

Finalized

Approved November 5, 2013

AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
October 29, 2013
7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Savannah Badalich, Maryssa Hall

GUESTS: Sina Famenini

I. Call to Order

-Joanino calls the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

-Joanino passes around the attendance sheet.

II. A. Approval of the Agenda

- Singh asks to be added to office and member reports. Trumble seconds.

10-0-0 Singh added.

-Ramalho asks to strike ASRF. Arce seconds.

-Singh calls to question. Trumble seconds.

10-0-0 agenda is approved.

B. Approval of the Minutes from October 22, 2013

-Trumble moves to table the minutes for next week. Haws seconds.

10-0-0 minutes are tabled.

III. Public Comments

Jimmy Zheng, IVP Fellowship Director

-He is one of the fellowship directors this year and his co decided that it would be a wonderful opportunity to bring the fellows in and crowd the room. One for council to see the faces of tomorrow's leaders and the fellows to see the current proponents of change to make the school better than it already is.

-The IVP fellows introduce themselves.

-Joanino welcomes them for every council meeting and is excited to see them there.

-Norma Moster invites council members to their meeting.

-Jasso prefaces that next week on the agenda that there will be two names Sophia Kim and Kevin Yu who are elected as final members of the finance committee. Gabby was appointed previously and wants to say hi.

-Sophia Kim, Kevin, and Gabby introduce themselves.

-Jasso states she is excited for council to work with them.

IV. Special Presentations

A. International Student Association

Andreas Liu (ISA President) David Urdaneta (ISA Vice President), and Jiwei Zhang (USAC Liason)

-They are going to talk about motivation, brief history, mission statement, a taste of “global Events”, and 2013-2014 Highlights.

-In 2007 there was a dramatic increase in a number of international students from 800 to 3500 which is almost a 5 times increase. This is of the biggest changes in any student demographics, and this creates a significant amount of students whose unique needs must be addressed.

-International students face a language barrier, culture shock, academic stress, and visa/employment regulations.

-The idea of ISA came from the IVP last year in collaboration with the Dashew Center in Fall of 2012. It was formed in Winter 2013 with elected officials and 6 officers. In February 2013 they registered themselves as an official student group. In Fall 2013 the membership has grown from 60 to 350.

-The mission statement is to advocate for the needs of international students, promote cross-cultural interactions and cultural education, bring international students from different countries closer together, and ensure that international students are represented on campus, in cooperation with the Dashew Center.

-They elaborate on the past events such as the International Welcome Event with Dashew Center that had over 800 participants. They had cultural food sales, WorldFest with CAC, game nights, and international BBQ at Westwood Park.

-They present two events, and are creating something new. The first one is the Ambassador Program with the International Education Office, the Dashew Center, and ISA. Selected international students serve as “ambassadors” in an exchange program to their home country. They will assist prospective students who want to travel abroad in getting familiarized with the country and culture. The ambassadors will attend all of the pre-trip and preparation meetings.

-The second program is WorldFest, activities fair in collaboration with CAC. It would provide a chance for domestic students to “travel the world” without leaving UCLA. This is also a chance for international students to present their country/culture. There will be interactive programs like food tasting, trivia wheels, and each booth representing their country. It will be a one or two day event on campus including representatives from different countries and cultural circles. They plan to hold it on Wilson Plaza and its conveniently divided into four pieces. The WorldFest will have cultural performances on stage. After “visiting” a country/area the participant receives a stamp on their passport. Similar to World Expos, different prizes can be exchanged for a certain number of stamps. Passport pages will also include basic information about each country and are personalized so they are also a valuable souvenir even after the event.

-Arce asks what is the best way to engage international students in getting involved, such as USAC, community service, or anything in general?

-Liu states specifically for community service there’s a home in Westwood that has elderly people from all over the world and international students like volunteering there. If you call it something else other than community service then they will be engaged.

- Zhang states there's a biweekly newsletter to get their information, go to meetings, directly talk to international students, and hand out USAC fliers.
- Oved asks how often they meet.
- Liu states its original origins was a council for the Dashew Center but after two months of being ISAC, membership was growing. The international students were asking where the events are and meetings, so they expanded to an association.
- Lazarovici asks for an example of culture shock mentioned in the beginning.
- Liu stated that he was standing on the sidewalk and he was waiting for the car to stop and it actually stopped.
- Zhang states that tipping was different here.
- Urdueta states that in Venezuela the activities differ but Los Angeles is a nice shock.

V. Appointments

VI. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – John Joanino

- Joanino stated that last Monday there was a Moreno Report a controversial report that was commissioned by a former Chief of Justice in response to racial discrimination. He had a meeting last week with diversity and inclusion and talked about including a discrimination officer, in a response to what happened with Christian Head at the Ronald Reagan Center. He states there will be a campus wide email asking students to register for SOCC. Joanino and Badalich are working on a resolution with UC Berkeley and UCSD to talk about title 9. He states look out for updates on the BruinCard updates. On Sunday of SOCC there will be a talk about UCSHIP. His office will be working on the diversity symposium, and Trumble is the cochair. They are in the process of collecting survival stories for the art gallery.

B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

-Oved stated the funding group will be merged and IVP will have a helping hand to create the report. Within the task force of IVP, there is surplus funding that is one of the most flexible funds. If there are certain initiatives that they wish to allocate funding to they will provide a list based on council and send them to student groups.

-Jasso states this is reminiscent of what happened last year with Kim and Taylor what they wanted to do with discretionary funds.

-Oved states this is more for gauging student response and asks council to include any themes.

-Trumble asks if an example would be like cultural programming?

-Oved states yes, anything broad. It is going to student organizations for funding.

-Zimmerman

-Oved states he was using surplus as an example. They just want a means to gauge what student group interests are.

-Jasso states that this is like what Racquel wanted to do that listed out to OrgSync such as asking what relevant questions. She is asking if he wants what student groups want to feel.

- Oved invites council to email him any themes. In terms of resolution reform they want to have an Author Roundtable for resolutions for an opportunity for the authors to sit in a room and the students who feel passionate about the resolution will comment and it will help the authors shape the text before presenting it in council. In addition, he is going to coordinate a council showcase with USAC and OCHC that happened last year. This is like a USAC tour with a little mixer to meet students and meet other councils. Another thing is streaming USAC meetings and have been looking in different meetings such as google hangout because it will be essentially free, but they would need webcams and a microphone. On Facebook, they are promoting student group liaisons and asks council to spread the word. Also, the ASUCLA marketing design team was only open to USAC sponsored groups, but they are hoping to open that to student groups who need those services. It will be open to any USAC funded student groups, and Zimmerman will help.
- Jasso asks how much money they need to have
- Zimmerman states around \$200.
- Oved states it will be more of branding such as logos and a series of events where the design team will design.
- Jasso offers to get it to her office.
- Oved states he is updating the IVP website to be comprehensive.

C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

- Brooke Scott states the last day to register for the Students of Color Conference is November 1. The Grass Roots Organizing Weekend is November 8-November 10, an opportunity to demonstrate to students how they can be strategic to fight for justice on campus.
- Naameh asks if there is a cap for GROW training.
- Scott states the room is for about 40 students, but if there is more need they will expand.
- Jasso asks how the registration process occurs.
- Scott states they will send out the registration tomorrow and will keep council updated.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

- Ramalho thanks everyone who came out to Scare Away the Stress and the Random Acts of Kindness. They got rid of 1000 blue books and 4000 scantrons, highlighters and post-it notes. He is meeting tomorrow with the vice chancellor of enrollment management and wants to talk about access issues and admissions. They are hoping academic equity awareness week will turn into more than a weeklong program and hope to preview a film on the hill called Higher Learning regarding higher education and equity. Ramalho gives a shout out to Rogers for the event Lean-In and becoming an ally for women in the workplace.
- Singh asks about veterans and inability to enroll because of their deployment and UCLA only accepts students once per year, and is something they might want to consider.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner

- Sinna reads Badalich's officer report. First many of you received an email to have a meeting sometime this week to coprogram with council and SWC. For those who haven't emailed back CAC, CEC, EVP, and CSC please expect an email. Secondly, there is a new student code of conduct with a new section about sexual and domestic violence in

compliance with the campus save act. She likes the parts about intoxication cannot be an excuse, but there are parts she is concerned about such as the “defective consent” definition or “action” portion and the absence of how consent is contextual. For an elaborated version, please visit the 7000 in solidarity Facebook page. Last Friday she went to the Student Code of Conduct training.

F. Sunny Singh, General Representative 2

-Singh thanks those of councilmembers who sent out their designers’ emails for their council. They received a lot of submissions for t-shirt design, and they look great but there is room for more. They will be chalking and flyering.

-Geller states that chalking on campus is illegal.

-Singh states he won’t chalk. Every Tuesday is t-shirt Tuesday and he will be giving council members a t-shirt and encourages them to wear them every Tuesday. There is a committee in his office that focuses on outreach and student engagement and are starting something called “Speak your mind!” They will be sitting on Kerkhoff with snacks and get their opinions on USAC. They are working with Hadjimanoukian to make Pauley Pavilion a study space for 10th week and hope to bring writing helpers and librarians. They are working on developing an app and want to track the usage of space available in libraries and dining halls. He isn’t sure about the feasibility, but they will see how it is. They are going to work with the library to advertise all the library resources and events. His office is looking to put out a series of spring events such as Holi and Lunar New Year and coprogramming with Dashew Center, ISA, and hopefully GSC of ORL. They are doing a panel for Southasian students and Jewish students in an opportunity to discuss culture and background and then have dinner afterwards. There are a variety of student speakers that represent various religions. He invites all council members and will let them know the details when they are finalized. Bruin confidential has been pretty active. His interns are coming to meeting during week 7.

-Hadjimanoukian stated that after gymflow they got motivated to do space usage with libraries and dining halls, and currently for dining halls their amount of swipes to access cant be live feedback until 24 hours after. They will work together.

G. Administrative Representative

Dr. Geller

-Geller states that this weekend is parents’ weekend and encourages council to interact with new Bruin families.

Patty Zimmerman, Student Government Services

-Zimmerman stated they have acquired a printer and can print regular colored sheet fliers for 50 cents and a colored poster for \$10.

-Jasso asks for a blurb.

-Zimmerman states that the labtechs are only for the offices for the building, not for all student groups that have funding. They don’t have the staff to open it up for 800 groups. She reminds everyone that trash should not be put on South Kerckhoff patio, but if there is a large furniture just contact SGS email and will have it been picked up.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

- Trumble moves to approve. Oved seconds.
- \$2690 was allocated. There is a total of \$51,831.31 left in contingency.
- Jasso states she will be talking to Model United Nations on Thursday, and the Swing Club asked for parking but they don't provide parking.
- Geller states that the Taiwanese American Union got all 0's but they got funding.
- Jasso states she doesn't know why.
- Oved asks if they can vote for everyone else.
- Jasso strikes the request from TAU and AAC and will provide discretionary funding for them. Next Tuesday meeting she will have a paragraph explaining the discretionary.
- Oved calls to question. Hadjimanoukian seconds.
- 9-0-1 contingency is approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

- Davalos stated that \$775.50 was allocated.

C. Cultural Affairs Mini-Fund

- Trumble states they allocated \$150 for students in community service.

II. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Announcements

- Oved gave a shout out to Rogers for her Lean-In event.
- Rogers states they have financial literacy workshops in the library.
- Trumble states there is no word on Wednesday, and one of her staff members is a writer for Thought Catalog Word and encourages everyone to watch and spread the Word on Wednesday YouTube channel.
- Jasso asks who is on funding study group.
- Oved, Haws, and Zimmerman raise their hand.
- Jasso states that those who have funding chairs should reply to her email. She also states Joanino doesn't have to
- Zimmerman said for the green initiative fund is due this Thursday at 5pm. Think big, think small, think sustainable.
- Joanino states that his interns are doing a Kerkhoff scavenger hunt and will be asking for all council members signatures. Joanino thanks everyone who sent in bios, and thanks everyone for keeping communal office cleaner.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XI. Adjournment

- Hadjimanoukian moves to adjourn. Haws seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

XII. Good and Welfare