

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 16, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Nelson, Farmer

GUESTS: Shoshee Jau, Sarah Ravani, Jesus Ceballos, Amanda Silver-Westrick, Matt Spring (proxy for Susan Li),
Ashley Brumell (Proxy for D'Juan Farmer), Ronald Arruejo

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bawa asked to add a revisit of the Institutional Aid Resolution to Old Business.

-Nguyen and Tan asked to add individual officer reports.

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

- Faelnar moved and Wu 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. *2/9/2010

-Faelnar moved and Tep seconded to approve the minutes for February 9, 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

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

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 \$5,387.82 was requested from the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week; of that, a total of \$3,578.25 was allocated. The groups requesting were South Asian Performing Arts, Queer X Girl, United Afghan Club, and Alpha Phi Alpha.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Tan said that a total of \$3879.57 was requested from Contingency this week; of that, a total of \$1845.00 is recommended for allocation for this week. The groups requesting funding were the Vietnamese Student Union, Fluid, the Ballroom Dance Club, Alpha Phi Alpha, the office of the General Representative 3, and the Philosophy Club.

-Mullins moved and Wu 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 \$1845.00 were approved, as amended.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

Flores met with Janina Montero in regard to a project to assist students facing various types of economic crisis. The program has not officially been launched, but students have been receiving help on an individual level. A number of students were screened successfully and have begun paying in installments, and discussions are being held to determine whether or not the program will continue in the existing format.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

Bawa said that the IVP office is co-programming the sexual health and gender awareness day (SHAGD) with Tengco's office, and the event is scheduled for Thursday. Her office will also be hosting a student health fair either week 8 or week 9, at which free tuberculosis vaccinations will be provided to students. She is also working on plans for a drive to raise funds to build wells in Afghanistan.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Layhannara Tep

Tep said that another round of free practice tests will be offered through Kaplan on Saturday February 27th. She is continuing work on a writing workshop scheduled for next Wednesday from 7-9p.m. on the hill.

Finance Committee Chair- Brian L. Tan

Tan said that the Contingency account has about \$26,809.00. He said that the amount is enough to provide \$2,500 per week for the remainder of the school year.

Tak Nguyen—General Representative 3

Nguyen began his report by introducing Amanda Silver-Westrick, the Sustainability Co-Director for the General Representative 3 office. The office is working to implement paperless professor and TA evaluations. Westrick mentioned that a projected 300,000 sheets of paper are used every quarter with the current system in place. She is working with an Action Research Team to determine exactly how many

sheets of paper are used for evaluations. The office is working to garner more faculty support. The office is also working with Bruin Lobby Corps to lobby. Earth Week 2010 is scheduled for April 22, 2010; Nguyen's office is working with sustainability groups around campus and Campus Sustainability Coordinator Nurit Katz to solidify all plans. Westrick is also working to add a link to www.sustain.ucla.edu on MyUCLA, with the intention of having a space for students to provide input and suggestions for successful projects. The committee is working to install paperless hand dryers in restrooms, have already received support from Zimmerman—representatives will be meeting with ASUCLA and maintenance representatives tomorrow and will be applying for TGIF funding on the next round. The committee was also able to attain thirteen blue recycling bins and paper trays for USAC, and distributed the receptacles to council members. Facility maintenance will not be picking up items from the bins, but Nguyen asked council to empty the bins at recycle bins on every floor of the building.

-Flores asked what the purpose of the link to the MyUCLA page is.

-Westrick said that the point is to make the site more accessible and visible to students.

-Huddy asked what percentage of power generated at the power plant on campus supplies power needs for the university.

-Westrick said that the power plant does not fully provide for the campus, which is why UCLA still maintains a contract with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, however she is unaware of specific figures spent by the university.

-Zimmerman said that between 70-85% (on average 80%) of the campus is supplied by the power plant, and the difference is picked up by LADWP.

IX. Old Business

A. Bawa—Revisiting the Institutional Aid Resolution

-The administration would like the council to remove two of the names explicitly mentioned in the resolution passed last week, in order to avoid any political repercussions in the future. She said that it would be best for council to propose an amendment, however the council would need to suspend Robert's Rules with a 2/3 vote, in order to formally propose any amendment.

-Bawa moved and Faelnar seconded to suspend Robert's Rules in order to revisit the resolution put forth and passed by the council at the previous meeting. There were no objections.

-Bawa moved and Tep seconded to replace the aforementioned clause with an amendment formally reading:

WHEREAS, a proposal of institutional aid eligibility for undocumented students will be presented to the University of California Regents at the next UC Regent meeting on March 23rd to the 24th.

-Tengco moved and Li seconded to call the motion on the table to question. Council voted to replace the clause in the approved Institutional Aid Resolution with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstentions.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Huddy received news that his office and the newly forming University Business council was able to have the first ever business course Economics 128D will be offered Spring quarter 2010, he called the achievement a great step toward establishing a business program and encouraged council to enroll.

-Lin said that a screening of "How to Make it in America" from HBO is tonight with a Q&A with Rob Weiss, an Executive Producer of the show.

-Ashley Brummel said that a partnership between ORL and FSC are working to raise money for AB540 students on campus, and have planned a scholarship dinner. Tomorrow night a session will be held in Delta

Terrace Residential Hall offering tips about the FAFSA and taxes; the Community Service Commission is co-programming the event.

-Wu said that on Feb 22nd, SWC is hosting a meatball eating contest "Balls for Balls" to raise money for the Lance Armstrong Foundation, and she urged council to sign up for the event.

-Tengco asked council to urge students to come out Thursday 12-3p.m. for free HIV testing in Bruin Plaza.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Tep 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 7:42p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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