

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 17, 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, Dan Chikanov, Kinnery Shah, Ronald Arruejo, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Michelle Parsons, Tamir Sholklapper

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Kassy Cho, Chloe Groome

I. A. Call to Order

- Resnick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- 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. *4/10/12

-Arruejo said Shah is not on absent, Christopher's name is spelled wrong, and reqs is misspelled. He said the second to last statement should say, "They could amend the bylaws."

-Smith said the minutes didn't say anything about Soto's office that paid for the ad. He said that this should be in the minutes.

- Bocarsly moved and Soto seconded to approve the minutes for April 10, 2012, as amended

-- Council voted to adjourn with a unanimous vote. 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- Intern with Calpirg

She said that last Saturday was the hunger clean up. She said that they raised about \$700. They did two activities with homeless shelters in LA. They raised about \$5000. She said that the LA city council leas postponed the plastic vote three times. She said that their strategy is reaching out to student groups and faculty. She said they wrote a thank you card for the environment and

energy committee. She said they would be having a booth at the earth fair where they can sign cards.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations made this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments made this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

A total of **\$1218.97 was requested from ASRF**; of that, a total of **\$1218.97 was allocated**. They plan to allocate more money to this fund, so to encourage people to apply.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

C. Travel Grant

The first allocation is for IDEAS at UCLA. She said they were allocated \$50. She stopped and asked this to be tabled until after CAC.

-Smith moved to table the EVP travel grant. Starr seconded.

-Gamble said sorry for all the emails. She said at the end of the week it would be around \$1800.

-Resnick said it is exciting that the funds are running low because it means people are applying to them.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Shah said this is from last week and this week. She said they are doing half allocations since so many people are applying right now. The only one that is less than half is for the Vietnamese language and culture. She said they applied for other things as well. She said they are only funding for facilities for it.

-Sidrak said they would not be using the funds they were allocated.

-Gamble asked for a little more time.

-Resnick said they would do it after contingency.

E. *Contingency Allocations

-Sidrak moved to approve contingency. Bocarsly seconded.

-Arruejo said a lot of the groups are working together. He said group 10 explained their situation and just turned in their application two weeks ago. He said for number 10, he asked to suspend the bylaws to receive their allocation because he thinks it's in the student's best interest. He said they applied one or two days after they sent it to them.

-Sidrak asked if they spent money already

-Arruejo said they understand the situation. He said he feels like it's in their best interest because they followed all the rules they could have.

-Soto moved to suspend the bylaws to allow for the retroactive allocation. Chikanov seconded. There were no objections.

-With a vote of 11-0-0, the bylaws were suspended.

-Smith called to question contingency for this week. Bocarsly seconded. With a vote of 11-0-0, the contingency allocations for this week have been passed.

F. *Capital Items Fund Allocations

-Saxe moved to approve capital contingency allocations.

- Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$1,261.48 for capital items. A total of \$1,261.48 was requested from the Capital Items Fund. A total of \$1,022.11 is recommended for allocation for this week. There is a total of \$5,781.56 left in the Capital Items Fund.
- Smith asked about the application process
- Arruejo said that the process is fairly easy
- Saxe asked about reimbursements
- Arruejo said it usually takes 1 to 3 months
- Saxe asked when it closes
- Arruejo said sometime in June.
- Resnick said if someone has an event, to do a cash advance or a purchase order
- Zimmerman said it takes longer after a certain date since everyone doesn't turn in his or her paperwork until right before the deadline. She said everyone waits until the last minute. She said to turn in their work early and often.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President- Emily Resnick

Resnick said tomorrow in her office would debrief on the town hall with Mecha that was held. She thanked everyone who helped make Bruin Day amazing. She said she heard it was a wonderful day. She said they would be emailing students to get involved in USAC. She said next week is a fun week for her office. Next Wednesday would be the Farmer's Market. She said she had meetings with Zimmerman, Champawat, and the fire marshal. They are co-programming. They should look for an upcoming email. She said they would be having a mayoral forum in AGB. She said coming up is the third annual WOMP. She said she forwarded a link to their offices. She said hopefully they would make Westwood more beautiful. There is a funding study group here coming up and she told them to attend if interested. She talked about the office accomplishments. She said to check them again before posting them on the website. She said they would try to have this on the website by next Monday. She said she would send out a PDF. She talked about the community service scholarship. She said applications should be released shortly. She said they would ask for their help to spread this far and wide.

B. Internal Vice President- Kristina Sidrak

-Sidrak said thank you to Sholklapper who sent in bylaw changes. These would come into the council table most likely next week. She said this week is Ally Week. They started the week yesterday. They had a lot of sessions throughout the day. They had a special session with intercollegiate athletes to hear Hudson's message on allyship. She said they had a Bruin Ally mural outside. They were also filming for the We Make it Better video. They had their t-shirt distribution. There is a performance tonight called "You're so Gay." She said tomorrow is dedicated to the intersectionality between sexuality and religion. They would have a history in Bruin Plaza. She said she also has t-shirts for the council.

C. External Vice President- Joelle Gamble

-Gamble said they just had their UCSA board meeting. She said they looked at the budget. She talked about the lobby visits and will have more information coming up. They are trying to get students to do visits May 16 and 17. She said this would happen way later in the quarter. They endorse the governor's tax compromise. She said any initiative to bring funds to California would benefit them as a whole. She said it isn't enough to cover everything. She said she could send out

more information on this. She said during the board meeting, they got information how the UCOP is effecting other campuses. She said that other campuses such as Santa Barbara were sent letters. She said other people are having concerns on this. She said every campus has had a referendum of some sort. She said there hasn't been too much of a movement at UCLA.

-Dr. Geller said if they have information on what other offices have decided to forward that. She said they would not want to be the only other one that didn't have it.

-Resnick said some campuses are trying to not have the referendum. She said she would find out and let the council know

-Saxe said it has hit the campus on how it has affected the faculty.

-Gamble said she would like to work on the referendum within the next week or so. She said Mitchell is coming to campus to talk to people on the middle class scholarship act. They gave out sandwiches and talked to people about the middle class scholarship act. She said they would have free lunch on Thursday and pizza for a call.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner-Raquel Saxe

-Saxe said for a replacement for her E-board chair. Joel Oliveras applied and was an RA and orientation councilor. He is also a campus tour guide. For the committee on planning and budget, Sonny Sing was a presidential intern and had other involvements in his past year. She said he could have that experience for next year. She said the education under fire documentary screening is tomorrow. It is about access to higher education in Iran. She said there would be a breakout afterwards to talk about how this affects their university. She talked about the syllabus preview on enrollment. She said on the committee, they would be highlighting one division that would deal with syllabi for fall enrollment. Friday was their peer-to-peer mentorship orientation. She said the mentorship is on a one on one basis. They also had a writing success program board of directors meeting and they are looking at how else they could raise funds. They would have a global leadership connection banquet coming up.

Patty Zimmerman- Student Government Services

Zimmerman said the green initiative fund for \$500 or less is due on Friday. This is their final large funding cycle. They would have one additional mini-fund in May. She said they should have an ad out today and tomorrow. She thanked everyone for help with the tours. She thanked Chikanov. She said a student who isn't involved in student government said it was a good experience and she felt like new students are really excited about it. She said she appreciates this and things like this make a difference

-Resnick thanked Zimmerman for her work

Laureen Lazarovici- Alumni Representative

Lazarovici said she talked with Hester about if their work has an impact. She said they were reflecting on divestment on companies that do business in South Africa in an attempt to end apartheid. She said there was intensity in the quads. She said a few years after that, Nelson Mandela was released from prison and she spend time in Washington DC. She got to go to embassies and went to the South African embassy. She asked about the student movement in the US and if it had any affect. She said it did and she was stunned. She said this thing she was cynical about did have a significant impact, not right after but eventually

-Resnick said by putting together their office accomplishments they could show students the work they do every day

-Saxe said she is working with student associations, specifically the Armenian student organization. She said they were working on a genocide panel. She said she would send out more information. She said this is very relevant to today.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

There was no new business for this week.

XI. Announcements

-Arruejo said the workshop last week was successful. He said their goal was to get 10-15 and they had 25 people. He said that for a group that doesn't program, he was scared but he was glad it was a success

-Sholklapper said it is also Bruin Health Week. He said that for Bruin Health week, they are doing their iron chef event. They will have foods in Bruin Plaza to raise iron. Last time they had chicken, beans, etc. Thursday would be chillax to the max and a total wellness release party. In Sproul they would have massages, yoga, food, and trail mix making. Saturday, he would be teaching CPR at Super CPR.

-Chikanov said they decided to coprogram. The event is on Friday. They will have a DJ and food donated by Westwood. They would have different activities going on. He said it would be 85 degrees. The event is called Happy Day.

-Bocarsly said Friday is the last day to submit their videos for UCLA exposed.

-Shah said world fest was last week. She said it was really exciting. She said applications for volunteering for Jazz Reggae would be tomorrow. They would not extend the deadline. She said they are expecting a lot. She said to let people know. She said they are trying to do online registrations for jazz reggae tickets. She said they would let people know.

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 7:40 pm. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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