

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 11, 2011  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Cris Santos, Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, JC De Vera, Linda Phi, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Isaac Rose

ABSENT: Rustom Birdie

GUESTS: George Chacon, Abigail Faelnar, Paulina Popovskaia, Don Xie, Cody Geib, Kate Stimac, Matt Haney, Claudia Magana

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

-Santos moved to add a special presentation from UCSA.

-Phi added an officer report for the Student Welfare Commission.

-Khy moved to strike the ASRF funding.

-De Vera moved to approve the agenda. Spring seconded.

- 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

-Spring moved to approve the minutes. Phi seconded.

Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes from 1/4/11 were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

**CALPIRG**

Last week, they made class announcements and educated students about their higher ed campaigns were and global warming campaigns. They talked about petitions for global warming and will be distributing surveys to see how much they paid for this quarter. There are 250 people interested in volunteering or interning. There are 20 interns on their staff. Thursday they will be having an intern class with the state chair of California and UC Berkeley and the state of treasury. They will be lecturing on leadership principals in Kerckhoff.

V. Special Presentations

**Patty Zimmerman and JC De Vera- TGIF Funding**

-Zimmerman talked about the past funding cycle. There were 12 proposals, with 9 allocated funds. 2 were adjusted and they found a more efficient way to give them what they needed. One of the proposals was tabled. \$45,000 was requested and they allocated \$33,000. The first project was for Model UN. They allocated \$1000 for their event on campus. This was their largest conference of the year. The next project is a speaker coming on April 5 to teach about the green generation and what students can do small and large scale to be sustainable on campus. The speaker is an expert on sustainability. They are partially funding it because they want the department to raise money to bring the speaker here. The next one is Community Service Day by the Community Service Commission. They asked for green materials, such as cups. The next project included making a car that can go 100 miles a gallon. This group

goes to conferences throughout the year to showcase the car. This was tabled because they requested funds for travel. TGIF felt like there was a more sustainable way for them to travel. They had them looking into being more sustainable or sharing their work with the campus community. TGIF said they could help them showcase their work to the campus and hopefully awards they've won. The next project was the World Hunger Environmental Awareness Center. This group has speakers throughout the dinner about what they could do. They will meet with students after the event to see what changed. The next project was the Green Jobs Fair. TGIF is excited because they are branching out to surrounding campuses to get more careers to come to campus. This is being sponsored by the sustainability commission and is working with the career center. The next project was a service group that went to elementary schools that taught schools about sustainability. The project asked for funding for bicycles. TGIF arranged for them to rent out bicycles for all three quarters for the tutors. The bikes were \$35 a quarter. Zeta Phi is one of the leading Greek groups on sustainability. They wanted funding for low flow showerheads to expand their composting. The next two projects asked for funding for sustainable water bottles. Instead, they ordered water bottles in bulk. Some would go to TGIF and would be used as a marketing tool. This was for two different groups. The United for Green event is a yearlong event that is going to happen on campus. Their goal is centered on sustainability. Their plan is to have Feb. surrounded around water. The next topic they want to focus on is air, with all of the projects culminating up to Earth Day. TGIF asked for more information to solidify plans. The last project was for sustainability internships. They asked for money for internships, which was a way to get invested interns in the department. January 28 is the upcoming funding deadline. This is the only UC that does more than one funding cycle.

-Tressel asked for an update on the big project that was funded last year.

-Zimmerman said that they are in the contract to place the solar panels on campus. The first part of the project is to put the solar panels in place and the second part is a ticker that works as a display for the solar panels. This will be the first solar on campus. Their goal is to have the solar panels by the end of the year. The people that started the project are all students and hope to see the project finished before they graduate

-Hill said one thing that was highlighted was the idea of being student led. She asked for more clarification on funding the internship.

-Zimmerman said that with the internship, undergraduate students are needed for involvement. Two of the interns were interns from last year. They are still in the system. They stipulated that they wanted presentations from the interns. They wanted more connection to the interns.

-De Vera said that they had three committee meetings with the interns. These were hard decisions for the committee. They went through a critical process to see where the interns could be placed throughout the quarter. The interns have to be highly invested and have to make presentations as well as invest their peers on campus

-Spring asked if they were keeping track of how student groups found out about TGIF since this is a fairly new fund

-Zimmerman said that some hear from tabling or USAC groups. They do Bruin Ads as well as posters. As more projects happen, more groups learn about funding. All of the groups weren't surveyed, but this is something they would like to do

-Tressel asked if they would have a TGIF marketing message when the solar panels happen

-Zimmerman said yes. She said that they want to have a marketing method for all sustainability efforts. They want to make the display for the solar panels interactive and informational.

-Yao asked if there was an evaluation that the groups did after their projects

-Zimmerman said that there were monthly reports due to her as well as an annual report. They meet with almost all of them on a weekly basis and are able to catch up with them that way.

#### **Claudia (President) and Matt Haney (Executive Director) - UCSA**

-Santos introduced the next presentation. They would talk about the budget that was released yesterday as well as the DREAM act.

-Claudia and Haney introduced themselves. Haney said that he would talk about the budget and how they can support them on their efforts on campus. UCSA is a coalition of students and student governments. The organization was founded in the late 1960's. UC students organized and realized that they needed a student voice. They are the recognized voice and are an independent student organization. Each association, Graduate and Undergraduate, has various student positions. There is an executive leadership, executive members, etc. There is a staff with members such as the executive director. Santos said that one of the great things about UCSA is that past UC students fill staff positions. Santos said that UCSA builds leadership abilities of students. Haney said that their biggest action is advocacy. They have positions on bills, budget issues, etc. Other action by UCSA includes system-wide committees, voter registration, collective bargaining, student regents, and conferences. Haney said that the campaigns were economic justice for the UC (partly having to do with institutionalized aid and a fee rollback) under the

Undergraduate association and a student bill of rights for UC Graduate and Professional Students. UCSA Conferences include the Student Lobby Conference, the UCSA Congress, and the Student of Color Conference. Santos said that they would have a postcard system that they could take to the student lobby conference. Haney said that UCSA is a special place where ideas can be brought together in one place. Haney talked about the cuts to the California State Budget. For UCs, there was a proposal of \$500 million in cuts, \$500 of cuts to CSU, and \$400 million cuts to community colleges. The Senate and Assembly will hold hearing on the governor's budget and put forward their proposals. If this fails, he said that his cuts will roughly be doubled and cuts to K-12 will occur as well. Yudolf said that its his preference to not raise student fees but that he could go to each UC campus and ask the chancellor to make cuts until they reach \$500 million. Claudia said that they would have anew budget presentation. Santos said that he sent a statement from himself and the office on the budget as well. He said that he understands that this is a difficult situation. They had their board meeting in San Francisco, and the student consensus is the same throughout the system. They opposed privatization as well as fee increases. He said that they could hopefully start a campaign as soon as this happens. They said that the board would take the actions that they can. They are strongly opposed to cuts and this continues to go toward the path of privatization. Haney said that they would be actively advocating against these cuts. Haney said that they would oppose any midyear fee increases. They have been steadily increasing fees and they hope that this wouldn't be passed on to students. The governor wants to make cuts that would minimize its effect on student fees. There was a possibility that they could make ideas to the process and give regents advice on what they don't want them to do, such as raising fees. CA Budget ideas for next steps include: materials to share, presence at hearings, viral campaigns, videos, register voters for June election, petitions, forums, more information, etc. Santos said that for the next few days, they would be educating student on what they need to know about the budget and give them the opportunity to come to the Student Lobby Conference. Claudia said that it would take a number of people to save themselves from the budget cycle.

-Spring asked if there were any bills that could offset the cuts.

-Haney said that there's not time to put an initiative on the ballot except through the legislature. Over the long term, they would have to have conversations about revenue rather than expecting the legislature or government to rescue them. He said that students have supported a lot, but it was hard to do.

-Tressel asked if Republicans could block the vote.

-Haney said that it takes 2/3 votes to put an initiative on the ballot. They think that they only need a majority because they believe the taxes are amending a prior initiative. This is why they are only going out with this set of revenue issues. These would be revenues that would end this year.

-Tressel asked if there was anything else was heard concerning this issue.

-Haney said that they didn't put K-12 cuts in the proposal. There is a definite strategy.

-Santos said that there were holes in the strategy. 70% prefer to pay more taxes than to see cuts on things like higher education. Santos said that the wording of the proposal is what matters most. Santos said that at the end of the day; these are proposals that are amending something that's already there. Santos said that other revenues should be looked at. He said that his goal is to come up with a way to make these conversations easy to have because they are necessary.

-Hill said that Spring would assist in talking more about these issues to students on the hill in the Northwest Auditorium tomorrow from 6-8pm. This will be a space for more feedback and sharing of information. The Student Lobby Conference would be a good place to channel energies and carry out action.

## VI. **Appointments**

*There were no appointments this week.*

## VII. **Fund Allocations**

### **A. EVP Travel Grant**

-\$300 was allocated to the Future Business Leaders conference. They had a comprehensive application. The only thing that needed work was the introduction.

-\$300 was given for the Roosevelt Institute State Fall Business Leadership Conference. The purpose of the conference was clear. The work that they are doing is useful. The outreach could have been better. Santos said that one thing they try to keep in mind is that they keep track of there past applications. Santos said that \$325 was granted to Samahang Pilipino for the Queer Pin@y Conference.

-\$325 for the Mixed Student Union for the Unique Views Conference.

\$300 to Hillel for the Interfaith Leadership Institute.

- \$300 for the Vietnamese Student Union for the South East Asian Intercollegiate Summit, which is important in reforming the way that the UC keeps track of who they are accepting or who is graduating.
- Santos said that if they have any questions, Santos would answer any concerns.

### **B. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

*There was no business for the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week.*

### **C. \*Contingency Allocations**

Miller moved to approve contingency. Phi seconded. A total of **\$373.41 was requested from contingency capital** of that, a total of **\$373.41 is recommended for allocation** for this week.

- Ballroom Dance group was missing some documentation. Overall, it was a good week in applications.
- Miller asked why the contingency allocations were sent today during council.
- Rose said that he couldn't get it out last night because of miscommunication. He said that since they meet on Monday and make the allocations on Tuesday, it was difficult to get on the same schedule. Rose apologized for any inconvenience
- Spring asked if they would be meeting this Monday since there is no school
- Rose said that they would be meeting this Monday
- Spring called to question the contingency allocations for January 11, 2011. Santos seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations were approved.
- Santos asked if there was a certain deadline when they would not take contingency allocations.
- Rose said that he would not take the allocations the day of.
- Santos asked if it was taken depending on how late they were turned in.
- Rose said yes.

### **D. Capital Contingency**

- Santos moved to add capital contingency as an action item. Shah seconded.
- Phi called to question to adding capital contingency to the agenda. Spring seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, capital contingency was added to the agenda. With a unanimous vote, capital contingency was added.
- Spring moved to approve capital contingency for this week. Shah seconded.
- Rose asked Lucas to add capital contingency to the weekly agenda.
- Rose said that the only application was from Global Medical Training.
- Zimmerman asked if they asked SGA. She said that portable electronic devices are hard to fund. She said that projectors might only be the student groups for 6 months. She said that CEC stored projectors in their office. She said that it was actually USAC's projector. Zimmerman said that they would have to look into it further to see if they could purchase this type of request.
- Hill asked if they were aware that there were other resources. She said that there are projectors that they could use for free. There are two projectors that they coordinate but are CEC's. She said that they could increase this number of projectors if it was a TGIF initiative.
- Rose said that they could table it if necessary
- Spring asked if they could fund USAC projectors
- Zimmerman said that there is a portable electronic policy. They needed to establish a check in, check out. This is something that they can do, but there needed to be institutionalized checking in. She said that this was a good idea of having an institutionalized projector
- Miller moved to table the capital contingency. Khy seconded.
- Rose talked about computers. He said that in the past, some finance committees allowed iMac computers. They capped the max at \$800. He said that they had \$30,000 to give out and they wanted to be as generous as possible
- Phi asked what the cap was that a student group could apply for
- Santos asked what would happen if a large item was purchased.
- Zimmerman said that she could coordinate a process in moving furniture. She said that there are regulations in place where a computer must be two years old before you may purchase a new one. She said that this is a way to be respectful of the funds they receive.
- Phi asked whom to contact to see how old their computer is
- Zimmerman said to contact her or SGA
- Rose said that the question is whether or not their computer works rather than how old it is.
- Hill said that there are old computers in some offices. She said that she was concerned about not allowing any iMacs.

- Rose said there was a cap of \$1500 for computers and peripherals.
- Hill said that he should be cautious of having council purchase a certain computer.
- Tressel said that this discussion came up last year. He said that some offices need certain software's. Tressel said that this is a conversation that they could have off the table.
- De Vera said this would be a good issue to bring up with at the funding study group
- Miller said that he believed that the council would purchase a computer with fiscal responsibility. He said that they might want to reconsider the idea.
- Rose said that he wasn't issuing a mandate on having either a PC or Mac.

#### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

##### **President – Jasmine Hill**

- Hill thanked the people that put together the room for the meeting that was held. They discussed the out of state funds. The UC's is trying to pursue to reach the 10% students from out of state. Hill said that they are interested in working in memorandum, be it a property tax, etc. to direct to higher education.
- Hill said that she sent out a funding worksheet to make the funding application more understandable. She wanted to make it as clear as possible for student groups.
  - Hill talked about Shah's office to take testimonials of students to the governors concerning the budget cuts. She said that they are trying to accumulate information to send to the state.
  - Hill said that she would be working to follow up with the restructuring the university committee. This would decide from out end where the cuts would come from. Hill hopes to report back what would be cut in the upcoming years.
  - Hill said that the applications for the next student regent would be out soon. She said that if she knew anyone that could be in the position to encourage them to apply.
  - Santos said that the current student regent would be coming next Monday to be recruiting people to apply for the position.
  - Hill said that she would be sending out a survey what are key things they want to accomplish as a council this quarter. She said that she would be having one on ones concerning personal goals and how she could be of assistance.
  - Hill said that she has been working with the president from pan-Hellenic groups concerning the blue lights in order to create a better sense of safety
  - Spring asked about clarification about the 10% out of state cap.
  - Hill said that this was UC wide
  - Dr. Geller said that other campuses have different numbers and different successes. She said that UC Berkeley has set a number.
  - Hill said that this goal was perceived to be UC wide.
  - Spring asked what it was currently
  - Hill said no, but she could find out
  - Dr. Geller asked if there was progress in meeting with president Yudof
  - Hill said they are meeting on Feb. 18 in Oakland. She said that they are coordinating communication between deans.
  - Dr. Nelson asked if all of the UC presidents would be there
  - She said that she has received confirmation from at least 4 of the other UC presidents.
  - Dr. Nelson said that if a president could not make it, they should send a representative. He asked if she would take a lead in the discussion
  - Hill said yes. She will try to come up with an agenda. She said that they have had discussions already on things they would like to see and what they would like to push forward. Hill said that they had scheduled a retreat as a president's council even before the meeting was set.
  - Dr. Nelson said that each UC campus is different. She said that it is important that they have this all ironed out before going.
  - Hill thanked him for the advice.

##### **Internal Vice President**

- Lucas said that there would be student groups tabling on career planning at the student exposition. She said that they would have their second fair in Feb.
- Lucas said that they couldn't change the format of the table of contents yet because the graphic designers are out of town. She said that Feb. 5 would be a funding workshop. There would be another workshop on contingency

- Lucas said that she has reached out for the safety alliance.
- Lucas said that she sent out a list of the appointments. She said that she sent out the appointment check in sheet. She said that if they wanted to create a system where they check in, the smaller positions would send in letters and larger positions would give a 5-10 minute presentation. Lucas said that this is a good thing that they are getting in touch with appointees.
- Lucas said that she has been in contact with fleet services. Strathmore Saferides would start this Thursday.

#### **External Vice President**

- Santos said that they had their UCSA meeting this past weekend in San Francisco. They decided things on the California DREAM act. The next meeting will be in early Feb. in UC Riverside. They would come up with a position on the budget campaign. Once they clarify what Governor Brown means by targeting the cuts to minimize the effect on student fee increases, they will be able to come up with asks/demands as they move along. Santos said that they would be releasing educational materials next week and this week.
- He said that they would pass out information on the SOC applications. He talked about the testimonials in Shah's office and encouraged them. Santos talked about the lobby visits. He said that on the last day, they take students to lobby their legislatures. He said this is a great way to get involved in the process.

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy**

- Khy said that yesterday they had their first work group meeting to incorporate diversity into the curriculum. This was the first time students came to talk to the workgroup. She said that it was approved in Senate in 03-04 and did not pass in faculty. She said that the definition of diversity was not clearly defined. She said that their challenge was to define diversity. Khy said that they were able to come up with good brainstorm, such as those concerning justice and social justice. She said that they are continuing to conceptualize what this requirement would be. Khy said that there is an executive board meeting this Thursday. They will be reviewing proposals, such as an amendment to the academic personnel meeting. There are court cases that hinder the faculty and leave them vulnerable to punishment at faculty meetings. Khy said that she wanted to ensure that their manual protects the faculty at these meetings. The last proposal to be reviewed would be one that was proposed by Provos Pitts about professional degree programs. This was something recommended to expand the definition of self-supporting graduate programs. This would expand the part time status to full time.
- Santos asked if the stance of the academic senate was in support of the professors of academic freedom
- Khy said that under the manual, it only protects faculty from teaching but not when they express opinions on the committee
- Dr. Geller asked if someone was found to review the conduct code
- Khy said that they found a member to review the conduct code.

#### **Student Welfare Commission- Linda Phi**

- Phi said that the student welfare is having a student welfare fund. She said that it was modeled after the CAC application. The Student Welfare Programming Fund would be an auxiliary source of funding that could be used toward any health-related program or event. This should only be used after the group has applied to other sources of funding. The purpose and goals of the fund would be to promote student health and welfare, to empower students to healthier welfare, etc. She said that the maximum amount a student group can apply for each time is \$1,000. She said that this depends on how much student group's request and the amount might change. For a group to be eligible, they must be a registered undergraduate student group/organization with the Center for Student Programming. There is no retroactive funding. They must submit the application a minimum of two weeks before the event is held and the event must be held at UCLA. She said that the application contains questions such as: Please give a detailed description of your program what is the purpose of your event, etc. Phi showed the council the application. She said that if they find the fund is not enough, they would have to look at another source of funding.
- Spring asked what the total amount was.
- Phi said they have around \$10,000. She said that they don't expect to use all \$10,000. If they do run out, they would lower the cap or find another source of funding. Phi said that the board would consist of her as well as 4 other board members.
- Zimmerman asked for clarification on the recs.
- Phi said that she talked to her board about this and wanted to present it to council
- Zimmerman told her to set up a meeting with her
- Yao asked about the limitation of having the event on campus

-Phi said that for now, they would like to keep the events on campus and later on they could expand to outside of UCLA.

**Dr. Nelson—Administrative Representative**

Dr. Nelson talked about the events that happened in Arizona. There had been three occasions where there was someone acting in a disturbed manner. He said that if they see something that is off, to notify CAPS or the police. Dr. Nelson said that they are not paid to handle these issues. He said that they pay fees to have professionals handle the issues. Dr. Nelson said that nobody knows how disturbed someone is. He said that one of the things that put community college in good standing is that people were notified. He said that nobody knows what lies in someone's mind. Dr. Nelson said that this is a city and to not hesitate to go to professionals for assistance.

IX. Old Business

*There was no old business this week.*

X. New Business

*There was no new business this week.*

XI. Announcements

-Spring said that he has the first issue of the USAC newsletter. This was passed out today. If there are any changes that the council has, they are to let Spring know. He said that they would have an edition in the Daily Bruin. He reminded the council to update the calendars. Spring said that there is a USAC goes to You Tour where USAC goes to student groups. This would give them more communication with student groups. They narrowed it to 40 groups they wanted to target. He said that they are trying to schedule most of them week 3 and 4. Spring passed out the calendar and asked the council to sign up in order to increase visibility. He said that this would be a way to be visible for more than just Spring. Spring said Take it to the Hill was successful. Tomorrow is the Student Empowerment event. There will be performances, guest speakers, etc.

-Shah said that this week is Word on Wednesday. Also, Sunday would be a trip to Little Ethiopia for Diversity Tours. They need to know who is going ahead of time. Shah said that they are looking forward to hip hop appreciation week in February. Modeling auditions would be held next week

-Zimmerman said that Waiverpool is due by the end of this week. This is also for Bruin Plaza events.

-Phi said that they had their blood drive last week. She said they had their self-defense class and it went well.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- De Vera moved and Yao 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 8:51 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali  
USAC Minutes Taker  
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