

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Emily Resnick, Kristina Sidrak, Joelle Gamble, Raquel Saxe, Daniel Soto, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, Michael Starr, Andrea Hester, Tamir Sholklipper, David Bocarsly, Dan Chikanov, Jason Smith, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman, Isaac Rose, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Verton R. Banks, Rassy Cho, Lawrence Turner Jr., Jazmine Gordan, Freda Frid, Matt Abuianach, Sheena Santamaria, Levi Dygert. Kutibh Chihbi, Haidar Anwar, Omar Elkabti

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant.

-Gambelle moved to strike the mini grant

- Shah moved and Saxe seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

-- Council voted to approve with a unanimous vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Resnick called for Acclamation. Resnick asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

-5/10/11*

- Bocarsley moved and Shah seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

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

IV. Public Comments

Verton Banks- Director of Finances for Queer Alliance

-Banks congratulated the new council. He talked about the LGBTQIA community. He presented a picture of a queer alliance member that killed herself. He said that in her note, she didn't feel part of the UCLA community. He said that it is important for the LGBTQIA community be heard. He said that they want to create an inclusive climate. He said that this past year, there were Queer alliance members that attempted to committ suicide. He said that members felt a lot of disrespect at UCLA and that this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. He said that council should have inclusive programming that addresses the needs of this community.

Freda Frid-

She congratulated the new council. She said she is from Bruins for Israel. She said they were having a dinner this Thursday for student leaders. The dinner is invite only. She said that it would be a catered dinner. She said that they would have speakers talking about different issues. She said that they would be happy to get to know their representatives and make others understand why this issue is important. She said that it is Thursday at 533 Landfair at 6-8pm. She thanked the council.

Sheena Santamaria-

She congratulated the new council and said that next year would be tough. She talked about campus union. She said that she was glad there was no slate attached to applications. She presented a challenge to not update the Facebook pages of slates throughout the year. She said to keep in mind campus union.

Levi Dygert

He talked about presidential climate. He said that they always received appointments early November and it is almost impossible to get things done Fall quarter. He said that the council should have the positions elected by 0 or 1st weeks. He said that if there is a proposal, it won't be feasible unless they start early. He said that all appointments from GSA would be this quarter. HE said that all board positions being finalized as soon as possible would be the best.

-Resnick said that she thinks they can do it.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

Saxe said that VSU requested \$1000 and recieved \$1000.

-Samahang Pilipino recieved \$1000

-MSU got \$429.22.

-Mecha got \$1000

-AISA got \$429.22

-A separate grant got \$1000

-Asian Pacific Coalition got \$1000.

A total of \$11000 was requested. A total of \$6858.44 was allocated.

Mini Grant:

A total of \$8983.92 was requested. A total of 3971.55 was allocated.

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.

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

There was no business for Contingency Allocations this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Emily Resnick

Resnick said thank you for having staff applications out. She said that they should feel free to email the USAC webmaster. She said that she hopes that they looked at the all Facebook event for all offices. She said that these are the first steps to council unity. She talked to Ken HELLER to advertise all offices. She said she would keep them posted. She said that there was a J-Board case that was filed. She said the case has been dropped and they reached an agreement. Any questions can be brought up here or outside of the table. She said that they would have a meeting with Ahrens, the E-board chair, this week. She will email an invitation. They would go through the E-code. She said that the council is invited at 12:30 in the communal office space. She said that she met with MSA, MSU, and BRuin Republicans. They talked about an event with David Corowitz. They made plans to how to move forward with issues. They would try to have a student group expo in the fall to set up ground rules about co-programming. This would allow groups to work together and make it beneficial for all. Resnick said that they would try to add an aspect of EOL about coprogramming. She said this would facilitate groups meeting each other. She thanked Hill and others for meeting with her. She said she met with the administrative representatives and student government services. She plans to have one on ones.

Internal Vice President – Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said she attended the Westwood council meeting on proposed bylaw changes. They were planning on disenfranchising everyone except homeowners, which took away voices from students on the council. She said that they tabled the issue to June. She said that it is important they have representation on Westwood neighborhood council. She said that in terms of working with Google for email accounts, the final draft has been moved to the ITTB and they would be voting on it June 1. She reached out to UCPD to institutionalize Strathmore Saferides. Due to lack of resources they weren't able to institutionalize it.

-Williams asked for clarification about the email

-Sidrak said that it would outsource undergraduate emails to Google.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said her applications are out. She said she went to Westwood neighborhood council. The next meeting is June 15 and said that the council should come out. She said that a lot of people appreciated them coming. She said that they have been meeting with ORL to institutionalize voter registration. She said they are drafting a memorandum of understanding. She said there are currently no cuts to higher education. She said that it is still looking that the cuts will look like \$500 million. She said people can ask her if they have further questions. She talked about differential fees, which would mean that some UC schools would be more expensive than others. She said that there are problems with how resources are allocated. They would be having a DREAM act day. She said that the council should go if they can. She talked about grassroots organizing.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said she had a meeting about Covell cuts. The meeting was moved to June. They are addressing math and science tutoring and the writing can be expanded to WSP. Math and science takes more resources and had a lot more students involved. She said they are looking to see how they can make this available for the coming year. The IT event that happened brought concerns. They would try to get a mobile app that would assist in enrollment. She said that she has been in touch with the Alumni Association, which included an event called Oh the Places You Will Go. She said that the co-founder of the internet and other alumni would be there. She said that they are interested in having USAC attend this event. She asked if there was a listserv that she could send it to.

-Zimmerman said that she should be able to send it. She will explain more in her announcement.

-Saxe said she met with Khy to incorporate her work and hopes to continue those efforts. They would work for Cue and make sure that this doesn't die.

Administrative Representative—Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said that he had the chance to go to the Museum of Tolerance. They hope to get a grant to work on campus and make presentations. He said they have gotten Yudof to sign off on this and all 24 CSU's are on board. He said that this fits into what they are doing now. He said that they have done some

unbelievable things to enhance and improve relations where there is dissonance. He said that UCLA is one of the flagship schools.

Administrative Representative—Dr. Deb Geller

Dr. Geller said that as student affairs is recruiting, she will invite them as student leaders to participate in the interview process. She said they are concerned about the climate of the LGBT community. She said they have 3 finalists. The first will be here tomorrow. The next is next Tuesday and the other next Wednesday. She said that these are informal. She said that it is okay to just meet one candidate. She asked for feedback on the strengths or weaknesses of whatever candidates they've seen. She said that if they are interested and didn't get the email she sent out to let her know.

Alumni Representative—Willard Tressel

-Tressel said that Resnick will call on you when it is time to speak.

ASUCLA Student Support Manager--Patricia Zimmerman

Zimmerman said that they are working on transitioning the new email accounts. She asked who didn't get the old email account. She said once all emails are transitioned, people will be able to send emails to all representatives and administrators. She said that everyone should be on this list. If they haven't, she will send that to you. Zimmerman passed out the stipend packets. This is one of the things they have to fill out. They recommend that they do direct deposit. She said that Resnick's should be signed off by the IVP and everyone else's can be signed by the president. She said that she would send an email about signatories. Zimmerman said that installation is this Sunday.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

Arruejo made a point of order and said that they could table the OSAC presentation until next week.

-Yao said that she texted them and told them to come now.

-Soto moved to table OSAC presentation until they arrived. Starr seconded.

-Tressel asked for clarification. He asked if there was a second.

-Resnick talked about different committees that the council will be a part of. She said that they will appoint people at next meeting. She asked the council to send preferences by either tonight or tomorrow. She said that they will try to get everyone's first or second choice.

-ARC is the Appointments review committee, which would review presidential applications. This would have two other council members and it is important to have these people over summer. The council should note whether they could come in summer in the email.

-Resnick said that the BRC, or the budget review committee, they should make recommendations about the USAC budget. She said that they would look over BOD, SGOF, and SO

OSAC Changes

OSAC Presentation

Yao moved to table the OSAC presentation until they arrive. Andi seconded.

-Tran said that every two or one year they look over the office spaces. She said that they outreach to other groups. She presented documents for the future OSAC that would benefit the committee. Tran introduced herself. The staff introduced themselves as well. Tran said that the committee is responsible of overseeing the allocation process. The reallocation year was this year. She said that Samson would run them through the process.

-Samson said they tried to make this process as transparent as possible.

They had audits, hearings, and deliberations. They made minor changes to the guidelines. They hoped that this would make the process must easier.

-Tran said that she emailed all of these forms to the new council. The changes have been bolded.

-Marshay said the criteria for noncommunal space was updated. The group may be able to lose their space. They are committed to have a mailbox as well.

-Tran said that groups can't have a locker and room without exception. This would make sure they would

have as many different types of spaces as possible.

-Marshay said that they would have a Bruin page at least twice a quarter. He said that all information should be put on OrgSync. OSAC must send out a notification on OrgSync regarding the process. She said that this year, the process was efficient. She said that entities should complete a separate application. The orgs would have a shorter version of the application. Marshay said there should be no late applications. She said that they would change wording from engagement of students to engagement of campus community and structure to structural organization.

-Tran talked about other changes with the contract...

-Tressel said that they did a lot of hard work and set the ground for future years.

-Resnick thanked them for their hard work

-Saxe said that an issue if people used a room and didn't use theirs because they didn't know it was there.

-Tran said this happens a lot and it is a miscommunication amongst leadership. She said that for a lot of these groups, they made sure they knew that allocations were in two years so they could reapply.

-Yao asked what they meant by the furniture addition

-Zimmerman said that this is more of how they should switch offices. She said that furniture belongs in its office. Furniture that needs to be removed should be arranged through Zimmerman and her office.

-Yao asked if the new office doesn't have a desk

-Zimmerman said that they would contact Zimmerman as stated in the article.

-Tran said that this could be made into a subpoint

-Yao said that for the OrgSync, she is not sure if it is institutionalized. She said that they could use a similar avenue.

-Tran said they have the USAC specific application. She said that it is shorter than the one before.

-Marshay said that it makes the process shorter.

-Tran said this issue came up after in the guidelines, USAC entities are prioritized based. She said some new CSC groups reapplied.

-Tran said she sent out the changed guidelines and bolded the changes. Tran said that the word that Yao mentioned can be discussed and changed.

-Arruejo asked if there should be a motion to amend it

-Zimmerman said that they should make a movement to amend and a motion to approve.

-Yao moved to approve the OSAC guidelines and contract. Gamble seconded.

-Yao moved to amend the notices on the guidelines to add Orgsync website, or similar portal."

Arruejo said that they need to vote on the amendment

-Saxe moved to approve the guidelines as amended. Christina seconded.

-Yao made an amendment to the contract and the motion is for the contract and the guidelines. She added under A. office space furniture as a subsection that furniture that needs to be removed must be done through UCLA support services

-Tran said that if they have a second bulletpoint, it could be a subsection of the first.

-Yao moved to amend the amendment. She said that the furniture working should be amended. Starr seconded

-Shah moved to approve the amendment as amended. Gable seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0. the guidelines and contract were approved

-Gamble moved to approve the USAC specific application. Starr seconded. Soto called to question the USAC specific application. Starr seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the USAC specific application was approved.

XI. Announcements

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.
The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Soto moved and seconded to Jason adjourn the meeting.

-Resnick called for Acclamation. Resnick asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimicali
USAC Minutes Taker
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