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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday June 2, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Li, Farmer, Mullins, Faelnar, Lin, Tengco, Banani, Huddy, Nguyen, Wu, Tep, Tuttle,
Nelson, Casillas

ABSENT: Tressel

GUESTS: Allison Armstrong, Brenda Smith, Jack Raab, Gabby from LASA

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Tep strikes her funding reports.

-Mullins added his officer report

-Faelnar strikes her cultural affairs mini grant.

-Bawa added the LASA/Events special presentation to new business.

-Faelnar moved and Tengco seconded to approve.

-The Council unanimously voted to approve the agenda, as amended.

-Huddy moved and Banani seconded to add a library presentation under New Business.

-The council unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

III. Approval of the Minutes— 5/19/09 & 5/26/09

*5/19/09

-Bawa said to send contact information to Webmaster for approval, not Li.

-Bawa mentioned that all summer appointments would be re-approved during the summer.

-Faelnar was present.

*5/26/09

-Tuttle said that on page six, the minutes read that BRC bylaws could not be located. However, they can be located in the bylaws at Article VI, Section D #9A 1) iv.

-Huddy moved and Faelnar seconded to approve the minutes for 5/19/09 and for 5/26/09.

-The council unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. Bruin Bash Funding
Lin

Faelnar,

-Faelnar said that CEC and CAC is presenting Bruin Bash 2009. She said the event consists of a concert and a dance on Sunday of 0 week. She said the event took the place of "black Sunday". She said that there are several stakeholders in the event that are included in the budget planning for the event. She said that there are many returning and new students who attend. She said that this year's event will be a part of the chancellor's initiative. The event will be modeled after the True Bruin initiative, stressing community service. This year's event will incorporate civil and community service. She said that the planners try to bring in the biggest stars to bring in more students to the event.

-Lin said that CEC and CAC cover the costs of the dance and the Enormous Activities Fair. \$40,000 comes from the chancellor's office, and \$3,000 comes from Pan-Hellenic and IFCC. Lin stated that they are requesting \$50k for the event, but they are open to adjusting in accordance with other committees who have asked for money from Contingency Surplus. She stated that this is a very big event and the committees would like to keep this as an institution at UCLA. Champawat stated that USAC would not be able to designate funding from Contingency Surplus from this year, for an event that will take place the following year. Sobhani said that the bylaws, Section C #13 include procedures of how surplus funds are designated. Champawat said that the council considered making a stipulation to the bylaws to be able to designate \$70,000 to Bruin Bash. He said that council should be cautious as to approving surplus funding, because it is not known whether or not there will be funds available. Lin said that although the event is not taking place until next year, she said that planning needs to take place very soon. Faelnar said that the budget affects everything to the scale of the production to the artist that will be invited to perform at the event. Champawat said that the fact that he will work with SGA and FiCom, along with Faelnar and Lin, to come up with a specific proposal as to what adjustment could be made to bylaws. He said that this proposal could serve as more of an announcement to be covered at a later date. Lin and Faelnar withdrew the request for \$50,000. Bawa asked if the approval could be voted for during the summer meetings. Champawat stated that the council is still voting on 08-09 funds, and to approve funding for this event. Sobhani said that there is a special summer contingency that lasts for about six weeks, and then the council will reach the next fiscal school year. Tuttle asked if this was an event that students usually enjoy. The council unanimously responded that it is a very popular event. Lin said that if they did not receive funding, their own committees would have to fund the event. She said that this could alter funding for other events throughout the next school year. Sobhani said that many groups around campus approve of this event, and maybe those groups could consider offering more financial support. Lin stated that Pan-Hellenic and IFC contribute to the extent of their available budget. She did say that CEC and CAC had considered asking the Chancellor's office for additional funding.

- Faelnar and Lin will come back to council after August 1st, when the new fiscal budget begins, with a presentation including additional suggestions.

VI. Appointments

-Flores said that committee appointments will be approved at the special meeting taking place during Finals Week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

There were no Contingency Allocations this week.

B. SOOF Updates

There were no SOOF Updates this week.

C. Academic Success Referendum Fund

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

D. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. Travel Grants

There were no Travel Grants this week.

F. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

-Flores has been working with Vice Chancellors Janina Montero and Steve Olsen to prepare for the UCLA town hall meeting, which will be taking place on Wednesday, June 3rd. The state budget will be discussed, as well as the impact it will have on the university. She said that this will be a very important town hall, and to promote the event to students because they are constituencies. She said that the event will be taking place in Kerckhoff Grand Salon from 12PM-1:30PM. She said that she met with representatives from UNLV about the DREAM act. She will be working on committee to screen applicants for Chief of Police, in order to provide a USAC perspective.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

- She thanked council members for signing up for Summer in the Union events, but noted that August 12th still needed to be filled. She asked members to prepare information about respective offices to be able to present to students. She said that Flores would be speaking with tour guides about how to incorporate USAC into the event. There are five tentative dates for the summer retreat and the council members will be notified of the retreat date shortly.

External Vice President – Susan Li

-Li said that Grassroots Organizing event took place last weekend, 45 people attended. She brought a delegation of UCLA students to Sacramento for the Higher Education hearings. The delegation testified as to why it is important to keep Cal Grants. She said the delegation met with members from other California schools, and are working on building a coalition. She said that UCSA and USSA conference applications are available, and to forward those applications to any staff members who may be interested.

-Tengco asked how many people can attend.

-Li said that USSA conference is taking place in Colorado and depending on funding received, will potentially allow for 13-14 students.

-Tuttle said that he understood the Cal Grant program situation is very dire.

-Li said that she is communicating with legislators to address the importance of the grants, as the Governor's new budget has classified the program as the least significant.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Layhannara Tep

-Tep said that she met today with Scott Waugh and said that he agreed to make a presentation at one of the summer council meetings. She said that Waugh is open for all suggestions from the council, and asked the council to think of issues they would like to discuss with Waugh.

Facilities Commissioner – Tim Mullins

-Mullins said that he, Tengco, and Huddy were able to meet with with members of the administration to discuss the upcoming Undie run and the future of the event. Mullins said that at this point, the administration is looking to USAC to pay for the damages caused by participants in the event, and also all of the emergency medical calls that occur as well. He said that he, Tengco, and Huddy did not agree to anything. He said that Tengco and Huddy had suggested making Undie Run a charitable event.

-Huddy said that he and Tengco are considered making the event a "strip down for charity event".

- Tengco said that some of the concerns from the administration are damages, alcohol, drugs and that is has transpired to become a non-UCLA event. The administration estimates that half of the participants are not UCLA affiliates at all.
- Huddy also said that there have been sexual abuse cases. Nancy Greenstein said that most of the incidents that UCPD deals with are involving non-UCLA students.
- Mullins said that administration does not have a problem with increasing the length of the run route.
- Tengco said that the school might incorporate a wristband system.
- Huddy said that the school could also incorporate a random date for the event to hold the event, to decrease the number of non-UCLA attendees.
- Williams cautioned the council to not take a leadership role in the Undie Run, as council is not in charge of the event. He said that the more the council takes responsibility in planning for the event, the more liability the council could potentially face.
- Bawa recommended speaking with the Student Risk Education Committee, to discuss reducing the cost of emergency response for the event.
- Farmer said that council could always design a process, but if people choose to alter the route themselves, they easily could. He said that the event is really controlled by human action, and could be difficult for the council to regulate.
- Mullins provided a quote from Bob Naples "Every Undie Run could be the last Undie Run". He said that ideally the school could limit the run to only UCLA affiliates; however he said that the council members' goal was to bring this event back to a school event. He said that he does not want USAC to accept liability for the event, and he has no intention of changing the event into USAC Undie Run.
- Bawa asked if this was still a report, or if it was finalized.
- Mullins offered to finalize the report and discussion, and said that council could look forward to seeing the item up for discussion in the future.

IX. Old Business

A. *Standing Committee Assignments

Flores

- Flores called for Acclamation to approve the BRC appointments. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the BRC appointments were approved by Acclamation.

B. * OSAC Allocations

Flores

- Flores said that last week the council decided that the official move-in, move-out time frame is the first week of September. The first week of September will officially be August 31st-September 4th. She said that she will be responsible for the move-in, along with Zimmerman, Champawat, and Argie Mina. She said that fourteen offices are not operated by Locknetics, and nineteen are. The price per office would be \$1,250.00 to install Locknetics. Flores recommends to council to consider allocating Contingency funds set out for installing Locknetics for 15 offices. She said the project would be very beneficial because it will improve accountability for all students, and would make life easier. She said that there are always issues with key returns.
- Champawat said this method would control the number of people who could potentially gain access to offices.
- Zimmerman said that another recommendation would be to install Locknetics on communal office space. This lock system can be programmed to lock and unlock within certain hours.
- Faelnar asked if the council is taking action tonight to approve the funding.
- Flores responded that it did not necessarily have to be approved tonight; she was just bringing the idea to the table for council to consider. She asked for any concerns, questions, or comments.
- Faelnar said that because council allocated \$10,000 for carpeting, she believed the investment in the Locknetics system would be a very valuable investment to protect that new project.
- Champawat said that if Faelnar's opinion was a consensus, then he could come back at a later date with a more detailed proposal.
- Bawa moved and Faelnar seconded to allocate \$5,000 for Locknetics installment.
- Nguyen said that \$5,000 would not cover a substantial amount of offices.

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- Flores said that allocating such a minor amount could result in a messy transition period during the first week of September.
- Tuttle asked how much money would have to be allocated to cover the entire project.
- Flores said that these are rough estimates and Champawat offered to come back to council with an exact request.
- Lin said that it would be wise to wait to approve until Champawat's official proposal. Tengco echoed her sentiments.
- Tengco moved and Bawa seconded to call to question.
- Council voted to approve to call the motion to question with 9 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions.
- Bawa asked if contingency funding would be available during the summer.
- Champawat said that the project would have to be allocated out of next year's contingency fund.
- The council rejected the motion to allocate \$5,000 with 2 in favor, 4 against, and 6 abstentions.
- Council unanimously requested a more exact quote to cover the cost of the project from Champawat.
- Flores said that if the council does decide to allocate money for the project, the funds would come from the 09-10 school year contingency funds.

- Flores said Patty Zimmerman will be working with building maintenance to come up with a reasonable encasement for the poster paper that is available in the computer space. Flores said that an estimate in regards to the cost will be available during the summer.

X. New Business

A. *ASUCLA Carpeting Approval

Sobhani

- Sobhani said last year's council earmarked some capital money that did not get used. He said that something necessary that the committee needed replacement was new carpeting. He said that last year's allocated \$30,000. He said that the carpet will cost \$11.11 per square feet. He said approval is needed from council. He said that this is the last time that council can approve the carpeting. He said that the \$10,000 was earmarked but never approved.
- Lin asked if there was any discussion as to which offices needed new carpets.
- Champawat stated that there should be a multiple stage process that would ensure all offices eventually receive new carpets. He said that he offered himself to objectively seek out the worst carpet in the offices.
- Flores said that approving the ASUCLA carpeting could be the first step to working on the entire student union.
- Sobhani said that \$24,066.58 is the available capital contingency budget and \$78,797.77 is the entire contingency budget.
- Champawat said that \$20,000 could be allocated, and if the maintenance did not utilize all of the funds this summer, that money could then be returned to contingency surplus.
- Tengco asked if council could get an estimate of how many offices could be covered by \$20k.
- Champawat said that OSAC released the total square feet of all offices, but he did not feel a comprehensive review of all of the offices would likely save the council much money. Champawat said that \$20,000 would more than likely cover from 6-10 offices. He said that it is a very general scale.
- Bawa moved and Faelnar to table in order to receive more research.
- Champawat said that if the council does not approve the allocation, then the project may not be completed this summer. He said that it could be problematic for the council to have to decide which offices get carpeted. He said that is open to whatever council wished to do, but his advice was to approve the allocation.
- Sobhani said that this would be the last time for the council to approve it. He said that the council could either approve the funding, or wait until next year.
- Bawa said that she would like to see a more definitive request.
- Sobhani said that there should not really be concerns as this request is aimed at a very specific fund. He said that this fund is to improve the building, and that is the aim of this project.
- Williams suggested having Champawat inspect the offices, and come back to council with his recommendations as to which offices should receive new carpet.
- Flores said that whether the allocation is \$10 or \$20k, the need is on the table. She said that council will continue on endeavor to improve the building.

- Bawa asked if the council was approving a specific amount, or a range from \$10k-\$20k—according to how much of the project was completed.
- Champawat said that the \$24,066.58 is present in the contingency budget, and if not used will convert to surplus. He said that the next chance to approve would be in September or November.
- Farmer moved and Tep seconded to call the motion to table to question.
- The council voted to disapprove the motion to table with a total of 0 for, 7 opposed, 5 abstentions.
- Lin moved and Farmer seconded to approve the allocation of \$10,000 from Capital Contingency fund for carpeting.
- Tengco asked Champawat for his recommendation as to how much funding should be allocated.
- Champawat said that this will not be the only chance to change the carpeting. That is why he left the range of allocation open to the council.
- Huddy said that this was a topic discussed by the previous council, and he was in favor of accepting their recommendation.
- Williams said that believed \$10,000 would be adequate to cover the project.
- Wu asked when the carpeting process would begin. Champawat stated that as soon as the financial backing was received, then maintenance would be able to begin the process. He said that the process would begin during the summer.
- Faelnar moved and Bawa seconded to call to question.
- Huddy asked if the \$10,000 was going to be added to an additional allocation.
- Flores said that according to Champawat, the \$10,000 would be the sole allocation.
- Council voted to take the motion to a vote.
- Council voted to approve the allocation of \$10,000 with 8 in favor, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention.

B. Allison Armstrong and Brenda Smith—UCLA College library

-Armstrong and Smith began coming to present to USAC Council two years ago to give updates about services the library has to present. They rewarded the first undergraduate research award this quarter. The award was endowed by Ruth Simon. Armstrong said that the award judges received 50 applications and were originally going to give out 1 award and 1 runner up. However a surprise donation allowed the library to give out seven additional prizes, two of them were monetary awards. She said that there will be a University Librarian’s Fellowship beginning this fall. The project will be on the library website and will offer stipends to students who receive fellowships. She said that they will be looking for an undergraduate who would be interested in serving for the library.

C. LASA – Jack Raab and Gabby _____

- Raab said that there were some miscalculations of the price for the LASA event. The events office signed off on the event budget with the mistake.
- Williams said that there was an event, and there were miscalculations as to the amount that needed to be charged by the events office to LASA.
- Champawat said he met with Events Office and LASA to work the situation out. He said that this type of problem does not usually occur.
- Flores asked how much the Events Office was asking for to cover the discrepancy.
- Jack said the total discrepancy was \$4,858K and the Events office was asking for \$2,426.50 (half the amount).
- Lin asked if there is anything in the USAC constitution that provides that the council is obligated to cover the expenses.
- Champawat said that he believed this was more of a choice.
- Williams said that the amount that LASA believed they were expected to pay was lower than what they were actually being charged.
- The total amount charged to LASA was \$13,358 dollars, only \$8,500.00 was secured by LASA. This is where the discrepancy came from.*
- Flores opened the floor to entertain discussion.
- Huddy asked if there was ever a signed document with the amount to be charged. Jack Raab said that the amount was an estimate and was not a contract.
- Gabby said that it is referred to as a contract, but a discrepancy could be in the hundreds. She said that this is where the shock comes from the student groups.

- Mullins asked if there is any contract that ensures LASA would even need to be liable for the discrepancy.
- Farmer asked 1) when LASA went to Events Office, 2) and which funding sources the event applied for.
- Gabby said that LASA applied for funding from USA BOD and CPC.
- Farmer asked how much had been received from BOD.
- Gabby said she did not know the exact amount.
- Bawa moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the \$2,426 to absorb the debt incurred by LASA.
- Banani asked which organization would be harmed if USAC did not approve the allocation.
- Raab said that because the Events Office made the error, the office would absorb the debt. He said that the total charges represent the goods and services received.
- Huddy proposed an amendment to give the funds to the Events Office, and not to LASA. Bawa and Nguyen accepted the amendment.*
- Farmer asked why LASA was present.
- Gabby said that a hit to the Events Office could affect other student groups in the future. She said that Events Office does not receive any funding at all, and LASA sent her as a representative to show support.
- Farmer objected to the amendment.
- Huddy proposed his amendment as a first order amendment.
- Council voted to approve the amendment to give the money directly to LASA, unanimously.
- Nguyen said that it is important to approve the motion. He said this is a unique case and the Events Office does not make this mistake often. He said that the office needs the support, and is not looking to be bailed out.
- Tuttle said that he is urging the approval of this allocation, because occasionally errors do occur.
- Bawa said that because the council manages student registration fees, members should bear in mind that the error was an administrative error. She said that students might see this as an error on the council's part. She said that student registration fee should not be utilized for something that was not a student fault.
- Tep agreed that this was an administrative fault, and that funds should not be allocated to the Events Office.
- Tengco said that although he understands the situation, he is worried about the precedents that council could be setting tonight. Tengco called and Bawa seconded to call to question.
- Council voted to bring the motion and amendment to a vote with a total of 8 in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstention. Flores yielded the floor to Raab.
- Raab said that the Events Office admits their error, and that the purpose was not to point fingers. He said that the discrepancy could affect the operations of the event. He said that he has been working for the office for 22 years, and handles around 1,300 student events each year. This is the first time he has ever come to the table to request assistance.
- The council rejected the motion to allocate \$2,426.00 to the Events Office with a vote of 4 in favor, 5 against, and 3 abstentions.
- Mullins moved to consider the topic as a special item.
- Tuttle said in order to add the topic, the council would need to reach a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority in favor. He said the abstentions would not be calculated into the vote. He said the chair could then have a ruling to make. If the chair decided to rule in the matter a majority vote could override her decision.
- Flores offered her ruling that the motion to reconsider was out of order.
- Tuttle said the only window the opposition could pursue was to attempt to override with a majority opinion.*
- Mullins moved and Huddy seconded to overrule the chairperson's decision.
- The council voted to reject the motion to overrule the decision with a vote of 5 in favor, 7 against, and 0 abstentions. Flores' decision was upheld.

AFTER THE MOTION TO ADJOURN FAILED

- Lin moved and Farmer seconded to reconsider the vote to approve allocations to open for discussion.
- Flores rejected Farmer's second as he abstained during the original vote.
- Bawa seconded the motion.
- Lin said that her reason for voting against the motion was that it could possibly make USAC the insurance group for all other student groups. She said funds are promised for student projects, and this allocation would provide additional funding to an event that USAC already allocated funds for.

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-Bawa recognized that it was a mistake but she said that the country is in the middle of an economic crisis. She said that she could not allow student registration fees to pay for an administrative error. She said that as an advocate of the Student Body, she wished to stray the blame away from student groups.

-Nguyen thanked Lin for reconsidering the motion. He said that it is very important to fund the event. He said that as advocates of student groups, the council should vote to approve funding to assist this group that runs student events. He said that failing to allocate funding would ultimately hurt students. He said the Events Office could potentially raise fees in order to cover the deficit.

-Huddy said that the council is operating in an economic crisis, but by not doing anything the student groups would be hurt in the long run. He said that by voting to approve this allocation it would send the message that USAC would be there to make sure business operations run smoothly. He said that this would be a good choice to make to assist student groups.

-Flores said the issue with the language of the motion is that the funding is going to the Events Office. She said that nowhere in the motion does it state that funds will go to cover a LASA event.

-Mullins acknowledged that this was a mistake made in good faith. He said that by making the allocation, it would acknowledge the error and maintain a good relationship with both organizations. He said that the council is not responsible but it would be in good interests of the council to cover the costs incurred.

-Wu said that if this deficit affects the Events Office, it could eventually affect programs that offices such as her own will put on in the future. She said that she wanted more information. She asked for a council member to table to matter until next week and to extend an offer for both Raab and Gabby to return at the meeting.

-Banani said that the Events Office does not have room in their budget to make these types of errors, but it was an unfortunate and rare circumstance. He said that the council should think about allocating funds in good faith. He said that the office has a background of 22 years without a mistake.

-Farmer said that he can acknowledge the mistake, but the council should not bribe the Events Office to avoid higher fees. He said that the message from the council should be to protect student groups.

-Lin said that the Events Office is a vendor. She said that they make money and she believes that they could afford to cover the mistake.

-Tuttle said that this matter may require another week for consideration.

-Champawat said that this is a not a state funded department. It is a self-sustaining independent department. He said that the way that they make money is by non-student events. He stressed that all funds are being brought in by private events. Champawat encouraged the council to review the overall matter.

-Wu moved and Bawa seconded to call the motion to reconsider to question.

-Council voted to approve to call the motion to question unanimously.

-The council voted to reject the motion to reconsider the vote with a vote of 6 in favor, 5 against, and 1 abstention.

-Tuttle said that this matter could not be brought up again.

XI. Announcements

-Bawa said that she is working on establishing quarterly office reports for each member of the council.

-Flores reminded the council about the Town Hall meeting tomorrow.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Bawa moved and Tep seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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