UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday June 8, 2010
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jasmine Hill, Stephanie Lucas, 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: Chris Santos

GUESTS:

I. Call to Order
   - Hill called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

II. Approval of the Agenda
   - Spring moved and seconded to approve the agenda, Shah 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. *6/1/10
       - Spring moved and Khy seconded to approve the minutes for June 1st, as amended.
       - Hill called for Acclamation. Hill asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

V. Special Presentations

V. Appointments
   - Lucas introduced the appointments.
   - A recess was called at 9:21 pm as suggested by Miller
   - Recess was over by 9:28 pm

A. ASUCLA Board of Directors- Mark Reyes
   - Lucas pointed out that Reyes has experience working with an insurance form and with SPACE from Samahang Pilipino. He emphasized that he would be willing to be a direct liaison between the Board of Directors and council. He was given a unanimous vote by ARC. Lucas moves to appoint Reyes
   - De Vera seconds
   - Reyes introduced himself to council as a second year studying economics. He opened up the floor for questions
   - Spring asked what his vision was for the next two years
   - Reyes hopes to work with a strong team to work with a financially stable ASUCLA
   - Shah asked what his understanding is of ASUCLA
- Reyes pointed out that he knew that the ASUCLA was worth 80 million dollars. The board of directors is one of the largest
- Khy asked what experience he had with budgets
- Reyes said that he critically analyzes trends to ensure that SPACE has the appropriate funds. He also started a business with car detailing
- Birdie asked about
- Reyes responded that ASUCLA would not to business with this company. He pointed out that there is an issue with meal swipes on the hill and said that the swipe is only worth $2-4 on campus.
- Hill pointed out that she liked his application because he worked with a Fortune 500 company
- Reyes worked with NY financial company and was able to interview people for this company
- Miller asked why Reyes he applied for BOD and why is it important to him
- Reyes said that it was important because he is an econ major and that he hopes to do something like this later in the future
- Spring asked what Reyes has done already to prepare for this position
- Reyes said that he did a lot of research on the experience and that he emailed Bob Williams about BOD. He is eager and willing to learn.
- Birdie asked what his weakness would be
- Reyes said that his weakness is that he works very hard, which can be a weakness because it may intimidate
- Spring asked how he hopes to create a team through this appointment
- Reyes said that through being on a team, they can overcome obstacles as a group. He hopes to go along with the same mindset to overcome what’s happening with ASUCLA (textbooks, financial crisis)
- Lucas asked Reyes to develop an answer to textbooks and the pricing problems
- Reyes said that as a team, he would make a financially practical decision.
- Lucas asked Reyes to elaborate
- Reyes responded that he hopes to work as a team and that his personal politics aren’t relevant
- Miller asked who was the most important in ASUCLA
- Reyes said that he looks forward to discussing this with Bob Williams
- Miller asked Reyes how he hopes to represent all undergraduates at UCLA
- Reyes said that he hopes to maintain an open line of communication with student groups and USAC. He hopes to create transparency through the Daily Bruin and the ASUCLA website
- De Vera asked how he has been an advocate for students
- Reyes said that through his work for SPACE, he has been a peer advisor for students and has tried to make those struggles visible to UCLA. He also has knowledge on UC Regents
- Dr. Geller asked how he will balance the demands of this appointment with his academic life
- Reyes said that he understands that the board meets twice a month and feels like the time commitment is not a problem. He said that academics is one of his top priorities
- Resnick asked how he plans to incorporate the new store that’s developing in South Campus
- Reyes said that he hopes to make sure that the stores there are what the students want
- Birdie asked what tangible ideas he has to develop the connection with the student
- Reyes hopes to work as a team in order to achieve this
- Miller asked what is ASUCLA’s role and the administrator’s role in ASUCLA
- Reyes hopes to facilitate an open line of communication between administrator and ASUCLA
- Miller asked what ASUCLA’s role is in regards to students
- Reyes said that he plans to serve them
- Spring asked what his favorite ASUCLA store is
- Reyes said that he enjoys the various stores and the availability
- Phi asked what services from ASUCLA best serves students directly and why
- Reyes said that he believed that the student store and the textbook store are beneficial for students because of its convenience and availability on campus.
- Birdie asked Reyes about the stipend and if he feels like his stipend should increase
- Reyes said that he would like to discuss this with the rest of the board and that it isn’t up to him to decide
- Khy mentioned that Reyes is a strong candidate for this position, considering his background, experience, and passion. Khy said that she feels like there was a lot of technical questions asked and that she sees him trying to familiarize himself with the position. She feels like he has like the necessary background to hold this appointment
- Spring said that he realizes that the candidates for BOD might not know everything about the position
- Hill said that Reyes has great insight on the committee
- Miller said that his biggest concern is that the answer for the first priority would be students. He feels like Reyes has a lot of experience with students and feels like the priority of BOD should be the students
- Spring said that Reyes shouldn’t ever want to jeopardize the ASUCLA as a whole
- Birdie asked if there was input from Williams, Tressel, and Dr. Geller on the appointment of BOD
- Williams said that it takes a while to learn the inner workings of the position
- Yao said that Reyes might have not known how to answer the previous question and that the council should consider Reyes’ background
- Miller said that his only concern is that he wants to hear strongly from someone who advocates student welfare
- Birdie asked for an example when he had a nonbiased, nonpartisan position
- Reyes said that working as a recruiting coordinator, he had to make difficult decisions concerning the hiring of people to a company.
- Miller asked how he sees ASUCLA relating to students and how he can advocate for students through the position
- Reyes said that he would provide for what the students need and want. He wants to make sure that student’s needs are heard by listening to what they want to say by keeping open lines of communication
- Lucas asked how well Reyes works outside of his student groups to establish his conclusiveness on BOD
- Reyes said that he would like to maintain an open line of communication with USAC so that ASUCLA and USAC can keep each other accountable. He would like to work with the GSA
- Spring moved to question
- Phi seconded
- Hill asked those in favor in moving toward a vote
- 6 voted, so questions were continued
- Tressel asked what obligations Reyes has outside of BOD
- Reyes said that he would commute from the San Fernando Valley. He would also work with SPACE every other week with the high school students
- Tressel asked for clarification on what SPACE was
- Reyes said that SPACE was Samahang Pilipino Advancing through Community Empowerment
- Tressel said that Reyes shouldn’t underestimate the time commitment of BOD. He asked Reyes if he is prepared for that commitment
- Reyes said that he was
- Dr. Geller asked if Reyes had talked to other BOD’s to see what their work load was like
- Reyes said that he talked to one of the current BOD’s and that he knew what the board was responsible for. He said that with his background of being a student leader, that being BOD wouldn’t be as much of a time commitment
- Resnick asked if he had any issues that he would like to bring to the table as BOD
- Reyes would like to bring up the issue of meal swipes as well as the textbook issue
- Hill said that her office is interested in the idea of socially responsibly investing. She asked if he was aware of this.
- Reyes said that it had to do with fair trade and that he understood that Café 1919 used fair trade coffee beans and that he is still researching this.
- Khy asked for an example of his commitment to students and how he has created a positive change
- Reyes said that he has been listening to student needs on the hill and also hopes to listen to the needs of commuters. He said that he will also listen to graduates
- Birdie asked why he chose BOD to serve the purpose of choosing students
- Reyes said that he wants to work with BOD because it aligns with his long term goals. He hopes to become a financial advisor and hopes to gain skills and knowledge to attain his long term goal
- Miller commends Reyes for looking for a position regarding what he wants to do in the future. He asked Hill why she chose Reyes
- Hill said Reyes is the only second year who has this invaluable experience working with a Fortune 500 company. She said that his idea that came through the application came through the idea of the theme and working with different groups all together. Hill said that you need someone that speaks for students but also brings people together. She said that Reyes had good ideas on how to look at the current situation but to work with others. Reyes would make a good board member rather than just a person on the board
Ma calls to question
Shah seconds with no objections
11-0-0 with a unanimous vote, Mark Reyes is appointed as ASUCLA BOD.

B. ASUCLA Board of Directors - Mikaela Saelua

Lucas said that she has experience dealing with a budget with a critical and clear perspective. She has experience with a wide array of student groups and can advocate on the student board of directors. Some of the things to think about was whether or not she had enough commitment and experience with such a large budget. She said that her application is much stronger than her personal interview. ARC voted with a vote of 2-1-0

Lucas moved to approve the appointment of Saelua as BOD
Birdie seconds

Saelua introduced herself to the committee. She is a second year political science major.

Birdie opened up for question and discussion

Saelua said that ASUCLA serves the students and is a nonprofit organization whose funds should go back to the students. They gave back to students by reducing textbook costs. She believes the student is the association

Spring pointed out that the budget for ASUCLA is 80 million. He asked what experience she has

Saelua sat on the student budget committee which had a budget of 1 million dollars. She was able to critically evaluate the budget and decide how programs served its goals. She feels like she has the experience, with the SIC developing its own budget and determines its own allocation

Phi asked if Saelua would have any changes she would want to see at ASUCLA and what they would be

Saelua would want to see improvements on student health. She said that healthy food should be more affordable. Saelua said that food should be accessible to all students on campus and that there’s a calorie count visible to students

Miller asked how Saelua plans to represent every student at UCLA

Saelua said that she brings a diverse background to the table and has worked with a variety of students. She recognizes that these are not all student but feels as if she has an open mind and heart to represent all students

De Vera asked what her experience is in terms of advocacy with administrators

Saelua said that she has worked with the administrators through the SIC and has the background experience. She also has experience working the Pacific Islander Association

Birdie asked what quality she has over other applicants

Saelua said that she has the training and the ability to critically evaluate funding

Miller asked why Saelua applied to BOD specifically

Saelua felt like her experience with SIC was most relevant with the BOD and that through this space she can affect the most change. Saelua points to her passion for serving students as someone who works with such a large budget

Spring asked what Saelua’s vision is for the next two years

Saelua said that she knows about the sustainability issues and the people she needs to work with. She hopes to implement the health aspect to students and hopes to work on health and providing affordable, healthy food options

Lucas asked her to clarify following up students and student fees

Saelua said that it is important to follow up with the student groups under the SIC. She feels like it is important to be efficient with the money.

Hill asked Saelua to talk about how she has prepared herself in terms of being knowledgeable about BOD

Saelua pointed to her experience with students and knowing where students are and what their needs are. Recently, she has been doing research on the core values of BOD and the core values of the board of directors. She has spoken to the current BOD to gauge what the work she could possibly be doing may consist of

Miller asked what the role of student leaders is when working with administrators

Saelua said that the role is for students to work alongside administrators

Miller asked what she would do when there are disagreements between students and administrators

Saelua brought up the budget and said that in order to work through disagreements she would foster open communication in order to best serve student needs
-Resnick asked her to elaborate on any other goals or her role in BOD
-Saelua said that another issue has to do with the availability of facilities.
-Birdie asked for a tangible example of when Saelua worked outside of her community and she outreached, representing all of UCLA
-Saelua talked about working with the community programs office and how it has developed her in dealing with various student groups
-Khy asked Saelua how she foresees working with the various entities of UCLA and how to address the issues
-Saelua said that, considering the economic crisis, that more study rooms should be opened up. She hopes to work in collaboration with the different entities
-Tressel asked about Saelua’s time commitments and how she hopes to deal with the commitments of BOD. He also asked about her understanding of the BOD position
-Saelua plans to be an RA and a part of the Pacific Islander Association
-Tressel asked about the time commitments of being an RA
-Saelua said that she doesn’t feel like it will interfere with her ability to serve ASUCLA
-Miller said that as a returning RA, he is aware of the time commitment. He asked how she hopes to handle the time commitments for next year
-Saelua answered that she was involved with various other student groups and that she has the time commitment abilities to handle being an RA as well as BOD.
-Miller asked what she would do in the event she becomes too overwhelmed
-Saelua said that she would reevaluate what she is doing, though she would not drop out of a position
-Miller asked how she would apply this position to the future, not only to UCLA
-Saelua said that she saw the position as more of a way to advocate for the students and that it is something she will benefit from by working with students and the community
-Birdie asked how Saelua plans to put party bias aside in order to work with ASUCLA
-Saelua said that she feels like she will be representing students and does not feel like party lines will prevent her from serving students
-Shah asked what unique qualities she can bring to board
-Saelua said that she is something that the board hasn’t seen before. Saelua has qualities that the board hasn’t seen before. Saelua attributes to being open minded.
-Tressel asked Saelua how to balance SIC and ASUCLA
-Saelua said that it was at first difficult to be critical but realizes that she is allocating student fees and plans to do so objectively.
-Tressel talked about the board members being unbiased in order to best serve the needs of the students
-Saelua said that she would not be biased and would be BOD with a critical perspective and is willing to learn
-Tressel asks if Saelua has worked with ASUCLA before
-Saelua said that she has previously worked with the student market
-Zimmerman asked about what knowledge she has about the new stores and expanding the restaurant services. She asked how her experience can help serve these capital projects
-Saelua talked about the emergence of the south campus student center
-Zimmerman clarified the question and asked about how she would best serve the student’s needs
-Saelua hopes to gauge input during elections by taking a survey to see what students want and using advertising techniques to ensure visibility
-Yao asked Saelua to elaborate on her previous work analyzing policies for the budget review
-Saelua worked to make sure her policies were up to date and compared them to the campus retention center and other UCs
-Yao asked what types of policies she worked with
-Saelua said that her funding has to do with a ratio based on need and is something they’ve been working with to make the funding service fair
-Birdie said that BOD is primarily to make ASUCLA better. He asked Saelua what she would change and improve at UCLA and what she would want to implement
-Saelua said that she is aware that students have some access to the board funds. She hopes to provide for healthier options for students
-Miller asked if Saelua has met with her RD, what her communication is with her
- Saelua met with her RD and stated that the RD is open to working with her and any time conflicts that she may have.
- Miller asked Saelua what is important to her
- Saelua said that students are her priority. She will be an RA and hopes to best serve student needs. She said that she is good at communicating her time commitments.
- Khy said that Saelua has clear ideas for what she wants to bring to ASUCLA and looking at the spaces she’s been involved in, she is supportive of Saelua going forth to the BOD position.
- Williams asked if she would be able to come to the retreat
- Saelua responded that she would be able to attend the retreat
- Dr. Geller asked her to address her personal strategies for managing her time
- Saelua said that the student retention center is a useful tool to students. She utilizes her planner and counselor in order to keep everything balanced.
- Shah commented on ORL and BOD and said that it would be a good representative of the students to have Saelua as a part of ASUCLA
- Hill said that in addition to having great experiences and insight on money management, Saelua has articulated tangible goals that can serve student needs. She will be able to use student spaces and will be able to serve as a voice for students
- Miller said that his concern that the leadership is something that Saelua can manage. He asked about her understanding of how ASUCLA works
- Saelua said that ASUCLA provides for the student’s needs. To her understanding, the committee is made up of undergraduates, graduates, administrators, etc. She talked about the stores and the various services of ASUCLA
- Birdie asked Saelua if she thinks Williams is her boss
- Saelua is aware that this is a student run space where student input is highly valued
- Phi calls to question
- Yao seconds
- Under a vote of 4 people, the discussion continues
- Lucas asked Saelua how she hopes to make swipes on campus tangible
- Saelua said that dining at UCLA is reluctant to go into this agreement and that it might take away from who they service. She realizes the importance of what they want as well as what the students want.
- Birdie asked Saelua how she feels representing all of UCLA as a nonbiased representative
- Saelua said that her opinion on a geopolitical stance is that UCLA is a huge campus in which certain issues require a stance. She said that it depends upon the students on whether a stance is taken
- Lucas asked Saelua how the textbook issue would be dealt with
- Saelua said that the students are aware of the textbook issue and that she could possibly build a relationship with the publishers.
- Lucas asked for her opinion on why she doesn’t think that contacting the publishers have already been done
- Saelua said that she is not yet on the committee and would hope to work on that next year
- Ma said that a lot of the discussion has focused on her future rather than her current qualifications
- William asked what Saelua would do if an organic food option would be too expensive
- Saelua said that she would do whatever is the most practical for students
- Birdie further questioned on the organic food topic
- Saelua said that it is important to have some organic foods but students should come first
- Hill said that it was not practical to make someone choose a platform over the students
- Zimmerman said that ASUCLA and the students are intertwined
- Tressel said that Saelua answered the question as he wanted in that she was looking out for the students as well as for the health aspects of the students.
- Miller asked Saelua what student needs are and how she differentiates between student needs and what she would be doing
- Saelua said that the services she would be offering are to be utilized by students.
- Khy says that at this point the council should make a decision whether or not they support her
- Miller said at this time, with all due respect, that he wants to make sure that he can comfortably support her before he ends discussion
-Phi said that everything Saelua talked about are for the students in terms of facilities, financial issues, and healthy food options. Phi said that Saelua’s goals parallel a lot of the council’s goals and that there would be a good relationship between ASUCLA and USAC.
-Hill asked Yao if she had any questions for Saelua
-Yao said that what Saelua said reaffirmed that she can be BOD. Yao initially was unsure about Saelua’s funding experiences but feels like her viewpoints on funding will allow her to effectively serve as BOD next year.
-Tressel called for Miller to ask any necessary questions he may have
-Miller asked Saelua where her loyalty lies between being an RA and being a BOD.
-Saelua said that she would not choose between RA and BOD and feels like she has addressed the time management question to the fullest. Saelua points to her time management abilities and feels like the time commitment is manageable
-Spring said that he feels like Saelua is comfortable with her abilities.
-Spring called to question
-Ma seconded
7-2-2 Mikaela Saelua has been appointed to the ASUCLA Board of Directors.

C. Campus Programs Committee- Camille Lafayette
-Lucas pointed out that the ARC was impressive in her interview. Lafayette has a lot of experience, working with Admit Weekends. She was well prepared and professional. She understood the allocation process and structure. She also has a strong purpose of the Campus Programs Committee. There was a unanimous recommendation for Lafayette.
-De Vera moves to approve Lafayette for the appointment of CPC
-Spring seconds
-Lafayette introduced herself to the council as a third year applying for the Campus Programs Committee
-Spring asked what experience she has as a money manager
-Lafayette responded that she works closely with the program to work to restructure it, which previously lost money.
-Khy asked what her understanding is of the University of funding the CPC
-Lafayette said that it provides for financial support for student groups on campus. It also fostered diversity on the campus climate. The student groups can have different programming events for a collective growing atmosphere
-Lucas asked how she would utilize council and other resources
-Lafayette said that she would make sure that all student groups have equal opportunity by increasing visibility by working with council. She said that she would go to councils, facilitate workshops, etc
-Miller asked for clarification if there was a movement to appoint Lafayette
-Miller called to question
-Shah seconded
11-0-0 unanimous decision to appoint Camille Lafayette to the Campus Programs Committee.

D. Campus Programs Committee- Carl Betzler
-Lucas said that from his interview, his background of advertising and marketing experience makes him well suited for this position. They were under consensus that he is well prepared. He has a vast amount of experience for managing budgets and has experience in various student groups in order to maintain a vision for CPC. There was a unanimous decision to appoint Betzler.
-Tressel stated that the council should not limit their questions to four.
-Hill agreed with Tressel and said that they should limit the questions to ensure efficiency and to make sure that these appointments were moved along efficiently.
-Lucas stated that the four questions were chosen based on the minutes from last year.
-Tressel stated that there is no set number of questions.
-Khy moved to open up discussion concerning the number of questions asked to the people under appointments.
-Birdie seconded. The questions are now open to unlimited questions for each applicant.
-Birdie asked for clarification about the CPC.
-Dr. Geller clarified that the appointed board goes to the meeting when available.
-Williams stated that the members vote and that the alternates are not always transparent on board
-Birdie asked about alternates
-Hill clarified that alternates are appointed differently
-Miller asked how many positions are open for CPC
-Hill answered that there are 4 open positions and 1 alternate position
-Birdie asked what would happen if someone was not appointed
-Hill answered that if there is not a passing vote, they move back to the applicant pool
-Lucas asked if they would like to ask questions about the applicant while they are in the room
-Hill said that they should continue to ask questions while they are in the room
-Tressel suggested that they don’t ask questions when the appointee is not in the room.

-Betzler is a double major in accounting and political science. He expressed that he felt like the CPC is not doing an effective job and that he can encourage groups to apply for this fund.
-Tressel asked how Betzler would approach the issue
-Betzler replied that through transparency he can improve the CPC. He will go to the student groups and become a liaison to the student body. He feels like his background in marketing will benefit this position, Betzler pointed to the USAC website and that he would help increase the effectiveness and outreach of these programs
-Phi asked how he would facilitate coprogramming to these student groups
-Betzler replied that he would hold events together with different student groups. This would create more successful groups as they would see how other groups are doing
-Khy asked Betzler the purpose of the CPC
-Betzler said that the CPC’s purpose is to allow students a method to express themselves on campus. It is also to make the campus a better place and finding that outlet. It encourages coprogramming. He feels like the purpose is to educate students and encourage them to get involved, especially considering how many student groups are on campus.
-De Vera asked what his plans were to make the committee stronger.
-Tran said that he would like to have a further review process on the programs. He said that they will try to review the programs efficiently since it is not feasible to look at them one by one. This will be done through post-event evaluations. The evaluations will be used for conferences and other like events. He would like to work with BOD to create an online application. Furthermore, he would like to bring these items back to the committee.
-Birdie asked Tran what the primary purpose of the funding committee at UCLA.
-Tran responded to council that its purpose is to deal with funding, including cultural and educational programs. He encourages these programs to keep students more invested in UCLA.
-Hill strongly recommended Tran because of his previous experience and his insight as well as recommendations.
-Ma moves to approve John Tran for the position of CPC.
De Vera seconded.
-11-0-0 unanimous vote to appoint Tran as a member of the Campus Programs Committee.

F. Campus Programs Committee- Cameron Rice
- Lucas said that Rice has knowledge about the committee. He has experience with the committee and that he conducted himself professionally. Lucas said that Rice is committed to use his extensive knowledge to benefit the CPC.
- Rice introduced himself as a third year physical science major.
- Hill opened the appointment up to question
- Tressel asked about Rice’s experience
- Rice said that he was on CPC and wants to be an outlet for the group and not only for funding but for suggestion. Rice wants to efficiently use student funds.
- Dr. Geller asked Rice how CPC is better
- Rice replied that it is better because there is some turnover to previous members. Rice said that his main goal was to get everyone situated into the committee
- Miller asked what kind of groups usually apply for CPC and if this was representative of all the groups on campus. If not, he asked what he could do about this.
- Rice said that of the groups that are a part of CPC, they stay with them. He plans to start a notification fund in order to be more present on campus as well as for new groups to come.
- Hill said that Rice demonstrated excellent leadership and the qualities of being a key component of the committee. Hill feels like his experience is important for the CPC.
- Spring moves to a vote. Ma seconds.
- Tressel pointed out that there was no motion to approve this candidate
- Hill asked council if anyone moves to approve
- Lucas moves to approve Rice for the position of CPC
- Phi seconds
- Spring moves to approve Carl Rice to the position of CPC.
- Yao seconds
- 10-0-1 unanimous vote to appoint Rice for CPC.
- Dr. Geller pointed put that in the minutes that for the individual who called the question to rephrase to “moving to approve.” The minutes were changed accordingly following the rephrasing of the motions.

G. Finance Committee Chairperson- Isaac Rose
- Lucas said that it is important to have a financial committee chair. Lucas pointed out that Rose wants to continue to have fair funding for all applicants and hopes to eliminate the over calculation of fees. Rose has experience and his interview conveyed his vast knowledge the committee.
- Lucas moved to approve Rose as FiCom chair
- Phi seconds
- Rose introduced himself to council and said that he was on FiCom for the past three years and has served under BLT. He hopes to continue to work as chairperson
- Tressel asked about the over calculation platform
- Lucas clarified that she misquoted him
- Rose said that he was talking about over estimation. He clarified for the council that the committee asked him how to deal with over allocations. Rose said that the committee needed to use common sense to deal with these over allocations
- Tressel asked if he was going to carry on an unbiased, nonpartisan position
- Rose said yes, and that he would be unbiased toward student groups regardless of beliefs of the people on the committee. He said that the committee was meant to be equitable and meant to serve a diverse crowd
- De Vera asked Rose about his plan for visibility and transparency
- Rose said that he hopes to be visible to the council especially. He hopes to be transparent by requiring student groups to submit the needed forms in order to get funding. For UCLA, he said that it was the council’s responsibility to be transparent.
- Shah asked how Rose would deal with time-sensitive issues alongside the guidelines for FiCom
- Rose said that he would take a logical approach to the situation and that he would take it on a case to case basis.
- Zimmerman pointed to the importance of the FiCom chair. She asked how he would keep communication open, especially with SGA and Student Support Services
-Rose said that he already maintains communication with SGA and that he would answer any questions that anyone would have
-Zimmerman pointed out that the FiCom is the liaison between SGA, council, and FiCom
-Hill asked Rose to explain what his time commitments are and how he will work to fix student groups’ problems with electronics
-Rose said that he is the EVP for a student group on campus and a member of Dance Marathon. Rose said that he knows that the electronics problem is present and hopes to answer any questions from student groups. He suggested using paper if the online applications were not practical.
-Birdie asked Rose if it was his responsibility to outreach to student groups or if student groups needed to actively search for FiCom
-Rose said that the website has a lot of information and that it was also important on his end that student groups know about the FiCom funding. He said he could be visible at the activities fair. Rose said that he hopes to increase the amount of student groups he provides funds for and hopes to become more visible
-Khy asked Rose’s understanding of his goal at the table
-Rose said that he would be a participant to some degree and would strive to make UCLA a better place
-Spring asked Rose what his greatest contribution was to FiCom
-Rose answered that his greatest contribution was change. He said that he knows what a good application looks like and that experience is one of his greatest strengths
-Dr. Geller asked Rose what, if anything, he would change to ensure the equitability of funding
-Rose said that the amount of funding is an issue and that there should be a budget for the entire year. If there is a great event held, that student group would get the money they need
-Spring asked what his number one priority would be for next year
-Rose hopes to expand the breadth of the student groups applying to ensure more events happening
-Tressel pointed out that it was their responsibility to work with the CSP to ensure that they outreach to students group
-Ma calls to question
-Birdie seconds
-11-0-0 unanimous vote to appoint Isaac Rose to Financial Committee Chairperson.

H. Community Activities Committee- Erienne Overli
-Lucas said that based on her interview, she has knowledge on the point system and leadership experience on campus groups such as Key Club. She is well versed on financial matters and community service. Lucas said that from personal testament she has a strong work ethic and she can execute the goals of the CAC.
-Lucas moved to approve Overli for CAC
-Miller seconded
-Overli is a second year political science major and hopes for transparency. She wants to update deadlines and wants to ensure that these are kept to date.
-Hill opened the appointment up to question
-Miller asked Overli about outreaching to other student groups
-Overli said that she has worked with student groups, DREAM, etc.
-De Vera asked Overli about her knowledge about risk and liability
-Overli said that she does not have an extensive knowledge on risk and liability but recognizes it as an important aspect of the CAC. She said that she sees the importance of the necessary transportation
-Lucas asked Overli is she knew about the structure of the committee
-Overli said that she has looked online and has asked more about the structure of the committee. She feels like she has a better understanding of the structure
-Dr. Geller asked Overli how she hopes to balance her academic workload with the CAC
-Overli said that she was a student statewide leader and that she will not be doing this next year. She said that her schedule will open up and that from previous experience she has time management capabilities
-Khy asked what community means to Overli and what role it plays on the university
-Overli said that community means shared issues, or marginalized. She said that the CAC can get student organizations more involved in the community outside of UCLA so that they can get a better understanding of what happens.
-Miller called to question to motion Overli to CAC
-Birdie seconds
-11-0-0 unanimous vote to appoint Erienne Overli for the Community Activities Committee
I. **Community Activities Committee**- Jan Victor Andadson

Lucas said that he displayed a passion for addressing the community and needs, especially retention in LA. He has a wide variety of experience such as the retention chair on Samahang Pilipino. He has a wide knowledge of student groups and a vision of expanding community service programs. Lucas feels like Victor has passion and a long testament to his vision. ARC had a unanimous recommendation for Victor.

- Lucas moves to approve Victor for CAC
- De Vera seconds

Victor introduced himself to council. Victor is a second year applying for the CAC with the goal of getting projects and programs to work together and ensuring that money is allocated to groups together rather than to separate groups. He hopes to save more money and fund more.

- Lucas asked Victor to expand on his retention plans
- Victor is a part of the retention committee for Samahang Pilipino. Victor hopes to articulate the difficulties and how to address these difficulties to students. He hopes to point to resources for students such as FASFA.
- Hill asked Victor to talk more about co-programming
- Victor said that through working with Samahang Pilipino he gained a better understanding of different student groups and their struggles. He pointed out that the other projects can be bridged together to work together to consolidate a site, event, or to simply work together to share funds. This can be done by holding large events.

- Miller asked Victor about his experience on funding
- Victor said that under the retention committee, with a 1 million dollar budget, he has experience working with funding. Victor pointed to study hall, the test bank, and study hall. He feels like under this committee helped him and that he can translate these experiences to the CAC.

- Lucas asked Victor about how he would reaffirm the need of community between various student groups.
- Victor said that he understands what it’s like to come from a different walk of life. He hopes to network with other student groups to put an event on together. He pointed out the importance of sharing stories with one another.

- Hill asked for clarification of his last name

- Dr. Geller asked Andadson about how he would balance the CAC and his schoolwork
- Andadson said that he felt like summer would give him time to schedule. He said that he will work out the logistics and he will communicate with other committee members.
- Tressel asked how he would minimize bias to his particular student group
- Andadson said that he will be subjective as a part of CAC. He said that he recognizes that the budget needs to be allocated according to need and to the different group’s goals. He will hold every group accountable and hopes to articulate the needs of all projects. He wants to voice the needs of all people.

- Dr. Geller asked for clarification about sitting on the campus retention committee
- Andadson said yes
- Dr. Geller said that one cannot hold stipend positions on the campus retention committee and the CAC
- Andadson said that he would prioritize the committee over the stipend
- Birdie asked why Andadson chose to apply to CAC
- Andadson said that after SPACE and seeing students who were lacking resources drove him to join the CAC. He pointed out his previous experiences and lack of resources and hopes to be a part of the committee that would help other student’s access higher education.

- Yao moved to call to question
- Spring seconded

- 11-0-0 unanimous vote to appoint Andadson to the Community Events Committee.

J. **Community Activities Committee (alternate)**- Angela Wong

- Lucas felt that Wong was poised and calm during her interview. She has an overall knowledge of the USA funding process. She is a part of various student groups and she reinforced her community service background. She is committed to make sure that student groups are aware of these funds. She will choose applicants based on sustainability

- Lucas moved to appoint Wong for CAC alternate
- Resnick seconded
- Khy asked for clarification for the movement process
Dr. Geller said that discussion is opened. After, a question is called and seconded. There is a call for opposition that is called if council needs more discussion. This process goes on until the council supports the question. Dr. Geller said that if discussion is needed then it can be done.

Birdie asked how many votes are needed to oppose to call to question

Hill said that only one vote needs to be called

Spring clarified that 2/3 votes are needed for the objection to go through

Wong introduced herself to council as a second year economics major

Hill opened up to questions and discussion

Khy asked what unique qualities she has

Asian Pacific coalition worked with various groups and understands where they’re coming from. She feels like she has a fresh perspective

Miller asked Wong what she feels the CAC’s role is on campus

Wong said that it’s the main funding source for community service on campus. She pointed out her value of community service at UCLA and that everyone has the opportunity to have this

Spring asked what her ideas are to connect CAC with other student groups

Wong said that the CAC’s communication can be improved using Orgsync. She said that sending out messages would be an effective communication tool

Lucas asked to expand on applications and face value

Wong pointed out the importance of sustainable projects and that this would be an important aspect

Dr. Geller asked Wong how she plans to manage her academic workload with CAC

Wong pointed out her experience with the Asian Pacific Coalition in managing her time

Tressel asked if she would be continuing with APC

Wong said she would not

Yao called to question

Spring seconded

11-0-0 unanimous vote to appoint Angela Wong to the Community Activities Committee

K. Community Activities Committee- Diego Sepulveda

Spring said that with his background experience with the AB540, he has experience to the CAC. He is committed to making the CAC more transparent and to use his understanding of the issues on the CAC. He received a unanimous vote of approval.

Lucas mentioned that he did not have complete answers concerning the structuring of the committee. He asked council if anyone had any questions regarding Sepulveda

Spring moved to approve Diego Sepulveda for CAC.

Ma seconded.

Sepulveda introduced himself to the council with a major in political science.

Spring asked what connections the CAC has with the mission and its funding

Sepulveda talked about the communities that are socially and economically disadvantaged. He hopes to work with these committees. He feels like it aligns itself with the organization and that both line up for the betterment of the community.

Dr. Geller asked about his understanding of the work load and how he plans to manage CAC as well as his schoolwork

Sepulveda answered that he understands that the CAC is a demanding position and feels like he’s learned how to manage his time and that he plans to prioritize. He said that he will work on this and he feels like his has been successful in this

Miller asked about what Sepulveda’s administrative role is on CAC

Sepulveda answered that the CAC is a liaison to these programs. He feels like CAC funds these programs and betters the communities that they come from by coprogramming.

Birdie asked if he could change one thing about CAC, what he would change

Sepulveda said that he plans to digitize the CAC. He also plans to hold people accountable. He said that there were a lot of site visits and he plans to hold himself and the other people that are elected accountable. He hopes that the committee and he can be effective together.

Resnick asked if Sepulveda had any ideas on outreaching to these groups

Sepulveda hopes to table or to outreach to these groups. He plans to increase visibility of the CAC and plans to make groups aware of the funding

Spring asked about his plans to make the CAC accountable to USAC
-Sepulveda said that he sees the CAC as being held accountable to USAC and hopes to make presentation in order to be kept accountable. Sepulveda plans to open up communication to the council.

-Yao asked Sepulveda how he views the role of a liaison

-Sepulveda answered that he hopes to have a program with trained volunteers and objectives. He also hopes to have these volunteers trained and knowledgeable on the community

-Miller asked what experience he has in terms of CAC and in working with bodies

-Sepulveda talked about IDEAS and the application process. In terms of funding, he said that he’s been on the side that needs the funding. He feels like he will bring a fresh perspective to the CAC. He knows how it works and the needs of the community. He feels like the CAC needs to know each other in order to be an effective committee

-Lucas asked how the general community would find out about the CAC

-Sepulveda said that he hopes to focus on outreach and telling organizations about the funding. He hopes to outreach through email, by attending their meetings, etc. He said that this year, the CAC funded 80 organizations that have different needs. He believes that the CAC funds a variety of communities

-Birdie asked what experience he has outside of his community

-Sepulveda answered that he works with the AB540. He pointed out that he has been a mentor and has done everything possible to assist struggling students

-Spring calls to question Diego Sepulveda.

-Yao seconds

-10-0-1 vote to appoint Diego Sepulveda to the Community Activities Committee.

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

With the passing of Coach Wooden, Hill has been thinking of different ways they can honor the legacy of Wooden. She is working on a kind of resolution to state as a council how much Wooden has meant to them. Hill said they will soon have a presentation with Government and Community Relations. Hill has pushed with the city of Los Angeles to have a John Wooden day and will work with conjunction to the mayor. She hopes to speak with some of the managers from the athletics department and hopes to hear about the academic needs of athletes as a whole.

-Birdie asked what Hill plans on having for the John Wooden Day

-Hill said that she hopes to get feedback from the board. She hopes that there is an institutionalized day that acknowledges the impact of Wooden on the UCLA community

Internal Vice President – Stephanie Lucas

Lucas thanked board on helping with the appointments. She asked council to fill out the dual for the retreat.
Academic Affairs Commissioner--Suza Khy

UCLA is undergoing a report that hasn’t been revised since 1995 and was sparked because of the attention to large academic planning issues. Khy said that Michael Goldstein is working with the taskforce. Khy said she will keep the council updated. For transfer orientations, there will be an early arrival in order to accommodate the more social needs of transfer students. They will be able to go to Westwood and take a tour.

Patty Zimmerman- ASUCLA Student Support Services

Zimmerman asked council to send her the signatories so they can reserve rooms, etc. She is also still working on getting the conference call set up for June 22.
-Miller recommended that they use Skype so that he will be present through the internet at the meeting
-Zimmerman asked council how they would feel about that rather than having a phone line installed in the room.
-Birdie asked what was done in previous years
-Zimmerman said that previously, everyone was on the phone instead of having a mixed meeting that involves a conference call and a meeting at the same time
-Miller said that he Skype is free and easy to use
-Zimmerman said that they could use the computer provided from ASUCLA
-Dr. Geller said that the council should make sure they are aware for the processes and procedures for signing contracts because they may make themselves personally liable
-Miller asked who he should contact concerning processes
-Zimmerman said they should contact her. Council should send her an email about places they are thinking about having a retreat at. Zimmerman has compiled a list of previously used spaces used for retreat
-Hill asked council if they would like to do retreats together
-Dr. Geller said that they should consider a place where their objectives can be reached

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

-Spring said that he met with a member of the student affairs and they have a lot of creative ideas. They will have a presentation over summer.
-Khy mentioned the passing of John Delloro, a lecturer for the Asian American studies department. There is a public viewing on Thursday and Friday. Those interested in coming should contact Khy.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Ma 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 10:40 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare
Respectfully Submitted,

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