

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Maggie Thorton, Jacob Ferrari, Mark Reyes, Kassy Cho, Melissa Truong

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick 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

- Arruejo asked for the discussion times to be limited to 30 minutes
- Saxe moved to strike both academic affairs grants
- Gamble moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant
- Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *11/1/11

- Arruejo moved that Chikanov, Soto, and himself were absent
- Bocarsly moved to approve the minutes. Sidrak seconded.
- Resnick called for Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments made this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. ASUCLA Board of Directors

They wanted to come in with the projects that they worked on this year. Their goals are to increase the communication between the enterprises.

-They said that the economy would be a tough year. He said they hope to keep up the sales, but they want to offer the lowest student union fees. The textbook sales are at its lowest.

-They talked about the current projects. One is that Ackerman Union is open until 1am on most days. She

said this opens up meeting spaces and open study. The three floors are to be designed differently.

-They said that they are working on the court of sciences student center. They hope to open this at the beginning of winter quarter. They will have different restaurants, such as Yoshinoya and Subway. There will also be a bistro opening.

-They talked about the new nutritional menu information program. They would make sure to serve the best food possible to students. They also had textbooks and computers billed to the BAR. Room reservation screens are new and are also in Kerckhoff. They also enhanced their information centers. They have new places open, such as Stage Canteen and Café 451. They brought back Alta Gracia as well. They are a socially responsible clothing company that ASUCLA partners with. ASUCLA's management helped design some of the new designs that they are putting out. They talked about the new media committees that are seeking out ways of marketing and branding. He said if any of them have any ways to contribute they should attend these meetings. They are looking to expand to the health sciences store. They are drafting new proposals. They have a service of undergrads that they could service in that area. They talked about maintaining existing services and expanding to new locations, such as the casual dining project and the café at Schoenberg. They hope to be able to serve beer and wine as well. Employee appreciation days are Nov. 18-23rd. These days will be for 33% off.

-Smith asked what 451 stands for.

-They said it was from Fahrenheit 451. It is said that this is written in the basement of YRL.

-Gamble asked about the billing to the BAR.

-They said that the computers just went on this year.

-Williams said that the board asked him to look at the rights and delegations on campus. He said that in his mind, the student association started when the university was formed. He talked about the history of ASUCLA and how they are an influential group on campus.

-Smith asked about the move to BruinCards to campus. He said that people lose their cards and most of the people that use their cards are on the hill.

-Williams said he would look into it

-Saxe said they wanted to expand Bcaf

-Chikanov said that they should add a bathroom to Bruin Café

-They said that meetings are on the 18th, such as services and finances. She said she would send out a calendar

-Saxe said they talked about collaborations. She asked what they could work together on.

-Williams said all of them. He said the way to integrate is to talk to Champawat or himself. He said that a lot of people ask services and enterprises for giveaways. He said that they did food for Homecoming. He said they would try to help them any way they can.

-Resnick thanked them for everything they do

-Sidrak asked if they would come back and give updates.

-They said yes

-Zimmerman said it is exciting how they updated the pictures on the progression of the south campus student center

-They said that they should look at the new south campus center

-Williams said they are arranging for the board to go on a tour of the new south campus student center

-Smith asked about when it opens. He asked if there was a plan to mitigate long lines.

-They said they are hoping for a lot of customers. They said that there are concerns that people would take away customers from Ackerman union. They said they hope that people will go to both restaurants.

-Williams said it would be packed when it first opens.

SHAC Representatives

-They said they had problems with getting mixed up with SHAC. He said that they are looking at the new SHIP plan and they are looking at how inclusive and advantageous it is.

-They said that they are very involved with the Ashe center. They are involved with the flu shot contest. They are working to make sure SHIP is affordable to all. They have a student on the advisory committee. The student would be flying to Oakland to advocate for what they want them to do. They are actively involved with their plan. They hope to increase the maximum amounts for students. The caps don't deter people. They did research on this and found that 3-dozen students would be affected by the cap changes. They are looking to help AB540 students and students who might fall through the loopholes. They are also looking into improving women's health and women's dental. Next week they would have a town hall. This would be a good opportunity for students to meet the people behind UC SHIP. They are also having a contest on Facebook. If they get students to like it, they are offering random cash rewards. He told them to look at some of the updates they have.

-Smith asked about the insurance maximums

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-They said they want to increase it to \$750,000 per student. She said that this would be something they would have to add on to for UC students.

-Resnick said the student outreach is cool and something they haven't seen before.

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.

C. EVP Travel Grant

Calpirg was allocated \$285.00. Bruin Democrats were allocated \$500.00. The amount remaining in Travel Grant fund is \$11,152.50

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Hester moved to approve contingency. Bocarsly seconded.

-Arruejo read how much was left in contingency. A total of \$15,250.66 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$7,205.95 is recommended for allocation for this week. There is a total of \$35,955.44 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Sidrak called to question contingency this week. Starr seconded.

-Dr. Geller asked where the historical ballroom event is and if they fund off campus events

-Arruejo said they do fund off campus events. He said if this event were off campus he would have indicated it in the comment section

-Bocarsly asked if it matters if it's on or off campus

- Arruejo said they grade allocations lower if it's not on campus because it serves less students but they fund any events that align with their mission
- Bocarsly called to question and Sholklapper seconded. With a unanimous vote, this week's contingency allocations were approved
- Resnick asked what the process is for applying for events that happen early in January
- Arruejo said that the group should apply at least 20 days before
- Bocarsly asked if they meet during winter break
- Resnick said no. She said to turn in applications 20 days prior
- Chivanov asked about when he should submit his application.
- Arruejo asked if it was during week 2.
- Chikanov said yes
- Arruejo said turn it in by the Saturday of week 1
- Zimmerman said if they have the details of the program, they could turn in the application earlier if they want.
- Chikanov asked if he could turn it in this quarter
- Arruejo said yes.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President - Emily Resnick

Resnick said tomorrow is the all USAC mixer in the second floor lounge of Ackerman. This is for all of the staffs. She said they could meet one another and see who else is involved. There will be food and each of them will be able to speak for 30 seconds to a minute. She said to send her an email. Resnick said that unity starts on this campus table. She said that they are making posters for each of the offices. She said they should send out initiatives or events they are having this quarter.

-Friday, November 18 from 1:30-2:30 will be the meeting with Provost Pitz. She reminded them to attend.

-Resnick said that tomorrow would be a survey for Homecoming. She said pictures would hopefully be up on the website too. She said they are returning \$4118 to surplus. Resnick said she was able to have a few one-on-ones with council members. She said her meeting with the Daily Bruin was cancelled today. She said her meeting will be Thursday now. She said this would hopefully improve their relationship with the Daily Bruin. She said this is the second most circulated paper in the Daily Bruin. She said communication is important. She said she would keep them posted. She attended a UCLA alumni association meeting. She reminded them to sign up for the lottery. After the mixer on Wednesday, there will be a debate surrounding Occupy Wallstreet in Moore 100. She passed out print outs with the all USAC twitter and Facebook. She said if there is anything they want advertised, she could update them.

Internal Vice President - Kristina Sidrak

-Sidrak said Strathmore Saferides began last Thursday. It begins at 9pm. She reminded the council of the stops on the hill, on campus, and in Westwood. She said this is a resource to be utilized. She met with IT and got updates on the IT initiatives. She said they currently have a student on the URSA workgroup committee and some students on the mobile app committee. She said there is a myUCLA app coming out soon that will have the study list, grades, classmates, etc. They hope to have final grades up there as well. She said they are working on having BAR account balances, athletics, parking structures, etc. She said iPhone and Android UCLA apps are on their way. She passed around wi-fi numbers that they use in case they don't have wi-fi in classrooms. The CSP workshop is tomorrow.

External Vice President-- Joelle Gamble

-Gamble said their student of color conference is this weekend. They have been working on issues on various levels. They are working on a conference for the postcards. Their goal is to have the conference to

Los Angeles. They have been lobbying for senators to be there. She said their week of action is next week and goes through Friday. She said they would be giving out shirts to students that signed the post cards/ She said Tuesday students could take a picture with the Bruin Bear. Wednesday is the call in day. Thursday is the international education rally. She said that they would have a rally that day and would put UCLA issues in an international conference. Friday is a congressional lobby day where they schedule lobby visits with Congress.

-Sidrak asked if they got more postcards

-Gamble said they were getting state ones and are waiting for national ones

-Saxe asked about the call in

-Gamble said it would be in Ackerman.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said that for all the things that couldn't be put on the app, they would have a contest for students to come up with an app. She said a student needs to attend a workshop on how to work on UCLA mobile. Students may submit the app up to winter break. She met with Scott Carter, who is in charge of academic development on the hill. They do major blast every year. She said there is also a desire to have it on campus. They hope to bring this on campus. She said this is a large-scale event and will be similar to the program on the hill. She met with the alumni association. Everyone that applied for an alumni mentor got paired. She said they would be reaching out to business students to apply for the extra mentors. She said that they would be working with the alumni center more. She said that they are taking the steps towards growing this club. She said she met with the writing success program. This is a program that helps students with the entire writing process. She said the director would be presenting next week. She talked about the political science minor. This is suspended for the next three years. The minor must be declared by December 9th. She said that there are a lot of reasons for this. Human complex systems were suspended over the summer. She said they were setting up meetings on this. She said they would be reaching out to all faculties when it comes to a vote. They have two events this week. The social entrepreneurship event is coming up. She said they have opened new courses where students can apply. She said that they would get hands on, practical experience. Sunday would be a positivity conference. They have 4 speakers focusing on mental and physical health. They would talk about living in a positive mindset. She said she would be sending out information about these upcoming events.

Administrative Representative -Dr. Nelson

Dr. Nelson talked about a young man who passed away in the fraternity house. He said that not a lot of information was put out there. He said that the fraternity advisors were there as soon as it transpired and observed the grounds. He said that this fraternity has an understanding that anyone from another house can stay overnight. He said there were 100 people from ASU who came for the game and intended to stay in the house. The young man was not a member of the fraternity, part of ASU, or UCLA. He was a friend of a friend of a friend. He said that this not happen on Thursday night. There was no evidence of drinking going on in the fraternity. He said that they were in contact with the head of the board and the advisor of the fraternity. There is an ongoing investigation. He said no stone is being left unturned. The fraternity men were questioned. This is an unfortunate situation involving a young man not in a college or university and not in a fraternity. He said that it doesn't look like it had to do with someone in the fraternity. He said that they should know how people are and what they're about if people would stay in your sorority/fraternity house. The young man came in around 1:45 in the morning and did not wake up.

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

- Bocarsly moved to approve the finance committee guidelines. Smith seconded.
- Arruejo said the first three items attached show the amended changes and the finalized amended changes. He said he would go through each one. He said the amended guideline was changed from 330 to 335 was changed because that is standard. The facilities cap was changed. Honorarium cap was added. The hospitality section was changed. Parking moved from 1 to 2 spaces. Retreats were put into the guidelines because some is for general members and some are for the exec committee. Travel will be done based on the 12 cents per mile given the number of people divided by 5 and having it round trip. The \$50 cap is there. Accommodations changed. He felt uncomfortable with using discretionary. This change would encourage the next FiCom chair to go by the \$500. For summer contingency, they decided they didn't use all the money so they removed the caps for two programs. For the exceptions, they changed the hospitality guideline. He said these are guidelines that could be surpassed if another FiCom chair needs to. He said if they go pass these guidelines, they need a 1-2 sentence description of why they want to surpass the guidelines
- Dr. Nelson asked if summer contingency was completely removed
- Arruejo said they don't need a cap for summer contingency
- Bocarsly asked about travel part C. He asked about what was added
- Arruejo said that was a mistake. He said refer to the final one
- Bocarsly asked about the new application. He asked if the new application would be changed accordingly
- Arruejo said it has already been changed on the new application
- Smith said he might have found his amendment. He asked if he was referring to hospitality
- Arruejo said he would like to cut it to 500 and it would be the new number 9
- Zimmerman said that was the email she had sent out about the version change. She said it is better to have too much information than not enough. She said they like to have the strikeouts and bolds with the changes. She said that this way, they could look at the new version. She said they might want to make clear that it is 500 not 400.
- Resnick said that this is the first time this was updated in 5 years
- Bocarsly called to question the amended guidelines. Smith seconded. There were no objections. Funding guidelines were approved
- Saxe moved to approve the finance committee vice chair amendment. Bocarsly seconded
- Arruejo said the vice chair also has signatory power. He said he would like to increase the limit to \$250. He said he would like the vice chair to have all the funding sources that the chair has but is restrictive enough.
- Starr called to question the amended guidelines. Yao seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-0, the amendment was changed
- Saxe moved to approve the misspelling amendment. Starr seconded
- Arruejo said that this was the only changed to Budget review committee
- Smith asked when this was last changed
- Arruejo said that on the USAC one it says 2005-2006 but he believes it was updated last year.
- Zimmerman said that she would change that
- Bocarsly called to question
- Yao asked if they needed to vote on this
- Resnick said thank you for his hard work
- Zimmerman reminded everyone about the bylaw and change forms. She said it is important for them to keep track of all the changes
- Arruejo asked if he was the sponsoring person
- Zimmerman said it is usually whoever brings forth the change. She said they could do whatever is easiest

XII. Announcements

- Bocarsly said he has three events coming up. Westwood live is getting better. This will always be the Thursday of the month from 6-11. Student performers and dj's would be there as well as sumo wrestlers.
- Soto talked about Bruins Night Out coming from the gen rep office, CEC, and Westwood committee. He said that they are showing Immortals for free in 3D. He said people just need a bruincard to watch it.
- Bocarsly said a number of restaurants are offering a lot of great deals. He said that deals include free diddy riese, free pizzookie, etc. Some deals start as early as 3pm. He said their goal is to bring as many people to Westwood as possible.
- Soto said they hope to do this at least once a quarter
- Gamble asked about students getting involved
- Bocarsly said they are looking for more student involvement and he would let them know. He said that there would be a big one 3rd week in January. He said there would be a big kickoff event in Ackerman union. It would be a blacklight party with two DJ's opening up as the headliner. It would also be a DJ contest. They narrowed it down to the top 8. On UCLA radio all 8 of them will perform on the radio and there would be a week of voting. The top 4 would perform at Westwood Live. He said to listen in tomorrow from 8-10 and they will all be posted on the website.
- Hester said they had their first of three GRE workshops. They have another one tomorrow about how to ace the actual GRE itself. They will send out another email soon.
- Zimmerman passed out the new total wellness magazines. She said a lot of her announcements were made. Everyone should get an email about lottery. She told everyone to respond. Monday they post what day they're on. She said thank you to everyone who responded to the poster. She liked the idea of adding the names, positions, and room numbers. They already noticed a typo so she told them to check that their names are right. They will have a table at the CSP event tomorrow
- Resnick asked if USAC could have a poster on the first floor of Kerckhoff
- Zimmerman said yes and that they could speak to marketing about this.
- Yao said this past Saturday was their day of service. She said 400 students came out. She said they listened to criticisms of volunteer day and made sure to emphasize hunger and homelessness. She said they made sure they had sites that had enough work to do. They were connected to student groups and would send out an email to all the service groups at UCLA as well.
- Smith passed out flyers. He talked about the transgendered youth and about more trans support for the youth in Los Angeles. He passed out flyers about the transfer awareness day. Later would be a dialogue in Delta Terrace for transfer students. This would be a time where transfers can vent about issues they face. He said to please support this and ask fellow offices to come out.
- Dr. Nelson asked about the drop by day for transfer students
- Smith said he doesn't have this information. He said he could look into this
- Dr/ Nelson talked about the transfer student association and how it was founded. He said it is important to know how they were founded
- Saxe said they are starting a Bruin readmission program. He said the transfer student association is tracked.
- Zimmerman said this is a wonderful program he's doing. She said as a person who has seen a lot of transfers, it could be difficult and isolating sometimes. She said it is important to get people to graduate and enjoy their experience here.
- Arruejo asked about updates with surplus. He said he would be making actions that would affect student groups now. He asked if \$80,000 was his best guess
- Zimmerman said he should email Champawat. They are still waiting for the audit to be completed. She said she could send an email if he'd like. She said Thursday would be his best bet
- Sidrak asked what actions he would be taking.
- Arruejo said council has the final vote. He said given the information he has, all of the allocations the

finance committees will make will be half. He said with a great loss in surplus, looking at less than \$50,000 they are recommending that Roman change his allocations for winter and spring so that percentages from last year will be more in line for this year. He said the allocations would be the same and he would make a separate column for recommended allocations. He said he doesn't know how to go through 2 and half quarters with what they expect for surplus.

-Resnick said thank you for his announcement

-Bocarsly said when everyone is in the theater, they would like to thank the theater and invite all of council there and introduce everyone. He encouraged as many of them as possible to attend. He said this is a great environment for them to get their name out one more time.

-Resnick said that is an awesome opportunity.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Smith 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 8:35 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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