

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 15, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, Diaz, Grace, Harmetz, Lam, Leyco, McLaren, Neal, Tuttle, Yu

ABSENT: Eastman, DerManuelian, LaFlamme, McElwain, Nelson, Styczynski, Wilson

GUESTS: Chris Abraham, Charlie Stein, David Lavi, Kristin Peterson, Siavash Foolodion, Rak Sam, Ning Wong, Rafael Bonilla, Pamela Gangar, Ricardo Aguayo, Jason Lin, Aysun Azimi, Thai Lam, Joshua Lawson, Gideon Baum, Marco Corona, Robert Salonga

- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-In DerManuelian's absence, Dahle asked Leyco if she would make an Attendance Sheet and pass it around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Dahle said that he would like to move the Election Board Updates up to right after the Approval of the Minutes. He asked if there were any other changes or edits to the Agenda.
-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 24, 2002**
-Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Minutes from September 24, 2002.
-Clark said that, on page three, she said "Black" not "African American." She also said that at the bottom of page 3, her statement should read "Clark reiterated that she was not saying that these nominees were unqualified, but that the nominees would not accurately represent the campus." She said that she never said the statement on page 4 which began "Clark said that the groups that get money from the Cultural Affairs Commission..."
-Dahle asked if there were any other edits.
-Diaz moved and Neal seconded to approve the Minutes from September 24, 2002, as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Old Business
Election Board Update
-Abraham said that he had met with MyUCLA and that the election will go exactly as the Spring election did. He said that the cost will be \$1000 and that the election will take place from 6:00 am on October 30th until 12:00 midnight on October 31st. He said that endorsement hearings are coming up and that the applications are available now and are due by October 22nd at noon. He said that the hearings will be in 1260 Franz Hall from 6 to 7 pm. He suggested that USAC either strike the section of the Election Code which disallows emails or add a section to the Special Election section of the Election Code which would allow the use of emails.
-Leyco asked if 12 midnight on Friday the 31st would be the last time to vote.

- Dahle said that MyUCLA has changed its formats and that people will now be able to reach the voting area of the site from the portal.
- Lam said asked where the endorsement applications are available.
- Abraham said that they are available at the Election Board office.
- Tuttle asked if it had been inappropriate up until this point to use emails during elections. He also asked if it Mike Cohn's advise that emails be allowed for this special election.
- Abraham said that it was Cohn's advice.
- Tuttle asked if this meant that emails would be used only for special elections regarding referenda and not for the election of people.
- Abraham said that he was speaking only of referenda elections.

V. Special Presentations

UniCamp Request for USAC Sponsorship

- Dahle asked if Marco Corona and Siavash Foolodion from UniCamp would make their presentation.
- Corona said that they were not here to ask for money or an office. Corona introduced several other members of the UniCamp staff and said that each of them had taken leadership positions and were involved in many other projects on campus. He said that UniCamp draws people from all over campus who are involved in many different organizations and activities. He said that the main goal of UniCamp in coming to the USAC meeting was to ask for USAC's sponsorship.
- Foolodion said that he would give a brief history of UniCamp. He said that it was started in 1935 by 11 students in order to put on a canned food drive for inner-city youth. He said that in 1937 UniCamp started holding summer camps for children in low income housing areas. He said that UniCamp was finally officially establish on campus in 1939 and that since then there have been an average of 300 student volunteers working with UniCamp every year. He said that they work with children from diverse backgrounds and areas, from inner-city children to children with diabetes. He said that since their creation they have helped about 60,000 children, and that they introduce 1,000 children a year to various leadership skills. He said that they have about 350 student volunteers each year, who are trained during fall and winter quarter. He said that the organization draws an extremely diverse group of student volunteers, but that they feel they have lost their ties to the campus. He said that many of the large programs on campus were originally put on to benefit UniCamp and that they wanted to try to get back into a relationship with UCLA and ASUCLA to increase campus awareness about UniCamp.
- Corona reiterated that UniCamp did not want money or a room at this time, only to try to reconnect with USAC in order to help get UniCamp's name out on campus. He said that a lot of UniCamp's help enrich the college students who participated as well as the younger children. He also said that UniCamp is one of the few groups on campus that can so effectively bring diverse cultures together.
- Cordero asked what the speakers meant by a USAC sponsorship.
- Foolodion said that they wanted a sponsorship recognizing UniCamp as a student organization so that the UCLA and USAC names could be included in UniCamp documents.
- Dahle asked if UniCamp was an Officially Recognized Student Organization.
- Corona said that it was.
- Dahle said that he had met with the UniCamp advisor. He said that it was a student run group and that it deserved to be a sponsored student group.
- Tuttle said that there have been relationships between people and UniCamp that have gone on for decades. He said that many people have benefited from UniCamp's work. He said that it is a tremendous program and that UniCamp created a framework for many organizations, such as the Community Service Commission, that came later. He said that UniCamp had now moved back into the URL building.
- McLaren said that she was not sure where the split between UniCamp and USAC came. She asked if the people from UniCamp have talked to the Campus Events Commission about

any of this since CEC sponsored Mardi Gras which used to be the main fundraising vehicle for UniCamp.

- Corona said that they have not. He said that UniCamp has no plans for any programs as of yet. He said that they only want to re-establish a connection with the campus.
- Grace said he thinks the split between UniCamp and USAC came when the Mardi Gras event was shut down. He said that Mardi Gras had been the largest student event in the nation and that the costs of security eventually outweighed the benefits of keeping the event going. He said that Mardi Gras was one of the big campus events that everyone attended.
- Tuttle said that they were able to keep Mardi Gras going even during the most tumultuous times.
- Dahle asked if there were any more questions. He thanked the people from UniCamp for coming in. He said that he would like the Council to take action on this issue.
- Cordero asked if that issue was taken care of by becoming an ORSO.
- Dahle said that he was thinking that Council could take a symbolic vote in support of UniCamp.
- Neal asked if a resolution might be more appropriate. He said that he would like to sponsor UniCamp but that a resolution would make a better, more noticeable statement.
- Dahle said that he agreed.
- Tuttle said that he also agreed and that if UniCamp could come back next week with a resolution, it would be better for UniCamp.
- Dahle said that he would work with the people from UniCamp to draw up a resolution.

VI. Contingency

- Dahle said that DerManuelian was stuck somewhere in Los Angeles and couldn't make it to the meeting.
- Cordero said that the large item under Contingency, the Project Literacy request, was an annual event that had been funded by Contingency in the past.
- Cordero moved and Lam seconded to approve the Fund Allocations. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Project Literacy

Requested: \$1,517.40

Recommended: \$1,514.40

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,514.40 to cover the cost of Transportation and the partial cost of Travel for the Read. Write. Act Conference on October 24th through 27th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$350.00

Recommended: \$350.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$350.00 to cover the cost of Honorarium for the Cooperage Concert for Trembling Blue Stars on November 14th.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President

- Dahle said that he had participated in a rally / protest against the cut in funding to campus Catholic ministries. He said that it will not affect UCLA, but that it will affect several other nearby campuses. He said that it was sad to see a group that does good work on campus, regardless of its faith, lose funding. He also said that he had participated in the UCLA in L.A. City Hall day earlier in the day. He said that he had met with Councilman Jack Weiss and that other UCLA representatives had met with other City Council members. He said that the UCLA group pitched several initiatives to the Councilmembers. He said that they had asked Council to push for the passage of Proposition 47. He said that he also talked to Weiss about other UCLA issues. He said that on November 13th at 6 pm there will be a town-hall meeting and Weiss will be the key speaker.

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said that on October 21st his office will be sponsoring a concert to push for voter registration. He thanked those who had turned in their paragraphs for the USAC informational brochure and asked those who hadn't turned a paragraph in to do so as soon as possible. He said that he would also be coming around to each of the offices soon to take pictures to be placed in the brochure. He said that his office would be putting out a newsletter soon.

External Vice President

-Neal said that this would be the last USAC meeting that he will attend for the next two weeks. He said that he had just returned from the USSA meeting in Washington D.C. and that USSA will be pushing the Higher Education Act and that it had been a good weekend. He said that the CalPIRG campaign to register voters began today and that anyone interested in helping them should try to find the time. 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 said that he would be in the United States until Sunday if anyone needed to call him and that he will have two staff members around while he's gone.

-Dahle asked if anyone else wanted to make a report.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Diaz said that he had been meeting with the Campus Retention Center about the Minimum Progress Requirement. He said that he was also looking for people to participate in a debate on the possibility of a war with Iraq. He said that the debate would be towards the end of the quarter and that he needed people both for and against the war. He said that the Academic Senate positions have almost been filled but that he will still be accepting applications until the end of the week.

General Representative - Harmetz

-Harmetz said that he will be talking to OCHC about the upcoming Programming Referendum vote. He said that he will also ask them to email the people who live on campus. He said that he needs a pro and con article to go along with the referendum. He also said that he brought along copies of the contact list from last week and asked that only those on the list take one.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Leyco said that she would pass around applications for the UCLA Run Walk three-on-three basketball tournament. She said that there is limited space so anyone interested should apply soon. She said that her office will be putting on a Pre-Med and Health program on the Sunday of 8th week. She said that there will be a blood drive during 5th week.

Administrative Representatives

-Tuttle said that Nelson will be back for the meeting next week. He said that he would try to come to the meeting next week but that he may not be able to make it.

VIII. Announcements

-Dahle said that he wanted to move on the election, and that he wants next week to be a USAC information week. He said that he'd like all the offices to make a flyer for next week and another one for 5th week. He said that he'd also like all of the offices to sign up for times to have people passing out the flyers on Bruin Walk. He said that he'd like to start campaigning heavily for the referendum between Thursday of 4th week and Thursday of 5th week. He asked if Council thought that individual flyers from each office would be better or if USAC should just make one uniform flyer.

-Leyco said that she would prefer one flyer for all of USAC.

- Dahle asked everyone to submit ideas for what they would like mentioned in the flyer, by the next day. He also asked the council to try and take endorsement forms to each of the campus groups. He said that he would write an article for the Daily Bruin next week about USAC and another one during 5th week about the Programming Referendum. He said that he would like to see the other council members do the same.
- Tuttle advised that the president consult with the Election Board chair to see if the use of public funds, including offices, to advocate a certain position on the election was proper. He said that there may be those on campus who don't want to see this referendum pass. He said that the president should check with the Election Board chairperson and report back to council. He said that he wasn't up to date on any precedents of this kind but he advised that council be cautious. He said that there are remedies, such as printing an opposing argument as well. He said that the Election Board might allow factual documents to be passed out. He said that council should make sure that those campaigning in support of the referendum do it on their own time and not when they are supposed to be in their office.
- Dahle said that he will run everything by the Election Board Chair, but that next week will only be an informational week.
- Tuttle said that council should just be sure that there is an outlet for the opposition.
- Dahle said that any money spent by council would not advocate a certain position.
- Dahle ask if there were any other announcements.
- McLaren said that she had not been able to put her information on the contact sheet and gave her contact numbers to council.
- Leyco suggested that council meet later in the week to discuss the referendum.
- Dahle said that his office was no longer building a homecoming float but that they would have several dignitary cars. He said that anyone who wanted to ride in one of the dignitary cars was welcome and should contact him.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

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

XII. Adjournment

- Diaz moved and Cordero seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker