

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Andreas Liu, Jiwei Zhang, Amanda Schallert

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

1 Approval of the Agenda

-Davis moved to add ASRF. Hester seconded.

-Hasnain moved to add Kerckhoff security as an action item. Hester seconded.

-Bocarsly said they talked about this last week.

-Starr asked if they needed to vote to make it an action item

-Bocarsly said yes

-Zimmerman said they need a 2/3 vote to add

-Starr moved to add Kerckhoff security as an action item. With a vote of 12-0-0 Kerckhoff security was added to the agenda

-Hester moved to strike Election board calendar. She asked if they could use discretionary to pay for food. She said it would be for their USAC meeting on the hill

-Zimmerman said yes

-Jasso said she could use her discretionary so they could get the account number by this week for \$43.67

-Zimmerman said if they add funding allocation requests to email Zimmerman and Jasso. She said this way they could double check

-Jasso said she would turn in a paragraph next week

-Mason moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant

-El-Farra said she just sent her allocations

- Seth asked if there was capital contingency
- Jasso said starting next week
- Seth moved and Kraman 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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- Mohebi moved and Seth seconded to approve the minutes for January 15, 2013.
- 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

Andy

ISAC president, the international student advisory council

-He said he met with Bocarsly and he was there to introduce himself. He said his friend Adam is the liaison

Adam

- Adam introduced himself
- Hasnain asked how much input they have with Dashew
- Andy said they work closely with Jenny from the program
- Mohebi asked if they were staying the whole meeting. He said his office is having an event this Thursday for people that want to study abroad.

V. Special Presentations

1 *REACT to FILM's College Action Network- Dolly Brown*

Brown said her brother is a professor for UCLA. She said she would show a quick video about REACT to FILM. She showed a film. The film was about the college action network that encouraged people to react. She said the organization was founded to get it out to younger audiences. She said they are at nearly 50 chapters throughout the country and they are seeking 2 students to be the chapter leaders at UCLA. She said they provide training on promotion and outreach. She said the films vary but they are all documentaries about social issues. She said these include videos about the Virginia Tech School shooting, etc. that brings people together to discuss important issues. She said they are very open to co-sponsoring with other organizations. She passed around flyers to the council. She said the next film is on February 6th. She showed the trailer to the next film. She said they could hypothetically participate in hosting a screening of this film. She said they are doing a Google hangout on the air and they will partner with Google for this. The film was entitled the Interrupters. She said that February 6th is this film, March 13th will be a film about counter-culture, and April will be another showing. She said there are various fees

- Dr. Geller asked if they would pay \$500
- Brown said the fees would come from the university. She said some schools have their student government pay. She said they try to help student leaders to find funds
- Tancinco asked if it would be cheaper to contact the film holders themselves
- Brown said they put together online resources, put together spreadsheets, and do connecting that might not otherwise happen. She said it could create a broader impact by doing it collectively. She passed around her business cards. She said they could discuss internally what the best way to get involved in student government is.
- Mason talked about the issues in the videos. She asked if they focus on the structural foundation of where the videos come from. She said that counseling and one on one mentorship is something that already happens.
- Brown said the films vary. She said if they wanted to get professors involve they could. They screened at Brown last semester The House I Live in. She said they try to pick documentaries that have the ability to make social impact. She said they look at what is involved in their community.
- Tancinco asked if students get to decide on films
- Brown said a lot of it is backend but sometimes they allow students to help choose. She said they try when they can to get films before the theatrical release. She said a little bit but not entirely
- Zimmerman asked who is in charge of the event coordination with other schools. She said there are outside rates for people not from campus
- Brown said the students. She said it could come from student government or they could co-program with a group that already exists on campus. She said they nominate a student leader within their structure and do it that way. She said they want students to carry it out and they would provide support.
- Zimmerman asked what the marketing was that is happening at the event and if they are soliciting donations. She said she is trying to get an idea of what their role is at the event
- Brown said the student leader would introduce the film and make students know it is happening across the country. She said the React to Film leader will be at the Q and A. They would be responsible to some sort of call to action, for example to an outside group on campus. She said they are non-profit and non-partisan. She said they show the short video before the film
- Dr. Geller asked if they are in any UC campus
- Brown said they are in Berkeley and a group there launched last spring.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

1 EVP Travel Grant

- El-Farra said they had several applications. They allocated to Queer Alliance for their conference in Santa Cruz. Kappa Psi Epsilon had a conference at SFSU. Lambda Phi Epsilon had their mid-year 2013 event in North Carolina. Student Group Collection had their event in Philadelphia.
- Jasso asked if Gabriel, the chair, was tracking if a group was co-programming. She mentioned the groups under QA and said that other groups would be in attendance.
- El-Farra said she doesn't know. She said \$520 is the max

- Jasso said if there are other groups that apply for the same conference if they double check
- El-Farra said she can ask
- Bocarsly asked how much is in the fund
- El-Farra said \$15,000 and they are trying to do \$5000 each quarter

1 ASRF Fund

Davis said there was 2750 allocated for the Olive Tree Initiative and Nikkei student group and VSU for their culture night. She said for ASU mini, they allocated \$385 from the student retention program.

C. *Contingency Allocations

- Mohebi moved to approve contingency of this week. Kraman seconded.
- Jasso said she revised the matrix.
- The total required was \$44,814.55. The total requested is \$7,925.03, contingency balance is \$24,438.73, and the total recommended is \$5,418.97.
- Jasso said they might be seeing higher numbers now because they know contingency numbers.
- Bocarsly thanked her
- Seth called to question contingency allocations. Kraman seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the contingency for this week was approved.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

Bocarsly said Monday is their mayoral forum. There are student tickets available at CTO. He said his interns are putting on an event on Friday. They are putting on a rally at halftime. They are giving away a free Pauley tour. He said the campus wide email should be coming out in the next couple of days.

Tomorrow at 3 is the deadline. He said if they have any updates to let him know.

- El-Farra asked if he could send a group to remind them
- Bocarsly said yes. He talked about the campus climate survey. He said a week and a half they are at 6.4%. He said that should be an incentive to get people to fill this out. The campus is at 7.4%. He said admins are responding at a higher rate than students are.
- Starr asked about an email going out
- Bocarsly said it is supposed to go out every two weeks. He said that is why he pushed off his campus wide email until this week.
- Dr. Geller said it should be this week
- Mason asked if they could take the 5 reasons and put it in the next round of emails, such as the president's email.
- Bocarsly said that could be on the Google Doc. He said they made a Facebook event about it as well. He said they have a 6-week time frame.
- Hasnain said she got an email about the structural investigatory committee and asked why her office was interested
- Bocarsly said they should be emailing them periodically to see if there is anything that should be recommended as changes.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

-Hester said thank you to those who dropped by the fair today. He said thank you to El-Farra. The comedy show last week was a huge success. Next week the USAC meeting will be in Covell. The plan is for 6pm-7pm to meet students who come in beforehand. She said if they have suggestions to let her know

-Jasso asked if they could wear their OCHC nametags

-Hester said if they have any informational brochures to bring them as well. They will have a PowerPoint playing in the back.

-El-Farra asked if ORL is advertising this

-Hester said their council will advertise since their meeting is in Covell at 8pm. 7pm their meeting will start. She said from 7-8pm would be the same informal format for OCHC. She said this should be for people interested in USAC. She said next week on Tuesday from 2-3:50 in Ackerman would be a diversity workshop co-sponsored by the IVP office. She said it would be great to see them all there.

External Vice President- Lana El-Farra

-El-Farra said she was in Santa Cruz this past weekend. She said it was moved because they moved banks. She said she wanted to describe the action. She said they went to the headquarters of Wells Fargo and on Friday morning they rove to San Francisco. They brought people from the office and went inside Wells Fargo and did a mic check. They amplified sound for someone. She said before they did that, Tiffany and Sofie went to move the money from Wells Fargo. She said they had their office walk around Wells Fargo. They continued doing the mic check and after did street theater. They walked off the street and had bags of money and threw the money from Wells Fargo to the other bank. She said they tried to put a sign up that said “Jails Fargo” and a man ripped the sign out of their hand. She said they did chanting as well. She said she has videos and pictures. She said the meeting consisted of strategizing the DREAM act and they have started drafting a piece of legislation. She said this was the first time they started drafting what they would be lobbying on. They are almost at 1000 surveys and they have about two weeks left. She said they got a lot during the fair. They would be having a week of action during week 8. They did tenant rights at the off campus resources fair. She said BLC will be doing their first Teach me how to Lobby workshop on the hill.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis talked about the academic resources app with the QR code. She said as of last week they had about 1000 downloads. She said to download that ARC is working on the first year experience on the freshmen 15 program. This is a program that has different workshops getting people acclimated to student life. She talked about the DPR system. She said only first year students got the new DPR. She said they have a typewriter like printout of their classes. URSA created a DAR system that is interactive and easy to read. She said only first years and transfers have it. She talked about diversity workshops that would happen spring quarter. She said in the end students would receive a certificate and they would pledge to educate 5 people. She said Bocarsly and herself spoke to the chairs of the academic senate. She said the senate is looking for student input on the potential diversity requirement. They are working with Queer Alliance to work on saving the LGBT minor. She said they are looking for ways to cross-list classes. She said more information would be coming. She said she got a letter last week from an elementary in Georgia and talked about how students don't know what college is. She said they are starting in Bacon town, Georgia and asked them to donate a UCLA banner on the wall. AAC has purchased a banner and Joe Bruin pencils.

She asked them to email the number of people in their school and they will write them letters that they believe in them. She asked if they could ask their offices to write letters to the kids at the school as well

-El-Farra asked when they would send them

-Davis said it would be sent out when they have around 350. It would be signed a UCLA student who believes in you

-Mason asked if she could send out this in an email

-Seth asked if they could have a representative sent it to talk about it too

-El-Farra said Yudof will be residing at the end of August. She said they would be trying to update them on student input for the new president

Dr. Berky Nelson- Administrative Representative

Dr. Nelson said administrations at the Nixon library have done a great deal to help those who are disadvantaged educationally. He said so many people are so far behind that the government has not been able to sufficiently aid low-income people. He said anything that can be done to give students some sense of what college is a great idea. He said he talked to a CSP advisor and they said that students don't read directions. He said to always put up "Please read." He said unfortunately a lot of students do not do that. He said it will save others time in the long run.

Alumni Representative- Laureen Lazarovici

Lazarovici said she was intrigued by the special presentation they had. She said there were a lot of organizations that want to program with them. She said when she was a student, credit cards had tables set up everywhere and that this isn't legal now. She said it seems like there is much more of organizations or companies that really want to get their hooks in. She said that was note-worthy to her and something to have on their radar. She said it is almost a franchise model of student groups. She said student groups arise almost organically. She said there is a different model of organizations. She said they want the business there and they run it. She congratulated El-Farra on her civil disobedience and that she would bail her out of jail and that the offer was to everyone. She said she loves Davis's idea of letter writing. She said there is a story in there somewhere and she encouraged them all to include sentences about what they need to do to get into college. She said she did not realize what a small percentage of people go to college in the United States. She said her assumption was that close to everyone went to college. She said it is another reminder of that and that their own experiences are their own and don't reflect everything that's going on. She said the chance to broaden that lens is very special

IX. Old Business

There was no old business this week.

X. New Business

1 ARC- New Member

Seth moved to go into a discussion. Chu seconded.

-Bocarsly said Starr is the new appointee. He said this should alleviate time restrictions

-Seth called to question Starr for ARC. Hester seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, Starr was added to ARC

1 Kerckhoff security

Mohebi called to question Kerckhoff security. Chu seconded

-Hasnain said she didn't receive emails about clarification

-Mason said people on the third floor was concerned that the cameras are on 24/7

-Hasnain said they could just vote on the sign.

-El-Farra said they could discuss cameras later

-Zimmerman said the other cameras are just on all the time. She said they could vote on one of the things and do more outreach in explaining what is going on. She said there is nobody sitting in front of the screen

-Starr said with the signs, students could still harass people

-Hasnain said that is what cameras would be for. She said they could take more time to explore other options

-Mason said they could formalize the approach to them and says yes to the signs right now. She said that would make their decision easier

-Mohebi said they could bring up that this is an OSAC year

-Zimmerman said she likes the idea of a letter so there is clarification that they would be put in the hallways. She said they wanted to make sure they got the entrances as well.

-Starr suggested the idea of calling to question signs and then further discussion later

-Seth said he agrees. He asked for clarification about the cameras

-Bocarsly said there was a plan written last year and they could put together a form

-Zimmerman said the question with the signs would be if they wanted to have times on the signs so that people knew if these were spaces only open to students, faculty, and staff

-Jasso asked when Kerckhoff closes

-Zimmerman said 11

-Mason said specified hours clarifies a lot for people

-Bocarsly said it is important that non-students could still come in

-Starr said after hours are 11 and that's still late

-Zimmerman said it could include "invited guests"

-Starr said he sees people wandering around homeless

-Zimmerman said it gives people the ability to make the call.

-Davis asked what floors they were on

-El-Farra said there are student organizations on the first floor as well

-Starr suggested not having cameras on the 5th floor

-Zimmerman said they could have a sign up there. She said the first floor would be trickier since more offices are down there

-El-Farra said there are still student orgs around the first floor

-Starr asked if the sign would hurt if it was downstairs

-Zimmerman said she would have to check but maybe they could just have it for those rooms.

-El-Farra said they could have it in the back corner

-Davis said when the office closes, maybe they could have a different time

-Zimmerman said they could work that out more logistically

-Bocarsly said they want permission to put signs up. He said they want to be able to put signs up. He said they could look up the protocol for certain areas.

- Hasnain said they could add to it when they have the formalized language so that when they are aware they could intercede at that point.
- Zimmerman said they should vote now so they could move forward
- El-Farra said there are the entities meeting this Friday.
- Zimmerman said it could be a good place to bring up the first floor
- Bocarsly said GSA should be included in that conversation
- Starr called to question signs for Kerckhoff that would be further reviewed but allowing ASUCLA to use their discretion when appropriate. Davis seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, the signs were approved.
- Zimmerman asked if it was for all times
- Bocarsly said yes
- Jasso said they will be door stamping the doors of the different orgs

1 Announcements

- Mason talked about the campus awareness ally campaign. They had a good meeting about extending the campus time frame. She said it will expand potentially into next quarter as well. She said throughout the next couple of weeks she would bring updates and what it should look like. She said beyond the label week is going on. She said there are a word on Wednesday tomorrow, a film screening Thursday, and Bruins in the Kitchen
 - Kraman said TGIF apps are due Friday
 - Tancinco said thank you for coming to Macklemore. This week would be a screening of Hansel and Gretel
 - Yoshida said thank you to those who went to I can we can. She talked about the CARE SOS training. She said the farmers market is coming up
 - Mohebi said tomorrow is "This is Africa" in Bruin Plaza. He said they are having student orgs from One Heart Source, Globe Med, etc. that deal with advocacy work in Africa. Thursday is their event that connects international students with those who have traveled abroad
 - El-Farra said she still has flyers about rights as a tenant
 - Seth said last week he had a meeting with vice chancellors and the head of the econ department. He said they are trying to launch a new department that deals with goals from the students towards the administration. It would connect departments together, connect people with alumni, etc. He said south campus majors want to see different things from alumni than north campus majors. He said he may start with USAC offices.
 - Starr said the submissions are up in the art gallery. He said he saw an interesting TED talk. He said it changed his perspective on online education especially with the way the UC's are going. He said he would send the link.
 - Jasso said there is a funding workshop tomorrow in Ackerman. There will be free food. She said the funding calendar is now up and running. She said they have until Thursday if their event was between Augusts to November if they need their contingency account open.
 - Hasnain said non-profit networking night is Feb. 12th. She talked about Alternative Spring Break and how they got 3-4 spots for every part of the program
 - Kraman said earth week is coming up in April
- XII.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mason 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 8:14 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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