

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Jamie Yao

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.

-Bocarsly moved to add an officer report

-Shah moved to strike the cultural affairs mini-grant

- Starr moved and Saxe 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. *1/17/12

- Gamble moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes for January 17, 2012, 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

-The Daily Bruin said they would take pictures this meeting.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

-Bocarsly moved to move the appointment until Sidrak gets there. Smith seconded.

A. *Erica Liu for Wooden Center Board of Governors (WCBOG)

-Bocarsly moved to approve Liu for WCBOG. Sholklapper seconded.

-Sidrak said this is a 1-year appointment

-Starr asked if anyone applied for the 2-year appointment

-Resnick said someone applied. She said next week, there is an ex-afficio member that will be running for this position. She said this week, Liu will be applying for a 1-year appointment

-Sidrak said Liu is a lead advisor for fitwell. She said she has gotten to know the ins and outs of the Wooden center. She said it has helped her understand the needs and areas of improvements. She said she is part of a program at Reagan as well. She got a vote of 3-0-0

-Resnick said she worked with her at Fitwell and Liu is proactive. She said Liu would be a great fit for WCBOG.

-Liu introduced herself. She said she is a 4th year and pre-med. She said she is applying for an undergraduate position. She said she heard about the position from some of the Fitwell staff. She said it would be nice to have someone on staff in WCBOG and they hear the needs and wants of the people in Wooden on a daily basis. She said she would like to have a say in some of the budget and policy conversations.

-Bocarsly asked what she's most interested in doing with this position

-Liu said it's really important to synthesize all the information she has access to. She said she is able to communicate with the heads of her department. She said she gets to have weekly meetings that have to do with maintenance. She said she hears a lot of questions and comments about classes and the equipment they have. She said January is one of the busiest times of the year. She said it is important to be able to synthesize what is heard

and the interests from all the areas

-Starr asked if she is free Tuesday mornings.

-Liu said yes.

-Saxe said to make it a priority to be there. She called to question Liu's appointment. Starr seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, Liu was appointed for WCBOG.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund this week.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. EVP Travel Grant

Gamble said USCU got \$300 and Bruins for Israel for \$420.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Star moved to approve this week's contingency.

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of **\$5,370.88** for their programs. A total of **\$3,595.40 was requested from contingency** of that, a total of **\$907.50 is recommended for allocation** for this week (at 50% reduction).

There is a total of **\$8,974.05** left in the Contingency Programming Fund.

-Smith called to question. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, contingency this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said she met with people about the USAC survey. They let her know that OrgSync would send messages out to student groups. She said in this one, the survey would be

going out. She said if they would like to add anything, they could. She said on the USAC website, there's a tab where people can email the council. She said this would make it easy to ask questions and contact them. Resnick said last night they met with a superintendent. She said if they would like his contact info to let her know. The presidents had a phone conference with President Lancing. They talked about proposed tax initiatives. She said she has a meeting with the Chancellor this Friday. She said if they would like to bring up anything, to email her by tonight. She said she is excited to represent them on Friday. She said they had their retreat last weekend. She said tomorrow, they would talk about advertising on coffee sleeves. The meeting is at 12:30 tomorrow in her office. She asked if anyone would like to attend the meeting tomorrow. Resnick said to keep spreading the word about the winternship. She said they have a dj confirmed for the rollout from 12-1. They are working on getting red bull there as well. She said it would be next Tuesday on the 31st. She said to keep inviting Facebook friends.

-Zimmerman said if they ever receive information about sponsorships, she could help in assist in creating those.

-Resnick said thank you.

Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said tomorrow is the apartment fair from 11-5 in Ackerman grand ballroom. She said they would talk about transitioning from the dorms. Landlords, information about signing leases, booking apartment visits, etc. would be there. From 6-7 in MS would be the Museum of Tolerance focus group. She said if there was anything they would like to know before, she can send them out. She said thank you for their help. She said the appointee is coming right now.

External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said the UCSA board meeting was this past weekend. They approved the financial aid proposal. She said they passed a resolution in regards to same day voter registration. She said a lot of people don't remember to register to vote. They talked about the Day of Action and they are willing to work with Lancing. They are looking into the Millionaire's tax. The next meeting would be February 4-6 and there is currently a call for agenda items. She said to send them by Friday. She said the board approved a budget accessibility task force. She said they would work on student input in the budget process and make sure that it's something that people could understand. She said in terms of voter registration, there is a coalition meeting. She said they are getting ready for their voter registration time and they would begin RA voter distribution soon. She said they are trying to emphasize voter registration on the hill. She said there would be a meeting about SOPA soon. She said Bruin Lobby Core is having three certification dates. She said people could

learn more about issues. There are 2 big lobby conferences coming up. She said one is during spring break. The applications are online and she will send this information to council in an email

-Arruejo asked if Waxon had an opinion on SOPA

-Gamble said he was leaning toward it. She said it is tabled right now

-Smith asked if the UCSA would touch on the campaigns

-Gamble said yes. She said the statewide campaign was updated with Brown's updates. She said there were no cuts in the higher education budget. She said in terms of the financial aid aspect, that was the update. She said they approved the financial aid proposal. She said she would make it clearer next update.

-Saxe asked about where the meeting would be

-Gamble said most meetings would be in Kerckhoff

Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquel Saxe

Saxe said Friday, she presented to the faculty committee. She said it was well received and there were two quick items they would like clarification on. She said this would be addressed in the next meeting. She said they discussed where they were at with the student requirement. They approved a subcommittee to draft more details about the requirement, which was formally known as the diversity requirement. She said they are planning a lot for mental health week. She said this would be 5th week. She said they would be in Bruin Plaza Wednesday-Friday. She said a lot of ideas that came up were what some of the unspoken issues are. She said they are looking for new issues that need to be addressed. She said in relation to their meeting with the superintendent, they talked about online education. She said there are a lot of issues making sure they maintain the quality of education. She said it is important to get student's voices in these matters. She said the council of planning and budget met this week. They are discussion Anderson's proposal and the Japanese garden. She said there are discussions about the GE clusters. She said there has been a decline in freshmen signing up for those programs. She said there is a need for these courses to be filled. She said she is interested in opinions on clusters. There are discussions about admissions in relation to budget cuts. She said they met with the finance committee on Friday.

-Gamble asked if there are things that students can do in regards to the diversity requirement.

-Saxe said their initial plan was to get the faculty to vote for it first. She said they needed to reconvene. She said they would work on educating students first and she will let her know

-Gamble asked if she thinks this would happen before school ends

-Saxe said it would go to a vote hopefully around March. She said there are 2 students that

sit on this committee. She said they are happy to hear from other students as well.

David Bocarsly- General Representative

-Bocarsly said they presented to the ASUCLA board of directors. He said this was a big step in making sure they don't find themselves in a similar financial situation. They passed a motion that would be a recommendation that says that they would provide \$75,000 on an immediate basis one time. They recognized this was a result that they saw they were working on this. They would work on getting their surplus much earlier. He said they would try to get their surplus in September to help them with their allocations. He said this would be moved to Friday's meeting. He said they would answer questions at their next meeting.

Ronald Arruejo- Finance Committee Chair

Arruejo talked about the composition of the committee. They looked at the changes to their application. He talked about the finance committee guidelines as they are now. He talked about their renewed relationship with USAC. He said they have made presentations to USAC and they hope to go to their retreats or staff meetings. He said they made other guideline changes as well. He said there was a change in the amount for signature requirements. He talked about the 1st annual USAC financial workshop. He said they got a lot of groups there. He said they had retreat last weekend. He said they tried to email applicants from BOD, SOOF, and contingency to notify them that they have programming funds. He said he could close out accounts after 30 days after programs end. He said there is only a couple of events these first couple of quarters. He said he would like to make sure there would be more money for spring quarter. He said their goal is to visit all 15 offices in some shape or form.

Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services

-Zimmerman said this Friday is their green initiative fund deadline. She said the CSP mini fund deadline is next week. She said the ASUCLA event fund's deadline is February and is due next Friday. This includes Bruin Plaza events.

IX. Old Business

A. *USAC Surplus

Sidrak moved to approve surplus. Bocarsly seconded. Resnick said they would approve surplus and how it would be broken down. Sidrak moved to approve \$116,363.95 for surplus.

-Smith asked about the numbers

-Zimmerman said there are brackets. She said those are the remaining numbers left in

surplus.

-Champawat said he wanted to make sure council is clear about the analysis. He said he is available to answer questions or to do review.

-Gamble asked what the two numbers seen were

-Champawat said there would be a set of line items, called restricted surplus. These monies are dedicated to certain departments. He said these could go to shirt sales, etc. He said the group that collected the money could keep that money. He pointed out Jazz Reggae, which is the Jazz Reggae reserve in case something might go wrong with Jazz Reggae. He said there is net surplus available for allocation. He said their finances are backed up by 5% income and they are adding money to that fund. He said that would be another one of their backups. He said that is how they got to 248.

-Gamble asked if this would be published in the Daily Bruin according to ASUCLA bylaws

-Williams said the audited numbers would be

-Champawat said it would be approved Friday and be published

-Bocarsly asked about the numbers that go to certain projects

-Champawat said he was right. He said there were augmentations to these numbers.

-Bocarsly asked if they could change the percentages at the bottom

-Zimmerman said usually the change would be with capital contingency. She said they could make that change as a vote. She said she spoke with her this evening. She said it had to be with the vote of council

-Resnick said those were guidelines. She said it might be up to FiCom

-Zimmerman said you couldn't change the percentages without a vote

-Champawat said these are bylaws and not guidelines. He said that they were overfunding capital contingency. He said by changing the percentages would be the best way to look at it. He said they should change it in their mind for this year. He said they have tried to make sure they were using capital contingency to their effects.

-Bocarsly said what they do with capital contingency is up to this year's council. He said it is imperative they put that money into their programming funds. He said he would like to discuss making these changes this year

-Zimmerman said it would be best to make those changes next week. She said they are open to this week if they would like.

-Arruejo said there was \$22,000 left in capital at \$10,000 was moved to contingency

-Williams said they needed a week's notice to change a bylaw

-Zimmerman said they needed notice to put it on the agenda

-Bocarsly said he would like to override the bylaw just for this year

-Zimmerman said they would have to vote. She said they needed $\frac{2}{3}$ to suspend a bylaw.

-Bocarsly asked if they think they should do this and if this is something they would like to

do permanently

-Smith asked what he was discussing

-Bocarsly said they recommend how much is going to contingency and that they put more money into programming.

-Smith asked if some of the capital contingency goes to.

-Zimmerman said it goes to office furniture, file cabinets, etc

-Smith said he feels like this money is already low. He asked if capital contingency is opening up

-Zimmerman said it's for students that have offices

-Bocarsly said capital contingency goes to minimal things and only helps a small number of offices. He said this is a great way to give back to the students groups.

-Smith said personally, \$14,000 is for capital contingency. He said there are more offices than their own offices. He said he understands giving them to programming, but some people may apply to capital contingency and need those funds.

-Resnick said they are suggesting a cut, not eliminating it

-Starr asked how much was capital contingency was usually taken

-Zimmerman said it capital contingency comes from surplus and goes back to surplus

-Champawat said normally, it is not a fully utilized fund. He said it is only available for offices in the building. He said furniture has become cost effective.

-Saxe asked how much is in capital contingency right now

-Arruejo said 0

-Saxe said they should make a decision just for now. She said future years might think otherwise. She said capital addresses things that don't need to be bought on a regular basis. She said if surplus builds up, they could make their capital contingency needs later. She said she supports the change but just for this year.

-Gamble said she doesn't have a problem moving these funds. Gamble asked if they needed to approve surplus now or look into it more

-Champawat said they could approve surplus. He said the need for the funds would come in the next few weeks. He said they could look into the funds within a week

-Sholklapper said they should approve it now and move some money to contingency later. He said they could look at what was being applied for and making sure that they were fiscally responsible

-Zimmerman said they could confirm tonight to make sure the 50 would go as planned and they could work at getting the exact numbers. She said they could approve a budget transfer. She said Debby agreed

-Bocarsly asked if this would go to council for a vote

-Zimmerman said yes

- Resnick said she would set up a meeting for anyone who's interested
- Bocarsly said when they do approve surplus it is something that goes back to these groups. He said they could be making a big statement to make this change with the approval of surplus. He said since they don't need that money now, they could wait a week. He suggested that they have that meeting and make a statement as USAC.
- Resnick asked if they could push approving surplus until later
- Shah said she didn't know about waiting, but she thinks it would be worth talking to student groups and not all student groups are programming groups. She said more groups that interact with them are programming heavy. She said she would be interested in seeing who would apply for capital contingency. She said they could extend their lives of certain equipment. She said they should reevaluate their timelines of capital contingency
- Sidrak asked if they should send an email to all student groups.
- Shah said yes, to survey the ones in Kerckhoff since they are the only ones who can apply to capital
- Saxe said she remembers their changes. She asked if he was anticipating moving some capital contingency and if it would change his numbers
- Arruejo said if it does, it would be a 5% difference
- Saxe asked how many student groups had offices
- Zimmerman said about 20
- Saxe said they should approve surplus so they could start taking away less of the cuts to contingency. She said they could supplement these sources.
- Sholklapper said it would make a statement if they transferred funds than if they approved it. He said they know they want to transfer money, so they should talk to student groups, see what need is and address all student groups as they can, and do something fiscally responsible. He said they should approve it with the notion that they would bring it up again next week
- Saxe asked if it mattered if they should approve it tonight
- Williams said being careful and thoughtful would be their best bet
- Saxe said they should approve surplus tonight and move into discussion next week
- Zimmerman said last year they had OSAC. She said there might be some needs from groups. She said there are certain things they don't have in rooms
- Bocarsly said he's fine with that. He said this is something they want to address right away
- Resnick said she could spearhead this and contacting student groups
- Zimmerman said she has all of the information
- Resnick said she could start a google doc. She said to see her if they wanted to help out as well. She said they would set up a meeting to see what changes would look like

- Bocarsly said he would approve it if contingent on their discussion on this next week.
- Sidrak called to question USAC surplus. Sholklapper seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 11-0-0, USAC surplus was approved.
- Champawat asked if they would revisit the mix
- Resnick said yes**

X. New Business

A. #Finance Committee Member (Alternate) Appointment

-Arruejo said he mentioned the new appointment. The appointment would add to the neatness and if they had any questions to ask him. He said he understands the limiting funding and the need of student groups.

-There were no objections.

XI. Announcements

-Sholklapper passed around cold clinics. He said they would have some in their office. He said these would help students keep clean and hygienic.

-Zimmerman said on that consent item, they needed to ask if there were objections.

-Shah said world fest is doing sushi roll making classes. She said she could track what they could get clicked on. She said they also have a call out for artists in Feb. She said there is an event in Bruin Plaza, a film screening, fashion show, hip hop explosion, etc. She said the theme is the evolution of hip-hop. There would be more art classes. She said they want to showcase student talent. She said there is a concert series every month. She said the word is every Wednesday.

-Smith said he sent an email about the SRC office hours in the CPO. He said they came up with a flyer. He said as students are able to get those resources, it would be very important. He said he sent out more information on the USAC roll out and they were able to get sweatshirts, t-shirts, pencils, and key chains. He said they would pass things out accordingly. He said they could raffle these this. He said he asked for an actual contact for a person who would be running the table. He said one of his directors didn't feel support from the other offices. He said he hopes there would be better communication. He said if they have any questions to let him know

-Starr asked if someone would come on the list

-Smith said they want to prevent having an empty table there

-Resnick said her visibility team came up with a new idea. Feb 23 from 5-7pm would be a USAC does dinner in the dorms. It would be highly advertised to see them in an informal setting. She said this would be the Thursday of 7th week.

-Saxe asked if they could do it at 7

- Resnick asked if council would be interested in this. She said she would send out a Doodle.
- Smith said if there are publications that are made, to call the hill resident facilities or halls. He said these are places to create living and learning environments.
- Hester said it could be called dinner in De Neve

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

XIII. Adjournment

- Saxe moved and Sholklapper 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 8:18 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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