

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 21, 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, Darren Ramalho, Lizzy Naameh, Sunny Singh, Cynthia Jasso, Patty Zimmerman, Laureen Lazarovici, Dr. Berky Nelson, Dr. Debra Geller, Katrina Dimacali

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Nicole Kern, Yamuf Cashell, Alex Roeblin, Devin Murphy, Charmaine Campbell

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

I. A. Call to Order

- Joanino called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

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.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Hall moved to add summer contingency. Singh seconded.

-Naameh moved to approve the minutes

III. Approval of the Minutes

-Ramalho moved to table the minutes. Trumble seconded.

IV. Public Comments

Alex- Bruin Alliance

Alex said they are exciting to work with them and they have meetings every Friday at 4. He said they will be applying.

CEC- He said tomorrow they have Music May with White Arrows at 12pm in Bruin Plaza. Thursday they are showing the Kings of Summer at 8pm. He said the star of the film will be there. Next Tuesday they

will show the Purge. Next Thursday they will show The To Do List. Tonight they have a live art event downstairs with food, a DJ, and art on display. At 9pm they are showing The Heist

Tammy Ruben- Bruins for Israel

She invited them and the past council to Bruins for Leaders dinner at Hillel on Hilgard Avenue. They said they wanted to honor them as student leaders. She said she printed invitations and she will hand them around. She said Hillel usually has weekly dinners every week. She said she hopes to see them there.

A member of the public said he loved all of them

CS Mini Fund

They said they funded people three weeks ago. There were 34 groups who applied and received funding.

V. Special Presentations

I. OCHC-Quintanilla

Quintanilla introduced himself and Degani introduced herself.

-Quintanilla said ORL is an important resource to take advantage of. He said they have three different branches, including the policy review board, president's council, and the national residence hall honorary. He said it is chaired by the president of the on campus housing council. He said it is a lot of access to people as well. He said it is a nationwide conference. He talked about national residence hall honorary. He said this is a really new fund. He said there is no specific deadline for when they apply. He said they would use it more as a supplementary source. He said they will present in front of NRHH and they will do it. He said if they print marketing materials their logo needs to be on it. He talked about OCHC. There is no specific deadline. He said this would also be a supplementary source. He said it may be changed next year and they will receive updates if it does change. He talked about CPF and how they have to coprogram to use it. He said they are a large funding source. He said they funded shirts with this. This needs to be submitted two weeks in advance. He listed the core 5 values of ORL. He talked about flyering in the dorms. He said they could always give information to the IVP. He said they can present as many times as they want and OCHC can eventually say no. He talked about table tents which are there in the dining halls. He said ORL gets priority on the table tents. He talked about the email they would send their flyer to. He talked about digital displays and how they show in the dining hall. These are easier to get than table tents.

-Jasso asked if they do funding workshops.

-Quintanilla said no

-Jasso said she would love to co program

-Arce asked if they had this in a digital form

-Quintanilla said yes

B. Funding Presentation- Cynthia Jasso

Jasso this is a presentation regarding SGOF. She said there are no deadlines yet and they have this summer to work on it. She said Zimmerman and herself are here to help them. She said it is the student government operational fund. It is designed to provide financial support for operational costs to USAC council members. She said it is something to keep in mind. She said it is overall just to keep their office

running. She said as of right now, they automatically allocate them. They get roughly \$2,500. She said for the general representatives, facilities, IVP, and president's office, this is the only source of funding. She said this is what they are starting off with. She said to start thinking about a budget. She said some of them have budgets of up to \$100,000. She said Debbie will ask for this by August 1st. She said one of the problems with SGOF is a lack of spending. She said they should spend their money. She said the student body is investing in their offices. She said in 2011-2012, \$32,565 was allocated. She said \$11,854.70 was left unspent. She said they only used 63.6%. She said there was always difficulty spending money. She talked about the past years and how much was left unspent. She said this is a trend they were noticing. She said a high lack of spending kept coming up. She said it would be ideal that they spend their SGOF. She said in the upcoming weeks, they would come up with bylaw proposals to start working on this problem. She said administrators will help her articulate this language. She told them to start thinking about the budget now. She said by doing this, they will be able to determine their fiscal need. She said they could also effectively plan for funding deadlines. She said they need to know that some of them will have large budgets and it is important to understand whether they need to apply for contingency. She said it makes their lives a lot easier if they start planning. She said to start thinking about the platforms they created and to think about what they need. She said SGOF goes to assistance, supplies, graphics, t-shirts, Daily Bruin advertisements, and retreats. She said there was recently a SOOF guideline change and that the 30% cap was now relieved. She said there is no percentage amount cap for SGOF anymore. She said to still refer to the t-shirt guide cheat sheet.

-Zimmerman said they should apply for office t-shirts not an event t-shirts

-Jasso said that is applicable to their offices as well. She said SGOF would be a good place to advertise their office. She said it is not hard to create a budget and apply. She said assistance is when they pay a staff member because of their work. She talked about the payment ceilings. Chief of Staffs for example can only be paid up to \$200 a month. She talked about the 60% cap.

-Zimmerman said the shirts need to be with UCLA licensed vendors. She said she would send a link as well. She said the reason for this is because they are allowed to use the UCLA logo. She said it is important to go through vetted companies. She said for t-shirts, they recommend doing a PO or a cash advance. She said she wouldn't want them to miss out on a chance to get reimbursed.

-Hall asked where leftover SGOF goes

-Jasso said back to surplus

-Hadjimanoukian asked about specific events

-Jasso said it can only go to their office

-Oved asked about capital contingency and if they can apply again

-Jasso said they can't apply for the same item twice. She said they can apply for furniture with capital contingency. She said she has a list of what people applied for. Her office hours are Thursdays 12-2. She said let her know if there are any unpaid balances.

-Joanino asked when they could access their predecessor's budget

-Jasso said this is open until May 31st but they would need their signature. She said they are still the signatories for their offices.

-Badalich asked if water bottles were okay with SGOF

-Jasso said yes. If they are unsure about an item to ask her

-Badalich asked if it could go to a specific part of their office

-Jasso said it has to be for the entire office

-Joanino asked about the all USAC pamphlet

-Jasso said yes

-Hall asked if this is the lame duck session

-Jasso said June and July is the transition period. She said there is summer contingency if they plan to have retreats. She said she scheduled meetings with all of them.

VI. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – John Joanino

Joanino said he had his first council president's meeting. The UC provost violated a policy about consulting students about a fee increase. He said there is a lot of tension with presidents and UCOP. He said they will discuss that in the next couple of weeks. He said applications are still being sent out. He said they emailed them a list for new student orientation. He said they only want two people. He said for the other slots they need chief of staffs, etc.

Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

Oved said there was a body found near Boelter Hall. He asked for a moment of silence. He said they are working with Zimmerman to update resolution reform on the USAC website. He said they are uploading resolutions and texts online. He said they wanted to encourage people to come to public comment. He stressed the Friday deadline. He said they will try to get contingency allocations out by then as well. He talked about chief of staff orientation. He said USAC retreat is coming up and he would send an email to all of them.

-Jasso asked if they would send out the agenda out twice. She said one was sent out Friday and one Sunday

-Oved said he could

-Zimmerman said they wanted two full business days before. She said this is something the council can determine

-Oved said they need to have the documents relevant. He said if they want to turn in a resolution it needs to be attached as well

External Vice President- Maryssa Hall

Hall said last week they went to Sacramento for USSA and it was a success. She said there was a regent's dinner where there was a strike outside because currently the workers were protesting. She said they have two regents confirmed for lunch with the regents for fall quarter. She said they have two regents down. She said she met with Cynthia Flores, the new student regent. She said she met with USSA's field organizer and bringing the student of color conference to UCLA. She said she will be working on the conference over summer. She said this would be something great they could all work on. She encouraged all of them to go join the workers on their strike outside of Reagan. She said they want to make sure they

give the best care to the workers. She said they need to be an example. She encouraged them to tell everyone to do the same.

Academic Affairs Commissioner—Darren Ramalho

Ramalho said they did the final part of their diversity series. He said people who attended two would receive certificates. He talked about project Lever and making sure they connect students to research opportunities.

Student Government Services- Patty Zimmerman

Zimmerman said they were all entered for room lotteries. She said they need to make sure that everyone goes. She said to please do that and it will make their lives easier. She said the lottery is up right now for classrooms. She said they might want to let groups know if they need a classroom.

-Hadjimanoukian asked if they just go when their day is

-Zimmerman said yes and it is 9-5pm

Laureen Lazarovici- Alumni Representative

Lazarovici talked about funds as an investment and she said it really is. She said she had a fellowship on capitol hill and the congresswoman was proud of not spending all of her office account. She said she didn't have the resources to run the resources as well as she could have. She said she didn't know what bylaw changes people had in mind, but the bottom line is the use of resources.

Administrative Representative- Dr. Deb Geller

Dr. Geller said Dr. Nelson said sorry that he couldn't be here.

VIII. Fund Allocations

A. Standing Committees

-Ramalho moved to approve the allocations. Singh seconded.

-Jasso said the summer is a light season for the finance committee. She said her meetings are usually Wednesdays. She said they might have their meeting in Benihana. She said she would send out the location. She said there was a total required of \$76,979.63. There was a total requested of \$24,987.35. The contingency balance is \$7,990.00. The total recommended amount is \$4,413.00.

-Singh asked about the scoring and asked about the numbers assigned and how they're correlated.

-Jasso said it is a way to look at how they answer the questions. She said they're meant to contextualize where the allocations are made from. The last day to apply for contingency is July 9th.

-Oved asked if there was a certain theme of student groups that don't know how to apply for funding. He asked if it was the quality of their answers

-Jasso said answers and the lack of clarity of the line items. She said they need to see estimates or invoices from an actual store rather than prices on an excel sheet. She said a lot of it tends to be a lack of documentation in an application and there are a few organizations that are fairly new. She said there were some groups this week she hasn't seen in a long time

-Lazarovici said she does workshops as well

-Jasso said yes and they would have one for summer contingency. She said they would probably have one week 9. She said she works with CSP to get that information decimated.

-Singh asked how they allocate food

-Jasso said they base it on the number of people that are there. She said a lot of times students will turn in invoices for expensive places. She said they adjust for inflation based on the \$12 maximum per person and from there they take the average score.

-Joanino said the allocations are recommendations.

-Jasso said some of them wanted to come to their meetings. She said to come and she will bring up the FiCom gen rep proposal.

-Oved what the extent of the recommendation was

-Jasso said they could suggest something as long as they don't go over the caps. She said her caution is to be cognizant of the total funds available. She said they have the right to modify up to the guidelines.

-Hall called to question summer contingency allocations. Arce seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0, this week's summer contingency allocations were approved.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business for this week.

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A. Council Member Summer Availabilities

-Joanino asked who would be here session A and session C.

-Trumble asked when sessions were

-Badalich said the dates for the summer sessions

-Joanino said they needed to have quorum. He said in the past the council members reduced the quorum

-Hadjimanoukian asked about video conferences

-Joanino said their presence is necessary to make it count

-Jasso said that applies to summer stipends as well. She said they have withheld summer stipends as well because they have missed meetings. She said the amount of meetings they meet is taken and a third is how many they cannot miss.

-Joanino said there are some time sensitive appointments that need to be made.

-Kim asked if they had a set schedule for the summer

-Joanino said typically they had finals week and the week after off. He said he was open to meeting during finals week

-Trumble said they should consider what the schedule looks like for appointments.

-Rogers said she would be willing to meet finals week for appointments

-Joanino asked who would be here for session A and session C. There were 6 for session A and 7 for session C. He said they would have to reduce quorum from 9 to 7. He encouraged them to have their chief of staff or proxy come as well. He said he wanted to know if moving the meeting day would be more convenient

-Badalich said not Friday

-Oved said administrators would prefer Mondays

-Badalich said she would be okay with Monday

-Ramalho said Monday

-Hadjimanoukian said Monday

- Hall said Monday or Friday would be fine. She said Thursdays would be fine as well.
- Dr. Geller said as an administrator, a daytime meeting would be fine by Friday evening would be difficult
- Kim asked if daytime on Monday would be possible
- Badalich said she would take classes
- Hall suggested Monday 3-5
- Jasso said she has a research fellowship that goes every day until 6 until June 30th but she could send a proxy
- Joanino said he would be in Berkeley but it would be more convenient if they were at night but he could do day as well.

B. Standing Committees

- Joanino talked about ARC, CRC, and USA BOD which would be a rotating basis and the funding study group
- Jasso said they are all welcome to come but Oved and Haws would be the only voting members.
- Oved asked about the voting members and quorum for ARC
- Jasso said there are three voting members
- Singh asked to repeat the assignments
- ARC- Avi, Maryssa, Savannah, Cynthia, Lizzy
- CRC- Lauren, Sam, Lizzy, Jessica, Omar
- USA BOD- Armen/Darren, Sunny/Savannah, Maryssa/Jessica.
- Ramalho moved to approve standing committees. Hadjimanoukian seconded. With a vote of 12-0-0 standing committees were approved

XI. Announcements

- Trumble said she has jazz reggae tickets
- Kim said Thursday Ackerman grand ballroom at 8 would be a film screening
- Jasso said she shared a Google doc with all of them. She said there you could track how many times they come to meeting and it is updated every week. She said to follow up with their successors on requisitions. She said thank you for setting up the meetings and she would send out the funding study group dates and times. She said if they have any questions to let her know
- Badalich said Sunday was the Bruin Run/Walk and they had over 1,000 registered before that day and had over \$40,000 donated to the Mattel Children's Hospital. She said she expects them to come next year. She said they are having a gender health fair centered on sexual health and gender health. She said it will be in Bruin Plaza on the stage and there would be coprogramming as well.
- Oved said if they are going to Vegas they will do the 8 clap
- Naameh invited them to world cafe in Bradley Hall next to Dykstra
- Badalich asked for a reminder
- Rogers said they had thank UCLA day and they got their first funds for their textbook loan library which would be in Powell
- Hadjimanoukian said he was in charge of planting trees in Westwood instead of installation
- Jasso said to turn in hiring packets as soon as they can. She said to turn it into SGA.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

-Hadjimanoukian moved to adjourn the meeting. Hall seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali

USAC Minutes Taker

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