# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 417 Kerckhoff Hall 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David Bocarsly, Lana Habib El-Farra, Andrea Hester, Michael Starr, Carly Yoshida, Kim Davis, Anees Hasnain, Taylor Mason, Stephen Kraman, Sahil Seth, Jan Tacinco, Yasar Mohebi, Cassarah Chu, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Katrina Dimacali

#### ABSENT:

GUESTS: Jenn Crane, John Joanino, Janay Williams, Chirag Bhakyta, Justine Penrose, Matt Albulaizn, Lawrence Turner Jr., Armand Gutierrez, Vincent Chou, Roman Nguyen, Ryan Tisinger, Joshua Fine, Tyler Townsend

# I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- -El-Farra moved to strike the travel and advocacy grant this week.
- -Seth moved to strike the cultural affairs mini fund
- -Hester moved to strike the safety commission
- -Seth moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.
- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

# III. Approval of the Minutes

- 1. \*1/8/13
- Mohebi moved and Davis seconded to approve the minutes for January 8, 2013.
- -Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved.

# IV. Public Comments

Armand Guitierrez- Samahang Pilipino

Armand asked what the money would go to if they didn't do the endowment

- -Bocarsly said it would go to the formula they usually use, which includes BOD, contingency, and capital contingency
- -Seth said by the calculations, the amount in the formula would lead to left over surplus in the fall and wouldn't increase allocations

## Matt Abulaizn- MEChA de UCLA

Matt asked if the return was worth it towards students who are here now. He said at the end of the day, \$5,000 a year, gives you 20 years before you get your payback. He said if they want it to truly be beneficial, future councils have to invest in the investment fund. He said he doesn't know if that is the most beneficial use of the fees. He asked what the role of USAC was on campus and how involved students are. He said in considering this issue, more time should be spent engaging the council. He said more questions need to be answered and more time needs to be spent.

# Roman Nguyen- Vietnamese Student Union

Nguyen said thank you for the support they had in the incident that happened last quarter. He said thank you for their support at the rally. He invited them to come to their Vietnamese Culture Night in Royce Hall. He said to come by. He said he wanted to give his opinion about the endowment. He said he is very neutral to it. He said he would recommend the council to look at the short term in terms of student needs now. He said they should look at short term versus long term. He said it would take 20-30 years to break even. He said they should make sure they meet the student needs of this generation.

## Lawrence Turner Jr.- Afrikan Student Union

He said surplus is student funds. He said as a past treasurer, he worked with Jasso. He challenged them to think about what they could spend this money, such as running a campaign on campus. He said that they never know what the foundation might do.

# Janay Williams- Afrikan Student Union

Williams talked about the endowment and she is part of the EVP office as well. She said it is something she sees that can be unfair to students. She said there is a lot of gray area. She asked if they talked to students about this. She said coming off of last year, it could allow students to get more money. She said that otherwise they could allocate more money to student groups. She said next year's council might not agree with the endowment. She said they have to think about if people could put money into this endowment.

## John Joanino- Student Regent's Office

Joanino talked about the regents meeting. He said important things are being discussed. He said they will talk about faculty diversity. He said only 40% of new hires are women. He said they will discuss online education. He said they allocated \$10 million to unspecified online education. They want to make sure they offer supplements not substitutions for classes. He said there is a Google chat with the Daily Bruin and the Regent's Office. He extended this invitation to them on the 30th at 1pm. He said the campus climate survey is open. He said they want to make sure the information is available to the public. They could win prizes for filling it out. On the 25th the regents would be here and would recruit the next regent. He encouraged them to go on January 25th from 10-12 in the Ackerman Viewpoint Conference Room.

#### **Elections Board Chair**

- -Joe introduced himself as the external relations committee member. He works under Hester. He said he is from Saudi Arabia.
- -Brett said he is on the investigations committee
- -Eco said he is on the investigations committee as well

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He talked about the endowment. He said they are at a place with a high surplus and it doesn't come up often. He commended Bocarsly on seeking sustainable ways to get a return on the money.

# V. Special Presentations

A. Undie Run Philanthropy- Ryan Tisinger (Co-Founder of UndieRun), Josh, Tyler -Josh said this has an event planning side and a non-profit side. He said they raise a lot of clothing and food for charities that are in need. He said they allow for a cathartic way to release from finals

-Tisinger talked about undie run. He said he wanted to bring undie run to UCSD. He said he made it a charity event and got corporate sponsors involved. He said in 2010 they did an Axe undie run challenge. He said in 2011 they did Virgin Mobile. He said they developed it into something that is sustainable and that students want to do. They work with student teams to make sure these things happen in a safe and controlled environment. They put together a campaign in 2013 with Will Ferrell. They want UCLA to be involved because this is where the original Undie Run is from. He said he would like to bring Undie Run back under sanctioned conditions. This would be a fundraising challenged.

-Josh said they partnered with Ed Norton's company. He said they have a celebrity platform for philanthropies. Will Ferrell's fraternity brother had cancer and he unfortunately lost both of his legs. He talked about Cancer for College where they have a zero turnaround policy and they give funds to kids with cancers. They want to focus on 10-12 big universities and wants UCLA to be part of it. The university with the highest donations would have Will Ferrell be the leading participant. He said they can't just have anyone. He said they try to find a sponsor that would be acceptable. He said they wanted to involve UCSB, USC, UCLA, etc. He said they would work with the student government or a student organization. They would have each university create their own school or regent-specific event. He said they would have the proper security, racecourse, etc. They would set up a UCLA page where students could register and they could be sorted into teams. He said there would be an inter-school rivalry. He said the end result would be raising money for Cancer for College. They could choose the beneficiary and who to donate to or work with. They would help them make that happen. They have MTV on board and they are talking to Ellen right now. He said they are hoping to get UCLA involved

- -Hasnain talked about the volunteer center fellows. She said it includes different groups such as the community service commission. They are closely aligned with university administration.

  -Josh said he knows that administration probably have problems with this but they would create parameters. He asked if any of them participated in an Undie Run. He said Undie Run would be the conclusion of the event. He said he would like to create a festival like environment. He said one of his friends was the head of cultural affairs and they would bring concerts to campus. He said the Undie Run could create a festival-like environment. He said if they team up with Cultural Affairs it could become a festival. He said each student group could have a booth there and they could interact with students and tell them what it's all about. He said they could have an award ceremony after that have achieved certain levels of funding. He said they would bring a scale to show physically how many clothes they donated.
- -El-Farra asked if it would still be during finals week
- -Josh said Will Ferrell will be shooting Anchorman 2 but he has blocked out April 20th.
- -Starr said the Undie Run is a stress relief during finals. He said it probably wouldn't happen this year and everyone knows that it is the Wednesday of finals week
- -Josh said there is no obligation to compete for Will Ferrell. He said that this is UCLA and Los Angeles and it wouldn't be hard to find another celebrity. He said they could do it the Wednesday of finals week
- -Tisinger said most of their students might be excited to run with Will Ferrell
- -Josh said it would be April 20th or Wednesday of finals
- -Seth said he is working with a foundation and that there were artists or actors that can work with

different causes.

- -Jasso said there is also some of their information in the email she sent out. She said to feel free to email them.
- -Bocarsly said thank you for coming out.

## B. \*CARE Surplus Proposal- Carly Yoshida and Dr. Nicole Green (CAPS)

- -Yoshida said her office works on sexual health and safety. She said she has been working to see how they can enhance these services for students. She said this is a request for surplus funds but in a way it isn't. She said she wants their honest opinions. She said if not, they could get the funding a different way. She said she probably doesn't know as much about funding as other people. She said it comes from an opinion article about USAC needing to put more into sexual assault support for students. She said she cares a lot about this issue and a lot of people approached her and asked her to fight for at this table.
- -Dr. Green directs their CARE services, which is the Campus Assault Resources and Education. She said from her angle, sexual assault, stalking, etc. deals with violence, gender-based violence, and mental health. She said they are housed at CAPS. She said in general, CAPS works from a public health framework. She said ¼ women will be assaulted and 1/10 men. She said most involve a person they know, alcohol, or other drugs. She said most people will be assaulted at this age and probably using alcohol or other drugs. She said primary prevention is general education. Secondary education is early detection of something. She said tertiary prevention is when something happened but they are trying to make it the least damaging. She said CARE deals with students and presented the conceptual model. At CAPS, they do treatment and skills groups. She said she is trying to prevent this from happening. She said they do education and workshops. She said they run courses with the sorority and fraternity relations on how to be an active bystander in the community. They do not have a lot of awareness. She said that is where USAC needs to come into the picture.
- -Yoshida said their next CARE certificate training is all day Feb. 2. She encouraged all of them to sign up. She said to please check that out.
- -Dr. Green said this encompasses the issues and how they can help. She said they are at the level of action. She said as students, they can create campaigns and get the funding done. She said this is where they could do the most good. She said they are all connected to the most campus communities. She said that it is important for this to be taken to the grassroots level. She talked about the new student orientation. She talked about working with the sorority and fraternity relations. She presented their programs, such as Blame it on the Alcohol, If You Loved Me: Dating Violence and Stalking Awareness, and CARE to STAND: Bystander Intervention Training. She said they do some other education. She said they have protocol responding to sexual assaults. She said some people will go to students. She said they need active campaigns and this is where USAC could put money in. She said they could create campaigns that change the culture around hooking up. She said they have a lot of department allies on campus. She said they don't have a lot of student action. They have CARE SOS, the clothesline project, Active Minds, and take back the night. She said their goal is how they can actively engage with each other. She said they have an advocate. She said it is hard to go to the dean of students, etc. She said many times they have someone who's assailant is someone they know. The student advocate helps them through the process. She said people need to know the advocate to use the advocate. They do a lot of treatment. She said her goal is preventing it before it ever starts. She said they talked a lot about what CARE can have in terms of participation. She said she would like a student coalition that comes together to work on this. She said they want them to be educated and trained. She said she wants people to have the right training. She said they could have a liaison that is paid that would help them promote the campaign. She said this would come from someone who has a strong student voice attached to it. She said once someone is trained, there are national campaigns they could participate in, such as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, One Billion Rising w/

Eve Ensler, and Take Back the Night. She said some of the sustainable things they're asking for include as much swag as they can. She said she would like to have a stipend. She presented a budget proposal, which included components such as CARE Certificate Training Materials, CARE Passive Campaign materials, CARE SOS Marketing, CARE SOS Liaison Stipend, etc. -Lazarovici talked about how she mentioned she wanted to change the culture. She asked how she felt about the presentation before.

- -Dr. Green said they have to decide the kind of campus they want to be. She said UCLA has been about progression and social change. She said they need to think about it. She said they have to decide the legacy they want to leave. She said to be critical about the things they want to promote. -El-Farra thanked Yoshida for bringing this up. She said people have brought up that they need projects that benefit students more. She asked how much more they need
- -Yoshida said yes minus \$1000 from Dr. Geller, so about \$6000
- -Hasnain asked if this is a continuous allocation
- -Yoshida said it would be a one-time thing to get started on campus.
- -Dr. Green said they are trying to create infrastructure and give students a voice to continue this charge
- -Mason asked if CARE is an initiative from CAPS
- -Dr. Green said they are not a registered student group. She said they will have a student group. She said the center for women and men closed and CAPS adopted CARE. She said this gets people closer to the services they need. She said it didn't come with funding when it moved. They are full-time clinicians. She talked about prevention, which always gets the short end of the stick. She said since CAPS is so heavily utilized, they get the short end of the stick since they treat those with something in front of them rather than to prevention
- -Jasso said they could transfer the money to CARE or they could have it in the Gen. Rep. 2's account. She said if it is in Gen. Rep. 2's account it has to stay in Kerckhoff. She said the stipend has been fixed so it meets the guidelines.
- -Yoshida said it would go towards CARE
- -Dr. Green said she's here to support Yoshida
- -Jasso asked how she would ensure that the funds would be properly spent since they did discuss that the money isn't being used on items that weren't presented
- -Dr. Green said these are items that they can verify easily. She said it would be hard to misspend the money and this is what they need. She said she doesn't want to misrepresent where their needs are
- -Jasso asked if the liaison would be under CARE or if SGA would pay for the liaison under the surplus
- -Dr. Green said it would be under CARE and they could pay the student
- -Dr. Geller said she is a little confused. She said she thought Yoshida was asking for funding from USAC to do the programming. She said they are asking for a donation to CAPS to enable CAPS to do these things
- -Dr. Green said she is unsure about the best vehicles to go about this. She said that is one way it could go. She said she doesn't know about a donation to CAPS. She said she is not the best person to answer the question
- -Yoshida said that is a question she has. There is the CARE-SOS coalition.
- -Dr. Green said this would include a lot of swag and whatnot to get this moving
- -Yoshida said if they were a student organization they could apply for BOD
- -Dr. Geller asked if the member hired could be a part of council
- -Jasso said yes. The stipend would end May 31st since the fiscal year ends
- -Champawat said council has in the past chosen to fund a program such as Night Powell, etc.
- They have a precedent to do this. She said this is a mature program in CAPS.
- -Yoshida said this is a service for students that needs to be enhanced
- -Dr. Geller said if the equipment went to Yoshida's office it would be feasible if it staved in

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- -Dr. Green said it might be inconvenient but they could work with it
- -Champawat said this equipment would not disappear from campus and into a student's apartment
- -El-Farra asked if they asked from SFAC
- -Joanino said in Spring they might put a letter for temporary funds. If it goes through it can be eligible. The materials would stay with the unit and not with USAC
- -Mason said as far as the stipended position, they would have it through the Gen. Rep. office. She said Gen. Reps. change every year. She asked if there was backup funding they could reach out to.
- -Yoshida said they are looking now
- -Dr. Green said this would be tabled to the summer. She said this is an opportunity for students to participate in. She said if it doesn't happen, it isn't likely to happen this year.
- -Mohebi asked if a laptop and printer is not accessible in CAPS
- -Dr. Green said it is but the equipment would allow the CARE-SOS program to be sustainable
- -Seth asked where CARE-SOS would be housed
- -Yoshida said it would be a coalition
- -Seth asked for clarification
- -Yoshida said CARE-SOS is a new student organization that was started within SWC, Active Minds, etc. to bring the student organizations together. They have been working closely of CARE. They are the student end of the CARE program.
- -Seth said a portion of the funding would go to a student group and part would go to CAPS.
- -Dr. Green said it was her fault on the end of the presentation and that all of the funding could go to CAPS
- -Champawat said a lot of power goes to the student peer-to-peer concept.
- -Dr. Green said grassroots movements work better than top-down movements.
- -Chu said they could look at this as what more CARE could do and student power is the vehicle to make this happen. She said the CARE-SOS coalition is student power that is able to do that. She said that is kind of the beauty behind it and recognizing there is a university and student component
- -Seth asked what would be in the \$5000.
- -Mohebi said that would be like the laptop and printer
- -Seth said since it cannot be housed in CAPS how it would be regularly monitored
- -Yoshida asked for clarification
- -Jasso said it could be in Kerckhoff or in a department
- -Yoshida said if they aren't comfortable with funding the computer and printer they could cut those items out.
- -Mohebi asked if they could edit it more and they could see where they could get money and what things they could take out. He said this is an important aspect of campus.
- -Chu said it's not about the computer and printer but rather what they would be able to do.
- -Seth asked where these things would be housed. He said if CARE-SOS had an office, they could have a base in Kerckhoff.
- -Dr. Green said the computer and printer at CAPS are highly protected and they are not readily accessible. This would make it easier to access a computer in CAPS. She said they can't have students have access to confidential information
- -Starr asked about other materials. He asked if the CARE swag is included in the campaign materials. He asked where the \$5000 is from
- -Dr. Green said it doesn't have to be those types of computers that she looked up. She said a table and tent for outdoor activities and poster lamination would cost around \$5000. She said it is possible that it is high. She said she was told to guestimate.
- -Mason said as far as looking at models, they could have a component that is departmentalized.

She asked if she looked into this

- -Dr. Green said she hasn't
- -Zimmerman said they are also looking at other options for funding. She said the group would be registered next quarter.
- -Jasso said this is supposed to be an OSAC year. She said by the time registration comes around January 15th-22nd; they could ideally register as an organization and apply for BOD in February. She asked Chu if there was flexibility to provide funding
- -Chu said with CARE-SOS they have been allocating money. She said that is something they have to explore more and talk to her executive board
- -Bocarsly said if they were working with this they could apply for this through her office. He said this is a valuable resource. He apologized that they seem harsh. He said this is an amazing resource. He said there are a lot of programming resources and asked if they could make some sort of compromise.
- -Starr asked if it is within CAPS and asked if CAPS has given funding
- -Dr. Green said they have. Most of it goes towards the treatment arm
- -Starr asked if they asked CAPS
- -Dr. Green said yes. They have infrastructure. She said they are there to promote a student activist and asked them to do a campaign around CARE. She said this doesn't have a student momentum. She said they don't have a relationship with students. She said they don't have a student voice that is loud enough to talk about this issue. She said she is coming at it from that angle. She said whether or not they get the computer or not, it is their choice. She is just asking them to support CARE and thanked them for their time.
- -El-Farra asked Joanino which line items would be eligible for SFAC
- -Joanino said hey would research the stipend more.
- -Dr. Green said they only hire high-level people. They would have someone help her run Facebook and Twitter. She said therapists can't really go on Facebook and Twitter. She said a student has to do Facebook and Twitter because she can't. She said some stuff is intentionally done this way.
- -Joanino said they can't get an accurate estimate but he looks forward to a request in the spring -Chu asked how competitive these fees would go.
- -Joanino said if it is for permanent funding it would be more competitive. He said he doesn't know who would request for funds. He said they address student needs and this is a competitive proposal.
- -Seth said some line items might be high. He said the \$5000 line item is inflated. He said once CARE-SOS is established, they could estimate how much they would get from other funding sources. He said it would be best to apply for surplus for later needs but that is not the case. He said they could look at discretionary
- -Starr said he looked up computers and printers and it was still around \$2000
- -Dr. Green said she included a table, a tent, etc. and came up to about \$2000
- -Davis said when they have funding proposals; they have to take the funding proposal as something that the presenters are experts in. She said they fund it or they don't. She talked about discretionary. She said if they decided to use discretionary funds for this, there wouldn't be funding for other things. If they don't fund CARE-SOS, they should assist Dr. Green and Yoshida in finding funding.
- -Hasnain said it is kind of obnoxious that they are going line item by line item. She said they are ignoring the purpose of the event. There were students that want something that all of students can benefit from. She said that this program reaches out to every student on this campus -Jasso echoed Davis's point. She said she never goes online and sees how much items costs because as long as the evidence is there it is not her place to say what should be there. She said when it comes to any funding; they don't look on websites to do that. She said she hopes that they read her email that she wants to open capital contingency this Friday. She said this is the deadline

that she set already

- -Starr said tonight is the night they are allocating surplus and he apologized for looking for efficiency and he said he wasn't trying to take away from their program at all
- -Bocarsly said he would like to see if they could help them. He said they could take action and reach out to Yoshida
- -Hasnain asked what other proposals they are reaching out to
- -Bocarsly said he's talking about Chu's funding, BOD, etc.
- -Jasso asked what they are proposing
- -Bocarsly said they haven't motioned into a vote yet. He said they could choose what is appropriate and then they could move into that vote
- -Davis asked when the student would be hired and stipended
- -Dr. Green said it would be next year. She said the student would create a commercial for this. She said that is what she envisions for sexual assault awareness month
- -Davis asked if this is what they need to get this started for April
- -Dr. Green said yes
- -Davis asked what would happen if they didn't fully fund it
- -Dr. Green said anything they have funded would be more than they have now. She said if they wanted to knock out things by half they could survive. She said the trainings are scheduled and a lot of marketing and campaigning is towards that. She said most of it is towards sexual assault awareness month.
- -Dr. Geller talked about the various line items. She said a majority is from the ABC Student Programming funding. She said the funding they have cannot go to people, equipment, or swag.
- -Dr. Green said she really wants to get the competition going. She said they could half the campaign materials.
- -Bocarsly said this is the first proposal they've had so far.
- -Hester asked if some of surplus can be moved into discretionary. She said this way they could have this to fall back on
- -Jasso said yes
- -Bocarsly said they have a couple of options.
- -Hester said they could request a sum of it to be moved into discretionary and other funding bodies could cover the funding and they could apply.
- -Bocarsly said this is a technicality since they have to decide what to do with the money tonight
- -Yoshida asked when SFAC is distributed
- -Dr. Geller said it would be for the following year
- -Jasso said when surplus kicks in; they don't know when it would be ready
- -Zimmerman said if it is put into discretionary, the date might be pushed so much and they might not be as effective as they could be. She said that is her only concern.
- -Kraman said they also have \$7800 in discretionary. He said if they hold off and don't need to take it into seed funding, they could take it out of discretionary
- -Seth said \$2800 is a decent amount
- -Bocarsly said give \$2000 now and talk about a \$2000 allocation from discretionary. He said they could look into other avenues
- -Davis asked about a \$4000 allocation from surplus and \$2000 from discretionary so they could still start but it's not all coming from surplus
- -El-Farra said they could also apply to the advocacy grant if they are a registered student org.
- -Seth said they are splitting the proposal
- -Bocarsly said it would be a \$4000 from surplus
- -Seth asked if the number was \$4400
- -Davis asked if they got \$4000, they could do the stipended position and start the campaign
- -Dr. Green said the most important part is the student power. She said they would decide on the swag and do the commercial.

- -Lazarovici said this might be the time to formulate a motion
- -Bocarsly said there is a proposal on the table of \$4000
- -Davis moved to allocate \$4000 from surplus to the CARE-SOS initiative. El-Farra seconded.
- -Bocarsly said they are talking about a jumpstart of \$4000.
- -Dr. Nelson asked about the student organization and asked what the organization would do
- -Yoshida said it would be a coalition to launch campus-wide campaigns this year and next year. She said it would include Take a Walk in Her Shoes, Clothesline Project, etc.
- -Dr. Nelson said they would be starting a new organization
- -Yoshida said yes
- -Mohebi motioned. Chu seconded. With a vote of 11-0-1, \$4000 for the CARE-SOS initiative has been approved.
- C. \*Safety Promotion Surplus Proposal- Andi Hester
- D. USSA- Chirag Bhakta (USSA West Coast Field Organizer)
- -El-Farra said she always talks about USSA and she always has far meetings. She said she would prove to them that they exist. She introduced the presenters who would talk about the history of USSA and next week the UCSA west coast organizer would come
- -Bhakta said thank you for having him. He said he wants to leave some time for Q and A. He said he works for the United States Student Association. He said you all are his boss. He said Marissa and El-Farra are on the board and supervise him. He makes sure that things happen. He said that things that are set actually occur, such as lobby visits. He said the picture is from their leg-con last year. He said the applications are due on Thursday at midnight. He said he hopes they apply and they get accepted. He said they are about the process and lobbying the federal representatives they see. He said he went to Fullerton and is from San Francisco. He said he wants to go over the mission and core beliefs, the national representation, a brief history, programs thy have, training, and campaigns such as student debt, the DREAM act, and shared governance. He said their mission is that they are the country's largest and most inclusive student-led organization. He said if they want to do something nationally student organization wise, they are the organization they go through. He said he works for students. He said their core belief statement is that they were founded on something simple but almost radical. He said that everyone deserves the right to an education. HE said it doesn't matter if you have a little or a lot of money. He said if they can get into a school, it should be guaranteed. He said it is difficult to see with the current economic climate. He said he can take questions during his presentation
- -Hester asked if there are other student associations competing for this title
- -Bhakta said there are grad student associations out there but they are the only one. Prior to them there was another association. He said they have done it well enough that nobody has had to say they aren't doing it well. He said they represent over 4 million students. He said they are growing and trying to get that to all 50 states. He said UCLA is their biggest school. They have 6 state/system student associations and they are growing. He said they have UC Merced, University of Oregon, UCSB, Rutgers, University of Massachusetts, University of Wisconsin Claire, University of Wisconsin Milwake, Madison, etc.
- -El-Farra said some campuses sit on the board that is not part of USSA
- -Bhakta said they still have representation in their organization. He said they are outreaching in Ohio, they have growing support in South Dakota and New York, and some in Pennsylvania. They were founded in 1947 and became USSA in 1978. HE said the 1989; USSA mandated that half of the Board be people of color.
- -Hester asked why it was founded in 1947
- -Bhakta said there was a global student conference
- -Hester asked what issues were surrounding it
- -Bhakta said students around the world were getting together. He said the delegation was sent to Europe and they started the organization after seeing issues with access to higher education.

USSA was the first major student organization to have an African American as their president. He said they were elected from the student body that was there

- -Marissa said Willard Johnson was of assistance and some founding members were from UCLA
- -Bhakta said half of the board was people of color. He said this was big because the mandate was written to represent the student body. They have to be inclusive of the student body so there isn't misrepresentation
- -El-Farra said these guidelines hold true today
- -Bhakta said every student who is represented can go on delegation. He talked about the social and development project. He said he helped Washington which in turn helped the nationally organization. He said there are programs that are developing in places such as New York and New Jersey. He talked about the Student Labor Action Project, which supports student labor and Jobs with Justice. He talked about the electoral action project: StudentsVote! He said they beat their goal. This dealt with getting students to vote. He said they deal with legislation. He said they want representatives to listen to them and prioritize students. He said this would make it easier to have accessibility to registering to vote. He talked about the GROW training, which is the Grassroots Organizing Weekend. He talked about the fundamentals of direct action organizing. He talked about EAT, which is the Electoral Action Training
- -Hasnain asked about advocacy and asked if there was a watered down version of this PowerPoint to help her staff advance their advocacy efforts
- -El-Farra said GROW is a weekend and it is done every other year. She said a student only does this once. She said they have a watered down version
- -Bhakta asked if it was lobby issues
- -Hasnain said one project wants to extend their services to the families they serve and the issues they face. She said they were talking about a Teach Me How to Lobby workshop. She wants to provide opportunities based on what her project directors want
- -Bhakta asked for clarification
- -Hasnain said they want to expand their student group to provide advocacy and she wants to help them expand so that they could move forward
- -Bhakta said he was asking because he was a project director at Cal State Fullerton. They could do the watered down stuff without the charge. He talked about electoral action training, which includes how to run a campaign. He said every year they gather and discuss the campaigns. August they chose student loan debt, the DREAM act, and shared governance. Student loan debt deals with student loan forgiveness. He said it would make it easier for people in debt to help pay it off. He said it would basically put them on a 10/10 program where they would pay 10% of their income. He said if they pay it off in 10 years, some of it would be wiped out. It would be based on how much money you're making after you finish college. The DREAM act would provide financial aid for undocumented students. Shared governance gets more students into governing bodies and getting more student power. He said they have done actions on this so far. He said there was a national day of action last quarter.
- -Marissa said there was a national day of action last quarter. She said one of the big things is getting student know that USSA exists. She said not a lot of people knew about it before. She said a lot of UCLA doesn't know what USSA is. She said they come up with direct action to organizing. She said national affairs would be working on these campaigns, however they want to publicize USSA as much as they can. She said it would really help. She said if they could let their offices know to apply to Leg Con it would be much appreciated. She said if they have any questions they could ask her or El-Farra.
- -El-Farra asked if there were any questions
- -Bocarsly thanked them for coming out

# VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

## VII. Fund Allocations

#### A. EVP Travel Grant

-They allocated \$360 to the Christian Fellowship and Vietnamese Student Union to be in Washington. They got \$320. They are on track to their \$5000 per quarter goal.

## **B.** Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Mason moved strike the cultural affairs mini-grant

# C. \*Contingency Allocations

- -Mohebi moved to approve contingency of this week. Seth seconded.
- -Jasso said there were two allocations. She said the revised version holds the finance committee for the second annual all-USAC funding workshop.
- -The total required was \$1,789.49. The total requested was \$1,185.00. The contingency balance is \$24,313.73. The total recommended is \$545.00.
- -Starr asked if a line item was for retreats
- -Jasso said yes
- -Starr asked if she could send out the PDF again
- -Jasso said yes
- -Chu asked if it was typical to only have three applications
- -Jasso said she already has 12 applications in her mailbox
- -Mohebi called to question contingency allocations. Chu seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

## President - David Bocarsly

Bocarsly said last week, he met with some of UCSD's student government. He said he is forwarding a handful of presidential appointments tonight. He said assuming they all pass, after having 75 total, they will only have three left. They will see 10 and 3 are up in the air. UCLA Advisory Board, Student Risk Education, and Committee on Restructural Programs are available. He said they will talk about the endowment later. He said they had some students come talk to him. He talked about the campus climate survey. He said they will have updates on the response rate every week. This data is from 2 days of the survey. Out of 75,000 people, 4500 people took it and they had a 6% response. He talked about the demographics of who responded. He said they are on the path to getting 30%. He said to keep pushing it now. He said he will be sending out a campus-wide email. The second email would be sent next week reminding students to take the survey.

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

Hester said this Friday is the International Comedy Show. She said this will be in De Neve auditorium. She said the IVP is putting on an off-campus living fair 11-4pm in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. El-Farra's office would be participating. They were working with CSP on quarterly workshops. They worked on What is Diversity in 2013 and how they can relate to diversity. They contributed to Managing, Motivating, and Moving your Members Forward. She said they contributed to More than a Logo, Marketing an Organization. She said she hopes they can attend.

She said part January 29th they would have their USAC meeting on the hill.

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

-El-Farra said she had an update on California. She said there were issues brought up in the USSA meeting. She said the UC office of the president presented on debt restructuring which would privatize the debt and take it away from the government and it would be paid through 30 years and would save \$80 million. She said it was presented to get their student approval. Ask Me came in and talked about the cons of debt restructuring. She said they don't have that much control over the regents, why they need regential reform. She said it is interesting and she could give them more information. They had Patrick Lens come in from the UC Office of the President and gave a presentation about the budget. It was a consultation and there are no cuts to education in the budget and there was \$10 million allocated for online education and technology. She said there were no cuts for cal grant and no tuition increases. She said they wrote a letter to them saying that they want UCSA board of directors to be given more information about the online education since it might take away classes. They want a UC leader present during the restructuring deal. They also want to make sure the legislature knows about pedagogic decisions. She asked about the unit cap since some by not being in the academic senate he might have been overstepping their boundaries. She said they want the UCOP to advocate for the importance of research. She said they want senior leadership to make visits to present on the budget to students. Regent reform is a campaign and they will be working on it. There will be a media push soon. She said it would be a lot of work and the easiest way to present it would be through a legislature. She said regents would work on faculty reform, online technology, etc. and they would not be talking about fees and tuition increases

# Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis thanked them for coming to the academic services expo. She said AAC came out with a mobile app. She said she meant to bring flyers but she will bring them next time. The diversity requirement was voted down, so their office have been working on diversity in other spaces. They are working on a workshop species. She said people would pledge to educate 5 or more people. The academic senate is looking into another diversity requirement. She said if they want to be involved to let her know. She said their student voice empowerment forum was postponed last quarter due to legal issues and they discussed the legal ramifications. She said they were working on a holistic admissions workshop. She said they would help people apply to universities. They are holding the academic equity and awareness week the third week. She said there was a proposal by the library for affordable course materials, which encourages professors to use already existing materials. She said they are looking for faculty and student support on that.

## Administrative Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said security was listed as an item. He said UCLA still has a reputation of being a unsafe campus. He said there have been sexual assaults that have occurred. He didn't know what the response time was for students to have someone escort them. He wondered if this was something they should discuss in the distant future. He said it is hard for him to hear about people subjected to sexual assault. He said that if they need money to walk people from the library to their residence, it is something to consider. He said that they should think about not only Kerckhoff but about this issue campus-wide. He said this is something they might want to consider

-Hasnain said this ties well into Yoshida's proposal and she said they need to take preventative measures. She thanked her for bringing that to their attention

# Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

-Dr. Geller said she might leave early because she is not feeling well

Administrative Representative- Roy Champawat

Champawat said to make sure they look at all of the ramifications for Undie Run.

-Dr. Nelson said he was quiet during the Undie Run conversation but there has been a long conversation about Undie Run. He said there are people who have heard this before. He said they should get more information. He said it's a great idea for generating funds but there are better ideas to generate funds. The people at Murphy Hall would not want to have Undie Run a way of generating money

# Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

Lazarovici said she was stunned by the contrast of the two special presentations. She said they have to decide what kind of campus they want and what kind of legacy they want to leave behind. She said she wanted to comment on the endowment talk. She asked what the difference is between a long time and a short time. She said she had a meeting with Mason about a timeline project. She said Mason talked about a 4-year timeline, which strikes her as very short. She said 20 years is a short time. She said public comments said it would take 20 years to recoup an endowment. She said she graduated more than 20 years ago. She said 20 years goes by really fast. She said they asked if anyone was born before 1989. She said time can be your friend or your foe. She said that it is juicy stuff when you owe people money; time is not your friend because interest accrues on what you owe. She said when you're earning money, time is your friend. She said it was interesting to hear about what different time horizons are of what constitutes a long time and what's a short time

-Champawat said after 20 years, you have all of the money still

#### IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

## X. New Business

A. \*E-Board By-law Edits

- -Mohebi moved to move into E-Board by-law edits. Seth seconded.
- -She presented the document that was sent out.
- -Mohebi said good job catching all of the errors
- -She said she plugged the forum again and she passed around the flyers. She said it was this Thursday. She said it is in Kerckhoff. She said this is the place to discuss election reform.
- -Mohebi called to question. El-Farra seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 12-0-0, the election board changes were made.

## B. \*Surplus Endowment

- -Seth moved to go into the surplus endowment. Davis seconded.
- -Bocarsly said he passed around what they are looking at and what the numbers are. He said starting from the top; they wanted to invest in an endowment that pays out every year. He talked about what they gave funds for so far. They have \$254,257.17 left in the endowment. He talked about the amount of the endowment and the rest would go to BOD, capital contingency, and contingency. He asked if they should make two votes or if it was all the same vote
- -Zimmerman said it is the same vote. The leftovers go into the equation
- -Bocarsly said \$100,000 would go into the endowment. He talked about how much would go into the other funds. He said that would be effective immediately
- -Jasso asked if they were voting on the bylaw changes
- -Bocarsly said no. He said they would need to let SGA and councils how they wanted the money to be spent. He talked about the money going into BOD and contingency. He said they would see a return next year and it would go into BOD and contingency. He said after council makes

allocations, such as Bruin Bash, the remaining surplus minus \$150,000 would be invested in the endowment. He said that would make it so \$150,000 would go into the formula every single year. He said this would make it consistent and they would know how much they would be getting. He said they could make a more accurate estimate of how much they would get

- -Champawat said there would be a stable amount going in and money coming from the endowment, which would have an affect that could compensate for the inflation and erosion of the funds. He said there is that possibility
- -Bocarsly said it adjusts for inflation and then some. He said he laid out numbers so they knew how they would be making the funding stable.
- -Hester asked if they would decide on the endowment tonight
- -Bocarsly said they need to dictate how much would go in every year
- -Davis said if they don't have money in surplus if the money could be taken out and used
- -Bocarsly said they would entrust the future councils
- -Champawat said there is no penalty except for degrading the corpus.
- -Davis said if there is no surplus, this could serve as a saving grace for students
- -Bocarsly said yes
- -Champawat said reserve is used if there is some bill that needs to be paid and something went wrong. He said they are backed up in that case by the reserve. He said another dream is that they get participation by outside donors. He said it could be more substantial
- -El-Farra said there will be conversations and asked how the procedure would look and how they would move forward.
- -Bocarsly said he would work on it. He said he would be happy to include everyone else. They would put it into an endowment and they would write a check to ASUCLA every year.
- -Champawat said a smaller group needs to work out the language. He said it would come to the table to be agreed upon.
- -Bocarsly said he would like to lay it out so there are no surprises
- -Seth talked about the endowment in relation to the corpus. He said regardless they would see an increase in the endowment. He said when there were presenters, they were under the impression that they managed the money but they choose what they do with the money. He said they will talk to UCLA giving and talk about the bylaw changes. He said they can choose how often they get paid, etc.
- -Bocarsly said so council has control over the money, Steve said they can control where the money would go. He said it would be definitely the table's decision how it would go
- -Champawat said Steve made it clear that the table would decide how they want the funds to be spent. This is a definitional and legal situation with endowments. He said in general, the body is used for programming. He said he thinks that is substational and that they can define that with clarity to create a precedent that the core money is its purpose. He said if they can create this they can decide what it's purpose would be. He said he thinks that they could define it and future councils might define it differently but he thinks that the definition at its inception defines the purpose
- -Mason said she is not for or against the endowment, but one thing is making it hard to decide is that this seems like there is not enough concrete information. She said it seems like they are putting out the money before they have a contract and negotiations.
- -Bocarsly said it is their decision how it would go and it is laid out how it would come back. He said if they don't like it, they could say that as a council
- -Mason said this seems like a top-down approach of how they are going to use student fees how years ahead of them. She said they haven't had any real interaction about students on the ground about how they feel about this. She said they should do something that has a lot of pros and they need to educate students that it isn't taking away from their culture nights and it will eventually benefit them. She said these are students who think USAC is irrelevant or that USAC doesn't represent them. She said they need to take that time to talk to students and make it relevant to

them. She said it should start out in its planning stages, push it to the student body, and use the survey they are thinking about so that they represent student issues.

- -Champawat said she seemed like she was saying that they were encumbering future councils when it won't. He said this \$100,000 would be the only investment ever made into the endowment. He said nothing here can encumber future councils. This bylaw change would be an offer of possible guidance to future councils. He said this \$100,000 is this year's surplus and has nothing to do with the future. The only relation to the future is increments of money. There is nothing here that would encumber the future.
- -Starr said Steve said it would grow on its own. He said even if no other council adds to it, it will still grow. He said he talked to his friends about it. He said everyone was in favor of it that he talked to. He said it is important but students are in favor of it. He said it is confusing but once students understand it, it is very fiscally sounding
- -Davis asked about the bylaw change and asked if it pertained to the 5% that would be given back.
- -Bocarsly said yes
- -Champawat said that is the intention of the donor. He said they would create the endowment with the intention to give to these two funds.
- -Jasso said if it does pass, they can join in a marketing campaign they were already going to do with financial literacy. She said they should look at the flip side that they have the responsibility to engage the student body continuously throughout the year. She said she understands the concern and to look at it if it were to pass.
- -Bocarsly said he would explain this in the campus wide email as well
- -El-Farra said she agrees that once a decision is made, everyone on the board or council needs to stand by it. She said if they can do it, whatever decision they take they will be okay.
- -Mohebi called to question. Starr seconded. With a vote of 9-1-2, the endowment has been passed.
- -Bocarsly thanked them for taking the time to be educated. He asked if the rest of the money would be put into the three funds.
- -Zimmerman said to do another fund now that surplus was closed
- -Mason moved close out surplus based on the bylaw percentages decided split between the three categories. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, surplus was closed.

## C. \*ARC By-law Edits

- -Mohebi moved to move into the ARC By-law edits. Seth seconded.
- -Hasnain said for the ARC By-law would add an alternate member since some people weren't present for interviews. She said this alternate member would be able to help them meet quorum.
- -Bocarsly asked if they all saw it
- -Jasso said during the ARC process, they talked about a recommendation versus a no recommendation. She said if they had one yes and per no, it is a no recommendation per the bylaw. She said this would give them more times available for students and to make sure they didn't have a split decision.
- -Bocarsly asked CRC if this was for next year or immediately
- -Hasnain said ves
- -Bocarsly asked if they would vote on this next week
- -Hasnain said ves
- -Bocarsly said he would send out an email after this. He said to actually send him an email if they are interested.
- -Mohebi called to question the ARC By-law edits. Seth seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the ARC By-law edits were approved. It was voted 3-0-0 by CRC.

# D. \*USA Contingency Capital Items Fund Application

Seth moved to move into USA Contingency Capital Items Fund Application

- -Jasso passed around the applications. She said she pushed the deadline. She said by doing this, most applications would be on the three week before the date.
- -Mohebi said he liked the font change
- -Jasso said thank you and make sure to apply
- -Mohebi called to question. Seth seconded.
- -Kraman said his monitor is broken and asked if he could still apply
- -Jasso said she's not sure
- -Mason asked if there were steps to take and if there were companies that they could cover it
- -Jasso said this is the first year they capped the database
- -Kraman said thank you
- -Chu asked about the application and how it had to be housed in UCLA
- -Jasso said it could be in Kerckhoff or in a department. She said if their fraternity and sorority relations were not here and they could go and do so
- -Bocarsly asked about the department
- -Jasso said they would work with the advisor
- -Bocarsly asked if QA could apply for the LGBT center for example
- -Jasso said that is where they put audits
- -Mohebi called to question. Seth seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the USA Contingency Capital Items Fund Application was approved

# E. Security in Kerckhoff

- -Hasnain said she met with Champawat and Zimmerman. They talked about vandalism and the fourth floor. She said the broken window theory explains all of it. She said they discussed two different solutions and they could do both, one, or neither. They could put a plaque that would say that after-hours it is only a student space. This would give building security the right to remove students.
- -Champawat said it would be similar language to the signs in the study lounges. He said it would be a sign that said something like "this space is reserved for students, faculty, and staff."
- -Hasnain said the other option could have cameras that could be reviewed if another incident could happen.
- -Champawat said they would have a screen that would look over the building but they wouldn't have someone actively watching it
- -Bocarsly asked how far back it saves
- -Zimmerman said at least a few days
- -Champawat said it's probably around 24 hours. He said if they get a report within a couple of days they could go back to the tapes
- -Zimmerman said there are usually cameras that are well disguised. She said some cameras are really obvious. She said she could use that as adding security so people know that there is a video being taken.
- -Kraman said he has been talking about it with Hasnain. He said in the past, they didn't want intrusion on their privacy so he wanted to make sure it was brought forward.
- -Dr. Nelson asked if the option was mutually exclusive
- -Hasnain said they could do both
- -Hester asked if there were thoughts where building managers would check BruinCards on campus
- -Champawat said there was no sign set up
- -Hester asked if that affected how staffs were set up
- -Champawat said there is no reason for it to be the same. He said it depends on how they use their space.
- -Hester said if they put up the sign, it would be enforced. She asked if someone would be double-

checking that nobody was around

- -Zimmerman said the first week would be when the building managers check in the evening. On weeknights, they have a security officer checking. She said they didn't want to be too restrictive of their office space. She said it is more empowering officers to be able to remove people that aren't supposed to be there
- -Champawat said this isn't necessarily a security sweep. He said when they have the signage; they would have the right to ask people to leave. He said now they could only tell people to leave if they were doing something wrong. He said the sign makes a difference. It allows them to be reactive with a certain power. He said if they are not an affiliate, they might be asked to leave. He said if they don't leave, UCPD can come in. He said everyone has a right to act. He said the sign gives additional power to expel people from those spaces. He said they are not always clear about how all of the offices are functioning.
- -Zimmerman said one of the reasons they wanted to bring it to the table was to get a feel from the council. She said they want to help fulfill their request.
- -Champawat said signing the space they would get their approval. He said since these wings are their signage, they need to say if they want signs and cameras. He said they are protecting them
- -Mason said she is definitely in support of this. She said it might rub some offices a different way of having it in the hallways but if they bring incidents up into light, people would understand. She said there is a difference in having a camera in offices and having a camera in the hallway
- -Bocarsly asked how to proceed
- -Champawat said to decide if they want signage with hours or parameters, it should be taken to a vote. The cameras should be taken to a vote as well so that they are clear that they are not intruding on their space. He said he wants those actions to be explicitly expressed.
- -Bocarsly asked if this should be now
- -Champawat asked if there was anything else to check into.
- -El-Farra said they don't have enough information. She said thank you for bringing this up. She said when it is proposed formally, they should reach out to offices around them to see how they feel about it and their opinions.
- -Champawat said the cameras would be 6 cameras, with 1 on each end of the hallways coming up to the third floor space, on the fourth floor, coming up the back stairway, and then coming out of the elevator coming up from the second floor to the third or the fourth. He said it is tricky since there are some offices come from the study lounge. He said GSA, ASU, and another office would need a camera. He said there would probably be a 7th camera
- -Bocarsly asked where they money would come from
- -Champawat said he didn't know if they wanted to make it about money. He said ASUCLA would want to provide that safety. He said he would advocate to the board and Williams that it shouldn't be about money
- -Hasnain asked for more information to send to everyone
- -El-Farra said yes
- -Bocarsly said it would be an action item
- -Champawat said it would affect their communities

## XI. Announcements

- -Mason said she has flyers for them for Beyond the Label week. She said if your friends couldn't get Macklemore tickets, they would have giveaways on Friday with music and beyond the checkbox. She said it would be exciting. She said their first event is Tuesday.
- -Tancinco said if they emailed her she would put them on the list. She said that some people were on there but not everyone. She said next week they would be screening Hansel and Gretel. There would be a check in for them by the entrance
- -Yoshida said thank you for their support. She said her office is putting on an event with the Clothesline event. They are putting on an event called I Can You Can. She said this would be in

Bruin Plaza from 11-2pm. They would photograph their hands and would be having a display in the Kerckhoff art gallery. She passed around flyers. They have CARE certificate training. There will be a farmer's market Wednesday.

- -Mohebi said Wednesday they would have an event with One Heart Source, Invisible Children, and Amnesty International. This is an African awareness event. They would be doing a hand project and would screen Hotel Rwanda in Moore 100. They are having a study abroad event with international event, students interested in studying abroad, and those who have studied abroad.
- -Chu said she sent out an email. She talked about the Enough is Enough campaign about the Virginia Tech campaign. She said last year it was about dating and domestic abuse and this year it is about stalking. The meeting is this Friday from 3:30-4:30.
- -El-Farra said leg-con apps are due Thursday
- -Yoshida asked what if they apply and something comes up
- -El-Farra said they give them time to accept or decline
- -Starr said Bruin Confidential is starting. He said it is like post secret and they have a typewriter and submission box. It is similar to the piano that was on campus. He said people can type what they want and put their year and major and people will submit them. They will be part of the art gallery for Beyond the Label week.
- -Jasso said January 23rd in Ackerman they would have the second annual all-USAC funding workshop. She said capital contingency will be open on Friday. They appointed an alternate, Stephanie Wong. She said she would be closing out contingency accounts this Friday. She said this way they could recycle the money and put it back into contingency. She said she wanted them to hold her accountable that they would have this before winter quarter ends. She said she would talk about SOOF later. She said last year, some of surplus came from commissions that didn't spend their money. She encouraged them to use their money. She said she didn't want too much surplus left over next year
- -Starr asked why spend the money if they didn't need to spend it
- -Jasso said they could reduce it or put it into other funds. She said this upcoming week; she is starting a comment box where people can write their suggestions and critiques about their funding system. She said this way they could get a better understanding of how students feel about their funding. She said she is always trying to figure out how to be the most efficient with funds -Hasnain said ASB applications are due this Friday

XII.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

# XIII. Adjournment

- Seth moved and Kraman seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- -Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted, Katrina Dimacali USAC Minutes Taker 2012-2013