

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 2, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Cris 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, Isaac Rose

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Travis Cohan, Katrina B., Kenny Ramos

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Lucas moved to strike Showl for Judicial Board under appointments.

-Lucas moved to add BOD allocations under new business.

-Khy moved to strike ASRF funding on the agenda.

-De Vera added an officer report to the agenda.

-Shah moved to strike the mini grant.

-Santos moved to strike the travel grant.

-Miller moved to make BOD an action item.

-Spring added the CRC SIAC Presentation to the agenda. Santos seconded.

-Lucas moved to move the appointments until after officer reports. Spring seconded.

- De Vera moved and Shah 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. *10/26/10

-Hill said to review who was present and who wasn't. De Vera was not present and had a proxy. Some of the people's names were not on there that was present.

-Phi said that Nelson was not present.

-Yao said that Santos and Rose's names are spelled wrong.

-Miller said that under EVP travel grant, Santos said that ____ so to replace those with the proper values.

-Birdie asked if the minute taker approved for typos.

-Birdie moved and Santos seconded to approve the minutes for October 26th, as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

Travis Cohan- IVP Office, Part of the Transparency Taskforce

Cohan talked about funding allocations and how they tried to schedule meetings with people in the funding process. Cohan talked about meeting with Love, and they unfortunately received a lot of disrespect. They said that Love was late to meetings and cancelled some of them. He said that they want to ensure that this doesn't happen again in the future and that they want to help the school out.

V. Special Presentations

Campus Retention Committee and Student Initiated Access Committee Presentation: Katrina
-De Vera moved to table the special presentations until the presenters were there. Phi seconded.

-The SIAC houses 7 projects that go out into the greater Los Angeles area to peer advise, tutor, give workshops, etc. On the pamphlet that was passed out, the projects were listed and described.

-Hill asked her about the sites and what services are offered to the students.

-She talked about the project called HOPE (Higher Opportunity Program for Education), which goes to downtown LA high schools and offered peer advising. Each peer advisor is a UCLA student with his or her own caseload. The high school students are looked to be holistically developed and more involved in the community. She said they assisted with their personal statements, etc. There is a advising, tutoring, parent, and leadership development components. Depending on the sites and projects, they go to sites once or twice a week. The vehicles are provided by the CPO.

-Hill asked about the age range of the students they work with

-She said that some projects go to elementary and middle schools. She said that a lot of the projects deal with high schools and some go to community college. She said that they are access and outreach projects and that one of their goals is to allow people to see the importance of higher education.

-Khy asked how many sites and students they serve.

-Each project has to have at least two sites. She said that they have 7 projects, with minimum 14 and maximum 21. The students range depending on site.

-Birdie asked how CPO is funded.

-She said that the SIAC is a funding committee. They fund 7 of the projects. At the end of the year, there is an academic budget proposal. This is proposed to the committee with a hearing process. After the hearings, the committee deliberates and allocates funds based on the budget proposals. The SIAC is funded through the state. They receive referendum funding through PLEDGE. There was a chancellor's batch two years ago, but this was not dipped into.

-Hill said that they have access to other funds as well since they are a campus department.

-Spring asked what obstacles there were in accessing higher education

-She said that funding is one of the major obstacles in attending a college such as UCLA. She said that a lot of students are working, which at times takes away from their studies. Other time commitments are also an issue. Exit exams are a major issue as well, which is why they offer test preparation as a part of development.

-Yao asked if the SAT workshops are the services previously mentioned.

-She said yes.

-Miller asked if they outreach to other disadvantaged students besides the ones listed, such as the LGBT community.

-She said that they do not discriminate to the students that come into the after school programs. The SIAC is open to other proposals as long as they follow their requirements.

Kenny Ramos- Retention Coordinator of AISA

The SIAC houses 5 projects, which offer services such as internships and mentorships. The all-SRC services include writing success, the test bank, study hall, etc. The focus is on academic action students as well as dismissed students. They try to provide support for graduation. The main support is peer counseling, which has to do with time management planning, office hours, and study groups. He said that they also try to support students with other situations that affect them, such as those having to do with finances or family. They point students to entities such as CAPS. He said that there is a counselor in each department, such as honors, AAP, and letters and science. They are also working to have someone from the career center come by. They have a working relationship with AAP and the arts program. He talked about trends that they noticed, which included: financial instability, having to work, commuting, students dropping out, out of state students coming in, and services being cut. Last year, Covell was cut, but USAC was able to alleviate some of the financial burdens. AAP has been negatively affected by dramatic cuts. They are trying to streamline events so that AAP doesn't have to fund workshops that the SIAC already holds.

-Rose asked if they had any numbers in terms of how many students are involved, how many students are undocumented, etc.

-He said that tutoring has been cut and 1 out of 4 undocumented students drop out. He told the council that they might want to talk to AAP to see how the cuts are affecting them.

-Rose said that they should gather more data as they can.

-He said that they would follow up on this so they may understand the magnitude of the effects. He said that there is study hall open to everyone in the basement, including grad students. There are van ride services that are offered if a student stays at least an hour.

VI. Appointments

-Yao said that Tran would not make it in time. She moved to strike her part from the agenda. De Vera seconded.

-Hill said that the ARC will explain how the interviews went and that after, the appointments would be approved as items of consent.

-Lucas said that Arakelian was excited, had previous experience on nutrition and body image. She said that she would have liked to see that she had more advocacies in program goals. She was appointed with unanimous consent.

-Manuel had experience being on SIAC for three years. She was able to articulate a plan for SIAC and USAC. She had a lot of experience and she was very passionate.

-Quach for the Student Conduct Committee Chairperson had previous advocacy experience since she's a transfer. She served on similar committees and was able to witness various disputes. She was able to gain a clear perspective on different issues. Since she is a transfer, she might not fully understand the climate at UCLA. She was approved with unanimous consent.

-Le was previously a counselor. She had good diction and had a good application. The con was that she didn't well articulate her vision for the committee. She was approved with unanimous consent.

-Lucas moved to approve Arakelian, Manuel, Quach, and Le. De Vera seconded.

-Hill said that these individuals were approved with unanimous consent.

- A. *Lindsay Scholtes for Judicial Board
- B. *Myca Tran for Office Space Allocation Committee Chairperson
- C. #Natalie Quach for Student Conduct Committee Alternate
- D. #Patricia Le for Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee
- E. #Dalida Arakelian for EATask force
- F. #Vicky Manuel for USAC Representative for Student Initiated Access Committee

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****E. *Contingency Allocations**

-Spring moved to approve contingency for this week. De Vera seconded. There were no objections.

- A total of **\$3,982.28** was requested from contingency of that, a total of **\$2,961.16** is recommended for allocation for this week. Currently we have **\$46,772.01** remaining in the contingency programming fund.

He said that he would allocate any questions that people had.

-De Vera asked for clarification on the applications.

-Birdie asked how was docked when an application was late

-Rose said that it under their discretion.

-Phi asked why the United Arab Society was docked money for the hotel.

-Rose said that honorarium should not fund to house the speaker but rather for the speaker to come in.

-Khy asked why the Afrikan Student Union did not receive funding for supplies

-Rose said that they were lacking a statement of need.

-Birdie asked what the needs for the travel and the hotel were for the United Arab Society.

-Rose said to house the speaker.

-Birdie moved to approve the contingency allocations.

-Miller called to question the contingency allocations. Birdie seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the contingency allocations for the week of 11/2/10 were approved.

G. Love- Budget Review Director

- Love apologized for his lack of visibility in terms of the public comments. He said that he is a commuter and that he will reschedule with the group that he missed the meeting with
- Spring moved to approve the BOD allocations for the fall. Phi seconded.
- Love thanked Zimmerman and Champawat for being there during the budget review hearings.
- Love said that one group last minute didn't want to hold their hearing anymore. He said that he deleted it. He said that they couldn't fund safe rides because they would pay certain entities for the service. He said that there was a hidden column that was put in the spreadsheet. Love said that there were only 23 groups that applied for this funding cycle. He said that they still had a surplus left over. He said that students apply for SOOF and that there is less money because the UCLA funding comes into effect for BOD. He said that the formulas aren't as clear, but these groups got as much as possible. He said that the fewer groups that apply have a bigger funding cycle to receive funding from. He said that the BOD does not have a cap. He said that he made it fair for the groups in terms of how much they asked for and how much was received.
- Zimmerman thanked Love for the hidden values. She said that based on score, each group was evenly treated. Zimmerman said that they made this a percentage of how much the pot consisted of
- Miller asked if the entire request for Strathmore Safe Rides was based on because it would use student funds to pay someone
- Lucas said that it wasn't
- Santos asked if how much is available would be put on the application
- Champawat said that they could provide past outcomes. He said that this is a typical outcome of this funding cycle
- Zimmerman said that they had this issue, and that they explained to each group in the hearings how much they would be able to allocate. They pointed the groups to other funding sources and she said this would be a good idea to do with other funding hearings.
- Santos said that the travel and advocacy grants also had a head start in this. He said that they provided comments and that they would point them in the direction to other sources of funding.
- Dr. Geller asked what Baja SAE was
- Love said that they build a car and it comes from the engineering department.
- Miller asked for Rose's logic on zero funding came from
- Rose said that he didn't have the application with him and that it wasn't clear to him. He said that they couldn't pay for wages for SAO through his funding.
- Lucas asked for clarification on Strathmore Safe Rides and why they received no funding when previously it was no problem.
- Hill said that since it was awarded in the past, it doesn't mean that it should get funding this cycle. She said that flyers are a separate issue. She said that they would need to go out and look at the application again. She said that there is a process for reviewing applications. She said that there are different funding cycles are available and that they should move forward
- Birdie asked people outside of the committee could read the applications
- Zimmerman said that they could view the applications. She said that if the application was online, they allowed for students to bring in paper copies to be reviewed. She said that if they got approval from their advisor, they were able to bring in a paper copy.
- Birdie asked if Love and Rose saw that they could not fund wages
- Love said that someone sitting on the committee said no to funding wages
- Champawat said that if there are concerns, they could bring them up in terms of taking a group out and seeing if the allocations change
- Miller asked if there were other student groups applied that weren't on the excel. He requested for the abbreviations to be expanded
- Love said that no other groups were left off the excel
- Miller said that there could possibly be a problem with communication between funding and USAC
- Love said to send an email to him
- Hill asked for clarification on what his recommendation was
- Miller said that they should contact a group if their application was severely flawed. He said that he was asking for more communication
- Ma said that when they found out that the Safe Rides provided wages, they told them that they wouldn't be able to receive funding. He said that the communication was there
- Miller said that for clarification, he said that 0 funding might not have been properly communicated. He said that there was a misunderstanding on that level.
- Birdie asked if they could hold some of the groups back and approve some of them

- Hill said that they might as well approve the BOD and contest one.
- Shah called to question BOD for fall. Spring seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the BOD was approved.
- Hill said that the process for reviewing funding application is clearly outlined.
- Birdie asked if he would contact Zimmerman for the application
- Zimmerman said email BRD and herself for the application.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

- Hill said that the student health advisory committee asked them to endorse their letter. She said that the council should have had a chance to look over the letter. The council was asked to add their name if they endorse the letter regarding cuts to funding.
- Hill said that since their conversation about affordability, she is working on the education packet to students and the legislature. She will be meeting with people in terms of how has the fee increase effected students. She said that she was able to meet with people from parking services to give people a discount on a daily parking permit and reduce the price to \$5. She said that they talked about offering 2-day parking.
- Hill said that they still have shirts and to send by their offices if they haven't come by.
- Birdie asked for clarification about the parking permits.
- Hill said that they are also doing research to parking in more than one lot. She said that to alleviate the street sweeping issues, students want to park for 2 days and they previously haven't considered this. The \$5 pass is being talked about as well.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

- Lucas said that on Thursday, they would meet with safety advisors about Strathmore Safe Rides. She talked to women in pan-hellenic organizations about safety.
- Lucas said that the transparency task force calculated each score of each student group and the trends between how much funding they received. She said that she wanted to work with the constitutional review committee. The campus safety alliance is to meet 7th or 8th week.
- Hill asked if they knew what would be on the agenda in terms of the Strathmore Safe Rides. She said that they don't have any tangible programs.
- De Vera said that the initial meeting would reestablish the committee in terms of where they go, what they were created for, and what they want to see for the alliance
- Birdie suggested that they include the funding study group to the transparency task force.
- Lucas said that they want to have presidential appointments doing check-ins.
- Yao said that she sent out a student risk education committee that could be a part of the transparency task force.
- Hill said that she has been contacted by some of the presidential appointments.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

- Santos reminded the council that today was voting day and that they should find out results soon.
- Santos said that the student vote coalition was able to register over 3,000 students and they have been doing get out the vote efforts. He said that as an office, they were able to place door hangers around in terms of when to vote. They were able to pass out over 15,000 voter guides since October 18. Santos said that there were concerns with students that went in to vote and they weren't registered. He said that they are working those out.
- Santos had a meeting with leaders of organizations and departments invested in fee hikes and budget cuts. He thanked Hill and Spring, who were helpful in bringing people together in terms of what students wanted to see. He said that this would allow them to move forward with any action they are to see within the next few weeks.
- Santos said they are planning to request meetings with the new governor and have strategies with the Big 5. He talked about prop 25 and how they are waiting to see what will happen in terms of their long-term strategy to address budget cuts
- Resnick said that she filled out a provisional ballot and asked if that would push back the results
- Santos said that if the election is close or if there are problems reporting, the results might be pushed back. He said that provisional ballots shouldn't push back the results.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

- Khy talked about what courses were available for Islamic studies and how they were also looking at Fiat Luxes.

- Khy talked about the taskforce and how the meeting over the summer was without students.
- The Save Islamic Studies Campaign will soon have a vote on council. There will be a town hall to make the campus away and to have critical dialogue about what's happening.
- Khy talked about her meeting that had to do with program review and the academic senate.
- She said that without meeting the recommendations, it would be difficult to reopen admissions for this program.
- Hill said that the chancellor was adamant and supportive in terms of the Save Islamic Studies program.

Financial Supports Commissioner

- Birdie presented his officer report through a Powerpoint presentation. He talked about the Textbook Buyback Program, which sought to increase the value that students get back when they sell their books back to ASUCLA. HE said that students will get the higher value if they opt to get paid with the store gift card. The gift cards would be able to be used at all ASUCLA entities. He talked about Extended Bruinview Services, which they wanted to utilize to provide a online resource of job listings to recent graduates for free/reduced cost. They were working with the career center and the UCLA Alumni Association. Currently, only Bruin View exists which costs \$75/year. They are carrying out surveys and comparing them with other UC campuses. They are also working on Bruinworks. Birdie talked about the textbook loan library. This project includes the FSC, AAC, and CRC. They plan to have an online system and have a list of everything that's available. He said that the room would be in the SAC. They plan to collaborate with CRC interns for pick up and drop off of books. They were working on a reservation system as well. They are waiting for capital contingency to open to apply for funding. Birdie said that they hope to have this up and running by winter. He said tat a problem was that books are old, so they are working on policy changes. They would ask faculty to use the same edition for a certain number of quarters. He said that he is working with the Academic Senate and some of the groups are receptive to these requests. Birdie talked about the graduate test mentorship, which aims at students who cannot afford prep courses. He said that he hopes to have this peer led. They have worked with the SGA to see interest amongst grad students. Birdie said that they are collaborating the KAPLAN and AAP, which offer similar services. He talked about the cost of attendance review committee to provide a more accurate, realistic figure on how much it costs to attend UCLA. They would talk about how the figure is currently calculated. He said that there is a survey ready and that they would send it out to a wide diaspora at UCLA. He talked about the California Cuts, which aims to put a tangible story/face on the effect of budget cuts and fee hikes have on college students. They plan on having an exhibit in Kerckhoff Art Gallery on creating a collage or mural of pictures in terms of the budget cuts. He talked about how they hope to have administration and faculty involved. Birdie talked about working with the AB540 community and how they are working on aiding the fundraising and awareness efforts of IDEAS. He said that they had ASUCLA to facilitate various funding ideas. During winter quarter, they plan to host a teach-in for FAO counselors and students about details specific to the AB540 students. He talked about publishing the facts and viewpoints about the AB540 students. Birdie talked about upcoming events, such as the centralized financial aid fair and the Rock Concert, which they would co-sponsor with Swipes for the Homeless.
- Birdie passed around papers with numbers on how successful the textbook scholarship went. He talked about how the scholarship was administered in the fall. Birdie talked about the tiers. They assume that students that did not apply for FAFSA were in a higher tier. He said that he wanted feedback from the council and how they wanted the program to move forward for the winter and the spring.
- Hill asked Birdie how many scholarships were allocated to each tier. 35 were allocated to the first tier, 33 to the second, and 33 were to the third tier.
- Rose asked for clarification on the expected family contribution. He said that he had difficulty understanding the third tier
- Hill said that these statistics were calculated federally. These numbers were calculated based on how much a family could contribute to education regardless of what school a student attends
- Miller provided further clarification on the three tiers. He said that these numbers are set.
- Birdie said that the numbers are set by the FAO. He said that certain ranges of students are eligible for Pell Grants
- Miller said that those living in the residence halls have an estimated cost of \$29,682. This is the projected cost for a student who attends UCLA.
- Rose asked for clarification on the estimated cost.
- Phi asked if he knew what the estimated costs are for Cal-Grant was
- Rose said that he knew that students from all three tiers receive loans or aid in some form or another.
- Zimmerman said that if a student has a full scholarship, it takes 1 for 1 in the scholarship. If you have work-study, it takes from loans and then takes from work-study.

-Rose said that he and the administrative representatives have researched that the money is going where it is supposed to be going. He said that he is working with the development office on finding a private source of funding to sustain this program. He said that after surplus is announced week 8, he will be asking for more funding for the textbook scholarship.

Facilities Commissioner- JC De Vera

De Vera talked about the student space needs work group. They are working on a comprehensive survey to get student input on what they would like to see in the long term. He said that they received 12 applications for their funding. He talked about the John Wooden Center board of Governors, which would focus on recreation system and services, Pauley Pavilion renovations, and how they are allocating their fees. He talked about how UCLA is the largest population in the smallest amount of land. He said that there is a scarcity of space on this campus. They will also be focusing on the impact of Pauley Pavilion being closed, in terms of where athletics would be practicing. They said that the main area is the Collins Court. The John Wooden Center Board of Governors would look over the constitution again. He said that they would also be looking at host an alternative transportation workshop and that they are looking for a bigger venue. They will also be co-programming an Asian labor forum in terms of labor rights, which would work with the UCLA labor center.

-Birdie asked if the office decides who receives TGIF funding.

-De Vera said that he is the one that chairs the TGIF funding.

-Birdie said that they have received positive feedback on the bicycle rental services

-Zimmerman said that this year they are expanding to three funding cycles and that other UC campuses only go through one funding cycle. She said that once they have the allocations, they will let the council know.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

There was no new business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Phi said that the student health advocates are having a flu shot fair free to UCLA students tomorrow starting at 11am in Bruin Plaza. You need to show your Bruin ID card.

-Shah said that every Monday from 7-9, there is a concert series. Every Wednesday, there is a spoken word space in the art gallery. This Wednesday there is a guest poet coming in. This is 6:30-8:30 in the art gallery on Wednesday

-Birdie said 1:30-3:30pm in Bruin walk they may come to pose for a picture

-Yao said that if they want to share an issue they are passionate about, they are to submit a blurb. The community service day is coming up. She asked the council to spread the word to their offices

-Spring said that they should email him for the USAC calendar. The table will be next week. He asked the council to start t-shirt Tuesday.

-Birdie asked for clarification on the newsletter

-Spring said that it would be distributed at the Ask USAC table and would be more of a calendar of events

-Zimmerman said that there will be a CRC fair tomorrow. She talked about how everything would be at A-level window in terms of keys (mailbox keys, closet keys, etc.).

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- De Vera moved and Resnick 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 8:55 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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