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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday April 7, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Birks, Chacon, Champawat, Hosseini, Liu, Kohles, Melgar, Reodica, Shulman, Sien, Sobhani, Tressel, Tsai, Tuttle, Williams

ABSENT: Garcia, Gonzalez, Nelson, Roth

GUESTS: Grace Ann Cecilio, Thai Le, Karli Santos, Nathaniel Sepulveda, Baily West

I. A. Call to Order

- Hosseini called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Chacon added the Recent Advertisement of the Daily Bruin to New Business as a discussion item.
- Tsai added his officer report.
- Hosseini added Super CPR to Special Presentations.
- Hosseini added OSAC Positions to Appointments.
- Hosseini added Memo Discussion to New Business.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

III. Approval of the Minutes

May 20th, 2008

- Chacon moved and Melgar seconded to approve the Minutes of May 20th, 2008.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of May 20th, 2008 were approved by Acclamation.

June 10th, 2008

- Melgar moved and Tsai seconded to approve the Minutes of June 10th, 2008.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of June 10th, 2008 were approved by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. Dave Valk, Won Together – Support for IFest

- Valk said IFest will be happening April 19th, and will focus on bringing students from across California to stand up for marriage equality. The budget was cut down tremendously, but they are still short of some money. He wanted to ask support for articles in the Daily Bruin, committee support, and to get the word out about it. He said the people putting IFest together come from all of the USAC commissions.
- Sobhani asked about the scheduled events. Valk said it will be in Wilson Plaza, where live music will start at noon and an opening ceremony at 1:00pm with speakers. There will be action booths throughout the Plaza.
- Reodica asked for a rough number of students coming from other campuses. Valk said he does not have that figure yet.
- Tuttle asked if he was working with CSP. He said he is working with Terry Sanders.
- Valk said this is the biggest student led event since Proposition 8.

B. Super CPR

- Jennifer and Christine from SWC said Super CPR is a big event corresponding with the first aid and CPR classes the commission has been sponsoring every week. It will be April 12th from noon to 4:00pm, and you can get a two year CPR certification by attending. There will be free food.

C. Student Regent – Jesse Bernal

- Bernal said he is the Student Regent designate, and he is a graduate student at UCSB right now. The next Regents meeting is from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at UCSD, and it will be the last Regents meeting down south for the next couple of years. Summer fees will be voted on in May, and in July they will vote on Fall, Winter, and Spring fees. The governor recommended an increase to 9.3%, and it may go as high as 19% later. He will propose recommendations in May for metrics to keep student fees accountable and provide better accounting systems.
- Hosseini asked about the Committee for Student Mental Health presentation. Bernal said it showed that the UC has not made strides in providing services for students' mental health. The Regents feel it is not an appropriate time to allocate money to mental health, and that psychological issues are not problems of the UC.

VI. Appointments

A. Nathaniel Sepulveda

- Sepulveda is a first year engineer who is active in floor government and crew. He aims to provide resources to student groups.
- Hosseini asked Sepulveda about his goals for the year. Sepulveda said he hopes to benefit student groups this year.
- Reodica moved and Sien seconded to appoint Nathaniel Sepulveda to OSAC.
- Council appointed Nathaniel Sepulveda to OSAC with a vote of 9-0-0.

B. Grace Cecilio

- Cecilio had two years in Circle K and one year on the District Convention Committee. She sees office space as a way to give visibility to student groups.
- Hosseini asked about her goals. Cecilio said this would be a great learning experience and she wants to get more involved.
- Chacon moved and Reodica seconded to appoint Grace Cecilio to OSAC.
- Council appointed Grace Cecilio to OSAC with a vote of 9-0-0.

C. Karli Santos

- Santos is a second year who is involved in the Student Activist Project.
- Chacon asked Santos to elaborate on why she wants to join OSAC. Santos said she understands the importance of student groups and hopes to further their progress.
- Melgar asked if she would consider to join next year. She said she does not know, but she would consider it.
- Shulman moved and Melgar seconded to appoint Karli Santos to OSAC.
- Council approved Karli Santos to OSAC with a vote of 9-0-0.

D. Jonathan Hsi

- Hsi has some time constraints, but he is efficient and punctual and is very objective.
- Hosseini asked about his goals. Hsi said he is a group signatory, and he sees office space as very important to student groups.
- Reodica moved and Birks seconded to appoint Jonathan Hsi to OSAC.
- Council appointed Jonathan Hsi to OSAC with a vote of 9-0-0.

E. Thai Le

- Le has been apart of floor government and Circle K since being at UCLA. She is also a peer advisor and intern for VSU.
- Hosseini asked if she was a part of a group that applied last year. She was in Circle K.
- Chacon asked about what she wants to change in OSAC. She hopes to see more efficiency and outreach in OSAC this year.
- Chacon moved and Reodica seconded to appoint Thai Le to OSAC.
- Council appointed Thai Le to OSAC with a vote of 9-0-0.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

- Sobhani said there were 12 recommendations and 1 discretionary allocation. A total of \$41,812.65 was requested, and he recommended an allocation of \$6,865.11.
- Reodica moved and Chacon seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations of April 7, 2009.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Allocations of April 7, 2009 were approved, by Acclamation.

B. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund this week.

C. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Academic Affiars Mini-Grant this week.

D. Travel Grants

There were no Travel Grants this week.

E. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Homaira Hosseini

Hosseini said she has a meeting tomorrow for Bruins in the City. She was also contacted by Montero for a date on the town hall. Olson and Waugh will not be available for it until May 28th or June 3rd. She said June 3rd would be the best date for another town

hall. Bruinent is next Thursday and all the money will go towards shelters off campus and for students who are homeless on campus. The website will be up tomorrow. Tuttle asked for some logistical information on Bruinent. Hosseini said it will be at Sunset Rec, and tents will be provided but not sleeping bags.

Hosseini said she will meet with the executive committee in April or May for a final proposal on how students can interact with alumni and how money is invested. She will also be having office hours from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Wednesday and next Tuesday from noon to 2:00pm.

Internal Vice President – Evan Shulman

Shulman said another CRC meeting will be coming up soon, and he will email out the details.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar thanked everyone who came to the master plan town hall. There is a UCSA board meeting this weekend, and next week will be going towards the UCSA budget. His last event is In-District Lobby day, April 24th. Training is in the morning. He is also arranging to take a delegation to the Regents meeting in May.

Student Welfare Commission – Jonathan Tsai

Tsai said his event went very well, and Dakota Fanning was there. Also, at SHAW, a lot of people came. Tomorrow is Bruin Health Symposium, which will be in Bruin Plaza.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Resolution and Support of UCLA Transportation and Zimride Online Carpool Service

- Shulman said the students working on this are looking for solid USAC support. The resolution looks to increase public transportation and ride sharing, as well as helping students save money.
- Hosseini said council informally supported it.
- Birks moved and Shulman seconded to support the resolution.
- Council supported the resolution with a vote of 8-0-1.

B. Memo Discussion

- Hosseini read through the Affordability Committee's Memo.
- Chacon read through the Academic Action Committee's Memo.
- Tuttle said ECP raises various questions on pushing people through school, and it would be good research to see why people left UCLA, either because they graduated or flunked.
- Hosseini said the Student Engagement Committee's Memo could include making a USAC publicist, and the plan of action could be speaking with Williams about feasibility.
- Shulman read from the Sustainability Committee's Memo.
- Tuttle hoped that council would go through several drafts of these memos and to create a living document. Also, contact information in the memos would be relevant.

C. Daily Bruin Advertisement Discussion

- Chacon said he would like to discuss the financial situation of the Daily Bruin, given the advertisement that was in this morning's edition.

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- Champawat said the Daily Bruin has their own committee to oversee finances. They do report to ASUCLABOD.
- Melgar said that advertisement was almost delegitimizing to the paper. The Editor's Note said the entire board was against publishing the advertisement, but they still did it anyway.
- Chacon said there must be a pressing reason to do the front page advertisement.

XI. Announcements

- Hosseini said this past weekend were the student regent interviews, and she forwarded applicants, which were two UCLA students and two UCI students.
- Chacon said CAC has Worldfest next week. The first event is World Culture Night on Monday in Covell at 7:00pm. Also, for Jazz Reggae, they will be using sustainable generators.
- Tuttle asked if these have been widely used before or if UCLA is the first event they are being used. Chacon said he will be getting more information on the technology at a later date.
- Tuttle asked about the risk if they do not work. Chacon said they will be here next week doing a presentation on the generators.
- Tuttle asked if this is a greater risk from last year. Chacon said he does not know yet. The committee will be here next week to answer questions.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Birks moved and Reodica seconded to adjourn.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm, by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker