

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 18, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David Bocarsly, Lana Habib El-Farra, Andrea Hester, Michael Starr, Kim Davis, Anees Hasnain, Taylor Mason, Stephen Kraman, Cassarah Chu, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Sahil Seth, Carly Yoshida, Yasar Mohebi, Elizabeth Pashko

ABSENT: Roy Champawat, Jan Tacinco, Cassarah Chu, Bob Williams, Katrina Dimacali

GUESTS: Kristen Taketa

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

Approval of the Agenda

-Hasnain scratched Cantu from the appointment.

-El-Farra moved to strike the new deadline change. Chu seconded.

-Hasnain moved to amend appointments to action items.

- Kraman moved and Davis seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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- Hasnain moved and Davis seconded to approve the minutes for September 4, 2012.

-Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes were approved.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations made this week.

VI. Appointments

Jas Kirt- Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)

-Mason moved to approve Kirt for SFAC. Starr seconded.

- Hester feels that Kirt has great institutional knowledge of who the committee is composed of. They are impressed by the 2 year commitment in the EVP office. Kirt feels she can commit to this.

- Bocarsly reminds them that this is a two year appointment. He told people that SFAC advises on things like the student service fee. They make decisions on how the chancellor should allocate funds on campus. It is a good chunk of money, about \$971 a student.
- Jas is a second year political science major involved in EVP office. She is applying because she spent the last year working on issues surrounding affording higher education. She has a lot of history in advocacy and wants to make sure the money is being spent correctly.
- Seth asked for her ideas
- Jas wants to digitize things and make them online accessible. She talked about making SFAC more visible so students can make use of things that are already available.
- Mason wants to know how she would define an efficient use of student fees
- Jas says that she wants visible numbers of how many students are actually using the services, being affected by the services and making sure the money is usable.
- Steven asked if she thinks numbers are the best ways to evaluate student fees
- Jas says that numbers are a good way to do it but there are instances where things are funded by SFAC simply because there is no other way to fund it, like students with children. If they cut that out of their funding, you leave out an entire group of students.
- El-Farra asked how she sees herself managing time
- Jas says it is an advantage that she knows about student fees in general. She does a lot of advocacy work and this is another way for her to advocate for students. She feels as though it is easier for her to communicate. She wouldn't be applying for SFAC if she couldn't manage the time
- Steven asked how she could be unbiased with so much advocacy work
- Jas says that working with numbers is a good unbiased decision maker. Numbers don't lie.
- Seth what type of financial knowledge does she have?
- Jas says she does not have that much knowledge but is willing to learn
- Considering this is a two year appointment, how does she see herself growing?
- Jas-this is an advantage because she is a second year. She wants to train with people this year so that she can be more aware next year.
- Dr. Gellar asked if she could attend USAC orientation next week
- Jas said she is available.
- Everyone agreed she was
- El-Farra called to question Kirt for SFAC. Starr seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Kirt was approved for SFAC.

Darren Ramalho- Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)

- Seth moved to approve Ramalho. Mason seconded.
- Hester said when she interviewed Darren, she was impressed by his knowledge of committee and what it does and has done in the past. He has worked with many important people and they feel this is a great asset. They wanted his opinion on what is appropriate for student fees
- Darren is a second year and is applying because he is passionate about representing all students at UCLA to make sure they are being transparent and addressing the needs of the student body.
- Mason wants to know what tangible goals he has
- Darren wants to do the blog and wants to let everyone know what is going on. Doesn't see what they have been doing to make information available.
- Seth asked what other ways he has with communicating with the student body
- Darren wants to use his Facebook page and other social medias. They can also talk to the Daily Bruin so that people will know what SFAC is
- El-Farra wants to know how they will focus on representing on all students
- Darren believes that by making them more accessible they can reach more students. They want to utilize all their resources
- Mason wants to know how he would define irresponsible use of fees and can he give an example
- Darren gave an example from 2008-2009 where SFAC denied ASH center a new counselor hire

because the money wasn't used for that purpose.

-Mason wants to know how he will address any biases

-wants to make sure he is communicating with other students on the committee.

-Dr. Gellar wanted to know if he is available to attend the USAC orientation next week

-Darren said he is available

-Mason said she was not impressed

-Starr said he is one of the most on point and well respected guys. Even though he is a republican chair at UCLA in CA he knows that he has to be unbiased.

-Seth said he is impressed with his knowledge of fees and that structure

-Hasnain wanted to know if he could be responsible to allocating LGTB spaces

-Dr. Gellar said many of the allocations are permanent, including the LGTB

-El Farra said he is able to take in a lot of viewpoints and

-Seth called to question. Mohebi seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 8-0-2, Ramalho was approved for the SFAC.

Danielle Griffin – Campus Sustainability Committee

-Kraman moved to approve Griffin. Starr seconded.

-Hester said this is a committee with 4 undergraduates.

-Chu called to question Griffin. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, Griffin was approved for CSC.

Brenda Gutierrez – Student Activities Center Board of Governors (SACBOG)

-Kraman moved to approve Griffin. Starr seconded.

-Hester said this is a committee with 4 undergraduates. She was in the student initiated action committee. Her personal feeling is that there are so many resources available to students but the building is also like a family. With her time commitments, she is ready to take on this position. The vote was 2-0-0

-Bocarsly wants everyone to know that CPO is important is SAC and she acknowledges that and wants to take that into this appointment

-Jasso thinks she knows things and understands the overview of what SAC is, more than the free-printing

-Bocarsly reminded them that of the 4 undergraduates, this is the one appointment that they make

-Gutierrez said she is a second year undeclared. She is applying to SACBOG because she has been involved for over a year. It is important to have an undergraduate voice. She would like to see all the resources in the student activity center. She wants students to take advantage of the resources

-Mason wants to know if TV's and Wi-Fi are feasible. She asked if she had checked with admin.

-Gutierrez said it is ongoing. She especially wants to talk with students and students have voiced their concerns

-Jasso wants to know how they will get non-traditional students to use SAC

-Gutierrez wants to do presentations and pass out fliers on the hill.

-Mason wants to know how they can get student's voices heard in a formal manner. She asked how she will streamline something to get student's voices heard.

-Gutierrez wants students to fill out a form and drop it in a box.

-Davis thinks that since she is well connected already she is a great person to relay information to admins

-Hasnain called to question. Kraman seconded. There were no objections. With a vote of 10-0-0, Gutierrez was approved for SACBOG.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *Contingency Allocations

- Seth moved to approve contingency allocations. Mason seconded.
- Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$13,025.23 for their programs. A total of \$7 was requested from contingency. A total of \$3,140.41 is recommended for allocation for this week. There is a total of \$63,176.26 left in the Contingency Programming Fund.
- Jasso said she could forward the budget reports
- Hasnain said Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship seem to apply for the same thing over and over again but calling it different things
- Bocarsly said if you put in the effort, you have the right to be up for it
- Jasso said there are a lot of student groups that pretty repetitive and it is the nature of the organization. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship strives that student's don't use a single penny to attend their events. Jasso wants to know if anyone is interested in having a focus group to determine what the definition of an event is and how to validate these applications.
- Hester said Counsel should be spelled "Council" as a minor detail.
- Gellar brought up that candy is the only thing allowed to be given out at the enormous activities fair.
- El-Farra wants to know if they are then allowed to fund that since they can only give away candy
- Jasso said they don't know what the req is going to be-if only candy.
- Seth said the biggest point is that since it is not an event put on by that organization they are just sort of attending
- Bocarsly said instances will arise throughout the year where one group is attending another group's event. They have to be consistent and apply throughout the year.
- Jasso said people have a notion that you can apply for this fund and there is nothing written about applying for this fair.
- Gellar read the email that went out to groups who registered.
- Zimmerman suggested a \$50 cap on funding
- Lazarovici is not comfortable making a stipulation that they had to spend money on candy
- Bocarsly said the choices are to cut a group \$30 by making a \$50 cap or stipulating that they must use it on candy
- Took a straw poll
- Starr called to question contingency allocations with the change being that Pan-Hellenic council will only receive \$50 and funds must be spent on candy. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 8-1-1, the contingency for this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

- Bocarsly said thank you to everyone that in contact with Karima on the mobile app. There is an estimation of 2 weeks to 2 months to get it ready. It should be welcome as soon as possible. If you haven't sent in your info yet, please do now
- Internship applications opened up last week and Bocarsly closes Sept. 30 and others close in October. They had 650 students interested in USAC
- Alongside is UCSA meeting they discussed again the UCom tax and he thinks this is a great space to discuss issues.
- Met with student giving committee. Has a rivalry competition to donate money to a school they recommend. Seems feasible.
- Updates for EAF stuff to be discussed by Mason. Welcome week activities coming up and everyone should be aware of what they can be a part of
- New student Convocation is Monday afternoon at 4 pm at Drake Stadium

- Volunteer day is Tuesday. Volunteer Day will have a USAC booth.
- This is our last summer meeting. No meeting next week. Starting Oct. 7 they will be meeting weekly
- Hester asked what they should prepare for Bruin Bash if they can advertise.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

- Lena and Hester met last week with the UNITE committee, a UC wide committee to incorporate other UC's with what happens at UCLA. They are trying to engage student groups in dialogue
- Cynthia and Hester have been talking about institutionalized the funding calendar
- There will be a lot of international students and they should recognize this stronger presence. They want to co-program with the dash-U center. Thanks them for their responses about vendors and licensees. Make sure you abide by the ASUCLA policies when you get stuff. Thanked them for a good retreat

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

- El-Farra said they will be doing voter-reg at almost all the events. New student welcome-almost all the first floor event meetings they will be at. They will have a presence at all the events. Also for student vote, the L.A. Times wants to do a piece on their voter initiatives. For student of color conference the apps are officially out. They are being allocated \$20000 for their vote efforts from the UC office of the president.
- They have their next US...board meeting at UCLA. She will send more info on it soon
- October 5 the student's regents are coming and want to meet with council
- This weekend she is going to Washington for the US...meeting
- Mason asked about the general fund
- El-Farra

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

- This past week she met with the writing success board. She got to meet the new director Denise Pacheco.
- Also Dave and she met with the chair of the academic senate to make a stronger connection with them
- Met with the undergraduate writing center up in Covell. It is a tutoring program. A goal for the Academic Affairs committee is letting students know about programs

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

- Zimmerman said try to turn in your volunteer discounts early. There is a limit and it varies from office to office. She said if you have a large staff pick some for fall, some for winter and spring. They turn them into HR and they pick them up in HR. You can pick them up after the meeting.
- Please use your mailbox key to pick up your mail. They fill up and we can't put mail in them

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

- Dr. Geller said they would have a kick off with a brunch at Bradley Hall. Chancellor will be answering questions from all of you after his remarks. Hot lunch is served. Oct. 5 it will pick up again at 9 am and will go until 12:30 pm they are doing a full breakfast. Day include brief remarks from David and GSA president. There will be three themed break-out groups to look at issues of interest. The council is invited and chiefs of staff and chairs of certain other organizations and some of their key appointments. RSVP is important this year. Look for that in email box in the next day or two. Please respond.

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

-Lazarovici said she is glad El-Farra is working with AFSME.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. Hellen Alonzo (Finance Committee Chair)

- Bocarsly asked for a motion to approve. Seth motioned to approve all three. Mohebi seconded.
- Jasso said Alonzo is an econ major so she is perfect for finance committee. Chris is English major. All three have been with her for a year. Chris is involved on campus. Ricardo is a poli-sci major.
- Bocarsly asked what year they all were
- Jasso said Alonzo is a third year and graduating early her senior year. Chris and Ricardo are second year.
- Bocarsly asked about their future prospects for finance committee
- Jasso said Chris and Ricardo both really love finance committee. They are critical when it comes to application. They go to many events without being asked to and they are on-top of it. Will send out who is going to be their liaison between finance committees and their offices

B. Ricardo Pacheco (Finance Committee Auditor)

- Seth called into question and Mason seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0 they are approved.

C. DCC USAC Calendar

- Mason said for the Diversity Collaborative Committee, the dean of campus climate has partnered with inter-group dialogue to start up the diversity collaborative committee for CODI (committee on diversity inclusion). They are based in creating events that work to prevent negative climate issues on campus. They had a meeting last week and want a USAC calendar.

XI. Announcements

- EAF-USAC should be setting up at in the morning. Contact Chris Kaupololo for information regarding what time to be there.
- Korman, the webmaster, said they may get their WiFi locked
- Cynthia said she won't be at UCLA for the next few days so if you need to know anything, please let her know by tomorrow morning. Oct. 1 is when you are getting your full stipend giving to you through Bruindirect.
- El-Farra requested she sign all reqs before she leaves
- Zimmerman said they changed their payroll system. They get paid every other week.
- Hasnain said volunteer day is Tuesday. Please read the document sent to liaisons. Directors should focus on how to continue to be involved. Become aware of service opportunities.
- Hasnain said her boards got ripped down and asked that any info on the matter be reported.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Kraman moved and El-Farra seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Bocarsly called for Acclamation. Bocarsly asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Hardy
USAC Minutes Taker (Proxy)
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