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FINALIZED MINUTES
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
Kerckhoff Hall 417
March 17, 2015
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Avinoam Baral, Heather Hourdequin, Conrad Contreras, Manjot Singh, Sofia Moreno Haq, Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed, Fabienne Roth, Allyson Bach, Greg Kalfayan, Cynthia Wong, Irmay Garcia, Carlos Quintanilla, Heather Rosen, Savannah Badalich, Cindy Wang

ABSENT:

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order

-Baral calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Kalfayan adds the Honoring Important Faculty Referendum as an action item.

-Kalfayan strikes approval of minutes from March 10

-Badalich strikes EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Bach strikes Arts Restoring Community

-Rosen moves to approve agenda as amended. Badalich seconds

9-0-0 agenda is approved as amended

IV. Public Comments

-Ashley from CalPirg and wants to come and give an announcement that we are working with a national community to get McDonalds to stop the use of antibiotics. McDonalds states they wont use antibiotics in chicken or meat and in the 70's we were funded by students for a small fee and working with a campaign with pesticide industry and we almost won but regents wanted us off and we were able to get back on by the support of students and faculties with the pledge system. Since then we've been working with them and there's new change in leadership and Supreme Court case that students have the right to have mandatory fee and UC's have revised their policies. We are currently working on it for the UCRiverside chapter and we are nervous to start it because of the fact that UC President of Legal Council has come out saying that they are unsure if we fit educational mission.

-UCR has been reaching out to UCOP and they don't think we fit educational mission. We think that if we reach President Napolitano but as the campus organizer and our students will definitely say they get an education through things they learn. We are asking professors and different student leaders to show Janet Napolitano and elevate this issue and students want to run a vote on campus and looking to do that at UCLA at some

point. We are looking for to sign on to the letter or write a letter yourself if you think we meet the mission of the university and give students ability to run a vote on the referendum and you have copies. We can pass them around and send an email later with more details and students would really appreciate it.

III. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wang stated \$81,446.60 17,068.80 4,660. 57,095.86

- Wong moves to approve the contingency allocation. Bach seconded.

8-0-1 vote contingency program allocations is approved.

B. Academic Success Referendum Fund

-AAC allocated \$1,000 Taiwanese culture night and \$500 to Spring Activities Fair

-Baral says ASRF is approved by consent.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Student Group Referendum

-Shall the Undergraduate Student Association ensure the continuity of student group programming by increasing the Undergraduate Students Association membership fees by \$3.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, effective Fall 2015? (Allocation of the fees would be as below.)*

----- YES

----- NO

*This fee will be assessed each academic quarter excluding Summer Sessions.

The approval of the referendum would provide:

- A. \$0.56/quarter to the **USAC Contingency Programming Fund**, which provides event-planning resources for all UCLA undergraduate registered student organizations.
- B. \$0.56/quarter to the **USA/BOD Programming Fund**, which provides event-planning resources for all UCLA undergraduate registered student organizations.
- C. \$1.13/quarter to the **Community Activity Committee Fund**, which provides event-planning resources for registered community service projects and activities.
- D. In accordance with University policy, 25% of the amount collected from this referendum (\$0.75/quarter) will be returned to UCLA students in the form of **undergraduate financial aid**.
- E. This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor) every year in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living, effective Fall 2016.

-Baral asks if there's any supplemental language

-Wong says no

-Badalich states its great

-Champawat states if we can get a cost of living increase in BOD. Just clarify that the path to that is to approach the board through finance committee and discuss any changes with Finance Committee.

-Bach asks who suggested the name change

-Wong says the SOUL used to be Center of Student Programming and thought it would be easier to be oriented towards students groups and event planning to be more relevant and easier.

-Baral states last ditch effort to make it SOS Save our Student Groups.

-Badalich moves to approve to add the Student Groups Event Referendum to Spring 2015 ballot. Bach seconds.

9-0-0 the referendum is on the Spring 2015 ballot.

-Geller asks as this goes to language approval should there be any problem with event planning, you're not providing money for planning its for the programs itself. If you have to use the word programming or events do you foresee any problems making that kind of change.

-Wong states no.

-Geller states process wise this goes to Office of President to general council and if they were okay with the language it will go to the chancellor and if it requires changes I will inform Avinoam. If they are of substance they would need to come back and vote again to see if they come back. If they are not of substance, I'm hoping they are giving permission to say yes to go straight to chancellor to have notice in time for final approval.

-Baral states we can look at the calendar if it needs to come back.

B. Honoring Important Faculty Referendum

-Kalfayan yields his time to Sachin.

-Sachin states its important to honor important faculty members and I'll go through it to put somewhere in Kerckhoff to honor important faculty members and look and appreciate them. It's supporting diversity and honoring important faculty. I'll go through and read it.
Honoring Important Faculty

Shall the Undergraduate Student Association create, in a visible area of Kerckhoff, a wall of achievement for Senior faculty in the UC system who have helped improve education for all. This wall would be called the "Wall of Seniors who Helped Achieve Meaningful Education."

The achievements given out will be called "Forever for the University of California to Keep" to signify the lasting importance and value these individuals represent for the UC system.

This wall can be added to by means of another bill presented to council, but will start out with two achievements, one for President Napolitano for having the courage and dedication to see a much needed tuition increase occur, the other for Chancellor Gene Block for managing to see an unprecedented six students per quarter during office hours (a record for chancellors).

The awards will be displayed as follows:

- A candid picture of the individual (to humanize their greatness to lowly students)
 - Their title in quotes (to emphasize their position)
 - Information about their achievements
 - For Napolitano, this would be how much tuition was increased by.
 - For Gene, this would be the number of students met with in a quarter during office hours.
 - Their yearly salary
 - Finally, the number of “Forever for the University of California to Keep” given to this individual.
- (This would start at one for both, and add up as they receive more awards).

Lastly, a beautifully designed award would be sent to the person in question.

----- YES

----- NO

- Baral states before we start the discussion in our election code there’s different things that outlined that could be thing to be part on ballot.
- Sachin states its whatever you suggested
- Baral states there’s something called an advisory board and its non binding
- Geller states advisory votes come from USAC and they don’t come from third parties and you would be voting to ask the members of the association to take a vote and authorize you to do something. It typically is when you want to do something but you don’t know if you have support and go through what council wants to do. The presumption is that if you put something like this forward would be that you as a council would support it.
- It’s not a referendum we’re not taking a stand because you’re asking students to support you in what you think you’re inclined to do. Any language that goes has to approve by council and the chancellor.
- Baral asks if there’s been previous advisory votes
- Zimmerman states the last advisory vote was about the student section in the new Pauley if it should be on the side or back the hoop.
- Geller states at one point there might be an advisory vote on whether the university should subsidize a public bus system to Santa Monica Buses and at some point there was some funding for it and take the temperature of students.
- Baral states if anyone on council states that Article II Section G.
- Bach thanks Sachin for bringing it forward and there’s a teaching committee who gives out faculty awards and a huge party at Chancellors and if you’re looking to expand on something that’s what you expand on. I can see how you like it form the students but when you fill in evaluations those are the criteria that use to award. There’s no shrine.
- Sadeghi-Movahed yields to Sachin
- Sachin states if there’s an option to put on a vote and it can referred to as an art installation whatever it is and it is just for honoring. More than just given to faculty its more grass roots for students perspective to put students for it.
- Sadeghi-Movahed wants to ask after council approves it where would it go

- Geller states it has to go to the chancellor
 - Badalich states its not a referendum because there was no fee increase but we would technically approving this as council which is different then having students to choose. We have to figure out as council if we support this measure
 - Bach states that maybe because I'm in academic senate and if something that's what you really want and want to have a wall of who has got the award but I think you should go to the academic senate but I feel like this direction is more feasible because they give out the awards and students do vote and in the sense of doing the evaluations. You can write a great rec letter and they already give out an award. If a wall is what you want and its what they want to be highlighted you can have that and its not the best way. Its funny but I don't think its feasible.
 - Badalich states this is obviously satire and Bach is being serious. This is obviously satire to point out that there's a tuition increase students are disgruntled about and Chancellor Block rarely meets with students and its an interesting way to call attention to the issues. It's kind of funny how you're going the serious route.
 - Bach states if we aren't going to approve it and understand its satire but if it's a genuine want I'm for it but there's an actual route
 - Geller states the only alternative is that if its signed by the association and have you presented USAC with a petition
 - Sachin asks how many have to be on it
 - Baral states my understanding is 10% which would be 2,900 students.
 - Geller asks has a petition been submitted
 - Sachin states no
 - Geller states the only way it moves forward if it moves forward from USAC
 - Baral states Bruin Diversity Initiative was added to student petition and the only way it can be on the ballot is if USAC votes 2/3 to put on ballot. I personally don't support putting this on the ballot and my own interaction with Chancellor Block and the President and satire can be an important way to calling an issue and there's a difference between USAC and then from the community. For example, USAC is unfortunately a joke and for me personally USAC should be trying to combat that image and I would state my opposition but I wholeheartedly the idea and the notion that UC President Napolitano needs to work harder and Chancellor Gene Block needs to be more receptive of student concerns.
 - Bach states she supports honoring faculty not this way
 - Kalfayan states the best way to do this is vote this down or retract it o another way that can be brought forward.
 - Baral states your currently the person who has this agenda item as this name so you have to either do a motion to table indefinitely or vote it down
 - Badalich states Sachin can get a petition of students. Badalich moves to table it
 - Geller states there's no time which either signatures have to be approved and either way it has to go to council.
 - Badalich moves to table Honoring Important Faculty Referendum indefinitely. Sadeghi-Movahed seconds.
- 9-0-0 this referendum is tabled indefinitely.

XI. Announcements

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XII. Signing of the attendance sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

XIII. Adjournment

-Bach moves to adjourn the meeting. Moreno-Haq seconds.

-Baral adjourns the meeting at 7:35pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare