

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 19, 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, Rustom Birdie, Linda Phi, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Shulman

ABSENT: Isaac Rose, JC De Vera

GUESTS: Kia Saedi, Crystal Hsing (Daily Bruin), Judith Perera (Pre Law Society)

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Birdie asked to strike his report.

-Khy asked to strike ASRF.

-Lucas asked to add the Pre Law Society presentation constitutionally.

- Phi moved and Yao 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. *10/12/10

-Phi said that the spelling of Rose's name is Isaac.

-Spring moved and Shah seconded to approve the minutes for October 5th, as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments made this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. Judith Perera-Pre-Law Society at UCLA

Perera said that the society has been there since 1968, with members averaging 60-70 a week. The external vice president, forum director, and events director were with her as well. She thanked council and Hill for their help with getting an advisor. She said that they were trying to address needs of students and USAC was helpful in this process. Daniel, the external vice president, said that the society is one of the most active groups on campus. They already had admissions officers come as well as law students representing various campuses. He talked about the different campuses that came to UCLA, as well as the panel that will come next week. The biggest event will be the law forum. On November 4, the 18th annual law forum will be held in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. The schools will have representatives such as deans as well as admissions officers. 60-70 law schools will be there. Usually, the fair is held with the Law Board but this year it is hosted by the Pre Law Society at UCLA. The law forum expects to have east coast schools as well.

VI. Appointments

A. #Ross Bernet for Campus Sustainability Committee

Lucas said that Bernet was unanimously preferred. Lucas moved to approve Bernet for the Campus Sustainability Committee. Hill said that the CSC requested him with rave reviews.

-Zimmerman said that she worked with Bernet and that he was a great asset to the committee. She said that he was a great candidate.

-Lucas asked a question about putting the UID number on the agenda.

-Dr. Geller said that the UID should not be next to the name. The minutes should not have the UID number. She said that the agendas should also depend on the purpose of distribution.

-Ma seconded the approval of Bernet. With no objections, Bernet was approved for the CSC.

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**D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

Shah said that there was an application from SLAM, Student Leader Advocates of Music. They do community work involving music, with this event being to get people excited about what they do. They were allocated \$392.

-Birdie said that the application says the group was allocated \$700.

-Shah said that was a mistake on the application. She said that she would fix it and resend it.

-Birdie asked if there was a deadline for application.

-Shah said that there is a recommended 2 weeks before, but since they were only asking for facilities costs it made sense to allocate them \$392. She said that the deadline is a recommendation rather than a requirement.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Spring moved to approve the contingency allocations.

-Santos seconded.

-For gen rep 1, the application was late so they were allocated \$276.93.

-Gen rep 2 was docked some funds because the allocation was lacking. They were allocated \$450

-KASEO was allocated \$225 for supplies.

-China Care Bruins were allocated \$610.01. They wanted funds for half a page in the Daily Bruin.

-Community Service Commission was allocated full funds, with a total of \$190.

-Samahang Pilipino was docked for food because they went over the max. They were allocated \$560.71.

-Dr. Geller said that for KASEO, the dates were from the 16th-20th.

-Saedi said that they were allocated late fees because they go toward the last day of the event.

-Dr. Geller asked if they could do retroactive funding.

-Zimmerman said it depends on the situation and that the funds usually need to be given prior to the event. She said that they could approve this and double check the circumstances.

-Santos called to question the contingency allocations for this week. Spring seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations for October 19, 2010 were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

Hill passed around cards for the council to sign for Dr. Nelson's wife. She will also coordinate to send something additional to their family. Hill said that there is a system in her office where people can sign up on the door. She thanked Dr. Geller and Naples for the instructions for the campus wide email.

-Dr. Geller said that AVC's office would assist in the costs for this.

-Hill said that there was a constitution bylaw that states that the agendas for the meetings are to be posted

-Hill said that council has been contacting ORL for programming concerns. She said this comes back to the IVP, Melissa Samson. Samson asked the council to talk to her first. She will be making a presentation in an upcoming

meeting about resources, processes, and procedures for programming on the hill. Samson is the official liaison to USAC.

-The USAC mixer is tomorrow. It starts tomorrow 7-9 in the De Neve Plaza Room. There is an expectation that each council member brings someone from his or her staff. Members of council are to speak for 3 minutes on what their office is doing.

-Hill said that there were talks about a potential fee increase last week. She spoke to the speaker of the assembly John Perez with his higher education advisor in terms of tactics and challenges we can give to regents. She said that they would move forward in this.

-Hill said that she set up a meeting with the administrative vice chancellor in terms of student parking concerns next week. She said that if council was interested in being included, they are to let her know.

-Hill said that she would be speaking at the all staff meeting about expectations of student affairs officers that students have. If council has input, they are to contact Hill.

-Birdie asked if they should email a three-minute blurb to her.

-Hill said no. She said that someone from their office could speak as well.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

-Lucas said that next week, the campus safety alliance will meet as well. The BOD hearing for Strathmore Safe Rides is Thursday. The IVP Fellowship program is to start next week in her office. The How-To guide is almost ready. Lucas said that there will be surveys and outreach in terms of the test bank, safe rides, etc.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

-Santos said that there are updates from the student coalition. The deadline to register to vote was on October 18th. Their goal was 3,000 registered students. There were 3,098 students registered. Santos said that they were at the top three of having the most total registered voters in California. Santos said that there would be a lot of get out the vote efforts until November 2. After, they will work to institutionalize the student vote coalition. Other schools such as UCSB have institutionalized voting registration groups. Santos said that there is no reason why UCLA shouldn't be in that situation. They want to make sure that in two years they have the conditions necessary to vote the most students to vote.

-Santos said that the regent meeting is Nov. 16-18. They are thinking about sending students. There will be discussions about the fee increases, which could range from 0-20%. Santos said that they are working to the best of their ability for these efforts.

-Santos said that the applications for the whiteners, or student advocates to the regents are out. The students get to go past the line that separates the public from the regents and would be able to talk to them directly.

-Santos said they had a DREAM act rally in conjunction with IDEAS and Gen. Rep 1 the day of the Clinton rally on Friday. They talked about what happened in Georgia, where the regents prevented undocumented students from going to public institutions of higher education in the state. Santos said that the regents refuse to provide for financial aid for undocumented students.

-There is a week of action this week put on by IDEAS.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

-The Student Initiated Access Committee is starting their evaluations. The office is working closely in terms of how the graduate program affects undergraduate studies. Khy said that this Friday at noon, there would be another rally to save Islamic studies.

-Khy said that the diversity taskforce possibly has someone to chair this committee.

-Hill asked if this was within the academic senate

-Khy said Chancellor Block developed this and that this was an ad hoc committee.

Administrative Representative- Geller

-Dr. Geller reminded the council that the memorial would be Nov. 15 at 4pm in the faculty center main dining room. More information is to come out later.

-Dr. Geller said that another regental vote is to come out in December in changes to post-employee benefits for staff hired after June 13. The plan is to present these for a vote. Geller said that more information is found online. She said that any member of the campus community could comment

-Santos talked about changes to the pension plan. Santos said that it is unfortunate that students aren't sympathetic with the changes to worker's pension. Santos asked the council to spread a common understanding that the university is here for all of us. He said that unity is one of their biggest goals this year, which includes the workers.

Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman that CSC is having a mini fund this Friday. The Green Initiative fund is posted on Orgsync. There will be a Daily Bruin ad soon. This is due on the 29th. The majority of other schools only do one cycle per year, while this year there are three funding cycles at UCLA. This was used at Jazz Reggae and Dance Marathon.

IX. Old Business

There was no new business this week.

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- Hill talked about last week's John Wooden Day. This was one of the first USAC-wide events to recently occur. The council evaluated the day.
- Miller said that there was a good turnout.
- Lucas said that there was strong networking with admins.
- Khy said that there was a good base of volunteers.
- Hill said that the Wooden family was pleased.
- Resnick said that there was a good tone that honored Wooden
- Santos said that Lucas and Hill set a great tone at the event.
- Shah said that the set up and decorations was good.
- Hill said that the activity had a large impact
- Miller said that the event went on without any major glitches
- Spring said that they were able to get their marketing together
- Dr. Geller said that the staff and student affairs said that they all worked well together.
- Hill said that the tug of war was reflective of how the groups were able to work out solutions and work together.
- Tressel said that off campus media coverage was wide-spread. He said that the event resonated with every Bruin.
- Hill said that it hit part of their vision, which was to bring people together.
- Yao said that there were not as many people at the daytime event.
- Yao recommended more and earlier publicity
- Santos asked if someone on council contacted the Daily Bruin
- Shah said that she did. She said that she is going to talk to them
- Tressel said that it was interesting that there was no mention of USAC in the article about John Wooden Day
- Elise said that there should have been more mentioning of the training earlier
- Phi said that the flyers and design should have been done earlier
- Ma said that they should have marketing set earlier.
- Spring asked for clarification of what a better marketing team would consist of
- Ma said meet often and earlier. He said that someone on the marketing staff should be programming meetings
- Birdie said that they should have a list of who to contact when holding these events
- Zimmerman said that she liked how the website was utilized for this event. The webmaster said that he would be more than happy to do this with other programs.
- Hill said that all the donations received were great. This is reflective of administrative support and support from ASUCLA. Recreation was helpful as well.
- Birdie said that the Volunteer Center paid for almost all of the wristbands.
- Spring said that they should bring reinforcements in next time.
- Hill said that people really liked the idea of going to schools and using Coach Wooden as the charge behind this.
- Elise said that they should have the volunteers more spread out.
- Miller said that a lot of the volunteers showed up and didn't have anything to do. He said that they should have more defined roles for the volunteers.
- Miller said that this was marketed well, but next time they should drive that this was a USAC-wide event. He said that "USAC" didn't appear on the Daily Bruin article.
- Spring said that USAC was mentioned and it was up to the reporters whether or not to mention them.
- Ma said that they could put "USAC presents" in the event title.
- Tressel said that on NPR, Wooden Day was talked about as a student-run event.
- Zimmerman said that she was impressed that as a committee as a whole, they were able complete a full USAC project. She said that she hopes that more events like this are presented throughout the year.

- Santos said that they should take this evaluation and think about the future of this day, so that next year's council can plan ahead.
- Spring said that they should have documentation of what they did.
- Zimmerman said that this would be information that could be in the blue binder. This would be a living document that would be passed on every year.
- Hill said that overall, they have a lot to be proud of. She said that she was proud of what they were able to produce collectively.

XI. Announcements

- Hill said that she would send an email about the vice provo's coming to the LA area. He is inviting people to go to the Museum of Tolerance. This is on Wednesday, October 20.
- Alicia said that tomorrow is the sustainability fair. This is 11-2 in Bruin Plaza.
- Phi said that next week is Yoga Under the Stars. This is free for everyone. Mats will be provided. This is from 6-7 at Sunset Rec.
- Zimmerman said that if something is to be added, the webmaster is in daily. They are to email him.
- Resnick sent an email about voting for Sigma Nu for philanthropy. She asked the council to forward this to their listerves. Next Wednesday, there will be a UCLA Halloween event and a flash mob. She congratulated the council on John Wooden Day.
- Miller moved to remove the ID number from the agenda under the appointments section. Yao seconded.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Spring moved and Ma 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 8:04 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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