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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

July 20, 2015

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Heather Rosen, Anais Leontine, Aaliya Khan, Lexi Mossler, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Ian Cocroft, Ruhi Patil, Marvin Chen, Michael Starr , Deborah Geller

ABSENT: Heather Hourdequin, Zach Helder, Trent Kajikawa, Ariel Rafalian, Danny Siegel

I. Call to Order

-Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet is passed around*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Cocroft moves to approve the agenda. Patil seconds.

6-0-0 the agenda is approved

III. Approval of the Minutes from July 6

-Rosen states Hourdequin, Geller, and Helder weren't here

-Shao moves to approve minutes

6-0-0 minutes are approved

III. Public Comments

IV. Special Presentations

V. Appointments

A. Roxanne Vergara

-Rosen states she's tabling it to August 3<sup>rd</sup>

-Cocroft moves to table Vergara for Campus Programs Committee for August 3

7-0-0 minutes are approved.

B. Community Activities Committee: Robert Bang

-Bang states he's applying to the community activities committee because he comes from a lot of service commissions and I want to allocate money to projects in the fairest amounts.

-Mossler asks if they can read

-Dameron asks what fair funding means to him

-Bang states fair funding means trying to meet the need of projects in the most fair and tangible way. From my knowledge for education homelessness, and health

projects and each project needs a different amount of money to make service groups successful and I have done quite a bit. I have some prior knowledge of what they need to give out money as fairly as possible.

-Shao states as an extension what do you think that these organizations that will be applying and in terms of accessibility how would you ensure the increase of accessibility and transparency so they know these resources

-Bang asks what she means by accessibility

-Shao states accessibility is ensuring the groups know

-Bang states as a liaison he notifies them and I help them with the application through communication and spreading awareness to increase transparency and accessibility. With the non-CSC groups, I will ensure that I will spread my knowledge to them as well.

-Rosen states the referendum failed and as a member of CAC to make sure that students get the financial needs

-Bang states every year more and more projects are applying and the amount of money that they have is the same and there's more people applying. To be fair is to be critical of the applications and allocate the funds as fair as possible and hopefully that the commissioner will bring it back during spring quarter and hopefully it would be passed. Money shouldn't be an issue for volunteer groups.

-Bang states he really wants to be part of CAC funding body as the largest funding body and its good to have an undergraduate representative who is actually experienced in service to represent the projects and hopefully I can carry out the deeds as best as I can.

-Cocroft states they voted unanimously and the recommendations is Cocroft states he would be a strong asset and part of the community service projects and a knowledge of the funds.

-Shao states having interviewed for it and he's been on the other side of funding and so involved within the organizations I believe that gives him a special perspective of what students need and I also think would be a great asset to student organizations in terms of increasing the transparency of the funding body.

-Cocroft moves to approve Robert Bang to the Community Activities Committee  
7-0-0 Robert Bang has been approved to the Community Activities Committee

### C. Campus

-Cocroft stated they voted 3-0-0 because she brought a good outside knowledge and detailed knowledge. She seemed innovative and reach its full potential and make sure its publicized well.

-Raju introduces herself as a Biochemistry major going into her junior year. I realized how much of an impact can have on students and this campus and the main sources to strike balance of education and entertainment. If appointed I have two main goals. The first one is since it's a funding body, I think its essential that all funding allocations are absolutely fair and transparent. In addition to that I I've spoken with students and a lot of students don't know that CPC exists to outreach students through various means.

-Wong asks how would she ensure publication

- Raju states through social media and flyering and setting up booths like the activities fair
- Cocroft asks how she defined fair funding
- Raju states a large majority of the funds go to cultural programs for CPC and its setting some guidelines with the rest of communities so we allocate money to different kinds of programs to make sure that no cultural organization is denied funding. We need to make sure that based on the magnitude that every organization gets a fair amount of money based on the scale.
- Geller asks if its one year or two years
- Rosen states one year
- Raju states as an international student I understand how its difficult for students to find their feet and I think actively outreaching is very important. Through my experiences at UCLA like USAC, ORL, and OCHC I think I have the qualifications necessary.
- Cocroft likes the fact she had a detailed understanding for outreach and thinks that large funding body needs to be publicized.
- Shao appreciates how critical she was and its lack of transparency and willing to work towards that was something I was impressed with.
- Leontine asks how many appointments there are for CPC
- Rosen states for CPC its three positions and one alternate.
- Shao moves to approve Malavika Raju for the Campus Programs Committee
- 8-0-0 Raju is approved for Campus Programs Committee

## VI. Office and Member Reports

### A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states tomorrow she will be attending a focus group about the September 21<sup>st</sup> true bruin program to teach about true bruin for undergraduates. If there are any things to be brought up please feel free to email or text me for first year or transfer students. I will be attending the council of presidents and I will be talking about a few things about UCSA before ucop. I have been in contact with California Coalition for Public Higher Education an outside lobbying group that works with colleges to advocate for public higher education to create a student advisory board from UC's, Cal states, and cc's. The appointment application has been forwarded out but please let me know if you can help publicize. It's a wonderful opportunity to get involved. Lastly I wanted to talk about my op-ed regarding the vote on July 6<sup>th</sup>. It stated we voted to raise our own stipends and that guideline was voted by council 2013 and its tied to our minimum wage which is increasing. The transfer student representative wasn't a position and that's an additional \$3000-\$4000. With that being said there is still a lot of issue with student group programming and that's why its so critical because its large funding bodies. We should focus on increasing transparency to SOOF and only 300 applied out of 1000 eligible. Only 40% have been used to increase the transparency SOOF and increase accessibility. I think for council we should consider SOOF's

guidelines or contingency guidelines for funding pools and adding another referendum to the ballot. I really encourage you all to be critically thinking about student funding

-Shao states beside the streamlining process what are other ways to ensure students know how to apply

-Rosen states we can talk about it as a council but I think its important to outreach to that and I think SOOF is really important and one great thing is having a table for CPC and it's a great idea to have large funding sources to go. It's great that we're working with SOLE advisors to see what we can do as council. I think its something we can do as CAC and IVP to develop that outreach with listservs and better connect with student groups. There's simply not enough funds. The bigger issue is that we are seeing an increase in 30% of student groups and decrease of 20% funds. The referendum in Spring failed. The counterparts at UCSB have 3x fees. A lot of our student group funding is not indexed to inflation. ASUCLA already suffers too. We must consider how to increase funding in general that is an inherent issue. Future councils have tried to address it and see what we can do whether it be another referendum to see what we can do to help these student groups.

-Cocroft asks about what's happening with UCSA funding proposal

-Rosen states she's attending the UCOP retreat and the current president of UCSA talked to about but it will be discussed at retreat

-Khan states for the stipend increase, since its tied to California minimum wage and our stipend is increasing even though California minimum wage is increasing 2020?

-Rosen states its increasing over time. We are tied to the California minimum wage, our stipend is increasing but in January it will be going up for the year. This will have to be discussed in the future. We must discuss if our minimum wage is going to be tied to California minimum wage or Los Angeles minimum wage. We are either going to be part of the state or city. One inherent issue is councils voting on their own stipends. That is literally a conflict of interest and should settle for future councils.

#### B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

#### C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder's proxy states that UCSA is happening August 13-August 16 and they're releasing applications this week. For any of your counterparts that will be good and we are accepting about 60 people and we need to get the word out. If you want to send potential candidates or listservs it would be a very simple application.

-Khan asks how many representatives

-Helder's proxy states 60

#### D. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa states he misses everyone and is excited to be back in August.

#### E. Administrative Representative

-Champawat states Zimmerman is at the California Education Sustainability Conference at UCSF.

-Geller states she sent an email to get ready for the interviews for the director of Greek life. I'm very interested in getting the student feedback. Unfortunately the timing didn't work out to do it before finals and aren't that many students. Please share with any students who are around and interested. The interviews are set for 28, 29, 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-1:45. A student is welcome all in Murphy hall and the 28<sup>th</sup> they are in rom 2121 on the 29<sup>th</sup> in room 2107, and on 31<sup>st</sup> they're in 2107. I will have some sort of light refreshments. RSVPs aren't required and I wont have a candidate sitting in an empty room. By all means share the invitation and I hope to see you at the interviews.

-Starr states they have 3 weeks of camp and want to see what it is send me an email about UNICAMP.

-Chrissy states she's working with the law school and Bruin resource center to build a restorative justice center if you're interested in mediating or attending an information session. Our first training is in Fall so let me know if you have any questions.

## VII. Fund Allocations

### A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states \$2,873 required. \$813 requested. \$295 recommended. \$4,098.00

-Rosen states this is for summer

-Wong states yes

-Rosen asks where the remaining money would go

-Wong states surplus.

-Shao moves to approve the funding allocation of \$295. Dameron seconds 8-0-0 the funding allocation is approved.

## VIII. Old Business

## IX. New Business

## X. Announcements

-Khan states MSA is having a celebration to end Ramadan and everyone is welcome. They're working on trying to do the snack and give back program and trying to get my office involved. Basically what we did was to have hygiene products and sandwiches to give out to homeless. This time around we're trying to target towards feminine hygiene products.

-Rosen asks for an email to send events

-Khan states yes

## XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

## XII. Adjournment

-Leonine moves to adjourn the meeting. Shao seconds.

8-0-0 the meeting is adjourned at 7:41pm.

## XII. Good and Welfare