

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILMonday August 19, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
4:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Clark, Dahle, DerManuelian, Eastman, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Neal, Nelson, McLaren, Tuttle, Yu

ABSENT: Cordero, Diaz, Lam, Leyco, McElwain, Styczynski, Wilson

GUESTS: Kelly Rayburn, Robert Salonga, Matthew Kaczmarek

- I. A. Call to Order
 - Due to the absence of a quorum, Dahle called the meeting to order as a Committee of the Whole. He explained to council that without quorum, they would not be able to take action at this meeting but would be able to discuss the non-action items, and receive reports and announcements.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no attendance recorded at this meeting.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Due to the absence of a quorum, the Agenda was not approved.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - *July 22, 2002**
 - *August 5, 2002**
 - Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no motion for this action item.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - There were no special presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
 - *Finance Committee Members**
 - Due to the absence of a quorum, there were no motions for the recommended Finance Committee Members.
- VI. Fund Allocations
 - There were no fund allocations this week.
- VII. Officer and Member Reports
 - A. President
 - Dahle said that due to car trouble, he could not make it to the UCSA retreat. He announced that he has contacted the local Assemblyman who is interested in coming to a Town-Hall meeting at UCLA. He told Council he wanted them to contribute topics that they wanted to be discussed. He said that he and Charles Harless, the GSA president, were working together on this meeting and that they were still attempting to set a date. The most probable date would be in late September or if not, early October. He also mentioned that he wanted to put

together a brief resolution in memoriam of September 11th. He said he will probably send out an e-mail with most of the details.

- Nelson asked Dahle to check with the Chancellor's Office to see if they might be putting on a program regarding September 11th to ensure that whatever Council was doing would not be conflicting with something the Chancellor's Office might be doing.
- Dahle said that he was thinking of something more along the lines of a display, or a resolution, rather than a program. He said maybe Council could discuss it at their next regular meeting on September 2nd.
- Clark reminded Council that September 2nd was Labor Day. She asked Dahle if Council would still be meeting regardless of the holiday.
- Dahle said that in respect to the holiday, Council would not be meeting. He suggested that council meet September 9th, the next Monday.
- LaFlamme suggested Council meet on the Tuesday following the holiday.
- Dahle said that for the summer, most of the people have been used to the Monday meetings and that changing the day might prove to be an inconvenience. He suggested that Council should meet on September 9th. He also said that this would be two weeks from the special meeting that is going to take place on the 26th so it should not be too much of a problem. On another matter, Dahle said that the theme for the Homecoming Parade was Wild West (-wood) and it would take place October 25th. The parade will take place in Westwood and there will be a bazaar on Brockton. He mentioned that it would be a reunion for 10-30 classes. He also mentioned that he most likely would not be able to make the parade because it conflicted with a dinner for the former USAC presidents that would take place that night.

B. Internal Vice President

- There were no reports from this officer this week.

C. External Vice President

- Neal said that his 21st birthday had just passed. He mentioned that he would be gone for September 11th and through September 24th because he will be going to Paris. He said that he attended the UCSA conference, and then he introduced Kaczmarek to make a report on UCSA.
- Kaczmarek said that because UCSA was fundamentally a grass-roots organization, they collectively arrived at three issues that the campaign would focus on:
 - 1) No tuition increases- focus would be on the educational fee, to ensure that the cost for the actual education does not increase due to the fact that the state is already supposed to pay for public education. The movement for the tax-free stipend would ensure that undergraduate and graduate students that are receiving stipends for their work are not being taxed.
 - 2) No on the Information Ban-attack the racial privacy initiative. This issue will be on the March 4th ballot.
 - 3) Youth Vote Campaign – promote voter education, getting people to vote especially the youth.
- LaFlamme asked if any UC student could have voted for these issues at the conference
- Neal said that each campus has a certain number of representatives based on their population. He said UCLA has 10 – 11 votes. He said that it was all based on the size of the delegation.
- LaFlamme asked which students actually voted.
- Neal said that those who had been delegated to do so.
- Eastman said that last year she had worked with Okamura, former USAC External Vice President to promote the website where a person could register to vote. She said that they did this by having the cashiers in the student stores staple flyers to the

back of the receipts. She mentioned that this was an effective way to get the word out.

- Tuttle asked for information on the location of the polling places.
- Neal said that usually they take place in the dorms and around the fraternity houses. He mentioned that he was trying to get polling places on-campus.
- Tuttle advised that Council should target high-density student areas.
- DerManuelian asked Neal if the whole delegation had agreed to the three items that had been brought to council.
- Neal said yes, that people had written them down and submitted them.
- Tuttle also advised council in telling them that it was important to push to get absentee ballots out ahead of time. He told Council that they should talk to the county supervisor about the subject.
- Neal said that another important thing that they were supporting was Proposition 52 which will allow citizens from ages 18 – 25 to register to vote on the day of the election.

D. Administrative Representatives

- Nelson said that he was still interested in knowing what would go on September 11th, due to the fact that school is not in session and that it is two days prior to summer finals for those students in summer session.
- Eastman distributed a handout concerning a new special committee entitled, The ASUCLA Student Leadership Committee, that the ASUCLA Board of Directors had established at the last Board meeting. She said that the Board was interested in student leadership development programs which would serve student employees, student governments, and other ASUCLA affiliates. She acknowledged that there were existing leadership forums on campus, for example, those provided by the Center for Student Programming, and that ASUCLA did not want in any way to undermine them, but rather to supplement them. Among the goals of the committee are to facilitate and enhance communications among the four entities of ASUCLA (GSA, USA, Student Media, and Services and Enterprises); to support leadership development activities currently underway as part of the Student Union Strategic Plan; and to examine how ASUCLA's student leadership activities fit within the campus community, and explore opportunities for collaboration with other University leadership programs. She said she was interested in getting feedback from USAC on this matter, and to have Council consider whether they would like to sponsor mentorship projects and other such programs. (A copy of the information sheet on the Student Leadership Committee is included with the materials for this meeting). Eastman also gave an update on the labor issue and recapped everything up to the present. She said that for some years ASUCLA had utilized temporary agencies to hire workers for Food Service units because fewer and fewer students were applying for the restaurant jobs. Concerned students who felt the employees hired by the agencies were not receiving adequate pay or benefits joined with the AFSMCE labor union and presented their concerns to the ASUCLA Board of Directors. The outcome of the negotiations was that ASUCLA would hire these employees and recognize AFSCME as their only bargaining agent. The contract called to hire workers at a minimum of a thirteen week period as standard policy, effective August 5. ASUCLA transferred 80 of the employees who had been working through the agencies to the ASUCLA payroll and gave them career status. She mentioned that 15 of the individuals would not be working for the summer and would probably not complete the minimum of 1,000 hours a year that would qualify them for career status, so it's possible that they would be ranked in a category defined as casual employees. She said that an example of a casual employee is someone who works concessions during the basketball season. She said that

they were in the process of finalizing an agreement that will be signed by the union and the university. She mentioned that ASUCLA was structured as a separate entity in 1974 and works under a Statement of Understanding with the University. Among other things, this agreement states that ASUCLA is functionally separate from the university and has the right to maintain its own Human Resource Department, but is to comply wherever possible with the University Human Resource Department's policies. She said that if ASUCLA is out of compliance for any reason, they notify the university. Over the years, compliance has been constant, with only a few minor discrepancies.

- Kaczmarek asked if it was policy to hire at a casual status until the employees reached their minimum number of hours.
- Eastman said that for special circumstances in which workers are needed for only a few weeks or months (such as employees who work concession stands at athletic events), it became policy to hire them when needed.

VII. Old Business

- Dahle said there had been an ad-hoc committee meeting on the referendum and that most people were comfortable with the language that was developed at that meeting. He said that the Election Board will start mobilizing as soon as possible to prepare for a Special Election early in Fall Quarter. He said that he needed to set a date when Council would vote on the language.
- Clark said she wanted to see a breakdown of how each office would use the funds they would get if the Referendum passes, and how those funds would be accounted for.
- Simmons said that SGA could easily bring that to council.
- DerManuelian asked if the referendum would be sensitive to inflation.
- Dahle said that they could do something like GSA did, where certain line-items could go up 50 cents a year, but he thought it was also a good idea for future councils to seek additional funds if they felt they needed them.
- Neal asked about indexing.
- Dahle said there were several ways they could go.
- DerManualian said that the yearly increase could be subject to the rate of inflation.
- Dahle said that he thought it would create problems. He asked Tuttle for his opinion.
- Tuttle said that the inflation would escalate every single year.
- Dahle asked if the referendum could take effect for the Fall. He asked when the student fees were received from Murphy Hall.
- Simmons said that it is probably at the end of the fall quarter.
- Tuttle reminded council that they did not have quorum.
- LaFlamme said he preferred not to index the amount because that would probably cause the fee to increase each year.
- Tuttle advised that the Council not talk about this right now because there was a lack of a quorum.
- Dahle announced that this issue would be discussed in full at the September 9th meeting.
- LaFlamme asked if the meeting could be scheduled next week.
- Dahle said he will send out an e-mail on the things to do this week.
- Clark asked if all the offices that would be receiving funds from the Referendum should be ready with their breakdowns by the 9th
- Dahle said that they should.
- Neal asked Simmons for her numbers to have an idea how to allocate his numbers.
- Dahle asked all affected officers to bring their budgets to the September 9th meeting, and said they would probably approve the language of the referendum that meeting, also.
- Kaczmarek said that an election for a referendum must take place within 15 days after council approves the measure. He recommended that Council take that timeline into consideration before they set the date for approval.

- McLaren said that USAC could request that the referendum take effect Fall Quarter. She said if the University approved Council's request, the effective date of the fee increase would be printed on the ballot for voter information.
- Harmetz asked how the money will be distributed if the measure passes. He asked if there would be a separate budget process, and if so, how would the BRC handle allocation of the additional funds.
- Dahle said he thought there should be another budget hearing process if the Referendum passes.
- Harmetz asked how the Budget Review Committee was expected to distribute money that they did not expect to have.
- Neal said that the discussion was that there would have to be a second budget process.
- Simmons said there needed to be an actual allocation as to how they want the money spent.
- McLaren said that the Budget Review Committee told her they were already discussing what they will do if the Referendum passes.
- Dahle said that the referendum needed to be passed first. He said that council could discuss the process then.
- Yu asked if the offices that will get money from the Referendum needed to present their breakdowns by September 9th.
- Dahle replied yes, and said it would be an agenda item at that meeting.

IX. New Business

- There was no new business this week.

X. Announcements

- Neal announced that he was leaving for Washington D.C. this Thursday to attend a conference to learn how to get out the vote strategically and, once trained, he would be going to different campuses across the country to educate other students on the process.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no attendance recorded at this meeting.

XII. Adjournment

- Due to the absence of a quorum, there was no adjournment at this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pedro Alejandro Gomez
USAC Minute Taker