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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday September 29, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Li, Farmer, Lin, Faelnar, Mullins, Tengco, Banani, Huddy, Tep, Wu, Tan, Champawat, Nelson, Casillas, Tressel

ABSENT: Geller

GUESTS: Daniel Feeney, Sinthuja Nagalingam, Carla Gharibian, Samantha Schaefer, Coreen Weintraub, Michael Kelso, Ashley Brumell.

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Faelnar asked to strike the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant.

-Bawa added two appointments: Ashley Brumell to the Student Initiated Access Committee, and Sinthuja Nagalingam to the Judicial Board.

-Bawa added SOOF Allocations and Contingency Allocations as action items.

-Tep asked to strike the Academic Success Referendum Fund and Academic Affairs Mini-Grant..

-Li asked to strike the EVP travel grant.

-Bawa moved and Banani seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

-Nguyen and Mullins objected because the SOOF allocations were not sent to council members with an adequate amount of time to review. Flores reminded Nguyen that 1/3 of council would have to be in opposition as well. There were a total of 2 in favor of the objection and 10 in opposition.

-The council voted to approve the agenda. as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

IV. Public Comments

Coreen Weintraub—CALPIRG

Weintraub came to the meeting to share updates about the CALPIRG with USAC. She said that the primary issue that CALPIRG is working on is global warming. CALPIRG members are working to start a service corps of students to enter Westwood to inform business owners about how to become more “green”. They will have a table out on Bruin Walk, featuring a “Wall of Debt”. The wall will consist of student contributions highlighting their own personal debt. She extended a welcome to USAC to work together to make sure that the campaign is successful. CALPIRG is also working to keep beaches clean, stop off-shore drilling, and attempting to develop a city-wide ban on Styrofoam. She said that the organization is currently working hard to recruit students to sign up for CALPIRG. CALPIRG will be hosting a conference at Santa Monica College to bring members from all chapters together. Weintraub thanked the council for the time.

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

Ashley Brumell—Student Initiative Access Center (SIAC)

- Bawa said that Brumell received a unanimous recommendation.
- Bawa moved to approve Brummell.
- Brummell said that the job of the SIAC is to ensure that all groups on campus remain aligned with the goals that they have set out. She said that it is important to make certain that the groups remain active and influential in the community.
- Flores asked how involved Brumell has been with SIAC.
- Brumell said that she has been a staff member and volunteer for the past two years. She said that she has gone out in the community, and has gotten a very good feel of the SIAC.
- Banani moved and Farmer seconded to call to question.
- Brumell was unanimously approved to sit on the SIAC for the upcoming year, with a total of 12-0-0.

Sinthuja Nagalingam --Judicial Board

- Bawa moved and Banani seconded to approve Nagalingam to the Judicial Board.
- Nguyen asked how involved she is at UCLA.
- Nagalingam said that she has been involved with Project Literacy, a program that goes out to the Los Angeles community to help teach students to read.
- Bawa moved and Li seconded to call to questions.
- Nalingam was unanimously approved to sit on Judicial Board for the rest of her UCLA career.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

- Tan said that a total of \$2067.27 was requested from Contingency; of that, a total of \$1220.00 is recommended for allocation for this week. He said that CAC and APC did an excellent job applying for funds, but mentioned that the maximum amount of funding for retreats is \$450.00.
- Nguyen moved and Farmer seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations.
- Nguyen moved and Farmer seconded to call to question.
- The Contingency Allocations were approved with a total of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

B. Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF) Allocations

- Grays said that the starting budget for SOOF is \$108,541.33. He said that student groups requested a total eligible request of \$402,274.04. Based off of the organizations Application/Hearing Score, the Total Percentage Requested was \$278,525.61. To get the total allocation, Grays divided the total budget by the total percentage requested, and then multiplied that amount by the percentage requested to get the actual allocations.
- Farmer moved and Tep seconded to approve the SOOF allocations for the Fall quarter.
- Tengco asked why certain groups were highlighted in the spreadsheet.
- Grays said that those respective groups submitted their funding allocations after the hearings.
- Tengco moved and Wu seconded to call to question.
- Council voted to approve the SOOF Allocations with a total of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

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 attended the Student governance conference, and said that she received good advice on how to work with the administration. She thanked council members for attending the Walk Out. She attended an event over the past weekend at Lake Arrowhead with the Student Alumni Association, with a focus on addressing student concerns. Participants at the event talked about financial stability and organizational structure, and they worked on how to be friendlier and also how to collaborate with Alumni. Flores also met with the Internal Vice President of the On Campus Housing Committee (OCHC) to discuss the possibility of holding a council meeting on the Hill. She hopes to have a meet and greet with residents. She also added the idea of hosting dinners with residents on the hill to allow students to ask council members questions. Flores will be attending a meeting with UC President Mark Yudof to discuss the budget cuts and his plan for the year.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

Bawa presented the Student Risk Education Committee Annual Report for 2008-2009. She said last year was a pilot year for the committee and hopes to see stricter enforcement of requirements for student groups. She asked council to read over the programs that are being implemented. She said that the application for event insurance can be found at www.marshcampusconnexions.com/ucla/rso and that the application for liability insurance can be found on the IVP Orgsync Web Site, and encouraged student groups to access the site. They will be working to better monitor those who operate university vehicles. She also said that SREC will be working with the Ashe center to bring more free flu vaccination clinics for students. SREC will be distributing the forms widely.

External Vice President- Susan Li

Li said that she thought Thursday's walkout was a success. She said that an estimated 700 people participated in the walkout. After the event, participants marched to Chancellor Block's office and were able to arrange a meeting for Tuesday at 11 a.m. Three undergraduates, graduate, faculty, and union representatives will be present at the meeting with the Chancellor.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

Tep thanked council again for participating in the walk out. She said that there is a connection between Academic Affairs commission and the Campus Retention Committee.
-Tep moved and Mullins seconded to permit the following appointments: Tevita Folau and Malina Trau to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity (CODEO), and Jason Tengco to Committee on Library & Scholarly Communications.
-The council voted to approve with a total of 11 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 1 abstention.

Administrative Representative—Nelson & Geller

-Nelson said that the Walk Out was a very successful event. He felt that students were very constructive in their efforts, and arranging a meeting with the Chancellor highlighted that success.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

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X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Lin thanked the council for help with the Bruin Bash. She said that tickets for the Jay Z Concert on November 8 are on sale. There have already been about 3,500 tickets sold to UCLA students.
- Farmer said that tonight is the final night to apply for Textbook scholarships.
- Wu said that Res Fest was very successful last Friday.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Farmer 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 7:52p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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