

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday, October 30, 2012
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David Bocarsly, Lana Habib El-Farra, Andrea Hester, Kim Davis, Anees Hasnain, Stephen Kraman, Cassarah Chu, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Sahil Seth, Carly Yoshida, Yasar Mohebi, Roy Champawat, Jan Tacinco, Cassarah Chu,

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Sean Wong, Kristen Taketa, RC Xi Zhilim

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

Approval of the Agenda

- Seth moved and Kraman seconded to approve the agenda.

- 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

*10/23/12

-Hasnain emailed her corrections to the minutes. "Go into" under appointment A was changed to "approve." "ASUSA" was changed to UCSA. The term "blurb" was changed to "blurb in any emails sent out." A sentence was clarified under the ARC discussion to read "She said some appointments are rushed like those for the Community Service Mini Fund." The sentence by Hasnain under Fall BOD Allocations was changed to read "She said groups may have received less funding than they would have winter quarter because of these policies."

- Kraman moved and Mohebi seconded to approve the minutes for October 23, 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

Sean Wong- Grad Student discussed a camp out for students to purchase tickets for the first basketball game near Poly. There is enough space for fire trucks to safely pass while student camp but looks like they would like it moved away from Poly. He has requested that USAC tries to use some influence to keep the camp out spot by Poly.

- Hasnain asked if he has spoken with any administrators yet in regards to the location

-Sean Wong said yes but that he was not getting the response that he is looking for

-Bocarsly will assist with communicating

V. Special Presentations

UCPD- Nancy Greenstein.

-Chief Herren could not attend the meeting this evening hopes to attend another meeting in the future. Nancy has the latest crime stats and describes the ride along program.

-Hester enjoyed the ride along process. You are in the midst of the process and the tour of the police station was interested to see the behind the scenes of the station. She recommended that everyone participates.

-Kraman interested to see the officers perspective and their viewpoint and keeping the students safe from the outside. Only about 20% of the arrests were UCLA students.

-Greenstein we have 2 more students signed up for a ride along and we are happy to add more students and open to additional students to have a tour. It is a great opportunity for the officers to see a new perspective from the students to educate the officers.

-Hasnain did not receive a response in regards to a ride along but she is scheduled for a ride along and coordinated the details with Nancy

-Hester mentioned Diversity Workshops

-Greenstein we are piloting a Diversity workshop for the officers with Dr. Nelson's participation. Students can join and interact and communicate their issues and concerns to the officers. Work with Hester to coordinate that event

-Greenstein just received the stats of the crime on campus two different types of states for Cleary and Federal stats Cleary is solely for the campus. Sexual assaults are most often a know individual with alcohol involved. Assaults have gone down and simple assaults went down from 11-10. Alcohol we have no law sanctions on campus we are doing a diversion program with the dean of students. Now instead of receiving a ticket they are redirected and we find they are changing their ways and not having issues with the police after meeting with the Dean of Students. They are thinking about expanding the program and it has been very successful.

VI. Appointments

A. * Pamela Vila- Eating and Activities Task Force

-Seth moved to approve Vila for comm. board. Kraman seconded.

-Hester the vote was 2-0-0 she had past experience and interested ideas for the task force. We emailed her that she did a great job at the interview.

-Vila- 4th year Bio major public health minor. Involved in PCH on campus and involved in Public Health Activities in Los Angeles. My involvement steered me to this committee

- Mohebi what are your time commitments for the year

-Class, LSAT and this program. I have experience with time management

-Tancinco what are your goals for this year

-Vila, marketing the task force on campus and collaborate with other health projects on campus. Hopefully SWC as well and environmental lifestyle orgs like E3. As for new ideas, UCLA is one of the healthiest schools in the nation and rising awareness of body image. She said she wants to have programs for a "love your body week." She wants students to have health diets and habits.

-Chu said they are working on a similar program 8th week. She asked what are her thoughts of the wellness orgs and how can they work together. They work separately but asked how they can streamline the efforts

-Vila said she believes that we need to increase communication for the greater goal with co-programming to make a larger impact on the campus

-Mohebi asked what her knowledge was of the healthy campus initiative

- Vila funding available to organizations on this program and contact advisors to apply for the program to receive funds.
- Mohebi called to question. El-Farra seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, Vila was approved for the communications board.

B. *Sophia Paik- Restructuring Steering Committee

- Seth moved to approve Paik for the communications board. Kraman seconded.

Campus

- Hester committee oversees projects over campus that covers a broad range of issues discussing costs. She said this appointment would be for a 2-year term.
- RC XI Zhilim from public discussed the committee, they discussed Project 45 to lower the number of necessary unit and Vice chancellor Levin discussing linking together the business centers such as HR and accounting to have a centralized projects to save funds that way.
- Gellar sits on one of the committees they tend to do project work and generate volunteers. It is all about finding ways for the University to be more efficient and cost effective.
- Hester she understands it is a new position and excited to have some flexibility and wants to research and stay vocal. The recommendation was 2-0-0.
- Hester- expands on her past experiences and brainstorm potential projects and communication with staff and faculty.
- Paik 3rd year psychology in involved in USAC Pres and PAC. Applying for the position and excited that it is a new appointment and can revamp the position and want to expand the undergraduate involvement. She wants the Undergrads to have a vice in this committee and the projects at hand.
- Kraman said this committee has a large scope. He asked what experience will assist with this.
- Paik said she worked on campus housing last year and worked with a diverse groups on campus as well as with the president's office to review the appointments. She said she can learn a lot of different perspectives.
- El-Farra asked about working to lower costs. She asked what her goals were to achieve that and funding for the university as a whole.
- Paik increasing the sustainability on campus. Powell turns off computers at night. Increasing the UCLA brand and work with ASUCLA. She said they are working to making HR process more streamlined. Self supporting programs for example Anderson and increase online students.
- Davis as a student would you advocates the value of degree for inside class experience and online degrees.
- Paik also working on Challenge 45 to streamline the process to make sure all of the class that assist after graduating in the workforce and perhaps changing the requirements. If we are cutting costs we should not cut quality. Want to make sure it is still benefiting the students.
- Hasnain asked how many people applied for the position
- Jasso said 3 people applied total
- Seth she worked well in my experience in the past
- Jasso thank you David for the communication and the additional information sharing
- Seth called to question. Davis seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, Paik was approved for the communications board.

C. *Ben Gelbart – Committee on Disability

- Seth moved to approve Gelbart. Kraman seconded.
- Hester the committee looks at problems and solutions for people with disabilities on campus and meet once a month and there are 3 appointees from USAC this is the first appointment. We asked Gelbart why he was interested in the committee. He was a wealth of knowledge and had specific goals on the committee and impressed me about his passion. His time commitments works on Mondays and comfortable working with Administrators. Vote was 2-0-0. They suggested that he

increase knowledge on past initiatives and the structure of the committee.

-Gelbart 3rd year at UCLA and his goal is to become a member on this committee because he has a learning disability I and it is close to my heart. He said he feels like he can make a huge difference and work with students and faculty. We are number 1 on the list for disability

-Kraman what are your goals for outreach

-Gelbart want to use facebook to outreach to the community, our committee can have a page and update with information and videos. On u-tube there are videos for everything but disability related issues. Use social media to reach out to students

-Tancinco what do you think the biggest issue for disability students

-Gelbart not knowing what resources are available and tutoring programs available since Powell program was eliminated. Perhaps get upper division credit to tutor lower division students.

-Mohebi asked if he was applying for 1 or 2 year appointment

-Gelbart he said he believes he can make a bigger difference with 2 year appointment

-Kraman asked about his goals for this year

-He said he wants disability week to grow on the campus and a disability studies minor be better known on campus. He said this is a great opportunity and discussing services on campus for students.

-Seth called to question. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 9-0-0, Gelbart was approved for the community service mini fund chair

VII. Fund Allocations

A. *Contingency Allocations

-Seth moved to approve contingency allocations. Davis seconded.

-Jasso we will have a new matrix to assist with the allocation process

Organizations/Commissions are requiring a total of \$23,709.23 for their programs. A total of \$9,678.21 was requested from contingency. A total of \$3,120.00 is recommended for allocation for this week.

There is a total of \$ 46,995.93 left in the Contingency Programming Fund. Budget reports are updated on Mondays now not Friday

-Seth were there only 10 groups that applied

-Jasso yes

-Jasso said they wouldn't know final numbers of surplus until after November 2nd.

-Mohebi called to question contingency allocations. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

-Bocarsly can I get a motion to strike CAC mini Fund

-Kraman moved to strike CAC mini Fund and Davis Seconded.

B. Travel and Advocacy Grant

-UCLA Circle K requested \$550 and was allocated \$350 for the Fall Training Conference

Camp Kesem requested \$5472 and was allocated \$259 for the Camp Kesem Leadership Development Conference

-Samahang Pilipino requested \$672.12 and was allocated \$400 for the Queer Pin@y Conference.

-Mixed Student Union requested \$2,370 and was allocated \$430 for the MSU Berkeley's Annual Fall Conference.

-Model United Nations requested \$5,348 and was allocated \$430 for the UPenn Model United Nations Conference.

-NSBE requested \$350 and was allocated \$330 for the National Society of Black Engineers Region VI Conference.

-Team HBV requested \$475 and was allocated \$150 for the Team HBV Collegiate Conference

- Bruins for Israel requested \$120 and was allocated \$60 for the Israel in Focus: Student Conference 2012
- Soles Requested \$1,933.80 and was allocated \$330 for the PHPE National Conference.
- Chi Epsilon requested \$240 and was allocated \$60 for the Chi Epsilon Pacific District Conference.
- The total is \$2,790 and the total \$15,000 in the fund total for the year.
- Chu asked if there was a scoring process
- Jasso it is a consent item as it is their funds to allocate
- El-Farra there are different maxes based on locations and there is a hearing process for each application

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

- Bocarsly said that you for responding to the email on the press release and your participation on the important issue. The elections for the Westwood Neighborhood Council received a few UCLA voices and we have 5 students and recent grads on the committee. Elections are next week lets do a final push to go to the poles. He said he will send out a campus email please send him your information in the email by tomorrow night. We had our retreat and it went very well. On Nov. 16th we will have our USAC past Pres panel speaking event. We are working on an invite list to students that will have the largest impact.
- Hasnain asked when the event will be
- Bocarsly the event will be around 12:30- 3:30pm you can work the event around the schedule. He said he hopes everyone can attend homecoming

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

- Hester said she attended the BOD meeting it was very interested and she recommends that everyone attends the meeting. David the all USAC retreat was great. Last night there was a town hall about the holistic admissions issue that comes out last week. We want to inform students that they can come to USAC Council Meeting to discuss their issues at meeting. She said she is working to edit and update How-o Guides please let me know if you are interested in improving the application.
- Bocarsly said to make sure to send it to everyone with a fund
- Hester said she will send that to everyone. She talked about the Diversity committee workshop with your office and a USAC one with the UCPD. Everyone is welcome to give an officer report to discuss their office once a quarter or whenever you would like.
- Hasnain for the diversity committee as a council goal f we can create a Google doc to discuss tangible things that we can do to initiate and the goals and what actions we can take with our programming. And show transparency and accountability.
- Hester can you send out last years information and we can work to begin that.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

- El-Farra said there was a rally yesterday about a day without a student of color. There were about 200 students at the rally. Please discuss with students that attended the event. Important to continue the conversation and how council sees our role in this process. She said she wants to see more action in the part of the council. In terms of my office day of action and they had events on bruin plaza to increase awareness of props. We will be holding the event again on Thursday. We will continue voter education this week and Tuesday we will discuss where to vote. We will have a forum on Thursday from 4-6pm in VPC a quick rundown of all the props and set up discussions for each props to share different perspectives. We have new Voter info cards please assist with

giving them out. Our vote registration numbers should be in soon. The 1624 online voters registered from UCLA thank you for all of your assistance with the push. She said that the number of the entire UC System 38K.

-Seth asked how many people vote in CA elections

-Nelson the Bruin contacts him today about the elections about the students not knowing about Prop 30. If you are a student and a leader in society and not aware of issues that will affect you directly. Many students according to the Bruin that if the best and brightest are not aware. Democracy is depended on an intelligent and educated electorate. With the misleading ads on TV need people to think critically.

-El-Farra the survey was taking before the EVP week of action. Please spread these info packages out.

-Yoshida asked if they were Row walking on Monday to get the word out

-Hester said she will assist

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis said thank you for the students that organized the town hall last night. I have been in contact with the chair and they will be presenting to Council in the next few weeks in regards to the issue. There is a new email for students to letterstocuars@gmail.com to share admissions issues, stories etc. They will have a 9th week student voice and empowerment forum to discuss issues with faculty and staff. We will have diversity and holistic admissions as the theme. We will be outreaching to students with disabilities to discuss issues on campus. Carly has been appointing the ASRF funding board. Been contact by the academic senate and 12 departments are under review this year and there will be students involved in the reviews this year. Seth in terms of Nicole appointment I am working on investigating IUI Fee I would like to discuss with her

- Hasnain said she has been hearing from the LGBT Minor that they are having issues and asked if they were assisting them

-Davis said she was aware and her academic outreach is taking place.

Alumni Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson said Last Friday he spoke with the Daily Bruin editor and he assured me that there would be follow up features in later additions. He said he attended part of the Rally and spoke with the Bruin and the staff that wrote the piece. They would like to have a balance. Many people are not aware of the issues going on today and the history and roots of the issues. We don't always know enough about what is happen today because of a void in History. He said he hopes to add an historical context to the issue and that he looks forward to future features

Alumni Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

Dr. Geller said that she would be out of town for the next 3 weeks.

Administrative Rep- Roy Champawat

With our updated world, Bob will need to be focusing on the financial areas of ASUCLA. We have a 40 retiree recently and need to focus the COO role of ASUCLA. He said he will be taking on the Administrative role in affairs.

-Jasso asked if he still be offering free lunch

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

-Lazarovici said Nancy and the UCLA Ride along and she urged other members who work with individuals that may see the other side of interacting with UCLA. She said it is great to get the perspective of law enforcement and the officers to learn from you. They don't always get to see the good students at UCLA. It is a fantastic opportunity and the diversity. She said she will be at

a diversity conference with my company. This is the first time going since joining USAC and the understanding of the diversity issues at UCLA. She said she was interested in the restructuring committee about becoming more efficient and cost effective. It is so important to understand these needs and streamlining. She mentioned Sophia's comment about an appointment not taking a lot of time. Bu she wanted it take time and be involved and invested. What they have to offer and what they get out of it as a pitch.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

There was no new business for this week.

XI. Announcements

-Hasnain said that the Day of Service went well. 450 students went to the community service, they went to 10 sites and we were efficient to have multiple bus trips. Thank you for councils that participated. Please send a presence to the event next year and will come back next week with stats. Hoping that the DB article will get more students to get involved

-Seth said that Roy, Patty, and he did the Text Book Scholarship drawing. He said he will meet with the financial literacy on campus and create a class on the campus. They would like to have USAC support. He said they are working to get funding and teachers for the class.

-El-Farra said there is a forum this Thursday from 4:45-6pm and to please attend.

-Yoshida this sat. We certified 25 students of CARE SOS to be certified in sexual assault issues and we are working on a coalition to work on programming. She encouraged all students to be involved and be an active bystander. Registration for DM opened today if you are planning on making a team perhaps a USAC team.

-David USIE due Nov 5th then vote Nov 6th

-Kraman planning the ASUCLA study nights and Chu had a few ideas and loved to have other offices involved for a kick off on Wednesday. Have prep for the services and studying.

-Hasnain said they should work with the Volunteer Center to participate in Operation Gratitude, and to take a break to write a letter to a soldier.

-Champawat and whatever we can do to assist with funding or accommodations we are there to help.

-Hester asked about video games

-Champawat said perhaps having some more free hours unwinding for students.

-Jasso can Carlos announce it to OCHC.

-Kraman is it possible to open the concourse in Poly for more space.

-Hasnain health projects came to discuss health with Hypertension issues and they took your ideas and now they are making great strides. Thank you for your feedback and advice and now they are making a larger impact.

-Tancino we launched campus movie fest and we have the fest finally in Nov 5th and we have Batman tomorrow and Thursday is twin sister

-Mohebi said he attended the fair trade conference and Yoshida and he are working on the Big Smoke Out to make UCLA a smoke free campus.

-Kraman asked if there was a place people can voice their concerns

-Yasar said Homecoming is this week you can get them on BP and CTO. There is a festival and the Pauley event at 8:30pm

-Chu said thank you for your support our initiative. Safety day in next Tuesday in BP there will be info for skin care. in regards to getting the vote out about Prop 30 it reminded me of our first council and Jason said "don't complain to me self advocate" We can not rely on just one office

we have to all do our part. Be proactive to encourage students to vote.

-El-Farra it is not event Prop 30 but many offices relate to your offices. See if you can have a discussion in one of your meeting.

-Bocarsly vote before meeting

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Seth moved and Davis 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 10:17 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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