MINUTES
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
January 20, 2015
7:00 PM


ABSENT: Irmary Garcia, Manjot Singh
GUESTS:

I. Call to Order
-Baral calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

II. Attendance Sheet
The attendance sheet has been passed around

III. A. Approval of the Agenda
-Baral adds Freedom Riders discussion under New Business
-Badalich strikes SWC Fund
-Bach strikes ASRF.
-Baral moves to approve agenda as amended. Badalich seconded.
11-0-0 the agenda is approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 20, 2015
-Rosen moves to approve minutes. Badalich seconds.
11-0-0 the minutes are approved.

III. Public Comments
-Connie Hoe is the External for Asian Pacific Coalition and are excited to present Illuminate on Monday February 2nd from 5-9PM, a mental health panel for Asian American pacific islanders and having workshops at the James West Alumni Center. I would like to invite everyone because mental health and mental wellness is something that should be concerned for all students.
-Jazz is this year’s director of the Asian Pacific Coalition. The first finalist candidate of the diversity inclusion is making their visit to campus and Thursday there is a public open forum on Thursday from 3:30-4:30 at Young CS50. It would be wonderful and this is a huge vice chancellor position created to talk about equity and it’s a good opportunity.
-Baral closes public comment at 7:08pm.

V. Special Presentations

VII. Officer and Member Reports
A. Internal President – Heather Hourdequin
-Hourdequin states that e-board wants to have a campaign showcasing all the work USAC does and what all the offices do. They want to highlight a project from each office and Nick Nieto has emailed all of you. There will also be the UC Student Regents meeting on campus with Sadia here for student regent recruitment. I will send out an email when all of you are available and what topics you would like to discuss at that meeting. Lastly the open forum for all students for Vice Chancellor Equity and Diversity Inclusion this Thursday 3:30-4:30 in Young CS50.

B. External Vice President – Conrad Contreras
-Contreras said February 4 they will have the student regent open forum with Avi and Sadia to meet with students to talk about issues and the current climate that is going on regarding tuition increase. We will also use that time to recruit and I will send out the Facebook event and advertise for that. On February 6th we have a press conference for Senator Ricardo Laura to present on Senate Constitutional amendment 1 that discusses leadership of UC and structural reforms with coprogramming, UCSA, and Senator Laura’s campaign. On February 7 and 8 there is a UCSA board meeting and we will be meeting here at UCLA for this month’s board meeting to talk about moving forward on Fund the UC, IGNITE, and UConsent. We will be having the meeting in Tom Brady National Hall all day February 7 and 8. It’s a public event. On February 27 we are having a UCLA campus climate legislative day and its going to be a day where legislators come to our campus and the issues we’ve been working on like police brutality, mental health, sexual assault and talk with legislators to talk about solutions. We are working with UCLA government relations and Aurelia Friedman to make this happen and bring legislators. We are going to be reaching out to council members and student groups. 4/7 student groups are my office and Badalich. He thanks Sheryl and how we can do that and cost efficient ways to feed board members. I’m meeting with Bach this Wednesday with Fight for Education and helping her with diversity requirement.

C. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Allyson Bach
-Bach states the diversity requirement and revote for Academic Inequity Awareness Week is now Fight for Education and hopes to coprogram with CAC, CEC, IVP, and CSC. If any of you feel empowered to be apart of this campaign is week 4. The list of the 59 professors who petitioned revote. Most of them come from the physics department. The revote is 3000 eligible academic members and half of them are in the medical school. There is an award for a diversity equity and inclusion award worth $2000 given to one student and one faculty member for diversity, equity, and inclusion. The application is due February 20. Today we had professional research fair and I was lucky to coprogram with facilities, financial supports commission, and gen rep 3. We were able to bring out 55 companies and had about 300 attendees and took over 70 profile pictures. It was rewarding to be at the fair and they gained a lot from the fair. We passed around academic resource maps and showed exactly where the resources are. We have another stress free day and the theme is work out stress and we are working with fly wheel. -Baral says we should nominate Bach and taken physics classes and its unfortunate that a lot of them are working against diversity requirement and make it more aware.

D. Student Wellness Commission
Badalich says that 5 years ago the women’s center was expanded and became bruin resource center. I wanted a gender and sexual violence resource center and it was a far off idea but it is now coming to fruition. One of the recommendations was the advocates office where students who experience sexual violence can receive any accommodation and can understand housing and financial and academic accommodations, reporting and not reporting. It was my dream for this office to come and now its actually here. Tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday are here to interview potential CARE advocates. Not only am I working with sexual violence prevention, but they also have to do many other things. Now there’s going to be one advocate dedicated solely to sexual violence and that’s the next few days. We will be meeting a little late but its going to happen. Second thing I’ll be going to task force meeting and we will be talking about sanctions and that will be UC wide. That’s this Thursday. The townhall went well last week we have a bunch of recommendations and demands for legislators law enforcement and counseling services. We’re going to be spending the next three weeks refining it and making it a packet. Our biggest one is consent education and K-12 because they are to do consent education about healthy relationships and communication and preventing teen dating violence. The week of valentine’s day we will have consent grams with candies, lollipops, and condoms that will be dedicated to consent. We are going to send them out to universities and have printing guidelines so all donations go to Santa Monica rape treatment center. The AllofUs mental health conference on February 8 with 30 different student run workshops and registrations free in northwest campus auditorium.

Rosen asks if these individuals for CARE are specific in their financial knowledge?

Badalich says they’ll have training for reslife and trained after the fact. First and foremost they’re counselors.

Lazarovici asks what is the name of the organization that works on consent education for k-12?

Badalich says peace over violence.

Roth asks is there any way to institutionalize consent in k-12 sex ed

Badalich says peace over violence talks about boundaries and respect in consent that don’t have to promote sexual education so what they do for elementary students with consent and Cheetos.

Baral says interviews are happening Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and there is an opportunity Wednesday 9:45-11am if anyone is here.

Sadeghi-Movahed said she can go.

C. Administrative Representative

Geller states at 9:45 the session is in SAC room 5 which is the third floor conference room.

Lazarovici stated she’s excited about LinkedIn because recruiters and HR appointments use it. Its important to have a neutral photo with limits and boundaries. I’m going to get on my soap box in defense of slate politics, and when that terms comes up it’s a term of derivation. I would like to think of slates in organizing and you see republicans and democrats for strengthening their respective leaders and their elected leaders are not trying to only further the agenda but the next generation of leaders and activists. Last year Jessica Kim one of the commissioners was that she was not from a slate and at critical junctures she felt alone and isolated when controversial issues came up when she needed
to talk to about. Slates do create a community and also know that people are already starting to prepare for elections and it seems might early, on one hand its early but on one hand its good to prepare. Jessica Trumble said don’t be done, there’s still a lot of campaign promises to fulfill. I started racially profiling myself with good luck charms so now I’m wearing it all today and will wear it when I go to the airport.

-Sheryl is glad to be back but must say had good two weeks working with MLK and the students with 8 contestants. What are you doing for others…? One talked about illness, transgender issues, African American issues, and MLK legacy and call to action. If you ever have an opportunity to see the MLK oratorical contest see it because students pour their heart out. Joss Thomas won the contest and Camille Phels and Bo won the spoken word contest. Its on DVDs and might be on ResTV but truly worth watching. This is my last year working towards it and this is the 27th year and I’ve been involved in all 27 years.

-Boral says Camille Fields is the spoken word person for the freedom riders demonstration.

-Bach suggests linking them with word on Wednesday.

-Zimmerman states that Bruin Day is coming up and they have large signs that’s general about the union and one dedicated to USAC and on the sign there’ll be photos and blurb to what your office Is about and I’ll be sending out what ours looked like last year and I’ll be requesting some photos. Sends me some pictures of your office in bruin bash and fun stuff!

-Kalfayan asks will there be tables for bruin day for clubs and orgs?

-Zimmerman says yes, and for the last 2 years there’s a tour part of bruin day and similar to open house for USAC and work with tour guides that show union for newly admitted students.

-Baral states he highly recommends it and one of the students I gave a tour to and she emailed me after I won and ended up being an IVP fellow.

-Wong asks for the date

-Zimmerman says April 11

VIII. Funding Allocations
A. Contingency Programming
-Wang stated total required was 25,058.91, total required was $11,136.86, and total recommended was $3,200.00 Balance after allocation is $81,731.99.
Rosen moves to approve. Bach seconds.
8-0-3 contingency allocations approved.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant
-Contreras says there’s 6 allocations. For the American Society of Civil Engineering for $310, Tiara Assembly for $405, Persian American Society for Health Advancement for $380, the Alpha Epsilon Pi for $310, the Institute of Transportation Engineers for $345, and Pilipinos for Community health for $342.
-Boral explains it’s a consent item.

IX. Old Business
X. New Business
A. Resolution for Commemoration for Freedom Riders
-Baral says him and Wong have been on event committee for freedom riders event happening on February 6 and formally starts at 6:30pm with chancellor and panelists with UCLA freedom riders addressing issues and experiences in Royce hall. There’s a VIP reception from 5:30-6:30pm so if you can RSVP as soon as possible that states I’ll be there. Please please please go on Facebook and invite all of your friends to the general event and in addition the VIP event but in my email your chiefs of staffs anyone in your office passionate about it and will be freedom riders and high up people from administration and local government and recommend you go.
-Kalfayan says the resolution is like LA city council, I changed a couple wordings. UCLA Freedom Riders Resolution

WHEREAS, from May to November 1961, more than 400 black and white activists challenged Jim Crow segregation by boarding buses nationwide and riding across state lines into the south; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Riders pushed the limits of our society and laid a rich foundation on which we continue to build; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Riders fought segregation, which directly benefitted the UCLA campus, the surrounding communities in Los Angeles, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the UCLA campus alone, the ripple effects continue to be felt and seen through the numerous community outreach and retention projects that still exist; and

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that with sincere appreciation, the Undergraduate Students Association Council recognizes the Freedom Riders’ courage, resilience and commitment to furthering a more socially just society.

-Baral states I want to see broader things people want to see and want to bring it next week and maybe get 2 other people that will be interested in working on it. We will send it on Friday with agenda and next Tuesday we’ll have a more thorough resolution.
-Rosen suggests working on the title
-Bach says there needs to be a clause for the commemoration of what this will achieve
-Baral says some sort of symbolism, title, and clauses.
-Baral moves to designate the president, general representative 2, general representative 3, and campus events commissioner to craft resolution to present to council next Tuesday on February 3rd.

XI. Announcements
-Sadeghi-Movahed says her office started to do an internship for transfers, initiators internship on the 4th of February. Please post it on Facebook.
-Sheryl asks if she sent it to Ron and Beatrice
-Kalfayan says in 5 minutes CEC is screening Gone Girl. At 8pm we have a sneak peek of Kingsmen Secret Service. A week from today we have Birdman with Michael Keaton.
We have another sneak peek with Jupiter Ascending. If you attend 3 CEC events from now until Coachella you will be entered in a drawing to win a Coachella pass and shuttle. Does being at council meeting count as CEC?
-Badalich says the body appreciation what feature of what they like most about themselves and why. A lot of people within SWC and Greek life were on it. Our consent grams the week of Valentines day will be $2 and proceeds go to Santa Monica rape treatment center. On February 12 in Dodd 147 we will have a program called 50 Shades of Bondage and Submission will be featuring submissive, mistresses, and how BDSM is a consent heavy culture. Many parts of 50 shades of grey is nonconsensual and how she says no multiple times and ignored but BDSM is one of the most consent heavy cultures. We will have a speaker panel. We will also be giving out free things.
-Wong says tomorrow is pet advocacy day and there’ll be puppies from Karma rescue from 11-1pm on tables on bruin walk. Secondly that non profit networking night is February 10. We are currently at over 800 and its going to be a big event. If you need a proxy please do so.
-Baral says if you’re a council member attending non profit networking night I would like to remind council that quorum is 10 or we can do this now or email system.
-Badalich won’t be here, Bach won’t be here, Wong won’t be there, Contreras won’t be there.
-Wong says she’ll be releasing a resource booklet.
-Rosen says that 10 recipients for parking scholarship. Baral and her had a meeting at career center talking about bruin view to lead a student led focus group and go over grievances to forward it to staff.
-Baral says bruin view states if you’re no longer paying into student services for career center and its helpful for the university.
-Hourdequin says campus safety alliance will meet next week and waiting for Karen Hedges for an OCHC rep. We will be planning campus safety week and if anyone is interested with being involved let me know.
-Wong asks to elaborate for the goals of the week
-Hourdequin says promoting resources available on campus already and disaster prep and theft prevention.
-Wong asks for an email for student risk education committee.
XII. Signing of the attendance sheet
Attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment
-Badalich moves to adjourn the meeting. Bach seconds.
Meeting is adjourned at 8:07 pm.
XIV. Good and Welfare