

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 14, 2013
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Joanino, Avi Oved, Omar Arce, Jessica Trumble, Sam Haws, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim, Maryssa Hall, Lauren Rogers, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Darrel Ramalho, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Patty introduced herself and the chief justice began the oath into office.

I. A. Call to Order

- Joanino called the meeting to order at 12:43 am.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

-Jasso said there are two things to fill out. The signature page is for SGA. She said to put their contact information down as well.

1 Approval of the Agenda

-Trumble moved to strike appointments. Ramalho seconded.

-Naameh moved to strike fund allocations. Hall seconded.

-Naameh moved to strike the approval of minutes. Haws seconded.

-Ramalho moved to approve the agenda as amended. Haws seconded.

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

IV. Public Comments

Anees Hasnain-

She said she is here and not to be afraid to be weird or ridiculous. She said there is a fridge and a freezer in the CSC office. She said they are all welcome to store things in there. She said she would be holding Joanino accountable with the Community Service Scholarship. She told Hall to be fearless.

Kim Davis-

Davis congratulated the new council. She said to contact her with any questions.

Lana El-Farra-

El Farra said congratulations and she is excited for all of them. She said to use her. She said she hopes to see them this year and next year.

Yasar Mohebi-

Mohebi said congratulations to all of them and he hopes to see them at installation.

Cassarrah Chu-

Chu said congratulations to the new council. She said not to be afraid to work with each other. She said she would love if her council came together to work on student issues that need to be addressed

Carly Yoshida-

Yoshida told Joanino she was there for him and said she would work on revamping the CARE SOS coalition.

Andee Hester-

Hester said to have a good meeting and this is her first public comment

Dana Pede-

Pede said this is good closure for her position. She said she is here until the end of this academic year. She said ballot randomization has been thrown around a lot. She said she wants to work with them on that. She said to appoint E-board chair early. She said that time was so valuable. She said to work closely with the E-board chair. She said it is hard to describe the relationship between E-board chair and the council. She said to have faith in E-board that they are doing what's best for council. She said she would be around next year around as well.

-A member of the judicial board said they need appointments as soon as possible so that they can function efficiently.

V. Special Presentations

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – John Joanino

Joanino said thank you for having one on ones with him. He said to respond to his emails and texts. He said he would be in Sacramento tomorrow to discuss long term funding for UCLA in light of potential tuition freezes. He said they would participate in a strike with AFSCME and they are in touch with workers on strike in the medical center. He said to send in their preferences for committees by next week. He said to read up on those.

Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

Oved said the graphic was made by the marketing design team. He said they want to make the deadline by Thursday at 5pm for the agenda. The agendas will be sent out Friday at 5pm.

External Vice President- Maryssa Hall

Hall said they will be going to Sacramento. She said Brown will present the Middle Class Scholarship. She thanked CAC for Stained and for kicking off the year.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Darren Ramalho

Ramalho said his staff applications came out today. He said he is looking forward to work with all of them.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Berky Nelson

Dr. Nelson congratulated them and applauded the people who ran. He said as administrative representative, his job is to observe, ask questions, and challenge them to think as broadly as possible. He said it is an honor for him to be here.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Deb Geller

Dr. Geller said she is here to challenge them but she would not try to influence their decisions. She said she is going to interfere only when it appears they will take an action against university policy. She said she has been on campus for 21 years. She said they would all have creative ideas and to come see her and she could help them figure out whom to talk to so that they can start the work they are passionate about. She said she is the executive director of community standards and is in charge of the dean of students. She said she expects them to embody the True Bruin values. She said respect is important because they won't always agree. She said to be respectful of the opinions. She said to hold each other accountable. She said the Daily Bruin is always here and nothing is off the record. She said they need to have integrity or they have nothing as an elected official. She said they need to strive for their best excellence. She said there are two things that are very important. She said their chancellor would tell them to always get enough sleep and they can't be the most effective if they are sleep deprived. She said to pay attention to their academics. She said if they are struggling to seek out the resources they need. She said they are here to help them be successful. She challenged them to speak up and to be quiet and listen. She said it is important all of their voices are heard. She said sometimes they might not be called on because they already had a chance to speak. She said not to take things too personally. She said there are standing officer reports. She said the rest of them still have the expectation to give reports. She said they should still share what their office is involved in. She challenged them to make a report or make a presentation at

least once a quarter. She said there is another chair that should be at this table that has not been filled, which is the faculty representative. She challenged them to think about what faculty members that would have a commitment to faculty and students. She said to reach out to them and invite them to be part of council. She said what they can learn from a faculty member outside of the classroom is quite remarkable. She said she is pleased to hear that the agenda would go out consistently and completely. She said they can add additional items with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, but that is not respectful to the community when the campus would be concerned. She challenged them to give the campus notice of what they will talk about so that the campus can come and talk if necessary. She said they would be getting real work done very quickly. She said they would have to appoint committees. She said a few appointments need to be made before commencement. She said they need the ASUCLA board of director before commencement as well as the new finance committee chair before the end of June. She said some other committees have training this summer. She said in order to do that, you have to get committed and start working. She said to find some common ground and find something that would unite them as a council. She said council had brought back Homecoming, set up an endowment to fund student programming, etc. She said to find whatever their united vision is so they could do it together. She said they are also a united group trying to work in the interest of the campus community. She said she is excited to get to know all of them and know that they could always call or email her. She said her office is available and they could always have an appointment. She said she is located in Murphy Hall. She said it is much more enjoyable if she could learn about them away from the table. She invited them to have dinner with her on Tuesday nights.

Laureen Lazarovici- Alumni Representative

Lazarovici said she covered USAC for the Daily Bruin when she was a student. She said she hopes they consider her a resource.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said she is the TGIF grant coordinator. She said her role is to be the administrative support. She said they created a survival packet. She said she will also receive a binder for them. She sent out an email invite about installation. She said it is about an hour with a reception lunch. She said it is a nice way to begin the year. She recommended reading through all of this. She said the most important thing is the important dates. She said installation is Sunday and a photo-shoot Tuesday from 5-6. She will meet them in the Kerckhoff patio. She said each person goes by quickly. She said 6-7 they have the USAC transition retreat. She said May 20th is the banquet. She talked about the yellow sheets, which were the hiring packets. She said the main stipend starts September.

-Kim asked about the first check

-Jasso said after September

-Zimmerman said June 1st is the date where they have official access to their office. She said they can only have funding after June 1st with summer contingency. She said this is a great resource. She said there is a contact sheet here as well. She said to feel free to email them.

-Jasso said it is preferable to turn it in by the 7th by next month. She said to please get it in as soon as they can. They need her signature. She said for summer stipends, they could be withheld if they miss $\frac{1}{3}$ plus one meeting. She said she would have a Google Doc where she will update her attendance rate. She said to be on the lookout for that.

-Zimmerman said the Gmail's get passed on each year. She said whenever they give out their email, give out the ASUCLA email and it forwards to Gmail's.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

X. New Business

A. USAC Welcome Video

-Joanino said this would be a chance to give students information on what they all do. He asked what their availabilities were. He said he would be in contact with Roxanne from orientation.

-Kim asked who would do production

-Joanino asked if she had someone in mind

-Kim said that they have a media and production crew. She said they are professional and she said she would talk to them about it

-Naameh said they should do it the same time as the photo-shoot

-Hadjimanoukian said they have the meeting after

-Kim said they should reach out to at least past session 105. She said they should aim for quality

-Joanino said he would send out an email regarding potential video ideas.

B. Chief of Staff Orientation- Avi Oved

-Oved said they wanted to get them all together so they all know each other. He said he would reach out to all of them.

-Arce asked if it was only for their chief of staff

-Oved said they could send any staff they feel would benefit

-Hall asked about the timeline

-Oved said he didn't attend last year but everyone met before the end of the year.

XI. Announcements

-Trumble said she is excited to work with all of them and they all have tickets to Jazz Reggae.

-Jasso said to get the hiring packets done right away. She said to follow up with the outgoing council member. She said to close out all of their books. She said she would be emailing them all. She said she wanted to make sure she talked to them about funding. She said if they had questions or concerns she is always open. She has office hours Thursdays 12-2.

-Zimmerman said some of them emailed their applications and to keep those coming so they could keep their USAC website updated.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

Arce moved to adjourn the meeting. Hall seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 am.

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Approved May 28th, 2013

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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