UCLA SSC Minutes - 12/1/2015

Attendance
Dan Zipp, Sociology
Francesca Parente, Political Science
Mia Bennett, Geography
Dylan Connor, Geography
Ashley Richardson, Info Studies, Library and Info Science
Richard Thai, Info Studies, Library and Info Science
Derek Lu, Asian American Studies
Samah Itani, Urban Planning
Stephanie Tsai, Urban Planning
Allina Migoni, Latin American Studies

GSA Update
● There is a Graduate Student Leadership Dinner with the Engineering Graduate Students Association (EGSA). It will be a FREE CATERED DINNER on Monday, December 7th, from 5-7pm in the Club Room at Pauley Pavilion. All graduate student organizations are welcome! RSVP here: Please RSVP prior to the event to secure your seat. https://ucla-egsa-gsld.eventbrite.com
● Budget is out. SSC has $19,000 to disperse amongst its peoples. We have 24 departments.

Budget
● We need to decide how to distribute our budget of $19,000.
● We have 1465 social science students, so that works out to $11.10 per person. Departments under the quota get a minimum of $400, as agreed upon last year.
● Francesca has proposed numbers for each department if we go with the scheme we used last year.
● Stephanie Tsai (UP) asks if a minimum of $400 is enough for small departments. Francesca says for the record, Asian Am Studies didn’t even spend half of that last year.
● Latin American Studies way overspent last year. They would appreciate the $400 even though it is not necessarily enough for what they want to do, since they want to have a conference for students in International Studies.
● Francesca: Hopefully other departments in International Studies can pitch in their funding.
● Dylan: Better to put money into the discretionary pool than allocate it to departments that might not spend it.
● $10,000 in the Discretionary right now
  ○ $5,500 for Events
  ○ $1,500 for Honoraria: We have seven officers so this would need to be raised to $2,100 to meet the $100 per person.
  ○ $3,000 for Redistribution
● Urban Planning would like to know about the elections for SSC earlier in advance.
● Dylan suggests that at the first meeting in the next quarter, we check if people are still interested in continuing their positions or if new people want to get on board with SSC.
Mia: Set the budget for Honoraria at $2,100 for the year, with $100 per officer, max 7 officers per quarter. Nobody objects.

- **Revised SSC Internal Budget:**
  - $4,900 for Events
  - $2,100 for Honoraria
  - $3,000 for Redistribution

Francesca reads out the budgets for the departments that are present. **Numbers for all departments will be accessible in the Google Drive here:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9L-Xy8_Ix5kdGNNVTZqOjN5TEE/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9L-Xy8_Ix5kdGNNVTZqOjN5TEE/view?usp=sharing)

Rep from Latin Am Studies asks how they can access Discretionary Fund. Dylan responds that if you exceed your allocated budget by $100, it’s usually not a big deal and additional amounts will likely be funded out of Discretionary, but people shouldn’t go over by, for instance, twice their budget.

Asian Am reps asks about carry-over funds. Dylan responds that smaller departments (those that only receive the minimum of $400 in funds) can’t roll over funds so that they start the year in excess of $400. Bigger departments, however, can roll over funds.

Most reps in attendance think that the policy makes sense, but Asian Am rep is disappointed because he was expecting for the department to carry over the extra funds from last year.

Asian Am is one of the few departments that would have carried over, however.

Asian Am, Afro-Am, and Conservation Studies are the only departments that would be affected by a change in policy (proposed “$69 rule” - see below), in which small departments can only carry over anything that is part of what they would have received based on a strictly per capita (and not bottom limit of $400) distribution.

Reps debate over whether the policy should change.

Based on the nicknamed “$69 rule,” three departments would receive the following amount of roll-over money hypothetically this year: $174 for African American Studies, $162 for Conservation of Archaeological Studies, and $69.73 for Asian American Studies. Two of these departments have never come to the meetings and thus have never spent any of their money (Asian Am is the exception) to spend any money.

We decide not to pass the $69 rule and stick with the existing budget rules. We advise Asian American Studies that they can request money from the Discretionary Fund, and it will likely be approved.

**Requisitions**

Urban Studies Rep asks if it is possible to submit a req for less than the receipt ($300 for $700). Mia motions to approve all the requisitions; Alina seconds. Requisitions pass unanimously.

**Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 14 at 5:30 pm.**

Event next quarter - Mardi Gras? This will be planned at the first meeting of Winter Quarter.