

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
12:25 a.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Chris Santos, Matt Spring, Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, John Christian De Vera, Rustom Z. Birdie, Linda Phi, Dr. Debra Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Joseph Casillas, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patricia Zimmerman.

ABSENT: Bob Williams, Roy Champawat.

GUESTS: Jeremiah Garcia, Ramie Milo, Jan Victor Andason, Jesus Ceballos, Coreen Weintraub, Parisa Mahdad, Sarah Ravani, Kelly Zhou, Andra Lim, Shoshee Jau, Aylin Kuzuean, Sheena Santamaria, Kristine Isidla, Luz Maria Kumpel.

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 12:25 am.

OFFICIAL AFFIRMATION OF THE 2010-2011 USAC COUNCIL

Judicial Board Chief Justice, Michael Kelso, conducted the swearing in of the 2010-2011 USAC Council. The council was officially sworn in at 12:37 am at 417 Kerckhoff Hall.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved.

IV. Public Comments

Melissa Samson—OCHC IVP

Samson attended the meeting to introduce herself to the new council, as she will be the liaison between OCHC and USAC. She invited council members to contact her through e-mail, and would like to meet individually with each council member.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments to be approved 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

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 – Jasmine Hill

Hill said that all officers must determine which standing committees they will sit on. She asked council to forward preferences to her electronically. She said that the three committees to choose from are CRC, ARC, and BRC. Hill will be speaking at the CAL Grants rally tomorrow morning in downtown Los Angeles. She is also completing her proposal for a scholarship program to Chancellor Block. She is also working on fundraising, and discussing ways to raise funds to support the program. She would like to schedule one-on-one meetings to discuss goals for the year and how to make the council work cohesively.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas thanked students in attendance for electing the council members in attendance. She is hiring a new staff and working toward forming a more cohesive bond with the administration.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said that the rally held outside of the Los Angeles Office of the Governor will be taking place tomorrow. The governor is proposing a cut to competitive CAL Grants, which Santos feels opens the door for further attacks on the program. Santos said that he will be working to discuss the need to protect the CAL Grants program. In terms of transportation, buses will be departing for the event from Ackerman Turnaround at 12PM, and will return by 3:30PM. The intention of the rally is to ask the governor to keep his promise to protect higher education funding and to drop the proposal. Santos said that his office will also continue work on the federal DREAM Act, and mentioned the importance of the act. Santos feels that the recent development of certain laws (Arizona SB 1070) have opened the door for an influx of similar laws to fill the nation. The focus will be on bringing a new focus to the DREAM Act. A press meeting to be held outside of the office of Senator Dianne Feinstein has been called to emphasize the need to handle the act as a stand alone bill. Finally, applications for his office will be made available sometime this week.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said that she will be continuing the work with administrators to develop a community which addresses issues of diversity. Academic Senate and staff applications will be prepared by next week.

Administrative Representative—Berky Nelson

Nelson welcomed the new council to the table, and said that he looks forward to the upcoming year .

Administrative Representative—Deb Geller

Within the room, Geller will do her best to lead the council along the bylaws set forth by the university. She looks forward to getting to know the council.

Alumni Representative—Willard Tressel

Tressel also welcomed the new council members.

Patricia Zimmerman

-Zimmerman passed out contact information sheets for council to provide information for student services. She also discussed the ASUCLA email account, and said that all accounts relevant to the council should be linked to the ASUCLA email. She passed along all documentation regarding office allocations. SGA also needs a copy of each signature for verification purposes. Zimmerman also passed around invitations to the USAC Installment, which will be held Sunday, June 6th, at 12:30PM. Finally, Zimmerman passed out USAC handbooks prepared by the 2009-2010 council for current council members to refer to. The binders contain ASUCLA information, bylaws, constitution information, and everything else that a council member should know.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Shah reminded council and public about Jazz/Reggae festival and tickets.

-Miller said that he has letters from the Bruin Democrats and the Student Lobby Corps to be taken to the rally tomorrow. He also invited every member to hold one-on-one meetings. Staff applications will be made available on Monday.

-Ma said that CEC is closing the year off strong with Aziz Ansari, and the Far East Movement. Tickets for both events will be available through CTO. Judd Apatow will be accepting the Jack Benny award at Royce Hall.

-De Vera said that his office is working on a sustainability summit, and his office applications will be available next week.

-Phi spoke about the SWC sponsored blood drive to be held tomorrow. The 5K run/walk is taking place on May 23rd. Registration begins at 6:30am and the event itself will commence at 8am. The event will raise funds for the Mattel Children's Hospital.

-Yao said that applications for CSC will be made available tomorrow.

-Resnick reminded council members and public about Spring Sing tickets and would also like to schedule appointments with other council members.

-Spring said that a lobby day in LA will be taking place this Friday, and invited council to attend.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Miller moved and Birdie seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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