

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 6, 2011
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Saxe moved to strike both academic affairs grants

-Starr moved to strike the cultural affairs grant

-Sidrak moved to strike the internal vice presidents report

- Starr moved and Gamble 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 agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *11/29/11

-Gamble said in her officer report, she said the press conference would be moved to January. The meeting should not be in San Francisco but rather in academic campuses.

- Gamble moved and Starr seconded to approve the minutes for November 22, 2011, 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

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

VII. Fund Allocations

A. 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

-Gamble said GMT got \$150. It was up to the committee's discretion.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

E. *Contingency Allocations

Soto moved to approve contingency allocations. Sidrak seconded. Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$62,384.84 for their programs. A total of \$11,546.67 was requested from contingency of that, a total of \$2,887.50 is recommended for allocation for this week (at 50% reduction).

There is a total of \$12,605.05 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Saxe asked why crossroads got no money

-Arruejo said the narrative wasn't great for food. The documentation wasn't great either. All went toward facilities, which was their first priority.

-Smith asked what the difference between required and requested.

-Arruejo said requested is what they were asking for from contingency

-Bocarsly moved to approve contingency. Saxe seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0 contingency was passed.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said one of the budgets asks were fulfilled. There were 6 other tax initiatives. One more is being sponsored by UCSA. There is a visit with Speaker Perez on Thursday.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Raquel Saxe

Saxe said if people want to declare poli sci, it needs to be by Friday night. She said there are surveys going around as well.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Finance Committee Guidelines

- Arruejo said this was sent. The guidelines have to do with how much is allocated, with the maximum being 50%. He said honorarium would be a max of two per quarter
- Sholklapper asked if there was discussion
- Arruejo said they could ask questions about the language
- Dr. Geller asked about the language that says “do not apply” more than twice for honorarium
- Arruejo said it is different from the total program costs.
- Starr asked if these would continue for next year
- Arruejo said it would be for the rest of his term
- Resnick said this is for eligibility for contingency. This means that one can only receive 50% of the total event cost from contingency
- Saxe asked how often they allocate more than 50%
- Arruejo said less than 10%
- Saxe asked if this is necessary
- Arruejo said it would force groups to look at other sources of funding. He said this would decrease some amount that would be requested, but the added information is so that they realize they need to apply to other sources
- Resnick said this is an effort to reinstate what contingency is
- Yao asked if they still want people to apply and if their response would be stated. She asked if groups should request more
- Arruejo said these are guidelines and they can supersede them. Groups should apply regularly
- Bocarsly said that this is something that should be implemented for the rest of the year. He said this affects how they grade and how people apply. He said before, groups didn't put their full program costs. This increases transparency
- Saxe said she understands the reasoning. She said she is uncomfortable that small group events rely on contingency. She said that this could negatively affect a lot of groups. She said she is not in favor of this.
- Arruejo asked if they should break apart the amendment
- Saxe moved to break apart the amendments and vote on each separately.
- Starr amended the wording of the second amendment. Bocarsly seconded.
- Bocarsly said there were serious issues a few weeks ago. He said these were their two solutions. He said they should remember why they did these and that they set an expectation
- Starr asked what if an event only was for food.
- Resnick said there are special exceptions to these rules, but these are the general rules set in place
- Bocarsly said that there are always facilities costs and there is something out there.
- Arruejo said if there is still food, there is a cap of \$250 that was set 2 councils before. They would cut 50%, but that is specific for this year. He said he needs to make it fair for all groups. He said that groups could always fundraise
- Saxe said each group is essentially only getting 25% of what they need. She said a lot of programs happen without facilities costs. She said it doesn't make sense for a group to only get 25%. She said there are compromises that need to be made but they shouldn't be limiting them
- Gamble said she still feels like they are still speaking like this is the only source of funding. She said groups could apply for CPC. She said this would clarify rules. She said they need to explain this to student groups. She said as a part of student groups, they just applied 2 weeks before. She said this amendment clarifies what the rules are
- Saxe asked if they could apply for CPC and contingency
- Arruejo said you could for CPC mini
- Resnick said changes would be made and they would revisit the funding study group. They

would use this to educate students

-Bocarsly said it is better that they know what they are applying for. He said they were in place so they are sustainable and they would help every single event.

-Smith said they need to push for more financial literacy and understanding so that people could get used to applying for them. They could have more workshops and see where they could look for money.

-Resnick said Nguyen sent an email about applying for SOOF.

-Bocarsly called to question the honorarium amendment. Soto seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the amendment was passed.

-Starr called to question amendment 10 12. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 10-1-0, the amendment was passed.

XI. Announcements

-Resnick said she followed up with the resolution. It was sent to Nancy and the chancellor

-Sidrak said an email would go out about the museum of tolerance. She said they should encourage their staff to attend

-Hester said thank you for their help on the textbook scholarship. She met with Ken Heller. She said they would have it for winter quarter for continuity. 36 recipients didn't turn in their money. This should be enough for winter quarter.

-Resnick said they would vote on the final amount of surplus at the beginning of winter quarter

-Zimmerman said parking permits are available. She said she would also leave it in her mailbox. They are open 24 hours through Friday morning. She thanked FSC and AAC. She said she appreciated working with them. There was free pizza last night. She said she is excited to work with students next quarter.

-Yao said they are meeting with Bob tomorrow at 1pm.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Sholklapper 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 7:27 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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