

FINAL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 20, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Tressel

GUESTS: Patty Zimmerman, Chris Grays, Sophie Rane, Judith Perera, Coreen Weintraub, Sean Carroll

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Tep removed the Academic Success Referendum Fund and the Academic Affairs Mini-Grant.

-Faelnar asked to strike the Cultural Affairs Mini Grant.

-Li removed the EVP Travel Grant.

- Tengco moved and Tep seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *10/13/2009

- Faelnar moved and Mullins seconded to approve the minutes for October 13, 2009, as presented.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

Sean Carroll—CALPIRG

Carroll said that CALPIRG held two events today. The Global Warming campaign collected short video interviews to send to President Obama stating that students want to end global warming. Additionally, the Hunger and Homeless campaign sent students to ask customers outside of grocery stores to donate food. They also distributed sandwiches and small meals to homeless people in Westwood, and Carroll invited council to tell staff members about it.

Coreen Weintraub—CALPIRG

Weintraub is coordinating the Oceans campaign. The group is attending a Long beach hearing on Protected Areas, and Weintraub said that the organization has the opportunity to create a state underwater park spanning from Santa Barbara to the Mexico border. Weintraub asked council and staff to sign the petition to show support for the plan. She also said that CALPIRG will be holding leadership conference at Santa Monica College this week, at which members from all over the state of California have been invited.

V. Special Presentations

A. BOD Waiver Pool Funding—Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said that she was asked by ASUCLA to come to council with updates and changes. Waiver pool is a great funding source that started in 1973 to give funding to student groups. The goal is to allocate all the money set aside for the BOD Waiver pool. The biggest hurdle that ASUCLA is finding is meeting deadlines. She said that it is very important to plan ahead, and to make sure applications reach the Board of Directors at least a month and a half before the event. She asked to go to the person making reservations and immediately apply for Waiver Pool funding. She explained that Waiver Pool will cover the base cost expenses, and will also set aside a set spending allowance as well. She said that all payments must be received before the time of the event. Zimmerman also explained that every quarter during 7th week, council must sign up for the lottery to make certain to book a room for weekly meetings.

-Nguyen asked what the deadline is to book equipment.

-Zimmerman said that it is best to have orders in at least a week before.

-Council thanked Zimmerman for her presentation.

VI. Appointments

A. Continuing Appointments

i. Bernice Shaw - BOD

ii. Ezra Wolkenfeld – ASUCLA Communications Board

iii. Laila Fahimuddin – SFAC

iv. Zafir Shaiq – SFAC

-Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to approve the continuing appointees to their respected positions.

-Council unanimously voted to permit Shaw, Wolkenfeld, Fahimuddin, and Shaiq to continue their terms.

B. Appointments Confirmed by USAC during the Summer

i. Jesse Rogel – BOD

ii. Abdallah Jadallah – BOD

iii. Christian Alfaro – BOD

iv. Yanina Casillas – SFAC

v. Sean Scott – SFAC

vi. Brian Tan – Finance Committee (Chair)

vii. Christopher Grays – Budget Review Director

viii. Ben Thaler – ASUCLA Communications Board

ix. Rohan Shamapant – CPC

x. Cameron Rice – CPC

xi. Dai Truong – Community Service Mini Fund (Community Chairperson)

xii. Argie Mina – Office Space Allocation Committee

xiii. Ashley Brumell – Student Initiated Access Committee

xiv. Suza Khy – Student Activities Center Board of Governors

xv. Richard Stevenson – Student Advocate

xvi. Jasmin Yu – Financial Aid Policy Committee

xvii. Jiwei Sun – Committee on Instructional Improvement

xviii. Chris Ah San – Community Activities Committee

xix. Nelson Perez-Olney – Community Activities Committee

xx. Yolanda de Loera – Community Service Mini-Fund

xxi. Arianna Taboada – Community Service Mini-Fund

xxii. Jamie Yao – Community Service Mini-Fund

xxiii. King Adjei-Frimpong – Judicial Board

xxiv. Austin Ford – Student Conduct Committee

xxv. Levi Dygert – Wooden Center Board of Governors

xxvi. Nicholas Chapa – ASUCLA Communications Board

- xxvii. **Maria de Shazer – Community Activities Committee**
- xxviii. **John Tran – Campus Programs Committee**
- xxix. **Haseeb Bajwa – Judicial Board**
- xxx. **Sinthuja Nagalingam – Judicial Board**

-Bawa moved and Mullins seconded to approve the listed names for the remainder of the year.
-Council unanimously voted to approve the listed summer appointees to their positions for the year.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

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

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. Travel Grants

There were no Travel Grants this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Tan said that a total of \$3301.00 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$2234.40 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were MECHA De UCLA, the External Vice President's office, and the IDEAS AB540 Project.

-Mullins moved and Tep seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations as presented by Tan.

-Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Allocations recommending \$3301.00 were approved, as amended.

F. *BOD Allocations

-Grays said that there were 18 groups that applied for BOD funding for Fall Quarter. He said that Fall was a fairly small applicant pool, and only 1/5 of the allowed budget was requested.

-Farmer moved and Faelnar seconded to approve the BOD Allocations for the Fall Quarter of 2009.

-Huddy said that one of the groups received two times higher than the next highest receiving group.

-Grays said that he remained loyal to the formula that he has been using. He said that the group receiving 19,000 provided proper documentation.

-Mullins said that it appears that the Budget Review Director is working in accordance with the guidelines set forth, and that if there are issues with the guidelines then council should possibly consider revising those in the future.

-Tan said that amounts requested from BOD are not issued at the same rate as when they are applied from Contingency. He said that Contingency funding takes the size of events who request higher budgets into consideration.

-Farmer said that he is against caps on spending because he believes that there will gradually be a drop in the opportunity for groups to hold the events they plan. He said that this could restrict the possibility of groups holding events during the future.

-Flores suggested that because there is an interest shown from council to revise guidelines, she suggested forming an Ad Hoc council to work with Grays to revise the guidelines.

-Mullins moved and Farmer seconded to call to question. There were six objections.

-Bawa asked how Bruin Consulting had not completed their application yet still received an interview.

-Grays said that the advisor for that group was absent, and he was notified after he had sent out a mass email to all groups that had started filling out the application for funding.

-Bawa asked if student groups receive confirmation after their advisor reviews the application.

-Grays said that all signatories receive digital confirmation.

- Huddy asked if Grays had ever considered creating an amount requested and eligible requested multiplier. Huddy said that this additional step to the concern might erase hesitations expressed, and could eliminate the need for a request cap.
- Grays said that this formula to him is the most arbitrary in his opinion, and that is why he sticks to the equation.
- Huddy asked if the equation is listed in the guidelines.
- Grays said that he realized this equation works.
- Flores reminded council that there is a motion on the table, and that the discussion is not staying on point. She stated that an Ad Hoc committee should be formed to address concerns, and if council is not going to stay on topic then the motion should be denied.
- Banani said that he believes it might be in the best interest to table the approval until a later date.
- Nelson yielded the table to Grays.
- Grays said that the tabling of this matter could affect events for student groups that are being held this week. He said that the equation presented works, and that this could prolong the success of events
- Banani moved to add a friendly amendment to the original motion as proposed by Farmer.
- Lin asked if prolonging would affect retroactive funding. Grays said that it would undoubtedly affect groups.
- Farmer stated that some groups are working with Events Services, and that the funding that they are waiting for is time-sensitive. He said that revising guidelines will not change numbers. He said that changing or denying this funding could push back funding for a couple of weeks.
- Geller asked if Grays could list the event being funded, and not just the RCOP name in the future.
- Zimmerman said that it is important to remember that even though there might be discrepancies in funding allotted from group to group, there still might be big gaps for those groups to fill who received a higher amount of funding.
- Nguyen moved and Lin seconded to call to question. There were no objections.
- The motion to approve BOD allocations for the fall failed with a total of 3 in favor, 7 in opposition, and 2 abstentions.
- Flores said that BOD allocations for the fall have not been passed, and those groups applying for funds will now be contingent on
- Nelson said that he is very concerned with what this might reflect on council, and wondered if there is a possibility to work something out to make certain that those groups who were allowed funding can proceed with their events. He said that a precedent has been established and he does not see a time when this precedent will end. He asked if there is a way that the council could meet to form a caucus to make certain that all groups receive funding.
- Flores formally called the discussion out of order, and stated that in order for conversation to continue a motion would need to be made.
- Nguyen moved and Bawa seconded to revisit the allocations with an understanding that council will form a committee to review the guidelines presented, at the following meeting. The motion was brought down with a total of 6 in opposition.
- Flores said that it would be possible to approve BOD funding on a group by group basis, however she feels wary of the potential message that would be conveyed after doing so.
- Banani moved and Mullins seconded to reconsider the vote on the first motion, as presented by Farmer. There were no objections.
- Lin said that the funding requested for the Christian Students of Conscience was a collaborative request between a number of groups, and she felt it was important to clarify what numbers could not.
- Tan said that Contingency faced a similar issue over the past year with a student group, and that he believes that the same issue is being faced. He asked the council to consider the fact that these groups are depending on these funds, and also that is very important to approve the allocations to make certain that groups are not affected directly.
- Mullins said that for the sake of giving these groups the money they need, it is in the best interest to approve the allocations and then further consider guideline issues at a later point.
- Bawa said that while she agrees with the fact that all student groups should be allowed to have their funding, she recommended that council review the allocations on an individual basis.
- Farmer said that council is being very reactionary, and that if there were going to be problems with the rubric changes, USAC should have dealt with it when meetings convened during the summer. He said that these groups should not be punished because council kept the rubric used, and that it would be best to approve the allocations.

- Banani said that it would be unfair to approve the groups individually because it would present a different budget for those groups not approved tonight. He once again suggested approving the allocations.
- Flores yielded the floor to Grays.
- Grays said that everything was done fairly. The scores of the three reviewers were averaged together, and that the evaluation method was not arbitrary.
- Tan strongly agreed with Grays and Nelson, and he said it would be fair to penalize the groups that have been allocated with a rubric that council now sees as being obsolete.
- Huddy asked Grays to review the numbers that he had worked out.
- Grays said that it would be very unfair to approve allocations that do not fit the guidelines.
- Bawa affirmed that the changing of numbers would reflect a different guideline change.
- Nguyen said that because the equation used is not listed clearly in the guidelines, council would not be out of order.
- Grays said that it would still be unfair because this funding formula has been used for every application
- Flores said that this formula has also been used for SOOF funding. Flores said that she will convene an Ad Hoc committee, and Bawa stated that she will also sit on the committee.
- Bawa moved and Tep seconded to approve the motion to revisit the vote, to approve the BOD allocations for the fall.
- The motion was approved with a total of 8 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 4 abstentions. The BOD allocations for the fall were approved, as presented by Chris Grays. This was done so with the agreement that an Ad Hoc committee will meet to discuss the concerns voiced by council at this meeting.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

Flores met with Chancellor Block last Friday to discuss reinstating Night Powell. So far, Night Powell has received \$50,000 from a donor, and is waiting for another donor to match that amount. Her office is working to finalize estimates about how much it would cost to keep Night Powell for the entire school year. She asked if council would be interested in allocating \$25,000 to the restoration of Night Powell. She and Li are working on solidifying a date for the budget town hall, and hoping that Block will agree to attend if he likes the proposal. On Friday, Flores is meeting with the new Chief of Police to devise ways to introduce him to the UCLA community, as he has never been a Chief of police for a higher education institution. Flores met with the Student Fee Advisory Committee Tuesday morning to discuss the se of student fees. Her office is looking to implement the Deferred Payment Plan, which was passed by former president Homaira Hosseini.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

- Bawa said that was able to attend the community office welcome banquet, and her office brought information. She met with Janina Montero and Chancellor Block to discuss issued concerning physical, sexual, and verbal harassment. They also discussed student code of conduct, and how that will affect the student conduct committee. This is being reviewed further. Her office is looking into establishing a meditation and non-denominational prayer room to provide a safe space for prayer and reflection. She is also advocating for a women’s only hour in the Wooden Center in the Circuit Room. Bawa said her office is working on bringing additional safety lights on campus. She said that the campus does not have enough, and the phones are not currently mapped. Bawa said that Evening Van pool hours are significantly shorter, and CSO escorts are not highly utilized; she would like to begin discussion to extend the hours of the Van Pool and reconsider the stops for the van.
- Nelson said that the number needs to be changed on Emergency phones from 9-1-1 to the Campus Police Number. Nelson asked if there are individuals or groups that have been notified for harassing groups.
- Bawa said that the names have been forwarded to Bob Naples and Janina Montero, and that the student conduct code is being revisited because even hate speech is protected by free speech clauses. There have been suggestions to notify student groups if there might be antagonistic groups convening, to encourage the safety of all students.

External Vice President- Susan Li

-Li said that she went to Washington D.C. representing USSA at “a Better Deal” conference in D.C. as a student rep. She attended the UCSA meeting in San Francisco. Currently there are 2,000 people scheduled to be bussed to the UCLA campus to voice opinions at the Regent’s meeting. Li met with Montero and Bob Naples to discuss holding a town hall, and hopes to have Block agree to meeting before the Regent’s meeting. This week, her office will be lobbying for the DREAM act, on Thursday and Friday. Her office will also be working on student aid reform next week and asked council to provide office meeting times to allow Li to present for 5 minutes.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

-Tep moved and seconded to consent the appointment of Jasmine Yu to a position on the Academic Senate.
-Council voted unanimously to consent the approval of Sun and Van to the Academic Senate, with a total of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

Berky Nelson

Nelson said that UCLA students need to make certain that students from other campuses do not use the gathering at the Regent’s Meeting to further advance their own cause. He supports Li and the action she is taking to make sure that this exchange is handled safely, but said that there are still concerns on behalf of the University. He said that it is important to make sure that members from other campuses need to make sure that students behave.

Debra Geller

The student conduct code revisions, some minor and some significant, are being distributed for campus review. Geller asked council to review the proposal and to share the changes with other students—she cited the importance of bringing student voice into the review. She said in the past there has not been enough student voice, and the code has been implemented as proposed. She said it is important to make sure that the policy is reviewed by all members of the UCLA community. She said that if there is ever a concern with a student on campus, it is very important to contact the Consultation and Response Team to ensure student welfare, and to make sure that students who need support receive that help. In conjunction with NASPA, the national Student Affairs professional association, UCLA will be launching an “Enough is Enough” campaign with programs next April designed to seek an end to student violence on campus. Student Affairs is looking for student organizations to provide programming assistance.

-Bawa and Wu expressed their interest in working with the campaign.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Wu said that there is a CPR class in Ackerman 3517 on Friday. She said that those interested in becoming certified should contact her office.

-Lin said CEC will be co-programming a free Alicia Keys show in Royce Hall next week. There will also be a Q&A session held by Jamie Foxx, or Will and Jada Pinkett Smith.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

FINAL

- Bawa moved and Mullins 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 8:42p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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