

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 8, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, McElwain, McLaren, Neal, Styczynski, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu
- ABSENT: Eastman, Grace, Nelson
- GUESTS: Chris Abraham, Adam Greenwald, Lisa Shirachi, Eric Nusinow, Maegen Clark, Michael Filipiak, Dria Fearn, Alyssa Scullian, Ben Green, Byron Kahr, Mark Belgen, Benjamin Alvarez, Maya Oren, Thai-Anthony Lam, Joshua Lawsun, Gideon Baum, Kristen Tokuhara, Matt Patterson, Melvin Santiago, L.J. Quintana, Amy Lucas, Christine Sol, Timothy Moore
- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-DerManuelian passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Dahle said that he would like to add an Election Update to just after Special Presentations. He asked if there were any other changes or edits to the Agenda.
-Diaz, Wilson, DerManuelian, Leyco, Yu, and Harmetz said that they would like to be added to the Officers and Member Reports.
-Dahle asked if there were any objections to approval of the Agenda, as amended, by consent. There being no objections the Agenda, as amended, was approved by Consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
***September 17, 2002**
-Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Minutes from September 17, 2002.
-There being no edits, Dahle asked if there were any objections to approval of the Minutes by consent. There being no objections the Minutes were approved by Consent.
- IV. Special Presentations
Election Update
-Abraham passed around an updated election calendar. He said that the updated language of the programming referendum was included.
-Dahle asked if anyone had any questions for Abraham.
-There were no questions for Abraham.
- V. Officer and Member Reports
President
-Dahle said that the USAC Open House was good and thanked Clark and McLaren. He said that quite a few people showed up who were interested in USAC and mentioned that some of them were in the audience. He said that his office would be making a homecoming float and mentioned that any help from the other council members would be appreciated. He said that SAA had given his office leeway despite their late entry and that SAA would also provide \$500 towards the float creation and that the GSA would supply the rest.

Dahle said that his office was looking into making a website, that would mainly act as a survey. He said that he would like to see a USAC Awareness program next week that would help explain to the students what USAC does. He asked if all of the offices would be interested in making a flyer.

-Cordero said that his office was thinking along the same lines and was planning to put together a USAC brochure.

-Dahle said that he was in the process of contacting campus groups to help with campaigning for the election.

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said that his office was in the process of putting together a USAC brochure. He said that he was starting on the "You Know Your Rights Campaign". He said that there would be a forum on the 16th of October. He said that he was also trying to put together a concert for later in the year.

External Vice President

-Neal said that he would be traveling a lot over the next two weeks. He said that he would be flying, that night, out for a USSA meeting in Washington D.C. on the 9th through the 12th of October. He said that he would then attend the UCSA meeting at UC San Diego on the 18th through the 20th. He said he will then go to Accra, Ghana for the International Union of Students on the 21st. He will return on the 31st and attend the UCSA meeting at UC Berkeley from the 1st until the 3rd of November. He recommended that if anyone had any questions for him that they see his chief of staff. He said that there would be an introductory meeting for the EVP Office on October 9. He said that there would be a CalPIRG / Youth Vote Election Training program in the CalPIRG offices, 129 Kerckhoff Hall, on Thursday, October 10. He mentioned that it was National Coming Out Week and that there would be a major event fair on Friday, October 11 and that the offices should contact the queer student alliance about tabling at the event. He said that anyone was welcome to table. He also said that more information was available at www.gaybruins.com.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Diaz said that the Student Retention Center was looking for old tests for their test bank, which is used as a service to students for studying purposes. He said that his office will still be accepting applications for appointments to the Academic Senate Committees until next week. He also said that he no longer wished to be a part of the Programming Referendum.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson said that his office had a great 1st week. He said that they had so much interest in their programs that they had to turn some people away. He said that they would be showing the movie "Knock Around Boys" during second week, and that they would be showing "About A Boy" for \$2 per ticket. He said that Campus Events would be showing "Kissing Jessica Stein" during 3rd week from 7:00 to 9:30 also for \$2 per ticket. He said that they would also be showing several sneaks this quarter including: Phone Booth, Ghost Ship, and the new Eminem movie. He said that on Monday from 12 to 1 pm the Black Eyed Peas would be performing. He said that his office was still looking for more students to participate in their comic event on October 26.

Finance Committee Chairperson

-DerManuelian said that the revised contingency applications are now available online, on the USAC homepage. He said that they would only be available online and that they must be typed. He said that he included in the document a page of new requirements, including a reminder that contingency requests must include price quotes.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Leyco said that her office would be holding a Recruitment Meeting on Wednesday, October 9 in 2408 Ackerman Union. She said that Team SWC would be out campaigning daily for the Programming Referendum. She said that her office would be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday and Friday of Week 5 and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 6. She said that CPR / First Aid classes are now available and would be held every weekend except Thanksgiving weekend. She said sign-ups are available outside the SWC office.

Community Service Commissioner

-Yu said that CSC would be offering Joint-Tutorial Training at 6 pm on October 14 in Royce 190. She said that her office would be holding a General Meeting on October 16th at 6 pm in MS 5225. Yu said that her office would like to decrease the amount requested on their behalf in the programming referendum from 75 cents to 50 cents. She said that they were making these changes because they went back to check on exact prices and explored other funding sources.

General Representative - Harmetz

-Harmetz said that he would like to create a contact list with more information about each council member. He said that only the people on the list would receive a copy of the list.

Administrative Representatives

-Tuttle said that he only wanted to reiterate that it was important that the language for the Programming Referendum should be approved during the current meeting or else the timeline for the election may have to be changed.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Leyco said that she had forgotten to mention that there was a place online that makes free business cards. She said that anyone interested could contact her for more information. She also mentioned that the UCLA Run Walk would be holding a three-on-three basketball tournament on Sunday, November 13 at the Sunset Recreation facility.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner

-Clark said that her office would be holding their first Open Mic Night this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- DerManuelian said that there were eight requests, four of which were discretionary, and three of which were not approved due to the fact that they were submitted after the deadline.
- Diaz moved and Styczynski seconded to approve the Fund Allocation.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Back up documentation on all the contingency allocations is included in the materials for this meeting.

VII. Old Business

Election Board Updates

- Dahle asked if anyone had any changes to the language of the Programming Referendum.
- Diaz said that the Academic Affairs Commission wanted to be taken off of the referendum.
- Yu said that her office would like to have the amount requested on behalf of the Community Service Commission reduced from 75 cents to 50 cents.
- DerManuelian asked if these amounts would be taken out entirely or if things would be shifted around to keep the grand total the same.
- Wilson recommended that the beginning of Section D. be changed to read "One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the Student Welfare and Community Service Commissions (to be divided, with seventy-five cents going to the Student Welfare Commission and fifty-cents going to the Community Service Commission)..."

- Dahle said that the referendum will now be asking for \$9.25 per student per quarter.
- DerManuelian asked if the seventy-five cents could be put towards programming.
- Dahle said that that was a possibility.
- Clark said that she didn't think that that should be done.
- Neal recommended just leaving the total as \$9.25.
- Tuttle asked if the change in D would affect the wording of the rest of the referendum. He said that it should be corrected tonight, if so. He said that it may even affect the first paragraph of the referendum.
- Dahle said that he didn't think it would affect the first paragraph.
- Tuttle asked if the words "academic" and "outreach to underrepresented youth" at the end of Section D. should be removed since the Academic Affairs Commission would no longer be included in the referendum.
- Neal said that they could strike "to be divided".
- Yu said that the part that mentioned "outreach to underrepresented youth" could stay since the Community Service Commission also provides that.
- Leyco said that the word "academic" could stay because the Student Welfare Commission has a seat on the Student Initiated Outreach Committee, along with the Academic Affairs Commission and the Financial Supports Commission.
- Dahle asked if that was alright with Diaz.
- Diaz said that that was fine.
- Tuttle asked for a point of information on why the word "academic" would remain.
- Diaz said that it was because the Student Welfare Commission has a seat alongside of the Academic Affairs Commission on the Student Initiated Outreach Committee.
- Dahle said that the final wording of Section D of the Programming Referendum would be "One dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) to the Student Welfare and Community Service Commissions (to be divided, with seventy-five cents going to the Student Welfare Commission and fifty-cents going to the Community Service Commission) to provide service, community, academic, and health-based programs, as well as outreach to underrepresented youth."
- LaFlamme asked if Neal's allocation in Section F would be enough to continue funding his activities from this point on.
- Neal said that he would like to propose a bylaw change at some point in the future that would set money aside for USSA.
- Tuttle asked if it might be useful to add the words "affecting UCLA students" to the end of Section F.
- Neal said that he agreed with that change.
- DerManuelian asked if Neal was basing his funding proposal on the assumption that council would approve a bylaw change.
- Dahle said that he thought that the language would be fine.
- Neal said that Student Government Accounting would take the money for USSA directly out of the money he received and that it would never reach his office.
- Tuttle said that he didn't understand the issue at hand and asked for clarification.
- Dahle said that it concerns the future allocation of USSA funding. He said that UCOP will not let the referendum pass if any money is specifically set aside for USSA in the wording of the referendum.
- Neal said that a referendum directly for USSA cannot be made so the money has to be put into a general fund and then allocated from there.
- Tuttle said that this therefore put two steps in the governmental process, that A.) the referendum would add money to the offices general fund and B.) that the money for USSA would then be allocated out of that general fund to the specific USSA fund.
- McLaren said that, for background information, this all related to a referendum approved by the students a few years ago, which approved funding for UCSA and the USSA. She said that UCOP disallowed all but 9 cents of the dollar that students approved for USSA.

- Tuttle asked if it was Council's belief that these steps were consistent with University Policy. He asked if this money would go directly into some account or if it would be given out from some general fund.
- McLaren said that the money would be collected by the University and submitted to ASUCLA Student Government Accounting.
- Tuttle said for the record that there may be some discussion on whether the amount is appropriate based on the proportions of the campus served.
- LaFlamme asked if these guidelines were from three years ago.
- Neal said that these guidelines come from the Undergraduate Students Association
- LaFlamme asked if it was currently UCOP's advice that it not be written into the referendum where the money would be going.
- Dahle said that it was.
- LaFlamme moved and Leyco seconded to approve the language of the USAC Programming Referendum.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

VIII. New Business

- Tuttle asked if there was a need to approve the election calendar.
- Dahle said that he didn't think it was necessary but that it could be done either way.
- LaFlamme moved and Styczynski seconded to approve the updated Election Calendar.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

***UC Go Solar Resolution**

- Dahle asked if the people with UC Go Solar would like to speak.
- Kahr said that he had the language of the resolution for anyone who didn't have it. He said that the resolution has been passed at several UCs including Berkeley, Davis and San Diego. He said that there had been a meeting earlier this week with one of the Regents and that it was being passed on to the Regent in charge of construction. He said that 500 UCLA students have signed cards in support of the resolution.
- Dahle thanked the people with UC Go Solar for coming to the council meetings so diligently.
- Cordero moved and Diaz seconded to approve the UC Go Solar Resolution.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Discussion of Letter from Pacific Legal Foundation

- Dahle said that he had come into his office Thursday and found a certified letter from the Pacific Legal Foundation. He said that he took the letter to McLaren and had a meeting with Mann and Nelson about the letter. He said that they agreed the letter should be put on the agenda. He asked if Tuttle had any comments.
- Tuttle asked for a point of information on whether the Judicial Board appointment debate during the last meeting ended with a vote to table the nominees or a vote to reject them.
- Dahle said that it ended with a vote not to approve the four nominees.
- Tuttle said that there was therefore nothing wrong with the nominees being kept in the applicant pool. He said that his general take was that from this point on the appointments should come up one by one rather than all at once. He said that there are of course remedies such as tabling the nominees. He said that for example, from now on all of the applicants names could be listed ahead of time, but that they should be presented one at a time so that they are given the opportunity for individual consideration rather than a block vote. He said that, this method would ensure that the vote was in the context of the individual.
- LaFlamme said that regardless of legal issues council should take action on the Judicial Board nominations. He said that they should reconsider the vote and the ways in which the vote was taken to see if council wants to let the vote stand. He said that this sets a problematic precedent and that he would like to reconsider the issue.

- DerManuelian asked Tuttle if USAC opened itself up to a lawsuit by doing nothing about this issue.
- Tuttle said that he was pleased that the nominees were kept in the applicant pool, otherwise that might open up room for problems. He said that he would recommend that the Appointments Review Committee Chairperson go back to each nominee and ask them to return for one by one consideration. He said that he is not an attorney but that those were his suggestions. He said that this letter was beneficial in that it serves to remind the council that everything they do is within the public domain.
- Diaz said that in order to reconsider the vote, one of the five votes against the nominees would have to rescind their vote. He said that the Pacific Legal Foundation has had a history of working against diversity. He said he was disheartened by councils unwillingness to stand by diversity. He said that nothing illegal has been done.
- Clark said that she has consulted a lawyer and that nothing that USAC has done has been illegal. She said further that the quote in the Daily Bruin had been taken out of context.
- Tuttle said Diaz may be accurate in saying that the issue may require a reconsideration vote. He said that his comments had been in regards to LaFlamme's point. He said that he believed that the president retained the right to bring the nominees back for consideration. He said that ultimately USAC chooses to consent or not consent, but that it should be done name by name.
- Dahle said that he thought it was all a learning process. He said that he was bringing five applicants forward, three of which were returning nominees from the last meeting, as well as two new nominees. He said that they would be reviewed one by one, after this discussion.
- LaFlamme reiterated that legality was not his concern, but that instead he wanted to ensure that the students on campus were properly represented. He said that USAC needs to consider how it looks at diversity. He said that diversity of mind should be focused on. He said that the assumption that a similar racial make up infers a similar mindset, should not be made. He said that the perception offered in the letter reflects the perception that many student on campus have about the event. He said that USAC needs to make the statement that it is concerned with diversity of minds rather than racial consistencies.
- DerManuelian said that he wasn't wondering about legality only whether or not USAC would be open to a lawsuit. He said that those were two different issues.
- Tuttle said that he didn't know.

IX. Appointments

***Judicial Board**

- Cordero said that the Appointments Review Committee had voted on two new applicants. He said that the first was Lisa Shirachi, who the ARC had voted to formally recommend to USAC. He said that she had good experience working with students.
- Harmetz said that she came off as an intelligent and capable person. He said that she is involved on campus but seem impartial.
- Dahle asked if there were any questions for the nominee.
- Tuttle asked if Shirachi was prepared to set aside past relationships and friendships and to judge based on the facts in the front of her, to the best of her ability.
- Shirachi said that she could.
- LaFlamme asked if the Judicial Board nominations that are being brought forward this week would fill the Judicial Board.
- Dahle said that they would fill in all the spots available on the Judicial Board.
- LaFlamme said that he would like to see the applicants from the previous week asked back before the Judicial Board was filled.
- Dahle said that the only nominee that would not be returning from last week had taken himself out of the pot and had chosen to accept a nomination to another committee.
- Cordero moved and Harmetz seconded to appoint Lisa Shirachi to the Judicial Board.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

- Cordero said that the second nominee was Hannah Olade.
- Dahle said that Olade had a well written application and that she had many valuable qualities. He said further that he believed her distance from USAC would be an asset.
- LaFlamme asked if the ARC was unable to meet with Olade. He said that he was concerned about appointing her without anyone having met with her.
- Cordero said that he asked her to the council meeting so that USAC could ask her questions.
- Tuttle recommended that the ARC ask her their normal questions at this time.
- Dahle agreed with this.
- Cordero requested a five minute recess to allow the ARC to meet with Olade.
- At 8:38 pm Dahle called a five minute recess for the ARC to interview Olade.
- Council reconvened at 8:50 pm.
- Dahle asked if the ARC was ready.
- Cordero said that the ARC could not formally recommend Olade because they did not have quorum. He said that she was passionate and did work in High School that may be helpful in the position. He said that his only concern was that she was a board member of the Nigerian Students Association, but that he thought that she could set aside bias and base her judgements on the facts in front of her.
- Harmetz said that Olade values fairness and that despite not knowing much about the Judicial Board she had a passion for learning, and that this would provide valuable experience for her. He said that this would be her first time advocating for students.
- Cordero said that Olade was present for questions from Council.
- Dahle said that the NSA was not a regularly funded USAC group, so her involvement with them shouldn't be too much of a problem.
- Harmetz said that one of her goals was diversity.
- McLaren asked if there was an unofficial vote of the ARC.
- Cordero said that there was not.
- LaFlamme said that it was difficult for a student to understand the ins and outs of the various appointed positions and that it was unrealistic to expect them to know about the positions without any experience on them.
- Dahle said that he agreed, especially considering the lack of Judicial Board activity in the last few years.
- Levi asked if Olade would be able to recuse herself in the event that an issue before the Judicial Board involved the NSA.
- Dahle asked Olade if she would be willing to recuse herself in such an event.
- Olade said that she would.
- Tuttle asked if Olade was prepared to be fair, and to set aside past relationships and friendships and to judge based on the facts in the front of her, to the best of her ability.
- Olade said that she was.
- Tuttle said that all the nominees should realize that the Judicial Board is a position of public trust.
- LaFlamme apologized to Olade for the circumstances of the meeting.
- LaFlamme moved and Lam seconded to appoint Hannah Olade to the Judicial Board.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- Dahle said that since Council would be looking at the rest of the nominees one at a time there would be no need for a reconsideration vote. He said that the next nominee was Mark Belgen. He asked Belgen if he wanted to say anything.
- Belgen said that he had served as Chief Justice of the Judicial Court at Saddleback College. He said that after going through the Judicial Board archives it seems that the UCLA Judicial Board is in need of strong leadership to increase its involvement on campus.
- Dahle asked if anyone had any questions.
- Tuttle asked Belgen how long he's been at UCLA.
- Belgen said that he has been here for 2 quarters.
- Tuttle asked Belgen if he could set aside past relationships and friendships and to judge based on the facts in the front of him, to the best of his ability.
- Mark said that he could and that he had done so in the past.

- Tuttle asked if there were any major controversies or scandals involving him, in his role as Chief Justice, at his community college.
- Belgen said that there were none.
- Tuttle asked Belgen if he was prepared to be fair and if he was aware that this is a position of trust.
- Belgen said that he was.
- Tuttle thanked him for coming.
- Harmetz moved and Lam seconded to appoint Mark Belgen to the Judicial Board.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Dahle said that the next applicant was Maegen Clark. He asked her if she had anything to say.
- Clark said that she would like to serve the school and to expand her horizons through her involvement with the Judicial Board.
- Cordero said that the unofficial ARC vote one Clark had been 2 votes in favor, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.
- Dahle said that as a first year student, Clark will have the opportunity to stay on the Judicial Board for a few years and gain experience that she could use to guide new members who are appointed in the future.
- Diaz asked Clark what programs she has been involved in.
- Clark said that she has mostly been involved in projects concerning her dorm floor. She also clarified that she is now a second year.
- Tuttle asked Clark if she had heard his earlier questions and if she was prepared to act fairly in her position on the Judicial Board.
- Clark said she was.
- Tuttle asked Clark if she was prepared to set aside past relationships and friendships and to judge based on the facts in the front of her, to the best of her ability.
- Clark said that she was.
- Tuttle asked Clark if she would avoid situations which may cause controversy or scandal.
- Clark said that she would.
- Tuttle asked her if she was willing to avoid taking up political views and becoming involved in slate politics.
- Clark said that she was.
- LaFlamme moved and Cordero seconded to appoint Maegen Clark to the Judicial Board.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Dahle said that the next nominee was Michael Filipiak. He said that ARC had taken an unofficial vote of 2 votes in favor, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions for Filipiak. He asked Filipiak if he had anything to say.
- Filipiak said that he was a 4th year student. He said that he was a member of the model United Nations and that he wants to help the Judicial Board in taking a more active role on campus.
- Dahle asked if anyone had any questions for Filipiak.
- Tuttle asked Filipiak if he was prepared to be fair in his decisions on the Judicial Board.
- Filipiak said that he was.
- Tuttle asked Filipiak if he was prepared to set aside any political connections and to judge based on the facts in the front of him, to the best of his ability.
- Filipiak said that he was.
- Tuttle thanked him.
- Harmetz moved and Styczynski seconded to appoint Michal Filipiak to the Judicial Board.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

- Tuttle said that Friday, October 11th at noon twenty members of the British Parliament would be visiting Los Angeles and would be coming to Bradley International Hall. He said that

anyone interested in coming to the event could email him and he could try to fit them in. He said that from noon to 1 pm there would be food available and that from 1 pm to 2 pm the members of Parliament would be entertaining discussion. He said that on the following day they would be playing Rugby in the morning at UCLA.

-Diaz said that the Academic Affairs Commission would be providing mini-grants for research projects. He said that those interested should speak with him and that applications are available in front of his office.

-Wilson said that the new Film Calendar was ready but wouldn't be passed out yet due to copyright investigations. He said that they will be out soon.

-Levi said that programming applications are available and that he will have an assistant available starting 3rd week.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-In DerManuelian's absence McLaren passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Dahle asked if there were any objections to adjourning the meeting by consent. There being no objections the meeting was adjourned by Consent at 9:20 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker