

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 2, 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: Darren Ramalho

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
- Mohebi moved to strike capital contingency
- El-Farra moved to add the Bruin Wellness Referendum
- With a vote of 9-0-1, the Bruin Wellness Referendum was added to the agenda
- Seth moved to make the referendum an action item
- With a vote of 9-0-1, the referendum was made into an action item
- Seth moved to approve the agenda. Starr seconded. The agenda was approved as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

1 *3/5/13

- Mohebi moved and Hester seconded to approve the minutes for March 5th, 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

Rachel- Volunteer Center

Rachel talked about what was going on this quarter. She passed around papers with information on them. She said the front talks about the recruitment process and they are looking for Volunteer Center Fellows. It is a yearlong commitment. She said they are looking for Project Spell tutors for people to teach to their on campus staff. She said to please do that at the website. She talked about volunteering for Bruin Day. She said they have 8 One Bus, One Causes. She said to please feel free to join. She said they have more information about Project Spell and asked if they had any questions and said to visit their website.

- Hester asked if they program over the summer
- Rachel said they do. She said they have 2 One Bus, One Causes. She said they could probably squeeze one more in but mostly it is Volunteer Day Planning

Sneha and Jenny- EVP Office

- Sneha talked to them in support of the Bruin Wellness Referendum. She said they think UCLA being part of the USSA is important. She said she is from out of state and she said she is from India and USSA is a unique place they could discuss issues and they help them discuss important issues and are an important resource. She said this way, they could have conferences and more people can attend them.
- Jenny said some of them came back from LegCon and some delegates were able to march and even though they were threatened with arrest, they were able to set up a meeting and saw the importance of student power. She talked about student loan forgiveness.

Ross

- He talked about the USSA portion of the referendum. He said it is the nations largest student run organization and they move mountains because of students that are part of this organization. He said 50 cents come out of the student's budget. He said there is less money to transfer to students to go to events. He said they would ask for 25 cents per student per quarter to have more students in these conferences. He said they are investing in their students and their government and making USSA stronger. He said they would allow less dependence on private donors and would give more accountability to the students. He said all students could learn tools to empower themselves and to empower their communities. He said he didn't discover USSA until this summer and went to Wisconsin as a delegate and it changed his life. He said he finally found his niche and it completely gave purpose to what he wanted to do. He said he wanted to go into public policy. He said they were able to make differences in the country and they

helped write policy for debt restructuring. Karen Bass read their proposal and changed legislation based on what she read from students. He said they were following one of the True Bruin mottos of service.

Jimmy Zang

Zang said he is in the IVP office and part of SOL. He said it is doing well and they have made huge process in contacting organizations. Last quarter, he said they should start a night market and incorporate all the Asian cultural orgs. He said little did he know three organizations were planning separate night markets. He said they figured out how to unite the night markets and offered a cross-promotional series of night markets. He talked about CSSA, TASC, etc. to send out the flyers to their listserves. He said it is a pan-Asian cultural tradition. SOL is doing amazing and they hope to pave a united community in the future.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *Contingency Allocations

-Jasso said there were 50 allocations. She said there were 6 organizations that she spoke to. She said some events were going on this week and they needed a 2/3 vote for retroactive funding.

-Seth moved to suspend the bylaws for retroactive funding for the highlighted organizations on the matrix. The total required is \$39,291.34. The total requested was \$17,624.55. The contingency balance is \$46,739.86. The total recommended is \$6,522.65.

-With a vote of 11-0-0, the bylaws were suspended.

-Mohebi called to question contingency allocations. Mason seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, contingency allocations were passed.

B. Cultural Affairs Mini Fund

-Mason said the film and photography society applied for \$271 and only got money for food and they asked for things not in the guidelines. TASK initiative got \$900. The Korean Cultural Awareness Group and PREP and the African Student Union, Habesha Student Association, and MECha received funding.

C. ASRF Allocations

-Ramalho said a total of **\$2,242.27 was requested from ASRF**; of that, a total of **\$2000.00 was allocated**.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

-Bocarsly said after a long time waiting, the student events calendar began student testing. He said this should be able to launch two weeks from now. He said that it should be easy to use and exciting to see this happening. He said he wanted to gauge their interest in an end of the year USAC banquet. He said Mick suggested using the banquet club to have an event. He said that he would pursue a banquet

-Mason asked if they could bundle it with induction.

-Bocarsly said he would ask Zimmerman. He said he would ask if they wanted it in line with that program

-Zimmerman said if they have a banquet, it might be reminiscing and installation is more introducing the new council. She said if they want to make it a larger banquet she is interested in mixing it.

-Bocarsly said the pavilion club is inside the new Pauley. He said they could continue this conversation more.

-Champawat said there is question about traditions. He said there was a reunion for people that came back from the 30's.

-Bocarsly said they could continue that conversation

-El-Farra said that it would be a great idea and it could be them and their staffs

-Jasso said please keep her in the loop for the money because they have the funds.

-Bocarsly said he was thinking about contingency and that he would continue the conversation. He said he had the chance to have a budget briefing with Montero and they gave them a rundown about the regents and state. He said that since 2008, the state said that they had cut their budget \$250 million. He said that was the budget shortfall they had to overcome. He said they hope their education and research stay at the same level. He talked about the increase in enrollment during the last 4 years. He said they wanted to make sure they increase out of state and international students. They are close to 5700 enrolled freshmen for this year. He said they have said this is the maximum capacity they can hold and they cannot increase enrollment anymore

-Dr. Nelson said that is a huge leap and he said not too long ago they had some difficulty getting funding. He said that he did not know this increase would be so great. He said that he knew they had to have out of state and international students but that is a big number. He asked about classes.

-Bocarsly said they had to increase classes and said what we have now is as large of a classroom size as they could afford. He said they have overcome a lot of the budget shortfall.

-Dr. Nelson asked about professors being able to accommodate these students

-Bocarsly said it is a constant struggle to try to get GEs but there was a point where they realized they couldn't keep increasing

-Seth asked if that prompted the move to online education

-Bocarsly said it was that and the proposal towards online education. He said it is an important move but students have been scared of the in class experience of an online education. He said they expressed that and it is a priority for them

-El-Farra said with all of these changes that have had to be made are having a unit cap and that it is harder to get classes

-Bocarsly said the state wants to prioritize higher education and unfortunately if they want to keep tuition down and quality up they need to continue to fight for the prioritization of that. He said because of prop 30, they saw an increase of \$250 million dollars to the UC system. He said one issue they know was talked about was the concept of rebenching. He said he wants to bring that back to the table. He said rebenching has been an ongoing conversation, which basically deals with the allocation of state funds to each part of campus. He said some of the schools have been getting less money and some schools have

asked for reevaluation of how they receive their money. He said this harms UCLA significantly. He said they wanted to keep their hospital run, etc. and it takes more money. He said if UCOP how much they're requiring for each student, they will have to overcompensate for each student, pays them. He said if rebenching doesn't pass, they will see more cuts for state funding.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said they had a south campus activity fair in the court of sciences. She said to program outside of Bruin Plaza. She said they are continuing their relationship with CSP and that there would be workshops on civic engagement, branding, etc. She said she would love to see them and people from their offices. She said next week is their career week. She said the pictures look quite appetizing. She said USAC offices put a lot of effort in career week next week. Week 2 is Enough is Enough week, which is a joint effort from a variety of departments. She said that is going up week 2. She said week 3 is also a heavy programming week and is ally week. She said she appreciates their support and said to keep going until the end of their terms.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

-El-Farra talked about the mayoral election in May. They would have a week of action week 4. She said they would educate students on ballot initiatives. She said during week 3 they were collaborating with one of the days and they would work with AAC to talk about the 1% campaign to use 1% of LAPD's budget. She said nationally, they finished the policy paper earlier in outlining what they believe is what are the important revisions of student loan debt. She said people from all over the country worked on it. She said she presented it to Karen Bass and made their paper into a piece of legislation and it has a high chance of passing. She said they already started lobbying on it. She said statewide, they are continuing their campaign. She said they are extending their lobbying efforts beyond legislatures but also to lobby organizations and corporations around the prop 13 reform campaign.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Darren Ramalho (proxy)

Ramalho talked about the academic equity week. He said they have been working on this all year. He said to encourage their offices and all of their friends. He said they are really excited about that. They have the mobile class and enrollment survey. He said that they are also continuing working with the office for structural development.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said welcome back.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

Lazarovici talked about her fascination with SOL. She said that other school across town has an interesting student government set up where they have assemblies of different student groups all coming together in what seems like a more formal way. She said that is a formal model to consider. She said in

the corporate world and in the world of large organizations, they have worked to reduce variation. She said there is a lot going on this campus and some of it is duplicative. She said that is inefficient and wasteful. She said people who are getting experience now in reducing inefficiencies and waste are building useful skills. She said she was amused by the English major who didn't know what to do with his life because sometimes these go together and sometimes not

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

-Zimmerman said thank you for the tour guides they sent in. She said usually she would give a blurb for each office to the tour guides but if there is something particular they want to portray about their organization she would love to forward it to the tour guides. She said she would make sure tour guides would have a piece of that.

-El-Farra asked if they would go into the office

-Zimmerman said they wouldn't have keys to all the rooms but sometimes doors are open and sometimes not. She said it is mostly walking through the building

-Champawat said they would like to work with them. He said it is a way to plant a seed with some of the things they could be involved with. He said they would have large pieces talking about USA to describe the various offices and what they do.

-Zimmerman said the event will be taking place between 11-3pm on Bruin Day. She said they talked about having an open forum. She said she didn't know if that was something they wanted for Bruin Day.

Roy Champawat- Student Union Director

-Champawat said some of them might have seen a question about the rediscovery of the historic mural of the black experience created in the early 70's of the civil rights movement and what was happening on campus. He said rather than painting over the mural they would put a wall in front of it that would allow future generations to hear about it. He said he was involved with art conservationists. He said he brought the chair of the art restoration master's program at UCLA. They are interested in bringing this piece back. He said they brought Neville Garret back, the original artist. He said in order to give the community a sense of what it's all about and make sure it is in play, they thought about cutting holes and putting Plexiglas in front. He said if they go in front of Panda Express, they could see some of the original mural. He said they were working with how they could conserve the piece. He said they talked about the location because Panda Express was built subsequent when it was placed. He said they don't want to be in a rush to bring a solution. He said they are trying to be respectful of the artwork and that it is very much in play. He said Jacob and Maggie are going to come to the lunch with the conservators.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Derogatory Use of the Word “Retard(ed)” and Call for Respect for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

-Seth moved to approve the resolution

-Hasnain said they are putting together a campaign to end the use of the word “retard” or “retarded” in a negative manner. She said the resolution explains why it is hurtful and how it affects people and calling on everyone to be accountable for the words they use in their everyday lives. She read the resolution as follows:

Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Derogatory Use of the Word “Retard(ed)” and Call for Respect for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Sponsored By:

Anees Hasnain, Community Service Commissioner

Cassarah Chu, Student Wellness Commissioner

Jan Tancinco, Campus Events Commissioner

Carly Yoshida, General Representative 2

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles holds “respect for the rights and dignity of others” as one of its core values, [1]

WHEREAS, the misuse of the word “retard(ed)” as a derogatory word is common on the UCLA campus,

WHEREAS, the derogatory use of the word, “retard(ed)” works in two ways against our community:

- 1 Use of the word insults and puts down individuals with disabilities; in the words of Daniel Schwartz, an adult with a developmental disability, Pathway graduate, and active participant in Best Buddies at UCLA, “I don’t like when people use the word retarded because I think they’re talking about me. It feels kind of awkward,” [2]
- 2 Using the word in a derogatory way makes an association between something bad, inconvenient, or worthless and a person with a disability, which is inaccurate and harmful to the paradigm of disability,

WHEREAS, the Pathway program at UCLA Extension accepts 15-20 students each year, all with an intellectual and/or developmental disability and who are active in the UCLA and Westwood community, [3]

WHEREAS, UCLA Landscape and Grounds indirectly employs individuals with developmental disabilities, making people with disabilities a part of our UCLA community and exposing people with disabilities to the language used undergraduates on a daily basis, [4]

WHEREAS, the Office for Students with Disabilities provides assistance for many undergraduates with learning disabilities, [5]

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2010, President Barack Obama signed Rosa's Law, which changed the federal terminology from "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" to "intellectual disability" and individuals with intellectual disabilities," [6,7]

WHEREAS, California State Legislature passed a bill on April 12, 2012 to amend the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability," [6]

WHEREAS, passage of these bills reflects how both the federal and California state governments recognize the negative connotation that the word "retard(ed)" has taken on,

WHEREAS, this legal change in terminology has not completely penetrated our community,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) respects individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and acknowledges their contribution to and involvement in the UCLA community.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the USAC will continue to support the organizations and initiatives, such as Best Buddies and the "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign, that promote respect towards people with disabilities.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that USAC will encourage the elimination of the word "retard(ed)" as it is used derogatorily.

THEREFORE LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the USAC implores members of the student body to be aware of the impact their words can have on other people and to respect all members of the community.

-
- [1] <http://www.truebruin.ucla.edu/>
- [2] Interview with Daniel Schwartz, participant in Best Buddies at UCLA and an individual living with a developmental disability.
- [3] <https://www.uclaextension.edu/pathway/Pages/faq.aspx>
- [4] <http://map.ais.ucla.edu/portal/site/UCLA/menuitem.789d0eb6c76e7ef0d66b02ddf848344a/?vgnextoid=d692f3051e1e6110VgnVCM100000e1d76180RCRD>
- [5] <http://www.osd.ucla.edu/Index.htm>
- [6] <http://www.r-word.org/contact-your-local-government.aspx>
- [7] Text of Rosa's Law, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-111s2781enr/pdf/BILLS-111s2781enr.pdf>

- Mohebi made a friendly amendment to make it say "the undergraduates" throughout the document
- Seth and Starr said in the therefore let it be finally resolved, it should say USAC implores the student body instead
- Kraman seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the change was made to the resolution.
- Bocarsly asked for clarification on the punctuation
- Mason said for the third whereas, she asked if they could put a double dash between his name to make it more marginalized
- Bocarsly said that is a friendly amendment
- Starr asked if there were more groups on campus when mentioning the groups and asked how many there were
- Hasnain said Best Buddies were the ones that brought it up. She said there is other groups that work with people with disabilities so she would be okay if it were to make it more inclusive
- El-Farra said it does say "such as" so it is an example
- Hasnain said if anyone wanted to do another campaign, they could look at Best Buddies
- Chu said they could also include OSD in this line and Pathways if they wanted to be more inclusive. She moved to add under "let it be resolved" Pathways and the Office of Students with Disabilities. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 11-0-1, the change has been made.
- Kraman asked to add a "further" in one of the last "let it be resolves"
- Hasnain said she would put a quotation before the word individuals
- Bocarsly said before they had "therefore" in every line. The "further" goes before the second to last line
- Hasnain asked if "therefore" was in every line
- Bocarsly said yes
- Kraman said they could get rid of the word "that" in that section
- El-Farra called to question the following resolution as amended.
- Hasnain read the resolution as amended:

Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Derogatory Use of the Word "Retard(ed)" and Call for Respect for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Sponsored By:

Anees Hasnain, Community Service Commissioner
Cassarrah Chu, Student Wellness Commissioner
Jan Tancinco, Campus Events Commissioner
Carly Yoshida, General Representative 2

WHEREAS, the University of California, Los Angeles holds “respect for the rights and dignity of others” as one of its core values, [1]

WHEREAS, the misuse of the word “retard(ed)” as a derogatory word is common on the UCLA campus,

WHEREAS, the derogatory use of the word, “retard(ed)” works in two ways against our community:

- 1 Use of the word insults and puts down individuals with disabilities; in the words of Daniel Schwartz-- an adult with a developmental disability, Pathway graduate, and active participant in Best Buddies at UCLA-- “I don’t like when people use the word retarded because I think they’re talking about me. It feels kind of awkward,” [2]
- 2 Using the word in a derogatory way makes an association between something bad, inconvenient, or worthless and a person with a disability, which is inaccurate and harmful to the paradigm of disability,

WHEREAS, the Pathway program at UCLA Extension accepts 15-20 students each year, all with an intellectual and/or developmental disability and who are active in the UCLA and Westwood community, [3]

WHEREAS, UCLA Landscape and Grounds indirectly employs individuals with developmental disabilities, making people with disabilities a part of our UCLA community and exposing people with disabilities to the language used by undergraduates on a daily basis, [4]

WHEREAS, the Office for Students with Disabilities provides assistance for many undergraduates with learning disabilities, [5]

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2010, President Barack Obama signed Rosa’s Law, which changed the federal terminology from “mental retardation” and “mentally retarded” to “intellectual disability” and “individuals with intellectual disabilities,” [6,7]

WHEREAS, California State Legislature passed a bill on April 12, 2012 to amend the term “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability,” [6]

WHEREAS, passage of these bills reflects how both the federal and California state governments recognize the negative connotation that the word “retard(ed)” has taken on,

WHEREAS, this legal change in terminology has not completely penetrated our community,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Undergraduate Student Association Council (USAC) respects individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and acknowledges their contribution to and involvement in the UCLA community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the USAC will continue to support the organizations and initiatives, such as Best Buddies, Pathways, Office of Students with Disabilities, and the “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign, that promote respect towards people with disabilities.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, the USAC will encourage the elimination of the word “retard(ed)” as it is used derogatorily.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, the USAC implores the student body to be aware of the impact their words can have on other people and to respect all members of the community.

[1] <http://www.truebruin.ucla.edu/>

[2] Interview with Daniel Schwartz, participant in Best Buddies at UCLA and an individual living with a developmental disability.

[3] <https://www.uclaextension.edu/pathway/Pages/faq.aspx>

[4] <http://map.ais.ucla.edu/portal/site/UCLA/menuitem.789d0eb6c76e7ef0d66b02ddf848344a/?vgnextoid=d692f3051e1e6110VgnVCM100000e1d76180RCRD>

[5] <http://www.osd.ucla.edu/Index.htm>

[6] <http://www.r-word.org/contact-your-local-government.aspx>

[7] Text of Rosa's Law, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-111s2781enr/pdf/BILLS-111s2781enr.pdf>

-Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the resolution has been approved.

B. Bruin Bash Referendum

-Mohebi moved to go into Bruin Bash Referendum. Kraman seconded.

-Tancinco said this would generate \$83,000 for Bruin Bash by adding a quarter to each student's fees.

-Dr. Geller said someone would need to do an amendment

-Bocarsly said it would be 33% of the original and 25% of total.

-Dr. Geller asked if they were looking at a total of \$1.33.

-Bocarsly said yes.

-Tancinco read the referendum as follows:

Shall the Undergraduate Students Association Council establish a Bruin Bash Concert and Enormous Activities Fair fund? The majority of Bruin Bash is funded each year from unstable surplus funds from the previous year. Such unstable funding threatens Bruin Bash each year and depletes student programming funding. Shall the Undergraduate Students Association ensure the continuity of Bruin Bash by increasing student fees by \$1.33 per undergraduate student per quarter?

[insert supplemental link here]

-----YES

-----NO

Supplemental Information

Bruin Bash has become a hallmark tradition at UCLA, and is the most attended student program each year, welcoming new and returning students during Welcome Week. The Enormous Activities Fair gives the more than 500 campus organizations and club sport teams the opportunity to share information on their respective organizations and provides opportunities for students to get involved throughout the year. As the event has grown, so too has the cost, and USAC has contributed between \$70,000 and \$90,000 of surplus funds* yearly to allow the program to continue. Because of the instability of our surplus funds, each year, USAC is threatened with not having enough money to fund Bruin Bash.

Furthermore, surplus money spent on Bruin Bash is money that does not go to student programming. This referendum shall be designed to create a Bruin Bash fund, ensuring the continuity of Bruin Bash at its current level, and give more money to student programming, specifically:

- One dollar (\$1.00) to the Bruin Bash Concert and Enormous Activities Fair Fund, a fund that will be created to fund Bruin Bash each year.

- Thirty-three cents (\$0.33) returned to aid. In accordance with University policy, 25% of the amount collected from this referendum will be returned to UCLA students in the form of undergraduate financial aid.
- This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor) every year in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living.

*Surplus funds are unused funds from the previous year that can be spent in the current year.

-Tancinco said herself and Mason discussed the importance of Bruin Bash to create a sense of community and that it is a selling point for UCLA. She said it is a part of the welcome week process and Dr. Nelson talked about why Bruin Bash started in the first place. She said it is a safe space for students to have fun in a safe area with CEC instead of Black Sunday. She said she doesn't know much about Black Sunday and she couldn't really find any information on it, though she did find an article in the Daily Bruin. She said she only heard about it from Ken. She read from the article about how crowds were too big and students went into sidewalks and the streets. Black Sunday is the first Sunday before rush. Greenstein said Black Sunday was a public safety risk. She said on the night of Black Sunday, UCPD has extra staff. There was burglary, sexual assault, possession of alcohol, failure to disperse, etc. In 2001 UCPD stopped parties because people were obstructing the streets. She said thousands of kids and kids from other areas come in and cause problems. She said it ends with in the meantime, IFC is considering an alternate event and they played around with the idea of a popular band coming in to play. She said it is \$1.33 because it would generate around \$83,000 and that is about how much they ask for. She said the events bill was over \$113,000. She said that is enough for the stage, security, and backstage

-Jasso said she knows they have \$50,000 in the budget report. She asked if the funds would go into that account.

-Tancinco said she was not aware.

-Champawat said any funds used to pay for that event would have been surplus money. He said it was not a budgeted amount of money.

-Tancinco said this would cover maybe honorarium. She said last year they got \$35,000 from sponsors. She talked about where else they got funds.

-Dr. Nelson said that Sunday, things were out of control. He said he had been present to see what happened and he remembers walking on the sidewalk and the police were overwhelmed. He said that they have a hospital as well. Drinking was out of control. He said they were concerned about the dangers that would occur if it continued. He said people came from near and far for a party. They were fortunate that there were no serious injuries or fatalities. He told the fraternities to do something as well. He said it was a doing process on the part of the fraternities and USAC to get students to do something more positive. They had a concert and ice cream, a huge film, and a dance in Pauley. He said that was what was so important. He said the university knew that it was important. He said you can't put a dollar sign on someone's life and you don't want to think about money when it comes to someone being severely injured. He said fortunately they didn't have anything comparable to Black Sunday.

-Tancinco said they mentioned rubber bullets

-Dr. Nelson said it is great to get that sense of spirit that UCLA is a great place to be and not having to tell someone that something has happened beyond their control

-Champawat said that illustrates that this isn't just a referendum for a frivolous or indulgent event but it has a serious purpose. It takes something that could be very negative and turns it into something positive.

He said it isn't just that positive indulgence but also has that serious purpose as well and it accomplishes a lot for what they are investing

-Mason said she is torn with this. She said that is just honorarium, which could be over \$100,000. She said the avenues that they are trying to raise money from are something she doesn't want to take from students. She said if it was the universities idea, they should tap into the university. They are not a broke university but they have a poor allocation of funding. She said students have the least amount of resources and she wanted them to step back and do their research before rushing into charging students. She said she would want to see what is best for the student body and what their avenues and methods are. She said it could be something they do in the summer.

-Zimmerman said they could do special elections

-Champawat said it needs to be a valid turnout to get an election.

-Mason said that waiting would give them more trust

-Seth said they have been faced with this problem all year and he said it ends up being a ticket of about \$3 after three quarters. He said they charge around \$100 for USAC. He said that he is anti-programming but Bruin Bash is the hallmark program for UCLA. He said if it is threatened, then it is a testament to the fact that UCLA needs to keep up with the other schools.

-Jasso said they're voting if they should put this on the ballot. She said they are empowering students to see what they want. She talked about the overall impact Bruin Bash could have at the concert. She said that is where she's coming from. She said they couldn't put a price on a life or a memory.

-Tancinco said they are not saying yes to the increase but giving students the option. She said in terms of timeliness, they have already started looking for sponsors. She said they never find out how much they can spend until September or early August. She said her office gets a lot of criticism and having the money earlier would make the process easier.

-Mason said she would want them to also keep in mind that students have had to drop out because of money.

-Hasnain said she agrees with Mason in that regard and that they should also look into other sources of funding. She said that the \$3 is a bigger deal for some people than others. She said they should push to continue the investment from the university.

-Bocarsly said it is an important thing and that Dr. Geller always asks for more money for Bruin Bash. He said that is something they shouldn't stop striving for.

-Jasso said last year with the discussions of CURE, will there be discussions on whether or not council will come out to support it or will it be up to individual offices. She said this way they won't let personal opinions stray away of whether or not this should be on the ballot

-Bocarsly said they would see this again in two weeks. He said they could put a discussion item on the agenda

-Champawat talked about Bruin Bash and the funding and it has been a problem council has faced for years. He said it has always been a problematic thing to get addressed in terms of stability. He said if they get sponsorship money, they would always use the fees first. He said if they have sponsorship money and it wasn't fully needed, the money would always stay in the closed circle of Bruin Bash. He said that is something council has struggled for four years.

-Mohebi said he is an economist but in terms of how it is largely paid for Bruin Bash, it would tie into their money. He said they would be able to find better artists and speakers for the school year. He said it could be a positive thing as well.

-Tancinco echoed her frustration with UCLA and they used to give \$40k and she said it keeps going down. She said another concern is that since they always request surplus money, that money isn't guaranteed. She said the safety wouldn't be there without some sort of stable fund. She said the event won't happen unless they get the money from council.

-Kraman said they are using student fees to pay for Bruin Bash anyway. He said not pulling it from surplus means it is going to other student programs. He said it is a slow move.

-Hester said it sounds like they are giving their opinion but it would be great if they could turn it into an action item to see if they want to see it on the ballot.

-Bocarsly said it seems like there is interest in having a vote on this.

-Champawat said in some sense, some of the USAC money took the event and upgraded it to an event that would be great. He said it was made into a great event. He said that is what the money from students was able to do. He said the administration should provide more funds and he will always try to keep that expectation in place.

-El-Farra asked if it was \$0.25 return

-Bocarsly said it would be \$0.33 return to aid. 25% is a return to aid.

-Dr. Nelson said he had the idea that the history could have a negative connotation. He said it is a festive event for students and they should be aware of this. He said that program no longer exists of something that is on campus. He said this could be a positive event for campus. He said he agrees that it doesn't hurt to ask for money from the chancellor. He said to keep that in mind.

-Hester asked if they could suggest changes to the referendum.

-Bocarsly said yes

-Hester said they could make the main body clearer and asked if they could just write one main question.

-Bocarsly said he wrote it and said that the beginning was clarifying where the money would go to and it indicated who was paying into it. He said if they want to grammatically change it they can as well. He asked someone to change the second sentence about the Enormous Activities Fair and say over 1,000 campus organizations.

-Tancinco said that was on the EAF website

-Dr. Nelson said there is closer to 1,000 groups. He asked if that was based on the number of organizations that could advertise

-Dr. Geller said the bulleted section needs to be in the question. The other thing that needs to be explicit is whether or not it includes summer and they need to state if it includes summer or not

-Bocarsly said he would suggest no. He asked about EAF

-Seth said could be over 950 campus organizations.

-Bocarsly said it would be over 1,000 if they include club sports teams

-Seth moved to say over 1,000 organizations and club sports teams. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the change was approved.

-Bocarsly said they needed to say something about summer and asked if they needed to add CPI

-Dr. Geller said they could repeat it and add CPI. She said it could say that it begins Fall 2014.

-Hester said she made a Google Doc and shared it with them

-Bocarsly asked where they should put it

-Dr. Geller said at the end. She said it would say that that would be subject to a Los Angeles County CPI adjustment factor every year beginning in Fall 2014.

-Bocarsly asked if it would be in the supplement

-Dr. Geller said it could be a bullet point saying that it would not be charged in summer

- Bocarsly said that is two motions
- Kraman moved to add that it would be every year starting Fall 2014. Starr seconded. With a vote of 11-0-1, it has been added.
- Hester moved to change the first sentence so instead of the question, it would say that it would ensure the continuity of Bruin Bash instead of the "shall"
- Dr. Geller said it needs to be framed as a question
- Hester said that the last part is a question
- Champawat said it should say USAC proposes
- Dr. Geller said they could say that
- Hester read it as it was. She said there is another question after the first one. She suggested for the first question, they could say they propose this fund.
- Bocarsly asked if they knew where the fund was going. He said it would say that the council proposes to establish a fund
- Zimmerman said it says USAC proposes to establish a fund
- Starr seconded
- With a vote of 12-0-0, the change has been made
- Starr said to include the \$1.33 in the first sentence.
- Hester said the follow up was a grammatical thing. She said in the second sentence, she was thinking it could be changed to say that Bruin Bash was funded each year. This would change "is" to "has been."
- Dr. Geller said there is a possibility that everything that is not in a question will be moved into supplemental information. She read the question. She encouraged them to take a look at that part and make sure what they have written as a question meets their interest in delivering information. She said the rest might get moved into supplemental.
- Hester asked if they could say that by increasing student fees to a proposed Bruin Bash fund.
- Starr said that they could combine the sentences in case the entire first part is scratched. Hasnain seconded. Seth objected. He moved that it be changed to add EAF.
- Bocarsly said Bruin Bash is inclusive of EAF. He said it is important to say it because we all know that. He said they could add concert and EAF to further clarify it.
- Hester asked if they could ensure the continuity by establishing a Bruin Bash fund
- Tancinco said that she wants them to know that it is for the entire event
- Hester said they could put Bruin Bash and EAF twice
- Seth said Bruin Bash fund sounds better
- Tancinco said it could get cut
- El-Farra said they could always say concert and EAF
- Starr amended his motion to also say that they would include Bruin Bash Concert and EAF fund. Hester seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the changes have been made.
- Hester asked about the first sentence and asked if they needed to identify USAC
- Zimmerman said they could keep the question, as it is and if they have too much language the question could get lost
- Bocarsly said last year it didn't include CPI. He said he's worried if it is too worried
- Dr. Geller said leave it in and if they put something on the ballot, the general council will review it. Then the chancellor would approve it or make changes. If there are changes, they will have the chance to say yes to the changes and put it on the ballot or no and not put it on the ballot. She said they could not add it and they would add it themselves

- El-Farra asked if the UCOP tax would be added to this
- Dr. Geller said the UCOP tax is based on expenditures. The portion of the other ones will definitely have it deducted. She said it is unclear to her if the money that stays within ASUCLA is subject to it or not.
- Champawat said they are still working to see if the tax would affect it
- Bocarsly said they would never be taxed for their own funds
- El-Farra said the other request deals with another entity. She asked for the admin to stay strong with them because she thinks that they shouldn't take money that they are taxing themselves.
- Bocarsly recommended getting rid of the CPI line
- Kraman moved to remove the CPI line. Mason seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the CPI line was removed.
- Kraman called to question. Chu seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the referendum has been approved.

C. Bruin Wellness Referendum- Sergio, Roman Nguyen, Vivian, Rogie, Molly, Lloyd Geran, Kenneth Ramos

- Seth moved to go into the Bruin Wellness Referendum. Starr seconded.
- She passed around information of all of the entities that would be on this referendum. She talked about the entities and how they were evaluated. She said all of the information was in the binders.
- Ramos said they were representing students that are putting together the initiative. He said they have the proposal in front of them. He presented the question, which asked about USAC supporting the efforts of student-initiated community service, college preparation, student retention, and on campus programs for fees of \$9.98 per quarter.
- Dr. Geller said this vote is to put it on the ballot. She said if it is not approved today, there is no second opportunity to put it on the ballot.
- Bocarsly asked if there was a revote
- Dr. Geller said if there are changes, they should revote to accept them or not. She said today gives them the chance to review
- Ramos said the referendum focuses on wellness.
- Vivian talked about how it would help students with graduate school and the tests that students take. She said this would be subsidized by this fund. She talked about the academic travel mini fund, which allocates funds to academic conferences that aid in student academic components. She said that this fund would allow them to go to conferences and allow students to go without worrying about expenses.
- Molly talked about the External Vice President's Office. She said they're asking for \$0.35 a quarter to help cover membership fees for USSA for them to work for their needs and apply it to real life. She said they are working to play an instrumental role to help them to draft policy that affects them as students.
- Sergio talked about fitness improvement through training exercises and diet. He said this would be \$0.45 a quarter and how their staff has been forced to work beyond capacity. He said they are part of the healthy campus initiative and overlooking facilities and custodial staff methods. He said FITTED is really important.
- Ramos talked about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender Campus Resource Center. He said that this would be \$0.25 a quarter. He said that they are looking to augment the budget to service the LGBT community. Now they service 4 students per dollar. He said that there is negative campus hostility towards the LGBT community.

-Rogie talked about the Center for Community College Partnerships, which would be \$0.50 a quarter. More and more people are going to community colleges because they cannot afford to go to 4-year institutions. He said that they are asking for \$0.50 because they want to promote the growth and that the transfer population is the most diverse part of the population.

-Geran talked about the Greek Life Programming Fund, which would be \$0.50 per quarter. He said this is really to alleviate a lack of resources. He said most of the time and energy is spent on the resources.

-Molly talked about the community service mini-fund, which would be \$0.50 a quarter. She said that the chancellor decided that service would be an integral part of the UCLA experience. She said as need has grown, resources are declining. She said she wanted to make sure students are given the adequate resources to do their work adequately and as safely as possible.

-Nguyen said they wanted the cultural and spiritual wellness fund, which would add \$0.50 a quarter. He talked about the campus community and how a lot of issues could have been avoided with exposure to these kinds of events.

-Molly talked about the Community Programs Office, which would help the organizations that dealt with academic, cultural, and academic-services. She said that these help create student leaders and helped create a community. She said a lot of them have participated in these great programs.

-Nguyen talked about the Contingency Programming Fund, which would be \$0.75 a quarter. Last year, there was a lack of surplus funds. He said that since it is heavily relied on surplus, it would be beneficial to have a more stable fund.

-Ramos talked about the Campus Retention Committee, which would add \$1.30 a quarter. He said that CRC is a part of USAC. The large sum is because of the need for their services. He said there are an increased number of students enrolling at UCLA. The demand is increasing and the supply is decreasing. He said they also fund the computer lab, study hall, commuter van service, and the test bank. He said they wanted to ensure students have the resources here and after graduation. He talked about the writing success program and they are seeing a huge increase in the amount of students they are serving. He said their student staff is overworked. He said it is hard to meet needs without the appropriate funds. He talked about ESL students. He talked about the program in winter and spring to help dismissed students to be readmitted and finish their degrees. He said that is why they're asking for \$1.30 a quarter.

-Rogie talked about the Student Initiated Access Committee and they go to high schools and other schools to provide academic services. He said they go to students that are under resourced. He said they go to site weekly. They are asking for \$1.50 a quarter. He said one of their students today is a product of their efforts. He said they work towards getting people into UCLA. He said currently they get money from the state legislature. He said they've had a lot of cuts and the cuts are gradually building.

-Molly said campus climate wouldn't be solved until UCLA is representative of Los Angeles and California. She said that it is about future Bruins.

-Nguyen said Billy Lay is even a student for this committee

-Ramos said this whole referendum is about wellness. He said they trust their student government to work with them and support them on this initiative. He said this is a small picture of the students that have been invested in this referendum.

-Bocarsly said thank you for coming out and for all of them for coming out. He said they would go into a question section.

-Dr. Geller said at the very end of the document, they said it would start in summer 2013. She said it would begin Fall 2013. She said the second question deals with the total amount and the return to aid. She

said she came up with different numbers and it would come up with \$10.00. She said \$10.00 would be the total fee.

-Ramos said the binders encompass binders of all of their evaluations. He said they also do the same thing over summer. He said they are looking at budget proposals or evaluations

-Starr asked about the budget proposals and asked if this was the money allocation.

-Ramos said no. He said one of the papers has the allocations

-Bocarsly asked if they could change the amount

-Starr moved to change the original language in the question to read \$10.00 instead of \$9.98 per quarter.

There were no objections. With a vote of 12-0-0, the amount was changed.

-Starr moved to say that it would be a return of \$2.50 a quarter. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the amount was changed

-Hasnain moved to change the summer session to fall. Starr seconded. With a vote of 10-0-2, it was changed from summer to fall.

-Hasnain asked about the graduate and professional school preparation fund

-Molly said it would be individuals applying for it

-Davis said she spoke with Jasso and Simmons and went through and said all of her funds would fund student groups and that funding individuals would be difficult. She said it would be hard to decide which students would have the most need. She said no matter how much amount that need, they can't have everyone do that. She asked about the travel grant and if it was individual and group

-Molly said individual

-Hasnain asked about the conference fund

-El-Farra said they've had it for a variety of organizations for advocacy-based programs on or off campus. She said they could apply if the event is on campus. She said traveling could be used for retreats.

-Ramos said it would allow students to travel to programs they need to visit

-Davis asked if there is a codified mechanism to fund students

-Jasso said no and she doesn't even know if she could create one

-Chompawat said they need to see if they could do this and see if it was possible through SGA. This action would deteriorate the core funding that would exist. He said they need to identify a mechanism by which this is administered. He said the textbook scholarship would be the model they need to use. They've been able to use financial aid to stratify categories. He said looking at each person's story would be a tremendous amount of work. He said they needed to make sure to the community that there is no inside mechanism to steer money to people without an objective framework. He said they get a large number of eligible people for the textbook scholarship with a witness and they just pull out randomly students. He said the mechanism clarifies it and is not overly cumbersome.

-Seth said he has worked with graduate and prep school preparations. He said if they are supplementing costs, it is not allowed by UCLA standards. He said the best way to go about this is through programs that aren't individualized. He said a lot of what they're doing is free, such as graduate test prep library. He said he doesn't see a need to charge students for something they can get for free

-Hasnain asked if they could push other offices to look more into this since it is so important

-Lazarovici talked about the difference in turnout between this and the difference in conversations before. She said if she was a student and this was on the ballot she would vote for it. She said she votes for everything because they need to resource their society. She said she has a resistance because it feels like what happened with the California State budget where they earmarked money for certain things. She said the Tabaco tax was earmarked. She said the California State Budget project was earmarked because the

legislature threw it open to the voters who may or may not always have the big picture. She sees all of their public institutions going down that path and wondered if that was the best way to go.

-Dr. Geller talked about the different resources that might pay for these conferences. She said that her fund cannot cover some of those expenses

-Starr said in the request, it seems a little strange that undergrads would be paying for certain projects

-Vivian said there was too much work for student directors to do this. She said it was the same thing with retention services. She said that they couldn't meet all of the needs so students fought to have full time audit directors to assist students and to oversee the project while ensuring that it moves smoothly.

-Starr said it is confusing why undergraduates are paying for a full-time employee that focuses on 6 different projects.

-Molly said they are advocating for the community and the retention needs, not overseeing 4 staff members. She said they would see that UCLA students would graduate in 4 years.

-Rogi said that students deal with sensitive information

-Mason said having been involved in maybe 6 of these components, their university is very good at using language to support equality and equity, but when it comes to putting up money, they don't put out money. She said it took a certain amount of student advocacy. She said there is a retention problem because there is a systemic problem on their campus because there is a systemic problem with their society. She said there are other avenues they should go through

-Starr said this is more of a Band-Aid to the issue. He said that it could keep going and the university should pay for going and it

-Jasso said they shouldn't forget that this is a meeting and that Bocarsly is the facilitator. She said they need to have a controlled discussion. She said if they are going to propose an amendment, it is about the language about the referendum to plan it and discuss those as well because they want to move forward. She said her last point has to do with item K, which is the contingency programming fund. She said the fund is an auxiliary source of funding and is not to continuously fund like BOD or any other funding source. She said she doesn't necessarily agree with adding to a fund that wasn't meant to serve that purpose. She said nobody talked to her about it. She said last year, they had a lot of surplus unallocated. She said they had more money than they actually needed. She said adding to a fund that has extra money doesn't make sense.

-Seth talked about paying for directors. He said his office is running a student fee resource guide that shows student fees and how they exist. He said he didn't see a need for more funding and he said that the binders didn't necessarily show how much was there from fees already.

-Bocarsly said this is a financial question

-Ramos said their budget does not go into the millions. He said their budget is about \$750,000. He said the full-time budget directors have high retention because of these staff members. He said that their students need these directors to succeed. He said that these directors have been established for 20 years. He said it is not fair to ask them to question that now.

-Seth said the objective of the committee is great, but he sees the financial bearings of students everyday. He said that the binder showed that the needs were being met and he was asking why they would be giving more

-Bocarsly asked to explain the budget

-Vivian said they were able to look through and that the objectives were not being met because funding was not there. She said most of these retention programs is only meeting 45% of their retention needs.

She said only 45% of her population is graduating. She said they need to read through the language to understand. She said they need to target their populations

-Molly said the needs aren't being met

-Ramos said nobody knows what students need besides students themselves

-Vivian said they all see financial supports. She said she works with students day in and day out. She said he is not the only person that deals with student needs. She said they know the financial situation

-El-Farra said she would like to address the sentiment she's hearing. She said she's heard the term "Band-Aid" solution, such as prop 30. She said she would like to rephrase it because it's not a Band-Aid solution. She said students are facing the problems on a day-to-day situation. She said prop 30 changed the conversations of California. She said people wanted to see education be funded and they need to do it themselves if they have to wait for the campus to change things. She said if they take time to make them see that this is an issue, administrators will realize that students want this to be funded.

-Hasnain addressed the qualitative questions versus the quantitative aspects. She said that they should push themselves be appreciative of all of the work they put in. She talked about contingency and keeping it language based and asked what she suggested

-Jasso said she suggested to strike that entire line item and she said that would be appropriate. She said she also thinks that instead of bickering about project directors, they need to look at the language and understand that that is what they are here to do. She said they need to start looking at the language.

-Bocarsly said he let that conversation continue because there was no difference in revenue and expenses.

-Davis talked about the feasibility about the sections A and B. She said she would like to strike those sections due to the lack of structure to fund individual students and the question of fair funding. She said she would like to strike A and B and if they are stricken she will look into scholarships and the financial aid office to work for ways to alleviate the issues.

-Vivian asked if a student could apply individually if they have a group

-El-Farra said it is generally a delegation

-Jasso said her guidelines allow an individual to apply

-El-Farra said she has never done that

-Zimmerman said that they use the drum and pull individual names. She said the one mechanism that would need to be more hammered out would be how funding would be allocated. She said they are not a bank.

-Bocarsly said in the EVP travel grant individuals could apply

-Starr asked for clarification

-Zimmerman said there is a need for more assistance in graduate school preparation. She said there is not an issue for determining how much funds goes where. She said they could host a seminar that is a 5-hour course for a weekend and pay an instructor to come in. She said there are other ways to affect these goals rather than paying an individual

-Jasso said they have to have a student group sponsorship

-Dr. Geller said a prior council tried to fund prep programs and there were problems because the money could not be given to an individual to take a program. There are issues unique to test prep entities. She said the only way it could effectively be done is the model being described by Patty. She said it has to not turn into a financial aid type of reward because they do not allow disclosure of financial information. She said she would like to give a significant amount of weight of that office's interpretation if there is a need. She said those of the council who hold the offices understand their own needs better than anyone else would. She said she gives deference to whoever is holding the position. She said before entirely

recommending they would be stricken to think about their office and giving the office holder to use it for appropriate programming. She said the answer might be no but it might be yes. She said think about it broadly.

-Bocarsly said AAC funds would be a general fund or create a program.

-Davis said she would like to focus on section A. She said she would like to change it to see if groups would like to invite a test prep person

-Zimmerman said referendum language would be shift and as years go on everything would change. She said she would like to caution language that is too specific. She said they could limit themselves if it is too tight. She said the theme could be the same but broad.

-Bocarsly said they need to make a decision if they want this as a fund in general for the academic affairs commission.

-Davis said to strike the "with the support of" and just making it a general and broad statement but eliminating the application process.

-Bocarsly said he doesn't know if this solves the problem

-El-Farra asked where it goes

-Hasnain said it has to be vague so they could spend the money on the same idea

-Bocarsly said each referendum that goes to an office and it needs to be broad

-Davis asked if they were deciding whether to have \$0.25 for the AAC to use for a focus

-El-Farra said they could make it the general idea

-Seth said working with grad school prep there are only so many ways they could do it. He said they could only do it with the help of outside organizations and that is against UCLA policy. They could make student programming or libraries but you don't need funding for that. He said there is not a need for \$0.25.

-Yoshida said it is up to her and her office if they could do something like this

-Davis said there is a need for grad school preparation and believes there wouldn't be a funding group and where it would go. She proposed a change that would read \$0.25 for a fund that would provide services and information to students. She said she would get rid of the second sentence. She said she would get rid of everything until "with the support of" and get rid of the rest. Davis read section A as she amended.

-Mohebi asked how she sees this being fit if they were to have a class

-Davis said it is up to the year it is and she said that some years an academic affairs commissioner would think of something different

-Mohebi said he is having difficulty understanding where money goes

-Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 8-2-2, section A was amended.

-Starr said they spent an hour talking about the first two line items and they got the document this morning. He said this is a huge increase. He said it seems like such a large request and such a small amount of time to learn about all of these things. He said it seems a little too quick but there are so many student groups on campus that do so many great things, such as Unicamp. He said they stand on Bruinwalk collecting coins. He asked why not include mentorship at UCLA or other programs

-Molly asked if they have the right to deny students to vote on this referendum. She said they are asking them to grant them the right to get students to vote for what they want. She said they ran for office and that is why they're here. She said they're not asking for them to vote yes but for them to give students a voice and have them educate the students.

-Mason said she would like to echo what Molly said. She asked what their timeline is for the referendum.

-Dr. Geller said in two weeks, it would be the last night for them to finalize the ballot. She said anything that is a referendum question on the ballot has to be approved by the office of the president. She said the

chancellor approves it. If there are any changes, they have at the last meeting the chance to know what the changes have to be. She said if they put it off until next week, there is not likely enough time to review all of its components and then catch the chancellor to get his approval. She said the policy they'll look at mostly is section 80-section 87. She said there are a few things in there that have to be vetted. She said they need to verify there is a consistent theme and that everything fits their legal definition of wellness. She said they would need to look at the section about USSA. She said they no longer allow a fee to be given to a non-UCLA entity. She said they would look through all of the language and make sure that everything is consistent with all of the state's current and federal laws. She said if it wasn't one consistent and unified theme, it would have to be split to separate referenda that are. She said if tonight they do not vote to put this on the ballot, the students have the alternate route to gather signatures from 10% of the student body and they would start the review process and it would need to be approved by the chancellor.

-Yoshida said the most important thing is that students have the right to vote but they want to ensure that they are putting forward a referendum that is feasible. She asked if they met with the councils and what is the process behind choosing who is on this committee and if they've looked into all of this

-Molly said they reached out to all 6 councils and the language was written by the president of Gamma Zeta Alpha. She said the 6 council presidents would oversee the money and Carissa would be ex-officio. She said they would vote in case there was a tie.

-Yoshida said going through applications and allocations is a big commitment. She said that is a concern. She asked about the cultural and spiritual awareness fund and asked if they spoke Dr. Geller. She said she is uneasy because it just came into them this morning

-Dr. Nelson they made an interesting observation about public and private schools. He said that administration does a lot of things for students but in private school they don't do that. These students have come up with student ideas and programs. He said these have been the lifeblood of UCLA. He said students initiated many things they might take for granted. He said there wasn't a lot of time to digest the referendum and there wasn't enough time to talk to the people who came up with the referendum. He said that there isn't enough time. He asked if there was enough time to be comfortable moving forward with this referendum. He said how valuable student initiated programs have been. He said he wanted them to understand that this has been the key to UCLA. Private schools they do it for you but public schools you do it yourself

-El-Farra said to not penalize the students for bringing the referendum so late. She said she didn't know they couldn't pay the membership dues to USSA especially because other campuses are running referendums. She said there is a whole thing about how the student government has it as funds they want to collect. She said they cannot create a new fee for the purpose of supporting a non-university program or activity and this has been the policy in 2007. -El Farra said this is something that they pay out of their office.

-Dr. Geller said coming out of her office isn't a problem

-El-Farra asked about the last line

-Dr. Geller said it is a fee or an increase

-El-Farra asked if it could be more general and it could come out of their office

-Dr. Geller said yes

-Zimmerman talked about the USSA fund and how it goes through her office

-El-Farra amended section C and these funds would be paid directly to the EVP office to cover USSA fees. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 10-1-1, the change was approved.

-Kraman asked how they currently get the funds that go to the programs they are putting on, such as outreach and transportation. He said while he sees the value in all of these, he wants to make sure that these are going through the programs.

-Rogi said that they go to schools and mentor them. He said they provide more services.

-Ramos said there are programs but the focus is service

-Rogi said some of them put on workshops.

-Vivian said they do a budget hearing and there is one budget committee

-Kraman asked what increase this would have to the overall budget and asked if they would hire more staff

-Rogi said for SIAC, he is thinking about the future and said they were looking at if they could pay more. He said they would like to teach high school students better writing programs. He said that state funding has been changed. He said they have vast networks in the communities and that when they talk about programs, people will chip in. He said having additional funds would allow them to have field trips. They want to maintain what they have and get some growth money and build a network. He said they push external grants a lot. He said they are looking at big time grants and are thinking bigger scale.

-Hasnain talked about the Greek Life Programming fund. She asked why should this fund be created if they never asked the community service commission for help. She said she was not sure if this was a need that exists. She said she would suggest striking the line item entirely and perhaps putting the \$0.50 elsewhere.

-Jasso said this fund would operate under SGA and logistically they would need more administrative funds.

-Bocarsly said it would go out of their membership fees

-Hasnain moved to strike G

-Zimmerman said she would be interested in talking to CSP

-Bocarsly said if there is an objection they could vote no.

-Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 5-2-5, this section is struck.

-Tancinco asked if it would be split up when people vote for it.

-Seth said that he would need to see what the financials were prior and what the need would be for the future. He said his office has been working with financial literacy and he has met with a grant analyst. He said that banks have been willing to fund financial literacy. He said his issue for this referendum is that it suggests that there is one solution for this program. He said he has frequently met with banks and grant writers who want to give money to these endeavors.

-Mason asked if they could focus on this referendum and to trust the people that brought the referendums up and that they are community conditions for a reason. She said there are a lot of other suggestions they could have taken for the Bruin Bash referendum

-Tancinco asked if SGA needed more funds

-Jasso said it would come from membership fees as an example

-Davis asked about item K

-Jasso retracted what she said

-Hasnain asked if they ever resolved the issues in language about B

-Davis said she was unsure about individuals applying

-Hasnain said they could include this line item but include the guidelines they were operating with. She said groups could apply and take individuals as a delegation

-Davis moved to change item B to read student groups. With a vote of 12-0-0, it has been passed.

- Hester asked what their general plan is for the evening and if they were going to go through A-O.
- Starr said he would like to call to question
- Hester asked if they were going to go through the whole thing or if they would call to question
- Yoshida asked if they could go into a straw vote
- Hasnain asked what a yes straw vote would be
- Bocarsly asked if they wanted to continue into a conversation and 3 said yes. 5 wanted to go to a vote.
- El-Farra moved to strike the US Department of Education and to include the CA governor. Kraman seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 12-0-0, it has been passed.
- Hasnain asked if they have had enough time to go through it to see what they can and can't do
- Dr. Geller asked about FITTED because they can't do funding for a specific organization. She said FITTED is a specific program. She said they are a specific program and said that it supports FITTED not the student organization called FITTED. She said that was the last question she had. She said there may be minor questions they might have
- Starr moved to change the amounts
- Bocarsly said it would be N to \$2.31. He said they would have to strike G as well.
- Dr. Geller said the return to aid was 1/3.
- Hasnain asked if they wanted them to recommend \$10 and reallocating the fund. She asked about the cultural and spiritual awareness fund
- Dr. Geller talked about the cultural and diversity fund that supports diversity or culture and the ABC fund will contribute towards facilities, food, and on-campus organizations but won't cover honorarium, parking, and off-campus vendors and supplies.
- Hasnain asked if they wanted to be allocated the \$0.50. She said \$10 seems like an easier number to market. She asked if they would like to see that redistributed.
- Molly said the striking of the Greek thing is very disheartening because they did not have a majority vote. She said they might as well will have strike the entire thing. She said that her voice was silenced.
- A member of the public said they didn't even let the members of the Greek community speak
- Seth said they would rather put to \$0.25 into the LGBT center
- Hasnain moved to put the \$0.25 into the LGBT center
- El-Farra said they just disregarded what Molly said and asked if they could bring it back. She said they should at least listen to the people that brought it back
- Geran said that money would be extremely useful and they fundraise a lot for the DREAM act. He said they took over 200 students from underrepresented areas to give them workshops. He said they send a lot of people to TV tapings just to raise money. He said he believes that it would be helpful for the entire Greek population because smaller Greek organizations could really use this money. He said that students that are part of smaller communities could be made up of people that might not be able to afford IFC groups.
- Hasnain said the resources weren't exploited well enough. She said that her office can help with these organizations and it is hard for her to tax students even more for something that hasn't been fully exploited for resources that already exist. She said she wished that Bocarsly ceded the floor earlier.
- Bocarsly apologized and said they could open this up again
- Hester said that she didn't feel like these groups didn't deserve but that they were allocating funds for something that doesn't have the institutional framework set and commitment from the groups. She said it makes her personally uncomfortable to propose this to the chancellor if they don't have the framework and the agreements of the people

- Seth said that their need goes along with SIAC. He said that this fund would create something when they could get funds from other sources
- El-Farra voted to add G back. Starr seconded. With a vote of 4-7-1, G was not readed.
- Starr called to question the referendum as recommended. Hasnain seconded
- Zimmerman asked about the \$0.50 and if they are changing the numbers.
- Starr asked if they should change it
- Molly asked if they could move it to cultural and spiritual.
- Zimmerman said she feels like it had two purposes, which were the community service aspect and the cultural aspect of it. She said it would make sense to add \$0.25 to community service mini fund to hit that and \$0.25 to the cultural and spiritual awareness fund.
- Starr said he liked that and asked what they thought
- Rogi said that they were silenced and did not agree
- Bocarsly apologized and said they voted twice
- Zimmerman said they could reallocate the money and that they could put it where they could use it for similar purposes
- El-Farra suggested adding the \$0.50 to cultural and spiritual awareness and asked if they could have it to include Greek organizations
- Jasso asked if they would already be eligible
- El-Farra said yes but it is just a technicality
- Hasnain said she would want to put \$0.25 to the cultural and spiritual awareness with the changed language and \$0.25 to the LGBT section because the minor is being cut. Mason seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-1, this change has been made.
- Bocarsly said D says \$0.50 and I says \$0.75. He said they don't need to change their numbers and that has been affected
- Rogi said LGBT is an academic issue of talking to the college and different avenues. He said that when you're talking about the minor it is a little hazy
- Dr. Geller said that the LGBT minor is not run by the LGBT center
- Hasnain said she was responding to Seth's comments
- Rogi said he was more comfortable with \$0.50
- Starr said he would move to decrease section D to \$0.25 and increase section I to \$1.00. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 8-0-4, the amounts were changed.
- Starr called to question the referendum. El-Farra seconded. Hasnain objected.
- Hasnain asked about funding a department
- Dr. Geller said referenda could fund a department
- Starr called to question. Hasnain seconded. Mason objected.
- Bocarsly said they need to strike page 12
- Mason said the change wasn't made
- Chu asked where it was
- El-Farra said to include "including Greek organizations." She moved to strike page 12. Mason seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, page 12 was struck.
- Hester made a friendly amendment to change the letters after G.
- Starr called to question the Bruin Wellness Referenda as amended. The vote was 6-6-0.
- Zimmerman asked why some people voted no

-Chu said for her, they were expected to give this to the student body and if they don't fully understand the implications, how could they expect the voters to go through all of this. From her perspective, it has been a lot to see what these referenda would entail. She said she would like to commend all of these organizations and she didn't feel comfortable moving this forward with all of these implications

-El-Farra said it is up to the educators to go through this and the student body will have at least a week on it. She said that these students here want to educate students want to go out and educate the student body. She said if the student body doesn't want to be educated they don't have to be but they should give them the chance.

-Bocarsly said he didn't think that he could support this and he said he would vote no. He said that this is still an option to still go out and get signatures. He said they were welcome to talk to them

-Britney said that they were put into the office because they wanted to have a voice. She said that she knows how UCLA works and she is willing to tax herself \$10 a quarter. She said they know students who will support this referendum. She said that their council is silencing them and that it is not okay. She said that they are students that are being silenced and that are not what they are here for. She said that when they ran for office, they had issues that they wanted to put and she asked how many people actually listened. She said they ran without people knowing what they were running for and that is exactly how they are there today. She said they could get the signatures and they will be there until 4am every night if they have to. She said her own student council will not silence them and she said she has already been silenced as a person of color. She said that they were here during spring break working on this and they all witnessed being silenced. She said that it is their job as students. She said they are the voice of the entire UCLA population. She said for them to question why they are there. She said she is disappointed and disheartened. She said that that her council as student has failed her.

-Molly said to question it if they had had opponents and if the council was made up of students who looked like them

-Britney said they could give them all the information and asked if they could do the same. She said when they are silenced, they are silencing that they've done everyday working with students. She said it will matter for student in a year or two years time and these issues won't go away. She said that they've been asking for what they are asking them. She said that every time the referendums are done is because they have already gone to sources that are tapped out. She said that these are the people that they are representing and that they are representing her.

XI. Announcements

-Mohebi said that Tabaco free week is coming up

-Jasso talked about the Are you a Wreck over your Rec workshop

-Seth said that his office will be having events and to make sure to attend

-Yoshida said April is sexual assault awareness month. She highly encouraged them to attend.

-Chu said next week on Wednesday is Roll-Aids when Ackerman is a roller rink from 6-10 in Ackerman.

XII.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Starr moved and Seth 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 11:22 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
2012-2013