

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 19, 2010  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Nelson

GUESTS: Samantha Schaefer

I. A. Call to Order

*- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.*

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Faelnar asked to strike Cultural Affairs Mini Grant.

-Huddy added an officer report.

-Tan added an officer report.

-Tep asked to strike the Academic Affairs Mini Grant.

-Li asked to strike the EVP Travel Grant.

-Mullin moved and Tengco 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. \*1/12/2010

-Farmer should be listed as present at the meeting.

-Tengco moved and Farmer seconded to approve the minutes for November 17, 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

*There was no Public Comment this week.*

V. Special Presentations

*There were no Special Presentations this week.*

VI. Appointments

-Flores is still searching for interested applicants to fill a number of vacancies. In particular, the most pressing appointment to be filled is the Elections Board Chair.

VII. Fund Allocations

**A. Academic Success Referendum Fund**

-Tep said that a total of \$5,400.00 was requested from ASRF, from the Vietnamese Student Union; of that request, a total of \$2,000.00 was allocated.

**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 \$8931.44 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$2200.71 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were the Roosevelt Institute at UCLA, the General Representative 1 office, Bruin Music Tutors, Pediatric AIDS Association, Laotian American Organization, LOGIC, and Muslim Union.

-Bawa asked if the Bruin Music Tutors made use of any funding from Bob Naples' fund, because that office can offer funding for services such as LiveScan.

-Geller asked Tan to refer members from the organization to the Naples fund.

-Banani 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 \$2200.71 were approved, as amended.

**F. \*2<sup>nd</sup> SOOF Allocations**

-Grays forwarded the recommended allocations to the council on Saturday. He said that the total percentage of requested funds was \$56,095.52, and he recommended a total of \$54,626.90.

-Farmer asked the reasoning behind the high allocation success that applicants had during the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

-Grays said that there were not a high number of applicants.

-Mullins asked to explain the reasoning behind the discrepancy in funding for the Kappa Delta Sorority.

-Grays said that the fund is for operational funding, and the request was for a particular event.

-Tan asked if there is concern with setting a precedent by allocating more funding the second time around.

-Grays said that by his understanding, the second allocation percentage is higher.

-Tan said that he has found the allocations to be much different in his past experience.

-Mullins moved and Tep seconded to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> SOOF Allocations. There were no objections.

-Grays said that the first SOOF Allocation was significantly higher than the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, although the numbers proportionately appear higher.

-Tengco moved and Li seconded to call the motion on the table to question. There were no objections.

-The council voted to unanimously approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> SOOF Allocations, with a total of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

**VIII. Officer and Member Reports****President – Cinthia Flores**

Flores said that the Karen Bass event is taking place this upcoming Saturday. The event, co-programmed with the External Vice President's office and the Bruin Democrats, will consist of a town hall from 1-2 PM, and a press conference from 2-3PM. The programmers are considering the event to be a proactive event concerning the future of California, as well as a way for students to confront legislators. Flores said that she would like to expand the relationship with ORL, to increase visibility on the hill. She is also working

to schedule a meeting on the hill. Flores also introduced a partnership with CALPIRG in a long-term relief effort for Haiti earthquake victims with student activities designed to raise funds.

#### **Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa**

Bawa said that BruINTENT will take place on April 15<sup>th</sup> in Sunset Recreational Center. In response to national campus violence over the past year, Bawa is working with representatives from Student Affairs to establish the “Enough is Enough”, with goals aimed at combating violence and promoting a safe campus environment. The IVP office is currently brainstorming plans for events in the future to promote unity on campus. The SREC will be scheduling town halls and plans will be confirmed next week. The Women’s Conference is tentatively scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, and will be co-programmed with the Bruin Belles Service Association. Bawa will be speaking next Tuesday at a panel with the UCLA Law School President, focusing on the lives of women in the Islamic community.

#### **External Vice President- Susan Li**

Li said that her office held its winter retreat over the past weekend, and was able to create a winter calendar with numerous events scheduled. Issue based concerns are the new focus of her office. She is flying to San Francisco tomorrow night to attend the UC Regent’s Meeting, and will be white lining with the Regents. On Friday, she will attend the USSA Board of Directors Meeting, with a focus on nationwide organizing. She will be placing a formal bid to host the USSA Summer Conference, and planned a meeting with ORL to discuss the potential logistics behind of housing a vast number of students from campuses nationwide. Li also reemphasized the importance of attending the Karen Bass event, noting the number of students from around the state planning to attend.

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep**

Tep said that the Challenge 45 Proposal led to the suspension of the allied field major requirements for Political Science. She will be holding discussions with members of departments to provide input, and also to gauge the level of impact the removal of the requirement might have. There is a current proposal to firewall funding to save lecturers positions, and it has been revised and Tep hopes the proposal will pass. She will be following up with Judith Smith and Scott Waugh to support the passing of the proposal.

#### **Deb Geller—Administrative Representative**

Geller reminded council about funding offered through the Chancellor’s office. She said that applications can be found on the Internal Vice President’s Office Org sync page, but are not being used often by student groups. Geller asked council to refer organizations to make use of this funding, and listed a number of items that the fund can support. She said that groups with background check needs, culture night expenses, and even food expenses can be funded. She said that the Chancellor would like to make certain that the money is used, as it has been set aside to help encourage the success of student run organizations. The Student & Campus Life Office administers the Student Risk Education and Management fund. This fund will cover costs for risk management off and on campus programs, including training with the American Red Cross, Live Scan needs, EMS, wristbands and security needs, etc. The Student Cultural and Diversity Fund will cover on-campus student programs with aims to promote or enhance the cultural diversity at campus, specifically offering funding to help pay for facility costs. The AVC’s Student Activity Fund is the broadest fund, and can cover student programming, funding for individual students for research projects, individual students to attend conferences to represent the university to name a few. The AVC’s fund is the least restrictive, but it cannot be used to cover honorarium and gifts. However, the fund will provide food for UCLA members of audiences. Reemphasizing the importance of making these sources visible to students, Geller said that offices have significant discretionary abilities to allocate funding based on needs listed in applications.

-Bawa said that only the link to the Student Risk Education and Management fund application is on her page.

-Geller said that the Center for Student Programming website contains links to all of the applications, to the best of her knowledge.

-Zimmerman said that she will add a link to the USAC website to spread word about the funds.

### **General Representative 2—Addison Huddy**

-Huddy said that the issue on the table in regards to the recording of council meetings is finding a balance between privacy rights and transparency. He will be meeting with attorneys to clarify issues with recording, and until then will only be recording himself giving one to two minute summaries of what occurred at council meetings, and then posting those summaries www.YouTube.com. Huddy said that he and Flores decided to not edit any portion of the clips but will break the filming into a number of sections with a specific focus, but everything will be kept in context.

-Champawat said that the guarding of records concept is also something that the coalition is considering. The records should reach the public through a neutral party, such as the minute taker. He said that the position was designed to be the mechanism to protect the record.

-Huddy said that the Brown Act applies to all Academic Senates, as listed in the language.

-Tressel asked where the money to fund the project is coming from.

-Huddy said that money from his office operational fund will sustain the project.

-Flores said that the goal would be to create a neutral paid position for an individual to cover recording.

### **Finance Committee Chair—BLT**

-Tan introduced Josh Samaha as the nominated 4<sup>th</sup> appointment to the Finance Committee, citing his excellent academic record and prior relevant involvement..

-Huddy moved and Mullins seconded to approve the appointment of Josh Samaha to the Finance Committee as a consent item.

-The council voted to unanimously consent the appointment of Josh Samaha to the 4<sup>th</sup> position on the Finance Committee, with a total of 12 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

#### IX. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

#### X. New Business

*There was no New Business this week.*

#### XI. Announcements

-Tengco reminded council that he is compiling a list of council members' office hours.

-Lin asked Tengco to compile a list of office phone numbers as well.

-Faenar said the UCLA Arts Happening event is taking place this weekend. -Nguyen said that his office is putting on the tap water v bottled water challenge to combat sustainability issues. In response to a number of trials and evidence that subjects cannot tell the difference between tap and bottled water. Wednesday 2-3.

-Lin said that a speaking event with Rob Huebel and Paul Scheer take place tomorrow in Moore 100.

#### XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

#### XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Li 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 7:56p.m. by Acclamation.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas  
USAC Minutes Taker  
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