

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 25, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Chris Santos, Matt Spring, Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, JC De Vera, Rustom Birdie, Linda Phi, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman.

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Coreen Weintraub, Hector Lucero, Gurpreet Kaur, Sarah Ravani, Samantha Schaefer, Alene Tchekmedyan, Gimmy Kim, Kelly Osajima.

I. A. Call to Order

- Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Miller moved and De Vera seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill 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. *5/18/10

-Miller moved to alter the minutes from last meeting.

-De Vera moved and Faelnar seconded to approve the minutes for May 18, 2010, as amended.

- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

A. BLT- Vice Chair -Issac

Makes an announcement about rec forms. Tells council that if they want any money back, it has to be handed back by Friday. If the council has any questions about the contingency programming they are to let him know so they don't miss any funding that their offices should be allocated. He hopes to join the finance committee.

B. Coreen-CALPRIG

Spoke last week to the council. Introduced CALPRIG as a student organization that works with issues such as global warming, etc. Would like to set up meetings to work with the council and will be sending emails soon.

V. Special Presentations

A. Brian Logue- Associate Executive Director of the UCLA Alumni Association

Logue presents an overview for undergraduate students association council. He made a presentation concerning UCLA relations, which includes alumni relations, communications and public outreach, etc. He described the steps concerning university advancement. Logue then proceeded to present an organizational chart con-

cerning alumni relations with undergraduates. He described the various components of the departments, such as the marketing department. He went on to describe their main goal, which was to engage the alumni back into the community. Logue talked about the UCLA Alumni magazine. He talked about their brand promise, which aims to connect the alumni to personal, professional, and intellectual opportunities. Logue talks about the different options that they provide such as networking. He described both the internal and external goals which were formed in order to achieve the association's aims. He talked about the importance of funding to the organization and mentioned the grad packs that are currently on sale. Logue discussed the recent accomplishments that the UCLA Alumni Association had achieved, including a board assessment and committee structure realignment. Logue talked about Dinner with 12 Strangers and how far reaching the alumni reach out. Logue also talked about a Homecoming, which they plan to improve in order to build the overall spirit of UCLA. Logue talked about the investments that the Alumni Association made. Logue talked about the Anderson Studies and the research project that found out the needs of alumni. From the research project, the association is taking it to the next level and developing upon the information they have gathered. Logue pointed out that about 700 students are granted scholarships through the Alumni Association and discussed the formation of a possible leadership program. He talked about Bruin Works and Bruin Tools, which is going to be online tools to allow alumni and students to work with each other. These online tools will allow for increased communication between UCLA alumni and students. Logue talked about outreach and engagement buildup and their plans on building more formal networks. Logue talked about the budget challenges and pointed out that state funding is at an all time low. He talked about the value of a UCLA degree and the relation of that degree with the UCLA Alumni Association. Logue talked about the organization's outreach efforts to reach out to students at UCLA. He presented the website and explained the importance of availability. Logue talked about the UCLA Day and advocacy in Washington, DC and Sacramento.

-Tressel introduced Santos and Hill to Logue and referenced their lobbying activities on behalf of UCLA students.

- Logue described the association's support in UCLA Day and advocacy in general. He thanked the council for their time and reminded council about Grad Packs.

- Logue answered questions from the public concerning the Grad Packs.

-Tressel asked how Logue envisions students connecting with the Alumni Association throughout the year.

- Logue talked about Interview with a Bruin, Dinner with 12 Strangers, entertainment night, mentorship opportunities, etc. He concluded by explaining the online tools and different programs.

-Tressel said that the UCLA Alumni Association is a great resource and encouraged USAC to take advantage of their resources when programming throughout the year (e.g. guests for panels).

-Logue introduced the UCLA Alumni magazine and read a quote from the cover. He said that UCLA alumni receive the magazine and brought one for every member of the council.

-Hill asked if any of the council had any questions.

Section B

-Tressel asked if USAC members could tailor volunteer efforts to synch with their respective offices. For example, Campus Events and Cultural Affairs could volunteer on behalf of a worthwhile Arts program and so on.

-Bloome talked again about their openness to opinions and pointed out the benefits

-Spring asked if people that signed up were assigned to a specific event

-Bloome said that people are assigned to certain places and that where people go depends on the logistics of the event. He talked about the UCLA volunteer shirts that are seen around campus and talked about his goals of building a sense of community.

B. Manager of the UCLA Volunteer Center- David Bloome

Bloome introduced the Volunteer Center and how it recently emerged 9 months ago. He introduced the UCLA Volunteer Center website. Bloome talked about Volunteer Day, the largest community service day in UCLA history. They took 5,000 students and over 100 buses and fanned out to 22 sites over the city. Live flickr feeds were taken from all of the sites. Newscasts were blown away by the magnitude of this event. The event had publicity and calls were coming in from all over the world. Bloome talked about how they would follow up Volunteer Day and said they would go to 120 sites. Bloome plans to go to 90 lifeguard stations from Marina Del Rey up to Zuma. Bloome also talked about the central calendar that was put together.

Bloome explained WOMP, Westwood Organized Megaproject. The Volunteer center bought out 500 volunteers for the community event that worked with the Greek system. Bloome pointed out that only 2 and a half

people put all of these programs together in the last 8 months. The center relies on student input. Bloome talked about how excited he is to work with this year's council and plans to help portray UCLA as a connective body that gives back to the community. Bloome asks the council to work with them and to improve their relations from last year. Bloome tells the story about the 2 and a half-minute CBS clip that was shown. In response, a regent claimed that the clip made more of an effect than the entire student lobbying that was done. Bloome asked council to sign up for task captains on the UCLA Volunteer website. Bloome is doing a massive recruitment of task captains and plans to have much more participation. He plans to get more alumni and the support from the chancellor. He doesn't believe that they are competing with programs but rather putting together a coherent and effective way to do volunteer work.

-Santos asked what the job of a task captain entails.

-Bloome said that he had 86% participation last year. Bloome said that they had the mandatory event last year (Volunteer Day), with each group of 25 having a task captain. The task captain helps with set up and oversees their group. He pointed out that they also help with the planning of the project and how task captains mentor the students as well.

-Hill pointed out that these are excellent cases of how to get involved. She asked how she could provide support. She also asked about the retention of the children in the program on more than one day (rather throughout the year).

-Bloome talked about his future plans to partner with orientation where students would go to Ackerman union and do a project. They are going to work in conjunction with Project Gratitude. Bloome plans to work with ORL and, in order to prevent freshmen from not participating anymore, to work with the ORL and the CEC to see what students would want. Bloome plans to work to improve WOMP and with the Greek system so that there is facilitated communication between groups. He plans to focus on young alumni and to work with them and the UCLA Alumni Situation. He points out that Volunteer Day is just a beginning and that they will build upon that day with its momentum. Bloome told council that they want a strong partnership with council.

-Khy mentioned incoming transfers and pointed out that they are in the same mindset as the incoming first years.

-Bloome pointed out that they invited transfer students to participate in Volunteer Day. He said that about 100 came out and asked the council to come to him if they have any ideas about outreaching to transfer students.

-Khy asked how they would plan to engage students that aren't freshmen into Volunteer Day

-Bloome said that in September they will be having a special training for incoming students and that they aggressively try to reach out to various groups, such as the Greek system, etc. He pointed out that the problem with having all students is providing transportation for everyone. Bloome provided his contact information to council and said that he was open to any suggestions.

-Tressek asked if the Volunteer Center would utilize the entertainment aspects or if they would incorporate themes into their volunteer days.

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VI. Appointments

Hil said that the appointment application deadline is this Friday and they can drop it off to her or in her box. She will send them out to the lister and pointed out the importance of filling these out in their capacities. Hill brought up the possibility of meeting during finals week so that the appointments could be met with before summer break.

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 she had the privilege to speak at an event today in Campbell Hall. Staff applications priority deadline is this Thursday. She got to meet with Bruins with Israel and asked council to meet with them on Thursday.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas met with Shia and talked about transition information and planning retreat. Lucas has been planning retreats and possibly will hold it during August. She has been working with the CSO programs. She attended the Sustainability Expo and looks forward to build liaisons with them. Lucas plans to hold interviews with the IVP staff next week. Interviews to be held next week tentatively. Lucas talked about the agenda and says that she will send out preliminary agendas Fridays and any revisions should be sent by Sunday. -Tressel mentioned, about retreats, that they should do it sooner rather than later. He points out that summer is a time to get a lot done and recommends holding the retreat ASAP.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos apologized for not being here last week. Santos talked about the May Revise that was released two weeks ago. We are getting back about \$51 million for outreach at the UC system. He is not celebrating because the budget is not yet signed. He said that we need to make sure that the funding goes through and points out that the funding was supposed to be given out to last year. Santos reminded council about the fee increases and stressed that council needs to look for new revenues for the UC system. Santos advocated for the Cal Grant program and is happy to say that thanks to the efforts of students that the governor decided to provide funding for all Cal Grants, including competitive Cal Grants. Santos plans to continue to work on this. He pointed out the DREAM act and that the Senator was able to say a few words. Santos reminded council about May Revise and will keep council updated.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said that this week she talked with Zimmerman about the donation letter. Khy talked about what she wants to prioritize for orientation. Wednesday, June 2 is the deadline for her staff applications and the following week she will conduct interviews.

Administrative Representative—Dr. Berky Nelson

Nelson posed a challenge to the council and said that there would be inevitable splits between council. Nelson said that he was appalled with the attitudes of elected officials in regards to them serving their constituents. Nelson pointed out that council has the opportunity to work with one another in compromise and to learn from one another. He pointed out that this was a unique chance to find out where commonalities could be found. Nelson pointed out that the present is a product of the past and that this year's council has the chance to do better than what happened in Sacramento (failure to come up with the budget, people who voted solely based on party lines). He pointed out that Californians are an interesting group of people that

don't want to leave California. Nelson recalled a leader of a student organization who said "I remember people I didn't like then and I don't like you now." Nelson said that council is not to form enemies, but rather create lasting friendships and to understand that "you learn more from adversity than you do for success." He pointed out that people see their own reality but fail to see anyone else's. He encouraged council to attempt to see another's reality. He claimed that "you can't be a leader until you understand a reality of someone that's different." Nelson pointed out the importance of being humble. Nelson encouraged council to rely on their support systems and to take advantage of their support system.

Administrative Representative—Dr. Deb Geller

Geller pointed out that this was the most important part of the year in regards to the May Revise. She said that this is the opportunity to contact the state legislatures from their home areas and to let them know the importance of the funding. She said that in order for the budget to be passed, the council needs to talk to people who represent all of California. Geller said that if they are to make legislatures heard it could prove critical in influencing what happens from there.

ASUCLA Student Support Manager--Patricia Zimmerman

-Zimmerman will be coordinating a photo shoot and a group shot, most likely in Kerckhoff. She reminded council about stipends and that installations for councils will be held on June 6. Zimmerman talked about the recent updates of Locknetics, but points out that not everyone has them yet. Zimmerman provided councils with request forms and that they need signatures of the president and their commissioner. They are to bring request forms to A level.

-De Vera asked if there was a limit to Locknetics.

-Zimmerman said there is no limit and it is up to the discretion of council members

-Lucas inquired if June 1 was the transition date

-Zimmerman said yes, and that people that needed to fill out request forms are people who need Locknetics. Zimmerman said June 1 is the date when all the previous council moves out and the new council moves in. This is also the date where all of the Locknetics will be installed.

-Santos asked if they needed to fill out a Locknetics if they already did

-Zimmerman said to fill it out again

-Phi asked about access to Locknetics and when it will stop working

-Zimmerman said it would stop working June 13

-Ma asked if they needed to wait until June 13 to fill it out

-Zimmerman said that they could fill out forms earlier if they so should choose

-Spring asked about current student groups and what would happen

-Zimmerman pointed out that they have the ability to control when the Locknetics lock and unlock and that student groups can utilize this feature.

-Phi asked if there was a limit of after hours access people there were

-Zimmerman said that they should allow people under discretion and says they should limit access into the building after hours because of the lack of security. All of these have to be signed off by Jasmine

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

-Hill brought up summer meetings and asked administrative representatives what was done in the past.

-Nelson said that councils usually met once every 2 weeks and that this was done because of vacations. He pointed out that this was a problem at times because vacations conflicted with making appointments. Nelson stressed the importance of communicating amongst council members.

-Williams said that the quorum was usually was 7.

- Zimmerman said that the quorum of 7 was a good number but more is always preferred.
- Nelson emphasized the importance of getting the appointments done.
- Zimmerman said that the funding would be more efficiently if the meetings were held earlier.
- Nelson said that appointments needed to be made early so that there would be a critical mass of applicants. He pointed out that one of the difficulties of appointments was not having enough people.
- Geller said that if they can't arrange at least 2 in person meetings a month, appointments are not fully effective. She said that a lot of administrative work would be out of the way if in person meetings are held over summer.
- Hill said that there should be two sections and they should set up a quorum.
- Ma moved to have the quorum of 7.
- Khy seconded this motion.
- Miller moved to vote to move the quorum from 9 to 7.
- Unanimous vote 12-0-0

- Tressel suggested the meetings to be held at 7:00PM as done by tradition.
- Hill proposed to move the frequency of meetings to discussion.
- Spring moved to have biweekly meetings in summer in person on council table.
- Ma seconded this motion.
- Hill moved the frequency of meetings into discussion.
- Miller proposed to have one conference call and one in person meeting in a month.
- Resnick agreed with Miller and would prefer one conference call and one in person meeting in a month.
- Zimmerman pointed out the importance of meeting in person. She pointed out that there could be a conference call for people that can attend so that the meeting would consist of a hybrid between an in person meeting and a conference call. Students in the conference call would not be in the quorum.
- Hill asked if they would be counted in a vote.
- Zimmerman said that these people would not be in a vote.
- Miller questioned the constitutional reasons behind the hybrid meeting.
- Nelson said that in order to have a quorum you would need 7 people in person and that you would meet difficulty if not everyone was there. He pointed out the necessity of a quorum and the precedent that would be established if only one or two council members were present in the in person meeting.
- Hill pointed out that she likes the choice of being able to conference call in.
- Khy asked if they could send a proxy.
- Zimmerman stated that the proxy couldn't vote.
- Yao asked if the conference call/in person meeting would be biweekly to Zimmerman.
- Zimmerman said that the half meeting would be once a month.
- Williams asked for clarification.
- Zimmerman pointed out the flexibility and that they could do a conference call every other week if they would like.
- Williams pointed out that a quorum is not necessary but useful in making appointments.
- Tressel reminded council that they were elected officers and that they made a commitment to fulfilling their duties when they ran.
- Spring moved that there be biweekly meetings with the availability of phone conferences.
- De Vera seconded.
- Vote 10-0-2, movement to have biweekly meetings with the availability of phone conferences passed.

- Zimmerman asked what date they would like to start on.
- Lucas asked when was the first appointment due.
- Williams answered Tuesday, June 15.
- Geller pointed out those appointments due.
- De Vera made a motion to start on June 22.
- Khy seconded.
- 12-0-0 unanimous vote to have the biweekly meetings.

- Spring moved to have the meetings on Tuesday at 7PM.
- Birdie seconded.
- Hill opened up for discussion.

- Yao asked about studying abroad.
- Miller said that he would appreciate taking consideration that he will be studying abroad but is flexible.
- De Vera calls to question the time of the meeting at 7PM.
- Unanimous vote 12-0-0 to have the summer meetings on Tuesday summer meetings on June 22 at 7PM.

- Hill brought up having meetings during finals and 10th week.
- Santos moved to have a meeting 10th week.
- De Vera seconded.
- Hill moved to discussion.
- Spring moved to question a meeting to 10th week.
- 11-0-1 approved that the council will meet the Tuesday of 10th week.

- Miller moved that council meet the Tuesday of finals week.
- Phi moved to move to table to discussion.
- Hill moved to discussion.
- Santos has a final at that time.
- Tressel said that in the past, they had meetings at times like those when it was vital.
- Nelson pointed out that they should have a meeting when it is necessary or if something of great magnitude had occurred.
- Spring asked to move this discussion to the meeting next week
- Lucas asked if council needed to approve the appointments so that a meeting during finals week was necessary
- Zimmerman said that if you have to meet finals week, the meeting won't be a full 2 hour meeting and that the agenda will be kept as short as possible
- Hill stated that she feels as if it is necessary to meet finals week
- Nelson said that there have been problems with not having a BOD going to retreat and that their effectiveness is compromised if not chosen early
- Hill asked if she could table the discussion to next week
- Yao moved to table the discussion to next week
- De Vera seconded.

XI. Announcements

- Spring said that the gen rep 1 has a diversity Tour to Griffith Observatory. Thursday leaving at 6, coming back at 11. Sign ups on Facebook.
- Birdie- UCLA banquet- fundraiser, keynote speaker, donation at the entrance
- Ma invited council to the presentation of an award to Appatow. June 1 at noon
- Zimmerman said that there were business cards for the commissioners \$45-50 for a pack of business cards. If council members are interested they are to email Zimmerman so that all of the cards that are made are uniform.
- Nelson is leaving the 29th and is coming the 11th of June and will be grading AP history exams in Kentucky
- Phi had her run/walk and raised 50,000 for their committee. They have ten committees and plan to have an 11th, called Active Minds. She pointed out that there is a need for mental Health
- Shah Jazz Reggae 5 days. Mixer for new staff
- Santos expanded on what Resnick said. There will be a Youth in Empowerment Conference and that IDEAS needs help. It deals with students who want to come to UCLA.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Ma moved and De Vera 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 8:54p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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USAC Minutes Taker
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