

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Stephanie Lucas, Cris Santos, Matt Spring, Emily Resnick, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, John Christian De Vera, Linda Phi, Isaac Rose, Dr. Berky Nelson, Patricia Zimmerman,

ABSENT: Gatsby Miller, Jasmine Hill, Kinnery Shah, Rustom Z. Birdie, Dr. Debra Geller, Willard Tressel, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali

GUESTS: Elisabeth Case, Paulina Perperskaia

I. A. Call to Order

- Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Khy moved to strike the ASRF fund.

- Spring moved to strike the president’s report and contingency allocations.

- Phi moved to strike the IVP Report.

- Phi moved and De Vera seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Lucas called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *March 8th, 2011

- Spring moved and De Vera seconded to approve the minutes, as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

Paulina of Calpirg- They are sending out petitions’ for the clean air act as well and received many 1,8000 sign ups for Calpirg during our latest pledge drive. She would like to set up meetings with USAC members this week and Calpirg is passing out a sign up sheet for meetings for this week.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

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.

B. EVP Travel Grant

-Design for a Better Future student organization going to the 'Clinton Global Initiative' at UC-San Diego was allocated the full allocation of **\$350** out of a maximum of \$350.

-Nourish International at UCLA student organization going to the '17th Annual International Development Conference' at Harvard University was allocated **\$200** out of a maximum of \$350. Points were deducted due to the individualistic nature of the applicant, as the person is the only one going to the conference.

-National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) student organization going to the 'NSBE National Convention' in St. Louis, Missouri was allocated **\$450** out of a maximum of \$500. The convention, although in helping the organization achieve its goals, is more of an informational meeting and organizational space to plan out, and not to work on agenda items.

-American Society of Civil Engineers student organization going to the 'Pacific Southwest Conference 2011' at CSULA was allocated **\$325** out of a maximum of \$500.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

There was no business for the Contingency

F. Capital Contingency

There was no business for the Capital Contingency

G. BOD Allocations

-Love said that this was the most difficult funding cycle. They had over 800,000 in allocation requests and over 70 student groups applied. They have allocated the SOOF Funding source and this funding source will finish allocating all funds up to \$1.50 remaining. In fall quarter they had 26 applications it has tripled. Winter BOD we have received 40 applications and now they have 74 applications. There has been an increase every quarter for student groups. He said that this is a great thing.

-In the allocations we have a highlighted version that were the allocations prior to the benchmark. It was their score times amount requested after adjusted times the amount available. We wanted to allocate to the full amount that we have available in the fund. Love said he worked on the allocations all night and based on the benchmark we can ensure that all funding is being used. Usually they would deny a request that small because it will throw off the allocations. Very small groups requested are denied and pointed towards contingency.

-Rose made a point of clarification.

-Lucas said to keep all questions until the end.

-Love upped the total request by a dollar to all groups and that made sure that all groups would receive a full allocation. In doing so, he was able to drain this account and allocate more than he would have if he had not done that. Love's recommendation is to allocate \$188,664.43 for the allocation for student groups.

-Zimmerman asked if this was the blue number.

-Rose asked if they look at column K.

-Spring moved to approve the BOD allocations. Phi seconded.

-Rose said that line 54 and Spring Commencement and asked why they added on \$52 to the parenting students groups but added \$373 the UCLA Pilipino commencement. He asked how he added \$50 to one event but \$370 to the same thing.

-Love said that this is the point of the benchmark.

- Rose asked if this innovation is fair.
- Love said he had to be innovative. He said he shouldn't be grilling him. He said it is as fair as it can be.
- Rose said that he understands how tough his job is. He said that he shouldn't take it the wrong way. He said he doesn't understand from a student group perspective how \$50 can be added to one group and \$350 to another.
- Love said that the total amount requested in comparison to the total amount requested from all groups. He said that it accounts for 30% allocated. He said that groups that request more receive more. He said something had to be done this quarter.
- Lucas asked for clarification. She said that groups that requested less received less.
- Love said yes.
- Phi asked why \$10,000 was chosen as the cutoff.
- Love said that once a double-digit request is when it will skew the numbers.
- Spring asked about closing accounts for the fall events groups and if they can still use the funding for events.
- Love said it would be unfair to take their money from them.
- Zimmerman CS Mini only fund that can be used in that quarter.
- Lucas asked how many organizations were denied funding at all.
- Love said 6. He said 2 groups did not have a hearing and 4 groups where too small of requests. Love said that he had to be objective.
- Spring asked the admins if this been an issue before in terms of BOD allocating. He asked if there were benchmarks in the past.
- Berky always an issue when giving out money because we can only give out a motion of the amounts. He said he didn't think there will ever be a perfect situation and that it is unusual that students have enough. He said that they couldn't fund everyone. It has never been untrusting of students and what they choose and we accept the judgment because they know more about it then everyone else.
- Zimmerman said that it has improved since last year. They had problems with groups with smaller requests. There have been discrepancies in the past. She found that in these processes, it now seems more equitable than last year.
- Spring called to question the BOD allocations for spring. De Vera seconded 8-0-0 BOD spring 2011. With a vote of 8-0-0, the BOD allocations had passed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said democratic leadership contacted him that they needed to step up their efforts if they wanted tax extensions on the ballot. He said that it would help if people helped calling people. He sent out the email with the information. It is important that they do this and he will talk about this week 1.

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Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy there has been cuts to Covell Tutorials so she is working to set a meeting to the Chancellor to tap into the Lincey Foundation to receive some funding. Students are concerned and it services available to 21,000 students all students that are not AAP about 3,000 students use it per quarter. If you want to be involved please contact our office and the program will end in Week ten if we do not find funding? They will need 500,000 to restore the tutorial program. They have multiple peer learning facilities, math and science and ELC. Athletics is the only one not being cut

Administrative Representative- Berky Nelson

Nelson said that the entire admin is upset about this. The student has been very upset and remorseful and there have been death threats. There should be a apology soon. APC has had a great response and shows this is the biggest mistake she has made and was not expecting this response. You may want to think in terms of a resolution in regards to free speech at the university and yet also it is important to respect and understand diversity so we can move in a positive direction. I know that many students are impacted by the video her is an anecdote for perspective. When I was in college working on his PHD I needed to take the PHD Oral and scheduled the exam on a Friday and earlier that week MLK was assassinated. There was no sensitivity no one asked how I felt or how I was he attended the exam and passed. On the way to the faculty center we felt that King's assassination upset you but it took you mind off the exam. There have been far worse things and no one died and no one should die. As student leaders it is best to lead your peers in this situation and with some sensitivity to the student that made this critical error.

-Yao, Suza and Nelson were talking about having a resolution and welcome all to assist and sponsor

-Santos that they need more consciousness about diversity and community service and increase awareness.

-Nelson said that they were all just born when they passed SP1 and 2 and anti-affirmative action movement. Unqualified African Americans and Latinos were getting into school then white community and that it should be based on test scores and grades and the Asian community excels here. This is created by a 1995 change in legislation and that many students feel they are now the minority.

-Miller moved to go into appointments. Spring seconded.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

-Spring said please give updates to the monthly newsletter. There was a google doc sent out.

-De Vera said the SAC will be open later and they will be giving out scantrons, blue books, and snacks.

-Rose said that this would be his last meeting since he would be graduating early. Kia Saedi would be filling in for the chair if the council approves. He thanked the council for approving allocations.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- De Vera moved and Phi seconded to adjourn the meeting.

- Lucas called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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