

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 16, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Stephanie Lucas, Cris Santos, 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: Jasmine Hill, Matt Spring

GUESTS: Mallory Valenzuela (Gen. Rep. Proxy), Roy Hia, Shoshee Jau, Mario De Leon, Sofia Campos, Diego Sepulveda

I. A. Call to Order

- Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Birdie moved to strike the IVP officer report.

-Miller moved to strike Blanco from the appointments section.

-Miller moved to strike the president's officer report.

-Santos said IDEAS was coming to make a special presentation.

-Miller moved to add a special presentation by IDEAS at UCLA.

-Shah moved to strike the Cultural affairs mini grant.

-Santos moved to strike the travel grant.

-Khy moved to strike the Academic Affairs mini grant.

-Resnick moved to approve the agenda as amended. De Vera seconded. The agenda was approved, 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. *11/9/10

-De Vera moved to approve the minutes from November 9th. Phi seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

-Lucas called for Acclamation. Lucas asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes for 11/9/10 were approved.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

Phi called to question tabling the Special Presentations until the presenters arrive. De Vera seconded.

IDEAS- Diego Sepulveda, Sofia Campos, and Mario De Leon

IDEAS came in to speak about the fee hike and how some students needed to defer. They have raised over \$3,000, with money that goes back to their members. The group described the hardships they face as undocumented students and how they receive little help from the university. The members include members that cannot receive financial aid. The members cannot do work study or work legally. They cannot receive a driver's license. The tuition hikes effect people on a financial as well as emotional level. The sheets passed around presented how much they were able to raise last year and how much they were able to give out. All of the money went back to student membership. Last year, there was the Reach scholarship to address the tuition hike. There were insufficient funds for a Reach scholarship this quarter. IDEAS was able to give away a scholarship called Reach for a DREAM this year. This past September, they had an event for undocumented students. The event dealt with the intersectionality of being undocumented and queer. The networks allowed them to raise about \$6000 from this event. The next month, there was an event at the chancellor's house. There were about 100 members this year, with 50 active members that come out to the weekly meetings. All of the members of IDEAS pay for tuition out of pocket. They said that their membership is afraid and asked the student government for help staying on campus. They also had advocacy efforts, such as those dealing with AB540 and the DREAM Act. They asked the council for help, especially during this time. They asked for possibly a letter from USAC. They also said that some members of the council provided them with assistance. They extended their gratitude to them. They said that even with a substantial amount of support, they still haven't received 1/4 of what they needed for the upcoming year. They wanted to brainstorm with other parts of the campus on how they could work together.

-Santos commended the work of IDEAS has been doing. This year, IDEAS received one of the first UC presidential awards as a student organization. Despite difficulties, the group has been able to accomplish a significant amount of success. Santos talked about how some of us are more fortunate than others. He said that he would appreciate listening to more ideas they had and how they could help. Santos said that they should have a discussion about affordability to undocumented students soon.

-Dr. Geller asked who people that want to support undocumented students make the check to

-De Leon said that checks could be made to the Liberty Hill Foundation or someone could pay through IDEASatUCLA.org through PayPal. He said that even with donations, the money doesn't go directly to the students because they have to go through a lot of administrative work. The fastest way to get money to students is through the PayPal account.

VI. Appointments

Lucas moved to table Silva's appointment until he arrived. There were no objections.

A. *Jose Silva for BRD Assistant

-De Vera moved to approve Silva for BRD Assistant.

-Love introduced Silva. He said that next year, he would take the position of Budget Review Director

-Silva introduced himself as a second year, pre-econ business major. He said that he was interested in the position after being in contact with Love. Silva mentioned the organizations that he was a part of on campus, such as the UCLA Undergraduate Business Council. He said that there is a need to get things done. Silva said that he plans on getting things done through communication. He said that he was looking forward to being a key asset to the council.

-Yao mentioned how Silva valued communication. She asked how he would ensure that there was open and easy access for student groups to contact the Budget Review Committee.

-Silva said that he could put his email on the website. He said that he was a part of a fraternity on campus and worked with other groups, such as IDEAS.

-Birdie asked what group he represents on the council.

-Silva said he represents the Latino Business Council.

-Zimmerman said that the assistant attends BOD hearings, SOOF, etc. She said that he would also be signing recs. She asked how flexible his schedule is in terms of signing recs and doing other tasks.

-Silva said that throughout the week, he's free after 12. He said that his organizations understand what's going on.

-Miller asked if he had experience managing or allocating funding.

-Silva said that he didn't have experience allocating funds. He said that he was usually in charge of contacting organizations on behalf of his organizations.

-Dr. Geller asked if he would be available during summer.

-Silva said that he would be available over summer.

-Dr. Geller asked if he had given any thought to making the allocating process appear fairer.

- Silva said that he was familiar with the process. He said that with SOOF, it is purely operational with a BRD, hearing, etc. From there, the council approves it. A funding evaluation is done from there. He said that he hasn't really been in the process so that he wasn't sure how unfair the process is.
 - Tressel asked if he was familiar with accounting (spreadsheets, etc).
 - Silva said yes.
 - Tressel told him to take time to learn how everything works. He said that the council is here to help him grow.
 - Miller asked why he has an interest in this position and what led him to want to be a part of the BRD
 - Silva said that he always had an interest in having a leadership position. Silva said that he knew that USAC is comprised of representatives of all of the undergraduates. He said that he was interested in leadership and being a part of the student government.
 - Yao asked how responsive he was to his email in terms of communication.
 - Silva said he was very responsive.
 - Yao asked if he would hold office hours.
 - Silva said that he would be willing to hold office hours. He said that he has a lot of time and that he's free most days.
 - Santos said that the development is important to him. He said that there are usually problems in development in funding committees. Santos asked how he planned to influence other people to get more involved with leadership and to get informed about these positions.
 - Silva said that through word of mouth he would be able to make the positions more known. Silva said that there could possibly be an informational way to get the word out.
 - Phi asked if there were any changes he wanted to see between BRD and USAC for next year.
 - Silva said that he was new and he wasn't sure how everything worked yet. He said that USAC seems distant from the student body. He said that by getting the word out more to the undergraduates, more people could learn about what USAC is, what they do, and where their money goes.
 - Khy said that as USAC, they always talk about student engagement. Khy said that Silva seems promising and he seems to know what to do. Khy said that she's confident that Silva would do a good job.
 - Khy called to question the appointment of Silva for BRD assistant. Shah seconded.
- With a vote of 10-0-0, Silva was approved for BRD assistant.
- Love thanked the council for approving Silva. Love said that he chose an undergraduate to ensure the future of BRD.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

- Khy said there was an application from De Vera requesting funding for speakers, etc. talking about Asian American women and labor. The application was solid with good goals and objections and a reasonable amount. They decided to fully fund the request for \$570.
- Birdie asked if there was a deadline for applying for funding.
- Khy said that the application must be turned in at least two weeks in advance. This application was turned in at least two weeks before.

B. *Contingency Allocations

- A total of \$22,306.23 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$4,457.35 is recommended for allocation for this week. Currently we have \$40,080.96 remaining in the contingency programming fund.
- Miller moved to approve the contingency allocations this week. Phi seconded.
- The Ballroom Dance Club was putting on an aerobic belly dance class. The application included documentation and were funded the total amount
- The Queer Alliance requested funds for food. They had a good application.
- USAC Financial Supports Commission applied for the textbook scholarship. They had a good application and received full funding.
- Textbook Buyback advertising requested funds. They were docked money for advertising because they broke down advertising to two line items.
- Mecha applied for funding and received most of the funding requested.
- HOOLIGAN Theater Company requested funding. They had a good application and were funded \$800.
- Model UN requested funds for the National Model UN. They were allocated \$900.

- The Latin American Student Association applied but didn't provide documentation for their facilities. They were allocated some funds.
- There will be a funding workshop for all student groups. There will also be an ad and a listserv sent to student groups.
- Birdie said that on the attachment, the financial supports commission is under facilities commission.
- Resnick asked what room the workshop was.
- The workshop will be in Viewpoint Conference B.
- Dr. Geller thanked finance for putting how much was left on the top.
- Miller moved to approve the contingency. De Vera seconded. With no objections and a vote of 10-0-0, the contingency allocations were approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said that there has recently been a lot of organizing around the potential fee increase. Yesterday, there was a study-in located in Powell. Santos said they were able to pack the reading room and they had to open up the second floor of Powell. Santos said that last year, many people argued that they should do something more symbolic. Santos said that there was a lot of media attention. He received emails asking for a statement regarding the study in and next steps for the campaign. Santos talked about phonebanking the regents. This was also taken up by the statewide association as well. Today, they received an email from the university affairs component. The student regent talked to some of the regents and some of them considered taking a vote of no on the fee increase. This shows that the work that they did was worth it and that they're considering the effect of a fee increase during these times. Santos said that even if the fee increase does not pass, they still receive a problem of how much funding they receive from the state. Santos said that last week his office lobbied legislatures, such as the Speaker of the Assembly. The Speaker recommitted his office to work for students. The leadership of the legislature needs help from students because some of the decisions that need to be made are hard decisions and decisions that legislature is not fond of. The Bruin Lobby Core is starting full force. They would like to do twice a quarter lobbying. There will be a DREAM Week of Action soon, since both in the House and Senate the Democratic and Republican leadership want to move ahead with the DREAM Act vote in the lame duck session. Santos said that from conversations with the legislatures, a lot of them are on board to vote for the DREAM Act.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said that they were able to get the name of the faculty in the general education at UCLA work group. Khy mentioned some of the individuals, some of which were professors at UCLA. Khy said that they were looking to meet by the end of the quarter. Khy talked about AAC and the Campus Retention Committee class. The class is listed as M118 on relevant and holistic education. She said that enrollment has started.

-Dr. Geller said that her relationship building with senate was great. She suggested that as she builds these relationships, to see if any people were interested in being appointed the faculty rep. She said that if so, they could formalize the invitation and get them an appointment.

Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said that as the council does big programs and events, they should think about next year and how they want to pass on information to whoever comes in after them. Zimmerman said that they could make references and they could individualize the binders that they could pass down to their predecessors. Zimmerman said that these would be little how-to books for next year. Zimmerman said that they can't hang banners outside the windows because of fire safety. Zimmerman said that she could coordinate with ASUCLA Event Services to put a banner on the other side of the bridge. She said that if there is a big event, they can reserve it during lottery or they could do Bruinwalk for free.

-Santos asked if the lottery she mentioned was coming up again.

-Zimmerman said that the lottery is every quarter. Sign ups are during week 7. Zimmerman said that room reservations are during week 8 and 9 for the upcoming quarter. Zimmerman said that if they miss lottery, they have to wait for the lottery to end before they reserve rooms. She said that council has special privilege of reserving certain rooms.

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 Tuesday of next week was World Aids Day. They will have HIV testing vans on Monday and Tuesday starting at 10 am. The event on Tuesday will have student groups tabling around that time. At 11:30, they will have people gather at three locations: Dixon Court, De Neve, and the Court of Sciences. Around 11:50, there will be a procession to Bruinwalk and will end up in Bruin Plaza. Dance Marathon was going to help publicize and might have a table there.

-Venezuela introduced herself as the general representative proxy. Spring was going to the UC Regent Meeting in San Francisco. There was an event tonight, BYOB. It consists of documentaries and movies centering on social justice issues.

-Santos said yesterday the AB540 law was upheld by the Supreme Court. This is a huge victory because a lot of states were pending on this issue. The law would set the precedent for other states.

-Phi said that this past weekend, they just had their new CPR instructors to teach. For the remaining of this quarter, they would shadow returning instructors. Spring and winter quarter, they would help instructors teach. Phi said that the new instructors learned very quickly.

-Yao said that this Saturday is CSC's community service day. She said that they passed out flyers today. She asked council to help her outreach for this event.

-Zimmerman said that TGIF is happening right now. She said that there would be another meeting on Thursday. Once they have all of the allocations solidified, they will make a presentation. Zimmerman said that the committee has a lot of new ideas.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Miller moved and Shah 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 7:59 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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