

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 9, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, 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. Berky Nelson, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Isaac Rose

ABSENT: Stephanie Lucas, Dr. Deb Geller

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill 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

-Miller moved to strike the internal vice president report from the agenda.

-Santos moved to strike the travel grants discussion.

-Yao moved to strike the appointments from the agenda. Phi seconded.

-Miller moved to strike the appointments.

-Spring moved to approve the agenda. Miller seconded. The agenda was approved, 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. *11/2/10

-Spring moved to approve the minutes from November 2nd. Resnick seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

-Miller moved to table the special presentation until the presenters arrived. Spring seconded.

VI. Appointments

-Yao moved to table the appointment until the appointee arrived. Phi seconded.

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

A total of \$2916.40 was requested from the Programming Fund; of that, a total of \$2200.00 was allocated. The programs have to do with art as activism. The funds requested were mostly for honorarium. The fashion show that received funding is to be held today.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Miller moved to approve contingency allocations. Phi seconded.

A total of **\$9,057.54 was requested from contingency** of that, a total of **\$3,490.49 is recommended for allocation** for this week. Currently we have **\$43,371.45** remaining in the contingency programming fund.

-There were 9 applications this week. All were solid, with each allocated around \$500. The documentation was a little weak.

-Birdie asked what the changes were.

-Rose said that items 7,8, and 9 were added.

-Miller asked why they were added late.

-Rose said that they were turned into the FiCom office

-Santos asked what would happen if there was documentation missing and if they could turn it in later

-Rose said that they will email the group and they will grade the application as if they did turn in the documentation.

-De Vera asked when the numbers get sent out to student groups.

-Rose said that the numbers get sent out Thursday. He said that he gets the numbers from SGA. He said he will send out a request to SGA tomorrow if they were approved today.

-Zimmerman said that if the event is from an organization that doesn't have an account, it may take longer.

-Miller called to question the contingency allocations for this week. Santos seconded. With a unanimous vote, the allocations from this week were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

-Hill said that they received an email if anyone wanted rolling office chairs.

-Zimmerman said that if they want some of the chairs, to not put the old chairs in the hallway. She said that she could arrange pick up for them.

-Hill said that next week is the UC Regents meeting. Hill, Santos, and Spring were planning on attending. She said that they would come back with more reports.

-Hill thanked the council for the discussion that happened last week. She said that the council was able to see what needs to be done. She said that from her meetings, she concluded that as fees increase more student aid is offered and things slow down. Hill said that they talked about difficulties getting into classes as well as quality issues. She talked about the Blue and Gold plan and shifting to a new cap. Hill said that she has been meeting with administrators to see what they should be pushing for.

-Hill said that she had exciting news about surplus. Last year, surplus was approved. Capital contingency was allowed to be open at that time. Hill said that she and Champawat are excited about presenting surplus now rather than later.

-Champawat recapped last year's total revenues. He talked about the expenses that were seen on the form that was passed around to the council. He presented the preliminary surplus figure. He said that often times, the money seen was not specific to the council but rather for different groups (these were pieces of restricted surplus). Champawat pointed out that the \$200 from TGIF is restricted to TGIF. He said that Jazz Reggae was well managed last year and that there was a positive outcome. The leftover funds would go to the Jazz Reggae reserve. The money goes up to \$96,000. Champawat talked about the Textbook Fund. He said that there are three periods where the grants are allocated. He said that the scholarship consists of a lot of little grants. Champawat said that the money leftover can go to the textbook scholarship. Champawat said that they have \$382,000. He said that whatever is remaining goes to programming, capital contingency, and the bounds of contingency. He said that by dealing with surplus earlier, they could distribute funds earlier.

-Birdie asked who gets to use the money in surplus and what the next step was.

-Hill said that from the leftover funds, council uses funds for special projects. Money has been taken for Night Powell, the textbook scholarship, Covell writing tutorials, etc. Hill said that they suggest that they

fund things that are not events. She said that if the event is for an office, BOD is more applicable. She said that they need to approve a number that is surplus. Hill said that if they decide to take no action, they would come back and approve the funds as surplus. She said that they could present proposals and evaluate what to do from there. The funds that they would use to program would be subtracted from surplus. Hill said that they cannot approve the allocations for the different sources until surplus is approved.

-Champawat said that council can apply for surplus for funding, but they should ensure that there is equal access to funds. He said that they will bring forward the last phase of the retrofit programming. He said that in the past, locknetics was paid for.

-Hill said that the carpeting is not paid for, while locknetics is. Hill said this is an example of a proposal.

-Miller asked if the remaining funds have to be pre-allocated.

-Champawat said that there cannot be a remaining surplus. He said that any money remaining goes to the formula and the outcome is zero.

-Birdie asked if it was only the council members could apply for surplus.

-Champawat said that this is a council prerogative, not one that is open to the student body. He said that it is up to the council to speak to issues.

-Hill said that it is hard to conceptualize what that situation would look like.

-Spring asked what the council would tap into in case of an emergency fund.

-Champawat said that there are no other funds, but there is a way to make a modification to bylaws and create another fund out of the surplus.

-Birdie asked for clarification on where the funds would go.

-Miller asked what steps the council would need to take to make the fund previously spoken to a reality.

-Hill said that if this is something that people want, the question is the amount of funds.

-Champawat said that they could possibly shell out what the language would look like and make a normal vote for this fund.

-Hill said that she wanted to recommend that they get the conversation rolling and would come back to this on November 23. She said that she is open to feedback. If not, she would work with Lucas to put this on the agenda.

-Spring said that he would prefer November 30, since some people could possibly leave early and that there wouldn't be ample time to prepare a presentation.

-Hill said that if the council wants chairs, she could give the council the contact information.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

-Santos said that they are having a Student of Color Conference with about 100 students going to UCSB. He said that there will be a good discussion concerning the campus climate. The Bruin Lobby Corps is going to Sacramento this week and is leaving Thursday. They are lobbying on Friday, with an appointment with a member of the California assembly, members of legislature, etc. He said that this is the first of a series of lobbying in Sacramento. He said that before, they limited the lobbying to in the district. Santos said that the students that are willing to go and are training.

-Santos talked about the DREAM act and how it would be pushed as a stand alone bill. Santos said that there will be a calling to Senator Reed to ensure that he keeps his promise.

-Santos talked about the regent's meeting, thanks to the help of organizations as well as council members. There are events leading up to the day of the regents meeting. Their goal is to get students involved as well as media attention. They want to make sure that people know that students are taking action in response to the fee increases. He talked about outreaching methods, such as the bookmarks as well as the Facebook group. There will be a flash mob tomorrow around 11:45. They will be phone banking the regents, especially the finance chair. Some students gave the test calls today. Santos talked about the study-in to be held in Powell. They want to have a symbolic event of students coming to Powell to study to show that students care about their education. He said that there is more information on the website.

-Santos talked about leaving to go to the regents meeting. He said that they will hopefully be there for the vote on the fee increase. He said that he will finalize everything tomorrow. Santos said that if they want to go to the regents meeting to let him know by tonight. Santos said that the fee increase will most likely be 8%.

-Birdie asked if the website is already up and running.

-Spring said that currently, the website url is different from the one on the bookmark but it will be changed soon.

-Birdie asked if this was a USAC event.

-Santos said that this isn't necessarily an event sponsored by all of USAC.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

-Khy said that there is no update for the ASRF grants.

-Khy said that she met with the GSA of academic affairs about the resolution on Islamic Studies. This was proposed and unanimously passed in regards to the Islamic studies situation. Today, there was an undergraduate task force. They are going to be looking at demands on Islamic courses since there is no Islamic studies courses offered this Fall.

-Khy talked about November 15, the graduate council meeting where they will be reviewing the resolution. They will be reviewing the report.

-Khy talked about the class being hosted on relevant and holistic education. This will be a service type of course where students are engaged in policy. Holistic education and diversity will be emphasized. This will be under Chicano studies. There will be a lot of guest lecturers and student lecturers.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

There was no new business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Phi passed around copies of Total Wellness to the council. She said that if anyone has comments, she can relay them to the editor of the magazine.

-Dr. Nelson said that there will be a memorial service for his wife on November 15.

-De Vera said that there will be an alternative transportation workshop in 2232 Public Affairs.

-Yao talked about the service jamboree that was held today in Bruin Plaza. Some were making sandwiches for a homeless shelter, making videos for lower income students, etc.

-Miller said that tomorrow is the continuation of the It Gets Better video. Tomorrow from 3-5 they will be shooting. The chancellor will also be filming. Miller apologized on behalf of the IVP's absence.

-Zimmerman said that she had hearings last week for TGIF. She said that they will be doing their allocation meeting by Friday. They will explain the new projects they were able to fund.

-Spring said that the USAC table began today. Gen rep 2 is in charge of it next week. He told the council to put their handprints on the billboard.

-Birdie asked where the table is.

-Spring said that it is on Bruinwalk.

-Shah said that word on Wednesday is tomorrow in the Grand Salon. The first hour is student poets and the second hour includes other poets.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- De Vera moved and Santos 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 7:58p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker

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