

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 4, 2011  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Cris Santos, Stephanie Lucas, 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, Dr. Deb Geller, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Isaac Rose

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Ronald Arruejo, Romeo Ferrer, Kia Saedi

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

-De Vera moved to approve the agenda. Spring 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. \*12/7/10

-De Vera said that under appointments under the election board, Justin Reyes was to be placed under the appointments for the elections board.

-Spring moved to approve the minutes from December 7<sup>th</sup>. Miller 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

*There were no public comments this week.*

V. Special Presentations

*There were no special presentations this week.*

VI. Appointments

-Hill said that there needs to be another appointment for Comm. Board.

-Lucas said that ARC is meeting this week for J-board.

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**

- Miller moved to approve contingency allocations. Phi seconded.
- A total of **\$11,150.94 was requested from contingency** of that, a total of **\$7,748.71 is recommended for allocation** for this week. Currently we have **\$24,441.36** remaining in the contingency programming fund.
- There is another round of retreats for this quarter. There were great applications and modest requests. The Regent's Scholars and Samahang Pilipino were missing documentation for food. Sigma Eta Pi was docked for their statement of need but still received most of their request. Everyone else received full funding.
- Hill asked for clarification on the Regent's scholars and Samahang Pilipino.
- The Regent's Scholars were supposed to receive \$450. There was a typo on the contingency allocations. Nobody was docked for being late because of winter break.
- Miller called to question the contingency allocations for this week. De Vera seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the contingency allocations as amended were approved for this week.
- Birdie asked if it was their responsibility to have recs signed by FiCom before the deadline.
- Saedi said there were discrepancies and on they apologized for any miscommunication.
- Hill said that as the quarter ended, there was still time for students to turn in recs. There were concerns because there was nobody there to sign recs. Hill asked if they cleared this with SGA to clear retroactive funding.
- Saedi said that the SGA made an exception for this time. He takes responsibility for this matter.
- De Vera said that if everything was turned in and processed, you could still get your funds for this quarter.
- Zimmerman said that they can process everything and give it to the group.
- Saedi asked if more than one person could be a signatory.
- Zimmerman said she would need to talk to Deb Simmons. She said that they could work something out for these situations.
- Santos asked if this applied for recs that were time sensitive.
- Saedi said that this shouldn't be an issue.
- Hill said that she would rather meet with the FiCom when Rose gets back.
- Zimmerman asked to be added in on the meeting. She reminded the council to contact her as well. She said to email her and the IVP can sign next.

**VIII. Officer and Member Reports****President – Jasmine Hill**

- Hill said that over the break, she was contacted by President Yudolf. She will be meeting with him in Oakland in February to talk about fee increases and solutions to things.
- Dr. Nelson asked for clarification
- Hill said that she would like to see solutions regarding transparency. She said that she would like to see a student representative on the investments advisory group. She would like to see student presence in the space in the investments committee if fees are increased. Hill wants to see that students are a part of the decision making process. Hill would like to discuss institutionalized aid for AB540 students. She wanted to see if he could be an ally with them.
- Dr. Nelson asked if she was going by herself.
- Hill said that she would like to bring the presence from other UC's. She still needs to inquire about other presidents from other UC's. As of now, she has only requested the presence of herself and presidents of other UC's.
- Dr. Nelson asked if they are sending the agenda.
- Hill said yes. The vice provos will also be there.
- Hill said they got an email from Peter Taylor, the financial advisor for UC's. She needs a student leader available on Thursday. She will send out an email.
- Hill said they had their first staff meeting and their retreat is this weekend.
- Birdie asked if she heard from the chancellor.
- Hill said that she will begin working on this again.

**Internal Vice President- Stephanie Lucas**

-Lucas said that the how to guide is finished. She said that they will be burned to CD's. They will be distributed to student groups. Each person in her office will be assigned to student groups. This will start next week. Lucas said the student group exposition is January 13. The second round is February 17. There will be about 40 student groups per exposition. This will be like a small activity fair. Lucas said that safety week is week 5 of this quarter. The contact information will be sent to the council tonight. In terms of podcast, the office will go for audio first and web cast after. They want to invest in web cast for the future. The Transparency Task Force is trying to get people on the Funding Study Group. Lucas said that in terms of the appointment contact list, they are waiting for the last J-board before sending it out. By next Tuesday, they will have every appointee group send out something to council in order to update them.

-Tressel asked what web cast was for.

-Lucas said that it was like Bruincast. She said that web cast was for classes.

-Zimmerman said that she met with them before break. She said that their ideas were similar to what they were talking about. She said it would be great for the two groups to work together.

-Hill said that she had a lot of people RSVP and she wants to push to meet week 2.

-Spring asked if she could send a version of the how to guide to council.

-Lucas said that she needs to fix the page numbers, but she will send it out to council now.

**External Vice President--Chris Santos**

-Santos said that the federal DREAM Act did not pass in the Senate. Santos said that there wouldn't be a pathway for undocumented students for many years. However, they are coming into a year where there are a lot of threats to undocumented students. There is a new vice chair for the committee of the assembly. Also, looking at the fee increases, there will be more work done on institutionalized aid.

-Dr. Nelson asked how someone takes the position taking that mostly Democrats took the election.

-Santos said they still don't know why this was. He said that he just knows that he's coming in. The person coming in is anti-immigrant.

-Santos said that for institutionalized aid, he would be meeting and having a legal brief prepared. The governor will be releasing his budget proposal by January 10. They will see how this effects general education. Santos said that the governor announced that there might be cuts to education, but he will keep the council updated.

-Santos said that workers were asked to provide more of their paychecks to their pension. Executives are also asking for their caps to be raised.

-Hill said that she heard that the EVP office might be providing rides to the January 10 meeting.

-Santos said that they might talk about institutionalized aid at this meeting, but he recently heard that this might not happen anymore. He said that he heard that this is something that the UC system cannot do.

Santos said that if these talks do happen, they would provide rides. They will have the UCSA meeting this weekend in San Francisco.

**Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy**

-Khy said that they discussed the conversion of the faculty center to the conference center. Major concerns were the costs of the facilities to faculty and students. She said that they are trying to break even with the costs. Khy said that the costs would be higher for the faculty and students, but they could apply to funding. This would also function as a hotel, which would be beneficial for conferences that have people from out of state. There will be a new hotel on Wilshire and Gayley. There is concern about this hotel with the conference center. They spoke to the owner of the hotel and their audience would be different than those of the conference center. The workers of the current faculty center would be offered different jobs around UCLA. The Academic Affairs Commissioner is holding a class on relevant education on Fridays, 10-1pm. This is a 4 unit class

-Birdie asked if professors taught the class.

-Khy said that it is student initiated and student ran. There would be guest professors throughout the week.

-Dr. Nelson asked when construction would begin.

-Khy said that it is still in the proposal stage, so she is unsure.

**IX. Old Business**

There was no old business this week.

## X. New Business

There was no new business this week.

## XI. Announcements

-CEC is having interns for the winter. The applications are due Friday of second week.

-Yao said that Woman and Youth supporting each other has been inactive. It is a national organization that was started at UCLA from members of another project. She said that it is a great project that mentors middle school girls about sex, their bodies, self-esteem, and eating disorders. They looked at communities around UCLA. They deemed the executive board, got leadership, and recruited membership. They will be going to site week 3.

-Resnick said they met with the assistant vice chancellor and the farmer's market was approved. She said that they would team up with the SWC to work out a mental health awareness week this quarter

-Spring said that they are polishing the USAC newsletter and to have the calendar updated by Thursday at the latest so that it could be in the newsletter. He said that if they don't have office hours, the council may put "by appointment only." Spring said that they are having an office hour's event on the hill. There are 8-9 resource centers having office hours in Covell. The fair is next week. There will be a student empowerment panel with the student regent. She thanked Deb for getting Olson. There will be performances. This will be 6pm in the Northwest auditorium

-Birdie asked if he could update his events on the website calendar.

-Spring said that he just needs to get it on the website

-Shah talked about Study for Shoes. There will be an exhibition where the proceeds for the shoes will go to the LA art community. There will be shoes on display. The word on Wednesday will start soon. Concerts will be on Mondays. February will be Hip Hop Appreciation month. J Cole will be the headliner

-Phi said that the quarterly blood drive would be soon. She said that Kaplan is raffling a free Kaplan course. After the blood drive, the person who gets drawn can get up to \$2000 in Kaplan courses. Phi said that next Tuesday, they would be having a self-defense class in Bradley International Room from 7-9pm. This is free for everyone.

-Zimmerman said that she was asked to be a stakeholder for the Action Research Team. This team opens up awareness to student groups on how to be more sustainable. They are hoping to do a workshop before the BOD workshop. Zimmerman said that she has sheets on Robert's Rules for every member of the council. She said that she would like to make the binders personalized for each commission.

-Miller said that Thursday of third week, his office is having the first UCLA apartment fair. This will be in Ackerman second floor lounge. There will be student legal services there as well as a guide on how to live on your own for the first time. This will be from 11am-4pm.

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

## XIII. Adjournment

- De Vera moved and Shah 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 7:41p.m. by Acclamation.

## XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali  
USAC Minutes Taker  
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