UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday June 1, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, Chris Santos, Matt Spring, Emily Resnick, Gatsby Miller, Suza Khy, Charles Ma, Jamie Yao, Kinnery Shah, JC De Vera, Rustom Birdie, Linda Phi, Bob Williams, Dr. Deb Geller, Dr. Berky Nelson, Katrina Dimacali, Willard Tressel, Patty Zimmerman.

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Andra Lim, Melissa Samson, Ronald Arruejo, Matt Abularach, Kelli Fallon, Jason Youdeem (Proxy for Emily Resnick).

I. A. Call to Order

- Hill called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

- De Vera moved to add Zimmerman’s Student Government’s special presentation to the agenda.
- Spring moved and Birdie seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.
- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the agenda was approved, as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *5/25/10

- Birdie said that there are a few typos (concerning those present).
- Khy said that her name is spelled incorrectly.
- De Vera stated that there should be no first names in the minutes.
- Miller moved and De Vera seconded to approve the minutes for May 25, 2010, as amended.
- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

Melissa Samson- IVP for OCHC

Samson is working to be a liaison between USAC and the hill. She notified the council that the OCHC will be meeting on Wednesdays. Council will be receiving an email from Samson. Samson said that she would also be here for the summer.

V. Special Presentations

Patty Zimmerman- Student Support Manager

Zimmerman presented a presentation to the council concerning updating signatories, reserving meeting room spaces, trash disposal, etc. The presentation consisted of pertinent information that the new council should be notified of. Zimmerman asked the council to email her the information on the signatories by this Friday.
-Tressel noted that getting the word out to all student groups has been an issue in the past (e.g. OSAC) and asked if the OrgSync software could be utilized by council to communicate to said groups. He also asked if the system had return receipt capability.
-Zimmerman responded that, yes, all student groups can be communicated with in this way but that it must go through a CSP advisor. She noted that it was necessary for the groups to update their information/contacts for this to work.
-Santos asked if the third signatory could be turned in at a later date.
-Zimmerman said that the third signatory could be turned in at a later date.
-Birdie asked if the three signatories that they need included themselves.
-Zimmerman responded that it does, and that they need a total of three signatories.
Zimmerman then proceeded with her presentation and brought up the handbooks that the council received at a previous meeting. She notified the council of the importance of turning in their signatories as soon as possible. The council is to reserve their meetings or events by meeting with their CSP Advisors and reserving with either Event Services or the Event Office. Zimmerman proceeded to talk about the stipend paperwork deadline, which is on June 4, 2010 before 5pm.
-Miller asked if a passport was necessary or if a birth certificate could be used as identification.
-Zimmerman said that a birth certificate would suffice.
Zimmerman proceeded to talk about trash and furniture disposal. If you want to dispose of furniture or donate it, the council is to contact Zimmerman. The presentation proceeded to talk about USAC Installation, which is to take place Sunday, June 6th in Kerckhoff Grand Salon. Reception to follow.
-Phi asked if guests would receive free parking or not.
-Zimmerman said that parking is not covered, but if they would like to organize it amongst their own council then they are free to do so. The council is encouraged to make arrangements for parking that will be effective for next year’s council.
-Zimmerman reminded the council to change the names on their Gmail accounts from the last year’s council to their own name.
-Hill, regarding installation, asked how many tickets they would receive.
-Zimmerman responded that each council member will receive 5 invitations and that there is unlimited seating. Zimmerman concluded the presentation, reminding council about emails and signatories.

VI. Appointments

Hill said that the deadline was this past Friday for appointments. She notified the council that there were a lot of applications and thanked the council for their outreach efforts. Hill said that continuous outreach would not be difficult and that there was a wide variety of applicants. Hill stated that she met with Lucas prior to the meeting concerning appointments. Interviews are to begin soon, to be taken care of by ARC. Council will be going over the appointments during Finals Week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.

B. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Academic Affairs Mini-Grant this week.

C. EVP Travel Grant

There was no business for the EVP Travel grant this week.

D. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week.

E. *Contingency Allocations

There was no business for Contingency Allocations this week.
VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Jasmine Hill

-Hill said The Daily Bruin ad was in today (6/1/10) and Thursday.
-Hill and Lucas talked about the communal office space and when it would be open.
-Lucas will soon follow up on a solution to when the space would open. She is waiting for responses and will set up and update the council when she receives more information.
-Hill said that she would follow up with student groups and hopes to open up the space on Thursday.
-Hill and Lucas will be working with CSP in order to figure out more information about the student groups at UCLA and will attempt to learn more about demographics, which groups are the most active, etc. in order to best serve these populations. Project to be completed mid-summer.

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas talked about the Strathmore Saferide premiered last week through her office and will continue this week. ARC will convene this week and will go over BOD as well as any pertinent business. Lucas sent to the council the retreat doodle and requested for the council to complete it by Sunday. She will announce her staff at the end of this week.

External Vice President--Chris Santos

Santos talked about the May Revise and the budget. Santos talked to John Perez, the speaker of the company assembly, concerning the California Jobs Budget. The California Jobs budget would save and create about 265,000 jobs through investing in the private sector, prevent elimination of the safety net, shift funds and delay corporate tax breaks. Santos brought this up because of its connection to higher education and funding. Santos talked about his advocacy and will keep council updated on the progression of these issues. The budget concerning the regents was passed and will be effective in the fall. Santos talked about organizing the congress and will keep the council updated on this as the week’s progress. Santos talked about funding allocation and that he wanted to ensure that funding would be provided for Cal Grants. In terms of the regent meeting, the budget increasing fees for 15% (that was already part of the 13% fee increases) was passed and will be effective in the fall. Santos updated council on the United States Student Association Congree, which UCLA will be hosting in the Summer. He followed up on the progression of the event and his relations in organizing the event. Santos brought up the DREAM act and encouraged all council members to contact senator Feinstein. He asked them to push the DREAM act as a stand-alone bill. Santos discussed the importance of the bill and how she has it in her capacity to push for change.

Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

Khy said she started going to the campus attention committee and hopes to be part of that space for summer and throughout Summer and the year. She attended the IDEAS conference, which included high school students which focused on obtaining higher education. Part of this conference included writing to senator Feinstein.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.
XI. Announcements

-Hill announced to council that assembly candidate Haley Mitchell will be here from noon to 1 and has asked the council to facilitate a meeting concerning different camuos leaderships. Government and community relations will be facilitating this event.

-Jason Youdeem (Proxy for Emily Resnick). wanted to remind anyone that anyone applying to an office can obtain an application until tomorrow night.

-Khy said that next week, Tuesday, will be voting for primary elections. She encourages everyone to vote and get notified on the candidates.

-Miller said that he’s met with most of the council and would like to meet all of the members. He also pointed out that USAC works in separate entities and encourages the council to work together in order to achieve something greater. Finally, he notified the council that he will be able to attend the USAC retreat.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Yao moved and De Vera seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Dimacali
USAC Minutes Taker
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