

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 25, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Suza Khy

GUESTS: John Joanino, Elizabeth Case, Ellen Hamilton, Erik Pena, Selwyn Cornish, Gilberto Soria (evp proxy)

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Miller added an officer report.

-De Vera said to strike the special presentation for academic affairs

-Spring added an item for new business as an action item

-Lucas changed the appointment of Wong to an action item

-De Vera moved to strike the academic affairs report.

-Phi moved to approve the agenda, as amended. De Vera 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: 1/18/11

-Hill said that Spring was not on the present list, but he was present.

-De Vera said that under the special presentations, there is a change on the dates under what Dr. Geller said.

-Spring moved to approve the minutes as amended. Phi seconded.

-Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes from 1/18/11 were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments today.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations today.

VI. Appointments

A. *Angela Wong for Community Activities Committee

-Hill said that in the Community Activities Committee, one of the appointees graduated early. The new member will serve the entire year but will not be a voting member. She has agreed to do that as the alternate and is the vice chair of the committee. They have also asked to replace the alternate. There is an applicant at large that should be coming in for that seat.

-Yao moved to approve Wong for the Community Activities Committee. Ma seconded.

-Miller called to question a vote for Wong. Birdie seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Wong was approved for the Community Activities Committee.

-Nelson asked what would be done from there.

-Hill said that they would choose a replacement for the alternate.

B. *Erik Pena for ASUCLA Communications Board

-Birdie asked if they already did the appointments at the start of the year.

-Hill said that the member graduated early.

-Lucas moved to approve Pena for the ASUCLA Communications Board. Spring seconded.

-Pena introduced himself as a political science and history major.

-Hill asked why he was interested in applying for Comm. Board. He said that he always wanted to get involved in the media. He said that by applying, it was a great opportunity to bring in an outside perspective.

-Rose asked what qualifies him to give that outsider's perspective. He said that he is an avid reader of the Daily Bruin. He said that it was his job to give the student perspective of the Westwood Neighborhood council.

-Miller asked if he had time to develop goals and further outreach methods.

-Pena said that there isn't a link from the student media to the communications board. He suggested to have that link placed on the website to increase transparency of the communications board. Pena said that he wants to get the student perspective and student voice in the communications board. Pena talked about using Facebook surveys to see what students think of the student media and what they want to see changed.

-De Vera asked what he feels challenges are facing comm. Board and what he plans to do.

-Pena said that students want to have a voice in the comm. board. He said that he would do this by working with everyone in the comm. board. He said that he would work with not only the Daily Bruin but also other sources of media.

-Hill said that the Daily Bruin is going through a short fall with the advertising they experience. She said one of the solutions has been placing ads on the Daily Bruin online. She asked how he feels about these things.

-Pena said that it is one thing that is not limited to the Daily Bruin. He said that he could utilize the Bruin radio, yearbook, etc. He said that he would learn about the issue and from there make his opinions on it.

-Hill asked what is his understanding of the role and responsibility of the comm. board.

-Pena said that it gives students opportunity to think outside the box. He said that it is an opportunity for students to express their opinions.

-Williams said that on boards, professionals, administrators, etc. surround them and for students this can be intimidating. He asked if he thinks he could stand up to that expertise.

-Pena said that he could. He said that with the transition, he knows it will be brutal. Pena said that with his previous experience, he is a qualified candidate for this position.

-De Vera asked that for a point of clarification, if this spot was for the rest of this year.

-Hill said yes.

-De Vera asked if it would last until the end of this year

-Hill said yes.

-Lucas said that their largest critique was that they wanted a concrete vision of how to serve to make the student's voice her. She asked what he would do.

-Pena said that he would use Facebook surveys. He said that one aspect of it is notifying people that there is a communications board. Pena said that having visibility on Bruinwalk could do this. Pena talked about having transparency, such as having their minutes on the website.

-Miller said that part of communications board is a lot of talk about money and numbers. He asked if he could deal with this.

-Pena said that he felt like that, through the neighborhood council, he was able to help allocate the budget and advocate for the money they need.

-Miller called to question. Spring seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Pena was approved for the Communications Board.

C. *Zachia Nazarzai for Student Health Advisory Committee

-Lucas moved to approve Nazarzai for the Student Health Advisory Committee. De Vera seconded.

-Nazarzai said that she is a third year MIMG major.

- Hill asked why she decided to apply for SHAC.
- Nazarzai said that she wanted to get involved on campus. She said that as a user of the insurance plan, she wanted to help students use the plan and use all of the resources.
- Lucas said that in her interview, she mentioned what community they should target. She asked to talk about it again
- Nazarzai said that she wanted to target transfers and first years because not everyone may know about their resources on campus.
- Miller said that while she has a lot of experience, if she would be able to manage being on SHAC.
- Nazarzai said that last quarter, she had a lot of commitments. She said that she cut down on her extra activities and class load.
- Hill asked if some of the things on her application were outdated since they were in the summer
- Nazarzai said yes
- Hill asked what her knowledge of SHAC was
- Nazarzai said that she would be the student voice for the ASHE center. She said that she wanted to let people know about what was in that building and its resources.
- De Vera called to question the appointment. Miller seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Nazarzai was approved for SHAC.
- Zimmerman said that the deadline for stipends this quarter is by the end of 5th week. She said that there are still a few people that haven't filled out their stipends.
- Lucas asked if J-board was stipended.
- Zimmerman said no.
- Hill said that the CAC alternate was the only stipended spot they haven't filled.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *SOOF Allocations- Love

- Love said that they had 75 groups apply for funding. He said that he usually works with a two-week basis to go over the applications. Love said that he was instructed about the February 5th deadline for stipends. Love said that himself and the committee got this done that weekend. He apologized for having them submitted late. Love thanked Dr. Geller for her help reviewing the allocations. Love said that based on his formula, they allocated a total of \$46,639.82. Love brought up two groups, Taiko and La Familia. He said that it would seem like Taiko received less allocation. He said that they received two different amounts based on what was requested. Love said that when a group has a hearing, the points are out of 50. Love said that they had a group that got a perfect score. He said that MeCHA requested \$3,000 and that Mujeres got more funding because of their score. He brought up a group that got 25% that they requested. He said that since they got a low score, he feels like what was allocated was fair. Love said that his efforts were to make the allocations equitable. He said that he put the total amount requested divided by the amount available. He said this was 32% that they could allocate. Love said that it was in this effort that they get the closest to the amount that they requested along with their score. Love said that he gained enough experience to utilize the formula.
- Hill asked Zimmerman about the February 5th deadline.
- Zimmerman said that every quarter, there is a deadline when people can apply to receive their stipend without retroactive. Zimmerman said that they will put it on the website to make it clear. She said that there are still appointments that haven't turned in their stipend. She said that because of the SOOF, a lot of people are asking for assistance. Zimmerman said that this is easy paperwork to fill out. She said that they would give people a chance to fill out their SOOF.
- Spring said that assuming that it is approved today, when people would be informed of their allocation
- Zimmerman said tomorrow at a workshop where they will explain the paperwork step by step
- Love said that there is a program from the SWC. He had to deny 11 groups because they already applied for funding. He denied a request for \$29 because it would skew the rest of the groups. He said that they could solicit contingency instead.
- Phi asked if he could repeat what he said about Run Walk
- Love said that they are ineligible to receive more fees because they receive assistance from other sources.
- Phi asked since they are an affiliate for SOOF, if the pediatric aids club could apply for funding.
- Love said yes.
- Zimmerman said that Run Walk can apply for BOD, etc. but not operational funds.
- Hill asked how this work for CSC projects.

- Zimmerman said that they apply for SOOF. She said that Run Walk is a branch of SWC so it is different
- Yao asked how the allocation amounts compared between this second SOOF and the one in summer.
- Love said that he didn't compare. He said that he could. He said that in the summer, more groups applied for SOOF.
- Zimmerman said that going back, allocations were around the same percentage as what it was today. Zimmerman said that it should be on the USAC website. She said that no groups received above \$1000 and most were around \$600-\$700.
- Miller said that Ma left and that they would not reach quorum.
- Phi asked how many people would be quorum
- Hill said 9.
- Spring thanked Love for his fair funding allocations and clarifications. He moved to approve SOOF. Miller seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, SOOF was approved.

- B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant- Khy
- C. Travel Grant- Santos
- D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant- Shah
- E. *Contingency Allocations- Rose

- Miller moved to approve contingency for 1/25/11. Ma seconded.
- Zimmerman said that for CEC, they asked for copy machines that could scan. She said that it says no copiers because it would be a large purchase. She said that what was asked for is different than an actual copier.
- Miller called to question the contingency allocations. Spring seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, contingency was approved for this week.

- F. *Capital Contingency Allocations- Rose

- Miller called to question this week's contingency allocations. Spring seconded.
- Hill asked for clarification on what happened with the CEC/
- Rose said that there was a discrepancy with the documentation
- Miller asked if they could put the total amount on the contingency
- Rose said that there was \$29,000 left
- Phi asked about clarification on the desk request
- Rose said that they found desks for a cheaper amount.
- Miller called to question the vote for capital contingency. Ma seconded.
- With a vote of 9-0-0, the contingency allocations for this week have been approved.
- Rose said that he feels sick and would leave early.
- Spring moved to table the officer reports and move to new business. Phi seconded.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President- Jasmine Hill

- Hill said that the funding study group was too much so that she set a time. She said that they would try to meet next Friday at 3:30. Hill passed around a sheet to see what funding sources the council uses.
- Birdie asked if they were still working to remodel the funding sources.
- Hill said that there would be a chart that points people to their funding cycles.
- Zimmerman said that there will be a separate SGA website. There will be a dashboard to show questions and answers. She will keep the council updated.
- Hill sent around a document with an overview of what's going on in her office. She talked about the community service scholarship. She said that they received an application the day after it went out. There will be an alumni symposium, from non-profit organizations, Nickelodeon, etc.
- Dr. Nelson asked how the scholarships would be awarded.
- Hill said that they assembled a committee of all the community service clubs. She said that this consisted of the CSC, community service frats, student groups, etc. They will review the applications blindly since they are the most familiar with the work that is going on. The CSP will review the applications that aren't affiliated. She said that they are meeting with private donors. Hill said that the scholarship isn't eligible to undocumented students, but she hopes that private donations would be able to support that community. She asked applicants to provide a letter of recommendation.

- Hill said that she reviewed the minutes from last week. She wants to have another conversation about the Calpirg issue. She said that they would talk about that next week.
- Hill said that the LA Times distributed a website to balance the budget. It allows the public to give more money to certain line items. This shows what decision makers go through.

Internal Vice President- Stephanie Lucas

- Lucas said that the Campus Safety Week is week 5. She said that they had been meeting with GAMMA. She said that SWC and facilities would have their event on Monday, which is a campus resource fair. UCPD is having goggles that portray you as if you were inebriated and you would walk through the jail. Lucas said that she would be working with the hill representative to table throughout De Neve. She said that Brian Oaches from the transportation fleet services told them that they are set to run week 5 with a 16-person shuttle along the route with more stops. She said that Thursday would be a projection of the campus resources on the hill and the van service that ran later as well as the Strathmore Saferides. Lucas said that they have the first five printed copies of the How To Guide. She said that they would go to CSP advisors. There will be a workshop on how to apply for TGIF along with ideals and how to publicize for their event.
- Lucas asked how they could start moving forward with the commencement speaker series.
- Dr. Geller said to meet with Julie Sinna and let them know that they want to be involved.
- Hill said that she forwarded it to her direction because they were approached about the process.
- Lucas said that she gave everyone an excel sheet for when appointments they could check in. She said that some people were confused and she would send out more clarification soon. Lucas said that next week they should have a presentation from comm. board on what they have done.
- Hill said that she received at least 8 letters and that she would forward it to Lucas
- Hill asked if the Webmaster uploaded the How To Guide to the website.
- Lucas said that it is under announcements, but it is under a file share. She said that it downloads from a third party site.
- Zimmerman said that the way it was sent is hard to upload. She said that if it was in a regular file format, it could be more accessible.

External Vice President Proxy

- Student Lobby Conference is Feb. 25-28.
- USSA is during the first half of Spring break in Washington DC.
- The Daily Bruin was emailed, so the conferences should be advertised there.

General Representative 3- Gatsby Miller

- Miller talked about the It Gets Better Video. He showed the council the link, where the chancellor is shown as well as students. Miller said that Dan Savage as a response to suicides by LGBT students started it. Miller said that they had about 50 people show up. Miller talked about the gen. rep. 3 retreats and kept it local. They went to the Getty for the day. The cost was \$34 out of pocket. Topics that were covered included the state of UCLA, working for students, and a gen. rep. game plan. Miller talked about the apartment fair. He said that they expected 200 people, but 827 people signed in. Miller said that the bulk of people were second years. He said that they put on the event for under \$1,500. Each attendee would have spent under \$2 to attend the event. Miller said that it was well received. He said that next year, they would prepare for more people. Miller said that the line went around the corner and outside of the lounge. Miller said that they are glad to have put forth an event that was well received by the UCLA community. Miller said that they would expand next year and could possibly expand this year. Miller said that the response was positive and they were glad to bring it to UCLA. Miller said that they were working with meal swipes. Miller said that they are meeting February 7. He said that they are working with UCPD to have an escort service. He talked about the Arts Funding Board and supporting the arts on campus. He said that the first thing that goes is funding to extracurricular. Miller said that Ally Week is a week to talk about the importance of being an ally. He said that they are looking to bring forward the people and show how they can support the groups they feel passionately about. Miller talked about the apartments follow up. He would like to have a roommate mixer, who were interested in finding a match for a roommate. Miller talked about diversity discussions. He said that they were brainstorming on how to bring people to campus. He said that the guy that brings the sassy gay guy video is coming to campus to speak about not only comedy but also what it means to work with the community. Miller talked about contingency revision proposals. He said that this is something that is important to him as a council member.
- Phi asked if they would have one event per day for Ally Week.

-Miller said that this would be composed of speakers. He talked about providing an opportunity for Greek groups to get involved. Miller said that the exact days weren't set, but they want to have a display of the civil rights movement of the LGBT community. They want to have speakers that are strongly professed allies.

-Spring asked what the latest update on the dining swipes was.

-Miller said that they were given different options. He said that they pursued venues they were recommended. He said that it came down to going to someone who could help them and wasn't as busy. They found support from the hill. They had different options, such as increasing the value of meal vouchers, coupon week, etc. Miller said that a meal voucher is about \$2.50, which doesn't usually buy a full meal. He said that they couldn't guarantee to cut fees. They can promise to help students to become fiscally responsible by encouraging them to use their swipes if they can.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Geller

Dr. Geller said that the dean of the students office is interested in creating a logo that can go on their website. The student will be rewarded with \$75.00 to their Bruincard. She said that they would forward this widely.

Student Supports Services- Patty Zimmerman

-Zimmerman announced the funding deadlines, such as Waiverpool and CSP.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

-Spring said that tomorrow is the USAC rollout. He reminded council to email him names from their offices. He said that they are releasing the February newsletter tomorrow. Thursday will be his first diversity dinner, with various different student groups. The USAC Goes to You tour has been going well. He reminded council to sign up for more.

-Yao said that after the USAC mixer, the project liaisons created a CSC mixer.

-Phi said that the Student Welfare fund is put onto the website. She told Zimmerman that she sent her a link for the USAC website. She said that if any student groups are interested, to forward them to her.

-Zimmerman said that she was informed that there are three sofa chairs available. She said that she will open it up to student offices and it is first come first serve. She said that they would coordinate pick up for old furniture.

-Miller said that their couch is in need of being replaced. He asked if they could apply to capital contingency.

-Hill said that anyone could do it.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Spring moved and Phi 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 8:24 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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