

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 14, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Patty Zimmerman

GUESTS: Melissa Truong, Chloe Groome

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

-Soto asked if Gamble was coming

- Soto 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. *2/7/12

- Starr moved and Saxe seconded to approve the minutes for February 7, 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

Chloe Groome- Advice Chair for CALPIRG

Groome said CALRPIG is a nonprofit research group that works on issues that matters to students. They are wrapping up pledge week. Pledge is how they are funded. They would add a \$10 quarterly fee to their term bill. They are working on an ocean's campaign. That is an effort to ban plastic bags in the state of California. They are working on getting cheaper textbooks. This is a smaller campaign that looks at using open source textbooks. They have hunger and homelessness, which is run every quarter. They go to shelters, have a panel on campus, etc. She talked about energy service core. They develop lesson plans to teach low-income children about energy efficiency. Today, they educated 350 students. This is their main project this week. They are one of the largest campuses running service core. They are one of the largest in California.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

-Dr. Nelson asked what appointments needed to be made.

-Resnick said there is one WBOG and e-board chair. There may be another person to add to j-board.

-Sidrak asked how many voting students they had

-Starr said 5

-Sidrak said they were counting on 4 and they interviewed one today

-Resnick said thank you to ARC for all of their amazing work

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 the Queer Alliance was allocated \$520. Delta Sigma Pi was allocated \$260. American Indian Science and Engineering Society received \$345. She said she could send it out through email.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

Shah said she sent out the allocations. They made 4 this week. She said if they have any questions to let her know.

E. *Contingency Allocations

Sholklapper moved to approve this week's contingency. Bocarsly seconded.
-Arruejo read the allocations for this week.
Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of **\$28,556.68** for their programs. A total of **\$10,516.21 was requested from contingency** of that, a total of **\$2,125.50 is recommended for allocation** for this week (at 50% reduction).

There is a total of **\$8,550.57** left in the Contingency Programming Fund (after a \$6000 transfer of unused programs from July – October, but not including USAC Surplus).

- Arruejo said the Monday allocations are correct.
- Sholklapper moved to amend the contingency and remove SWC contingency
- Shah moved to amend CAC allocations
- Bocarsly moved to approve the amended contingencies. Chikanov seconded.
- Starr called to question. Hester seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, contingency this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said thank you to everyone who went to the CSP lunch on Friday. She said they would be collaborating for their Bruin Day presentation. The USAC survey will be going out in a separate email tomorrow. She said in response to the code of ethics, it would reappear 8th week. She said last night they should have received a Google form of their

office accomplishments. She said this is optional and will be going on the USAC website. She highly encouraged them to fill this out. She said to ask her if they had any questions. USAC does dinner in De Neve is next Thursday. She said the all USAC beach clean up will be Saturday, March 3rd from 11-2. She said they are excited to do community service. She thanked FiCom and the vice chair for putting together a capital contingency blast. She said FiCom would put notices on the doors. She said they would work to have a USAC and admin bowling social in the future.

Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

Sidrak said the student leader's networking night is Tuesday of 8th week. Invitations would be out tomorrow. Campus Safety week is 8th week as well. She thanked those who came to the CSP luncheon. She said it was a proud moment for her. She said as a follow up for the resolutions, they are working on that survey. She said they would be adding questions about OrgSync. She said they would survey student leaders about it. She said week 3 of spring quarter is ally week. She said she has the position of Bruin Plaza that week. That is also SWC's and Rec Health Week and CAC's World Fest. She said she would like to work with the other offices. She said she would like to co-program if possible. There would be a mini battle for the banner on Bruinwalk. They could split the banner and split the cost.

External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

Gamble said they have 4 lobby visits this week. Three are with assembly members and 1 is with Carol Luu. She said they would work on one of the propositions. She said this forces people to pay higher taxes. This is a prop that Perez wants to direct toward financial aid. She said that if you are low income and already have tuition covered, you wouldn't be eligible. She said UCSA has no formal stance on it. She said it seems like the board will ultimately support it next month. She said when it comes to lobby visits they will talk about AB970. The grassroots conference and student lobby conference delegates have been chosen. She said people would get notifications tomorrow for SLC. Regent chair proposed a rally for May 17. They have been drafting things they would want to see come out of the board of regents. She said they are drafting a resolution. She said they would like to commit to student lobby visits. This Friday, they are shooting a video of "what UC students say." She said their week of action would be 8th week. It would be mostly handing out information and visuals. She said they are having a panel Wednesday night. Their guide of student fees is coming together and she will send it out when completed. She said she would try and make sure it is easy to read.

Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquel Saxe

Saxe said from the academic executive board, they talked about semi-autonomy for UCSF. She said there is a lot of discussion of what Gamble was talking about. She said it seems like they support the governor's proposal the most. She said there is a process of rebenching the UC level. She said the way UC campuses are funded is like a parfait of layers. She said they had access to funds other schools haven't had access to. She said they want to rebench it so all students are worth the same amount. Graduate students however take more money to educate. She said Berkeley is ending up with a positive result. She said they wouldn't get less money but wouldn't get access to new money.

-Dr. Nelson asked what the rationalization was

-Saxe said Berkeley has more graduate students. She said there are questions about health sciences. She said their health sciences should be okay. She said they wouldn't be hurt but if the governor's proposal goes through they wouldn't get as much money as other campuses. She said they would see when things would be finalized. The office of the president is giving the proposal 7 million dollars and signed a contract with Blackboard to get students in the program. Saxe said the title of a UC should be what attracts students in the first place. From the undergrad council, they looked at the different development studies. She said they are putting a lot of resources into individual programs that aren't being used to the best of their ability. She said she met with the writing success board of directors. She said to please let her know if they have any feedback. She said this is the board of directors. She said this is a great program. Saxe said she participated in the registrar's focus group. She said all of the different UCLA websites are going to have one common way to look at it with one main menu. She said eventually, it would be one webpage. She said the focus group would look at what students would want to see. She said they would try to have it by March 1st by next year. Syllabus preview should be integrated. She met with ORL on major blast. They have results from the student math center survey. A lot of people didn't know about the survey. They are looking to make it more accessible to students. She said the timeline of the 1700's was taken out from the new GE requirement. She said she was asked about ASRF last week. She said that they had \$15,297 in the beginning and now have \$6692.76 left. She said she would be meeting with Heller and Roy to talk about corporate sponsorships. This meeting is tomorrow at 4. She said lastly, housing have 82,000 sets of cutlery to give away.

Administrative Representative Dr. Geller

Dr. Geller said they are invited to breakfast with the chancellor on Feb. 22 in De Neve dining hall at 7:50 and to respond if they haven't. She said they needed to know by tonight. She said if she received their email, she responded to it.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

There was no new business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Resnick said Feb. 27 they would be meeting with Steve Gamer. This is Monday of 8th week. She said she has been emailing Nguyen and the study group will be 8pm. She said anyone from council is welcome to attend. She said if they want to send a proxy they can. She said their referendum discussion would be 8th week. She reminded them to bring their information 8th week.

-Shah said hip-hop appreciation is going on. They will have a discussion on digital hip hop. They will announce hip-hop explosion at the panel. There will also be a hip-hop fashion show coming up

-Lazarovici asked who was doing know your rights week

-Smith said he would talk about that. He said Know Your Rights would be next week. He said he wanted to put more information out there. He said students should know what to do when encountered by UCPD. He said they would speak to a UCLA professor on how to assemble and organize. He said Wednesday they would do knowledge is power. They would educate students about how to be a better advocate for themselves if they don't have direct contact with attorneys. He said on Thursday they would have a police dealing with students who are immigrants. He said he would post up this information as well. He said on Friday, there would be an event on Bruinwalk. He said they would have a booth to get wallet cards, free speech guides, etc. to people. He talked about Bruin swap meet. He said he would want publicity. This is a way to promote sustainability. He said they are working on Spring-cleaning as well. He said things in their homes could be potential gifts to other people.

-Resnick said if anyone has lost his or her contact info, Brianna in her office is in charge of all USAC publicity. She said she would love to help them out.

-Soto said tomorrow night is their panel discussion framed around food trucks. They have 3 founders of trucks speaking about how the businesses started. They also have food critics and bloggers lined up. One is a champion of local ethnic food in LA. He is also a contributor to the show Good Food. He said they would be explaining the topic from

multiple facets. This is for anyone interested in food, urban planning, or business.

XII. Signing of the attendance sheet.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Smith moved and Bocarsly 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 7:45 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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