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AGENDA
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
August 20, 2013
7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Savannah Badalich, Jessica Kim

GUESTS:

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

- Ramalho strikes ASRF. Trumble seconds.
- Trumble strikes the Resolution in Support of Proposition 13 for Reform. Hall seconds.
- Ramalho strikes Student Wellness Programming Fund. Hall seconds.

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B. Approval of the Minutes from January 21, 2014

- Minutes moved for next week.

III. Public Comments

Jillian, Daily Bruin

The have been having a few issues of some council members not being responsive or cooperative in commenting in articles and she just wants to talk to them in person and it makes them harder for them to cover in their office which is something ultimately good for their job. Obviously there may be issues going on with what they're doing, and if that's the case shoot Daily Bruin an email and they want a good working relationship. They are here a few floors down and email a few floors done.

-Jasso asks what the protocol for missing an interview.

-Jillian states that hopefully that is not the norm, and please email Amanda and they want to respect their time.

-Hall suggests that it would be helpful if they were on some typical protocol such as sending quotes before 10 and if you could pass that along that would be awesome.

Joshua Galanti

-It's important to him and whenever he goes to the library on campus there are a ton of people sleeping in random spaces and it looks really uncomfortable. When he needs some place to crash, the library is the best place to go even if it's a terrible place to do so. There isn't any good space for students to take on campus naps which is a regular part of campus naps and he doesn't know whose jurisdiction with a student sleeping room with mats or something to get a midday nap would be beneficial for students on campus to not worry about their stuff getting stolen. Secondly, he wants to talk about the 7000 in Solidarity and wants to congratulate her on the good work that he's doing and it's starting a good conversation. A big problem is that males are not really in the conversation whether that's by choice or design and they are not getting involved in the dialogue. He has a lot of ideas and he definitely sees that an issue for the campaign and going forward to improve campus culture to be more aware and respectful of people's boundaries. He is welcome to cooperate and address this issue and it's definitely a big problem that is visual to create a safe campus environment.

Rachael Corral, director of UCLA Volunteer Center

-She wants to recognize Omar and is a great representative. They have promo cards and they have a couple of signature initiatives and has website information through student organizations, campus departments, and nonprofits. This is an internal document and calendar of events beyond volunteer day. They have non profit networking night and it's a great collaboration between Career Center, UCLA Alumni, CSC, and ORL. WOMP is coming back for a 5th year, Saturday May 3rd and would love to see leaders for the event.

-Joanino asks about the volunteer center's role in WOMP.

-She states that they had their first planning meeting yesterday and are talking about potential projects all over Westwood and community partners.

IV. Special Presentations

A. Student Risk Education Committee

-Arce and Jonathan came here today to talk about SREC and they want to give a quick update and brief background.

-Arce states that the Student Risk Education Committee want to produce a culture of safety as students contribute to the community and shows pictures.

-Jonathan asks about who has heard about the Broomball Incident. He elaborates someone lost their eye during a volunteer activity and they tried to sue UCLA. UCLA said they wouldn't be liable and that led to the risk and liability crisis of the development of SREC. SREC was born of a partnership between student leaders of CPOSA, CPO, and SOLE.

-Arce invites administrators to chime in, interject, or ask questions. There will be a small section for questions at the end.

-Arce elaborates on the timeline of SREC from the Broomball Incident to Winter 2009 where Chancellor Block creates AVC SREC and Management Fund and in May 2009 the PLEDGE Referendum passes. They are a relatively young entity.

-Jonathan stated that PLEDGE Referendum was passed by USAC and it raised student fees by \$12.75 per undergraduate student per quarter, passed on May 8, 2009.

-Each student pays \$2.25 per quarter for risk educational preventative measure.

- Arce elaborates on SREC Achievements such as the first formal SREC elections, administrative specialist hard, first sponsored CPR/First Aid training held, and formal meeting with UCOP and Marsh regarding blanket insurance held, to cover as much as they can.
- Jonathan said they provide information to some sort of outside vendor and cover everything of what these student groups will do. They can't cover everyone at UCLA but it's a goal.
- Jonathan stated last year achievements as a funding body established Hypertension Subcommittee and established subcommittee structures, new partnership with American Heart Association, and a formal meeting with UCOP and UCLA administration regarding SREC Draft of Issues which is a document of what SREC tries to tackle.
- Arce states they established a Youth Safety Training Subcommittee and modification of SREC Proposal to be more straight forward. They created a relationship with LAUSD and clarified the MOU process. They provided optional winter training for students driving in snow/icy conditions and completed and submitted Memorandum of Understanding between Hypertension Subcommittee and American Heart Association to Bob Naples.
- Arce states the reasons why they work for student buy in. The more student groups who educate them about risks would create a better culture when it comes to service outside of USA. They want to create a university support and resources. They want to create across campus and departmental partnerships. These are the three main tenants of why they work.
- Jonathan stated that this is a summary of draft issues such as Driver Safety Training and vehicle orientation prior to driving any university vehicles. The driver's safety training is held through SREC and risk and liability department. The Youth Safety Training need two Project Directors to perform any community service activity involving youth ages 18 and under.
- Arce states they promote best practices. Furthermore they have Hypertension Training as approved by the American Heart Association prior to performing any community service under the SREC.
- Jonathan states they work for education and safety. They want project directors to have CPR training, TB tests and First Aid training prior for any community service. They provide funding for TB and is mandated by the LA county. He states livescans protect the university if they ever get sued because some volunteer did something, they said that they did a livescan to check their background.
- Arce states that a livescan is when you go to UCPD and you get finger printed.
- Jonathan stated that it's required and all community partners are required when working with children. Lastly, waiver forms are super important and give to every single person participating in the activity whether its volunteers or service certificates.
- Jonathan states they provide driver safety training and vehicle orientation. The training is 1.5 hours, where 1 hour is in class and the other part is going to a parking lot and review the checks you should do before driving such as working brake lights and accident reports. The other part of driver safety training is Behind the Wheel training where you take students out behind the wheel. Confidence is a big factor if a student is a good driver or not and it's one on one.

-Arce states that in order to drive a university vehicle you must be trained and turn in your form.

-Dr. Geller stated that she would add livescans primarily so it's not problematic for working with children and will also identify driving issues. Someone may not be permitted or drive their own vehicle with service recipients.

-Dr. Nelson states that it's excellent. The young lady who was injured did not register this activity and nobody knew anything about it. His question is how is he getting the word out to all students because the University is not liable for an event if they don't know anything about it. That's why the suit went nowhere because there were no waivers.

-Jonathan stated the first way is that all projects have to go through some sort of funding source such as the CSC Supplemental that provides a liability of funds and everything.

-Arce states that what usually tends to happen is that groups have been applying to funding sources for liability funding and then they come to SREC. Their advice is that to come to SREC and email Jon and it's actually a recommendation of the CSC committee if they have been denied.

-Jon stated that presentations like this are really beneficial for publicity.

-Dr. Nelson states there are student organizations that don't go through anyone and have an event, but there should be some way there are aware for what they are presenting.

-Jonathan stated that way down the road there would be a Risk Educational Class that's voluntary that will be an option for taking in the future.

-Dr. Nelson asked if they have thought about giving a flier to orientation.

-Arce states that he appreciates Nelson's comment and it has been an idea.

-Jasso states on February 26 from 3-5 they are having a Funding Panel.

-Arce states that they had one for CSC, and asks her to email Arce.

-Arce states that Youth Safety Training are pretty straightforward on how to discipline and how not to discipline.

-Jonathan stated that CPR and First Aid Classes with SWC.

-Arce stated that insurance is the most difficult part and sponsorship is also difficult and it's really hard.

-Jonathan stated that the Hypertension Subcommittee because they initially got blood pressure screening from American Red Cross, we had to find something new so they have a partnership with American Heart Association. Right now they have provided training for up to six student groups.

-Arce states that funding goes towards many things such as TB tests, livescans, insurance, crowd control, and miscellaneous safety issues.

-Naameh asks what crowd control is.

-Arce states that t-shirts and wristbands.

-Joanino asks if there are any more questions.

B. Bruins for Israel

-Avinoam and Yael introduces themselves presented by Bruins for Israel that run social, cultural, and political events.

-Avinoam states that Israel is on the West Bank of Gaza and it really pinpoints that a tiny country is surrounded by a bunch of hostile countries in the world. In the world there are

21 Muslim countries, 20 Christian countries, and only 1 Jewish state. It's important to advocate for Israel because it's his identity and take for granted at all.

Avinoam states they want to talk about Zionism and it's important to define it. Zionism is the national liberation movement of the Jewish people to restore their independence in their continually inhabited 3000 year old national homeland. Jews have been vying to return for 2000 years but Theodore Herzl coined modern term in the late 1800's. It was an impetus for creation of the modern state came from continual and continued Anti-Semitism. It was not established after the Holocaust.

-Yael states that some core issues between Palestinians and Israelis are Borders, security, Jerusalem, and refugees. They want to express that these are the main issues discussed during peace talks.

-Avinoam states that Israel today serves as a safe haven for the refugees from Europe, the Arab World, Ethiopia, Russia, and even today from France. They display a map of Jewish immigration.

-Yael wants to talk about democracy and diversity, as the only democratic state in the Middle East. She states that Jews are not the only people that serve the Israeli government. People from other religions have served such as Muslims, Christians, and Druze.

-Avinoam states that it's the only nation where they have freedom of expression and religion which is unparalleled in that region. They display pictures of modern Israel and it's the only nation in the middle east that has their LGBT rights protected.

-Yael states the challenges at home and abroad. Such as Iran, Hamas and other terror organizations in Gaza have fired thousands of rockets into Gaza and over a million Israelis face the threat of rocket attacks, Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon has 20,000 rockets aimed in Israel. There is a civil war taking place in Syria and the delegitimization efforts in the UN and abroad. There is a Glimpse of Hope with peace process with the Palestinian authority.

-Avinoam states that the Israel faces Demonization, Double Standards, and delegitimization in Palestinian media with anti-Semitic images and sets the ground for what happens in Israel. They reason he put the Israel Nazi that has been covered and on the wall there was a picture of Israeli soldiers with Nazi shoulders and instead of the Third Reich was an Israeli flag. It was a hate crime.

-Yael states that Israel faces many double standards in the international arena and on this campus. There is a permanent agenda item against Israel at the UNHRC headed by the likes of China, Russia, and Saudi Arabia which are currently participating in Human Rights violations. 40% of the General Assembly Resolution against Israel and there has been bloc voting.

-Avinoam stated that there is delegitimization that states the Jewish people have no right to the State of Israel. There is a Global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS). The Barghouti at UCLA doubt that the peoplehood of Jews and that Zionism is a racist, colonial enterprise which must be, dismantled. The goal of BDS is to end Zionism.

-Yael states there are current peace talks facilitated by John Kerry participating by Palestinian Authority and the State of Israel. This is unilateral and also denies one group the right to self-determination and may be detrimental to the peace talks.

-Avinoam states USAC could support the current peace process and the rights of Jews to self-determination and of Israelis to secure and defensible borders. They want USAC to publicly denounce and reject the global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

-Jasso asks how do they think USAC should handle having two divergent groups on campus with regards to an opinion. For example when SJP gives a presentation, they are stuck in the middle because they don't want to alienate one group and want to maintain a peaceful campus climate. How can USAC meet both of their needs?

-Avinoam stated that he has been here for 3 years and the role student group plays to make it a better place and the main point of student government is to bring them together or find the line that doesn't alienate groups.

-Dr. Nelson states that the presentation was comprehensive, but the root causes of these two people fighting each other didn't start with them but started in Europe with World War I and World War II. These people have lived together in harmony for thousands of years until it comes up. It started in 1915 where Great Britain promised land to two different people for the Ottoman Empire. This pains him because people don't know the history of how it all started. Neither side started fighting each other but it was something they were pushed into but of something that happened in Europe thousands of miles away.

-Hall thanks them for coming in, and she asks how does one become a citizen of Israel?

-Avinoam states that if you are Jewish you can become a citizen for the right of return or you can apply for citizenship and get a VISA. There are a lot of southeast Asian workers that are coming and getting visas for workers.

-Joanino thanks them for coming

V. Appointments

VI. Officer and Member Reports

A. President – John Joanino

- Joanino stated that Winter Break is being cut by a week and he is currently working on a letter to send to UCOP to send to President Napolitano for the lack of student input and search for solutions and the ramifications it had on our campus climate. There have been a lot of really terrible attacks on communities, particularly the Jewish committee. There is a lack of student input and hopefully they can get updated. The Bruincard redesign starts tomorrow sent to ASUCLA due Friday of Week 10. Joanino they are submitting a proposal for rooftop gardens to make Los Angeles and UCLA more self sufficient by 2050. ASUCLA has approved a typhoon relief funds.

B. Internal Vice President – Avi Oved

- Oved states that last Thursday there was a Bruin Transfer Panel and to be honest it wasn't well attended. They wanted to bring resources to transfers and they are following up with the members of Bruin Resource Center because programming events are not enough. If anyone has ideas, please let him know and it's really difficult stemming from apathy. The Constitutional Committee approved the bylaw for the stipend increase issue that will come to council next week. He states he is going to ask \$60 fro discretionary for a camera for USAC for next week. He sat on the ORL and he presented about the Circle

6 of Funds and have committed to some funds. He met with Tony Sandoval and there won't be a lot of pushback from the committee. Fourthly, campus safety alliance is meeting this Friday 10 AM and looking to program Campus Safety Day and March 3rd want to have a fair to highlight safety. February 2nd the CSSA is hosting a culture night in Royce Hall, and tickets are completely free and encourage everyone to go.

C. External Vice President – Maryssa Hall

-Hall stated that they have a UCSA directors meeting in UC Merced. Hall encourages everyone to watch the State of Union and wants to address tabling of Prop 13 indefinitely to change how their campaign structure would be working. Those who reached out to for cosponsoring, check it out. She wants to remind everyone that she's been working with Afrikan Student Union for prison reform and will be bringing it forward next week as a part of the IGNITE campaign. Hall states they are coprogramming with CAC and diversity tours and learning about city hall and putting the UC back into UCLA.

D. Academic Affairs Commissioners -- Daren Ramalho

-Ramalho states that the online education survey is officially released, and he asks council to share it. He got to work with the academic senate chair and asks alumni to take it too. He will stress it for 2 weeks and will do sub focus. They are patterning with SWC to Tackle Stress in honor of the Supermodel. There will be blue books and yellow books Bruin Plaza 12-1. He has 2 meetings with Frank Smith and Patricia Turner to talk about diversity requirements, tutoring at Covel, and caps. Last week in Joainino's office him and Hall had a diversity requirement and what they saw it looked like and reflecting on the recently failed diversity requirement. The EVP office will work on a strategy plan and they are meeting with other programmers and even if they were to draft a requirement. This timeline would last far beyond our council.

-Dr. Nelson asks if there is any sense of embarrassment faculty has because it has been going on for 15 years and UCLA doesn't have a diversity requirement compared to other UC's and USC. It's embarrassing because Los Angeles is the most diverse and multicultural city ever.

-Ramalho states yes it is embarrassing and there is a lack of awareness, budget cuts, as well as many different answers.

-Hall states that it's apathy that because we're privileged to be in Los Angeles people think they are above it. Los Angeles is one of the most segregated cities in the nation and clearly we are not above it.

E. Student Wellness Commissioner

-Badalich is absent.

F. Administrative Representative

-Dr. Geller states she will be away for the National Conference on Student Conduct and a Conference in the University of Virginia about Sexual Assault. Chris Capulolo will sit in for her. She shared a flier for a film called about the security risks when you go to some app or website and click I agree without reading the small print. She is told it is a well-made documentary and if anyone's interested she sent that around. She encourages the focus on risk and taking informed steps.

-Lazarovici states that Jillian stopped by to chat with everyone and if a reporter calls you she would really advice calling back because you run the risk of having it say “not available for comment.” No matter what the actual circumstances are it makes it look like they didn’t want to talk. She also noted that it fascinates her that the Daily Bruin will read back quotes which is not standard practice for journalism. She does it in her work as an individual organization. Her advice is enjoy it while it lasts and don’t get used to it, and when you’re in future elected offices or leadership positions you will not have that luxury. She advises weaning yourself off it now. She prepared for the Prop 13 and wants to talk about it anyhow. When it does come back and asked around to people of her cohort and their recollections of what their life was like before prop 13. If you passed public schools these days with advertisements, and that’s because public schools must look elsewhere for revenue. Apparently schools used to teach this long list of interesting foreign languages and doesn’t happen anymore. Private foundations now raise money to fund arts and education. Teacher lay offs were unheard of, and teachers buying their own supplies was not normal. This paints a picture of what things were like and could be again. She states that the diversity issue was here for at least 30 years because she wrote about it in the Daily Bruin. It’s not about what’s right and what’s wrong. There has to be a power analysis of who wins and who loses and whose ox is going to be gored. Finally, Jasso asked exactly the right question of special presentations as student government what’s their role in an international conflict that has been going on for decades. Nobody on this campus has the power to solve it, maybe if one person on council becomes secretary of state. She thinks about the old Hillel building and how she was bemoaning about the Israel conflict, and remember England and France used to be mortal enemies but now they cooperate. This helped her widen the context of the sweep of history and things that seem intractable may someday be completely different on the way they imagine it now. She’s urging everyone to not let ideologies around that issue hamper that work they on campus for all the students.

-Dr. Berky Nelson states that he has seen this conflict go every year and it’s a downright dirty shame that these things are happening. Think in terms of what is in the best interests of all UCLA students. Getting partisan on either side will create greater alienation. If more people understood the history people won’t be in each other’s throats. Europe started it and is taking no responsibility.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Trumble calls to question. Ramalho seconds.

\$3,725 recommended and \$90,405.91 left in contingency, including surplus.

-Hall moves to approve. Trumble seconds.

7-0-1 contingency is approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

Hall states they allocated Chicanos and Latinos for community Medicine \$390.26 , LGBT coalition \$400, and Afrikan Student Union \$422.50

C. Cultural Affairs Mini-Fund

-Trumble allocated \$1000 APC for dinner with 12 API, \$100 for Swing Club, \$200 for United Afghan Club, \$500 for Taiwanese Union, \$500 Nikkei Student Union, and \$150 for Black Bruin Transfer.

\$6,909 allocated. \$11,000 unspent.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Announcements

-Oved states there is a Leadership Diversity Conference in the Career Center for 2 days.

-Arce invites everyone for Nonprofit Networking night and a field trip to Homeboy Industries. CSC will give the opportunity to interact this Thursday from 10am-2pm. It's a wonderful event.

-Trumble invites everyone to check out the Plastic Jesus exhibit and later events they will be raffling off prints. Check out Word on Wednesday for 7000 Solidarity. Next week is Hip Hop Appreciation month with live dj sets and music and dances. Thursday they have their film screening called Copyright Criminals February 6, 7-9 and the politics of sampling. The panel this year is "Popped a Molly I'm Sweating" on Thursday February 13 about glamorization of drugs. The theme is paid in full and has given back to the community it has come from. Lastly they will end with Hip-hop explosion.

-Jasso states that for those thinking about life after USAC, Justice Corp is accepting applications for graduation fellowship due February 10. Basically providing self help for those greater LA regions to provide aid. For those who are continuing students the applications are due February 28 and April 4. She will send out an email. Secondly, their funding panel would get a budget review director and people in offices to represent on February 26 in Kerckhoff 417.

-Haws stated you should get an email regarding a survey about USAC by next council meeting or suggestions or how outreach to be conducted.

-Hall asks which email.

-Haws says either.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

Arce moves to adjourn. Badalich seconds.

Meeting adjourned 8:18 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare