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**GSA Cabinet**

**Meeting Minute Overview**

**Regular Meeting**  **Special Meeting**

**February 8, 2016 6:00PM**

**Jim Rowe Memorial Conference Room**

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting is called to order at 6:03PM by Chiao-Wen Lan.

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| **Members Present** | Chiao-Wen Lan, Vice President Internal Affairs; Larry Lai and Wendy Greene, Sustainable Resource Center Directors; David Robert, Melnitz Movies Director; May Bhetrarana, Discretionary Funding Director; Ade Adelaja, Director of Communication; Andres Schneider, Vice President External Affairs; Joel Lanzaga, Vice President Academic Affairs; Sabine Jean, Elections Commissioner; |
| **Members Absent** | Milan Chatterjee, President; Stacey Meeker, Director of Publications; Nicholas Behrman, Director of Events; Wendy Greene, Sustainable Resource Center Directors |
| **Staff Members Present** | Mike Cohen, SOLE Director, Roy Champawat, Director of UCLA Student Union; Vice Chancellor Amy Blum |
| **Others Present** | Michael Skiles |

Quorum is present

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03PM
2. Presentation and Discussion of Vice Chancellor Blum
   1. VC Blum provides guidance to the GSA cabinet, stressing that it is clear that applications for funding need to be considered on a viewpoint neutral basis, especially when considering the use of university funds and mandatory fees. She says that there should be established, published criteria and that decision s should be made from a place of viewpoint neutrality. It is better to not make any decision based on content, she advised. Blum says that we provide funding on a viewpoint-neutral basis, and there is a policy in place wherein if a student objects to the content of an activity they can be refunded for the mandatory fees they paid that went to funding that activity. We cannot prevent anyone from taking offense, but there are procedures in place for this. The safest method would be to not release any funding at all, but we take this risk every day to fund different programs. The campus is doing a complete policy review and will implement the UCOP policy completely to make sure that it includes viewpoint neutrality and to look at various funding policies that are decades old. In regards to the current topic, it would be best to say that we follow the university policy on anti-discrimination, and clearly establish a set of criteria that does not make decisions based on the content of a program. Mandatory student fees are all subject to viewpoint neutral decisions, and the GSA should comply with that and decide how to move forward.
3. GSA Funding Legislation with Michael Skiles
   1. This amendment proposes a very objective process with discretionary funding criteria that is not content or viewpoint based. Having this kind of criteria cold spare the cabinet of any liability issues. It would be within Forum’s authority to increase the amount available to each student group.
   2. Motion to pass a GSA cabinet recommendation of the GSA funding legislation amendment.
      1. 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstains. The motion carries.
4. The meeting is adjourned at 7:30PM