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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 27, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Wu, Farmer, Lin, Faelnar, Nguyen, Mullins, Tengco, Banani, Tep, Tan, Geller, Casillas, Zimmerman

ABSENT: Flores, Nelson, Huddy, Li

GUESTS: Sally Zhu, JC Rivera, Vanessa Angulo, Arielle Kallish, Sarah Diringier, Jason Smith, Sarah Schaeffer

I. A. Call to Order

- Internal Vice President Shahida Bawa called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

-Faelnar removed the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant report.

- Tengco moved and Farmer 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. *10/20/2009

- Mullins moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the minutes for October 20, 2009.

- 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

Sally Zhu and JC De Vera

-Sally and JC attended the meeting to speak about issues with a lock in Kerckhoff 412. A computer that was purchased for their office over the summer was stolen from someone who gained access into their office space. Another incident occurred on Wednesday, October 18th when an individual was found sleeping on a couch in the same office—this individual also did not have permission to be in the office. They expressed concern with the safety and security of their office, for group members, and also for Kerckhoff Hall. They asked USAC to consider removing the lock for Kerckhoff 412, and replacing it with a LockNetic Device.

-Nguyen asked if there are any people in possession of keys to the office who are no longer affiliated with the club.

-JC said that he is unaware of who has keys for the office, and also mentioned that the lock can be broken into easily.

-Zimmerman said that she read the report, but was aware of the stolen computer. She said that she will put in a request with maintenance to replace or change the lock. She assured the representatives that this problem is being fixed, and will provide updates as necessary.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

A. Vanessa Angulo – SHAC

-Bawa said that her compelling interview exemplified her familiarity with issues at hand. She has shown an interest to invest student voice to the board. Angulo received a unanimous recommendation from ARC.

-Farmer moved and Tengco seconded to approve Angulo to SHAC.

-Faelnar asked which relevant on-campus experience she can contribute.

-Angulo has served on the LGBT advisory committee, and is also a leader for various groups on campus. She feels that this experience could help her to invest student voice in the board over the next year.

-Tep asked what student health issues would be priority.

-She cited the H1N1 outbreak and lack of vaccinations, and also that students have expressed concern with lack of care on campus.

-Farmer moved and Tep seconded to call to question.

-Angulo was unanimously approved to SHAC with a total of 9 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

B. Arielle Kallish – ASUCLA Communications Board

-Bawa said that Kallish received a unanimous recommendation from ARC. The review committee found her to be very articulate and impressive, making note of her very compelling interview, relevant experience and also because of her determination to fix the financial deficit that the board is facing.

-Farmer moved and Tep seconded to approve Kallish to the Communications Board.

-Nguyen asked to elaborate on goals, and how she hopes to increase readership.

-Kallish said that she has noticed that many of student magazines are not working enough on improving and utilizing websites; she would like to work harder to develop online sources to increase readership.

-Tep asked what her understanding is of the role of the Communications Board.

-Kallish said that the Communications Board oversees student media policy, and provides fiscal management. The board also hires and appoints editors-in-chief, and deal with the budget.

-Mullins asked if she has experience working with administrators, and how she plans to use this experience to work with administration in the future.

-Kallish served as a student trustee at her Community College, where she worked with administrators for two years. She said that she has no problem standing up to someone with which she disagrees. She is also able to exercise discretion to respect the boundaries of her office.

-Farmer moved and Banani seconded to call to question.

-Kallish was unanimously approved to serve on the ASUCLA Communications board, with a total of 9 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

C. Sarah Diringer – Green Initiative Fund

- Bawa said that Diringer received a unanimous recommendation from ARC. The review committee found Diringer to be very knowledgeable of the Fund, citing her in depth knowledge of sustainable causes, and also because of her demonstrated history with TGIF.

-Mullins moved and Farmer seconded to approve Diringer to TGIF.

-Tep asked what experience Diringer has had with managing funding.

-Diringer has managed funding for the band fraternity and other organizations. She said that she has the knowledge to be able to spread funds out in a reasonable and fair manner.

-Tengco asked how much of the TGIF fund has been used.

-She said that she did not know the exact amount, but that she has found problems with the transparency of the fund and the application for it.

-Tengco asked how she plans to make the fund more visible.

- Diringer plans to better advertise this referendum fund. She would like to mention TGIF in the Daily Bruin to reach out to a larger group of students.
- Nguyen asked what programs she would like to see using the fund.
- Diringer said there is a group that would like to create a large scale project that would deliver energy produced from exercise machines at the Wooden Center to the power plant. She would also like to see more groups who focus on recycling make use of the fund.
- Faelnar moved and Tep seconded to call to question.
- Diringer was unanimously approved to the Green Initiative Fund, with a total of 9 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

D. Jason Smith – Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee

- Bawa said that Smith received a positive recommendation from ARC, with a total of 1 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 2 abstentions. Bawa said that he has specific priorities within the Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee.
- Tengco moved and Farmer seconded to approve Smith to the Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee.
- Nguyen asked Bawa to discuss the recommendations.
- Farmer said that there were two abstentions because there was a question of what he could offer, and because more of his justifications during his interview were based on his personal interests.
- Tengco asked Smith to elaborate on his prior experience.
- Smith has been involved with various groups including Afrikan Student Union, LGBT, and the Office of Residential Life. He said that he has met many different people from all walks of life, and would like to make sure that the voices of underrepresented groups on campus are heard.
- Faelnar asked Smith which issue related to enrollment is most important.
- Smith said that the budget cuts, and the way those will affect enrollment, are very critical to the campus. He would like to make certain that more money is invested in the Honor's Programs on campus. He believes that money needs to be invested because the cost of higher education is rising.
- Mullins said that he would assume the budget for this committee could potentially be decreasing, and asked if Smith has ideas to make sure that money is being distributed evenly.
- He said that he would like to work with the CPO and other organizations to work on tackling the budget issue. He feels that it is important to work with others to make certain that ideas presented are not done narrowly.
- Nguyen asked how Smith plans to make certain that all groups are represented equally, including out-of-state students. He said that rising tuition costs are presenting problems for all students.
- Smith said that he is aware of the increase for out-of-state students, but cited the possibility of surveys to send out to all students. He said that even though he has the experience in his particular field, he would like to make an effort to help all students. He said that he does not have a particular idea at this point, but is sure that he will have stronger ideas while serving on the committee.
- Tep moved and Farmer seconded to call to question.
- Smith was approved to the Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee with a total of 6 in favor, 2 in opposition, and 1 abstention.

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 \$2493.09 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$1235.07 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were Group Folklorico de UCLA and Sigma Pi Sigma.

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

-There was no discussion. Nguyen moved and Tep seconded to call to question.

-Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Allocations recommending \$1235.07 were approved, as amended.

III. Officer and Member Reports

President—Cinthia Flores

-Flores said that her office has made advancements with welcoming the new Chief of Police. Together, they have come up with three ways to make the Chief and UCPD more visible to the campus. 1) He has agreed to participate in a Town Hall style meeting planned for sometime during 8th week. 2) Work to establish a student leader safety training to make certain that students are aware of safety situation protocol, and by 3) allowing UCPD to co-program with USAC. For example, USAC could potentially co-sponsor the EMT Accreditation Program currently solely sponsored by UCPD. Flores met with Judy Smith, Vice Provost of the university. Smith will be at the meeting next week to discuss WASC. Flores will be meeting with Janina Montero to discuss the deferred payment program, as well as the blue and gold service award.

-Geller asked if there were any Night Powell updates.

-Flores said that she spoke with Bob Naples last week, and the coalition is still trying to get another donor to secure an amount. The Graduate Student Association is unfortunately unable to offer financial support. Flores is working on establishing a committee focused solely on the restoration and maintenance of Night Powell.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa said that she and Banani have been coordinating programs for LiveScan with UCPD. They are working to make certain that undocumented students volunteering at the university go through LiveScan without having their status affected adversely. There will be a Survivor Rights Forum held at Santa Monica College on November 7, and Bawa asked council to forward the flyer to all contacts. She is also piloting a Peer Navigator Prevention Program which will pair students with survivors. The students will provide friendship and guidance to survivors. She is also working to increase the number of H1N1 vaccinations, and will be speaking with Ashe center. Tomorrow, the first BruN TENT meeting is scheduled to be held in Franz Hall 5208A at 7PM. Bawa also said that there have been Student Code of Conduct concerns brought up by groups, and she would like to convene a group within USAC to make certain that student voice is incorporated into the code.

External Vice President- Susan Li

-Proxy for Li said that the EVP office is working on getting student delegates ready for the Students of Color conference- November 13-15. The next event is the upcoming Regent's meeting, where the regents will be voting on fee increases. There will be buses coming in from Northern and Southern California, and the goal is to bring 2,000 or more UC students to the campus. Karen Bass and Jerry Brown will also be on campus to discuss the potential affects that the increases could have on students. He said that more information from the EVP office in regards to the event will be given soon.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

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-Tep reminded council of the Undergraduate Student Initiated Education program. USIE allows students of either Junior or Senior status, who are in good academic standing, to design, propose, and facilitate a course of rigorous academic content. She said that for those who are interested in facilitating a course, the application deadline is set for Monday November 9, at 5:00PM.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Lin said that Larry King, and Penn and Teller have offered to do speaking events for a reasonable price, and invited USAC offices to co-program.

-Zimmerman said that the TGIF applications can be found under the Funding tab on the USAC website, and will be due during 9th week. Groups can be very creative with ideas, and she asked council to spread the word. Zimmerman said that the fund is for Undergraduates and is not exclusive to individuals, groups, or small committees.

-Bawa asked to spread the word about the BruINtent program initial meeting tomorrow.

-BLT said that the Bruin Resource Center will be holding an event on November 6 for students with children.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Mullins moved and Farmer 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 8:09p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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