

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 15, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Cris Santos, Matt Spring, Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, John Christian De Vera, Rustom Z. Birdie, Linda Phi, Isaac Rose, Dr. Debra Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patricia Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Taylor Swearingen, Mark Harlan, Scott Mitchell, Danny King, Elan Bigknife, Jaelson English, Jessica Trumble, Ronald Arruejo, Kris Kaupalolo, Kennan Connen, Nabeel Wahid, Anthony Beizhtol, Thach Nguyen, Ellen Hamilton, Anna Alexandroni, Andy Green, Ryan Fainstein, Meggan McGrath, Matt Knol, Shoshee Jau, Daniel Schonhaut

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

-Hill said that some emails recently sent went to spam. She said that the council should be aware of this. Hill asked if there were any amendments.

-Spring added a presentation by athletics to the agenda for special presentations.

-Birdie added a discussion on the Daily Bruin as an executive session.

-De Vera added a special presentation from Be Green Consulting and an officer report. He added the OSAC committee appointments as well.

-Lucas said that she can read them.

-Spring added the E Board appointments: Ashley Lobe, Alma Calmer, Elizabeth Edgar, and Justin Reyes.

-Hill said that Zimmerman sent an email and that the special presentation A would not go up today.

-Shah moved to strike online requisitions under special presentations.

-Santos moved and Yao seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

-Dr. Geller asked if the appointments were consent items

-Hill said that they are all items of consent. She went over the agenda 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

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-Spring said that Afrikan student union was spelled incorrectly. SAIRO was spelled incorrectly. Jaina is spelled incorrectly (Montero's last name).

- De Vera moved and Yao seconded to approve the agenda, 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.

IV. Public Comments

Hill said to limit public comments to thirty seconds each.

-Anna Lopez from MeCHA made a comment about the article in the Daily Bruin about Birdie and said that she was offended that someone with a position in student body had a position for personal gain.

-Jaivil Wahed said he is a member of the Muslim Student Association. He addressed the same subject. He said that he has known Birdie for three years. He said that Birdie is one of the most motivational and inspirational people he knows on campus. He said to look at everything Birdie has done for UCLA and he said that his office has influenced him as a student. He talked about the Textbook Scholarship, which helped him purchase textbook. He also spoke of the textbook loan library. He said that people should take his qualities as a person in mind when talking about the Daily Bruin article. He also said that his affiliation with the company was out of the genuineness of his heart and that Birdie didn't want to harm the UCLA community at all

-Andrew Green, chairman of the board of directors, said that he was a part of the single transferable vote. He talked about the communities that went through marginalization. He talked about those from Cairo. He talked about how they should review the election procedures. The suggested change enables single transferable vote. It eliminates the minority vote on USAC. He said that the change of voting times should be altered as well. He said that the council should remind themselves that they are there to serve the UCLA undergraduate.

-Matt Dean talked about election law on voter turnout. He talked about single transferable vote. He said that the elimination of STV could make USAC more representative as whole. It ensures proportional representation and would make a diverse council more likely. He talked about exceptionalism and talked about the first amendment which points to this idea. He talked about the two parties, SF and BU. He talked about arcane restrictions, which encouraged the political position for only connected individuals. He talked about how these rules are regulated in America in comparison to other countries. He said that only large elections are regulated. He talked about how E-board should spend time looking at fraud rather than protecting free speech. He said that they should focus on running an election based on voting. He talked about how it is their primary job to serve the people and not the man. He talked about his experiences as Yale and how the student government there is different than USAC. He said that it is the Daily Bruin should advocate for a free electoral system. He said to BU that they should stand strong. He said that the party formed through Bruin Democrats and Bruin Republicans. He said to SF that they should value absolute freedom of expression. He talked to the independents and said that they should stop partisan power. Dean talked about having a divided council. He said that they should have a balanced council. He said that they should write an election code that everyone deserves and come together.

-Hill reminded the public commentators to provide their email for further contact.

V. Special Presentations

I. Athletics: Mark Harlem, Allan, Jackson, Danny, Megan

Harlem said that they put out a survey and got the results back. He said that he met with Hill and that he was able to get council from her. He thanked the council for their assistance with the Wooden Day event. He said that the survey was sent out in December. The survey was e-mailed to more than 7,000 members. Key findings included purchasing options, entry and access, and improving the experience. He talked about purchasing options. He said that students appreciated the Den packages, but they should reconsider the single den ticket options. He said that starting in January, there was a single game student ticket available for \$13. He said that a majority of respondents felt online sign up for lower level seats weren't cumbersome. He said that there was a desire for more defined entry gates at Pauley Pavilion. He said that they are continuing to look at these things. He said that they are continuously looking to improve the bus system. He said that a majority of survey respondents expressed interest in more giveaway items. He talked about creating incentives to fill seats and pre-game opportunities like picnics or socials. He talked about the overwhelming preference for one all encompassing student section. He said that free items are now prioritized in the student sections (rally towels, headbands, shirts, etc.). He said that a flat screen TV will be given away each home weekend. The athletic department will work with Den leadership to discuss pre-game social opportunities at both the Rose Bowl and Pauley. Athletics, student leadership, and ASUCLA will work to explore food options. They also are working on uniting the student section. He talked further about the unified student section and presented quotes from the surveys regarding students wanting to sit together. They said that they don't feel like they're part of the den unless they're in the bottom section. They talked about the opportunity in fall 2011. They would be reseating all of Pauley Pavilion for the 2012-2013 season. They can respond to the "split" student section issue by utilizing the basket by the visitor bench. Students would be able to sit together from the floor level up in 1,600 total seats. He put up pictures of different school's student seating, such as Arizona State, the ZouCrew in Missouri, etc. He said that the next steps will to continue dialogue with student focus groups and leaders as they respond to the survey. He talked about communication and coming to USAC on a yearly basis. He also said the next step is to "win"

because it is what they do. He said that they are going to work closely with students to get them at the multiple venues. He said that it would be hard, but they are committed to establishing the best system they can. He opened up the floor for questions.

-Spring asked if single tickets are available already for games.

-They said yes.

-Resnick commended the Athletics department for their efforts. She said that it is one of her initiatives of her office to increase school spirit. She thanked them for all of their work.

-Miller said that the presentation is a good showing of listening to student feedback. He asked what they as USAC can do to help promote it.

-Harlem said that he worked at Arizona for a long time. He said that it wasn't until the team was engaged that things changed. He said that their goal is to make people aware of what they're doing. He said that they need feedback and ideas.

-Santos said that they should keep the jugglers and that they are very good. He said that he has no doubt that he can handle the construction. He asked what the ideas to address the multiple venues are.

-Harlem said that they run a bus program, so they know how to handle that. He said that it would be difficult to get them to weekday games. He said that they appreciate ideas.

-Santos said that the messaging they use would be a powerful way to get people to the outside venues.

-Dr. Nelson asked about the basketball team and asked if the players had any input on what venue they prefer.

-Harlem said that having one venue is important. He said that their number one concern is having people at the game. He said that their best game of the year was in Anaheim against BYU.

-Tressel asked if they were sure about moving the Den to the visitor's basket.

-Harlem said that they are still in the process. He said that the entire ring is transforming in Pauley. All of the seats would be moving closer.

-Tressel said that the court set up was exciting for the students.

-Hill thanked the athletics for allowing them to be a part of this process.

II. Election Board

Patrick presented members of the election board.

-Olivia Baker

-Justin Reyes

-Amna

-Patrick said that they were there for questions. There were proposals that would be up to vote next week. He talked about the proposed changes and that he would be available all this week. He said that the council should not hesitate to contact him. He asked who didn't receive the email.

-Council members raised their hands

-Patrick said that they are going to recreate the endorsement process. He said that they would move the endorsement process to Ackerman Grand Ballroom and would be one day. He expected a bigger turnout because it would be more centralized. He said that this would be more regulated. He said that this would be on the Wednesday of April 27th. He said that they were approached by OCHC and felt like they wanted to include them with the endorsement process. He said that he would like to formally institutionalize them with the process. He said that they are looking forward to their involvement in getting out the vote and marketing on the hill. Patrick said that they are recommending the change on the general representative positions. The board felt like the current system is very confusing. He said that it is important for students to vote toward the students that actually get elected for a more direct voting system. This would increase turn out. Student votes would reflect the council. He made sure that everyone knew his contact information.

-Hill asked about OCHC participation and if they would attend endorsement hearings.

-Patrick said yes. He said that they should formalize this process. He said that he wants to run the board based on what is said in the code.

-Hill said that endorsement hearings were belabored because every student group asks questions.

-Patrick said that a lot of students expressed deep frustration toward the hearing. While it does allow for transparency, it represents a model that had a purpose at one point that it no longer serves. He said that the amount of student groups participating has stretched the endorsement hearings. He said that by condensing it to a one-day event, it would allow people to submit questions to the board. The venue would be changed. Any changes that they do are aimed at the students and the candidates.

-Hill asked about the question process.

-Patrick said that they would submit their questions ahead of time. He said that 90% of the clubs already have a strong idea of whom they would vote for before the endorsement process. Patrick said that they use this process as a way to lash out on things they don't agree with. He said that these questions don't contribute to a healthy election atmosphere

-Spring asked about the calendar change. He asked if E-board came out with ways to have non-partisan voters participate

-Patrick said that they have the ability to start planning right away. He said that they can start focusing on marketing after their procedural changes. He said that the election code says that the general election should be at least two days. He said that there is a typo change in the procedure and he has no problem extending the election time to 4 days.

-Santos said that a lot of proposals they have are controversial and they have to vote on them. Santos said that they should stay away from rhetoric. He said that the Single Transferable Vote system is unnecessary rhetoric that they don't need. He said the last thing they need is to get caught up in ideological arguments. Santos said that is great that they have these proposals early and they should have a healthy discussion rather than an unnecessarily heated discussion.

-Miller said that he doesn't agree with what is said. Miller said that the public comment doesn't come from the table. He said that he wasn't on the same page as the public comment. Miller asked for clarification on the three-day voting period.

-Kris said that they are looking at three calendar days.

-Miller said that they should continue this conversation at another time. He said that he has ideas. He asked if there would be a forum where they could communicate with each other.

-Patrick said that it is vital to have all of their input. He said that they could set up a meeting. He said that he wants to be inclusive in this process. He said that they can make changes that they are proud of.

-Dr. Nelson said that the public comments talked about how things used to be. He said that the second speaker was patronizing because he didn't know how this council is. He said that how the second speaker watched student government isn't reflective of the council now.

-Dr. Geller didn't see the proposal. She asked for clarification

-Patrick said that all of the general representatives would run. He said that they spoke to MyUCLA about its feasibility. He said that a runoff wouldn't be as effective. This would prolong the election process and would vastly change the dynamics of who would be participating in the elections. The individuals who received the most votes, as general representatives would be elected in

-Dr. Geller asked what the dates were for the next election

-Patrick said that they presented a tentative calendar and that he could send the calendar to them.

-Hill said that the council should double-check their Spam inboxes.

-Spring said that election voting would take place in week 6 and endorsement hearing would be week 5

-Lucas asked what his opinion was on independent candidates

-Patrick said that he had MyUCLA check if the change of voting systems didn't affect results. He said that he felt like it helped independent candidates because it would help people running slates. He said that their aim is to help independents running for general representative positions

-Santos asked when these would be put to a vote

-Patrick said that they would bring up these changes next week. He said that they would bring up the venue and programming. He said that they could do this since they are starting early and they are urging the passage for next week

-Hill said that they could postpone certain items but they should approve the calendar immediately to reserve Ackerman. She said that they could deal with this next week. She thanked them for coming.

III. Be Green Consulting- Facilities Commission, A Change to the Funding Study Group Guidelines

-Hill said that they would like to start a dialogue about this issue to take back to the bodies that make the change.

-Kennan said that he is under the facilities commission. He talked about a change to the BOD funding score sheet. At the top, there were yes/no indications. The fourth vote includes a yes/no vote on whether the event was sustainable. He said that there were issues with the proposal and why they think that this is an important change. He said that the last proposal had 5 points and represented a large percentage of the overall point value. He said that members of the funding group were worried that it would be biased toward sustainability groups on campus. Therefore, the wording was changed and the point value was lessened. He said that the wording was changed to be directed toward how the program is carried out rather than the content. He talked about different groups that tried to

improve their sustainable practices. He said that the extra point would represent extra funding, which account for extra money that groups would spend to make their events sustainable. He said that it would make sure that people think about sustainable, which is unquantifiable. This would make a huge difference on people.

-Hill said that with the BOD formula, an extra point would mean extra funding. She said that by agreeing with this they show that they agree with sustainability

-Lucas asked if there were programs that couldn't be more sustainable

-Kennan said that usually groups market their events, which they could make more sustainable. He said that ut us up to the BOD council to decide if an event is made sustainable. He said that he envisions that any awareness to make an event sustainable qualifies for this event

-Rose said that sustainable practice is objective. He asked for switching to a Daily Bruin ad rather than using flyers would count

-Kennan said yes

-Birdie asked if there was a follow up mechanism

-Kennan said that there is no follow up mechanism, much like other aspects of the application

-Yao asked if they would put a follow up question as a part of the evaluation

-Kennan presented the guidelines if they wanted to change it. He said that there are 12 different items listed. He read item 11.

-Miller said that he appreciates the idea of utilizing sustainable practices. He said that he would like to see this go the opposite direction. He said that he would like to see a way to make this more quantifiable. He said that it is important that the process is objective as possible. He encourages it because he loves the intention

-Kennan said that it could be not objective. He said that he would love to quantify it as well.

-Tressel agreed. He talked about the educational nature bullet point. He said that he would add a cultural aspect to the bullet point.

-Hill said that it sounds like nobody is opposed to the idea.

-Phi thanked him for incorporating sustainability. She asked to what extent the sustainable practices would effect the score

-Kennan said that he would not be judging the applications but rather making this proposal

-Santos said that he likes the idea of being culturally relevant. He said that they should have open forms of communication

-Resnick said that they should make the groups aware by going to the fairs as well as funding workshops

-Hill said that it sounds like he has an unofficial endorsement of this. She said that questions include.....

Hill said that he should think about these things as much as he can and then present this to BOD

-Dr. Geller thanked him for rethinking the priorities. She said that she is struck that some things are yes/no and others are a range. She said that there can be degrees of sustainability. She said that they have other changes to reconsider in the score sheet. She said that when they see the recommendations, there are groups that get more money because they need more funds. She said that he should look more critically at the entire process and see which categories are worth more by looking at the whole score sheet.

-Kennan said that he is in no position to do that, but they put in the score sheet the sustainable score under 0-2 points because 5 points was too much.

-Zimmerman said that student government accounting cannot check if things are sustainable. She said that it is hard enough to do the SOOF change with the t-shirts. She said that it is not always administration that can make the changes. She thanked him for presenting.

-Hill thanked him for his presentation.

Executive Meeting: The public was asked to leave because matters of the council needed to be addressed.

VI. Appointments

The meeting resumed at 10:03pm.

-Hill said that these are consent items that were added to the agenda this evening because of miscommunication via email. The names of the individuals they're appointing needs to be stated. Hill asked if she could read off the names of the individuals.

-Curdan Bach, Marsha Callaway, Maria Soleded Ceja, Samson

-Most of the appointments are freshmen and are open-minded. They are interested in student government and willing to help the community and are interested in how the student government works. Cudon is a part of a social justice community. Marsha is part of a small community of transfer students and would bring a new perspective to a

table. Ceja would help gauge special issues and would help with OSAC connections. Samson is involved with higher education conferences.

-Hill asked her to explain what these individuals would help do.

-Mica passed out the outreach strategy as well as a calendar. The responsibilities in the upcoming weeks would conduct audits. She passed out the old application. She said that she would be submitting the old version to the council table. She said that they would be outreaching for a town hall. They are going to either to an in person town hall or virtual town hall or presentation. They would be responsible for being at every single hearing and attend every meeting.

-Hill thanked her for the documents. She said that the council should ask questions about the appointments

-Miller asked if they are designated specific assignments as OSAC.

-Mica said that it is a general committee. She said that she would be delegating. Each would have different responsibilities.

-Lucas thanked her for being responsible with the OSAC appointments.

-Hill asked if they need the student IDs.

-Dr. Geller said that her office needs their first name, last name, and student IDs.

-Hill suggested a motion to approve the first candidate.

-Miller moved to approve Marsha Callaway for OSAC. Phi seconded. With no objections, Callaway was approved as an item of consent.

-Miller moved to approve Maria Soledad Ceja for OSAC. Phi seconded. With no objections, Callaway was approved as an item of consent.

-Miller moved to approve Samson Nguyen for OSAC. Phi seconded. With no objections, Callaway was approved as an item of consent.

-Miller moved to approve Curdan Bach for OSAC. Spring seconded. With no objections, Callaway was approved as an item of consent.

-Hill asked if she could send out the forms in an email.

-Mica asked who to send it to.

-Zimmerman said that she could send it to her.

-Hill said that Ahrens gave detailed explanations of who the E-board is. She said that if the council feels uncomfortable moving forward, they could make a motion of postponing this particular vote. If they feel comfortable, they could proceed with a vote

-Miller moved to approve Ashley Lobe for Vice Chair, Amna Kamar External Relations Director, Elizabeth Edgar for Publicity Director, and Justin Reyes as Investigations Director. Shah seconded. With no objections, the appointments for E-board were approved.

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

There was no business for the EVP Travel grant this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-The following is a list of Contingency Programming Requests that were submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration. A total of \$15, 558.38 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$7,784.32 is recommended for allocation for this week. There is currently \$91171.21 in the contingency programming fund.

-Miller moved to improve contingency for this week.

- Rose said that they are swamped with allocations this week. This week, they are allocating roughly half of what was requested, some due to missing documentation and some due to other things.
- Resnick thanked him for the allocation. She said that under graphics, they didn't receive funding. She asked what the reason for this was.
- Rose said that this was of her least preference.
- Resnick said that it was either 1 or 2. She said that graphics are more important.
- Rose said that they could move \$250 from advertisements to graphics.
- Hill asked if this could be a line item transfer
- Zimmerman said it could be a line item transfer. She said that they don't need to make a motion unless it is honorarium or food for this case.
- Resnick asked for clarification about the line items and if some could be allocated
- Rose said for this, they could allocate what they discussed.
- Dr. Geller asked for clarification on MEChA. She asked about a group that was having an event and received Waiverpool and they also got funding for facilities.
- Miller said that Waiverpool covers parts of facilities, but it doesn't cover other parts.
- Dr. Geller said that she's looking at the Ballroom Dance Event. They told her that they got all but \$74 from Waiverpool for this event. They received \$250 from contingency. She asked which gets its money back.
- Zimmerman said that Waiverpool is always used first. She said that Ackerman is a large room. She said that if they receive money they don't need, they couldn't use the funds toward honorarium or food.
- Dr. Geller asked if the money could be used for other reasons besides food or honorarium
- Zimmerman said that yes. They could use the money for supplies, etc. because they wouldn't know if they got money from private donors and check on a group every time. She said that they could lower the contingency
- Spring asked if student groups could give back funds
- Zimmerman said yes, they could do a budget transfer
- Miller said that a lot of money is allocated and is not used. He said that he wants to put it forward. He said that they should find a way that they could get the funds back.
- Hill said that there is a 30-day period of using the funds that are allocated. Hill asked if any of the council members had anything to say.
- Rose said that they could close accounts after a certain time period.
- Miller asked for clarification on the Ballroom Dance group about how much they received.
- Dr. Geller said that they received \$75.
- Rose asked when they said this.
- Dr. Geller said they said this today.
- Miller moved to adjust the line item from \$250 to \$75. Spring seconded.
- Rose asked if they for sure had other sources of funding.
- Dr. Geller said that they have different needs. She said that she didn't know if they wanted to reduce the funding if they still have need
- Rose recommended transferring the \$125 to another area. Rose said that they had a good application and he recommends putting the funds into advertising.
- Miller moved to amend his motion to instead transfer \$125 to the advertising line item. Spring seconded.
- Spring moved to call to question the amendment to the motion for moving \$125 to advertising. With a vote of 12-0-0, the amendment was approved.
- Phi called to question the contingency allocations for this week. Shah seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, contingency allocations for this week were approved as amended.

F. Capital Contingency

- The following is a list of Contingency Capital Requests that were submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration. A total of \$1,391.36 was requested from contingency capital of that, a total of \$900 is recommended for allocation for this week.
- Spring moved to approve capital contingency. Phi seconded.
- The Latino Greek Council was requesting money for a computer. Rose said that unless there was a specific need, a group would receive \$900 assuming they had a good application.
- Zimmerman asked if a Mac Mini is still a desktop.
- Khy asked where their office is.

- Rose said that they are in the office of fraternal and sorority relations.
- Khy asked if it was on campus
- Rose said yes.
- Miller called to question capital contingency. Spring seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, capital contingency was approved for this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

Hill said she read the minutes to make sure they follow up on last week's recommendations. She said that in reference to the presentation last week, she followed up with Bob Williams. The USAC video is being worked on and edited. She will talk to Ma to see if it is of the quality to show at CEC films. She said that amended allocations should go on the campus website. Hill said that they came up with the postcard evaluations. She opened up this to see if it was pending. Hill said that one of the presentations that haven't happened was on holistic education. She said that it would be wonderful if academic affairs, community service, and SWC could make a presentation on holistic education. She sent everyone a copy of the UCSA budget, which may have gone to his or her spam. It is a run down of what has happened so far and what is the position of the student association in terms of the budget. This is a good education piece. As the week proceeds, they received another generous generation. Hill said that it is important to meet with the chancellor about what those resources should be pointed towards. She said that scholarships, student services, and education are top priorities. Hill said that the federal budget has deep seeded consequences. She reminded the council about the email about the associate dean position and that the first meeting is tomorrow. It is the associate dean of the campus climate. Hill said that if they read the Daily Bruin, there was an editorial piece about the survey. She said that the article had a stake in gauging the campus climate. She said that she has a meeting with president Yudof in the Bay Area this weekend. They are asking for a student on the investments advisory group appointed by UCSA. They are also asking for a more transparent budget report. Hill said that they have a document with only 9 charts. They would like to see more information about the budgets so they have full knowledge of where their fees and funds are going.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said that tomorrow in Boelter is a How To guide workshop toward BOD funding pool. She has met with student leaders on how to apply. She said that there is a student group exposition on Thursday, which will be like a mini-activities fair. This will focus on cultural groups and community service groups. Strathmore Saferides will be happening on Thursday. Lucas said that they have been giving a lot of How-To Guide cds. They will give workshops to about 200 student groups. She will be a part of the Enough Is Enough initiative and will be going into her first meeting on Thursday.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said that Obama released the budget. It damages higher education in some ways. It keeps the maximum amount of the Pell grant. It cuts Pell grants for summer school and asks graduate schools to pay more because their loans are being subsidized. Santos said that if they don't agree with the way that the federal government is cutting higher education; they should send a letter to their elected official. Santos said that they would be writing to voice their opinions about the budget proposal. He said that they would like to ask for the people of California to invest more in the UC and to continue their trend. They would also like to make sure that the donations go to the costs of instruction, which is one of the main reasons why regents keep increasing fees. At the state level, they have over 1,300 DREAM act postcards signed. They have an event on Thursday Feb. 24. They have confirmation from Cebillo, the one who presented the DREAM act. Santos will meet with Mona about the BOC presentation at next week's council meeting. He said that he would see how much time they will need on council.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said she mentioned about the class that she hopes to facilitate. She said that it hits particularly to the diversity requirement. Khy said that the class is catered toward looking at a socio and historical view of education and what ways they can integrate diversity and relevant holistic education. Part of the task of the student is to engage with the campus. Khy said that they would be able to interview professors or the staff about what is relevant or holistic education and to bring this information back to the work group. She looks forward to an event that the students will be planning, which will publicize this need. Khy talked about receiving a degree, which was later found that the student has violated the code of conduct, etc. Khy said that they changed the wording from "student" to "degree recipient" and gave them a month to respond to the allegations. Khy said that for the funding pool stream, UCOP decides how much UC schools get. They are looking to practice more autonomy. The proposal looked at allocating different percentages to each UC. Khy said that they are proposing that UCOP should have a flat rate to meet needs. Students and the student fee advisory committee recommend this funding pool.

-Hill said that funding used to look like a pyramid, which became inverted. Hill asked how this affected schools like Merced. Hill said that there is a possibility that the staff can add referendum to student fees.

-Khy said that UCLA would still help with funding for smaller schools. Khy said that each school would be autonomous but would still help other schools. Khy said that they would still help other schools.

-Hill asked for clarification on financial aid.

-Khy said that financial aid is per campus.

Facilities Commissioner- JC De Vera

-De Vera said for TGIF, they had 23 funding proposals and they are wrapping up their allocations right now. In general, they funded nearly \$80,000 in grant money. They projects are very diverse, such as providing funding for Greeks to build their houses. A more detailed presentation would come soon.

-De Vera talked about entities connected to cultural affairs. They have been touring recreational affairs. They will be going to UCI and CSU Long Beach to look at their facilities. Another concern is in relation to the appointment process in USAC. The appointments for the Wooden Center happen too late in the game for them for them to function as a board. As a recommendation for ARC and future councils, that the Wooden Center board of governors is elected earlier.

-De Vera said the official move out of Pauley Pavilion would be April 1. This includes the moving of offices, such as athletic offices, etc. They are looking for different places on campus to be situated.

-The Transportation Services Advisory Board (TSAB) talked about the commuter club. They give a statistical outlook on traffic. De Vera said that there is a trend toward alternative transportation, especially looking to approve alternative transportation on campus.

-De Vera talked about the Student Space Needs Workgroup. They have a master plan for students on campus, such as finding a consultant to do a survey on the student spaces on campus. Student representatives are going back and holding their own surveys as well. They are working with different undergraduate refs to create a consolidated survey.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Geller

-Dr. Geller talked about the new student climate position that Hill mentioned. The first is Thursday at 3:30 in Ackerman. She asked that after they met the candidates, to send her an email of an assessment of strengths and weaknesses and any concerns about their ability to be successful here. She said that they are not looking for a preference. She said that they are looking for feedback on strengths and weaknesses to see who would have a good general fit on campus.

-Birdie asked if it would be interviews or an open house

-Dr. Geller said that these would be informal interviews as well as an open question and answer session. She said that they don't need to stay for the full hour and a half. She said that for the past two years, the university policy requires any new referendum has a return to aid component. Anything that runs that passes, 25% will go back to financial aid at that campus.

-Hill said for clarification, that this was word from Santa Cruz

-Dr. Geller said that there is nothing in the campus that suggests that. She said that Calpirg needs to have a presentation soon. She said that the Daily Bruin had an opinion article about Calpirg

-Hill said that Calpirg offered a response. She said that Calpirg was contacted to see if they would like to draft a resolution that she could present to the council. They are working on a campaign but would like to meet on Friday

-Santos said that he knew that there was a certain deadline that they needed to meet. He asked if this Friday was the deadline.

-Dr. Geller said that since they fell out of compliance last quarter, they were given two quarters to get back to compliance, which takes them to June. The contract itself will be ending this week, but they were given until June on the current contract terms to get back to 15%.

-Zimmerman said that if emails are getting sent to spam, she is contacting IT to see why it is going to spam. She made a note on the doors about the new trash policy. She said that some people don't bring the trash bins back in. She said that they should keep wastebaskets in their rooms, which will be picked up on Thursday. Zimmerman asked them to pass the word to keep their wastebaskets in their offices.

-Phi asked where they drop off old ink cartridges.

-Zimmerman said that sometimes, they could mail back the ink cartridges. She said that she could also help coordinate e-waste.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Santos said that he would send an email about the event next week. If they still want to get involved in the petition campaign to let him know

-De Vera reminded the council to sign the gender-neutral petitions

-Phi reminded the council that Dance Marathon is this week

-Shah said that there is a panel discussion about Islam and hip-hop. She said that tonight at 11:59pm they will be having sign ups for the J. Cole concert. They will be working on the postcard if the council would like to help as well

-Resnick said that she was approached with an outside organization called Sustain You, which is doing a clothing drive. This campaign comes from Nuru International

-Yao talked about non-profit networking night.

-Spring said that there is a Take it to the Hill presentation about stress brought by CAPS. He reminded the council to update the USAC calendars. He said that the April edition would have in color and in the Daily Bruin. It would have a recap on the year, since it would have the last full month of their term.

-Miller said that on the Sassy Gay Friend event, the audience was packed. He did a presentation on social justice and presented his signature character. He thanked the council that helped pass the word along.

-Spring said that the community service scholarship is due on the 18th.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Miller 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 11:03 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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