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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

AGENDA

Kerckhoff Hall 417

November 26, 2013

7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Daren Ramalho, Dr. Berky Nelson

I. Call to Order

-Joanino calls meeting to order at 7:02pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Badalich moves to strike Student Wellness Programming Fund. Arce seconds.

-Trumble moves to strike Cultural Affairs Mini Fund. Hall seconds.

-Arce moves to strike officer report. Badalich seconds.

-Jasso asks if Ramalho sent in ASRF

-Oved moves to strike ASRF.

-Hadjimanoukian seconds.

-Badalich moves to change them to consent items. Hall seconds.

-Badalich moves to approve agenda as amended. Trumble seconds.

11-0-0 agenda is approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes from November 19, 2013

-Ramalho moves to change the name of the student committee.

-Trumble calls to question. Hall seconds.

11-0-0 the minutes are approved as amended.

IV. Public Comments

Jaimeson Cortez

Second year poli sci major here with Samahang Filipino and asks the council to really consider matching the donation relief efforts in a matter similar to UCSB. To his knowledge they are matching every single dollar as a campus with the funds of ASUCSB. He asks about council looking into it.

Jazz Kiang

-He represents the API Coalition and out there getting donation and wants to get more involved in fundraising. They had a Daily Bruin talking about it, no matter how problematic it was. It's an opportunity for everyone at the table to be part of the relief process and the show made almost \$5,000 but we are able to double that and it would be an opportunity to really make a difference.

Marien Padua

-She states it would mean a lot to those affected and it would be an easy way to benefit others. The show was amazing on how people came together so last minute for the sake of our community. It would mean a lot to her and her community if we push this as possible.

Nicole

-She is part of the APC and part of the Finance Committee and they raised approximately \$6,000 in 1 week and really were able to humanize the process. People were very generous and giving and it really does show that it is a cross community collaborative effort and she would really appreciate if they matched it. The UCLA is really generous and if you want to hold us accountable and to make it a cross community effort then this is a great way. She doesn't want this to be short term.

Justine Pascual

-She thanks everyone who came to the benefit concert, and as USAC council they have so much power. She really wants everyone to push ASUCLA to match the efforts. She just needs everyone at USAC to push more forward.

Winnie Galabadoes

-She thanks everyone for attending and donating their profile picture. This is the first time that a lot of filipino and non filipino communities come together. It would mean a lot if they pushed for it.

Kateisha Bennefield

-She is the Vice Chair of the Afrikan Student Union in regards to the stipend increase. As ASU we do recognize that as council members they hope to wish that acknowledge by increasing your stipends without being transparent is an issue and really hope as an organization to hope you have recognize that and work through proactive change. In terms of

the letter they do not agree with the initial intentions of the letter but they have to acknowledge the fact that being transparent is key. It's the reason why they're representative and they wish they were more transparent. They wish to be more solution oriented and not focus on the issue. She congratulates Samahang Pilipino and wants to be solution oriented and work on issues that affect so many students.

Devin Murphy

-He wants to reiterate that the stipend increase is a conflict of interest and wants to move forward. This is really personal to him, and he needs everyone to recognize the immense power and really talk about issues that do challenge structure. The stipend increase is a USAC idea is an important discussion but they really need a critical conversation. This year when USAC talked about white privilege was the proudest he's ever been. Stipend increase will be forgotten, but something talking about white privilege or sexual assault or how communities of color lack access is a lot more important is extremely more important than a stipend increase. Organizations please speak your mind, but he really needs people to focus on real issues. He would honestly lose faith if they continued to talk about stipend increase and it so privileged. End the conversation after today, find the solution, and get over it.

-He is an alumnus and part of the USAC Council. There are a lot of things that he was proud of and he got to work with predecessors. Cinthia Flores is now the student regent and former CSC going to med school and the former EVP is married and second year of law school. There were really a lot of things, and he really urges everyone to speak to their exofficial officers. He really urges everyone to go Cinthia, he really thinks that exofficials have such institutionalized knowledge and wants everyone to look for it. He said being USAC was the best thing he ever did, and 10% turn out. The slates good or bad get a lot of information to the students and continue the great tradition from his first year to David. He wishes everyone good luck for the academic year.

Josh

-He wants to make a quick note on the stipend increase, he saw that they all made a motion to change some USAC code that would hope the stipend increase in the future while not necessarily doing it for themselves and it was a total dick move. As leaders you can do way better, if the money is worth that much to you, sacrifice all the support of public opinion. People are pissed and will still be pissed and will haunt you in larger numbers. There are more people here than last week. He doesn't see the point of USAC and now he's here. He doesn't really care that much, it doesn't really affect him that much but it really does suck for student groups because they are increasing their stipends. He agrees with Devin and substantive issues on what USAC should be focusing on like finding themselves rather than any issue on name rather than any idea while claiming some moral high ground while never giving any benefit to those. Perhaps giving more funding for students coming from underprivileged background and help offer programs to become academically and emotionally successful and build the skills they need that other privileged kids aren't getting. He wants to see USAC do actual change.

William Shakkar, Chairman of Bruin Republicans

-Shakkar said that BR was the first and official letter to respond to the stipend and the only ones to respond was Oved and Rogers. In any event this decision to pass the stipend increase in the summer was very shady and bad taste. To ignore student voices and Daily Bruin calling it out and when people say it isn't an issue and we have to move passed it is wrong. This is an issue. The foundation of any student government is trust and they need student body to be confident. This will mar all your terms this must be changed and there's a lot of students facing financial difficulties and I don't have a stipend to rely on. The decision should've been made with the presence of student body while school is in session. A public office is a public trust and hopes everyone can act that.

Charmaine Campbell

-Campbell stated that there was a Mr. Greek competition and the person that won was saying really problematic things. It's USAC's job to check other organizations and other student groups should really be checked. There needs to be some kind of conversation, it really hurt her.

-Badalich responds that they are doing an internal investigation and she has an agreement that if allegations are true then they are going to give a public apology, the fraternities and sororities are going to make a public comment, and they will have to go to CARE training. They are working with the greek system more and offering resources. Also, 7000 in solidarity will be drafting constitutions and conduct codes for organizations themselves.

V. Special Presentations

A. Bruin Alliance Open Letter to USAC

Presented by: Mike McBirnie, Taylor Bazley, Nicole Fossier, Anais Engel, Dan Block, Sid Naik, Brian Hertz

-The letter has been endorsed by: Bruin Alliance, Hillel Jewish Student Association, Afrikan Student Union, Roosevelt Institute at UCLA, Bruin Republicans, Bruin Democrats, Young Americans for Freedom, Young Americans for Liberty, Bruin Entrepreneurs, Bruin Marksmanship Society, Theta Xi, Bruin Mentors, Bruin Adventurers, American Enterprise Institute Student Organization at UCLA, Lebanese Social Club, Edubase, Bruin Alliance of Skeptics and Secularists, Social Awareness Network for Activism through Art, J Street, Hermanos Unidos

“To the members of the Undergraduate Students Association Council,

In the 27th Amendment it is written “No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.” The United States Congress has acknowledged the conflict of interest associated with elected officials raising their own pay, and it is time that you, USAC, do the same. The recent stipend increase is a glaring conflict of interest. If not adequately addressed, it will continue to erode your credibility as a body that fairly represents student interest.

On Aug. 6, you voted 8-1-0 to raise council stipends 90 percent, to \$672 per month. This raise cut \$35,000 from the Student Organizations Operational Fund – the primary funding source for many student groups. Despite allocating 80 percent of the year-long fund in fall quarter (up from 60 percent the year before), the average allocation of funding for student groups was reduced by almost a quarter, from \$480 to \$370.

Despite public outcry, you stood by your vote, instead offering to explain your decision to the student body through a Daily Bruin submission and a town hall meeting. That offer was made three months ago. Where is the submission? What happened to the town hall meeting? Elapsed time will not change the fact that you voted to compensate yourselves at the direct expense of the student body. As that student body, we still deserve an explanation.

Tragically, this entire conflict stems from an avoidable lack of foresight and communication. A vote as potentially divisive as this had no business being held over summer, at a time when the student body was not available for input (not to mention your three councilmembers who could not be in attendance). The backlash from this vote has been severe, and frankly, predictable. In a Daily Bruin poll six days before the vote, 74 percent of respondents opposed USAC increasing their own pay. Inadequate time was devoted to researching the ramifications of such a vote, and warning signs were ignored.

Even in the aftermath, you have failed to grasp the scope of your blunder. You have ignored a student petition to defer the stipend increase until next year, and multiple Daily Bruin editorials criticizing the vote have gone unaddressed. Instead, the only response you have provided is an acknowledgement of the adverse effects of the stipend increase, and a refusal to change course.

In times throughout its history, USAC has demonstrated courageous leadership. Dogmatic adherence to past decisions is not courageous leadership. Making unfulfilled promises is not courageous leadership. Willingness to admit mistakes coupled with corrective action, however, is courageous leadership. USAC, you have yet to demonstrate courageous leadership on this matter.

USAC, you have jeopardized your perception as representing the best interest of students, but opportunity still exists to reach a positive, constructive conclusion. It is the conflict of interest associated with raising one's own salary with which we take issue. As such, we propose a solution that all sides can support:

We the students call you to defer the current stipend increase to next year's council, pass a bylaws amendment delaying all future stipend increases until the term following the vote and return the newly freed money to SOOF.

We acknowledge the sacrifices councilmembers must make to hold office, and we share USAC's desire to eliminate personal finances as a barrier to participation. By keeping the stipend intact for years to come, future candidates will not be required to choose between student government and financial stability. Current council, you will return to the stipends you originally received, but was this not the stipend you deemed acceptable when you first made the decision to pursue office?

Although we accept and understand that it may be impossible to immediately reallocate the funds directly into SOOF, we ask that the funds that were taken from the students ultimately be returned to the students. If funds cannot be allocated this year, why not carry a surplus in SOOF into next year? With a record number of clubs applying for SOOF this year, the perception of SOOF as an underutilized fund unworthy of extra funding is rapidly changing.

USAC, regardless of how you reallocate the funds from your stipend increase to the students, it is most important that you do not idly let this issue persist. Your mission is to represent the interests of the students, and we have made our interest in this matter loud and clear. We are waiting. Are you listening?"

-Fossier thanks everyone for giving time to speak. They've been talking about it too much and wants to keep a solution. Oved's office has been working on townhall to talk about this issue and bylaw changes. The town hall will be December 2nd in this room from 6-8 and will work on solutions to get student feedback and student ideas on how to solve this and move on. She would love to work with all the students.

-Bazley thanks council for having them. He hopes we can work together.

-Jasso states she just read this letter earlier today, do they want council members to defer stipends, or do you want all stipends to defer?

-Fossier states she would love everyone to come to the townhall whatever the student body, like if the stipend maximum got increased or if student groups got enough money.

-Jasso states that it's great that they are having the townhall and encourages all council members to go. If they want to retract the stipend rates, there are certain deadlines and they have to do it before the pay period and a lot of logistics to consider when coming up with solutions and whether or not they are feasible. All of the people that are now hired and receiving rather council members, appointees, or student groups must sign in and have a change form and must happen on an organized uniform basis. Secondly, if funds cannot be allocated why not carry surplus for the next year? She states that if this money is not allocated in SOOF, the funds will not go to SOOF because it's not a restricted item it will go into a general surplus as a point of clarification. She said a "record number of clubs with an underutilized" she wants to know if this is an opinion or fact. She wants to talk about SOOF unworthy of funding.

-Bazleystates to justify the stipend increase that SOOF was underutilized and those are quotes.

-Fossier states that it would be a logistical nightmare and would love to have council do it. If anyone wants to email them of clarifications of chief of staff to say at townhall it would be great.

-Badalich asks for the date.

-Fossier states December 2, 2013

-Haws asks if they want to retroactively go back

-Bazley states they are not asking to give back they received only the stipend money they get in the future.

-Jasso states we can't retroactively give back money.

-Fossier thanks everyone for their time.

B. Finance Committee Presentation

-Jasso introduces herself as Finance Committee Chair and is going her official report. Her vision for the Finance Committee must be viewed as a resource not only as a funding source. She states projections and numbers will come next week or winter quarter for freshmen. First and foremost, the structure is horizontal. It is arranged as herself as a Chair, Vice Chair (Cindy Wang) and Funding Advocate Coordinator (Sophia Kim), Auditor Coordinators (Kevin Yu and Ricardo Pacheco) and Committee Members (Stephanie Wong and Gabby Perez).

-The goals of the committee is to transition programming to an online application, formalize the audit process, fund the advocates/helper. There continued to-do list is to maintain a good relationship with SGA and remain a source to student orgs. The last thing to consider is to create a formula to evaluate contingency, and she's working with a Stats Professor.

-They deal with contingency programming, capital item, facilitation of funding process, misinformation/myths on existing systems, access financial processes, find creative administrative solutions, and requisitions.

-What they have done already was an all USAC funding workshop, audit online/evaluation form published, PDF fillable contingency application, trained funding advocates, an average of 9 hours of institutionalized office hours per week, and create a funding calendar to offer a plethora of different resources.

-Jasso shows the fliers for funding advocates and have their own office hours. Monday 1-2PM, Tuesday 2-3PM, and Thursday 1-2 PM. This will replace the Are you a wreck over your req for weekly meetings.

-Jasso states that there are two audits they are doing with a random physical sample and they are also doing an online survey form. Some of the things that come out and they have over 60 responded. The first response states that the program was successful because they were able to make an intimate connection with their service recipients and their parents and accomplish more than what they anticipated. The audit form is allowing them to personalize the responses and how it affects student resources. The debby downer comment was that "the only problem is that since we were allocation a lot less than we expected we had to be very strategic in the way we use the money.

-Jasso shows pictures of physical audits through the Cooking and Baking club.

-Jasso shows pictures of the all USAC funding workshop, and describes it as a successful event to see that people are very interested in funding.

-Badalich asks if it's the end of Finals Week Friday

-Jasso states yes.

-Rogers asks about retreat auditing

-Jasso states retreats aren't subject to auditing.

-Badalich because SWC is so many committees, is it any of those committees that applied?

-Jasso states yes and she will talk to each financing director.

-Joanino thanks Cinthia

VI. Appointments

A. Student Conduct Committee -- Becca Sadwick, Andrea Bari, Michael Jiminez

-All of them had 3 of 3 approval and recommendations are being able to be updated with the new conduct guidelines.

-Badalich stated she will have them about sensitivity towards compliance and appropriate or inappropriate questions and how to be critical towards student conduct committee chair person.

-Joanino clarifies Andrea will not deal with sexual harassment.

-Hall states she is glad Badalich is proactive.

D. Transportation Advisory Services Board - Adam Friedman

-Received a 3-0 approval and recommendation to make campus more accessible to different abled individuals.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President

-Joanino thanks everyone who came out to the Typhoon Benefit and they raised \$6,000. He presented to ASUCLA board to talk about the potential to match the donations. His office is open to any nonperishable items because they found a company to deliver them. For the John Sarvey Scholarship they received \$5,000 and can be at johnsarveyaward.ucla.edu. Night YRL is keeping off next week, there will be a campus wide email coming from this quarter to get students more educated on student's provided to them. They can extend that in Winter Quarter Week 4-6 further than tenth and finals week. His office is looking to redoing USAC mobile app. On Monday December 9 he will be participating in the Alumni Affairs Meeting because they are restructuring the Alumni Association Board as long as the centennial campaign coming up and will keep them updated.

-Jasso asks when the website is going to be down for the revisions and says he will meet with Zimmerman.

-Zimmerman stated that the student union has 24 hour study and forward some logistics and they offer van service for safety and will forward them all the details

B. Internal Vice President

-Oved said his office went to CARE training and it definitely heightens awareness. Next week December 2nd they will host townhall talking about different by law amendments and encourages every office to come, even if it's their proxy. It's not an attack on USAC but hopefully something constructive will come out of it. The ASUCLA marketing design team is up and running and some offices have indicated interest. He was approached by the career center to take part of the Diversity and Leadership conference and they talk about access and diversity of higher education and a pipeline to access and diversity to the workplace. It's never been done before at UCLA and he's excited to be part of it. The Campus Safety Alliance finally convened last Friday and it was a cool opportunity to bring together all these safety entities and a great way to see other representatives of safety agendas. They are schedules to meet again Week 1 Friday of Winter Quarter at 10 AM in UCPD. They are doing USAC Minute to Minute to promote and look up the USAC minutes as she types it and will be publicized on social media and bruinwalk.

-Jasso asks about town hall and if they'll talk about resolutions.

-Oved says yes and it would be a good forum to do so. Another thing, is that the safety app is moving along and he's really excited.

-Naameh asks if next Monday is just talking about the stipend increase.

-Oved states that language about stipend increase, appointment review process, and resolutions as well as any other options they want to bring up. There will be discussion leaders for each of these topics and won't have language finalized so there are discussion leaders to follow through.

-Naameh asks about all resolutions coming from this form and asks for clarification.

- Oved states bylaw language relating to resolution and resolution process.
- Jasso asks if they are going to start off with particular bylaws.
- Oved states as a discussion forum to talk about it.
- Jasso asks if his office will be discussion leaders.
- Oved states that if anyone wants to be part of it or head they are more than welcome.
- Jasso asks with regards to there being two concurrent bylaw changes as stated in the Daily Bruin
- Oved states it is worded contentiously and framed in a way that it looked as if it was attacking. Amendments to the bylaws in general is something he was interested regrading resolution, and the whole stipend increase came back.
- Jasso asks if they are all going to work together
- Joanino states to be honest that at this point if a bylaw change to address the student need he is not concerned who brings it up.
- Zimmerman states that the townhall is a good idea and the 52 page bylaw document can bog down conversation and she likes the idea of garnering ideas, making change, and working with staff to go through line by line to prevent contradiction 20 pages down. They can spend hours to make sure they don't contradict themselves, and as a recommendation focus more on the need in what people are interesting in saying and less about the actual line by line language then come to the CRC process.
- Oved invites administration.
- Hall asks if they can email out the agenda so she can be able to prioritize on what to go to.

C. External Vice President

-Hall states that the EVP Week of Action and thanks everyone who attended the events. She asks for signed postcards. They are almost to 1000 postcards. Last week Wednesday there was an ASFME and workers struck in solidarity. On a more somber note, she was approached by a grad student Cody (AAC of GSA) and stated that the Dashew Center in mass on visa and if they were to participate in the strike they could possibly risk arrest and it will be on their record as a scare tactic. This intimidation factor was placed on them and grad students are looking to address that. They had their lobby visits last week on a legislative session to have these lobby visits sooner. They had an impromptu visit to Holly Fisher office and on campus they had a successful event called Women of Power as a teaser to Women in Leadership to challenge roles. They are working with AAC to talk about a new version of diversity requirement, and try to tailor their teach me how to lobby workshops to be used by students to lobby professors for the diversity requirement. They are working the Trumble, co-chair of diversity symposium, and it related to increasing diversity and follows IGNITE. They are working with ASU for prison reform for a private prison divestment resolution and has been passed by Cal and UCSB. It's essentially saying they don't want money as students to profit private prisons. Napolitano is going to be back on campus tomorrow by the Civil Rights Project to meet around Latina leadership and will be here at 1:30 ppm 3329 Moore Hall to express their grievances. Finally, the LA judge who was stopped by UCPD and had excessive force used upon him and was clearly racial discrimination yet he was treated as a common criminal. He is going to sue UCPD. Her office will be working with ASU and a UCPD task force to hold UCPD accountable to making sure they have sensitivity training.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Ramalho absent.

E. Student Wellness Commission

-Badalich stated that she is working with the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center for an education campaign for Winter from 4-9. Secondly, they are appalled to hear that the crowd of Alpha Phi's Mr. Greek was cheering "no means yes!" and other problematic statements such as "opening up prestige because a no can mean yes" and perpetuates sexual violence in the greek system. They know that not all those agrees, the campaign of USAC SWC has reached out to UCLA Fraternity and Sorority relations and actions will be taken. Within protocol in greek life, they all have to understand the situation before they make a comment. Badalich met with heads of greek life and will be investigating the situation, and she hopes that there will be some sort of statement made during winter quarter because according to Title IX a university must be proactive. Inaction is a Title IX violation, and she made that very clear. They must investigate the system. Certain things come to light, the entire crowd might not be the ones chanting, and the "no means yes!" chanting and the comedy sketch has not been refuted. She is waiting for UCLA fraternity and sorority relations. A specific of apology from those individuals, a statement of Greek system condemning such statements, and CARE training. She knows that Alpha Phi was not condoning those or allowing them to happen, many feel like she is attacking Alpha Phi but that's not the case.

-Badalich will bring a resolution to the table next Tuesday evaluation of Title IX and Sexual Assault Policies UC wide and educating students on their rights and asking for specific policy changes. She really wants this to be talked about and wants recommendations to improve it and circulate it within the office.

-7000 in solidarity rising art gallery is next week, the opening is from 5-7 Tuesday and she'll be sending personal information tomorrow.

-Hall asks if there is going to be signs saying trigger warnings or something so everyone feels safe.

-Badalich states they will introduce it as a safe space and will be signs of trigger warnings around sexual assault.

-Badalich says that 12 survivors have come forward and are going to have their pictures going to be very big in the art gallery who are survivors.

-Badalich states that December 9 she has a meeting with Katherine Melon, the new assistant secretary for civil rights for education to talk about sexual assault policies.

G. Administrative Representative Champawat, Geller, Lazarovici, Nelson, Zimmerman

-Geller thanks everyone for the feedback on system wide draft policy on sexual harassment. The companion piece and the feedback is due early January and she looks forward to everyone's response. Hopefully Berky is doing better since his surgery is today and hopes to be back next week.

-Lazarovici had a few observations and wanted to generally disagree with what Devon said about the stipend increase. He mentioned that a preference for USAC for structural issues. She really thinks that how student government is paid is a structural issue because it is about who has access to serve and saw enough examples of national public life where only people that can self-finance campaigns can have access. She wants to talk about formulas, and agrees that formulas are boring until they start affecting you on how much money their group gets. Formulas are in state and national politics they are the mother's milk of huge amounts of money and are subjective when created but objective when enforced. There are winners

and losers, but any formula will have winner and losers and things that will be favored and unfavored, so we must be honest about it.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Trumble moves to approve. Haws seconds.

-Jasso states that \$1,885 was allocated and \$37,188.64 left in contingency.

-Trumble calls to question. Hall seconds.

10-0-1 contingency is approved for this week.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy

-Hall states that Unidos Hermana received \$173.95 and project more students applying in winter. They are right on track with their goal.

C. BOD Programming

-Arce moves to approve. Rogers seconds.

-Jasso states there is a column for eligibility to safeguard from groups that inflate numbers and the actual score, which is not dramatically influential until the second round.

-Jasso states that it would be beneficial if Jacob came to council because this is the same formula that will go to SOOF.

-Hall asks if there is any way to come up with a system for students to then provide feedback because there is such huge discrepancies and how can we rectify that?

-Zimmerman said after the mandatory meeting and after the hearings they make a point to give them different options for them to get funding for and other campus resources.

-Hadjimanoukian stated that if BOD can't pay for something it will automatically be cut out.

-Jasso states she sees the fundamental question, they don't have a system in which they effectively assess whether or not what's allocated is meeting the needs of the student organization. BOD does not have an auditing process, but have such a large amount of money but something they can consider is to submit an evaluation form 2 weeks after the date of their event. Another concern about BOD on what's given is a program code, and depending on their costs it will be put somewhere else. They are not giving groups a line item but perhaps finding a better way to track how money is spent afterwards. They will give a list to talk about what line items are most effective. They don't have a system but they really will consider it.

-Hall appreciates the initiative.

-Hall moves to approve BOD programming. Rogers seconds.

9-0-1 BOD programming is approved.

IX. Old Business

No old business

X. New Business

A. Discretionary Fund -- FSC Textbook Scholarships

-Rogers talks about the textbook scholarship program that has been going on since 2008.

-The rising costs of textbooks place an additional strain on all student, in the past 20 years textbook has increased at the rate of more than double of general inflation rate. The average UCLA student spends \$1,500 on textbook. One solution to target rising textbook costs is to have a textbook scholarships.

-Rogers stated they do outreach with marketing beyond campus, the application process will be online and encourages everyone to apply. Approximately 4,000 apply every year, and the way the scholarships are determined is through a stratified lottery. When you enter student ID it is sent to the Financial Office and put it in tiers and they randomize and pick it out.

Applicants with the highest amount of need are more likely to receive the scholarship but all UCLA students can apply because it is for all students. They come in and sign a quarterly contract and it's \$200 to roll over to Spring Quarter. As soon as Spring Quarter is out they are going to send all the applicants reminders on how much they have. They will make it contingent they must attend an FSC financial literacy workshop.

-The profile of the applicants from Fall of 2012 there are three tiers. Tier 1 with lowest EFC is less than \$5,290 with 51% of applicants, from tier 2 EFC \$5,290-\$29,00 with 23% and Tier 3 with EFC greater than 26%. They want to make sure that scholarships rely on need for proportion of students each tier.

-Rogers states they have them return all textbook to the textbook loan library and placed on reserves. They have the option to buyback and use that money to fund future textbook scholarships.

-Rogers contextualizes the scholarship program, and has given out 618 scholarships and 73 given last year.

-Rogers states that the existing funds from last year is \$6,762 and are requesting \$3,238 from Council Discretionary funds to total funds of \$10,000 to fund 50 scholarships of \$200.

-Jasso asks if she's asking from surplus

-Rogers asks she doesn't know yet and will contact UCLA development to see another source of funding rather than having to apply for surplus money.

-Hall asks how much the fund typically has

-Rogers states every year it has been funded by surplus every year, and if someone doesn't use their scholarship it will remain in the fund.

-Jasso asks how often these scholarships left unclaimed

-Rogers states that she talked to Neil Young from ASUCLA and sometimes people forget they have those funds which is why they are going to implement a reminding system to keep them updated.

-Trumble asks how much was left unclaimed last year.

-Rogers states \$6,672.

-Hall asks how much money is allocated every year from surplus.

-Rogers states it's dependent on council, last year all 73 were funded by roll over amounts so they didn't ask for surplus.

-Oved asks about tracking the scholarships and the new ways to implement them

-Rogers states they are hoping to decrease roll over amount.

-Jasso states she did the math and there were 33 scholarships unclaimed.

-Rogers clarifies that its not unclaimed but left over.

-Jasso asks if FSC has allocated textbook scholarships of Fall Quarter 2013.

-Rogers states no.

-Jasso asks if they need money for Winter and Spring quarter?

-Rogers states yes. They can rollover the winter amount for spring.

-Jasso states that last week it is very time sensitive because they must be out by week 1 winter quarter. If they are funded today, will they still be on track to release them?

-Rogers states that they plan to make the applications live week 10 and close it finals week and work on it over winter break to release when it's over and their office has agreed to come in Sunday and Monday week 1 and will send off electronic contracts that way they have those funds.

-Trumble asks if they have done quarterly contracts before.

-Rogers states they are always done.

-Trumble asks why they weren't done for Fall quarter.

-Rogers states they wanted to winter and thought they were going to get more funds from UCLA development and are searching for sustainable ways, and hope to not have to depend on surplus one year.

-Geller asks if undocumented students are eligible.

-Rogers stated that undocumented students aren't eligible.

-Geller asks if that is appropriate because of the law where they can get nonfederal funds. She encourages them to talk to financial aid and they are for the first time and want to change the process to include that population. Does this award negatively affect any award they will receive?

-Rogers states that it is dependent on the student's individual EFC.

-Joanino states if that additional award can decline their overall award.

-Trumble asks if international students are eligible.

-Rogers states from years past it has just been US citizens.

-Hall asks that FSC acts on EFC, does FSC have access to financial aid files or is it still housed within financial aid.

-Rogers states it's all housed in financial aid.

-Hall states they are working with UCLA development to make a long term plan to fund and definitely thinks tying it to surplus is too turbulent and has clear differences on students receiving funds. She wants them to have a concrete plan to make an institutionalized perhaps a line item for the fund.

-Rogers state that the UCLA Development would be all donor based not student funded.

-Jasso asks about the likelihood of getting the scholarship. 4,000 apply, how many get it?

-Rogers says it's dependent on the surplus. Last year 73 was given it.

-Jasso states that for 7,000 in solidarity they gave \$1,500.

-Badalich states they are all using it.

-Jasso apologizes that Rogers is a product of the surplus timeline.

-Hadjimanoukian states it's a great program but it's an issue of 73/4000 where it's a question of need and gets into a UCLA thing or the idea where it's actually a need based scholarship and must address the larger restructure of the program itself.

-Oved states he supports it and it's a great way to promote textbook loan scholarship program, and take into consideration that Rogers has done a lot more than her predecessors and want to track those students receiving those scholarships and is really commendable. He appreciates her efforts and last week we told her that she could get funding from discretionary.

-Jasso states they must evaluate the effectiveness and challenge the growth of the program. Jasso believes Rogers put a lot of effort. Essentially this is an investment to provide students with need in regards to textbook, but how effective has it been? Why is it unclaimed? Just because of the conversation last week, that doesn't merit it. This is your \$10,000 and make the right decision for the most appropriate amount for the textbook amount.

-Kim suggests that it is problematic that many awards should go unclaimed. She doesn't think they should have to go to a Financial Literacy Workshop, but she doesn't have a problem with it but as long as we can look into undocumented students and international

community with eligibility but if they can be included that would be awesome. She is comfortable with the amount of money and the program. About outreach, she states she would be happy to help outreach because it's all their money.

-Haws asks what is the primary reason being deterred by the workshop for them going unclaimed.

-Rogers states she thinks its because people don't know about roll over. Realistically, between two quarters most students spend about \$200 on books. She's thinking students don't know they have funds for the next quarter or how to access them.

-Haws states its a wonderful program and see it continue but look at how to restructure it but he supports the money going and it needs to happen next quarter.

-Rogers states they can make the financial literacy workshop optional.

-Haws state they want to include ab540 students.

-Rogers states they should have some type of tracking system to those who don't have unclaimed so the future FSC can do it and recognizes there is a lot of inefficiencies in the program that need to be solved.

-Oved states hopefully the openness to undocumented students will increase applicants. He supports it, and we're not critiquing her efforts in putting on the scholarship and there's a difference between making suggestions and recommendations rather than making critiquing. If we keep the validation the same standard.

-Joanino states he doesn't see where Oved coming from and Jasso has been critical of the program and not Roger.

-Badalich states she likes the program behind it, and only 73 get it but those are 73 more otherwise. She appreciates Rogers acknowledging the fact there is inefficiencies. She supports t and doesn't see the problem towards it. She recommends that they market it more for AB540.

-Rogers states at the end of winter quarter she can come back and share survey results. She also states that since it's from discretionary and a USAC initiative every office's logo will be on it.

-Hall echoes that using private funding can be risky and looks for a commissioner to look into it in a more sustainable long term way.

-Rogers states when she stepped in FSC the library was all over the place and a step they took was moving it into Powell. She knows theres a lot of inefficiencies but she really is trying. Realistically, we shouldn't have to rely on surplus.

-Zimmerman states that not all offices have referendums and don't have funds in their budgets but they'd have to pass a referendum.

-Lazarovici stated that she had dinner with Ron and thinks that higher education should be free. She thinks textbooks should be free. The fact they have what's a relatively small amount of money to ensure students have enough money is kind of the absurdity.

-Badalich moves to approve \$3,238 from council discretionary funds to textbook scholarships. Sam seconds.

-9-0-1 funding from council discretionary passes.

B. USAC Support for Philippines Typhoon Relief

-Joanino wants to get a feel about ASUCLA potentially matching the Typhoon Relief. He wants to hear if they would write a letter on behalf of USAC because ASUCLA is discussing allocations.

-Hadjiminaoukian supports it, and the more sooner than later then they it will increase donations.

- Haws loves the idea, and asks how did UCSB come about it?
- Joanino states that UCSB is different funding, and it was passed through their senate and their senate is paying for it.
- Trumble states that she supports it.
- Hall likes like the idea of what Hadjimanoukian was saying to incentivize that even though we have \$6,000 raise now, and if we got it up to a certain amount we can have a hard effort to donate and reach that goal. It is very time sensitive and to soon have that.
- Naameh asks if there was a possibility to continue fundraising to later match.
- Joanino states he will have that conversation and it doesn't stop, but sending that hard amount is crucial.
- Badalich states she supports it.
- Oved agrees.
- Kim states the Promise Platform maybe council members should do something and it gets their name a lot more and a fun way of fundraising. It puts a little bow on it.

C. USAC Bylaw Amendment - Student Group Outreach Committee

- Arce states the guidelines of Student Group Outreach Committee and had a conversation earlier this summer and the vote was 3-0-0 to approve it.
- Oved states the Student Group Outreach Committee is in the bylaws but is dormant, but they really want to use this as a tool to centralize outreach efforts and the make up is from IVP, CSC, CAC, SWC, SOUL, and the finance committee since each has structured outreach committees.
- Trumble likes the changes.
- Arce likes the changes too.
- Badalich says she is fine with it.
- Hall asks why is it just these specific offices and SOUL?
- Oved states that it was how it was stated in the bylaws, but the committee meetings are open up to council as a whole to use it as a tool for outreach.
- Badalich friendly amends it's not Student Wellness it's Student Health Network.
- Trumble states those offices have because they have particular outreach projects in their commissions.
- Naameh asks what's the presidential appointment.
- Joanino states that why it's struck out.
- Hall moves to pass this bylaw for the Student Outreach Committee.
10-0-0 bylaw amendment is passed.
- Naameh asks if they can use it.
- Oved states yes, Jasso is leading it.

D. Streaming USAC Meetings Live

- Oved states they had meetings with Zimmerman for logistics, and they are going to house it with google hangouts and get a microphone and a little webcam camera for better quality streamings, and the question he asked if they are comfortable having it streamed. It wouldn't be posted after it's just a live streaming and it won't be saved or posted online thereafter. Secondly, if you are comfortable how would you want to go part of setting up the camera and running it every week?
- Badalich states shes comfortable but if there will be comments on there.
- Oved said it's just streaming.

-Badalich stated that looking at the comments would be distracting and she doesn't want comments. To help, are you asking for certain people to do it each next week?

-Oved states he's opening it up to everyone to make it a USAC initiative.

-Hall asks if there's a way to safeguard from others recording it

-Oved states that it won't be good and welfare.

-Zimmerman states that there would have to be a vote on council, if they are entering the door there has to be a sign saying it would be live fed. Perhaps there won't be during public comment.

-Haws is concerned over the fact through signing a consent form, but it kind of adds a bureaucratic and it takes away the comfort from it.

-Jasso asks for funding how it would work?

-Oved says he hasn't looked into it yet but wanted to bring it to the table first before anything gets done for a clear vision.

-Lazarovici stated consider watch an hour or two of CSPAN or LA Council on what transpires and what says things. USAC is a government body and an open space for the students of this campus and have been in meetings where the room has been full. You've got minutes, recorders, and can theoretically have 50 people here. This is a deliberative government body. You make decisions here and there are campus and non campus spaces that aren't filled and aren't appropriate to be filmed. When she worked in Washington, DC when she worked for the senator he was on CSPAN she heard from everyone she knew calling her. People will watch it and they will see you.

-Badalich says it is so easy to get software to rip from a livestream. It's not us actively archiving it, she's not quite sure if they're comfortable. The likelihood of people recording it is high.

-Hadjimanoukian asks what an example of being deemed appropriate to be recorded.

-Arce states that it could be easily used to vilify council members and let's say a sentence is taken out of context.

-Haws states he doesn't care about being vilified, more like public comments.

-Hall states not personally being vilified, but those that think it is a safe open space they may not want it to be then recorded and consumed by others out of context. This is a very hypothetical but doesn't want it to get a point to not thinking about it.

-Badalich agrees and glad Oved brought it forward. For vilifying, we have minutes and that's also public. When you come for public comment it is public. She worries that it will be less intimate but inherent in public comment is that it is public.

-Naameh asks for other policies

-Oved says UCSB has a public camera

-Naameh asks if there are any other issues

-Oved states that he can ask. It has been an idea played around for a long time and it would be interesting to act on it and an avenue to increase transparency and visibility to garner different involvements for different students.

-Trumble thanks him for bringing it up. Her only concern is that students won't feel comfortable entering the room. However, it sounds like we are all interested in feeling it out so if you can get more information on other campuses and bring it back it will be great.

-Geller states that they aren't recording, can the context be changed? If there's some sort of way that these meetings are stream lived and they are not recorded, if it is recorded online it is not the official meeting to disclose there is no guarantee validity. The biggest concern they have students coming forward as undocumented, and talk to folks from that population and see how they feel. Third question, would you be cutting off the camera before good and welfare?

- Oved states yes that they will be cutting it off.
- Hall stated it would be cool to market is as USAC Live! as if they are in the room. She doesn't know who would be interested. Even though dailybruin is newsprint media, this could potentially be something they are interested in being involved in. It is a news type of thing and will be them recording.
- Oved states that it's cool that we can model it after our own and if there are people sensitive for public comment he is for not filming it during public comment. He is glad they are having this conversation.
- Badalich states she googled livestream student government and it's there. If we were to compromise it as facial identity they could do audio recordings with minutes on it.
- Haws echoes that if they cut off public comments and good and welfare it would ease his worries.
- Joanino agrees.
- Naameh states that filming public comment can be incentive to come to public comment.
- Rogers states that for confidentiality reasons it could be intimidating, but we should survey the students and get in touch with different communities that come to council and really talk to them.
- Lazarovici stated that good and welfare is part of the meeting, it is part of your publicness. If there are people here you don't ask them to leave. In fact, an issue for good and welfare is how she came to be appointed because the previously alumni rep called her and asked if she could be quoted during good and welfare. She said it's perfectly fine because it's public. People use it as an opportunity to talk.
- Kim states that she may be the only one uncomfortable, and she will probably get over it. She's a little camera shy.
- Joanino appreciates Kim's comment because silence is not consent.
- Hall wants to get an opinion of admin rep.
- Reps say they are fine.
- Oved says moving forward he will look at other campuses that have done it, and will have surveys and numbers. We can also survey student body, how would you want to do that?
- Hall states maybe we can enlist the daily bruin, and outreach them.
- Oved states social media.

XI. Announcements

- Rogers states theres a Financial Literacy Workshop from 7:30-8:30 on Monday.
- Badalich states that Sunday on 7pm Body Image Taskforce will have yoga at Tsunami thanks to Zimmerman and Hadjimanoukian. The art gallery all this week and asks everyone to go to the opening from 5-7 and will feature Bruins unbreakable. Many people in attendance may or may not be survivors, don't go up to them and ask for their stories. There will be a video by a UCLA film student regarding a sexual assault and 30 years later those problems are still relevant.
- Arce states they received 145 applications for Alternative Spring Break and have only 70 spots. He is going to have to help his staff with interviews because a third of the applications will get interviewed.
- Jasso states January 1-January 18 the last time to apply for funding is December 3.
- Hadjimanoukian states his office is hosting a Thrift Shop sale from 11am-2pm with 28 groups who will be there. The Pauley Study night is Monday of Finals Week and Ramalho will be giving out 400 Blue Books and Gen Rep 2 will bring library resources and have pre-engineering fraternity to be available for tutoring.

-Kim stated that Steven Young from the hit show Walking Dead and it's the mid season finale this Sunday and talking about it the next day and a lot of characters are going to get killed off. It will be fun, reservations are closed because they ran out in an hour but there will be a standby line. There will be a film of Saving Mr. Banks and reservations will open next Monday. Rogers and Kim are co-programming with the founder of Reddit talking about a book tour in January.

-Joanino sent out an email recalling parking permits.

-Oved asks council to have programming events be emailed.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Trumble moves to adjourned. Arce seconds.

Meeting adjourned 9:54 PM

XIV. Good and Welfare