

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

417 Kerckhoff Hall

7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: John Joanino, Maryssa Hall, Avi Oved, Lizzy Naameh, Sam Haws, Savannah Diane Badalich, Jessica Trumble, Armen Hadjimanoukian, Jessica Kim, Anees Hasnain, Lauren Lazarovici, Bob Williams, Roy Champawat, Patty Zimmerman,, Danielle Dimacali

ABSENT: Sunny Singh, Darren Ramalho, Lauren Rogers, Cynthia Jasso

GUESTS: Lancey Cashell, Sofia Haq, Serena Lee, Rashmi Raviprasad, Sophia Paik, Samantha Ong, Chengwen Mao, Jiwei Zhang, Eena Singh, Kris Kaupalolo, Dana Pede

I. Call to Order

- Joanino called the meeting to order at 7:01

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Joanino

The attendance sheet was passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

Joanino

III. Approval of the Minutes from July 15, 2013

Naameh approved the minutes

Hall seconded approving the minutes

10-0-0 minutes are approved

IV. Public Comments

No public comments

V. Special Presentations

A. USSA Congress Campaign Updates

UCLA USSA Delegates

Conrad Contreras National Affairs Director at New Brunswick

Clinton O'Grady assistant national affairs director

Contreras introduced delegates

Transfer student, incoming staff from EVP from UCLA. Came in with an open mind and first time at an organized convention. Learned about the higher education act, affirmative action and gender inclusive language.

Anna Sacazayan, into psychological research and adapted to psych conferences, found out she had a voice and nominated for two president positions and one vice president chair. Sacazayan says she does not regret going and had a lot of fun.

Christian Perlera, second year working on National Affairs staff. He states that it was his first time on an airplane and was a really good experience. Perlera enjoyed meeting other people of color and seeing all their struggles and being part of the dream caucus of undocumented students and was happy he got to go. Precious Elam, second year psycho-bio ASUCLA board of directors and Afrikan Student Union. Elam is happy that she got to see proactive and passionate students across the US and has different takes on the same issues. Elam enjoys participating in caucus groups and workshops such as affirmative action and how most kids are uneducated about the issue.

Contreras brought 13 delegates from UCLA, one of the biggest delegations. Contreras held problem versus issue training to work on action agendas and administrative agendas. Contreras states UCLA delegate's facilitated two workshops: Undocumented and Unafraid, I got into UCLA Because I'm Black Perlera states that he held a workshop with Contreras help, and had privilege walk

O'Grady elaborates that the marginalized community and educated about terms coming up such as comprehensive immigration reform and DACA and what's wrong with the word illegal.

Hall held a workshop on affirmative action with other conference delegates, elaborating on holistic admissions and affirmative action as a whole to dispel the myths. Hall stated that she was told she only got into UCLA because she was black, and presented the workshop and was well attended. At the end of the workshop, everyone said they learned something new. California was getting recognition out in New Jersey.

Contreras states that they have identity caucuses and community caucuses so delegates can identify with it. Contreras went to NAPACS National Asian Pacific Student Caucus.

Contreras stated it was a mutual learning experience for action. Contreras explains plenary for action agendas that are divided by educational and action agendas. These administrative revolutions are logistical things that the board has to do such as sexual violence across campus. Policy platforms are issues that we take a stance on as USSA.

Contreras presents administrative resolutions.

O'Grady states there is a lack of culturally relevant curriculum for multiracial/multiracial students.

Elam part of people of Afrikan Descent, and her and Destiny did school to prison pipeline issues. The issues such as strict police enforcement, zero tolerance policy, and no child left behind. Elam states that K-12 issues and pushed USSA to implement other policies and define guidelines for zero tolerance.

O'Grady introduces policy platforms such as Jenny Chea's "No to Wal-Mart" stance to stop shopping at Wal-Mart because of unfair price cuts.

Contreras introduced CA AB 123 to make sure Filipino farm workers are recognized in history school textbooks and it is important for the Filipino community to be recognized and Filipinos have organized.

O'Grady introduced action agenda items; student fee legislation and shared governance should be approved on and continually amplified to be student friendly.

Contreras introduced the student loan debt to make sure that interest rate loans are capped low and keep organizing and educating students about the \$1 trillion student loan debt in the country. The board of directors will have a trip in DC to September and will inform the students.

Contreras states that three students on the boards of directors, Contreras for NAPACS chair, O'Grady for Multiracial chair, and Davalos as La Coalicion chair.

Joanino asked for questions.

Oved asks how board of directors were chosen

O'Grady elaborates that its an internal election

Hall states that there are now three on board compared to two, and there are many different types of boards.

Arce asks if anyone is available for coffee to bring back to CSC

Contreras states he is free next week

VI. Appointments

A. ASUCLA Communications Board – Kimberly Horn

Joanino

Oved states that another communications board Husain Albgal was another candidate. Oved states that the undergraduate representatives were coming to council to move from print media to digital media.

Oved wants them to reach out to council members and Horn reached out to Oved and Badalich to see if she was going to get the extra step.

Horn introduces herself as Kimberly Horn, third year undergraduate student with a third year communication studies and a minor in political science. Horn has dedicated her life to UCLA and has been apart of four USAC offices in CAC, CEC, AAC, and IVP. Horn is ready to work at UCLA for a different capacity and wants to work for UCLA in a different capacity.

Naameh asks what makes Horn qualified for the position

Horn has experience such as vice presidents of the Pan-Hellenic organization for 13 sororities, single handedly ran all media for the academic affairs commission, held a writing and journalism internship for a weekly article for college fashion advice. Horn has experience working in many different parts of media and understands the step necessary to make it visible to the greater population. Besides having qualifications, Horn has a sincere admiration for media.

Badalich asks if she has reached out to editors with other outlets such as Daily Bruin and the radio and how will Horn use that information

Horn has reached out to all 11 outlets to all media board and has started really good conversations to engage and be aware of their needs and try to address them

Horn elaborates that outreach is something they need to work on, such as the magazines and newspapers. The fact that people don't know that at least seven magazines exist is a problem. Horn will brainstorm and make their media more visible on campus.

Ramalho asks how Horn will concretely implement her plans.

Horn thinks that marketing is something that student organizations are lacking. There are so many amazing events and if no one attends or knows the events they are meaningless. Horn will use her knowledge and reaching out to student menu

Geller asks about Amazon and the Washington Post relationship

Horn answers the relationship between ASUCLA and FiCom board, and if they are working in a mutual way its acceptable. As long as the Huffington post and Amazon work in a similar fashion it should be fine.

Naameh asks about Horn's prioritizing from moving from print to digital

Horn states that after talking to editors it is difficult because different student media outlets works differently and independently and must be very respectful and delicate with how we work for their "baby."

Horn states that the transition can be successful by knowing that the student media exists.

Joanino asks for closing statements.

Horn thanks board for letting them speak and is really excited.

Joanino introduces discussion and asks for thoughts on Horn.

Oved appreciates the effort in Horns answer

Badalich states it is obvious she is well qualified and passionate about the position, but the fact that she reached out to editors and that she understands it is sensitive and financially not that easy is impressive.

Trumble asks for clarification why the recommendations for Hossain's were cc's and not Horns

Oved apologizes for not cc'ing for Horn and Louis.

Badalich states that no one has the ARC opened

Joanino brings it back on track

Kim works with her personally but from the bottom of her heart super diligent and bubbly, do something very well and very diligently.

Hall states that the new policy to tell the appointments was worded poorly and will change the language so they know that they must be proactive about getting the recommendations. Hall states they ironed out the process.

Hall motions to vote.

Haws seconds.

10-0-0 Kim Horn is approved.

C. Community Activities Committee – Louis Sanchez

Joanino

Oved introduces Louis and got 3-0-0 vote recommended to go to council. Advised Sanchez to elaborate community service projects, more in depth and elaborate.

Joanino asks Louis Sanchez to introduce himself

Sanchez introduces himself as a third year psychology major and a Spanish minor.

Arce asks how CAC can improve

Sanchez states that visibility should improve and communication to show that it is more than an email.

Arce states that about 45 projects applying for CAC and 20 of them are from CSC and there is a big spike.

Arce asks what he thinks is the most difficult part of the proposal writing process since there are eight components.

Sanchez states that the leadership transitions are not experienced writing the proposal. He states the most difficult part is making a statement of intent because finding out what issue is most important to community and have the most accurate facts.

Geller asks about time commitment and how Sanchez is going to balance all of his commitments and studies.

Sanchez answers that he is not taking classes and is free until in September, and for the academic year he is the youth coordinator and director for the American Indie Recruitment. He plans to manage his time but he doesn't know the schedule. Sanchez states that the orientation is in September

Dr. Geller corrects that the orientation has passed

Arce asks about his availability for next Friday for 12 hour hearings

Sanchez says he is

Arce asks about Sanchez's knowledge of CAC supplemental

Sanchez states he knows about the tests and financial aspect.

Arce asks Sanchez to define how healthy a community service project is

Sanchez states communication is key

Trumble asks why Sanchez wants to be involved in CAC

Sanchez says he just wants to be involved and he has been a part of community service projects the first year

Kim asks if there are any other issues besides visibility and marketing for CAC

Sanchez states that CAC should have more workshops and organizations that have proposals to keep up with goals

Badalich asks Sanchez to talk about community service projects

Sanchez talks about his involvement with "I'm Home" and states he wants to get involved homeless communities since he was once homeless. Sanchez starts the Susscherily Project to help rural communities pursue higher education and let the areas know they feel liked. ??

Joanino opens for discussion

Arce states that Sanchez has a lot of homework to do. A lot of vague answers and is benefitted from a lot of projects. Arce states that Sanchez knows what it makes to make a good project, he just isn't articulate.

Badalich states it's clear that he was nervous, but can tell his passion when talk about his communities.

His experience as a recipient of service and as a giver is unique, and his passion is evident.

Hall agrees with Badalich, and his passion is with his projects and it's unfortunate that he cannot present it, but would be intimidated. His ARC interview was yesterday and there was a visible improvement.

Trumble states that it is valuable that he is a recipient and has been in two community service projects.

Cynthia states that she works with Louis last year for the central valley project. Louis was able to do funding in a very effective way with consistent and clear communication. Cynthia states that he does have that funding experience and hopes everyone makes the best decision.

Arce states he came up as too harsh, but states that as Badalich and Trumble pointed out that Sanchez has the most experience but thinks he will be great but has homework to do.

Joanino asks for final comments

Oved states that there is a big push to fill the positions and to cc Melissa.

Joanino states that attention is unnecessary when asking questions

Hall called to question, Badalich seconded

10-0-0 Louis Sanchez is approved

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President

Joanino

Joanino talked to head librarian and has a welcome note for the new librarian to talk about Night YRL who came from UCSC. Joanino appeared on CNN to discuss the center for investigative reporting regarding UCLA administrators using funds for travel entertainment. Joanino elaborates that he is ultimately disappointed for the university's lack of reporting that he originally did not want to respond. Although a lot of administrators had been out of town, even though Joanino did not want to antagonize the Anderson's School of Business since it is not his contingency. Joanino asks for questions.

B. Internal Vice President

Oved

Oved states housekeeping items to encourage officer reports during USAC meetings. Geller stated to involve chiefs of staff or directors to talk about goals and visions for each quarter to give credit to do work behind the scenes and will be more than happy to put it under special presentations. Oved works with Zimmerman within the USAC website where students will be able to read and comment on the USAC resolutions and will be directly forwarded to the council via google doc.

Oved asks for CSP and USAC to work closely together and asks for attendance to luncheon. Oved will call the Campus of Safety Alliance that has relied dormant for two years, and bring the mobile panic

button application to UCLA students. Oved states that council received email from Dashew directors and want to interact with the international community and effectively integrated within USAC. Oved wants to ensure interaction through the global siblings program and has problems having domestic students to apply.

Hadjimanoukian asks for what student leaders he plans to ask

Oved states that he will ask facilities, student wellness, UCPD, and ORL such as Tony Sandoval from CPO and Nancy Greensteen from UCPD.

Hadjimanoukian met with Savannah to talk about lighting in north village, the issue was that it was completely dark and lit out. He recommended that the large scale issue, and becomes a council wide imitative since it is very difficult for public policy and states that it could be an alliance with Oved's mobile panic app.

C. External Vice President

Hall

Hall has officer reports and explains congress was great. UCSA Congress states that for the conference there will be some council representation. Hall states that ASME training in Riverside for organizing labor unions to ask for contracts such as SCA 15, a senate constitutional amendment. ASME wants fair wages and practices for their workers. Hall states about the student loan debt that will be signed by Obama and the bill is very tricky. It caps student loan interests rates for fall but there are long term ramifications and has gotten a lot of push back, but it is a bipartisan bill and interesting. There is a need for graphic designers and media.

Oved just met with Patty and marketing design team is here and open to USAC sponsored groups as a pilot program and can design logos, t-shirts, or fliers for student groups.

Hall states that she will look into that for long-term flyering

Kim asks Oved if graphic team is all students

Oved states that there are 3-5 students that are really good at what they do

Badalich suggests emailing DESMA majors

Hall asks council to publicize council to come to tent

D. Academic Affairs Commissioner

Ramalho

The AAC office has been repainted and there has been a new logo, asking it for to spread it. Ramalho also had a meeting regarding the diversity requirement and online counseling. Ramalho wants to further discuss the LGBT minor and will work with Joanino.

E. Administrative Representative

Champawat, Geller, Lazarovici, Nelson, Zimmerman

Geller states that there is a student governance mini conference on Wednesday September 25' 2013 from 9-2 in DeNeve Plaza to bring together undergraduate and graduate student leaders that work on issues that students care about to begin the dialogue and have a kick start.

Zimmerman wants to collect everyone office logos to flier and for websites and asks council to send new logos.

Badalich asks if the logo changes

Zimmerman states just send it when it changes

VIII. Fund Allocations

No fund allocations

IX. Old Business

A. Stipend Changes

Champawat. Zimmerman

Champawat states that advisors brought forward the stipend increase proposal, not Council. The enrollment increases impact on budget, especially because there is an accumulated deficit of spending. With student fees that have more than doubled in the last 7 years, stipends have only increased by \$30 a month.

Champawat states that based on a 20-hour workweek at the California minimum wage rate, monthly stipend of \$672. The bylaws define a ceiling that will affect others stipends. There is a graph shown that shows monthly stipend and student fees by month. The graph shows that the student fees have been increasing but the stipends have been static. Essentially fees have doubles but stipends have remained the same. Champawat asks about other organizations and does not want to devalue others work, but to be realistic that the council is unique with a shared governance model and a part of the democratic process with the American belief system.

Trumble asks for clarifications that other stipends will raise proportionally.

Champawat states that the percentage increase will increase their ceilings, but aren't obliged depending on there funding.

Joanino thanks Champawat and Zimmerman, and asks for comments and questions from council members

Hadjimanoukian asks for older council members

Oved states that it a very awkward topic, realistically the council deserves to get their stipends since they work hard but realistically it's not right to take away money from student groups and vote to raise their own stipend.

Badalich states that repurposing unused funds from an unutilized funding source and states it is an accessibility issue. There is an issue that someone who lacks funds but has passion and it is unfair.

Hadjimanoukian states that it was from an administrative standpoint and didn't know that it was legal to raise own stipend or extend own term if its morality.

Champawat asks if there is something inherently improper, but there is nothing that states it is improper. Champawat states that you may choose, and has precedent and has been done before.

Lazarovici says that it is a question of competence and council works with to get stipend. Lazarovici states to not think of work as a term of hourly wage, such as minimum wage on a fast-food joint because skills and effort has been unparalleled. Lazarovici says that instead of a stipend, think of it as an honorarium for students thanking for the service.

Champawat states that it is a mischaracterization to state it as a minimum wage that is far below worth, and 20 hours a week is much too little. It is out of bringing back to their student organizations.

Rogers stated that the student body will perceive it and does not want to increase their own stipends, but it speaks to a larger problem of increase in tuition and lack of accessibility is a band-aid solution. ????

Rogers states that it needs to be looked at broader and see where the stipends are going.

Joanino brings the issue of compensation for student group leaders that can be funded by SOUF and the deadline has been pushed to the beginning of October to reenergize outreach, and it is not fair that they are not being compensated either for comparable work.

Cynthia states that the cap for assistance the payment for student leaders is 60% of their SOUF allocation. They are encouraging people to take advantage of that and states that the ceilings are separated. Average allocations are \$500 and 60% will be used to pay only a few officers.

Nelson states that she is not discrediting the worth of minimum wage work, all work has worth.

Geller states that council could follow the route of their predecessors and not to do anything and let the trend continue, or put the plan in affect for next year, put the plan in affect for this year, or do a long term solution that takes effect this year and something more modest for this year. If looking across the board, each employee got a 3% increase, and will be doing for him or herself what the university has done for them. Geller states that another option is to tie increases to address this problem and will continue to address problem in the future. As elected officials, sometimes-difficult decisions must be made that may be unpopular and encourages thoughtful voting.

Champawat states that the graph is also the access graph, with no underlying base to keep up with inflation.

Joanino states that there is a lot of pressure and it seems so inappropriate for the public officials, but students face a financial strain.

Kim states that personally it is a controversial subject and has stipend as a director went back to their staff through snacks or lunches. Kim doesn't see it as a payment, if it's as a thank you from the university it is back to the staff. Either way, a decision has to be made to stop the trend of making no decision. Kim is for the stipend.

Hall states she is about affordability and accessibility, and saw that the gap is appalling. It may be a slippery slope and the graph is definitely a slippery slope. Hall states she is independently worked and put herself through college and is still passionate and committed and cannot serve students because of the graph. Hall does not want the council to be aloof and privileged and should be open to everyone regardless of financial standing.

Badalich states whether it is this year or next year, and since it is tied to minimum wage it will go up. She agrees with Kim and states they always feed their leadership during meeting and it goes back to the commission. Badalich does not want it to be a privileged position, with putting more time and the outcomes will approve. Badalich personally thinks the stipend can be increased and is okay with having it done for this year.

Haws stated that the accessibility trajectory is alarming and must be an inclusive position and will support the stipend but does not feel right increasing own pay.

Hadjimanoukian states that they should agree if its should be this year or next year

Kim states that there should be no shame to vote on a controversial subject and it says a lot if there is an abstinence of vote. She states that there will be a whole year of controversial issues.

Arce states that he has been working since 9am for the CSC office and has recently checked his eFAN and is taking out \$10,000 worth of loans. He is for the stipend change and is scared with the thought of loans are getting really scary. It is an issue of accessibility and the work is not done.

Joanino asks if the vote wants to be delayed and when will the stipend change go into affect if voted on Trumble and Arce both quit their positions as RAs and quit their jobs for the sake of their office and the council table and cannot work regular jobs. Trumble states that if put off for next year then offices will suffer next year, as well as CEC, CSC, SWC, and all the other offices. The activities for students are provided by the office and must be addressed.

Hall states that as the generation of millennial and refers to other generations as the ones that keep kicking the can, and we need to kick back. Rather than waiting and postponing, offices may suffer from this year. The office affects job availability and has to quit their jobs as well as retention. Hall wants to be practice and stop procrastination.

Badalich states that the stipend increase should be for this year.

Kim states that others may call it selfish and will say horrible things, but they do not know and it is still a very modest increase. It is controversial, but it is not a salary. The fact that administrators have brought it up, we may be hated but we must think about this year and next year. Kim suggests that a certain step to finally fix the problem.

Joanino states that there must be a sustainable solution for the accessibility issue.

Cynthia states that she respects their assertive opinions and last years council used straw voting and suggests to use it for voting on it for this year and to deduce which option should be talked about and which ones to discard.

Joanino asks if they want to straw vote.

Hardajimoukin asks for clarification of straw vote

Joanino states that it is anonymous votes and that a straw vote is passive. The two questions is whether to increase stipends, and the second is when to increase the stipend

Hall moves to vote whether to increase the stipends at all

Joanino says there has been no discussion of a different hour scheme

Badalich states that she likes 20.

Naameh is interested in increasing stipends and it is reasonable and our responsibility, in terms of other activities there is a lot of outside activities and this isn't the only thing that council isn't only activity involved in. The stipend is holistic for the individual.

Badalich moves to increase stipends for this year for California minimum wage 20-hour week

Hall seconds

Oved objects that he cannot put personal interests and positions above student groups. He understands this funds are underutilized and must do the proper outreach. Oved feels uneasy and it's a conflict of interest to separate the entities. Realistically it makes sense to increase stipends, but at the same time he will vote no to increase stipends.

Joanino moves it back to discussion.

Trumble says her ability and commissions ability to support student groups will be improved with a stipend increase.

Badalich moves to increase stipends starting this year at the California minimum wage for a 20-hour workweek

Hall seconds it

Joanino asks if there are any objections to voting

8-1-0 the motion has passes.

X. New Business

No new business

XI. Announcements

Oved states on behalf of Rogers through advocacy opened 5 different skill institutes that have opened.

Badalich states that the healthy campus initiative met and wants to increase marketing for HCI to bring more student groups to apply for the fund to relate to a healthy campus: live well, eat well, mind well.

Second, Badalich is hoping to have a competition using an iPhone or smartphone apps as well as websites and meeting with a communication subcommittee on Thursday at 2pm in Murphy. Refreshments will be provided. HCI asked both the undergraduate and graduate health governing bodies to do research regarding a specific topic they feel is important. Graduate students are focusing on social health, and

SWC has asked to do research which they'll survey a sample of a population regarding sexual assault and under reporting with social and sexual health. SWC and Joanino are working on the campaign against sexual assault, and the survey will be done in spring and be instituted every year and see if sexual assaults will go down in the year.

Trumble is cleaning the CAC office and found a lot of old jazz reggae posters and t-shirts to get some.

Kim announced the first competition to find a bruin bash DJ for the dance, to open the dance and choosing from sound cloud mixes. There is a Facebook event for CAC and CEC for UCLA students.

Joanino asks for open opportunities in their offices so he can start sending it out and start applying.

Kim wants to thank everyone involved in the USAC video and the video looks awesome.

Naameh states that the United States Version of Young Woman there's going to be a safe city launch project for fighting for woman's rights to implement that as a LA project and asks if anyone knows any UCLA professors.

Arce says in an effort for Community Service groups there is training that will happen such as CPR training; teach me how to lobby, conflict resolution, or team building. They are trying to train about 100 community service directors at the first week of school.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

Hall adjourns the meeting.

Hadjimanoukian seconds the meeting

Joanino adjourned meeting at 9:16 PM

XIV. Good and Welfare

* Indicates Action Item

Indicates Consent Item

@ Indicates Executive Session Item

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Dimacali

USAC Minutes Taker

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