

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday April 19, 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, Linda Phi, Isaac Rose, Dr. Debra Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patricia Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Tiffany Lin, Shoshee Jau, Sean Scott, Elizabeth Case

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-De Vera moved to add OSAC Allocations under new business as an action item.

-Yao moved to add Alternative Spring Break under Special Presentations.

-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency

-Shah moved to strike cultural affairs grant

-Santos moved to strike the travel grant

- De Vera moved and Spring 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.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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-Spring said that Ramon is spelled Roman.

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

- Hill 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

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. USAC CSC Alternative Spring Break- Amy Chen, External Programs Director

Chen introduced herself as in charge of the program of alternative spring break. She said it gives the UCLA community to go out. They focused on affordability and a proper immersion trip. Chen described a trip in Utah, one in Death Valley national park, one in Los Angeles, and one at Dorothy's Place that focused on homelessness. She said that two were focused on the environment and the other two were about getting to know the people that were there. Alternative Spring Break started in USAC in 2007 and they were able to get 22 participants to attend. Chen said that others say that their one week trip inspires them and after

continue their community service. Chen presented pictures from the volunteer work in Utah, where they were able to adopt a pet

-Tressel asked how many students there were

-Chen said 6. She said that everything was \$180 and included food, lodging, etc. She said that there was interesting weather. She talked about the LA site that worked with a lot of nonprofits. Chen talked about volunteers that stayed at a home stay. She said that some stayed in an El Salvadorian household. She talked about the volunteers that went to Skid Row. Chen talked about the conversation work at Death Valley. One environmental science major said she was surprised and didn't realize how much work was involved. She said that those volunteers did weeding to preserve ecosystems. She talked about Dorothy's Place, where they prepped and cooked breakfast. Chen said that they also had their own garden. They did a lot of painting and are working on transitional housing. She said that they also have a computer lab to teach computer skills. Chen said that some members use Facebook, Twitter, email, etc. They also have their own shirt making company. Chen presented tiles that they got to paint as well as other activities they did. Chen said in order to expand the program, they want to show that they were all over the place and increase visibility. She said that they want to promote that they have their own ASC. Chen said that she is working to facilitate a seminar for winter quarter to have students learn more about the social issue before they go on the trip.

-Hill asked what the need is to get more students involved

-Chen said that it is transportation. She said the cost of vans was a problem. She said they need a better form of transportation to expand the diversity. They have Catalina lined up for next year.

-Tressel said what they're doing is fantastic. He said that he was trying to get his children involved in community service. He said that tourism is a big thing. He said he would love to see his kids mentored by people like her. He said they could organize a travel package and perhaps generate revenue. Tressel said he went to Haiti for a week and it was rough. He said that his kids wouldn't be able to understand unless they experience it. He asked if they were interested in the explorer program that works with the police department. Tressel said that a program that reaches out to K-12 could give back to the community. He said that if they need help with certain community service projects, they could call on kids. Tressel said that parents would love to do this type of things and parents would love to fund it.

-Arruejo asked what the other places they are using throughout the years. He asked what they did to enlarge it.

-Chen said that they want to revisit old places to continue building university relationships. She said that they are going back to Dorothy's Place. She said that this year was trial and error. She said that next year they have a lot to build on. She said that they are seeing what other people like. She said that they were able to get good evaluations and it is also based on evaluations

-Spring asked if other UC's have spring break programs

-Chen said that Berkeley, SD, SB, and other UC's have spring break activities but are run by different programs. She said that in UCI, their trips are all \$100 or below.

-Dr. Nelson asked what problems they had and what was done to address them

-Chen said that funding was all done winter quarter. She said they wanted to move candidates and sites solidified by fall quarter so that winter quarter is for working out logistics. She said that along with a seminar, students will feel prepared on the issue they are learning about

-Dr. Geller asked if there was a possibility of setting it up so that it was a service learning course and students could write a paper when they get back and get a grade for it

-Chen said that this is possible. They could possibly write a blog on their trip and have the Daily Bruin put it on the website. She likes the idea of a reflection that they could do. She said that this would make it exclusive, exciting, and affordable

-Yao said this started as recently as 2007 under gen rep 1. She said that the program has not been as well established in the past. She said last year it was only 2 sites and one day, and the year before that they didn't have any sites. She said that Chen worked from scratch.

-Hill appreciated her presentation and said this reflects well in USAC. She said she should come back and see how different USAC offices could incorporate. She said she did a great job.

B. SHAC Presentation- Tiffany Lin and Sean Scott

Lin and Scott introduced themselves. They said that next year, they would participate in a consolidated healthcare program called UC SHIP which is a consolidated program. Risks are spread out amongst a greater pool of people. Graduate students will save about \$78 and undergraduates save about \$25. Benefits

will stay the same or increase. They will have in total have savings of \$950,000. Scott said that SHIP students will still have pre-paid access, primary care visits, on site x-rays, and core lab tests. He said deductible/co-pays will go down, etc. He said they will describe this in detail in a town hall on May 11 from 5-7pm. This will be in the conference room on the 4th floor of the Ashe center.

-Lin said that she came there before to talk about SHAC. She said that USAC didn't want to join UC SHIP as seen through a resolution. She said that the main concerns had to do with input. There would be two committees. She said they sent out an amended charter and they asked to have another student added to the advisory committee but they respectfully denied. They were able to add two students to the executive committee and a clinician which means more student input. They guaranteed that one student from that group would be from UCLA. She said that they are not sure who this representative would be. She said they are asking for them to allow SHAC to choose the representative.

-Hill asked if the chair of that also sits on the chair of student fees. She asked if this is a shared governing process. She asked what process they are considering

-Lin said they said it is hard to coordinate what with the insurance committee. She said that they would like to choose someone in SHAC to be part of the USAC-wide committee.

-Hill said they would have to come back to council to vote

-Spring asked if UC SHIP has coverage for transgender students

-Lin said that the new plan will increase coverage for transgender students

-Hill asked that since UC SHIP is a state-wide organization, if it would make sense to have the representative come from the California Student's Association.

-Santos said that they had a presentation about UC Davis and UCSF. They asked if they would have UCLA representation. There were questions about appointing. He said that they want to make a decision that is best for everyone. He said he hopes they could talk more about it

-Lin said that for the executive committee, there would be two students so that is one undergrad, one grad, and another student and potentially one from northern California and one from southern California.

-Dr. Geller asked if there is any aspects of the new plan that are inferior to what they had at UCLA

-Scott said that they wanted to protect their mental health. They allowed them to keep this benefit in the new plan. After negotiations of what they wanted to keep, they came back and let them keep everything they wanted

-Lin said that they weren't going to join, but they found out that they were joining. One concern was that there was no guarantee that the rates would be increasing. She said that if all schools join, the costs would be stabilized

-Hill said that there would be a small chunk of students whose needs would go above the cap. She said that there are around 26 students that would go above the cap

-Scott said that they are in negotiations about the life time max, which would address the students that have a high cost. They are currently negotiating this

-Arruejo asked when this would start

-Lin said July 1

-Arruejo asked if there is a year to test

-Lin said no, it would just start. She said that this is sudden and they reviewed it for three weeks

-Hill asked if this existed in other campuses

-Scott said that before it existed for graduate students

-Hill said she appreciated them coming in to clarify things.

VI. Appointments

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

-Khy said that \$98.01 was rewarded for teaching a class for next quarter. He asked for supplies.

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

- Santos moved to approve contingency allocations for April 19, 2011. De Vera seconded.
- Arruejo said there were a couple of mistakes. He asked for a motion to change the following allocations. He said that he lowered the honorarium from \$600 to \$400, VSU to remove the date of April 14, and for Muslim Union to give them funding for food.
- Hill said that they could amend these in a second.
- Arruejo said updates were sent in
- Spring said that he was having trouble viewing the charts
- Arruejo said you have to download it. He asked if the previous one worked
- Santos said it didn't work.
- Shah said hers worked.
- Arruejo said that he is sending a PDF version now. He added one allocation and changed some things.
- Hill said that for those who are able to see what is going on if there are any questions
- De Vera asked how much was left
- Arruejo said that he would have an exact number tomorrow. They will have around \$30,000 by this Friday after he closes accounts.
- Hill asked for him to repeat the issues
- Arruejo said that Turkish Cultural Club, number 15, honorarium should be changed to 400. VSU the date (line 24) should be changed. Muslim Student Union (line 32), food should be changed
- Santos asked why the Olive Tree Initiative didn't get funding
- Arruejo said that the application was given 2-3 days before the event and they didn't have documentation
- Hill said the biggest change is for the change in honorarium.
- De Vera moved to amend the contingency allocations to the changes that were discussed. Santos seconded. There were no objections.
- De Vera called to question contingency allocations. Spring seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, the contingency allocations were approved.

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

Hill said that two key events: This Friday, their office is having a celebration will be having an event with proceeds going to AB540 students in sunset rec. They are marching into election season. Candidate orientation is tomorrow. Hill said that next Friday at 7pm, her office and other campus departments are bringing Dr. Cornell West and Carl Dicks to De Neve auditorium for a thought provoking conversation. She said that people should come out if they can. Hill said that there is very limited seating in De Neve. There will also be performances from the Word from cultural affairs commission.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas said that because of BOD funding, they will extend Saferides for three weeks. She said that they will have a reflection survey going around campus. She said that they've gotten a good response. She said that applications have been ranked for the student commencement speaker. She asked Spring if there was an update on the newsletter

- Spring said that it would go out Thursday or Friday
- Lucas asked if they would appoint a j-board
- Hill said no and that they have quorum
- Lucas said that they are helping E3 and other orgs with Earth Day. She said that they will be showing TGIF funding. This whole week is Enough is Enough. She said that it is going well. Yesterday was a

resource fair and a pledge sign. She said that there were a lot of educational resources, clothesline process, etc. She said that there was a candle light vigil with testimonials about how students have been effected by hates crimes. Tomorrow is a self-defense project. There will be a screening this week as well. The event has good campaigns that has come at a good time when there has been various climate issues
 -Phi asked if they are tabling with E3. She said they would be tabling as well

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos said they are focusing on doing congressional lobby visits. The federal budget is going to the president. While they were able to save most programs, there are some changes they were unhappy about such as the Pell Grant possibly getting cut. Santos said that this is a good time to bring this to the attention of congress members. He said they are focusing on voter registration efforts. He said that they have been connected to several people and have a letter of support and encouragement from the administration to work with the administration of UCSB. They have a letter from the secretary of state that was sent to chancellor Block. They have letters from 6 different campuses encouraging administration to work with them. They have a letter from the regent designate Alfredo. They passed a resolution through the UC Student Association. This week they will have a letter of understanding that the student coalition will represent the administration by the net few weeks if possible. He said the memorandum of understanding dictates certain points that students would abide by to encourage other students to vote. Santos said that this would solidify support from these entities. He said that he would give more details next week with the resolution. Can You Hear Us Now was amazing in different ways. He said he was personally proud of this. He said that there were different things they accomplished through this. He said that with the UC Student Association, they are trying to get involved in working with other students. He said that they might possibly open up to community colleges to have for all public college students. He said that they are closing accounts and most likely returning a good amount of money to be announced at next council meeting.

-Arruejo asked what money would be returned back to USAC

-Santos said that it is the money requested from the council. He said he would rather have the money go back to the USAC fund

-Zimmerman said if they don't use the funds it will stay put. She said that since it is a surplus fund, it will technically go back to surplus. She said that it would indirectly go back, but if it is put back it could be put back in different ways

-Santos said he would put the money back for purposes of transparency. He thanked Zimmerman for being at the event

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said he met with Vice Chancellor Montero about a diversity seminar for the summer. They also discussed the town hall that would be a Q and A between students and faculty addressing concerns about diversity in the curriculum and campus climate. She said that she will let the council know once they solidify a date and time. Khy said that she is one of the students for the implementation for the principals of education. She said that she would like to see if they could get more student representation. Their goal is to finish the proposal by the end of the quarter. They are working to have a spring advisory board which would be a poll to campus to see if they want to support diversity. There will be a final presentation to council next week.

Student Government Services- Zimmerman

-Zimmerman passed out invitations for installations. They would introduce the person that would be taking their spot. If gen. reps. are switching spots, they should let her know. She said it means a lot when everyone attends. She said this year it is May 22. She said that she didn't want it to be on a three day weekend. She said that they made sure it was a convenient weekend for everyone.

-Zimmerman said she added this to the candidate calendar so that they know already about the ceremony.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. OSAC Allocations- Micah Tran

- De Vera moved to approve this years OSAC allocations. Spring seconded.
- Hill said that Tran would describe the process.
- Tran said that they have copies and packets. There were 6 packets passed out. Tran said that in the excel document, there was a mistake. She said that there is an AIDS ambassador that was not in the packet. Tran said they will introduce, run through the process, and then talk about allocations and questions. Tran said she is chair of office allocations. They would run through audits, application editing, hearings, allocations, etc. The council introduced them. Tran said that at the top of the calendar was the outreach strategy.
- One member talked about making sure that all registered organizations knew about the allocation process. They made sure that OrgSync sent out an email and sent out an update every week. He said that groups were encouraged to join their OrgSync page and from there received updates about audits, applications, and hearings. He said that they also utilized an email system. They used all emails from orgs that had spaces and mailed another list to make sure that there was a duplicate system so that all organizations received an email. The third avenue was Facebook. He said that they encouraged groups to join their Facebook page. The application was also on the Facebook page and on the OrgSync page. They also used a town hall process with representatives from organizations. People were able to ask questions about the application process. They also used UCLA Radio to make a broadcast about the application process to broadcast to members. Additionally, they made sure they went through all the rooms. They reminded them multiple times through flyers and other means that this was an application year. If there were multiple orgs, there were multiple sheets on their orgs. They tried to outreach to as many orgs as possible.
- Another member talked about the audits. She said that they were looking at cleanliness. She said that with organizations, they took into consideration their events that they might have held. They used audits for questions for the hearings
- Tran talked about the edits to the application to make it less redundant. It was reorganized to follow the OSAC guidelines. She said that the application was broken down.
- One member said that there was a ten minute hearing for each organization which was a supplement to each allocation. She said that this was to address concerns or for the organizations to explain why things were how they were.
- Samson said that all the members of the committee read each application and deliberated. Each organization was given a certain amount of space. Spaces that were allocated reflect the scores
- Tran said that they also did weekly Daily Bruin ads. She said that Marie and Samson would go over the allocations.
- Marie presented the allocations as seen on the spreadsheet. She presented the rooms and which groups would be where.
- Samson presented the rest of the allocations and who would be moving in and who would be moving out.

ASK PATTY IF ROOM ALLOCATIONS SHOULD BE ADDED HERE

- Phi asked if Champs originally had an office space
- Yao said that Champs wasn't added but were placed in the office mentioned in the application
- Lucas asked how often allocations occur
- Tran said it happens every 2 years
- Lucas asked if scores were sent out
- Tran said that they have Google documents and files online. It wasn't put in the excel but it could be sent out
- Shah asked about why the groups that were kicked out couldn't keep their office space
- Tran said that for the Indian Student Union, they didn't apply. They were given notices but they were not present and were not using their office. She said for the Jewish Union and Students for Israel, they didn't reapply. For Rally Committee, Unicamp, and Taiwanese American student union they didn't reapply. For the Association of Chinese Americans and Red Cross club, their application and audit scores were really low considering other groups and how other groups utilized their spaces
- Hill asked how many new groups were moving in
- Tran said there were 11 new groups
- Lucas asked what the methodology was to assign certain groups were in a certain office
- One member said the first priority was score. Groups with a higher score needed a room to effectively organize to impact the community or whatever they were doing. They made sure that groups that were together had similar interests or goals. This would increase their potential to do that
- Tran said that the scores were taken into consideration. They really tried to put groups together that had similar interests and those who collaborated together

- Santos commended them on how much work they put into it. He asked why some of the locker groups were indicated as tentative
- One member said that for the locker spaces, some groups didn't get locker space. They would open up a new application process for locker space
- Tran said that it wouldn't be fair to have spaces left over and not have groups use them
- Arruejo asked if they are still working on the locker space
- Tran said yes
- Hill said if they would apply locker space tonight and approve more space later.
- Phi asked if USAC offices could reapply for lockers later
- Tran said yes they can
- Phi asked if there other groups applying
- Tran said that this is something they could discuss
- Tressel asked if groups were notified about the allocations
- Tran said they wanted to get approval from USAC first
- Dr. Nelson asked about the organizations that didn't get space. He said that they did a phenomenal job. He said that he doesn't anticipate any problems because everyone was notified. He said that this is a big leap from how this started
- Hill expressed concern about some groups that are moving from one space to another. She said that from a logistical standpoint, this could be more trouble than it is worth. She said she doesn't know if it is worth moving people around.
- Tran said that this was a recommendation from when they discussed allocations in the past. She said that groups showed drastic changes about how much they have currently and how much they have whether it is more or significantly less. She said despite a logistical change, for two years these would be much more sufficient spaces to work in. She said that they have a plan of action to moving the groups. She said that they are planning on laying out contracts to share spaces, contracts for current and new leaders, etc. They would address move in and move out, regular OSAC guidelines in respect to audits, etc. She said that since this is a more logistical process and since this is a 2 year process, they figured it would be worth it
- Spring asked if they would notify groups why they wouldn't get an office next year
- Tran said yes
- Zimmerman said that for groups that applied for offices but did not get an office, got locker space
- Arruejo asked what office move outs and move ins were weeks 6 and 7.
- One member said that this is tentative since week 6 and 7 might be logistically easier. He said that it is tentative and will be based on feedback
- Tran said that when leaving move out and move in, some groups just leave for summer. She said that it is difficult to coordinate things when students aren't there. She said that weeks 6 and 7 are helpful because it is after midterms and before finals.
- Santos said that his only experience is during moving one of his offices. He said that it was hard to get the office they were moving into to have them move out of the office, even with extensive outreach
- Tran said that it would be difficult, which is why week 6 would be when all groups need to move out. All outreach would be letting groups know they have to move. They would consistently contact groups. Another way would be to directly contact them through OrgSync. If necessary, they would call them or go to their offices
- Shah asked if groups could know before council made their decision. Shah said that it isn't fair to give student groups to speak to them directly. She said that this is a lack of transparency on their part. Shah said they should let people know it is on the agenda before they decide.
- Hill asked if this was on the first round of agendas.
- Lucas said that it got lost in the filter. She said it wasn't caught until she received an email
- Hill said that people should come to USAC meeting to hear the discussion. She said that they don't send out potential allocations 900 groups. She said that she notes the point for the opportunity for feedback
- Dr. Geller said she is wondering if there isn't a way to contact the people to move. She said that they should ask groups if moving are worth the extra space. She said that if people are satisfied with their space, they might not want to move out
- Dr. Nelson said that one group had history with their space, which is Chicanos for Community Medicine. He said that people could be heard and responds next week. He said that for CCM, alumni get involved as well.
- Tressel said that Chicanos for Community Medicine received more space than they had before. Tressel said he expected to see more people in the room. Tressel said that it is probably worth it to see what people have to say

- Santos asked if they are going to do anything besides releasing it on the agenda or if that was the only thing they were doing
- Hill asked what was done in the past
- Dr. Nelson said that OSAC releases information and people come to the council in response. He said that it was OSAC's responsibility to let that happen. Council would respond.
- Tran said that they were under the impression to communicate their allocations to USAC and then present it to the public
- Tressel said that this is good but needs to be more transparent
- Zimmerman said that they should make sure that they make clear that these are the proposed allocations and that voting would be next week. She said that students came in the past before
- Santos said that they all did a lot of great work. He moved to table the office space allocations to allow for more communication for OSAC to student groups. Phi seconded. There were no objections.
- Hill said that one of the groups didn't like that they were moving. She said that they should tell groups that are moving.
- Tressel suggested that they should communicate this again and the process that they have gone through
- Santos recommended to make it clear that they are proposed recommendations and reasons why groups would have to move. Santos said that they should make it clear that groups that are getting more space.
- Lucas said that she should have put it on the agenda. She asked how students would have known otherwise
- Zimmerman said she could put it under announcements and put a link to the agenda
- Hill asked if she was talking about a general process
- Lucas said in general

XI. Announcements

- Phi said this week is Bruin Health Week. CPR went well. The theme was lifesavers. This was free for all residents. Today was the first event in Bruin Plaza. The week continues through Friday. She said that there is a mix up with Earth Day. She said that she has Bruin Health Week shirts. She said that she could let people know what their sizes are.
- De Vera said that his office is launching the rehearsal space reservation. Next week would be the first week to sign up for the spaces in the Wooden center
- Shah said tomorrow is the first free ticket distribution for jazz reggae. She said that tickets would go fast. Shah said there would be 1500 tickets tomorrow
- Spring said tomorrow would be a wife swap and diversity dinner in Ackerman second floor lounge. Panel members include Samahang, ACA, etc.
- Zimmerman said they set up a new wireless system for the internet. She said that instead of getting all new wires, they created a wireless system. She said that it's not like going on BOL. She said she will explain this next week. She said this only works for some computers. She said that laptops could hook up to office printers. She said that this took a long time and she apologizes.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Santos 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 8:41 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker

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