

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

September 9, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
4:00 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Leyco, McLaren, Neal, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu

ABSENT: Eastman, Grace, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, McElwain, Nelson, Styczynski

GUESTS: Erica Sutherland

- I. A. Call to Order
- Because quorum had not been reached by 4:10pm, Dahle called the meeting to order as a Committee of the Whole. (Quorum was attained at 4:20pm)
- B. Signing of the attendance Sheet
- DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Dahle asked if there were any changes to be made to the Agenda. Cordero said that, because the ARC had not been able to meet with all of the nominees, he would like to table all Appointments except for the Finance Committee Members and the USA Programming Committee Members.
- There being no further changes, the Agenda, as amended, was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
***July 22, 2002**
***August 5, 2002**
- Dahle asked if there were any amendments to the minutes of July 22 or August 5.
-Tuttle said that he had a minor edit to the minutes of August 5 which would clarify that he would be serving as the Administrative Alternate, and that Dr. Nelson would be serving as the Administrative Representative, replacing Lyle Timmerman who had recently retired.
- Cordero moved and Wilson seconded to approve the minutes of July 22, 2002 as submitted and the minutes of August 5, 2002, as amended. By a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions, the minutes were approved.
- IV. Special Presentations
UCLA Tobacco Policy, Erica Sutherland
Erica Sutherland introduced herself as a member and representative of COUGH (Campuses Organized and United for Good Health), an organization which is active on more than a dozen college campuses in Southern California. She began by stating that tobacco is a carcinogen and is bad no matter what people think about it. She said that her specific reason for speaking with USAC about their organization is to gain USAC's support for strengthening the smoking policy at UCLA. She said that the current policy states that people may smoke outside of University buildings so long as they are at least five feet away from a main entrance or exit of a University owned or leased building. Sutherland said that members of the UCLA campus community aren't really familiar with the smoking policy guidelines, and there aren't signs posted anywhere to inform people of the rules. Also, she stated that the policy is ineffective because it is not enforced. She said that, even if the policy were enforced, it wouldn't really matter because there is no

penalty for not complying with the policy. She said that COUGH members distributed copies of a survey at UCLA to see how students feel about smoking, and where they feel they are most frequently exposed to second-hand smoke. Survey responses indicated that the number one place non-smokers feel they are exposed to second-hand smoke is near building entrances. Five percent (5%) of the survey respondents said they would like to ban smoking completely from UCLA. Sutherland said her organization wants to strengthen the UCLA smoking policy by increasing the distance from building entrances and exits from 5 feet to 15 feet. She said that would be similar to the policy enacted by UC Berkeley. Sutherland suggested that UCLA might even want to extend the distance to 20 feet. She said that the Medical Center has a policy which sets a 20 foot distance from building entrances and exits, and that all faculty and staff are expected to support and enforce it. She also said that the Medical Center has signs posted about the policy.

- Wilson asked how the policy would be enforced and asked if COUGH expected to have any sort of administrative cooperation. Also, he asked which branch of UCLA would enforce it.
- Sutherland said that the Office of Environmental Health would enforce it.
- Wilson asked if they would issue a citation, or how disciplinary action would be enforced.
- Sutherland said that most people seemed to think that the best way to enforce a new smoking policy would be to post signs in highly visible areas, and to enforce the policy when it is violated.
- Cordero asked Sutherland what kind of support she was looking for from council.
- Dahle said that many things could be done by individual members of Council even if USAC didn't take official action to support the policy change.
- DerManuelian said that the community college he attended had set up smoking areas.
- Yu asked how COUGH had conducted the survey Sutherland mentioned earlier.
- Sutherland said they distributed the survey at various dining areas around campus. She said it was very random, and that some of the participants were graduate students and some were undergraduates.
- Neal suggested that Sutherland put together a list of specific things that COUGH wanted USAC to do so that Council could discuss the options before making a decision on the matter.
- Sutherland said that she had been getting letters of support from other groups she had spoken to.
- Dahle asked Sutherland if she thought a resolution signed by all Council Members would be a good way for USAC to support her campaign.
- Wilson said he thought that a resolution would probably be the most effective thing for COUGH to request.

V. Appointments

Finance Committee Members

- DerManuelian said he had reviewed the application forms of everyone who applied to sit on the Finance Committee. He said he felt the two students he was recommending, Janice Oh and Raffi Kassibian, were really good nominees and that they were willing to commit the time needed to fulfill the duties of a Finance Committee member.
- Leyco asked if the nominees currently held any position within an organization that would present a conflict for them in their role on the Finance Committee. DerManuelian said that neither did.
- Neal asked if involvement in a student organization would disqualify them. DerManuelian said it would not, unless they were a major officer of the group, for example, the Chairperson, Treasurer or Finance Director.
- Tuttle asked if background information on each nominee was included in the Agenda Packet.
- DerManuelian replied that it was.
- Tuttle recommended that Council members take a few minutes to read through the application forms.
- While reading the forms, Tuttle noticed that there was a slight mix-up because the second pages of the applications had been switched (or, criss-crossed, as Dr. Tuttle defined it). Council members continued to review the applications, in the correct order.

- Wilson moved to approve Janice Oh and Raffi Kassibian to the Finance Committee. The motion, which was seconded by Leyco, was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

USA Programming Committee

- Dahle said that the USA Programming Committee was composed of the Finance Committee Chairperson, the Budget Review Director, a member of the ASUCLA Board of Directors, and two members of the Undergraduate Students Association Council. Dahle reminded Council that he had emailed all of them to

ask who was interested in serving on the Programming Committee, and would be willing and available to spend the extra amount of time required to participate in the Programming Committee hearings each Quarter. Dahle said that the two Council members that got back to him to express their willingness to serve were Leyco and LaFlamme. He said that, if no other USAC officers or commissioners were interested, he was presenting Leyco and LaFlamme as his nominees to the Programming Committee.

There being no other USAC officers who expressed interest in serving, Wilson moved and Yu seconded to approve the appointments of Crisette Leyco and Andrew LaFlamme to the USA Programming Committee. The appointments were approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-After DerManuelian presented the Contingency requests to Council, two Council members had questions about the recommendation for Gamma Zeta Alpha.

-Tuttle said he was unfamiliar with Gamma Zeta Alpha, and asked DerManuelian to provide some information on them. DerManuelian replied that it was a Latino fraternity whose main purpose was to provide scholarships to Latinos and Latinas.

-Cordero asked if the funds being allocated to Gamma Zeta Alpha were for the scholarships themselves. DerManuelian replied that the funds were for postage to mail out scholarship application forms to potential scholarship applicants in the Latino/Latina community.

Neal moved, and Wilson seconded, to approve all of the Finance Committee's Contingency Recommendations. The recommendations were unanimously approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Armenian Students Association

Requested: \$724.50

Recommended: \$300

The Finance Committee recommended an allocation of \$300 for partial costs of their Officers' Retreat to take place at Lake Arrowhead, September 7 - 9.

Gamma Zeta Alpha

Requested: \$730.36

Recommended: \$365.18

The Finance Committee recommended an allocation of \$365.18 to pay the partial cost of postage to mail out applications for their Fall Scholarship Drive.

Nikkei Student Union

Requested: \$610.90

Recommended: \$300.00

The Finance Committee recommended an allocation of \$300 to pay the partial cost of their Fall Staff Retreat to be held at Lake Arrowhead, September 14 - 16.

VII. Officer Reports

President

- Dahle said that Council's next regularly scheduled meeting would be on September 23 but, because Convocation will be held on Monday, September 23, he suggested that USAC meet on Monday, September 16 instead. Tuttle pointed out that Yom Kippur begins at sundown on the 16th, so Council agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, September 17, at 4:00pm.

- With regard to USAC's schedule for meetings in Fall Quarter, Dahle said he needed to hear from everyone about the day and time that are most convenient for them. He suggested that they might want to return to holding the meetings on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:00pm.

- Dahle said that he met with the Election Board Chair about setting up the logistics for the Special Election on a student fee increase.

-Dahle said he has begun to work on a report about the Quarter System vs. the Semester System, and would be bringing this issue to the table for Council discussion .

-Dahle said that Byron Kahr had come by his office to introduce himself as the Field Director of the "Go Solar Campaign" whose purpose is to develop alternative forms of energy on campuses of the University of California system. Dahle said that Kahr would probably be making a special presentation to Council some time soon to enlist USAC's support of their organization's efforts.

-Dahle said that any officer or commissioner who wanted parking should check with his office to get a permit application form.

Internal Vice President

- Cordero said that he and his staff had met and set their goals for the coming year. He also reported that two of his staff members would be responsible for preparing and distributing the USAC Agenda materials for each meeting.

External Vice President

-Neal said he had been at UC Berkeley over the weekend for a conference on how to get more students to vote in the upcoming elections. He said that each campus has set a goal of the number of students they want to register. Neal said that there would be 8,500 students moving into the residential halls in Fall Quarter, and that Harmetz has been instrumental in a program to get voter registration cards to all incoming first year students. They plan to encourage R.A.'s to support the registration plan. He said they are also working with CalPirg on voter registration.

-Neal said the North Village Property Owners Advisory Committee had contacted him about a meeting that is scheduled for 2:00pm, September 10, in Councilman Weiss' office regarding conflicts between UCLA students and the property owners.

-Neal said he was leaving for Paris this Wednesday for a vacation and would be available through e-mail. He encouraged all Council members to work on the voter registration drive while he was gone, and said that Matt Kaczmarek would oversee the project in his absence.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson reported on the following Campus Events projects and programs:

- He said that CEC had finalized their film calendar.
- Blackalicious will be performing in Bruin Plaza on October 7.
- Wilson is working on the details for four shows to be held in the Coop during Fall Quarter.
- CEC's retreat will be held the weekend after 0 week at Lake Arrowhead.

Community Service Commissioner

- Yu said that the Community Service Commission will be holding their staff retreat this coming Wednesday at Pismo Beach. She said they will be setting up their programming events, and will also be working on Welcome Week programs. After Welcome Week, she said CSC leaders will be participating in a conflict resolution workshop.

Administrative Alternate

-Tuttle reported that Kenn Heller, Co-Director of the Center for Student Programming, has been designated to serve as the Advisor to USAC's Judicial Board.

- Tuttle also reported that, for the next two weeks, the International Students and Scholars would be sponsoring many orientation programs where UCLA students can get to know people from different backgrounds. Tuttle said that any Council members who were interested in attending were welcome to do so. He said that the events would be held in Bradley International Hall.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Leyco said that the Student Welfare Commission just had their first retreat. She said they held it at Griffith Park, which was very inexpensive, and that they had a great picnic with team building activities. She said that SWC was working with the Community Service Commission on plans for Welcome Week. She said she was excited because SWC has a very good group of leaders for all of their programs for the coming year. She said they have a web tech who is designing a new web page for their Commission.

VIII. Old Business

Discussion of USAC Fee Referendum

- Dahle opened the discussion by reminding Council members that, at their last meeting, someone had raised the possibility of rewording a section of the Referendum language to allow for indexing so that the amount of the fee would fluctuate as the cost of living fluctuated. He said he had sent out an email to everyone which contained wording suggested by Dr. Tuttle. He said Council now needed to decide whether they wanted to add indexing to the Referendum. Dahle said he thought Tuttle's wording was good, but Council needed to make the decision on whether or not to add it.
 - Several Council members said they thought it would be unfair to students because they would not know up front exactly how much they would be paying in mandatory fees.
 - Neal said he was concerned that this Council would be making decisions that would affect future Councils.
 - Wilson said he did not want to include indexing because he did not think this Council should be making decisions that future Councils should be allowed to make during their terms.
 - Dahle acknowledged that it would be a case of this Council making decisions for others.
 - DerManuelian suggested that maybe they could tie the fee to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) because then it might only go up by a small percent.
 - Tuttle said he would check the CPI and send any information to Council he could obtain.
 - Dahle said they could probably draft language that would be acceptable, but he was concerned that the language is already very lengthy, and making it longer might be a disadvantage in getting the Referendum approved.
 - McLaren said it's been her experience that voters tend to vote "no" on ballot measures that are confusing or unclear.
 - DerManuelian said he was inclined to leave the language as it stands rather than having Council make decisions that would impact future elected officers.
 - Neal agreed, and said that changing the language could be politically negative for future students.
 - Council members reached no definite conclusion on the matter, but the consensus seemed to be against having the current Council make decisions that would impact future Councils.
- Dahle suggested that Council direct their attention now to the logistics of the Referendum, specifically, the question of how each office and/or group that is included in the Referendum would use the additional funds if the Referendum is approved.
- Neal distributed copies of his three-page assessment of how the External Vice President's office would use the additional funds from the Referendum.
- Clark handed out her two-page report on how the Cultural Affairs Commission would use the additional funds from the Referendum.
- Yu said she had done her report, but hadn't printed it out yet. She said she would e-mail it to everyone.
- Leyco said she also had done a report, but didn't realize it was to be handed out at this meeting. She said she would get it to everyone on Council.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Remembrance of 9/11**

- After copies of the resolution were distributed, some Council members said they would like to have their names added as sponsors. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that any Council Member who wished to be a signatory on the Resolution should be able to add their name to it.

Wilson moved and Cordero seconded to approve the Resolution in Remembrance of 9/11. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- Dahle said the next matter would be to decide whether or not to publish the resolution. He said he would like to see it published, but was concerned about the cost and of depleting the already minimal funds in their Base Budget.
- Cordero said that the money for publishing Resolutions usually comes out of Contingency
- McLaren said that the next issue of the Daily Bruin would be the Registration Issue. She pointed out that the deadline for that issue was imminent, and asked if Council members thought they could get the paperwork done in time to run the ad.

- Dahle suggested that Council run a half page ad, and said that one of his staff members could submit the paperwork in time to meet the Daily Bruin's deadline.
- Wilson said the sooner the better.
- Neal asked if Council needed to vote on whether to publish the resolution.
- Dahle said they did.

Wilson moved, and Clark seconded, to place a half page ad in the Daily Bruin. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- X. Announcements
 - There were no announcements.
- XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - DerManuelian passed around the attendance sheet.
- XII. Adjournment
 - Cordero moved and Clark seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm.
- XIII. Good and Welfare