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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 17, 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, Tressel, Williams, Zimmerman

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Sarah Diringer, Coreen Weintraub

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

-Bawa said that Nguyen's officer report is not an action item.

- Bawa moved and Mullins 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. *11/10/2009

-Banani said that the amount he asked about should read 450, not 400.

- Bawa moved and Faelnar seconded to approve the minutes for November 10, 2009, as amended

- 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

Coreen Weintraub—CALPIRG

Weintraub said that CALPIRG completed the fall quarter pledge drive last Friday, and the organization was able to sign up 870 pledges. She said that the number was a bit lower than anticipated, but it was enough to keep the chapter afloat for the quarter. Today, the chapter held a press conference in front of Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center discussing the current health care system, and how it is not working well for younger people. There will be a Styrofoam ban coalition meeting on Tuesday, December 1st. Weintraub met with Karen Noh, Director of Special Projects for ASUCLA, and believes that CALPIRG has found an ally in the effort.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

-Flores said that she recently gave Bawa a list of the final appointments to be made. There are still vacancies in certain positions, and she is working diligently to fill the positions. She asked council to invite others to apply.

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

-Faelnar said that a total of \$3,783.89 was requested from the Programming Fund; of that, a total of \$2,030.10 was allocated. Those groups requesting funds were Samahang Pilipino and Christian Students of Conscience.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Tan said that a total of \$11,081.00 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$4218.22 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were the Internal Vice President's Office, Queer Alliance, Phi Sigma Rho, La Familia, USEU (Union Salvadorense de Estudiantes Universitarios), the General Representative 3 Office, the External Vice President's Office, Hooligan Theater Company, United Afghan Club, General Representative 2 Office, and the General Representative 1 Office.

- Tengco moved and Mullins 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 \$4218.22 were approved, as amended.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

-Flores said that she is helping to construct the thank you letters for the anonymous donors who pledged money to help restore Night Powell. She asked how the donors should be referred to in the letters.

-Geller said that they should all be referred to as "donor", as they wish to remain anonymous.

-Flores said that Janina Montero will be attending the meeting on December 1st, to discuss the current budget situation, and also offer some projections for upcoming years. Flores will be co-hosting a town hall with Chancellor Block on November 23rd, at 3PM. She and Jamal Madni, the Graduate Student Association President, have drafted preliminary questions to ask the Chancellor, and they will also be facilitating the discussion following. There will be a controlled discussion with Block, followed by an open question and answer period. Flores will be scheduling a follow-up meeting with UC President Mark Yudof in December regarding the student fee increase vote that is scheduled to be made tomorrow, or the following day. She is also working to ensure that there will not be any student fees used for general campus expenses.

-Nelson asked if there has been discussion as to where student fees should be allocated.

-Flores said that student fees are set out for a specific fund, and a referendum that was drafted set them out for the fund. However, some of these funds might have been used for general expenses of the university.

-Williams said that all funds that have been kept from furloughs have stayed within ASUCLA, and those funds will stay with the program.

-Geller said that all savings collected from furloughs have not and will not be used for general campus use. She asked if there is any estimate as to the size of the town hall meeting.

-Flores said that they are currently projecting 50-60 guests, but due to circumstances that number could be significantly higher.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa said that her office will be holding presentation of the Senate bill for health care reform on Thursday, followed by a student lobby workshop. The workshop is aimed at instructing students how to voice concerns and opinions to any members in hierarchal system. The Students of Color Conference at UCSD was last weekend, and Bawa said that the event was very well planned and executed. She is planning on bringing some additional CPR trainings co-programmed with the Student Welfare Commission during the winter quarter.

External Vice President- Susan Li

-Li said the EVP Office brought 150 representatives to the Students of Color Conference, where UCLA had the second largest delegation. She has been meeting with numerous coalitions and officials to make certain that events surrounding the UC Regents meeting are as safe as possible for all those involved, and all members of the campus, in general.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

-Tep said that she is meeting with Judith Smith tomorrow about the WASC Reaccreditation process and the Challenge 45 proposition. She invited council to forward any questions and suggestions.

General Representative 3—Thach Nguyen

-Nguyen shared a presentation outlining the structure of his office, including the organization of his staff. His office is divided into three categories, which are focusing on Advocacy, Support, and Programming. His office fall retreat was held at Big Bear. A subcommittee of the Advocacy division is focusing mainly on sustainability. This committee has been working to create an online service to upload online unofficial transcript submission for job seekers. The same subcommittee is working on developing paper-less academic course evaluations, a Green Week, a Pepsi Challenge, Lobbying City Council for SPPA, creating a Sustainability Suggestion Box on My UCLA, and also institutionalizing a Sustainability Council. Green Week is scheduled for Spring Quarter. The Pepsi Challenge is going to resemble similar blind-surveys commissioned by Pepsi-Cola. Nguyen said that research has shown that more people prefer faucet water over bottled water, and the challenge will see if similar results are found. The advocacy commission has worked to increase the value of on-hill resident meal swipes. A verbal commitment has been reached with the Director of Meal and Dining Services to add a 20 cent increase to each swipe. His office is also working to improve the sack lunch program. The Programming division is directing the Bruin Bear Security Force, which is being held this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Nguyen said that he feels the events are particularly important because there will not be a Beat 'SC week this year. This committee is co-programming with OCHC and Rally Committee, and the coalition is trying to make Beat 'SC Day a carnival style event. Domino's, Disney, Fox Searchlight, Fat Dogs, and other local businesses have pledged their sponsorship. In the winter, Programming will be working on a homeless student related project, Orientation Part 3, and a Blue and Gold (GREEN) week.

Dr. Berky Nelson—Administrative Representative

-Nelson acknowledged and commended the efforts of council members to ensure the safety of all attendees at the upcoming regents meetings. He told council to keep in mind that UCLA is the body's home campus, and to keep an eye out for vandalism and any other destruction that could result from an unfavorable vote.

IX. Old Business

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There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Tengco reminded council to attend the Queer Pin@y Conference this upcoming weekend.
- Wu said that next Tuesday, November 24th, is International AIDS Day hosted by the Student Welfare Commission. She said that this is a chance for students to raise awareness and break stigmas surrounding AIDS. A rally and parade will be held at 11:50a.m. in De Neve Plaza. There will also be a fair at 12PM where free HIV testing will be conducted.
- Huddy said that his staff members will be contacting council members to brainstorm ways to design Facebook fan pages highlighting each office.
- Zimmerman said that she is working on a handbook for next year's council, and will be offering members to offer advice and suggestions for future USAC officers.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Banani 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 7:44p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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