

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 2, 2010  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Tep, Wu

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

*- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.*

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bawa asked to strike the Alumni Presentation, and added a presentation by the University of California Student Association.

-Tengco added an officer report.

-Tan asked to strike the Contingency Allocation report.

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

-Flores said that the Institutional Aid Resolution will not be added to the agenda.

- Tengco moved and Nguyen 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. \*1/26/2010

-Nguyen was not present at the meeting.

- Mullins moved and Tengco seconded to approve the minutes for January 26, 2010, 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 were no public comments this week.*

V. Special Presentations

**A. Local Services Production Initiative- Steven Li from the Rosemead City Council**

Li discussed the wide scale impact of the budget cuts. The League of California Cities has launched an initiative to combat the shifting of the state deficit to local governments, and is gathering signatures to protect local money. He visited the meeting with the intention of gaining support from the council.

**B. University of California Student Association (UCSA) Presentation—Jaclyn Feldstein**

Feldstein is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara, and attended the meeting on behalf of UCSA. The mission statement of the organization is to create greater access to public higher education for all Californians by empowering current and future students to advocate on their own behalf for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California education system. Feldstein discussed the structure of the organization, and note that all students of dues-paying campuses are members of UCSA. The Board of Directors is made up of one voting board member from each campus. The main issues for 2009-2010 were working to preserve the Cal Grant, and to improve the Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan (GSHIP). Feldstein said students need UCSA to promote a unified voice on system-wide issues and to pool resources and information. Feldstein discussed how to become more involved with UCSA, and urged council members to do so.

## VI. Appointments

### A. Jessica Smith (Judicial Board)

-Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to table the approval of Smith until her arrival, there were no objections.

*-Bawa said that Jessica Smith exemplified being a very strong and articulate candidate for the Judicial Board, and demonstrated ability to be unbiased. She added that Smith received an unanimous recommendation from the ARC. Bawa moved and Banani seconded to approve the appointment of Jessica Smith to the Judicial Board.*

-Mullins asked Smith to describe her experience and beliefs.

-Smith is a political science major with a focus in studies in pre-law, and said that she has a deep understanding of rules and procedures of the system.

-Nguyen asked how she would handle a situation in which there may be the potential for bias.

-Smith understands the possibility that she might be familiar with a situation or an individual involved in a hearing, and will exercise her fair judgment if such a case arises.

-Mullins asked if she would abstain in such instances.

-Smith said that she would abstain only if asked by the Judicial Board as a body, acknowledging the importance of every member issuing a vote.

-Tressel mentioned that other members of the Judicial Board would also be hesitant to refuse judgment.

-Mullins asked if she would vote in a situation of potential conflict of interest.

-Smith said that she would step down if such a case arose.

-Farmer moved and Li seconded to call to question. There were no objections.

-Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Smith to the Judicial Board for the upcoming year.

### B. Daniel Gaytan (CS Mini-Board)

*-Bawa said that Gaytan proved to be very experienced with the CS Mini-Board. He was also very poised and prepared for the interview. She said that Gaytan received a unanimous recommendation from ARC. Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to approve the appointment of Daniel Gaytan to the CS Mini-Board.*

-Nguyen asked to describe any experience with community service projects.

-Gaytan's main community service involvement at UCLA has been through MECHA.

-Tengco asked Gaytan to describe his vision for the committee.

-Gaytan would like to make the proceedings more organized.

-Mullins asked Gaytan to discuss his understanding of the diversity of the campus, and how he would make certain that all groups are represented equally.

-Gaytan said that he realizes any group can apply and will make certain to treat the funding of events equally, no matter what affiliation the groups may have.

-Flores asked to discuss his learning experience on the committee in the past, and to discuss what he would like to share with the committee in the future.

-Gaytan has learned how to represent UCLA on and off campus and how to facilitate the question and answer period within hearings, which he feels is a vital step in the interview process.

- Banani asked how Gaytan feels about the significant drop in capital funding for the CS Mini-Board, and how he would respond to working with a smaller fund.
- Gaytan said that the committee would need to work diligently to not exhaust funds early on in the year.
- Tressel asked to describe his organizational skills.
- He said that his time at UCLA has allowed him the opportunity to gain organizational skills, noting time management, in particular.
- Tressel asked Gaytan to refer directly to the CS Mini-Fund.
- Gaytan said punctuality would be a prime goal and he will share that concern with the entire committee.
- Council voted unanimously to approve Gaytan to the CS Mini-Fund with a total of 10 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

## 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**

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

### **E. \*Contingency Allocations**

*There was no business for Contingency Allocations this week.*

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

### **President – Cinthia Flores**

Flores has been meeting with Janina Montero to discuss the manual payment program and mentioned that ten students used the program. The deferred payment program will take effect in fall of 2010. Her office is continuing efforts to bring John Perez to hold a town hall meeting in early March. She will be meeting with Chief of Police on Thursday in regards to students issues with police protocol and response. The focus of the discussion will be considering whether or not tasers should be allowed as a first line of defense. Flores reminded council that she holds office hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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

Bawa attended the True Bruin Values Committee, and brainstormed how to reiterate the values established at Orientation throughout the entire college experience. She invited council to provide ideas that she could share with the committee. She met with Jesse Chang, UC Regent Designate, and discussed how Challenge is inspiring other campuses. She is also working to integrate more students in the commencement ceremony, and is working to gather names for a commencement speaker. The Muslim Student Association's fasting event took place today and sponsor raised profits went to Haiti relief efforts.

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

Li went to the Los Angeles Worker's Conference this morning. She had the opportunity to meet with various workers from unions all over LA County. She met with the President of California State University, Los Angeles and expressed her intentions to build a stronger partnership. The coalition is planning to have an effort together, and also plan to branch out to Los Angeles Community College as well. She is working on applications for the Student Lobby Corps, and will be visiting UC Merced with the UC

Board of Directors this weekend. The conference is focused on introducing a UC-Wide level resolution on and will be discussing whether or not UC Regents will be involved in the March Events.

### **General Representative 1—Jason Tengco**

Tengco said that his office Winter Retreat was held first weekend of Winter Quarter at Big Bear. He provided updates from his office, beginning with the DiverseCity Tours Committee. This committee is programming a trip to the Downtown LA Art Walk, and LA Street Food Fest. During the spring, the committee is planning a City Hall Tour and Meet and Greet with Mayor Villaraigosa, and also to organize a People of Color tour. The Resources committee is meeting with the Orientation Program tomorrow to provide suggestions and recommendations. The Charitable Causes committee is planning an “Out of the Closet” clothes drive, as well as an AB-540 Scholarship dinner to be held in Spring. Campus Awareness Committee is planning a SHAG’D (Sexuality Health and Gender Day), to highlight various resources on campus. The Outreach Committee is invited to USAC Advisory Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>, Tengco will provide council with recommendations at further date.

-Geller asked how the DiverseCity Tours programs are being advertised.

-Tengco said advertising is handled through Facebook as well as directly on Bruin Walk. There will be one bus for students this year. Priority will be given to students without transportation.

#### IX. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

#### X. New Business

*There was no New Business this week.*

#### XI. Announcements

-Tressel will reschedule the alumni presentations.

-Nguyen said the Water Bottle Challenge will be taking place this year.

-Zimmerman will be holding a Green Events Programming workshop with UCLA events and will be discussing how to get involved with TGIF Fund. The event is scheduled for Thursday at 3PM in Ackerman Union 3516.

-Farmer said that Friday is the last day to apply for the Spring Textbook Scholarship.

#### 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 8:03p.m. by Acclamation.

#### XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas  
USAC Minutes Taker  
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