

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 26, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Li, Wu, Lin, Faelnar, Mullins, Tengco, Huddy, Tep, Geller, Casillas, Zimmerman

ABSENT: Bawa, Farmer, Tan, Nelson, Tressel, Nguyen

GUESTS: Matt Springs, George Chacon, Cinthia Loera, Nancy Nguyen

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

-Tengco 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. *1/19/2010

-Faelnar moved and Mullins seconded to approve the minutes for January 19, 2010, 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

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

The Green Initiative Fund Fall Allocation Presentation—Patty Zimmerman

-Zimmerman said that the fall 2009 funding allocations for TGIF have been completed. A total of twenty-two proposals were submitted, and fifteen were funded. The total amount requested was \$316,456.00, with a total of \$116,354.11 allocated. Dance Marathon was allocated \$1,064.00 to provide more sustainable resources at the event. The Sustainable Youth Outreach Program was given \$240.00 for supplies to help raise sustainability awareness at elementary schools in the community. The Residence Hall Water and Energy Awareness program was allocated funding to provide signs reminding students to use fewer resources. The STARS Assessment part II was allocated \$4,000.00. \$2,965.00 was allocated to fund a sustainability based public service announcement featuring Mustafa Abdul Hamid. Programmers for a sustainability video contest project were designated \$5,560.00 to provide funding for prizes. The TGIF Green T-Shirt Project was given \$429.00. The largest allocation, \$42,748.36 was given to sponsor a controlled study to be conducted in the Residence Halls monitoring Energy and Behavior.

-Williams asked how any potential revenues gained from the study will be returned to TGIF.

- Zimmerman said that funds would be given back to TGIF, if revenues were accrued.
- Geller asked who the principle researcher is working on the project.
- Zimmerman said that the effort is a collaborative effort, with members of faculty and students working on the project. She continued with her presentation, adding that a TGIF tote bag project was given \$1,535.00. Students will turn in plastic bags from stores to trade for a reusable tote bag. ESLP was given \$20,000.00 to fund action teams. A total of \$2,045.00 was given to fund the Green Jobs Career Fair, which will be hosted by the Green Jobs Coalition. \$24,300.00 was given to fund the UCLA Bruins for Bikes-Gears or "Gears" program. The program consists of three components: 1) providing additional bikes to the university bike library, 2) the introduction a UCLA Bicycle Locker Retrofitting Program, and 3) instituting a UCLA Bruin Bikes Sharing System.
- Wu asked where the bikes will be stored.
- Zimmerman said that the Recreational Department manages the system, and bikes are currently held in the gym. The new lockers will be in parking lot 7 on campus. Zimmerman continued, adding that the Green Office Certification Launch was given \$9,000.00 in order to fund the creation of internships for students. The Creative Campus Climate Action Plan was given \$798.00, and finally \$1,158.75 was given to create a garden near the De Neve Residence Hall. Zimmerman said that the Winter Funding deadline is Friday, March 5, 2010 at 5pm. Hearings will be held during 1st and 2nd weeks of Spring Quarter. There will be a program focusing on turning programs into green events, scheduled for Thursday, February 4th in Ackerman 3516.
- Mullins said that the Principal Researchers for the Residence Halls Energy and Behavior Study are William Keiser, a Professor of Electrical Engineering, and *Magali Delmas*, Associate Professor of Management Institute of the *Environment*.
- Geller said that the University would own any intellectual property that came as a result of this study, as the principle researchers are both members of the faculty.

VI. Appointments

- Flores sent out a list of appointments to Bawa, and the ARC will begin meeting on Friday to conduct interviews.
- Huddy asked which positions were sent to ARC.
- Flores said that appointments to the Judicial Board, Sustainability Committee, and to the ITPB were forwarded. The most pressing vacancy to fill is the Election Board Chair.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. EVP Travel Grant

There was no business for the EVP Travel Grant this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Faelnar said that a total of \$1,974.39 was requested from the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week; of that, a total of \$1,265.59 was recommended. The groups requesting funding were the Laotian American Organization (LAO) at UCLA, the Muslim Union, and the Chinese Student Association.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Flores said that a total of \$3099.80 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$1,800 is recommended for allocation. The four groups requesting funding were the Afrikan Student Union, the General Representative 1 office, the Muslim Student Association (MSA), and the Internal Vice President's Office (IVP).

-Mullins moved and Tengco seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations as presented by Flores, in place of Tan

-Mullins said that the MSA and the IVP office were both given funding for the same event, and asked if that is allowed.

-Flores said that she has not reviewed the by-laws.

-Huddy said that in the past there were two council members who both received funding for a co-sponsored event.

-Flores called for a 5 minute recess, calling for a 7:40PM reconvening of the council.

-Flores said the question in mind has been cleared by precedent set in the past.

-Mullins said that the bylaws point to the guidelines, and the guidelines do not have any mention.

-Tengco said that because Tan submitted the reviewed allocations to the council, he does not have objection to passing the recommendations. Tengco moved and Mullins seconded to call to question.

-Council vote unanimously to approve Contingency Allocations of \$2200.71, with a total of 9 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

F. *Updated 2nd Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF) Allocations

-Geller mentioned that three groups who received funding during the 1st round also received funding during the 2nd round, meaning that the allocations needed slight revision.

- Grays revised the SOOF Allocations and resubmitted recommendations to the council.

-Geller said that a motion must first be made to rescind the passage of the 2nd SOOF Allocations, as presented at the meeting last week.

-Mullins moved and Li seconded to rescind the approval of the 2nd round of SOOF Allocations..

-The council voted unanimously to rescind the approval made last week.

-Banani moved and Tep seconded to call to question.

-The council voted unanimously to approve the revised 2nd round of SOOF Allocations, as presented by Chris Grays, with a total of 9 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

Flores said that the Karen Bass event was a great success, and thanked the numerous groups that assisted in the planning behind the event. There were four very state-level leaders present, and Flores said that all representatives had excellent presentations. She also noted that Bass stayed for a question and answer period, after the event which had about an estimated 85-90 member audience in attendance. The speaker recognized that without the mobility of UC students, noting UCLA students in particular, the conversations around college affordability at the capital would not be happening. Bass will be joining Chancellor Block and Flores to make a presentation to the UC Regents. The President's office will be working to get John Perez, Speaker elect, to come to campus to continue the conversation and to maintain the level of momentum that came as a result of the walk out and protests. Flores met with Scott Waugh and the Restructuring Committee, which aims to prepare for any type of budgetary crisis. The student regent delegate, Jesse Chang, will be at UCLA next week, and has asked to meet with USAC Tuesday at 2PM. Flores and Huddy have been meeting with various legal advisers, and are unable to currently tell whether or not meetings will be recorded. They will continue to work on the plan, and will work to create more transparent options.

-Mullins asked if student privacy rights override the Brown Act.

-Huddy said that prior Attorney General Opinions have reassured the fact that the Brown Act applies to student governments, however the university is trying to cover all possible liabilities.

External Vice President- Susan Li

-Li will be sending out a presentation about the UC Regents meeting which took place last Thursday. Li was a "white liner" and had the opportunity to meet directly with UC Regents. There is a series of ongoing discussion amongst student leaders as to whether or not it would be beneficial to have UC Regents present at the state capitol in March. The decision will be finalized at the UCSA meeting to be held at UC Merced

next weekend, after which Li will have a more clear idea for council next week. Applications for the Student Lobby conference will be available next week. The CSUs will also be joining in on the effort. Today, direct action training held by her office.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

-Tep presented the following appointments to the academic senate for council consent: George Chacon to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools, Cinthia Loera to the Undergraduate Council, and Nancy Nguyen to the Committee on Continuing and Community Education.
-Mullins moved and Tengco seconded to consent the presented appointees.
-Unanimous approval.
 -Tep added that the Kaplan business school insider is this weekend, Saturday from 1-4PM.

Deb Geller—Administrative Representative

-Geller said that the Westwood Neighborhood Council was formally recognized by the City Council on January 19th. The university is getting ready to launch Clicker, an application on MyUCLA, which can be used to identify all of the free TV viewing on the web. Geller offered to schedule a presenter to provide more information at a future meeting.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Banani said that the Mini-Community service day was held last weekend and was a success.
 -Wu said that CPR classes are held every Saturday from 6-9PM for \$7.00.
 -Mullins will be in contact with members of the interim Westwood Neighborhood Council.
 -Zimmerman thanked council for spreading the word about TGIF applications, and will be forwarding the presentation through e-mail.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Tengco moved and Mullins 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 8:13p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
 USAC Minutes Taker
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