

FINAL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday December 1, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Coreen Weintraub, Matt Spring, Chris Ah San, Erienne Overli, Yuka Ogino, Suza Khy, Don Andres,
Yannina Casillas, Janina Montero, Daniel Carrington, Chris Flores, Jesus Ceballos, Tiffany Cho,
Samantha Schaefer, and Shoshee Jau.

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Flores added a special budget overview presentation by Janina Montero, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

-Tep asked to strike reports for the Academic Affairs Mini Grant and the Academic Success Referendum Fund. She also asked to move her report to the first item line position under Officer Reports.

-Mullins asked to strike the Special Budget Presentation, as listed under Special Presentations.

-Bawa said that the resolution presented by Mullins listed as New Business was not received up to 3 school days prior to the meeting, and will be removed from the agenda.

-Mullins moved and Nguyen seconded to restore the Call to Action Resolution as an action line item. Bawa objected. Three members voted in favor of the motion on the table, with six in opposition, and 3 abstentions. The motion presented by Mullins was not approved, and the item stricken from the agenda.

- Flores explained that all infractions to the USAC bylaws require a 3/4 vote in the affirmative to reach an override. Flores said that the request to add the item was received within time limits, but the bylaws state that all items to be presented must also be in place within three school days.

-Li asked to strike the EVP travel grant reports.

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

-Nguyen asked to strike the General Representative 3 officer report.

- Bawa moved and Faelnar 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. *11/24/2009

-Nguyen moved and Tengco seconded to approve the minutes for November 24, 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

Correen Weintraub—Oceans Campaign for CALPIRG

Campaigns next quarter: 1) Oceans Campaign, styrofoam ban aiming for city and state-wide. 2) Global Warming, working for first national bill to fight global warming. 3) Hunger and homelessness—to make students aware of local and national homeless level. 4) Affordable Education Campaign—“What’s Your Plan” gubernatorial campaign... working to pass SAFRA through the house as well. 5) TO continue health care campaign, for health care reform. 6) Also including campaign to protect Cal Grants, and looking forward to partner with USAC members. Invited council to provide feedback on existing and potential campaigns, and thanked for the time.

V. Special Presentations

A. Janina Montero—Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Monroe Gorden—Chief Administrative Officer for the Office of Student Affairs

-Montero introduced a presentation intended to serve as a first review of the Student Affairs budget.

-Gorden presented a breakdown of the Student Affairs Budget Overview. The budget consists of two funding types: Permanent Funding and Temporary funding. Permanent funds are allocated to organizations through the Adjusted Budget process which revolves around the fiscal year, and not the academic calendar. The permanent allocation is provided to organizations on July 1st of each year. Gorden said that the adjusted budgets for organizations rarely increase. In order to provide any increase, further allocations from the State of California and the University of California Office of the President would need to be received. Gorden did mention that while increases are very rare, decreases and budget cuts may be implemented as necessary. Temporary funding cannot be used to cover salaries. This fund is determined year to year and these funds are not permitted to be allowed in such manner. There are two types of temporary funds, the first being one-time temporary funding commitment. Gorden said that an example of this type of funding is the chancellor’s allocation to provide funds to update the Student Record System. The Continuing Funding Commitment includes registration funds, state general funds, State General Outreach Funds, Gifts, and Outreach. Registration funds (20000 funds) are allocated via the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC), while State General Funds (19900 funds) are allocated via Chancellor Block. The Registration Fee (20000) is composed of collected fees from each registered student. Gorden stated that these funds are not permitted to be used for general campus expenses. The Registration fund is allocated through the SFAC. The Contract and Grants fund includes the Work Study program, a contract with the Federal government to provide a monetary subsidiary to assist college students. Allocations from the Gifts fund are provided for a specific reason. Gorden shared that the total amount of UCLA operational resources for 2008-2009 was \$173.2 million; of that, \$107.3 million was allocated through student financial aid resources, and the remaining \$65.9 million utilized for operational resources. Staff and benefits compensation cost the university \$46.7 million (or 71%). The major funding resources for Student Affairs are general funds, registration fee funds, and sales and service funds. The amount of General funds totaled \$24.3 million.

-Montero said that general fees are not intermingled with registration fees, noting that the two are quite specifically separate for a reason. She said that the current budgetary challenges include staff members being asked to absorb benefits shortfall (from the 199xx and 2000x funding sources). Montero added that UCLA staff is also facing a 4% UC Retirement Contribution drop (effective April 15, 2010) which will also have an impact on 199xx and 2000x sources. The University also faces a 1.2% Programmatic Budget Reduction, ultimately resulting in further salary reductions and furlough. The 2008-2009 budget reduction was \$184,900. Chancellor Block, upon the recommendation of SFAC, agreed to fund OMP/Utilities (permanent fund), Benefits Shortfall, and University of California Retirement Plans (UCRP) contributions. The UC system has also implemented a one-year, system wide furlough program for all employees. The number of days required for each employee is dependent on a rising salary scale. Student Affairs plans to continue looking for way to promote efficiency for the organization. Montero said that the office needs to complete some reconfiguring and develop ways to operate with less funding. The office has already consolidated organizations such as Bruin Corps/EAOP, Student Developments/SAIRO, the Bruins Resource Center (CWM), and the ADA/504 Compliance Office. Montero will continue to reassess and review organizational structure for any restructuring potential. She is very concerned with the inability to continue providing the same services in offices such as the Financial Aid Office, with the limited budgetary

situation. She said some potential solutions may include consolidation of IT, budget, and payroll/personnel staff. Three years ago, a unit self-study was implemented to externally review select units of staff. Montero said that the review is extremely labor intensive and covers 2-3 units per year. Student Affairs will focus on external funding sources (grants and donors) to aid certain groups of students in dire need of assistance. Montero said that some groups being focused on are veterans, students with disabilities, and foster students; currently these groups do not receive any funding from the University. The key focus of Student Affairs is to promote programs involving student leadership and community service.

-Farmer inquired about the projected length of the furlough program.

-Montero said that UC President Yudof has made it quite clear that he does not want the furlough program to extend beyond a year. However, she said that the problem that Student Affairs is facing revolves around determining where to derive funds to cover the cost of maintaining the number of employees.

-Farmer asked about the methodology used to consolidate existing programs.

-Montero said that her office is very interested at looking at ways to effectively consolidate, meanwhile keeping cuts at a minimum. She noted that in particular, the consolidation of IT services and budget support would not directly affect students on a notable level.

-Flores asked about how funds saved from the 20000 fund will be redistributed.

-Montero said that the funds cannot be redirected and are being maintained.

- Flores thanked Montero for her time.

VI. Appointments

-Flores said that the Academic Review Committee conducts interviews on Wednesdays and Fridays. The committee was unable to meet last week due to the holiday. She told council to anticipate appointments for an upcoming meeting.

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 \$1747.50 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$1447.50 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were the Office of the General Representative 1, the Film and Photography Society, and Crossroads Campus Ministries.

- Farmer 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 \$1447.50 were approved, as amended.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

-Flores said she will be attending the University of California Commission on the Future on December 7th, 2009. The body is composed of staff, graduate students, faculty members, and undergraduate students concerned with the status of the UC system. Flores said that the commission will focus discussions on access and affordability, as well as seminars on diversity. Flores will be speaking on behalf of the UCLA

undergraduate body. She will be discussing the potential effects of enrollment cuts, as well as the effects of not investing in higher education. She met with Jamal Madni from the Graduate Student Association to discuss particular elements to be addressed. UCLA will be the last campus visited by the commission, and Flores anticipated leaving the commission meeting with a preliminary understanding of the potential future condition of the UC system. The EVP and President's offices are working to bring Karen Bass to UCLA on January 16th, bypassing the previously planned date of December 5th in order to allow Bass to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the budget, and allow her to present students with more comprehensive answers. Flores has been working with Janina Montero to establish the deferred payment plan. Currently they are working on case-by-case basis for students who are facing severe financial crises, in response to tuition hikes. Flores, along with the Financial Empowerment Director of the President's office will be meeting with staff from the Emergency Loan Department of the Student Loan Office to increase the amount of money that can be allocated to students. Loans are billed to students on the 20th of the following month after requesting emergency funding.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa said that the Internal Vice President's office co-sponsored custom work out hours in the circuit room yesterday. The event was guided by personal trainers who provided guidance with equipment, and also offered advice on how to gain privacy in the work out space. The event was successful and will lead to establishing a custom hours schedule for winter quarter. Bawa will be conducting ARC interviews next week. She will also be attending the UC Commission on the Future with Flores, and will provide updates at the next meeting.

External Vice President- Susan Li

-Li yielded the floor EVP office staff members: Christopher De Santos, Matt Spring, Chris Ah San, and Erienne Overli. De Santos has been working on campus involvement, with activities beginning during zero week of fall quarter. He worked on the logistics surrounding the Regents meeting and is now seeing the effects of reactions and misunderstandings to some of the less anticipated events that occurred. He said that a significant amount of research is being conducted, and he ultimately believes that students should be included, and their voices should never be suppressed. De Santo said that his intention is to hold the university accountable at all times when dealing with affordability. The Undergraduate committee is working on "March of Education", a student action month advocating for college affordability. The month will begin with a lobby day at the state capitol, and the EVP office will be working with other UC and CSU students to finalize plans and logistics for the event. Ah San said that the Lobby Force is bringing pressure to bear more focus on several issues decided at the beginning of the year, namely SAFRA and CAL GRANTS legislation, the California Democracy Act, and matters concerning fee hikes and Regent accountability. Ah San said that the impact brought upon by the potential passage of SAFRA is immeasurable. He said that the Corps is working assiduously to ensure the act is passes. Ah San also mentioned Governor Schwarzenegger's line item vetoes that directly affected the commission charged with distribution of CAL GRANTS. Ah San said that the Lobby Corps is open to all suggestions from the council to help address the situation. He also encouraged all offices to stay informed and active in these very important affairs. Overli focused her presentation on the DREAM ACT. She has been working to contact legislators with MECHA de UCLA.

-Li said that the main reason she yielded the floor was to introduce the council to members of her staff who have been working diligently on a state level. Li will be meeting with other UC EVPs over the Winter Break.

-Ah San highly encouraged students to join lobby visits.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

-Tep presented the following appointments to the academic senate for USAC confirmation: Zuhail Bahaduri to the Undergraduate Council, Tiffany Cho to the General Education Governance Committee, Yuka Ogina to the General Education Governance Committee, and Suza Khy to the Faculty Executive Committee.

-Tep moved and Tengco seconded to approve the preceding appointees to their respective positions on the academic senate, as consent items as consent names.

-The council voted to consent the approval of the named appointees to their respective positions on the academic senate, with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

Dr. Debra Geller-Administrative Representative

Geller mentioned that 2010 is the year of an annual Census. All students living in residents halls will be required to respond to the Census, and students living in apartments will be receiving their surveys at their respective addresses. She anticipates Census Employees coming to present at a meeting during Winter Quarter to recruit student census workers. She will be forwarding an e-mail to share with students who are interested to apply.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Tan said that Contingency Allocations will be issued later during the week in during winter quarter, because the Financial Committee will be reduced in size, and will be meeting weekly on Mondays.

-Zimmerman said that the ASUCLA events office waiver pool applications are due next Friday, December 11th and that application covers funding for events ranging from December 27th up until the end of January. The application can be reached at www.events.asucla.ucla.edu.

-Farmer said that the Textbook scholarship allocation was completed, and the orientation was held yesterday. The final round of scholarships will be allocated before spring quarter.

-Huddy said that he and Mullins met with Captain Adams of UCPD to inquire about the potential charges for students who participate in underground Undie Runs. Captain Adams was not hesitant to present a list of 10 potential charges, including infractions and misdemeanors. Huddy said that UCPD will be instituting a zero tolerance policy.

-Tep asked if there is a mass way to communicate this message to students.

-Huddy said that there is an underground Facebook group, and he sent out a group wide message to alert students of the police policy. He is also researching the possibility of publishing an article in the Daily Bruin.

-Farmer said that he is speaking with ORL representatives to increase on-hill Undie Run enforcement.

-Banani said that CSC will be holding a Tax Information Workshop tomorrow in Dodd 167 at 6PM.

-Flores said that Finance Ad Hoc committee is meeting Friday in her office. She also said that council will only be meeting next week (finals week) if BOD Allocations for the Winter are complete. She also said that she and Zimmerman have been researching the cost of attaining a communal lamination machine.

-Huddy asked to stress the importance of completing BOD allocations for next week to ensure that student groups are not affected. Tan said that even if student groups were allocated money next week, they would not be able to attain the funds until winter quarter.

-Flores said that she will speak with Grays to ensure that allocations are completed as soon as possible, and mentioned that some hearings were held today, directly preceding the council meeting.

-Huddy asked if the Call to Action Resolution, which was removed from the agenda, will be on the agenda at a meeting during Finals week.

-Flores said that the New Business item must be formally presented again as an agenda item.

-Mullins asked if there is a way to determine a formal time and date for a meeting during Finals week.

-Nelson said that there is always room for emergency meetings to convene, but it is at the Chair's discretion.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

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The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Tengco 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 8:36p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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