

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 26, 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, Jan Tacinco, Yasar Mohebi, Cassarah Chu, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Laureen Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman, Cynthia Jasso, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Bocarsly called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

1 Approval of the Agenda

- Jasso asked to strike capital contingency
- Chu moved to strike capital contingency
- Davis moved to strike ASRF
- Jasso asked about Travel and Advocacy
- Mason moved to strike her officer report
- Kraman said someone read the allocations last week
- Mason moved to strike the cultural affairs mini grant
- Mohebi moved to strike travel and advocacy grant
- Jasso asked for clarification about the bylaw changes
- Bocarsly said it was a formality and they would both come next week
- Zimmerman said if there were a lot of changes the edits would be on Monday and to give the committee more time to read it. She said small amendments could be made within CRC and if there are bigger changes they're on the Google Doc
- Bocarsly said he hasn't gotten anything
- Hasnain said she emailed it
- Bocarsly said it is a different email address
- Zimmerman said they would update that

- Jasso asked Mohebi about the fair trade resolution
- Mohebi said he would bring it when it is ready
- Bocarsly asked about the bylaw change proposal
- Mason said yes
- Bocarsly asked if it was sent before
- Hasnain said it was
- Chu moved and Starr 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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- Dr. Geller said the name for Rachel's last name is spelled Corell
- Kraman moved and Mason seconded to approve the minutes for February 19th, 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

-Penn Scoble Financial Aid Policy Committee

Scoble said he got policies regarding a financial literacy workshop and cost attendance survey. He said the survey is given every 3-4 years on what students spend on things not directly to the university. He said he participated in conference calls over winter break. He said they made some changes, took out some antiquated things, and added some things regarding co-payments. He said that should ship out mid March or early April. He said they would make sure the emails are informative and make sure people want to do the survey. He talked about the financial aid literacy workgroup. He said he knows about that and he said there are different goals for the whole work group. He said students could find out how they can help themselves. He said there are longer term and shorter-term projects. He said people could learn where they can fill out grants. He said there are longer-term goals, such as alcohol ed. modules online. He said it is hard knowing what they are trying to do. He said another goal is coming up with a hub website. He said he hates using URSA and they're working on another site.

V. Special Presentations

A. UCLA Transportation & Parking Department 2013-2014 Fee Rates- Lisa Koerbling, Debbie Corral

- Hester moved to table the special presentation until March 5th.
- Mohebi seconded.

VI. Appointments

A. *Elizabeth Choong – ASUCLA Communications Board

- Kraman moved to approve Choong for ASUCLA Comm. Board. Mohebi seconded.
- Hester said the vote was 3-0-0.

- Kraman said they suggested her to brush up on the pledge referendum and to reach out to current committee members and to reach out on subcommittees she may be a part of. He said the vote was 3-0-0.
- Bocarsly said this is the 4th and final comm. board appointment.
- Choong introduced herself as a 4th year political science major. She said she is applying for the executive committee. She said she was interested because she is always emerged in student media and thought it would be interesting to oversee UCLA Radio, Bruin Life, etc.
- Hester asked her to talk about what she's involved in
- Choong said she was involved in Leadershape, an RA, a research assistant in the psychology department, and part of the president's office.
- Hester asked about the current fiscal situation that she might come across
- Choong said she knows the board is going through financial issues and she understands that there are innovative ways to increase revenues. She talked about the platform that would help increase the revenue. She said she thought of other creative ways. She said to reach out to local businesses. She said they could gain research about how many users they have. She said she looked at the Daily Bruin on Facebook and she said that she would like to increase likes. She said that way, they could increase the number of businesses that would like to advertise to their community
- Kraman asked about the pledge referendum
- Choong said students pay \$12.75 for groups and organizations on campus. She said it stands for promoting leadership and educational development. The referendum supports student groups with extra funding so they could carry out activities. She said it started off around 2009 regarding the budget cuts. She said she knows the comm. board receives some of that revenue
- Kraman asked what the executive committee does and why she chose it
- Choong said it would be neat to review and analyze what the student media director does and being able to review their performance. She said she could provide constructive criticism to directors to enhance his or her performance. She said she would like to review the components and create change.
- Bocarsly asked if she was part of any of the entities
- Choong said no but she is a user of student media
- Chu asked for elaboration on the groups and what issues they may have
- Choong said there might be issues with printing. She said the Internet might be an issue. She said there is a struggle between how much to print and how many people rely on the website. She said it would be great to put magazine issues onto apps for iPods.
- Starr moved to go into discussion.
- Starr said he thought she was great. He called to question. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, Choong was approved for the Communications Board.

B. *Andrew Metz - UCLA Advisory Board on Privacy and Data Protection

- Mohebi moved to approve Metz for the UCLA Advisory Board on Privacy and Data Protection. Mason seconded.
- Hester said he was approved with a vote of 3-0-0. She said Metz had a passion for giving back o UCLA. She said they suggested him to brush up on the structure of USAC and how the position would fit in
- Kraman said they recommended he talk to Ken Heller.
- Zimmerman asked if this was a new committee
- Bocarsly said it wasn't filled and it is new

-Dr. Geller said they are the only university that has such a thing. She said they would be discussing important issues.

-Metz introduced himself as a first year from Pennsylvania and he wants to be a triple major. He said a short-term goal would be a lawyer. He said this worked in the field of privacy issues.

-Starr asked what he knows about the position

-Metz said he met with someone on the board. He said the purpose is to establish a sense of trust and community and they do this by specifying data principles, such as how data is collected, what purposes, etc. They also deal with ongoing issues when new laws are formed concerning privacy issues and they are the middlemen between the official institution policy. They break it down for the campus. He said an example is the recent bill regarding access to employee information. He said this seems pretty standard. He said since it is all UCLA employees, it includes UCLA students. He said that means they can't even ask people to be their friend on Facebook. They will be meeting in March regarding this

-Kraman asked what interests him about this position

-Metz said he's always been interested in this and it aligns with his future goals. He said his mom was involved in the Patriot act. He said that he wanted to get involved with USAC as well.

-Bocarsly said they would move into discussion

-Kraman said he went through the description they have

-Hasnain called to question. Mohebi seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0 Metz has been approved for the UCLA Advisory Board on Privacy and Data Protection.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. EVP Travel Grant

B. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

-Mason moved strike the cultural affairs mini-grant

C. *Contingency Allocations

-Mohebi moved to approve contingency of this week. Hasnain seconded.

-The total required is \$19,008.59. The total requested is \$6,534.05. The contingency balance is \$57,949.10. The total recommended is \$3,837.24. Jasso said it is going down.

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

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – David Bocarsly

Bocarsly said he met with the new vice provos. He said Davis would be sitting on the new board as well. He said they talked about online education issues. He said they want to use that space for students to voice their opinions. He said the appointment bylaws would come next week and Davis would bring some as well. He said to look at their positions in the bylaws. He said he will also bring the endowment proposal up and the language would come up in the next couple of days. He said the money would be

coming to them as discretionary. He talked about commencement. He said they could apply to be a singer or a speaker. He said to tell all of their friends to apply. He said on the back of their agendas are the frequency analysis for the campus climate survey. He said they said that they talked to a political science researcher who said this was significant. He said that they got over 6,000 undergrads to fill out a 30 minute survey is impressive

-Mason asked if they would include it

-Bocarsly said yes. He said they would release the data so it is not giving away anyone's personal identity.

Internal Vice President – Andrea Hester

Hester said thank you for their retreat responses. She said Hasnain and Mason know but they are working to bring a diversity workshop to the table week 1 of spring quarter. She said if they have input to please contact her. She said thank you to Kraman for jumping on the thread regarding ride along. She said it is a simple email to Nancy. She said there is a diversity committee workshop through UCPD. She said they participated in their workshop and it was put on and gave a look on what it's like being a police officer. She said it is a chance to see what they do and that they are open to feedback. She said next week March 7th is the transfer appreciation day. She said they would hand out fun items and a workshop would be in the grand horizon room. She said if anyone were available in the day to be a volunteer they would greatly appreciate it.

Academic Affairs Commissioner— Kim Davis

-Davis said thank you to Bocarsly and Yoshida for participating on the global leadership connection. She said they brought public schools, charter schools, and private schools to campus and informed them about financial aid. She said they networked with each other as well. Their first day was Monday and was an all day conference. Sunday would be mock interviews with all 157 students helping them to a professional interview. She said in April they would have an awards ceremony for students who stood out. They will also receive scholarships for college. She said they have to interview 157 high school students so they need a lot of volunteers. She said if they are available to please sign up. She said tomorrow they have counselor connect where they are bringing different counselors from different parts of campus to Kerckhoff patio. She said to please take a flyer. She said they would be there from 11-3pm. She said on Thursday they have a student voice empowerment forum on online education and the diversity requirement. They would have appointments present to talk about what is going on with online education to make their concerns known. She said to please come to that and let their offices know about it.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Debra Geller

Dr. Geller said there are two laws that affect social media. She said one deals with employment and one deals with higher education. They are working on compiling it. She said as far as employment, they wouldn't ask someone applying for a job to give them your password to their social media accounts. She said if they have access, they couldn't make employment decisions based on non-employment content. It goes on to say that supervisors cannot ask their subordinates to access to their social media. This includes being friends on Facebook. She said that they could be friends in real life. She said in a student context, there are different situations to consider. She said they are all employees and they are supervisors of staff in their office and they cannot send friend requests to people in their office. She said if they already had

those relationships in place or they sent the friend request that is okay. She said this only applies to personal pages. She said the personal page is where they can friend request and the organizational page is where they can say they like them. Anything with a like has no problem but being a friend has more implications. They cannot initiate those friend requests. She said the higher education law protects students outside of employment situations. This means administrators cannot demand access to their social media accounts. She said she could not send friend requests to any of them. She said they could accept requests but it might not be good practice. She said the law is about the power position and protecting their privacy. If someone has no security settings on their Facebook page, this doesn't apply. Anything she could see on their page without being their friend is something they have access to. Anything on private is their content. She said a good general practice in social media hides their address, etc. She said they need to protect their right to privacy and they cannot make employment decisions based on what they find. She said this doesn't mean that information cannot be used in harmful ways. She said anything on the internet stays there. She said to always use good judgment and know how people might perceive them. She said they don't do admission decisions or hiring decisions based on social media. She said if someone brings something up to them that suggests they might be at risk of hurting themselves or someone else, they would follow up. She said if someone violates a policy and someone prints that evidence out, this could still be used. She said it was expanded broadly to affect everyone in higher education. She said this would be a big topic in the March privacy board meeting. She said when Metz comes to give an update, he will have interesting information to share. She said these things would affect all of them.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said thank you for turning in the Bruin Day poster updates. She said they would change the individual updates. She said they would change the SWC name on the poster. She said if anyone has final changes to email her by tonight and they still might be able to add it to the new poster. She said once they complete it she would send out the images.

Alumni Representative- Lauren Lazarovici

Lazarovici passed out flyers regarding summer working in a labor union. She said they will get placed in a union and learn a lot of great things. She said she was reflecting on the data privacy issue and the gentlemen that presented on financial aid. She was amused by the cost of attendance survey and how they are adding health care copayments. She said she had a beeper once. She said the things they say or write can be so easily shared. She said it is easy to share a voicemail message. She said what they share with people could be easily shared with other people. She said things written on paper could be taken out and copied, for example. She said even things they say could be easily repeated. She said she was on an airplane to Oakland and it is a big company. She said there were lots of people on their organization on flights together. She said two women were talking about their bosses and were working with the same company. She said they were not using very good judgment about what they said and where they said it. She talked about self-awareness and reflection about monitoring what they communicate. She said it is about watching their own thoughts and see the patterns in the way you think and be able to observe that without judging and see places where they might change where they think. She talked about negative self-talk and said she was able to watch that and stop it. She said it brings up interesting issues about communicating that exist with social media.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. *Bylaw Change Proposal (Cultural Affairs Commission – SCA)

- Kraman moved to approve the bylaw change proposal. Mohebi seconded.
- Hasnain said they would remove an outdated part of the bylaws regarding the financial supports commissioner and SCA. She said the second part reflects the name change that now reflects the department in Murphy
- Tancinco asked if SCA used to be part of USAC
- Mason said it is the same way the president could appoint
- Starr asked if it was sent out last week
- Mason said yes
- Mohebi called to question. Hasnain seconded. With a vote of 10-0-0, the bylaw change was approved.

B. Kerckhoff Security Survey Results

- Hasnain said about 22 people filled out the survey and people were overall not in favor of cameras. She said the door outside Kerckhoff coffee house has a broken side. She said they suggested having CSO's have a different walking schedule or something of that nature. She said those were the most solution-oriented responses
- Mohebi said someone brought up the cost
- Zimmerman said ASUCLA wouldn't ask USAC to pay. It would cost roughly \$10,000 for the cameras and systems
- Bocarsly said they should proceed with signs on the doors and not the cameras
- Zimmerman said ASUCLA is meeting tomorrow with the UCLA security team about the language of the signs. She said they are working out the logistics and she will have more information after their meeting
- Jasso said they will have the \$25 ASUCLA gift card and they just need to choose who gets it
- Bocarsly said thank you for working on that

XI. Announcements

- Yoshida said there is a farmer's market tomorrow
- Tancinco said tomorrow is their YouTube panel. She said next week they are screening Les Miserables and ABC's of Death, which are 26 short horror stories
- Mohebi said they are having a smoking cessation week, including training where they discuss addiction and what they do in those situations. He said Thursday would be an awareness day where they pass out 80 dozen cookies, coffee, stress balls, etc. He said the fair trade resolution is working out kinks and they are reviewing it.
- Bocarsly said tobacco free is April 22nd-25th.
- Mohebi said Thursday is the fair trade leadership conference Wednesday at 5. It would bring 10 schools from the LA region working on fair trade.
- Davis said counselor connect is tomorrow and the student empowerment forum is Thursday
- Chu passed around flyers for I love my body week. She said the bruin plaza kick off went well. She said tomorrow are three events. One is the body workshop, the corruption of fitness, and the silent rave in

Powell. Thursday is the mindful eating workshop. She talked about the keynote speaker who didn't look into a mirror for a whole year. She said she was excited to hear what the year was like. She said there is a reflections workshop. There will be free food from Native Foods. She said she hopes to see them at some of these events.

-Jasso said to please submit capital contingency applications. She said to please apply

-Hasnain asked if they could submit one application for two computers

-Jasso said yes. She said requisitions are due April 26th. She said to please help spread the word. She said they don't want students to graduate and not get paid. She said in terms of their office, they could access funds after April 26th but not with events with SOOF. She said to follow up with problems with requisitions and their term's end is coming soon. She said there are only 13 weeks of funding left. She said if they have funding applications to get them in soon. May 7th was the deadline she sent. She said BOD hearings start next week. She said spring is the best time to sit on the committee. This would be 4-5 days straight

-Zimmerman said she had about 5-6 meetings about how to fill out req forms. She said if they have any groups confused about how to access their funds to send them her way. She said with that note, some of them sit on BOD/USA funding. She said she recommends they look at the budget report for those allocations. She said that was helpful for the CS Mini Fund allocations. She said they could ask why they didn't use unused funds. She said this is a great opportunity to teach people about accessing funds

-Jasso said they are going to be starting off a mock fellowship and they would recruit 20 students and create a curriculum to facilitate funding workshops. She said their job would be to help student organizations. She said if they had 20 more knowledgeable hands that would be great. She said this would happen early spring quarter. She said she was told to create something like this. She said she takes any critique and feedback not so lightly. She said if they have any tips to please let her know. She said she would be closing out accounts. She said if they had an event Dec-January to please turn in their requisitions. She said they need to be more strict. She said to please turn in requisitions on time

-Bocarsly asked if they were accepted spring and continue into next year

-Jasso said it would be a pilot program and she would try to institutionalize this. She said she would decide later whether they would continue on. She said she would love to hear how they do their internships

-Hester asked if FiCom ends May 31st as well

-Jasso said she stops getting stipends May 31st but the end is June 30th so by that day a new FiCom should be appointed

XII.

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mason moved and Tancinco 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 8:08 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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