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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 10, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Tressel

GUESTS: Coreen Weintraub, Ronald Arruejo (Proxy for Li), Sophie Rane, Sarah Dobjensky

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

-Tan asked to add Contingency Allocations as an action item.

-Tep asked to strike the Academic Affairs Mini-Grant report.

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

- Bawa 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. *11/03/2009

- Faelnar moved and Mullins seconded to approve the minutes for November 3, 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

Sarah Dobjensky& Coreen Weintraub-CALPIRG

-Dobjensky said that CALPIRG has been holding a pledge drive for the past two weeks. The group still needs 150 pledges to hit their recruitment goal and to keep the chapter operating during winter quarter. They will be holding a big final push on Friday. A number of students had the opportunity to attend Power Shift Regional Summits, which were held at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Members attended one of 11 gatherings to exercise the political power of young voters and ask President Obama and Congress to pass a clean energy jobs plan by December to rebuild the economy, end dependence on unclean energy, and to help bring America lasting security. Students also learned how to advocate for an end to Global warming. Weintraub said that she is running the Oceans Campaign for CALPIRG. She will be forwarding information to council about the first Ocean Coalition meeting.

V. Special Presentations

A. Queer Pin@y Conference Resolution—Jason Tengco

- Tengco said that the Queer Pin@y Conference (QPC) will be taking place next weekend in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom. The QPC was founded at UCLA ten years ago, and Tengco expressed excitement because the event is coming back to its starting location. He said that many workshops are scheduled, and three meals will also be provided for attendees.
- Flores thanked Tengco for his presentation.

VI. Appointments

- Flores said that council should expect to vote on a new group of appointments next week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

- Tep said that a total of \$750.00 was requested from ASRF; of that, a total of \$750.00 was allocated.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. EVP Travel Grants

- Li said that total of \$1898.50 from the EVP Travel Grant was requested this week; of that, a total of \$200.00 was allocated.

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 \$3873.92 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$2473.92 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were the Undergraduate Business Society, Alpha Pi Alpha Fraternity, the Philosophy Club, Student Welfare Commission, and the Hindu Students Council.

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

-Mullins and Huddy withdrew the motion and second to permit a question from Banani.

-Banani asked if the retreat allocation max is \$450.00.

-Tan said that the event in question itself is a conference, not a retreat.

-Mullins moved and Huddy 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 \$2473.92.00 were approved, as amended.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

Flores said she has been working with Li to plan events for the UC Regent Meeting on November 17-19th. In particular, Flores and Li are organizing for the 18th and 19th. The vote on student fee increases will take place on the 18th. She will be attending the Students of Color Conference over the weekend. She will be meeting with other UC Student Body Presidents, and will participate in the UC President's Council meeting. The council will be discussing programs administered through student assessed fees (referendum funds), and how to maintain the integrity of the funds. The primary goal is to make certain that funds from students' fees are not added to general funds.

-Geller asked for any Town Hall updates.

-Flores and The Graduate Student Association President are scheduling a meeting with Chancellor Block for November 23, 2009.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa said that there will be a BruINTENT meeting held tomorrow evening in the Sproul Lecture Room at 6PM. She will also be attending the Student of Color Conference. She will be heading discussions of cause and effect of media censorship on the war on Afghanistan. She will also be holding a Question and Answer seminar on Islam, and the theory and fundamentals behind the religion. On Thursday evening, Bawa will be holding a Health Care panel forum. There will be a presentation on the rhetoric of the bill passed in the House of Representatives over the past week. The presentation also has aims to prepare students to become civically involved in the process.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

-Tep said that the class she is facilitating, M117 Student-Initiated Retention and Outreach Issues in Higher Education is being held during Winter Quarter on Fridays at 10AM.

-Geller asked which faculty member is facilitating the course.

-Tep said that Professor Macias will be the main lecturer for the course.

Debra Geller

-Geller is working on ways to alleviate liability of student run programs on campus. She met with Chancellor Block yesterday. Once he gives permission to move forward with the project, Geller will be setting up a conversation to be held during the first week of December. She will be sharing information as soon as dates are confirmed. She said that there is a belief that adding UCLA to the beginning of a group name adds a certain sense of credibility. Secondly, Geller offered congratulations to specific council members, and USAC in general, for the role played in re-instating Night Powell. The donors who contributed \$100,000 have asked to remain anonymous, but she said that it could still be beneficial to author thank you notes to send to the donors. She would like to be able to send off a package of letters to the donors before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Queer Pin@y Conference Resolution*

-Tengco presented council with the following resolution for adoption:

*University of California, Los Angeles
Undergraduate Students Association Council
Resolution in Support of Queer Pin@y Conference*

WHEREAS, Queer Pin@y Conference (QPC) originated at UCLA in 1999 with the theme titled “On the Verge” and was organized by founders Mark Ng and Christine Balance,

WHEREAS, Queer Pin@y Conference 1999 was the first of its kind and hosted over 250 participants nationwide,

WHEREAS, Queer Pin@y Conference was hosted at UCLA again in 2000 and 2004, at UC Davis in 2007, at UC San Diego in 2008, and at UC Berkeley in 2005 and 2008,

AND WHEREAS, Queer Pin@y Conference continues to be the only queer Pilipino conference in the nation,

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) recognizes the 10 year anniversary since the founding of Queer Pin@y Conference at UCLA in 1999,

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council celebrates Queer Pin@y Conference 2009 at UCLA on November 21 with the theme titled "Bring It Back,"

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council stands in solidarity with the queer Pin@y community in both recognizing and celebrating the achievements of queer Pin@ys nationwide.

SPONSORS:

*Jason Tengco
General Representative 1*

*Abigail Faelnar
Cultural Affairs Commissioner*

*Susan Li
External Vice President*

-Mullins moved and Tep seconded to formally recognize the resolution.

-Farmer asked if the resolution will be published in the Daily Bruin.

-Tengco said that the resolution will not be printed in the Daily Bruin, but will only be distributed in programs for the event.

-Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to formally recognize the resolution.

XI. Announcements

-Tengco reminded council of his upcoming events, and invited all council members to attend. Those programs are a Health Care Debate between Bruin Republicans and Bruin Democrats, a Career Center event on the Hill, the DiverseCity Tours Downtown LA Art Walk, and the Queer Pin@y Conference.

-Wu said that on November 11 from 7-9 is going to be a "Be Safe But Still Have Fun" event.

-Banani reminded council about the Community Service Day taking place this upcoming Saturday.

-The Financial Support Commission will be holding a program next week to educate transfer students about graduate school. He also reminded council to spread the word about the textbook scholarship applications which are due next Friday.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Banani 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 7:39p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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