes sense for all of them. The decision they make is one that should be one that works for them

-Badalich asked if a finance director can sit on the meetings

-Jasso said the meetings are open to everyone. She said they could send proxies. She said to let her know if there are more people. She said usually they book this room fall and winter. She said to just let her know so she could get a bigger room. She said from her freshmen year, the matrix looks completely different. She said before, there comments were there and the council never asked them for comments that were paragraphs long. She said in Arrejo's term, the council wanted more information. She said this position is always changing based on what the council needs. She said she is going to echo Dr. Geller's point. She said at her first meeting they have 32 applications. She said she would send one google folder a quarter and she would send them the PDFs. If they want more, just to tell her. She said she doesn't think previous councils had as much information at this point of the year. She said it is critical they use her and the relationship she has with this council is different than the relationship with the previous council. She said she could continue the application link as well

-Joanino said he wanted to redirect the conversation

-Ramalho said the pilot program is something they seem to want and to start with that and see where they go. He said don't let just the gen reps justify their own view. He said to read the applications and go to the meetings if they can. He said to make sure they are aware of what is going

-Hall said she agrees. She said it sounds like they have to table the discussion regardless because they don't have enough council members. She asked if they could table this until when they come back because they should look at how the pilot program would look. She said she wanted to see how they would merge it with Singh and Haws.

-Jasso said she would brainstorm a pilot program and said if she is not the FiComm chair she would still be here. She said she wanted to make sure they set a foundation for this in the future. She said she would wait for Singh and Haws to come back.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments made this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – John Joanino

Joanino said he signed onto a letter calling for a long-term solution for student loan debt and he said it got a lot exposure by the Huffington post. He said they were working on the sexual assault workshops. He said they were working on statewide campaigns as well.

Internal Vice President – Nicole

She said they met with a safety app company and she said they are looking into funding and a proposal

External Vice President- Maryssa Hall

Hall said last week they had an action, which was like a day of awareness for students about what was happening with student loans. She said that action was actually really big for UCLA because they partnered with moveon.org and they filmed in 24 hours, which was played nationally so UCLA got a lot of national coverage. She said there were congress apps as well. She said USSA apps are closed

-Jasso asked how big the delegation was for UCSA

-Hall said this is something they would talk about financially. She said typically the congress is held at a host campus but this time it would be at a hotel in Irvine and they may need to adjust their budget. She said she would go to UCSA board retreat and she would have more information. SOCC bids would be placed this weekend. She said so far they are the only school putting in a bid. She said they have been working hard with administrators to try to house 1100+ students

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Darren Ramalho

Ramalho said he made all of his appointments. He said those applications would go through ARC. He said the faculty rep search is going on and Hall had a potential representative. He said he would love to meet after July 8th to talk about what they would hope to see in a faculty rep.

Student Union Director- Roy Champawat

Champawat said Zimmerman is at the sustainability conference in Santa Barbara and they are the seniors in the sustainability programs

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

Lazarovici said she realized tonight this was the last time she would park in lot 6. She said what she really liked was that it kicked off with a story with an old proposal. She said that is a good way to start a presentation. She said she went to a vintage paper fair and bought a postcard of UCLA from the first year the campus was built. She said there were a lake and some sort of body of water. She said she would bring it in. She said it is on her Facebook. She said this campus is now quite built. She said she loved Joanino's and Hall's presentation and how they asked for reactions. She said as a Twitter addict she also loves hashtags. She said the conversation they all had about the FiComm situation gives her a lot of optimism about this group. She said she loves what Dr. Geller said about taking away the box. She said her whole career was in publications and how she needed to get people to approve publications. She said when you give people something to approve to lay it out because it makes people think that it is a done deal so doesn't give people a plain document but something laid out. She said if they want that sort of thing put a box around it but with the FiComm question to take the box away. She said what Jasso said about using her as a resource is an important idea. She said they all have relationships where they have a

client relationship, which means they could say what they want and need. She said there are probably going to be contexts where they would be the consultants and they would have clients.

VIII. Fund Allocations

There were no fund allocations made this week.

IX. Old Business

A. New Student Orientation Video

-Joanino said they would ask people why they are passionate about UCLA and they think all people in USAC should be in the video. He said it would only be 5 minutes long and it would be filmed this week.

He talked about tabling and he said they could have as many promoters as they want.

-Badalich asked if other council members would have tables because they wanted to group them together

-Joanino said yes. He said some offices could choose

-Arce said he thinks CSC has a table

-Joanino said he needs information regarding internships and the deadline is July 1st

X. New Business

A. USAC 2013-2014 Budget*

-Jasso presented the 2013-2014 budget. She said she would send this out electronically as well. She said it deals with \$4.2 million. She said at the very top of the first page, they could see the projected enrollment. She said these are the numbers they predict for their university. She said these are the numbers they start off with. She talked about the different fees. She said they have the finalized amounts for the different offices. She said there were only specific commissions that receive money. She said IVP doesn't get any. She said they could look at the income and expenses. The income is the fees they are assigned this year and the membership fees, which total to \$4.2 million. She said they could see how much their budget has been changing. She said there has been a \$4.2 million dollar increase. She said for CAC and CSC, the Bruin Bash fee was already assessed so they will have it starting August 1st.

-Champawat said they could start making offers

-Jasso said before they didn't know if the money was there. She said they could see TGIF, USSA, the campus retention committee, etc. She said at the bottom they could see their expenses. She talked about the administrative overhead. She said it is a 12-page document that she showed everyone that says line item by line item what everything is used for. She talked about the administrative overhead and the discretionary fund. She said there is a \$10,000 sum for the council discretionary fund. She said to remember that is an option that is available this year. She said she encouraged them to use that money effectively.

-Champawat said once they get past the surplus distribution, they could see what they deem important.

-Jasso talked about attachment A and their programming funds. She said if they look at 2,4 the USA programming fund and the BOD programming fund. She talked about \$82,000 in contingency and this does not take into account surplus. She said at the very bottom they could look at the SGOF account. She said there is \$39,624 for council, which is a \$4000 increase. She talked about SOOF for the entire fiscal year.

-Champawat said this year they are the beneficiaries and they are not tied to inflation. He said because of the enrollment increase, the money is increasing. He talked about the money they don't have control of. \$2.9 million flows through the council. He said the way it flows through points to them but in the end

they don't have control of that money. He said they are held accountable and the Daily Bruin would ask them about how they spend money. He said millions of this just flows through. He talked about the interaction fund and made clear that the student body essentially owns all their businesses and most campuses lost that control. He said that money flows through because of ownership of their businesses. He said these are their businesses. He talked about their appointees to the board and how great the retreat went.

-Joanino said some of these fees allocations were delineated through student referendum

-Dr. Geller said there are fund that are collected by ASUCLA that were passed on to CPO and CSP. She said one of the things so many of them talked about was transparency. She said they have the right as a council to ask them to do a quarterly or an annual financial report to ensure them that it is going to the specific things the referenda said it was for. She said they don't get to nit pick in their budget but they have every right that they could make sure that these dollars would go to what they voted on. She said this is a right they have if they choose to enact it. She talked about the council discretionary fund, which was created when council had a vision where there would be council wide programming and some initiative that they all work on jointly. This was first implemented for the John Wooden birthday celebration. The second year the program was Homecoming and there hasn't been a campus wide program since. She said they could think of some sort of council wide project or they could choose that this isn't a year that they want to prioritize the money

-Champawat said they could choose. He said they could scratch a fund and it would go to SGOF and the student operational fund. He said that is a lot of groups coming to them and asking them for support.

-Joanino said it would be premature to move that funding. He said he doesn't think they should move money now

-Hall said she would like to think about it and she would not feel comfortable doing this right now. She asked when retreat was

-Joanino said Oved would plan it

-Jasso said it is usually early September

-Dr. Geller said the officer stipend is always in question and they are always underpaid. She said the stipend was pinned to tuition before. She said they aren't comfortable politically raising their own stipend, but they could put an inflationary factor for future years. She said this way, they wouldn't be falling even farther behind. She said they could do whatever they like

-Champawat said they are so underpaid and he stopped bringing it up

-Dr. Geller said there is notation on 4 fees that should have had inflationary adjustment and it wasn't done and asked when it was being done

-Jasso said Debbie does the calculation but she doesn't know why it wasn't done for 2011

-Champawat said he expected that it reflects an adjustment and said this is also a calculation done with registrar. He said he needs to check

-Dr. Geller asked if they could follow up on that

-Champawat said yes

-Dr. Geller asked if this was after return to aid

-Jasso said yes

-Hall said she understands the feasibility of office stipends and asked where funding would come from

-Champawat said that is where some of the pain comes from

-Dr. Geller said the stipends are less than \$50,000 a year and 1% is \$500. She said it would have little impact on SOOF or council discretionary

-Champawat said this could be the perfect year to make an adjustment because student enrollment is up and this doesn't happen. He said usually it would hit student operation funds or contingency. He said in this year, there could possibly be a buffer because of the enrollment increase. He said in some of their terms, they have seen a significant increase in their fees

-Joanino said it isn't a good look to increase their own stipends and UCSB lowered theirs because there were people running for office because of the stipend. He said they do a lot of work and they can continue the conversation

-Badalich said seeing how much Chu worked made her see that Chu deserved a lot more. She said BOD gets full tuition with not as much work. She said these are two individuals that have been there for years. She said they were asking for a little bit more

-Joanino asked if they needed to decide today

-Champawat asked when the next meeting was

-Joanino said July 15th

-Champawat said it could be possible but he would rather not. He said if they had to they could. This has to go to the board's finance committee to approve for fiscal soundness.

-Hall said she agrees with Badalich because it is not a want but a need because having to work and being an elected official is hard. She said she has to work to put herself through school. She said this is something long term they could think about. She said it makes it a lot harder to do their job if they can't afford to do their job. She said she wasn't aware she would get a stipend. She said this is something they could talk about and if they could come up with a tentative budget they could. She said she was wondering about the Kerckhoff telephones

-Champawat said he wanted to comment on the accessibility and if there are people that can't afford to represent the table, this is a problem. They are given a fraction of tuition. He said accessibility and the ability to come to the table should be part of their choice.

-Arce said they do put in so many hours of work and he was in CSC after commencement and he was in the office 3-4 hours a week doing work. He said he probably wouldn't spend the stipend on himself but his office. He said at the end of the day this is a commitment and he said people ask why he's doing this

-Jasso said a few of them have an interest on this so while they think this is an important conversation, if there are concrete numbers or a percentage increase they want to see, it would be easier for Champawat to look at the budget. She said she wanted to talk about contingency. She said this is one of the first years where they have a mechanism of how to allocate surplus and there is a way they can know how much contingency they have. She said this is something where this is the highest base budget they have ever seen. She said if this is something they want to move forward with they can

-Champawat said there was a problem with underutilization of SOOF and they looked at how they could use it. He said each year it went down.

-Jasso said 34% was used and more was unused.

-Champawat said they could look at a fund that suffered from underuse and they could consider a 10% increase, which is pretty modest in relation to what they get. He said there is a clear place where this fund could come from. He said all they could do is try to give them backing that they are contributing quite a bit to their community

-Badalich said they should seize the opportunity and she could spend more time on her commission and less working. She said they should make a concrete decision. She asked if 10% was appropriate

-Jasso asked if they could take a straw vote on who is interested on the increase

- Joanino said they could look into those projections. He said this should be a conversation with more of the council. He said he would be uncomfortable making this haste decision today.
- Hall asked if Champawat could give them projected budgets if their stipends would be increased.
- Champawat asked if they would get more people on July 15th. He said he doesn't know if they would get back people.
- Joanino asked if they could approve the budget and edit it later
- Champawat said they could
- Dr. Geller said they are doing a budget for the future. She said they could always revisit and revise it as long as they don't reduce it to below what was already spent. She said they could do that and if what they decided would affect next year's council and not this year's, this could wait until next year.
- Champawat said they could pass this and he could get them various scenarios.
- Joanino said they all work really hard and they are not being compensated and he wanted to make this a councilwide decision
- Nicole said to look at how much their council spent last year and how gen rep 3 spent all their money
- Jasso said Champawat is suggesting from SOOF not SGOF, and there was over \$10,000 was left in SGOF. She said Starr said that he didn't need \$27,000 to run their office. She said one office might have spent it but in the past years that hasn't been the trend. She said SGOF is also under utilized. She said they haven't been able to close the gap.
- Hall said to she didn't want them to feel inhibited throughout the entire summer. She said she expects them to still do work. She said they did agree to set quorum at 7 council members and they can vote on things. She said they should consult them but that shouldn't make them too hesitant to do things
- Badalich said if it is specific, they should consult them but they did set the quorum to 7
- Nicole said those council members sent proxies that they trust
- Joanino asked if they wanted to pass it
- Badalich asked if they could pass it and revise it later
- Champawat said yes
- Ramalho moved to approve the 2013-2014 USAC budget. Hadjimanoukian seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the 2013-2014 USAC budget was passed.

B. Extension of Cynthia Jasso's Term as FiComm Chair

- Joanino said they were going to discuss extending Jasso's term as FiComm chair. She had her interview today but she should have been given 24 hours for recommendations. He said with an interim period he didn't want things to fall apart and he wanted to respect the bylaws.
- Ramalho asked why the FiComm wasn't moved along quicker
- Joanino said ARC wouldn't have quorum until these past couple of days. He said they gave Jasso's application 5 days before this meeting. He said working on timing wasn't in their favor
- Hall said it was timing and communication. She said they were still ironing out the kinks of ARC and they were in flux with Oved leaving. He said they couldn't hold interviews until today and they wanted to wait until July 15th.
- Joanino said to respect the bylaws, they could bring Jasso forward up July 15th
- Ramalho said he wanted to make sure the appointments are on time from now on
- Hall said they're good now
- Jasso said the timely positions were already appointed and they should be brought forward before retreats

-Joanino said he discussed the advisors with these timelines. He said someone he brought forward for CRC is out of the country and that shouldn't restrict her application. He said they are making sure the appointments are on time

-Badalich said it was a mess because of so many things and now that they have a system in place it won't happen again

-Hall said in terms of ARC they are good and she said she is a strong proponent because if they don't extend her term, they won't have a FiComm for two weeks. She said it is crucial that this happens because this doesn't meet Jasso is automatic but it is so they continue operations

-Dr. Geller said if they don't extend the chair tonight, the FiComm ceases to exist on June 30th. She said they need to have a chair and a committee and bring that group to council for approval before there are enough people for the committee to do anything. She said if they extend her tonight, they need a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to do that. She said if she has anyone on her committee available, they could amend the agenda with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote so they could also extend her committee so they could continue funding in case they need to allocate funding for the next meeting. She said they could also decide to appoint three of them on an interim basis so they could meet quorum. She said if they don't have quorum, there can't be funding allocations.

-Jasso said the only other thing they could do is discretionary, which is not something she has been doing. She said her committee's term ended May 31st and they have been volunteering their time. She said she needed quorum. This is about contingency and about being able to allocate funding. She said this is not just an extension for her position but for her committee to continue to function with SGA. She said her signature after June 30th on reqs means nothing. She said it is important to keep in mind that without her she doesn't know what would happen.

-Joanino said they need to suspend the bylaws, add the committee, and extend them to July 15th.

-Jasso said she talked to SGA about this and she wanted to know if this would be July 15th or July 30th, which is a stipend if about \$60

-Arce moved to suspend the bylaws. Ramalho seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the bylaws were extended

-Jasso said she has two committee members on campus

-Hall moved to extend the committee member's terms to July 15th. Arce seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, their terms were extended

-Naameh moved to extend the term to July 15th, Arce seconded. With a vote of 7-0-0, the FiComm term was extended to July 15th

C. Student Code of Conduct

-Joanino said he wanted to give context of what was changed in the past and what was reviewed

-Dr. Geller said it is a set of rules to protect the safety and well being of the students. Every 2-3 years the office looks through the code and they ask themselves if there is anything unclear that someone wouldn't understand. They ask themselves if there is anything obsolete or anything removed that should be added or anything that should be revised, which applies to the section of what are the prohibited behaviors. They strived to make the code as educational as possible and to have it not sound like a legal document. She said there is a difference between legal processes and student processes, which are educational. She said when they do a review, they invite feedback from any interested member of the campus community. She said they welcome thoughts in general. She said they collect all of the feedback and if the feedback received from the campus and the dean, they will circulate a draft for comment and if the comments are significant they would go over a revised draft. If they have a draft without significant comments, it goes to Oakland to make sure it is consistent with university policies and the goal is to have a new code for

Fall quarter if changes are warranted and they are accepting comments through the end of June and if they want she could take their comments through the 5th of July.

-Hall asked about the unclear language and if there was a case study where students would have no knowledge of the code. She asked how that is assessed and asked about merit revisions and the significance with comments. She asked if there was a quota of how many people deal with an issue

-Dr. Geller said there are no quotas and if there is something significant that is an improvement that could be the tipping point to republish the code. When it comes to looking at it through the eyes of a student, that is why they accept feedback at any time. She said people from time to time send unsolicited comments and they keep them until their next revision. The deans in working with students are aware of what doesn't make sense. She said students would assess what they would like it to be and how it could be better. They each have a working document that tracks comments made throughout the year

-Naameh said there was an article in the Daily Bruin where they suggested revamping the code that deals with sexual assaults under title 9 and apparently it is muddled and scattered.

-Dr. Geller said the editorial is in their file of received changes. She said they are going to have something on the dean of students website, CAPS website, and call and response team that lists all of the things a victim of sexual and domestic violent could go through. She said it isn't something that will be inside of a policy manual but they are going to make it easier to find and have everything linked to the same page

-Badalich asked if they could add a footnote

-Dr. Geller said she would bring it back to council. She said that is a great idea

-Joanino said they are still accepting feedback

XI. Announcements

-Badalich talked about the health and music festival October 11th and she would start with the planning and getting cultural groups and food together

-Ken said the entrepreneurship classes are available. There are 4 and they will send an email out. He said Rogers would make a more extensive announcement. He would work on transparency and give them the chance to justify where the money was going and from who.

-Jasso said she would love to and she has 10ks and 10qs

-Ken said he hopes to meet with them all

-Arce asked if this would be through all the offices

-Ken said he would put budget reports

-Arce asked if they could do that with student organizations as well

-Ken said depending on time he would definitely look into that

-Arce asked if they would go line item through line item

-Ken said they would

-Jasso said they should make sure that each member is comfortable with that. She said she respects the autonomy of the offices and they should ask that if they are comfortable with that. She said to check their mailboxes and turn in their bills. She said there are bills they need to get paid and to get them to SGA. She said to try to get all of that taken care of before the end of their fiscal year. She said she is studying for the GRE but she would like a study partner and she is taking it September 20th.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

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Approved July 15th, 2013

XIII. Adjournment

Ramalho moved to adjourn the meeting. Arce seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
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