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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday July 28, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Li, Farmer, Faelnar, Mullins, Banani, Huddy, Nguyen, Tan, Tuttle, Nelson, Casillas

ABSENT: Tep, Lin, Tengco, Wu

GUESTS: Patty Zimmerman, Chris Ah San, Jiwei Sun, Levi Dygert, Jamie Yao

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bawa added Jasmine Yu under appointments.

-Bawa moved and Mullins seconded to approve the agenda.

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

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *6/30/09

-Bawa asked to strike: 'a call for USAC divestment is above us at this point'.

-Bawa moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the minutes, as amended.

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

B. *7/14/09

-Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to approve the minutes.

-Council unanimously voted to approve the agenda, as recorded.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

V. Special Presentations

A. David Bloom, Campaign Manager of the UCLA Volunteer Center

-Bloom stated that he is very passionate about volunteer participation. He is ready to work with the President's call for community service, and Chancellor Block's call stressing civic engagement. Bloom asked the council to brainstorm ideas to assist the volunteer center. He said that all affairs regarding the volunteer center will be handled online. The center is stressing student input, and recognizes its utmost importance. He said that after the launch of the center, student involvement will be the prime goal. Bloom discussed the Day of Service to be held on September 21st, 2009, and referred the council to the following website, for answers to many questions: www.uclaevents.com/volunteerday.

-Li asked if non-freshmen students will be allowed to participate, and Bloom stated that transfer students are also included.

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-Flores thanked Bloom for his time.

VI. Appointments

A. Chris Ah San- Community Activities Committee (CAC)

-Bawa said that Ah San received a unanimous recommendation, citing his deep knowledge and understanding of community activities.

-Bawa moved and Li seconded to approve Ah San to CAC.

-Bawa asked Ah San to list his prior involvement.

-Ah San said that he served as the chair the previous year. He gained experience in allocating money to community groups who give aid to others. He also helped to establish more structured guidelines.

-Huddy asked for the top three feats Ah San would like to accomplish.

-Ah San would like to increase the maximum amount of funding, while holding students accountable to avoid funding abuse. He would like to establish an online funding application for students to submit. He would also like to establish DMV polls and funding for background checks.

-Tan asked how Ah San will be able to balance his commitments and time

-Ah San responded that he will have fewer commitments; he gave up two of his biggest commitments from the previous year to spend more time on this appointment.

-Farmer moved and Bawa seconded to call to question.

-The council unanimously voted to approve Ah San to CAC.

B. Jiwei Sun- Committee on Instructional Improvement (CCIIP)

-Bawa moved and Banani seconded to approve Sun to CCIIP

-Nguyen asked Bawa to elaborate on knowledge that Sun lacked during the interview process.

-Bawa stated that he lacked knowledge of transparency on committee's proceedings, and did not know the entire infrastructure of the committee. Nguyen asked Sun to further elaborate.

-Sun stated that he did not know what he was interviewing for. He was an intern last year and became involved with the President's office. He stated that after being given time he will be able to research the committee. He will also read the charter, the duties of the committee, and be able to expand upon them.

-Huddy asked what steps Sun had taken after his interview.

-Sun tried to search for the committee charter on Google, but was unsuccessful. He still needs to read the charter.

-Farmer moved and Banani seconded to call the motion to question.

-The council voted to approve Sun to CCIIP with a total of 7 in favor, 1 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

C. Levi Dygert- Wooden Center Board of Governors (JWC BOG)

-Bawa moved and Li seconded to approve Dygert to the JWC BOG.

-Bawa said that Dygert has a genuine desire to work with sports, and bring in equipment that would help those involved with IM sports. She said that ARC found Dygert to be soft spoken and not as aggressive.

-Nguyen asked Dygert for his primary concern.

-Dygert stated that keeping detailed records of access granted to sports facilities. He is also very interested in promoting sustainability.

-Li asked Dygert to elaborate more into his experiences

-Dygert was a first year intern for USAC. He has worked in the President's office, and also helped work with the BruINTENT Program.

-Huddy moved and Farmer seconded to call to question.

-USAC unanimously voted to approve Dygert to JWC BOG.

D. Jamie Yao- Community Service Mini Fund Committee

-Bawa stated that Yao has demonstrated interest in student needs. With that evaluation, Bawa moved and Faelnar seconded to approve Yao to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.

-Bawa asked Yao to explain why she wishes to sit on the committee, as well as her familiarity with financial aid.

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-Yao wishes to represent student needs, meanwhile increasing transparency. She said financial aid is increasingly important, and she feels that the office has not been functioning as intended. She said that financial aid is an institution that she would like to revive.

-Farmer moved and Faelnar seconded to call to question.

-The council voted to unanimously approve Yao to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.

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 said that she is moving forward with Farmer to re-tune a survey reflecting University true cost, income, important services.

-Nelson said that he attended a meeting last week involving high ranking officials. He said that a decision had been made unanimously that Undie Run must cease because of safety issues. He said that attendees from off campus have been creating problems.

-Li asked what methods would be utilized to ensure that students do not participate in the event.

-Nelson responded that the police would be the method employed.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa has been working closely with the CAC advisor. She said that she will be speaking with all appointed committee representatives, to notify all of liability concerns. She is advocating to stagger furloughs to avoid the shutting down of the Ashe Center. She said she is working with the student group, United for Iran. She asked the council to respond to an e-mail about the upcoming retreat. She said that the retreat will take place in Santa Monica and will involve only USAC members.

External Vice President – Susan Li

-Li said that there will be two action agenda items to cover at the upcoming UCSA conference in Santa Cruz: The Federal DREAM act, and SAFRA—which aims to increase Pell Grants and simplify FAFSA. She said that there are now 4 UCLA students who sit on the board to advocate for these two issues.

Administrative Representatives- Nelson

-Dr. Nelson introduced Dr. Debra Gellar, and announced that Dr. Tuttle stepping down. He said that he is very happy to welcome Gellar, and said that Tuttle will attend meetings as often as possible.

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-Gellar said that she hopes the council utilizes her as a resource to access people and address concerns in Murphy Hall. She will help to facilitate contact with the various administrators. She would like to help make the council's jobs easier, and cannot wait to work with USAC.

IX. Old Business

A. **Banner**

-The council discussed, and agreed that a standing banner with the USAC logo would be most appropriate. They will vote on the proper funding allocation to cover the cost of producing the banner, at the next meeting to be held on August 11th.

X. New Business

There was no New Business to be covered at this meeting.

XI. Announcements

-Banani said that he noticed some concern with Bloom stating that only freshmen and transfer students would be participating in the upcoming day of service. He said that there will be a community service date to be held in November, which will allow for *all* UCLA students to participate.

-Farmer announced that he is looking for a web site designer, and asked for assistance in locating one.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Nguyen moved and Li seconded to adjourn.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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