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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Kerckhoff Hall 417

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7:00 PM

PRESENT: Heather Rosen, Heather Hourdequin, Zach Helder, Danny Siegel, Trent Kajikawa, Lexi Mossler, Zack Dameron, Amy Shao, Ian Cocroft, Ruhi Patil, Marvin Chen, Ariel Rafalian, Stephanie Wong, Patricia Zimmerman, Deborah Geller, Christina Mata

ABSENCE: Aaliya Khan, Anais Amin

I. Call to Order

Rosen calls the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

A. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet is passed around

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Kajikawa moves to strike ASRF

-Chen strikes Student Wellness Programming Fund

-Hourdequin strikes IVP Officer Report

-Hourdequin moves to approve the agenda as amended. Shao seconds.

10-0-0 the minutes have been approved

B. Approval of the Minutes from April 5, 2016

-Hourdequin moves to approve the minutes. Rafalian seconds.

10-0-0 the minutes have been approved

III. Public Comments

-Jacklyn is the CalPirg chapter chair and all of the CalPirg are conducting hunger surveys and choosing campaigns for next fall quarter. This week you must've seen us on bruin walk and our goal is to collect 100 hunger surveys per campus and understand the effects and see how and where we can solve the issue better. For the next issue we are choosing our campaigns. Tonight at 7:30 we are choosing the campaigns for fall quarter and next quarter. We would be choosing our current campaigns like California back then, textbook affordability, gender pricing inequality, and public transport. Everyone is welcome to suggest any campaigns they think CalPirg would run. You can text me the idea and I'll bring it up at the meeting and we'll be voting on it from a statewide election and we'll decide on our lead campaign.

-Jamie from CalPirg and I'm running our democracy campaign and we are aiming to get big money out of politics. We want funding from grassroots so that was politicians can be closer to constituents. We were informed of a bill by Senator Allen that wants to lift a ban about public elections. We want to raise awareness and have visibility events like this tug a wear outside Powell from 12-2 and have strong people be big money and average citizens coming together is stronger. We have a CalPirg event and please go on Facebook and share the event.

IV. Special Presentations

A. Financial Supports Commission 2015-2016 Accomplishments

-Patil wants to present all of the accomplishments in terms of initiatives, events, and programming. We are excited to share with you all. I'm Ashley the professional services director, and the rest of the staff introduces themselves.

-Ashly stated Part of the professional duties consists of creating a connection of the career center and create resources that students can come to events such as the on campus job fair. We were able to bring in different vendors, jobs, start up companies such as ASUCLA, UCLA Rec, UCLA transportations, and Wooden jobs. It was a great idea for students to further their educational path and gain access to resources that aren't readily available. Other things they work on is resume workshops in order to connect with Stacy Herman who is vital with providing resources and that was the sole focus for the professional committee.

-Patil states I saw a lot of need and its important to bring the career center to the hill specifically in De Neve Dining hall to turn in resumes and gain critiques and do anything that the career center offers at a basic booth. So it really increases visibility and it was from 5-7 every other Tuesday. It was amazing to have first and second years think about their future. We had our huge spinning wheel and I really wanted to appeal those that aren't as motivated that don't have the motivation to think about it. By having the spinning wheels I think we were allowed to motivate and it was really interactive and I think we have a great turn out and shout out to student services.

-Last quarter we had the resume workshop from FSC and the career center. The presentation from professionals regarding the industry he or she works in, the skill set required for the industry, and so much more. There was a Q&A session and networking session and resume critique with a really good turn out.

-Patil stated the calculator loan library and a lot of students would forget their calculators but a lot of them needed them simply because they could not afford them. It promotes access and affordability to STEM classes, especially amongst low-income students and students from underserved communities. There's currently 3 graphing calculators, 28 scientific calculators, 14 basic calculators. I have an AAP tutor in my office and these students come form underserved and with his students he saw a large need and was a huge advocate for this program and really helped get the funding. For spring quarter we are planning to expand to 30 additional graphing calculators and 30 additional scientific calculators.

-Patil stated they continued the parking scholarship and 10 \$100 scholarships provided by parking services. There are three tiers based on EFC. It benefits commuter students in order to make their daily commute can relieve the hassle.

-Patil stated they expanded the lab coat loan library and the iclicker loan library. Basically a lot of students are finding out about these loan libraries and its important to expand them and keep the supply with the demand with these day to day things.

-This past week we put on a financial literacy week. Throughout this week our general goal was to achieve greater financial literacy. We had living debt free, eating healthy on a budget, how do you buy a home?, caring about your credit workshop, clothing swap shop, and mindfulness coffee talk. They were held both on the hill and on campus.

Hopefully it helped the turnout and it was the first year it was put on. We hope it would

be the first of many financial literacy weeks. The general goal was to create financial literacy.

-I've always been told that making money is tough but managing money is tougher. We have the monopoly fair and have booths such as a money management, budgeting, scholarships, grants, career center, financial aid, student loans, investing, work study.

-Patil states we also continued last year financial research articles and advertised them through Facebook such as your guide to LinkedIn and how to get around in LA for cheap and beneficial. A lot of students expressed need in the area.

-Patil states in conjunction with Share TheBus we got students to Norcal and back for spring break. There was a coach bus with reclining seats, extra legroom to stretch out, and a restroom in the back for the price of \$100 round trip. We want to get the price down.

-We want to have the first ever fair to showcase startups created by your own fellow undergraduate Bruins and startups from all pockets of campus.

-We have a textbook advocacy force. In association with CalPirg we trained students to meet with UCLA professors and discuss lowering textbook prices for affordable course materials initiative. We want to do a professor outreach in any way we can.

-As the quarter ends we are having an excel workshop and a lot of them would benefit from this. In addition we are planning on having a focus group with the financial aid office.

-Rosen offers it up for questions

-Kajikawa asks how do you see AAC partnering with FSC in the future

-Patil states it would be great to have that backing with AAC and a huge student base to get into. I would definitely love to see AAC do and release the Wi-Fi survey and prepare them beyond college.

V. Appointments

A. Judicial Board: Justin Jackson

-Rosen reads The Judicial Board is the judicial branch of the Undergraduate Students Association. Judicial Board Justices review petitions for hearings, hear cases and determine constitutional issues. Justices serve on the J-Board for the duration of their tenure as UCLA undergraduate students in good standing, to a maximum of four years. Seven undergraduates are appointed by the USAC President in keeping with the stated tenure.

-Rosen states he received a 3-0-0 vote by ARC and has research and wants to promote the visibility of the board and done research on procedures and processes of jboard.

-Jackson states he applied for judicial board because its imperative that USAC has a judiciary system because it sets up a good format and provides transparency and dealing with conflicts and its pretty clear on how USAC has an opinion on it. Seeing how justices are I think I add integrity. I think its important to know where work is and where play starts. I would love to be on judicial board to have a sense of integrity.

-Kajikawa asks if he has the opportunity to reach out to other justices and what have you learned from it

-Jackson states I reached out to the chief justice and executive justice and they gave me the run down on how it is. They kind of gave me the rundown and what is brought forth.

-Hourdequin asks his plan to promote visibility.

-Jackson says to increase visibility is to extend their interaction with USAC and also to get out there and advocate for judicial board. Thank you all for your time and I would love to complete the visibility so they can try. I would love to bring honor and uphold the USAC constitution.

-Helder moves to approve Jackson to judicial board. Kajikawa seconds.

-Cocroft states its clear that he's willing to learn and has a great willingness to learn. I think he'll make great Justice Justin Jackson

-Siegel states its telling how he knew and I'm excited to approve Justin on the Judicial board.

-Rosen calls to question.

11-0-0 Justin Jackson has been approved for the judicial board.

VI. Office and Member Reports

A. President – Rosen

-Rosen states any graduating senior should receive an email and it talked about our experiences at UCLA and have the opportunity to create a legacy and give back any monetary donation. You can specifically identify which committee you want. Additionally our daily bruin article came out yesterday and worked with Bruin consent Coalition and we had 48 other orgs sign to break the culture and show survivors and victims the resources are there for them. It is sexual assault awareness month. I have a meeting with Frank Watta to talk about dead days before finals so students have adequate time to empower them through adequate success especially as we look to approach the academic senate so you want to talk to him first and gather his opinions. This Saturday is bruin day and I will be giving a speech to new potential bruins and we are working on a specific flyer for everyone.

B. Internal Vice President – Hourdequin

C. External Vice President - Helder

-Helder states its been a busy week and last Wednesday I went to Sacramento for the day and I did public comment with student regent and Kajikawa in front to joint legislative committee to talk about the thoughts and feelings of the recent controversial audit. The audit hardly captures the full story and its very political and we are very disappointed and doesn't strike at the heart of the problem. Its that our state and many others have chosen not to fund the public university at full levels. Its easy for politicians to demonize out of state students and UCOP because it means they don't have to take responsibility and do the work that will make it better. A quick fact sheet one of the core claims is that UC has been performing out of state with lower scores and standards and displacing resident students but if you look at virtually any other data set, it'll say that out of state students are held the higher standards. I've been pretty upset and trying to make progress on the long term financial issues. I got a chance to assemble a delegation for the student lobby conference to learn how to do it. One of my favorite parts of this job

D. Community Service Commissioner – Zach Dameron

E. Academic Affairs Commissioner – Kajikawa

-Kajikawa is going to meet with Frank Watta from my.ucla and if anyone has recommendations email them. I just heard back of the director of online education and we have a scheduled meeting and finishing the year strong. Tonight midnight we are going to be releasing the wireless survey so we can reassess to update the map. I had the opportunity to go with Zach to Sacramento. They were looking at non-capped GPA because our students take IB, AP, and community college and it wasn't considered at all and interesting how they skewed them.

F. Administrative Representatives

-Geller states SOLE is running a waiting list on student groups interesting in participating. If you hear from anyone their group is frustrated refer to them to Chris Capulolo.

-Starr states Unicamp offices are physically moving to Wooden.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Programming

-Wong states SWC and FSC required \$3,379.97, requested \$3,400 and \$720 recommended.

-Helder moves to approve. Dameron seconds.

10-0-1 the contingency programming allocation for USAC has been approved.

-Wong states 19 groups required \$109,321.48 and its high because the American Indian Association had a Powow that cost around \$70,000. The amount requested was \$18,005.80 and recommended \$5,679. If approved there will be \$21, 288.40 left in contingency.

B. EVP Travel and Advocacy Grant

-Helder states for Fossil free for \$327.57 for their convention.

-Helder states the application came in and the director approved it before the conference happened. Our office approved the nod but USAC didn't so I'm in a bind. I would love insight because there was an internal conflict. Part of it is on the student group for applying it past the deadline and part of it is my director for approving it. I think it's a worthwhile thing to fund and I was approved before the conference happened but obviously we're in a tricky situation.

-Geller states as far as best practice, you want to know what you communicate to the organizations and at what point. There shouldn't be any conversation until its agreed on. In this particular case the group applied before the conference so they were not seeking retroactive funding and you have not formally informed them they have been approved and haven't transferred any funds. Again its not retroactive because you haven't done those steps. You are asking now that they're approved for reimbursements because they've taken out money. They may get reimbursed and that's not technically retroactive.

-Geller states there shouldn't be any conversation at any point that says our office has approved and wait for the formal approved, you should wait for the one formal approval

-Helder states that's sounds reasoning. What does council feel about this particular item

-Rosen asks if they applied before the deadline

-Helder yes

- Wong said you mentioned they applied late
- Helder states within our guidelines we suggest strongly that they apply for money 3-5 weeks and they came to us maybe 1 or 2 weeks. There's an administrative reason. The problem is that it does create an issue. The trouble is that the deadline isn't as stark as it could be.
- Rosen states has there been discussion about finding a harder deadline.
- Helder states the guidelines probably wont change until next year.
- Kajikawa asks how you would ensure that this wont happen again
- Helder states a hard deadline and more communication with the director and I see every decision so we revised our communication procedures accordingly. I think its an ethical trick because the question is I want to give that money and the stark deadline is helpful in preventing things but an inflexible deadline can leave some students high and dry.
- Wong suggests that the finance committee goes by 21 days because it gives a buffer in between and gives funding director 1 week to approve and review, and another week to come to council because typically we meet once a week, and once council approves it SGA will have to process it. Its best practice to then notify the student group so they can access it. If its anything a week or more late its unfair to rush their application.
- Rosen asks if Wong will look at applications for 21 days
- Wong states we dock it by half if it's late but if its more than 14 days late we just reject it.
- Hourdequin asks have other organizations not given funding
- Helder states we've never had this issue before.
- Rosen states its been approved by consensus

C. ASRF

- Shao states 2 applications came in. One was ASU admit week and the other was Korean Culture Night for their awareness program. They got their final allocation of \$3,000 each. They both requested \$5,000.
- Rosen states its approved by consent.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. 2016 USAC Ballot Order Correction

- Election board states the referendum had a rough draft but now its updated.
- Kajikawa moves to approve. Patil seconds.
- 10-0-0 the corrected ballot order was approved.

X. Announcements

- Shao states this week is World Fest week and the word is having their word on Wednesday "if I ruled the world..."
- Siegel states next Monday from 4-6 at Sunset Rec I'm partnering with Indian student union to participate in Holi and learn about the culture and encourage all of you to come out.

-Mossler states we are screening a sneak to the sequel of Barber Shop. On Tuesday Anna Kendrick and Adam Devine are going to be at our sneak next week!

-Kajikawa states next Wednesday we are having our 1 year anniversary of the diversity requirement and it'll be catered!

-Hourdequin states this week is LGBTQ pride week and today we had a pride parade and party and tomorrow we have a panel on intersectionality. We are raising awareness of the FDA ban about gay man donating blood and a lot of people have taken the stance so please come out.

-Rafalian states its transfer pride week. Tomorrow there is a transfer alumni networking night and there will be food there.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet has been passed around.

XII. Adjournment

-Dameron moves to adjourn the meeting. Helder seconds.

-Rosen adjourns the meeting at 8:07pm.

XII. Good and Welfare