

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 13, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Emily Resnick, Kristina Sidrak, Joelle Gamble, Daniel Soto, Jamie Yao, David Bocarsly, Laureen Lazarovici, Andrea Hester, Kinnery Shah, Ronald Arruejo, Raquel Saxe, Matt Abulara, Jason Smith, Tamir Shoklapper, Michael Starr, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Patty Zimmerman, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Katrina Dimacali, Paul Cutillo

ABSENT: Dan Chikanov

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

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

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Shah moved to add an officer report from CEC and cultural affairs.

-Arruejo moved to strike capital contingency

-Saxe moved to strike academic affairs grant

-Shah moved to strike cultural affairs grant

-Gamble moved to strike the travel grant

Motion to approve the agenda by Hester, second by Shah.

Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

*August 23, 2011

-Saxe said the last sentence for academic affairs report, it should say "the focus is on upper division writing."

-Lazarovici said she was not present for the last meeting and possibly the meeting before.

-Shoklapper moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 23, 2011. Bocarsly seconded.

-Bocarsly moved to table the appointment until she arrives. Starr seconded.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

VI.

Appointments

-Shoklapper moved to approve Kathleen for the CSC Mini Fund Committee member.

-Sidrak said Kathleen served on committee last year. She learned how to judge student proposals and she is passionate about helping student projects. She has a clearly defined vision. The only issue is that she will only be at UCLA for fall and winter. The chair said that they are fine with that and would love to have her back. Her recommendation was 0-1-2. This came out of the concern that she wouldn't be here for spring.

-Zimmerman said she worked with her for two years. She said she was really able to help her and she was the first volunteer to take over the duty of chair. Zimmerman said that she could give advice to the incoming students.

-Bocarsly asked if she thought the recommendation would change.

-Sidrak said yes

-Kathleen Lautz said she is an IDS major and a 4th year. This would be her second year on the committee. She is co-executive director of amigos at UCLA.

-Resnick said that since she served on the fund committee, what are some new ideas to make it as successful as possible.

-Kathleen said they need to make it clear when it is due. She said that they need to make the guidelines clear as well. She said that a 1 page word document saying what they fund and what they don't fund would be helpful.

-Bocarsly asked about her experience and why it's important.

-Kathleen said she worked with Zimmerman and other leaders on campus. She said it is inspirational for her own service. She said that she has a lot to give. She said that she knows what the limitations are for a student run project. She said she understands what's possible and what's not.

-Arruejo asked if she has extracurriculars or other commitments

-Kathleen said that she is only the co-executive director of Amigos at UCLA. She said she should be able to manage her time just fine.

-Starr called to question. Hester seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-0, Kathleen was approved for CSC Mini Fund Committee member.

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

-Arruejo said he sent the finalized allocations yesterday. He said if there are questions to let him know.

-Sidrak moved to approve contingency for this week. Soto seconded.

-Arruejo said most contingencies were for retreats. He said this is a busy time for the quarter.

- Zimmerman said thank you for adding the total pot of how much is in contingency. She said it is nice to have a reference for the allocations.
- Bocarsly asked if the total was for the year or the quarter.
- Arruejo said it is for the year and they might get more from surplus
- Bocarsly asked if this was the new number
- Arruejo said yes, if everything is approved
- Zimmerman said that there is an equation set up Surplus is divided into percentages. She said usually, this number will double if not more by that quarter
- Bocarsly called to question contingency. Starr seconded.
- With a unanimous vote, contingency was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

Resnick said thank you to Soto and Shah for Bruin Bash. She said that they had an incredible retreat. They will have more bonding in the future. She read the finalized goals. She read the new mission statement of USAC. She said that she is proud of how those came out. She read off some important dates. September 19 is the new student welcome (True Bruin Convocation). She asked the council to read the True Bruin oath. She said that it will be in Drake. September 20th will be Volunteer Day. She said that there is a report due to her tomorrow. September 21 is the student governance conference. She said that they are all requested to be in attendance. September 23 is Bruin Fest on the IM field. She said that her directors have come up with new ways to assist in Homecoming, such as t-shirts, game day, planning what to do during time outs, student booths, working performances, and volunteers the week of Homecoming. She said she would email that list again.

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said thank you to council for being respectful of the presentations. She said thank you to the admin's to coming to the dinner. She said they outlined the necessary achievements of students at UCLA. She said that they talked about branding the USAC name, goals, as well as fostering a team of exclusivity. They now have their own cheer. They outlined objectives and talked about co-programming. Sidrak said the fellowship application will be out next Monday. She said the resource fair would take place in November.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

Gamble was at the UCSA board meeting and at press conferences. She said the press conference on the steps of the capitol asked Brown to pass the DREAM act. At the UCSA board meeting, they hammered out the details of their campaigns and passed several resolutions. She said one was about admissions, student affairs at Santa Cruz, and support for a joint letter writing as a step to work with community colleges, and endorsing the UC labor union action plans. She said she is working for a digestible format for the campaigns. She said they have their director's retreat this Friday and their internship application is out. She said that there are a lot of calls coming in about the DREAM act. Berkeley had 139 calls on their call in date.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said she was in Berkeley meeting with the academic affairs offices. She said that a big issue was online education and how that would impact their classroom etiquette at UCLA. She said that

if there is online education, then enrollment might move to be a job of the president of the UC's. She said there is a huge move to providing online classes. She said they would like to do a UC wide survey asking about the quality of their education. She said that they would see if their systems work and if they should adopt from other schools. She met with Reynolds of the IT board, talking about expanding wireless to all classrooms. Class evaluations will be moving online. They also talked about the syllabus proposal and Gmail. She said that they sent a syllabus proposal to Judy Smith. They set up a conference with 5 speakers. She has an update on academic appointments. She said that they know someone who is interested in her office to email her this week. She said Kia Lambda cannot attend the meetings and removing her and replacing her with Katy Judson.

-Saxe moved to add Katy Judson for approval to the agenda as a consent item.

--Saxe moved to approve Katy Judson for the international review committee. Shoklapper seconded. There were no objections.

Patty Zimmerman

-45% would go to BOD USA, 12% would go to capital contingency, and the rest would go to contingency, which is 43%.

-Arruejo asked how he would change these percentages.

-Zimmerman said yes, they would go through bylaw rules. She said the numbers can be adjusted in the bylaws.

Shah and Soto- CAC and CEC

-Shah said that the lineup is Starting Six, Childish Gambino, and Major Lazers would be performing. She talked about the confidentiality of some things they would like to say. She said that a lot of people found out about the previous artists. She said that stuff was getting posted onto their Facebook. She said this is a liability for them. She said that in the future, there might be other events where people talk about it. She said that they said this was supposed to be off the record.

-Soto said that people found out about the lineup previous to the announcement

-Williams said that this is something that should be in executive session

-Lazarovici said that anything that is said in an open session is in fair game. She said that contractual things should be done in executive session. She said that everything they say can be in public

-Shah said that they didn't want the entire presentation to be off the record. She asked about things being off the record

-Williams said that you could talk about part in open session and the rest in executive session

-Zimmerman said that in an executive session, anyone not on the table would leave the room. She said that it might not have been someone on the council.

-Dr. Geller said that if there is anything is said, something being "off the record" does not exist. She said that if someone is "off the record," it could be a challenge to spread. She said that anything that is said in this room is going to be in public.

-Shah said that in that situation, herself and Soto should have gone to executive session and what they said off the table was brought into public.

-Lazarovici said that they might want to consider having a presentation or conversation dealing with elected officials with the press. She said that there is no such thing as off the record. She said that using this phrase even in a conversation does not mean it will be off the record.

-Resnick said she has a meeting with the Daily Bruin tomorrow. She said that she could talk to them about this and if there is anything else to let her know.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

- A. *Approval of the new contingency application
 - Shoklapper moved to approve the new contingency application. Shah seconded
 - Arruejo said that they added to advisor section of the application. He said if students have questions, they can email him. This was the only change since the last two weeks. A retreat being a maximum of \$450 was added. The detailed explanations are on the website and the application has the summaries of all of them. If this is approved it will be online tomorrow.
 - Resnick said she is proud of him.
 - Sidrak called to question the new contingency application. Hester seconded.
 - With a vote of 11-0-0, the new contingency application was approved.

XI. Announcements

- Arruejo said congratulations to Gamble and Soto for attending all summer meetings. He said he added under contact us, he was added for any SOOF/contingency questions.
- Zimmerman said they have a new USAC webmaster. She said that he is very fast to upload. She said they lost their webmaster without warning. She said that as the IVP office brought up, they could use SGOF and SOOF when buying supplies at ASUCLA. She said she compiled a list for quotes that would be posted on the website. She said that it could calculate tax, the discount, etc. since it is on excel. She said they have a problem rec page under resources and forms. She said that around retreats, recs have issues since the agenda, list of attendees, and statement of purpose etc. needs to be added to each rec. She said that she has parking passes.
- Resnick said that parking passes are available for pick up. She said that they can send their offices to Zimmerman
- Zimmerman said between 9:30-5pm
- Bocarsly asked where to pay for it
- Zimmerman said to go to parking services.
- Bocarsly asked if there were more
- Zimmerman said as of now they're full. She said GSA didn't use all their passes. She said they will let them know by the end of the week
- Saxe asked what needed to be attached to recs.
- Arruejo said they could come to him or SGA for any forms
- Shoklapper asked if there is a one month parking pass
- Zimmerman said their passes is for quarters, as well as GSA's. She said that if they want it at the end of the quarter it may be discounted
- Starr asked if they have to apply at the end of the quarter
- Resnick said that if they would still like one, they could just email her.
- Hester said the textbook scholarship application will open this Thursday. She said that they want to have it on time for students to buy their books. September 28th will be the jobs fair in Ackerman 2nd floor lounge.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Bocarsly moved and Starr seconded to 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 7:51 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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