

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Monday July 22, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
4:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Clark, Dahle, DerManuelian Diaz, Eastman, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, Neal, Nelson, McLaren, Timmerman, Wilson, Yu

ABSENT: Cordero, McElwain, Styczynski

GUESTS: Justin Levi, John Kim, Chris Abraham, Anica McKesey

- I. A. Call to Order
 - Dahle called the meeting to Order at 4:15pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - DerManuelian passed the attendance sheet around
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Dahle added under New Business a notice of a proposed amendment to the USAC Bylaws.
 - Dahle asked if there were any other changes or edits to the Agenda.
 - Harmetz moved and Diaz seconded to approve the Agenda. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the Agenda was approved, as amended.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the June 11th or the June 24th minutes
 - Neal asked for BRC to be changed to ARC on page 4 of the June 24th Minutes, "ARC is open like the BRC"
 - Harmetz moved and LaFlamme seconded to approve the minutes of June 11th as submitted and the minutes of June 24th as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the June 11th minutes were approved as submitted and the June 24th minutes were approved as amended.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - There were no special presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
 - A. Appointments Review Committee (CPC, CACD,CAC,E-Board chair, SHAC,TSAB)
 - Harmetz said that Chris Abraham, the E-board Chairperson nominee, would be chairperson just for the Special Election, to be held in the fall.
 - Dahle said Abraham was doing USAC a favor and that he was the most fit for the job because he had worked the previous year in E-board as well.
 - Neal said it was a good idea
 - LaFlamme inquired about his knowledge of the position, due to the fact that he did not apply for E-board Chairperson.
 - Dahle repeated that Abraham is doing the council a favor, and that after he interviewed Abraham, he was convinced that he was more than fit for the job because he

- was the only person who had been on E-Board before. Dahle said that Abraham would be the Interim E-board Chair.
- Clark questioned why he would only be serving as E-Board chair during the special election.
- Dahle again repeated that Abraham was doing Council a favor by running the special election on the fee referendum.
- Diaz said that if he was fit for the job to run the special election in the Fall, then he should do it
- Timmerman inquired who would be the alternate
- Dahle said there was no alternate right now
- Harmetz proposed that Council vote on the 8 nominees who received a unanimous recommendation from ARC.
- Neal moved for the approval of the following eight Nominees, all of whom had received a unanimous recommendation from ARC:

| Name | Committee/Position |
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| Thien Huong Ninh | CAC |
| Joseph Vardner | TSAB |
| Sara Greenstadt | SHAC |
| Mohammad Mertaban | SHAC |
| Steven Le | CPC |
| Chris Abraham | E-Board Chair |
| Chelsea Wogsland | CACD |
| John Kim | SHAC |

- Wilson seconded the motion. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the Appointments were approved.
- Harmetz continued by presenting the 9th nominee, Matt Nguyen, who was up for SHAC but did not get unanimous approval from the ARC.
- DerManuelian said that Nguyen was not as enthusiastic about the position as the other nominees. Everything that he knew about SHAC seemed to have been through a friend. Other than the great community service he had done, DerManuelian said he did not see why Council couldn't find a more qualified candidate for this position on SHAC
- Harmetz said that Nguyen did have potential but that he was not familiar with the University Health Care, he doesn't use Arthur Ashe Center, he does not have experience sitting on boards, and he could not enumerate other things that SHAC handles such as the Center for Women and Men and Student Psychological Services. He questioned why, if there were so many people who applied for SHAC, how could there not be someone more qualified than Nguyen.
- Dahle proposed to council that they question Nguyen.
- DerManuelian said that it was not correct of council to re-question him.
- Neal said they wanted to let Council follow up
- Several Council members noted that Nguyen was not present at the meeting.
- Lam asked if Nguyen knew that he should be at the USAC meeting when his appointment was up for approval.
- Harmetz said that ARC strongly recommends to all the candidates that they attend the council meeting, but it was not mandatory.
- DerManuelian continued in saying that the candidate did have experience Co-Directing VRAC, but still felt they could have found someone who was more qualified
- Timmerman asked the council to consider and understand the purpose of the applicant pool, and said that more often than not, it is the president's prerogative to

- nominate. He said it felt it was a disservice to question the president's recommendations.
- Dahle said the candidate should be judged on his merits
 - LaFlamme inquired about the questions the ARC asked
 - Harmetz said that they were basic questions, such as "What is SHAC responsible for?" "Do you have new ideas to bring to the table?" "Do you have any other commitments?" "What is your working knowledge of the committee's responsibilities.
 - LaFlamme asked if Nguyen had come up with any new ideas
 - Harmetz said that his ideas were to flyer more and more effectively disseminate information about SHAC's services through friends telling friends
 - Neal said that Nguyen recognized that students should have more access to SHAC's services.
 - Nelson asked if the nominee could do the job, and if there was something other than his lack of knowledge that was impeding him. He asked whether ARC and other Council members thought that Nguyen could grow?
 - Wilson asked who the alternate would be.
 - Dahle said that there were no alternates on SHAC.
 - Wilson reminded Council that one of Nguyen's flaws was his lack of enthusiasm
 - Leyco asked if he had the potential to do the job well.
 - Neal said that they could see that for Nguyen, serving on SHAC would be more of a learning process than something he applied for because of his personal interest in, or knowledge of, that committee.
 - Harmetz said that Nguyen showed the least enthusiasm of any other nominee, but overall, doubts that it will prove to be a hindrance. He said, however, that he couldn't see Nguyen working toward the top of the position.
 - Neal said that he also did not see a hindrance, and thinks Nguyen will promote SHAC's services.
 - Dahle asked if there was a need for more discussion, or if someone could make a motion.
 - Clark moved to approve Nguyen's appointment to SHAC. Neal seconded the motion. Council voted to approve the appointment with 5 votes in favor, 2 votes against 2 abstentions.

B. Finance Committee Members

- DerManuelian said that there were 43 applicants for the Finance Committee. Speaking of his nominees, DerManuelian said that Rolando Hurtado had more experience in dealing with student groups than any other applicant for FiCom. He said that Chris Abraham was his second nominee. He said he felt Abraham would be a strong member of the Committee because he was very interested in the work FiCom does. DerManuelian said that he selected his third nominee, Winnie AoLeong because she seemed very interested in FiCom's role. He said further that AoLeong would serve as an Alternate Member.
- Timmerman asked if Abraham's position on Finance Committee would be contingent on completing his role as E-Board Chair.
- Dahle replied, "yes." Dahle said further that Abraham originally wanted to be on Finance Committee, but he wanted him to serve as E-Board Chair during the Special Election because of his experience, after which he could serve on the Finance Committee.
- Dahle suggested that Council approve everyone except Abraham at this time
- Wilson moved to approve Rolando Hurtado as a regular member and Winnie AoLeong as an alternate member to the USA Finance Committee. Yu seconded the motion. Council voted to approve Hurtado and AoLeong to the Finance Committee with 9 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

VI. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency

- DerManuelian said there were 3 recommendations for airfare, one for Golden Key, and two for the EVP's office. In addition there was one for advertising in Mortar Board and one for the FiCom Budget Review Director for office supplies.
- McLaren said the Mortar Board ad lists the names of all USAC officers with their office address and phone number, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of all the Student Advocacy Groups.
- Wilson asked what the Golden Key was asking for.
- DerManuelian said that they were going to an international conference in Atlanta to get ideas from other chapters, receive awards from other chapters, and have an opportunity to network.
- Nelson said that Golden Key provides services to a large community, a door to corporate America. He said they disseminate their knowledge by bringing it back to campus, so other UCLA students do benefit from Golden Key's efforts. He said further that Golden Key members are required to put on community service Projects.
- Timmerman recommended that the max possible be allocated, but questioned the first three airfares.
- DerManuelian reminded council that the max possible for allocation to one group is \$650 for summer contingency.
- Wilson moved to approve the contingency allocations for funding. Harnetz seconded the motion. Council voted to approve the contingency allocations with 9 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

A complete list of the Contingency Allocations, with all backup documentation, is included with the documents of this meeting.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President

- Dahle said that he met with the Chancellor and talked about ways to work together for the fee referendum to pass. The Chancellor wanted somehow to tie BRUIN Go with the referendum. On another matter, he said that the BRC has completed the Base Budget recommendations and they will be brought to Council at the next USAC meeting. Before approving the Base Budget allocations, Council needs to approve Levi's proposed amendment to the By-laws. He said that the proposed amendment is before Council for "notice" at this meeting, and will be voted on at the next meeting. He said that if the proposed amendment is not passed, there would be a conflict between the Bylaws and the Base Budget allocations.
- McLaren said it might be helpful for Levi to explain the reason for the proposed amendment to the by-laws.
- Levi said that the section of the By-laws he proposes amending allows for an allocation procedure that is basically unworkable. He explained BRC's concern that, under the wording in Article VI.C.4.b.(6)(b), a group could submit a request which was just below the cap for each line item, and the BRC would be required to allocate that amount. The result would be that any group which did this could, technically, be allocated a greater amount than the maximum per group. In other words, the BRC could be in the position of allocating more funds than were available. He said that the change would be in effect for years to come.
- Diaz asked if it was a good idea to change the By-laws to the Constitution.

- Levi said that there was not enough money, in any year, to fund everything that a group could possibly request. There is also nothing that legally prevents Council from having to give a group more money than the maximum set for each group in any given year. He said as it now stands, the By-laws are in conflict on this point.
 - Neal asked when the budgets would be approved.
 - Dahle said it would probably be on the agenda for the meeting on August 29th.
 - Harmetz asked about the process for amending the By-laws of the Constitution
 - Dahle said that notice of the proposed change is given at a USAC meeting, and then the proposed amendment is brought to council for action (approval) at the next meeting.
 - Timmerman asked if the approval of the Base Budget is based on the fiscal year.
 - Eastman said that if the by-laws were to be implemented next fiscal year, they needed to be implemented before the beginning of the fiscal year, which begins August 1st
- B. Internal Vice President
- There was no report from this officer this week.
- C. External Vice President
- Neal said that he was going to USSA and would not be attending USAC's Special Meeting next week. He also said that he attended the North Village Homeowners Association meeting and the general consensus of the area residents was that they were very unhappy with UCLA students due to noise levels, alcohol consumption, and "trashing" of their neighborhood. They are thinking of holding the university accountable for the actions of the students. He also asked Council to participate in future meetings of the Homeowners Association.
 - Wilson asked for the place and time
 - Neal said that the information was on their website
- D. Administrative Representatives
- Nelson said that Governor Davis was circulating a letter asking the UC campuses to respond to hate activity, for example, anti-Semitism. He said that Council can have a direct or indirect effect on such activities.
 - Neal asked how the university went about collecting hate crime information.
 - Nelson said through reporting any written hate related material. He said it gets complicated when something is spoken because of the First Amendment.
 - Neal said that there should be a more concrete way for students to make reports.
 - Timmerman said that there are at least two web-sites on campus to which you can report hate crimes or incidences on campus, the LGBT Resource Center and the UCPD website. He said these incidences need to be reported because the more information the University gathers, the better equipped the campus will be to deal with such issues.
 - Eastman introduced herself and told the council that this was the first meeting that she had been able to attend for a while. She said she wanted to give Council an overview of her responsibilities, and said that a large portion of her time recently has been taken up with Services and Enterprises, the UCLA trademark, the labor issue, student media, and the ASUCLA stores. She also mentioned three of the priorities she has been working on:
 - 1) Implementation of the Student Union Strategic plan to improve the Student Union as a place that serves the student as a whole. She said she will be requesting time from Council and major student organizations in the future to make a presentation on this plan and its vision.
 - 2) Food Service Facilities Master Plan: ASUCLA has engaged a special consultant to get his/her evaluation of ways to improve our Food Service. She said the end result will affect Food Services for

the next 10 years. As part of this effort, ASUCLA surveyed 10,000 students, faculty and staff to get their opinion of ASUCLA's food services. Several million dollars have been budgeted to renovate Food Service venues. The money cannot be invested without a proper assessment of the needs of the campus community. The study will be completed by the end of September.

- 3) The Labor issue is in the process of finalizing a recognition agreement for ASUCLA food service and maintenance employees. This agreement will enroll individuals as employees. Eastman said she has worked on the list of employees that will be enrolled, and on the eligibility issue. Related to this issue, she's been working on revision to the ASUCLA Budget related to the additional employees.

-Eastman closed by saying that her roll is as a support for USAC, and that she makes it a priority to meet with students.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

-There was no New Business this week.

X. Announcements

-Wilson updated the Council on his plans for the big first week. He said he was disappointed because the University staff member who is coordinating plans for the Convocation did not want anything to conflict with the official university plans, so she was not receptive to the events he wanted to schedule. He asked Council for their ideas for making first week a big one, and how they each wanted to contribute to it.

-Dahle asked what the official programming was.

-Wilson said it was the Convocation.

-Dahle asked Wilson about his ideas for first week.

-Wilson said he wanted to invite the band System of a Down and have the concert in Pauley Pavilion. He said that the University coordinator felt that it would be redundant to have an additional information fair when there was already one that was going to take place on the hill in conjunction with the Convocation.

-DerManuelian announced that there was a Contingency issue for his office he wanted to bring before Council to get their opinion, and he presented the following details:

- 1) He said that, under his discretionary powers, he can approve all contingency requests that are \$350 or less.
- 2) He said he wants to have a retreat for FiCom (5 people), and BRD which would cost no more than \$350, but he didn't think it was appropriate for him to approve his own request under his discretionary authorization.
- 3) He said the Finance Committee would plan the retreat, and asked Council if they would be willing to take a "straw vote" on this matter.

-Neal asked if there could be a proposal written with the specific details of the retreat.

-DerManuelian said he wanted to use money for this retreat from Summer Contingency because that account still has a lot of money in it, and that this was the last meeting at which Summer Contingency funds could be approved.

-Dahle asked how the money would be divided among 5 people.

-DerManuelian said that his plan was to use mostly for accommodations, with a small amount going to transportation.

-Diaz asked why it was necessary to hold a retreat for such a small group of people.

- DerManuelian said that the retreat would give the committee a more holistic vision, rather than just the rubber-stamping aspect. It was good if the money could be taken out of the summer contingency since there was so much money left over
- Timmerman said that summer contingency was different from annual contingency in that what is left over rolls over to surplus and is used to purchase capital items.
- Diaz said that he was not sure if he would approve it without a proposal. Diaz said that he did not see the need to have a retreat just for five people. He added that if the money wasn't allocated for this retreat, it could potentially benefit other student groups. He also mentioned that he was wary of approving this allocation on the basis that there was no proposal presented to council just because "there isn't enough time."
- LaFlamme said that he would be in support of it since the Finance Committee members need to get to know each other to develop a sense of camaraderie. LaFlamme said that he could see how the money would benefit the student groups just in having a knowledgeable FiCom Staff.
- DerManuelian said that this would not be a full blown retreat, and that he does not see Cordero being available to mentor the Finance Committee because he's out of the state and probably couldn't help them even through e-mails.
- McKesity asked how much money would be left over from the summer contingency fund.
- DerManuelian said from \$4,900 - 5,000.
- McKesity asked why the discretionary amount was capped at \$350.
- DerManuelian said that Cordero set this cap last year, and precedent set the amount.
- Harmetz asked DerManuelian that if this were basically a straw vote, would he still approve the contingency if it did not pass through Council
- Clark said that next week there should be a breakdown that shows the need.
- DerManuelian said he had a time issue, and that the money was going to the Hotel Room only.
- Eastman said that if the money isn't used, it doesn't just roll over.
- DerManuelian interjected saying that it goes into the capital items/surplus fund.
- Timmerman said that SGA does not approve what Council does
- Neal asked if the cost would be no more than \$350, and if DerManuelian could provide receipts of what the money was spent on.
- Diaz said that he saw it as irresponsible if other students were to come up and were not allocated summer contingency.
- DerManuelian said that he would not have asked for the money if there weren't enough funds available
- An unofficial vote ("straw vote") was taken. Council voted on approving the allocation of \$350 to the Finance Committee for an upcoming retreat with 9 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 2 abstentions.
- Clark said she voted yes on the basis that there would be a breakdown presented to Council delineating what the money would be spent on.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Harmetz moved and Lam seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. There being no further business, Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Pedro Alejandro Gomez
USAC Minutes Taker