

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 24, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Cordero, Clark, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Lam, McElwain, Neal, Nelson, McLaren, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu
- ABSENT: Eastman, Grace, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Leyco, Styczynski
- GUESTS: Mark Belgen, Kristin Casper, Maegen Clark, Michael Filipiak, Byron Kahr, Becki Kammerling, Ingrid Laisson, Joshua Lawson, Amy Lucas, Erin Walsh, Angela Mo, Owen Paun, Fritz Shirmers, Mark Thornton
- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-DerManuelian passed the attendance sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Agenda.
 - Wilson said he wanted to make an officer report.
 - Clark said she wanted to make an officer report.
 - Dahle said he wanted to move item IX.B. Approval of Dates for Fall Special Election to follow Special Presentations because the E-Board chair cannot stay for the full meeting.
 - Dahle asked if there was any objection to the approval of the Agenda by consent. There being no objection, the motion was approved as amended by consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
- ***August 19, 2002**
 - ***August 26, 2002**
 - Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Minutes from August 19, 2002 and August 26, 2002, and asked to submit any changes they want to make.
 - Council members had no changes to either set of Minutes. Wilson moved and Neal seconded the approval of Minutes of August 19, 2002 and August 26, 2002, as submitted. The motion was approved with 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
- UC Go Solar – Byron Kahr**
- Byron Kahr distributed handouts about the Go Solar program, introduced two guests who are with the Go Solar campaign, and then gave an overview of the Go Solar program.
 - Kahr said that UC Go Solar is an initiative lead by a group of students who formed the UC Sustainability Coalition with the purpose of shaping social and environmental policies at all UC campuses. He said that the new Bren School at UCSB would be built to the highest environmental standards possible.
 - Kahr said that the implementation of solar power on campuses will be cost-effective, and that solar power is emission-free, waste-free, dependable, and renewable. He said further that adoption by the UC system of solar power sustainability would be equivalent to the removal of

90,000 cars from the road each year. It would also lead to cleaner, safer air for everyone by decreasing the amount of global warming pollutants released into the atmosphere.

- Kahr said that Go Solar is aiming to be on the agenda of the UC Board of Regents November 13 meeting in an attempt to gain Regental support for the program. He said they will be asking the Regents to adopt a system-wide policy mandating that, beginning in 2003, all new and renovated buildings on UC campuses, including UC Merced, will obtain 50% of their energy resources through clean, renewable sources, such as wind and solar. Kahr said further that the buildings will be built to meet sustainability standards. Kahr said that, if the Board of Regents implements this policy system-wide, UC Merced would be the first energy-sustainable campus in the country. Kahr pointed out that a copy of Go Solar's resolution is in USAC's agenda packet for their information, but that Go Solar was not seeking Council's approval at this meeting. He said Go Solar's would be returning to Council within the next two weeks to gain their approval of the Resolution at that time.
- After responding to questions from Council members, Kahr thanked them for the opportunity to present information on their project, and said he hope Council would join with them in obtaining approval from the Board of Regents when the matter is before the Board.
- *Complete details about the Go Solar program and the proposed resolution are included in the materials for this meeting.*

V. Appointments

***Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Religion, Ethics, and Values (CAC REV); Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee (CEAC); Community Service Mini Fund; Judicial Board; Campus Programs Committee.**

- Cordero distributed ARC's recommendations on the appointees that were being presented to Council. He said that because ARC did not have quorum, these were not official recommendations

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Religion, Ethics, and Values (CAC REV)

- Regarding the nominees for CAC R.E.V., Nealy Farshadi, Ahmad Hussain, and Jon Hansen, Cordero said that all applicants had done research on the committee and had talked with administrators and other students regarding the committee's responsibilities. He said that each of them brought a lot of diversity to the committee in terms of their experience and background.

Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee (CEAC)

- Regarding the nominee for Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee, Cordero said that Fritz Schirmers was a very good candidate and had a lot of experience. He thought he would be a very good person for this position.

Community Service Mini Fund

- Regarding the nominee for Community Service Mini Fund Chairperson, Cordero said Eric Lopez was a very strong candidate and that he had experience as director of a CPO program. Cordero said that Lopez had served on the Student Initiated Outreach MiniFund Committee.
- Regarding the nominees for Community Service Mini Fund committee members, Cordero said that every one of them had a lot of leadership experience with their respective projects in the Community Service Commission and the Campus Programs Office.

Judicial Board

- Regarding the nominees for Judicial Board, Cordero said that the first three, Michael Filipiak, Maegan Clark, and Owen Paun, were very strong candidates and mentioned various leadership roles that each of them had held at UCLA.
- Cordero said that the committee was not able to interview Mark Belgen, but he was here to answer any questions council might have.
- Dahle said that he thought Belgen's experience with the Judicial Board at Saddleback Community College was very relevant and was one of the main reasons he nominated him. He asked Belgen if he wanted to address Council and respond to any questions they had.
- Belgen said he had been elected to the Judicial Board at Saddleback and was later appointed as the Chief Justice. He said that the J-Board held hearings on various issues of law, heard cases,

made decisions and wrote opinions. He said he had participated in a number of state-wide conferences, and had taught Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures at the state-wide level. He said he was a third year student majoring in political science with plans to go to law school.

- Cordero said that he was concerned about a lack of diversity on the Judicial Board and felt there was a great disparity between the nominees and their constituency.
- Clark said further that Political Science was one of the largest majors on campus and she thought there should be greater outreach to Poli Sci majors to apply for the Judicial Board. Clark said that, as a Black woman, she did not feel that any of the nominees for J-Board could represent her adequately.
- Dahle said that when he was looking through the applications, he didn't look at people's names and genders but was reading for content in their responses. He said he wanted to nominate students that were best qualified for this position.
- Neal moved and Clark seconded to approve all nominees except those for the Judicial Board. The motion was approved by 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. The nominees who were approved are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Nealy Farshadi	CAC REV
Ahmad Hussain	CAC REV
Jon Hansen	CAC REV
Fritz Shirmers	CEAC
Eric Lopez (Chairperson)	CS Mini Fund
Jandi DuPree	CS Mini Fund
Miriam Jukaku	CS Mini Fund
Sheryl Mariano	CS Mini Fund
Guadalupe Tong	CS Mini Fund

Campus Programs Committee

- Regarding the nominee for Campus Programs Committee (CPC), Dahle asked Cordero to explain to council why they were not considering the applicant for CPC.
- Cordero said that, when he contacted Yousef Tujsar to schedule a meeting with the ARC, Tujsar told him he was withdrawing his name from consideration.
- Returning to the discussion on Judicial Board, Neal said that he agreed with Clark and Cordero that it is Council's responsibility to find a more diverse J-Board.
- Cordero said that including the two current members of J-Board and Dahle's nominees, the board would be made up of five men and one woman. He was not sure how it broke down into ethnicity and race.
- DerManuelian asked if council was going to craft a J-Board that was diverse, wouldn't that be discriminating against the students that applied on time and were qualified.
- McElwain moved and Wilson seconded the approval of the four Judicial Board nominees. The motion was defeated by a vote of 1 in favor, 5 opposed and 2 abstentions.
- Neal recommended that the Judicial Board appointments process be reopened and that everyone who applied re-submit their applications
- Dahle said that there were a number of other applicants for J-Board that could be considered. He said he would like to give them first consideration before reopening the process.
- Tuttle called for a Point of Information. He asked if it was the Chair's sense that this motion would allow that people who were brought forward tonight could be considered in the pool that would be brought back for appointment to the Judicial Board. Tuttle said, in other words, is it the Chair's sense that the names submitted tonight will stay in the pool unless any of them ask to have their name withdrawn.
- Dahle replied, "yes".
- Clark reiterated that she was not saying that these nominees were unqualified, but that the nominees would not accurately represent the campus.

- Dahle told the J-board nominees that he would contact each of them to find out if they wanted to stay in the pool.

IX. New Business

***Approval of Dates for Fall Special Election**

- Dahle announced that Mike Cohn, USAC E-Board Advisor, had told him today that USAC must approve the language for the ballot measure at tonight's meeting, or it will not be on the ballot for third week of Fall Quarter. If council cannot approve it tonight, it would not be on until fourth week or later.
- Neal asked why there was a change in the schedule
- Chris Abraham, E-Board Chairperson, said that they have been in discussion with my.ucla about the Special Election only for the last two weeks. He said that my.ucla has advised him that they need a few weeks notification
- Neal expressed his frustration that my.ucla was not able to meet council's initial timeline, especially since it was his understanding that my.ucla had been aware of this election for some time.
- Nelson said he wanted to pass along some information to council that he had just received from AVC Bob Naples. Naples told him that the university assumes that the Governor will definitely be making budget cuts to the UC system. If the cuts occur, student fees might need to be increased.
- Nelson said he believes that the student government needs to get a referendum passed which would increase student fees to the student government. However, he recommended that council ensure that they have broad support for the referendum and that they talk with all the student interest groups so their concerns and interests are considered.
- Diaz said that USAC hasn't heard yet from the various offices that would get funds, if the referendum passes, about their justification for extra funds. He said he thinks council has not solicited the views of the student advocacy groups and other registered organizations on campus.
- Diaz said he felt that Council is not ready to vote on this issue tonight and needs another week before they would be ready to vote on this.
- Dahle said that what he is hearing is that Council did not want to take action tonight, and asked if his understanding was correct.
- Neal said he thought it would be okay to hold the election third week, but didn't want to have it later than that. He said further that he still wants the referendum to take effect Fall quarter.
- Neal asked Abraham when he thought would be a good time for the election.
- Abraham replied that it should be during the first half of Fall quarter, but fifth week at the latest.
- Dahle said maybe it would be a good idea to plan to hold it fifth week because that would allow council more time to get student groups aware of and involved in the process.
- Abraham mentioned further that the language of the referendum must be approved by the Chancellor before it can be placed on the ballot.
- Dahle suggested that every council member who has ties with various student organizations get input from them and share that input with other council members via e-mail. He indicated that if the election is not to be held until fifth week, council has two weeks to solidify the language. He said Abraham would be making a presentation at the next meeting on the calendar and other election matters.
- Dahle then asked council if they wanted the E-board to hold endorsement hearings.
- Cordero asked what the cost would be.
- Abraham said that the cost would be "minimal" but, based on the referendum hearings in Spring quarter, he was concerned about the time and the effectiveness of the hearings.
- Clark said it was important to have endorsement hearings and felt that they would get a better turnout if there was better notification than there was for the Special Election in Spring quarter.
- Dahle asked if Council agreed with Clark's recommendation. There was general consensus in favor of endorsement hearings.

VI.

Contingency

- DerManuelian said that there were four contingency allocations, one of which is discretionary. He said that under his discretionary authorization, he had approved allocation of \$200 to Brazil @ UCLA for its Capoeira/Makulele Performance on September 27, 2002.
- He said that the \$432 for the Ad in the Mortar Board calendar had been approved by Council during summer quarter, but, because the funds were not spent during that period, he was required to bring this item to Council again.
- Regarding the two main contingency requests, DerManuelian said that he was recommending \$682.45 to the Engineering Society of UCLA for facilities for their Welcome Week, and \$335 to the Campus Events Commission for their October 7 noontime concert.
- Yu asked how DerManuelian had arrived at the recommended amounts for Engineering Society and Campus Events.
- DerManuelian said he had referred to allocations from prior years to see if he can find a pattern for line items that did not have caps. He said that because he couldn't find a pattern, he spoke to each group to more closely determine their needs. He said for Campus Events, he used percentages of the amount requested: 30% for honorarium, 20% for advertising, and 10% for graphics.
- Neal asked if he would always use these same percentages.
- DerManuelian said that because there was no pattern from the past, he had to make decisions for these allocations. He said that he was thinking of bringing to council revisions to the Finance Committee guidelines in which he would set percentage caps on each line item.
- Neal said that he had problems with percentages.
- DerManuelian said that Neal's comment was well-taken and he would be bringing any proposed revisions to Council for their consideration and approval.
- Clark moved and Diaz seconded approval of all contingency allocations.
- Cordero asked if any of these line item caps had been approved by Council.
- DerManuelian said no.
- Cordero said that Council must approve guidelines on caps before they can be put into place.
- DerManuelian replied that Council had approved Finance Committee Guidelines for 2002-2003 during the summer and that those guidelines mirrored the ones that Cordero had put into place the prior year, with the exception of Advertising because of changes in the Daily Bruin rates.
- Cordero expressed further concern that Council was being asked to approve allocations without having pre-approved guidelines.
- DerManuelian reminded Council that they had the right to amend or override any recommendations that he presents to them.
- There being no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion on the table. The motion to approve the Contingency allocations, as recommended, was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

VII.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

A. President

- Dahle said that the Convocation for first year students was a lot shorter than he remembered. He said that several first year students came to his office afterwards about becoming involved with USAC.
- Regarding the Student Fee Referendum, Dahle said that he would be seeking input in the next week as to how USAC can get the Referendum passed.
- Dahle introduced Gideon Baum, his recently appointed Chief of Staff.

B. Internal Vice President

- Cordero announced that one Base Budget appeal had been submitted to his office and he would be getting it to Council next week.

C. External Vice President

- Neal said that Get Out the Vote (GOTV) registration cards had been placed in all the dorms. He said that there would be a big push on the GOTV on October 30, 2002.
- He said that Matt Kaczmarek had attended the last UCSA meeting in his place while he was in Paris. He reported that UCSA hired a new Field Representative recently.
- Neal said that he would be going to the USSA meeting next week in Washington D.C. for orientation.
- He said he may be going to Ghana the last week of October.

D. Administrative Representatives

- Nelson said he had been asked to inform Council of the urgency of getting the final appointment made to the Campus Programs Committee.
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- Tuttle announced that on October 11, twenty members of the British Parliament are coming to campus. He said they would be speaking at a luncheon in Bradley Hall, which Tuttle thought council members would be interested in attending. He said that Council might want to submit issues for them to comment on.
- Clark asked Tuttle if council members could extend the invitation to others.
- Tuttle said he would need to check first with the organizers of the event first and would let her know.
- Tuttle also announced that the UCLA Government Relations office was sponsoring a UCLA in LA day on October 15.

E. Cultural Affairs Commissioner

- Clark said that there was a lot going on around campus and she has some concerts coming up soon. She passed around a flyer with information on upcoming events.
- She said she is working with Melnitz Movies on several programs..
- Clark said she had asked Pat Eastman to donate food for USAC's Open House in October.

F. Campus Events Commissioner

- Wilson announced that the Campus Events film calendar will be out on Friday. He said it had a great design.
- He announced that they would be screening the following films:
 - Minority Report
 - RedDragon (Free Sneak)
 - Corpus Colossum
- Wilson also announced the following concerts:
 - o Black Eyed Peas free noontime concert in Ackerman Grand Ballroom, sponsored by Microsoft related to a product launch.
 - o Apples In Stereo, an indie group that did the soundtrack for the Powerpuff Girls.
 - o Blackalicious, Monday October 7 in Bruin Plaza
- Wilson said that the Campus Events Commission is having its retreat this weekend.

G. Community Service Commissioner

- Yu announced that she and the Student Welfare Commissioner were co-sponsoring a recruitment carnival on Tuesday, October 1st in DeNeve Plaza.

VIII.

Old Business

- Wilson said he has not submitted his budget justifications for fees his office would get from passage of the Student Fee Referendum because he had reservations about the process, and said that he had been unable to attend some of the meetings where this was discussed. He said he would prefer to meet with the other Council members whose offices were named in the referendum.
- Clark said she agreed with Wilson in this matter.

- Neal asked if Wilson was referring to regular Council meetings or the Ad Hoc meetings that were held.
- Wilson replied he was referring to the Ad Hoc meetings.
- DerManuelian raised a concern that Council members might be straddling the Brown Act regarding open meeting laws if they discussed this issue outside of their regular meetings.
- Tuttle said that it would be in appropriate for a majority of Council members to meet outside of their regular meeting schedule, with no members of the press or the public in attendance, but he felt it would not be in appropriate for members to discuss issues with their colleagues in more of a one-on-one setting.
- Der Manuelian said, for the record, that he had raised the question of the Brown Act just to be sure that the issue was considered by Council.
- Neal suggested that the discussion of the budget justifications be tabled until next week's meeting and that Wilson talk with some of the Council members prior to that meeting. Neal moved and Diaz seconded that the discussion of the Office and Commission Budget Justifications be tabled until next week's meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IX. New Business

***Setting of USAC Meeting Schedule for Academic Year**

Dahle asked if there was any objection to setting the USAC meeting schedule for the academic year as Tuesdays at 7:00pm. There being no objection, the schedule was approved by consent.

X. Announcements

There were no announcements.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

DerManuelian passed the attendance sheet around.

XII. Adjournment

- Clark moved and Lam seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.