

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday July 13, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Stephanie Lucas, Cris Santos, Matt Spring, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, JC De Vera, Rustom Birdie, Linda Phi, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Patty Zimmerman, Isaac Rose

ABSENT: Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Jasmine Hill, Willard Tressel, Kinnery Shah, Katrina Dimacali

GUESTS: Ronald Arruejo, Crystal Hsing, Stephen Moock, Parsa Sobhani, Kia Saedi, Ryan Miller

I. A. Call to Order

- Lucas 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

- Birdie moved and Khy seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Lucas called for Acclamation. Lucas 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. *6/1/10

-Phi moved Miller, Resnick, Nelson and Williams from Present to Not Present

-Phi stated that in Section IX, change Yao's statement to CSC from CAC.

- De Vera moved and Khy seconded to approve the minutes for, June 6th, as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations.

VI. Appointments

A. Kia Saedi for Finance Commission Vice Chair

Approve FiCom Vice Chair, Kia Saedi as a consent item

-Kia Saedi introduced himself as an objective candidate.

-Ma moved to approve Kia Saedi. Phi seconded.

-Spring mentioned the responsibilities of the Vice Chair as outlined through the bylaws. Spring asked about his knowledge of the responsibilities and asked if he knew them.

-Saedi mentioned that he had not read bylaws but is familiar with the position and had worked on the committee last year.

-Spring asked Saedi if he was planning on having workshops

-Saedi said that he was planning on having the workshops.

-Birdie asked what suggestion he had of the FiCom last year.

- Saeidi said that he was only on the committee last year.
- De Vera asked Saeidi what the challenges he faced last year were.
- Saedi said that there was limited funding. This forced the committee to think objectively and look at how it will affect the community.
- Spring asked Saeidi about the process of contingency.
- Saedi said that first they request funding. Then, they need evidence for charges given make sure we have a legit application. He hopes to do this in order to help serve the community and the UCLA community. He mentioned that he was involved in helping multiple groups and that he wanted to be inclusive in programming.
- Geller asked what the duty of vice chair is in terms of attending Tuesday meetings.
- Saedi mentioned that he is available.
- Ma calls the question, Birdie Seconds. There were no objections.
- With a vote of 7-0-1, Saedi was appointed as the FiCom Vice 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

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

Contingency Programming Requests that were submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration. A total of **\$11,109.38 was requested from contingency** of that, a total of **\$5218.54 is recommended for allocation** for this week.

The funds are for events that are for now to July 31st and not beyond. The funds for later dates are not yet allocated.

- Birdie asked how the process works if they do not have documentation submitted.
- Rose said that on the application it says they need documentation to be considered for funding. It is a courtesy that we will email them to see if they would like to be considered for funding. Rose mentioned that they will give them a second chance if available. They will review the application and can forward that to council.
- De Vera asked if the Monday deadline was the ultimate deadline for all summer programming.
- Zimmerman said that after Aug. 1st will be next year's contingency once the budget is complete. Anything after August 1 will be considered for the 2010-2011 year.
- Spring asked if he generally uses a point system.
- Rose said that generally they do not use a point system. He said that he is working for something more transparent in the process.
- Santos asked if a point system is not used, why the use of a transparent system not mentioned before this.
- Rose said that this concern was just brought up and that he was going to work on it. He said that with the upcoming school year, ideally by July 31st they hope to have a method to use to allocate money.
- Birdie asked if Rose had a committee now.
- Rose said that he has the committee of three.
- Geller said that one of the members has to be appointed on the committee as a consent item.
- Lucas asked if the council needed to make an amendment to the agenda to do this.

- Geller said that they will have appointments and other than the vice chair; this is just a consent item and will be a part of Rose's report.
- Rose introduced Stephen Moock as consent item.
- Lucas asked who was in favor of adding Stephan to agenda. With a unanimous vote of 8-0-0, Moock was appointed to the committee.
- Nelson asked if he allocated funds through vote or discussion.
- Rose said that it was just discussion.
- Birdie asked what happens when he emails recommendations. He asked what to do if they disapprove.
- Geller said that the committee needed to have 5 people, with as many as 7. She said that 2 members of the committee needed to participate in the review and that there needed to be 5 alternates approved by the council. At least 3 people should have been approved for recommendations. Geller mentioned that the council can approve all of the recommendations or one at a time. She said that you can table an appointment if you have more questions. Geller said that he is giving a preview of an action item that will be placed on the agenda.
- Yao asked what would happen if an application was time sensitive and the council had enough questions that the application had to be tabled.
- Geller said that the council needed to be aware of this, because if council tables something after it occurs, you can amend it and approve as amended.
- Yao asked what would happen if council was to allocate money to a group but they were to change the amount that was to be allocated to them.
- Geller said that council could make a motion to this. The finance committee is advisory and makes their best recommendation, but the council is the ultimate vote. They may approve an allocation as amended.
- Birdie asked if Rose needed to announce something.
- Geller said that Rose didn't have a vote. The council needs to make a motion to approve contingency allocations for the week and the council was to vote. The council will determine if they will vote on everything as a whole or line by line.
- De Vera moves to approve the contingency allocation. Birdie seconds
- Rose said that at the bottom of each there are comments particular to each group. Rose mentioned the application from the president's office, which had complete documentation for everything. Rose said that they had printed out receipts.
- Phi Delta Theta asked for \$826.32 we recommend \$400. Only one person was attending the event that is why they did not receive full funding. Since this was not benefiting the entire organization, they did not receive full funding.
- Bu Alpha Kappa asked for \$2,513.52 did not give names clear names, objectives, or documentation. The committee recommends \$840.
- USAC EVP requested \$5,742.38 the committee recommended \$2,000. The documentation was emailed, not stapled to the application which made it harder for the committee to find. Rose reiterated that they needed all parts of the application stapled in order for them to purchase each item. He said to list website and not to quote the website. There were no funds for Honorarium because they did not include, even in the email, which the speaker's were and why the speakers were important. The speaker should have had an email on how much they are asking for. There needs to be a decent statement of need. The fees were not planned appropriately. What the committee needed and what they had was not correctly gauged. Through the entire application process, this was the amount that the committee decided to give them.
- Birdie asked Rose if he had a hard copy of the emails mentioned.
- Rose stated that he did not.
- Santos asked if there were any guidelines about the honorarium listed on the application. Requested documentation was different.
- Rose said that he would not look at this application but the one on the USAC website under documents.
- Santos said that he mentioned this because from previous times working with honorarium applications, the one requested was different. He expressed his worry about the different expectations that were expressed from year to year.
- Dr. Geller said that if council had any questions, they should bring it up at the retreat. She said that it was a good opportunity to express questions now so that Rose's committee could work on a proposal.
- Santos said that since there are different expectations for the honorarium from last year to this year, he said that he could submit recommendations for changes to the application for the honorarium. He said that the

amount of money needed for the Congress is important because honorarium speakers are essential for the conference.

-Rose said that he would work with Santos on this.

-Birdie asked what would happen if there was no documentation on price for a flight. He inquired about whether he received an email back. Birdie also asked if there was a limit for the honorarium.

-Rose said that there was a \$500 cap for the honorarium.

-Zimmerman said that sometimes there might not be a performer's contract for honorarium. She said that they needed some documentation for the speakers. She said these are things to consider when applying for contingency in the future. Zimmerman said that they needed a backup for travel arrangements.

-Spring asked what the funding is for specifically in regards to the honorarium speaker.

-Santos said that from what he remembers, there were names of speakers on the application but he was aware that some documentation was missing. He said that, like Dr. Geller was saying, it would be beneficial if they received documentation so that they could receive their funds for their honorarium.

-Birdie asked if the application said the person's name and resume were attached. Birdie asked what the BLT used last time.

-Rose said that it was the same application as last year.

-Santos said that he understands Rose's perspective and that he wants to work with him. He said that without bylaws on the application on the honorarium, it was unfair for them to ask for extensive paperwork on this specific section. He hopes to work this out for this specific application because the honorarium is a grey spot.

-Rose said that the honorarium is a difficult matter on the application because speakers generally cost money.

-Spring said that it is one of the most important events on campus. He said that people from every state will be at UCLA and that we need to put on a good conference from them. Spring said that he feels like a matter such as honorarium should not hinder the entire event.

-Rose said that he can not give them partial if he did not have information or the application clearly written out.

-Lucas understands that it is important and there should be some leeway to this organization.

-Khy asked what the email asked for and what he asked for in return.

-Rose said he requested for more information.

-Khy asked if she sent documentation after.

-Rose said that there was a short call of how much was allocated and how much money they were already getting. He said that there was \$3000 allocated to the congress. Rose stated that he still does not have the amounts for all the funding and what is the need in the application. Rose said that he is unclear about aspects of the application.

-Birdie asked if Rose would give them another chance to email more documentation.

-Rose said that they now have the information.

-Birdie asked what amount they were allocated.

-Rose asked Santos for more details about the event so that they know how much they need.

-Santos said that there is uncertainty about the amount of money they have and need until after the conference.

-Rose said that more money was allocated toward facilities because he felt like this was the main concern.

-Birdie asked if there was a limit that the conference could receive.

-Rose said that there wasn't.

-Yao asked if they had ever considered the other documentation.

-Rose said that they got the honorarium documentation and consequently received documentation for facilities.

-Santos said there was still no money given for honorarium. He is why there was documentation given and there was no money allocated. Santos said that in order to stop going around in circles, he will ask the main concern which was "will we get any money for honorarium."

-Rose said that the recommendation is up to the council.

-Geller said that council can make amendments not try to get Isaac to change the mind. She said that the council has the chance to vote and that Rose is doing his best effort in reviewing the application. Dr. Geller said that the council needed to be objective in order to avoid running out of funds. Dr. Geller said that the guidelines in place now are the same ones as in place last year.

- Dr. Nelson said that eventually, after more events, their confidence in the committee will build. He said that the recommendations made are excellent.
- Birdie said that this is a higher number than originally given.
- Rose: CSC asked for \$350.40 allocated \$350.40 good description, agenda, and members
- USA Fac. retreat asked for \$54.14 allocated \$54.14. Complete documentation for supplies recommend full funding
- Samahang Pilipino. Funding for retreat. \$318 is requested and given \$270. Good documentation, attendees, agenda.
- CSC fair asked for \$790 recommending \$790.00 documentation was emailed not attached. For SITU for program reached a big audience.
- USAC Pres Office: SITU supplies asked for \$514 given \$514.
- Spring called to question. Ma seconds.
- With 5 objections, the floor is back open.
- Phi asked if they can move each one individually or as a lump.
- De Vera asked if they can we submit applications for summer contingencies early.
- Rose said that they can.
- Birdie asked about how to vote for each recommendation for funding individually.
- Dr. Geller said that they can move to approve each recommendation individually and then amend one if needed.
- Santos said that he hopes to update guidelines to make them more clear about amounts. He emphasized the importance of a point system.
- Birdie moves to approve FiCom recommendations as a lump sum, Ma seconds. 8-0-0 approved to move to vote.
- Spring calls question for FiCom allocations De Vera seconds. For total of \$5,218.54. Approved at 7-0-1

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

No present read by Stephanie Lucas:

Jasmine apologizes for missing tonight but I'm white-lining for the Regents meeting in San Francisco. I'm here representing the UC Responsible Endowment Campaign and the proposal for Institutionalized Aid. I'm available via email or phone.

Working with David Nueman, Willard's contact, to find us a branding strategist from the Association. Sending a revised survey out this week per your recommendations from the last council meeting.

Met with the American Indian Student Association about the concerning cuts to their Interdepartmental Program. Working with AAC Khy to challenge the Dean of Social Sciences.

Kenn Heller is making special presentation at next meeting.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said thanks for filling out doodle retreat Sept. 3-5. The location is Big Bear. ARC will be convening this Thursday. She said that presidential appointments are made. The council will need an election board chair this year.

-Birdie asked when the deadline for this was.

-Lucas said that the deadline is before March.

-Lucas asked when we should appoint.

-Nelson told council to get a feel for who is interested.

-De Vera said that they need to be early because of special elections.

-Birdie asked if they can appoint the same person twice. He wants to get an applicant pool.

-Dr. Nelson said that you should start as soon as you get people. You might have someone resign and you need a special election.

-Lucas asked if we have to have applicants by week 0 or if we can push it to next Fall.

-Zimmerman said that they want to make sure that you have a good applicant pool before you make a decision for the committee.

-Lucas asked council if they have any other retreat locations this year. If local you can have the retreat. Retreat locations and who attends.

-De Vera asked where they had the retreat last year.

-Lucas said that last year the retreat was held in Santa Monica.

-Birdie asked who else will be attending the retreat.

-Lucas said that Tressel and Zimmerman will attend.

-Dr. Geller said that she will attend part of the retreat as well.

-Lucas said that it might be more convenient to have it local, but it might be expensive.

-Zimmerman said that the overnight part of the retreat is the committee.

-Dr. Nelson talked more about the retreat and who would be attending.

-Santos asked if it was a significant difference in having the retreat locally.

-Lucas said that it would be difficult to have locally but it could possibly be more practical. Lucas also talked about teambuilding applications.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

-USSA congress is this Thursday 15th-20th. More then welcome to attend the inaugural. They will vote on campaigns for next year for GSSA/ USSA. Last year, they were able to make some great successes and UCLA even got campus of the year last year.

-UCSA Congress is from August 12th-15th and invited the council to attend. Santos said that a lot of council members attended and had a great experience. He urged council to apply.

-Santos mentioned working with different people concerning governor candidates and working with GSA. The regents meeting will happen and discuss recommendations. Santos mentioned the first advisory council on Campus Climate Actions and diversity.

-Rustom asked about the DREAM act and how it was going.

-Santos said that they wanted to pass it by June. The confirmation acts for the supreme act justice started already. They are going to be consumed with other programs now. Now the new window of opportunity is in August. Santos said that he will give council more information as we get it from National and state levels.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy talked about the E-Board compendium board and going through campuses to discuss class room recommendations. She said that this will be approved at end of the summer. A concern rose concerning Grad. Degree Process and changes that may be presented. At the committee, they approved remote classrooms. There were hearings of end of the year and reports about retention programs and how to allocate for upcoming year. Khy, like Hill, has been working with American Indian students. The Student Affairs Officer was removed and conversations are being fostered concerning what does this mean for their community.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Yao mentioned the retreat this weekend.
- Zimmerman talked about the mailbox keys. She asked council if they had received their mailbox. Forms were passed out.
- Santos mentioned the Plenary on Sunday for the congress. He said that it is a great thing to experience. If you want to be present, you should be in Ackerman Grand Ballroom on Thursday. If you would like to get in, contact Santos.
- Lucas reminded the council that the SGOF is due tomorrow.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Phi moved and Spring seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Lucas called for Acclamation. Lucas asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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