

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 31, 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, Ronald Arruejo, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Sidrak called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shah moved to have an officer report. Hester seconded.
-Gamble moved to strike the Travel Grant. Shah seconded.
-Arruejo moved to strike contingency and capital
-Gamble moved to table the president's report until Resnick gets back
-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant.
-Tressel made a point of order. He said you could get all the changes.
-Saxe moved to strike the academic affairs mini grant
-Gamble moved to make summer meetings an action item
-Gamble moved to table new business and the discussion of summer meetings until Resnick gets here.
-Council voted to approve with a unanimous vote. Sidrak called for Acclamation. Sidrak asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

-Arruejo said that it should say Ronald Arruejo instead of Isaac Rose.
-Bocarsly moved to approve the minutes. Soto seconded.
-Gamble moved to approve the changes. Shah seconded.
-Sidrak 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

-Todd Banks
Banks said Lavender graduation is June 11. Cher's son would be there. They will be sending an email invite to everyone. He said it would be a fun celebration. It would be at the Anderson School of business and lunch would be provided.

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

Ronald Arruejo- For Finance Committee Chair

- Sidrak talked about Arruejo.
- Shah moved to approve Arruejo. Gamble seconded.
- Tressel said Arruejo did a great job. He asked what plans he has moving forward.
- Arruejo said he wants to have a full committee and alternates. He said that he wants to maintain a high level of communication with responding to student groups and wants to respond to groups below 12 hours. He said that he will have a vice chair if he is appointed to serve while he is gone. He said he hopes to have his duties done before he goes.
- Tressel asked if he had a vice chair in mind.
- Arruejo said yes. He said that she is a committee member and Saedi thought she did well also.
- Saxe asked if one person would be dedicated to publicity of deadlines and how would be publicize this.
- Arruejo said that hopefully he would work with the IVP to get this information out. He said that he hopes to work with CSP, Orgsync, SGA communication lines, and what USAC has.
- Saxe said that there was use of the Daily Bruin. She asked if he would continue to expand on this.
- Arruejo said that he is aware that they can't print too many Daily Bruin ads. He said that he hopes to expand this. He plans to do two Daily Bruin ads a quarter and one in summer.
- Shah said that Arruejo has been very helpful with her office. She said that nobody complains about it. She said that he was always on call and nothing was late. She said that Arruejo is very accessible. She appreciated Arruejo and would love to see him back.
- Sidrak asked him how he would utilize his committee.
- Arruejo said he is aware that finance has never put his committee member in a USAC office. He said that his main priority is USAC offices. He said that he would make sure that each of his committee members would go to at least one of their staff meetings.
- Sidrak said that they held funding workshops for groups. She asked how he felt about working with the IVP on these workshops
- Arruejo said he would rather do that.
- Zimmerman asked if he had any ideas of how his office will communicate with students
- Arruejo said that he would work with Deb with this. He said 30 days is too soon
- Dr. Geller asked when he becomes unavailable
- Arruejo said June 13.
- Dr. Geller asked if he would be ready to appoint his vice chair tonight
- Arruejo said he couldn't do it yet. He said he would be able to state all the names and qualifications.
- Gamble called to question Arruejo as Ficom chair. Shah seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0 and no objections, Arruejo was approved as the FiCom chair.
- Dr. Geller suggested that someone should amend the agenda to put a consent item for the approval of the FiCom vice chair. The appointments for the remainder of the finance committee are consent items. She said that they need someone to sign requisitions
- Saxe moved to add a consent item to the agenda. Shoklapper seconded. There were no objections.

- Tressel said that this is not a hotly debated appointment. He said that once they have a FiCom chair, it is basically a consent item.
- Arruejo asked if it was better if he waited to appoint
- Dr. Geller said since they don't know if there's a meeting, he should appoint a vice chair and enough people that the committee has quorum without him.
- Zimmerman said if there isn't quorum there, they can have alternates if need be.
- Sidrak asked if someone could fill in for him for ARC.
- Zimmerman said yes. She said he could reach quorum without FiCom as well.
- Arruejo asked if he should say his two appointments.
- Saxe moved to amend her motion. She added a consent item to approve the vice chair and another committee member of FiCom. Starr seconded.

- Arruejo said he would like to approve vice chair. He said that this is someone who has been on the finance

committee. She is Cynthia Joso. She has proved great in aiding him in all of the times himself and Saedi put in. She has been to every committee meeting. She knows her responsibilities and knows about workshops. She is in touch with SGA and has great abilities and skills as a financial coordinator for a couple of events. She is able to review applications in a nonbiased way. The next member is the chair of advocacy grants and helped revamp the application. She made sure almost 50 groups were able to get allocations. She has great outreach. He recommends USAC council, as vice chair and committee chair should approve them respectively.

-Saxe asked if there was an effort with the travel grant and if they knew it was going to run out early.

-Arruejo said that for finance committee, he came out with it in the middle of the year. HE said he looked at past minutes to see the average allocations and he said that it would almost be zeroed out by the fiscal deadline. He said that if there were 20 applications, each student group would only get a certain amount. He said they were only expecting 20 or so applications for the travel grants but we had closer to 50 because of CSP forwarding students are way. We were able to spend the fund wisely and attempt to give out as many as possible to students.

-Gamble said they would need to see how much money we have for next year.

-Tressel said in their absence please make sure that the funding is used wisely. He said he is sure they will do great because they are so thorough with the funding.

-Michael called to question David seconds no objections it is approved by anonymous vote.

-Deb explains consent appointment verse. They voted for the appointment.

Maggie Thornton for ASUCLA BOD

ARC Review she has extensive background in leadership and service in our community. She understands the 4 pillars of ASUCLA and understands the responsibility of the fiscal responsibility and good understanding. ARC vote was 1-0-2. Gamble moved to open discussion. Starr seconded. Thornton is a 2nd year nursing major and wants to be the next BOD rep.

-Tressel asked why she thinks she did not get all the votes.

-Thornton said she didn't have time to contact all the members of BOD.

-Tressel asked if she did more research since then.

-Thornton said she spoke to Michael Wilson and had contacted a few more members. She said that some did not contact back. She said that she would be a good member because she believes that they need to work together with OCHC and BOD. She said they should have a strong voice to support all students.

-Tressel asked what skills and experience she had.

-Thornton said she was very experienced and could get work done. She helped create the IVP How to Guide taken leadership roles, volunteers as a teacher on Fridays, and has a willingness to reach out and learn. She said she understands how USAC works and wants to apply that knowledge with ASUCLA.

-Shah asked how her skills directly complement her experience.

-Thornton said she understands that student media is a large part of ASUCLA and connected with USA and GSA. Thornton said her experiences in the community allow her to understand the various skills necessary and working as an advocate. She said that making the services board would allow her to provide for the students.

-Yao asked her about student concerns were and how she would make those changes.

-Thornton said that cost effectiveness, product quality, and the need for funding for student media are problems and she intends to tackle those issues. She said she would like to bring in more grad students to assist with costs to help bring in more resources.

-Gamble said as being one of few students on the BOD, what her experience was with advocating for students on campus.

-Thornton said she lead workshops assisting with accessing funds for students and dealt with empowerment.

-Gamble said providing a resource to students is good but what experience with advocating to administrators.

-Thornton said she has worked with other offices to do that working with the Save Covell program. She said she did not have direct contact but she dealt with assisting with the planning and learned something from those experiences.

-Dr. Geller said that this was one of the most demanding appointments on campus. She asked about her other obligations and what were her time management strategies.

-Thorton said that she talked nursing students and talked with both 3rd and 4th year students to see how the workload is. She said she would be meeting with the assistant dean for logistics. She said she looks to continue to work with relay for life and can arrange around the meetings and look to moving her teaching. She said she would dial back her duties in the AAC office. She said she has learned how to manage her time in the nursing program.

-Smith asked what is her understanding of the composition of BOD and how she will contribute.

-Thorton said her understanding of the board is that it is comprised of 3 undergrad, 3 GSA, 1 alumni with alternates, admins, and faculty. They have a student run board and should be working with USAC Council.

-Williams said it was separate for the comm. board so they have limited oversight with the Daily Bruin. He said she would not be advocating to admins and that they are the leaders. He said that they get to make the decisions. He asked if she thinks she is ready to guide a 75 million dollar organization.

-Thorton said she is ready to guide and take opinions of the body and discuss different associations. She said she would work with the IVP office and market the talk to us item on the website.

-Williams asked if she would be able to attend the retreat.

-Thorton said yes and she would be able to schedule the Friday meetings

-Tressel asked if she is available over the summer.

-Thorton said she would not be here but she could be. She said she would be free in beginning of August. She said she could get work off and drive down.

-Smith asked what is one thing ASUCLA can improve on.

-Thorton said service and enterprise could be addressed and that they should increase the student voice on campus.

-Resnick asked why she wants to be on BOD.

-Thorton said it is a great outlet to address the student needs and she is ready to take on the responsibility. She said she wants students to be comfortable and reach out. She said she feels the climate of campus and wants to bring it to the board.

-Smith asked what experience she has in addressing student needs and how would she bring that back to campus.

-Thorton said she served in the IVP office and outreached to student groups. She said she was an available resource to the groups and that she still has those contacts. She said that clinicals are 12 hours but only twice a week. She said she wanted to make this more of an outreach position and engage as many people as possible.

-Shah asked what about people not in student groups and the business aspects of ASUCLA. She asked about dealing with money, finances, and about the priorities of students.

-Thorton said her experience is with funding and some experience came with Relay for Life. She said the main priority is coming to a campus where they are comfortable and safe and being a part of the campus community and having a place to belong.

-Shah asked what ASUCLA's role is in that space.

-Thorton said keeping the costs low.

-Smith asked about the article about raising the cost of food

-Thorton said she would bring a counter argument to the problem and talked about having other options. She talked about bringing in other options to modify the items to be more cost effective.

-Shah asked about her opinion about social responsibility to ASUCLA.

-Thorton said she is responsible to constituents and the issues at hand. She said they would not want to marginalize any student in the process of determining problems.

-Saxe said it would be good to represent a different area on campus to give them a voice in these spaces.

-Thorton said that nursing is a smaller department but should be represented to bring the needs of smaller schools to campus.

-Tressel said that a lot of questions have been asked. He said that people are talking in vague political terms. He asked her what Bear Wear means to her.

-Thorton said it is what we are selling in the store and it has a large place in revenue. She said it has a huge place in the market of ASUCLA as a whole.

-Yao asked what were some of ASUCLA's past initiatives and what her opinion was on those.

-Thorton said that the south campus student center is going to be a great asset to the students. She said they are expanding space in Ackerman for students and talked about what we are looking for in Ackerman.

-Starr asked if she is willing to give up her other commitments.

- Thorton said she is willing to give up as much as she needs to.
- Saxe said that within USAC there were a lot of ideas brought up to work with ASUCLA. She asked how she would help.
- Thorton said she would like to work with various offices. She talked about working with the GSA president and adding student designs to the store. She talked about using the facilities commissioners and GSA to bring additional resources to Ackerman.
- Shah asked why she chose BOD for her venue for political actions if the position is more business related.
- Thorton said that Nursing is a business and she interested to see how it runs. She said she wants to partner more with USAC that she has a willingness to learn.
- Hester said she is working with Karen Noh on a rewards program. She asked how she thinks you can get the image out that ASUCLA is a student run organization and keep that as an outreach to the student body for you by you.
- Smith asked what are three different things that USAC and BOD contribute.
- Thorton said that ASUCLA provides the services, restaurants, store, and space. She said that USAC serves as variety for student programming, and funding. She said that ASUCLA is more on the business side.
- Resnick asked her about a time when she came into a new space and took on a business role.
- Thorton said in the IVP office she learned the details of usac. She talked about advocating, leading, advertising and picking up and running with it.
- Shah asked why Bocarsly and Gamble abstained.
- Bocarsly said they needed more administration connections. He asked how she would present herself to them. He said that he feels like she will learn how to do that. He said that south campus it is more time sensitive and knowing she will step down relieved his nerves.
- Gamble talked about administrative outreach, advocating for student needs, and being in touch with student groups. She said she is still concerned with access with student needs.
- Yao asked how she would work to reach out to these groups.
- Thorton said she would be willing to reach out and with the resource of working directly with admins and ASUCLA she would be able to understand where their need is.
- Arruejo asked what she would like to change. He asked what the biggest challenge was for ASUCLA.
- Thorton said that the biggest challenge is putting out products that students want and need and making them for people to buy them.
- Saxe asked what makes her the best candidate.
- Thorton said she is willing to learn and wants to represent students. She said she would challenge the board. She said her time management would allow her to take on this role.
- Starr called to question. Sidrak seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 8-0-4, Thorton is approved for BOD.

Jake Ferrari for ASUCLA BOD

- Ferrari has a strong background in OCHC, USAC, and ASUCLA and will use his vote was approved with 3-0-0 by ARC. Shah moves to approve and Hester seconds.
- Ferrari said he is a 2nd year English major passionate about advocating for student needs and have been an advocate for students.
 - Tressel asked how advocacy deals with business needs.
 - Ferrari said that ASUCLA needs to strike a balance and ASUCLA needs to fit the student needs and give them to students while making the organization run. He said that the primary goal of ASUCLA is to do this while working with student.
 - Sidrak asked why he thinks he is qualified.
 - Ferrari said he has worked with OCHC administrators and transportation administrators.
 - Resnick asked why he wants to work on BOD.
 - Ferrari said he has the passion and wants to assist with these branches to give the students the voice. He said they have a large impact on the committee. He said that if he got the ASUCLA position but I would step down to the office it would wear him thin and it would be a conflict of interest.
 - Smith asked how he would work with ASUCLA and programming. He asked why should students care.
 - Ferrari said that having a bigger investment to ORL and bridging the gap and it is a student lead organization is a key investment in student's lives. He said they want to assist with development and resources to the students. He said ASUCLA needs them for their voice, school supplies, social

understanding.

-Tressel asked what a challenge was for ASUCLA.

-Ferrari said that students should understand that students are there for them to use that they need to have revenue. He talked about textbooks and how students cannot afford them on campus.

-Saxe asked what new ideas he wants to bring to ASUCLA.

-Ferrari said he would advertise the benefits-u program and strike the need for additional student spaces.

-Yao asked him about a policy that ASUCLA has made in the past and what his opinion was.

-Ferrari talked about going to a new vendor to avoid sweatshops and about fair trade coffee on the board.

-Yao asked what message he wants to get out to students.

-Ferrari said he wanted to get the idea that it is for you by you.

-Williams asked if he was ready to take the responsibility of a large organization.

-Ferrari said he is ready for the responsibility and has had leadership roles in the past.

-Dr. Geller asked how he would manage his time and what were his other commitments.

-Ferrari said he would be an RA but he would manage his time. He said that this has been a busy year for him but next year he would not have these responsibilities.

-Tressel asked about his availability over summer.

-Ferrari said he would be free.

-Shah asked what his plan was for funding.

-Ferrari said he would be working with their platforms.

-Smith asked what does he want sold.

-Ferrari said he would like to have more fair trade options and for options to be more widespread.

-Chikanov asked how his experience is outside of ORL.

-Ferrari said that working under the ICP office he was able to work to get their support and approval. He said he could learn to adapt to those groups and gain knowledge

-Bocarsly asked what his biggest accomplishment was on campus.

-Ferrari said Saferides were his biggest accomplishment. He said he was in charge of the program and put his plan into action.

-Soto asked how he plans to market ASUCLA.

-Ferrari said he wants to use social media to reach out to students.

-Shah called to questions. Gamble seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 12-0-0 Ferrari was approved for BOD.

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

There was no business for contingency this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President- Emily Resnick

Resnick talked about the orientation video and said they are working with the schedule of the videographer.

She said if admins would like a cameo to let her know. She said she had a meeting with Roxell Neail about orientation. She said she has had great one on ones with council members and commends Gamble with the Daily Bruin Ad about the fly away. She said she would be having lunch with ASUCLA and move in is tomorrow.

Internal Vice President – Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said ARC started their process. She met with Saxe and a person from UCLA mobile. She met with IT administrators with Saxe to get on the IT wishlist and add applications such as a clicker, organic chemistry vocab app, and a res hall menu. She said that they should add additions that they think students would enjoy.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said AB31 has made it out of appropriations and students were effective. She said that June 8th she has a meeting with senator Feinstein. She said if there are concerns to send them to her. They had representatives. She said it is exciting to have people from congress where they don't usually have it. She said that the application should be out next week. She said that she spoke to Resnick about the lobbying strategy about the flyaway and getting people to support a solution oriented result.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said she has been meeting regarding the mobile app. She said that this includes any improvements students would like to see. She said that it is amazing they have this opportunity. She said they are looking at integration of enrollment and having the syllabus online. She said to update the Google doc to best inform the administrators of what they want to see. Academic appointment applications are out. She said students aren't aware they can sit on the academic senate. She said that she needs help letting students know that they could have this ability to sit on the academic senate and a range of committees they could voice their opinion on. She has meetings with Save Covell. Next Wednesday would be a sit in. There would be a letter sent to administration about student concerns. There was a CRC scholarship and there is an issue of the legality of it.

-Dr. Geller said those awarded it last year did receive the scholarship. She said last year they got the money. She said the issue is whether they could do it in the future.

-Saxe said she has been meeting with the CPO. She said that the CPO is looking to increase visibility. She said that they should make the students aware of their services. She said she met with a rep from the Muslim Student Association and after talking about the issues of Islamic studies; they are looking for a GE. A work group is working on it now.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner- Kinnery Shah

-She said they sold out jam day and both days. They received a certificate from the city of Los Angeles as something the city really values. She said that the festival included art. One artist changed so they used the flyers to create an art piece of a lion. They took sustainability to a new level. They were able to do a lot with TGIF. At the end of the festival, there was a decent amount of trash but it was significantly better than the years past. They had live art this year. They have a lot of art in their office. It was overall successful. The headliners were on early. Shah said they had to cut Lupe off. The security was happy with them. She said their challenge is how to expand. She said they have a limited capacity. She said one of their projects is to try to create a full-length documentary since it is a unique festival. She said it deserves more recognition.

Alumni Representative—Dr. Deb Geller

-Dr. Geller said that a member from UCPD would be coming next week. They would talk about changing their uniforms. She said she would bring all of the assistant deans of students, including the new assistant dean for the campus climate. Dr. Geller said that last council took an action on supporting Calpirg to reduce the required number of pledging students so Calpirg could collect fees that go directly to that organization. To move forward, they needed to get USAC and GSA to support their request. They did not get GSA request before collections. If they get GSA support, they will come back to them and ask for support. She said this is something they may be seeing in the summer. They have not been making their numbers in recent years. As they get information on summer schedules, they will attempt to schedule a meeting in the summer to give the opportunity to meet the chancellor and start on the issues that they're working on. She

said that this would be on a day they're meeting. She said she appreciates those who came to meet the candidates of the LGBT director. She said they hope to have a decision made and offer accepted by the end of the week. Once they're in the council will meet them.

Alumni Representative-Willard Tressel

Tressel said this might be his last meeting. He said he wants to be there next week to introduce his successor. Her name is Laurine. She's a journalist in LA, Sacramento, etc. She has been involved in the government. She was a reporter and edited the viewpoint section. She was in tune with what was going on in council. She is a writer for newspapers and won a fellowship from the political science association. She works in advocacy and communications at the Kaiser Permanente partnership. Tressel said he might be traveling. He said it's been an honor to work on council. He said they all brought different strengths to the table. He said it's been an honor being with Dr. Nelson.

Student Support Manager--Patricia Zimmerman

Zimmerman said she would pass out the binders this evening. The binder has a lot of information, the constitution, etc. It has tips and historical documents. She will go through it in more detail at the retreat. She will do a presentation during summer. She said that they should pick up the binder on their way out.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

A. *Discussion of Summer Meetings

-Jason moved to approve the summer meeting schedule and the quorum

-Sidrak asked if they should meet next week for appointments and resolutions and if the officer will come next week.

-Dr. Geller said she would follow up

-Arruejo said he would have contingency.

-Resnick said she would like to have meetings twice a month. The majority will be here for next week.

-Resnick said the first meeting would be the 28th of June

-Shah said she would like to meet the 21st for a meeting

-Yao meet the 21st and then the next group will go on week 3 then Shah can attend.

Soto and Gamble agreed with the 21st.

-Zimmerman said that people could conference call into the meeting.

-Resnick asked how many people would be here for summer. 5 people said they would be there. The quorum is set at 10. The meetings would be held at 5pm.

The meetings would be the 21st through September 13th and bi-monthly. The quorum would be set at 7. If anyone were unsure, they would not go through with that meeting.

June 21st -yes

July 5- 7 yes

July 19- yes

Aug 2- yes

Aug 16- yes

Aug 30- yes

Sept 13- yes

Yao called to question and Gamble seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0 the summer meetings times were approved.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

FINAL

Approved: June 5, 2011

- Smith moved and seconded to Gamble 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 9:43p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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