

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 22, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, McLaren, Styczynski, Nelson, Wilson, Yu
- ABSENT: Clark, Eastman, Grace, McElwain, Neal, Tuttle
- GUESTS: Chris Abraham, Rick Greenwood, Bob Naples, Sam Morabito, Joseph Vardner, Charles Harless, Erica Sutherland, Doris Chen, Philip Wegge, Matthew Kaczmarek
- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 move the Discussion of UCLA Tobacco Policy up to just behind the Bruin GO! Program. He said that he would also like to move the Amendment to the Election Code up to after the approval of the minutes.
-Diaz said that he would like to keep the Amendment to the Election Code where it was so that Cordero could be present.
-Dahle said that that was fine.
-Wilson, Diaz and Leyco asked to be added to the Officer 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
***October 8, 2002**
-Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Minutes from October 8, 2002.
-Harmetz moved and Leyco seconded to approve the Minutes from October 8, 2002, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
Bruin Go! Program, Sam Morabito, Associate Vice Chancellor
-Morabito said that he had not come to make a presentation, but for a discussion. He said that he could give an update on the situation if it would be helpful.
-Dahle said that it would be helpful.
-Morabito said that ridership in the Bruin GO! Program has been increasing. He said that during the first year there had been 1,000,000 swipes on the buses, and that during the second year there had been 1,700,000 swipes. He said that during the first two weeks of this year ridership has gone up by 15% percent from the same period last year. He said that the costs during the first year had been \$900,000, and had increased to \$1,000,000 during the second year. He said that those costs included marketing costs. He said that the anticipated costs for this year would be \$1,500,000 due to an increase in the rates and the ridership. He said that they were still in negotiations over the rate that the university would pay. He said that due to the fact that people under 20 normally pay a discounted

price to use the Blue Bus, and most of the college students using Bruin Go! would be under 20, the university feels that it should receive a price in between the normal fare and the discounted fare. He said that they definitely want to pay something below 75 cents. He said that it is no secret that funding for the program continues to be a challenge. He said that the Transportation Services is exploring a variety of operations and alternatives, including not only how the program might be adjusted but also how funding might be shared by several sources. He said that another difficulty is the anticipated cut in funding from the state to the university. He said that the university expects a mid-year funding cut which will have an impact on everyone at the university. He also said that at this time parking rates are subject to collective bargaining with various unions. He said that all of these factors will make the setting of rates more complicated. He said that ridership is about 78% student and 22% staff and faculty. He said that 4100 students are on the waiting list for parking. He said that this year there are 225 additional one day permit spaces and that they were able to accommodate everyone who wanted a one day permit. He said that over-all the increase in the demand for one day parking in north campus has been offset by a decrease in the demand in south campus. He said that there has been a 1% decrease in the sale of these one day permits but that it has not affected revenue. He said that construction on the IM Field parking lot is moving along rapidly and that it should be done by next fall. He said that there would be 350 spaces in that lot for daily sales, if needed.

- Diaz asked if he had heard correctly that 78% of the riders were students. He said that the reports that he had seen said that 72% of the riders were students.
- Morabito said that his data was accurate as of yesterday.
- Diaz asked what other funding has been sought. He asked if they had talked to the Chancellor.
- Morabito said that he has had several conversations with the Chancellor on this issue. He said that he hasn't talked to him about next year because he was not ready to make a recommendation about how to proceed with this issue. He said that he plans to prepare a recommendation and discuss it with the parking board soon. He said that his expectation is that a variety of funding sources will have to be sought out. He said that funding will likely come from some mixture of student funding and parking services' resources when the time comes to make the decision. He also said that when the time comes, funding this issue will definitely be secondary to academic programs. He said that more creative methods of funding have to be sought out. He said that his office is in the process of looking at alternatives. He said that they are looking at all of the parking services programs for ways to cut costs. He said that he places a high priority on those programs that would not exist without the assistance of the university, such as the van pool. He said that the campus shuttle is also an important mobility issue. He said that he is looking for ways that the Parking and Transportation Services can provide a sizable portion of the fund, but that there must be other sources. He said that a parking rate increase is a possibility, but that the added costs for the staff would make that difficult. He said that it will no doubt be tough to do, but that he is not willing to give up on the program yet. He said that if everyone works together and realizes that all of the transportation services are important, the program could probably be kept on some level.
- LaFlamme said that as he understood it from the presentation the continuation of Bruin GO! was a desire of the Administration. He asked why then it seems that the responsibility for the continuation of the program has been placed on the students. He asked why the bulk of the financial responsibility has been placed on the students.
- Morabito said that to date the financial responsibility has not been placed on the students.
- LaFlamme said that he was speaking of the financial responsibility for the continuation of the program.
- Morabito said that the Chancellor has said that he expects Transportation Services to fund some portion of the program. He said that the university will have to look at ways to adjust all of their programs. He said that they will have to look at the benefits of each program. He said that there are many possible ways to judge the success of a program. He said that it is possible to judge success based solely on the number of riders. He said that another

idea of success is how much the program has affected the number of vehicles which come to campus. He said that Bruin GO! does have a large number of riders, but that the decrease in vehicles coming to campus due to the program has to be significantly smaller. He said however that this is not the place to argue that point and that there are of course many benefits to the program. He said that they are looking for ways to subsidize the program, but that they are not sure if they can reach the \$1,500,000 range. He said that they have looked at 41 other universities and that only 4 of them offer this type of service for free. He said that of course nothing is free and the funding has to come from somewhere. He said that parking at UCLA is a zero sum game and that they only have so much money to spend. He said that they want to borrow ideas from other universities and come up with a sustainable program that works. He said that it is also important to consider that the program has no impact on the parking spaces they deal with. He said that an agreement with the city made in 1989 limits the number of bus trips, during peak hours, that can be made to campus. He said that the same agreement also limits the number of parking spaces the campus can build. He said that this agreement was supposed to last 20 years. He said that the university is currently 429 spaces away from the parking space cap, and that the number of spaces may remain relatively constant for the next ten years.

- Joseph Vardner, a student member of the Transportation Services Advisory Board, said that this is definitely a change from what he had heard earlier. He said that he would like to work with Morabito's office to ensure that students don't bear the brunt of any changes to the program.
- Morabito said that the Chancellor has always said that the university would fund some portion of the program, but not all of it.
- Dahle thanked Morabito for coming.

V. New Business

Discussion of UCLA Tobacco Policy

- Dahle said that Erica Sutherland had come to council a month ago, but that only about half the Council members attended that meeting. He asked her to give some background on why she was here.
- Sutherland said that at UCLA the tobacco policy was that smoking indoors is prohibited and that people must smoke at least five feet from the entrances to buildings, outside. She said that the problem is that the policy is not enforced. She said that people often smoke right outside of the doors of buildings. She said that there are no signs and that often times there are ashtrays right next to the doors. She said that the policy is not strong enough. She said that second hand smoke is terrible for people. She said that she would like to see the footage in the policy changed to 20 feet. She said that that is the same footage as is specified in the Medical Center and Dormitory policy. She said that she had done a survey and that 80% of the students she talked to were uncomfortable with people smoking 5 feet away from them. She said that she was trying to make it a safer campus for nonsmokers.
- Wilson asked how the survey was taken.
- Sutherland said that over the summer she had walked around north and south campus and asked people to take her survey. She said that the only requirement was that the person be a UCLA student.
- Diaz asked if he was correct in understanding that she said over summer.
- Sutherland said that he was.
- Dr. Rick Greenwood, the director of the Office of Environment, Health and Safety, said that he had sympathy for this policy. But he said that dorms and Medical Centers have a 20 foot policy for a reason. He said that in the dorms they have a 20 foot policy so that smoke will not enter into dorm rooms through open windows. He said that at the Medical Center there are patient drop off areas where no smoking is allowed. He said that the lack of knowledge about the smoking policy is a problem and that his office had placed an advertisement about the policy. He said that his concern with any amount of footage is

how it would be enforced and where the ashtrays would be placed. He said that they place the ashtrays near buildings so that people don't throw their cigarette butts off onto the landscape of the campus. He said that there are people working on those issues but that the UCLA police probably wouldn't be willing to enforce the policy. He said that there is no scientific basis to suggest that 20 feet would work any better than 5 feet and that the group interested in changing the policy should formulate some kind of defensible point. He said that they are welcome to come to the Academic Senate with this request if they'd like to.

- Harmetz asked if no agency on campus was willing to enforce this policy.
- Greenwood said that as it is, when an issue arises and someone calls in they send somebody out, but that the people responsible have usually left by then. He said that they post signs in some important areas. He said that this is a mechanical issue that needs to be worked out. He said that the further the policy says a person must be from a building, the harder it will be to enforce.
- Sutherland said that she had talked to the Medical Center about their enforcement policy, and that they had signs posted that were generally effective.
- Dahle asked how many buildings have signs.
- Greenwood said that there were only signs in problem areas. He said that Administrative Vice Chancellor Pete Blackman is sensitive to over signage on campus.
- Morabito said that they can't put signs everywhere. He said that he is sympathetic to the cause. He said that the students might consider engaging in an educational campaign to spread the word about the existing policy.
- Greenwood said that he agreed that it would be nice to have a uniform policy everywhere on campus.
- Morabito said that he could see the university helping with a reasonable educational program, but that if the policy is violated there is not much that can be done.
- Greenwood said that he thinks this is a huge health issue.
- Morabito said that he has noticed that Residence Hall smokers usually congregate in certain areas.
- Diaz said he was not clear on what Sutherland expected council to do.
- Sutherland said that she would like to see USAC pass a resolution in favor of changing the Tobacco Policy.
- Dahle asked if it would be possible to have some designated places on campus for smoking, like the dorms have.
- Greenwood said that that was a possibility, but wondered where such areas would be.
- Morabito said that those areas also can't be too far for employees to walk to
- Dahle said that he didn't mean that those areas should be the only smoking areas, but should be available as an option.
- Morabito said that that was a good idea.
- Wilson said that maybe a campaign that emphasized courtesy rather than enforcement was in order. He said that there is the possibility that if the distance is pushed to 20 feet people will be standing in walk ways smoking and that doesn't seem to solve the problem.
- Greenwood said that Wilson's point was well taken. He said that if the group wanted to start a campaign, his office would provide some resources.
- Morabito said that they should try to convince people to do the right thing rather than forcing them.
- Yu asked if the distance of 20 feet was only for the purposes of uniformity on campus.
- Sutherland said that it was for uniformity.
- Dahle asked if there was a way to inform the CSOs to talk to violators of the policy.
- Morabito said that he doubts that that happens right now.
- Greenwood said that they have a lot of work escorting people but that that point could be raised with them.
- LaFlamme said that he has worked as a CSO in the past and that he thinks it could be done. He said that they already do small housecleaning jobs, such as leaving notes on unmonitored backpacks. He said he thinks that the CSOs would be willing. He said that he is

concerned with Greenwood and Morabito's counterpoints as they tend to step around the issues. He said that a dislike of signs seems to be a small issue as compared to people's health.

- Greenwood said that he had heard many practical solutions and that he was just raising practical concerns.
- Diaz said that he thinks they can go forward with some kind of a resolution if the group would be willing to come up with a plan and return later.

VI. Fund Allocations

- DerManuelian said that there were three requests, one of which was discretionary, and two of which FiCom was submitting to Council for consideration.
- Diaz moved and Lam seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

General Representative #1, Adam Harmetz

Requested : \$462.00

Recommended: \$462.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$462.00 for the full costs of Advertising for an Internship Program.

Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$1029.50

Recommended: \$529.75

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$529.75 for the partial costs of Advertising, Facilities and Supplies for the Blood Drive from October 31st to November 7th.

ASHA-LA

Requested: \$2000.00

Recommended: \$350.00

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$350.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial costs of Honorarium for the World Music Festival on October 20th.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President

- Dahle said that his office is trying to find ways to work on the resolution. He said that they are going to have a USAC general information flyer as well as a flyer reminding people to vote on the referendum, coming out soon. He said that since they are not allowed to use USAC funds on campaigning they are fundraising on their own. He said that they will begin campaigning next week. He said that he is working on a sign this week and that the endorsement hearings will be tomorrow.

Internal Vice President

- Cordero said that he still hadn't received everyone's paragraph for the USAC brochure. He said that his office will be putting out a newsletter this year to make students aware of the programs they are working on. He asked that anyone interested in writing an article for the newsletter submit it soon. He said that he would like to put the newsletter out this quarter.

External Vice President

- Kaczmarek said that he was there to represent Neal. He said that UCSA has two conferences coming up, including the UCSA Student of Color Conference at the end of the month. He said that UCSA will be appointing someone to investigate the ramifications of credit card solicitors on campus. He said that he will be meeting with several people from the UC

system, including David Dahle, to help find a new student regent. He said that UCSA has chosen Los Angeles to host the Governor's Debate Youth Forum next Wednesday in Dodd 147. He said that he had talked to Wilson about distributing tickets, but that the event has not been completely confirmed yet. He said that there are many exciting opportunities for USAC and UCSA coming up, and asked the Council members to contact him if they had any questions.

- Nelson asked when Kaczmarek would know for sure if the Governor's Debate would be in Los Angeles.
- Kaczmarek said that he would know tomorrow morning.
- Nelson said that it is very risky when students give away information to credit card solicitors and that he hopes UCSA makes students aware.

Campus Events Commissioner

- Wilson said that there will be a Ghost Ship screening tomorrow. He said that there will also be a Jackass screening, but that it won't be on campus. He said that the \$2 film for the week is Signs on Thursday and Friday at 7:00 and 9:30 pm. He said that on Wednesday in Kerckhoff Grand Salon they would have a question and answer session with Mindy Stirling, the actress who plays Frau Farbissima in the Austin Powers movies. He said that on Friday they would be hosting the author of Fight Club and several other books. He said that IPEX is also coming up this weekend and that they have confirmed that Phil Ortiz, an artist for The Simpsons, will be present. He said that next Tuesday the Ambassadors of Comedy will be in the Cooperage. He said that there has been a change of plans, since Disney has preempted their rights to show Nightmare Before Christmas as their \$2 film next week, they will be showing Sleepy Hollow instead. He said that there will be a show in the Cooperage next week featuring several Indie Bands. He also said that CEC had had magnets made and he passed several around for those interested in having them

Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Diaz said that his office will be working with the Internal Vice President's office on a Democracy in Action Week. He said that there will be several panels on the possible war with Iraq and its international effects. He said that he plans to speak out next week against the Racial Privacy Initiative. He said that the CRC is still looking for tests and papers, especially for bigger classes and General Education classes.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Leyco said that her office is still offering CPR / First Aid classes every weekend except Thanksgiving weekend. She said that the training includes lessons with the resuscitation machine. She said that they are willing to have private lessons for groups. She reminded everyone that they will be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday and Friday of Week 5 and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 6. She also mentioned that SWC now has a new website at www.swc.org.

VIII. Old Business

Election Board Updates

- Abraham said that the election will be next week and that it has been extended from 42 hours to 48 hours. He said that it will last from the beginning of Wednesday at 12 midnight until the end of Thursday at 12 midnight. He said that Endorsement Hearings will be tomorrow and asked that Council write letters to the Daily Bruin voicing their support or concerns in regards to the referendum. He said that Homecoming will be this weekend and that groups might consider sneaking in some publicity then. He said that the Chancellor's Office made some changes to Section F of the referendum so that the regents are more likely to approve it, if it passes. The revised Section F now reads: "One Dollar (\$1.00) to the USA External Vice President's Office to enhance student voice and to provide a direct educational benefit to UCLA students through increased opportunities

for their direct participation at the local, state, national, and international levels in educational conferences and in lobbying efforts on issues directly affecting UCLA students in their status as students.”

- Leyco asked how it would be possible to campaign during homecoming since that is before the allotted time for campaigning on the referendum.
- Abraham said that campaigning is allowed starting this weekend.
- Diaz asked what the structure of the endorsement hearings would be.
- Abraham said that there will be pro and con statements regarding the referendum and then questions would be entertained.
- Diaz asked if any of the speakers were confirmed.
- Abraham said that there were no confirmed speakers.
- Dahle said that he would be there.
- Wilson said that he would also be there.
- Yu asked when campaigning would be ended.
- Abraham said that it would be allowed until the final day.
- McLaren asked when the results would be publicized.
- Abraham said that he did not know.
- Cordero asked if campaigning was allowed on weekends.
- Dahle said that the code directly applies to restrictions on flyering. He said that talking about the referendum was permitted.
- Abraham agreed.
- Wilson said that it might be helpful to give a copy of the Election Code to each Councilmember, so that they will be able to look up the regulations in the future. He asked what will be done if there are complaints during the campaigning period.
- Abraham said that they would investigate. He said that complaint forms would be available at the office.

IX. New Business

***Amendment to Election Code**

- Diaz said that he didn't think that an amendment was necessary. He said that Bruin Online shouldn't be used to campaign or push views on people. He said that it should only be used to inform students.
- Cordero asked what the regulations and limitations would be if campaigning through email was allowed. He said that last year people were only allowed to email people that they knew.
- Abraham said that that was a possibility. He asked what was done for the Spring Special Election.
- Kaczmarek said that campaigners had to know the people that they emailed.
- Diaz asked if it was allowed for campaign purposes or for information purposes.
- Kaczmarek said that it was allowed for campaign purposes. He said that email has become a very important mode of communication and that it would be impossible to stop the use of email so they should instead attempt to regulate it.
- Cordero asked why this would only affect special elections and not general elections.
- Abraham said that it was because the amendment would be to the Special Elections section of the Election Code.
- Thai Lam mentioned that UCLA listserves cannot be used for unsolicited emails and that politically related emails may qualify as unsolicited.
- Dahle said that his concern is that if emails are restricted then the student groups would be restricted. He said that Council might consider following the guidelines from last spring. He said that there were no gross violations then.
- Thai Lam said that if a person willfully puts themselves on a listserv and someone from that listserv sends out an email then it is not unsolicited.
- Wilson asked if all of this could be done without a formal amendment.
- Dahle said that last year Kaczmarek made a ruling of the chair.
- Kaczmarek said that they had a temporary suspension of the section.

- Wilson said that if this amendment will remain in the Election Code until it is changed again then he would prefer a temporary suspension of the section.
- Dahle asked if Abraham could make a formal ruling of the chair.
- Kaczmarek said that Abraham should make a written ruling and post it on the Election Board office door. He said that council has the power to overrule that ruling.
- Abraham said that he would be suspending Sections C. 5.c and C.6.a of Article V.
- Dahle asked if Council had to vote on this.
- Nelson said that they did not.

X. Announcements

- McLaren said that Debbie Simmons of Student Government Accounting had asked her to remind everyone that on Thursday November 24th from 12 noon until 4 pm the SGA would be having an open house where they would train the Council officers and student groups on the new accounting system, and would provide them with snacks.
- Harmetz said that his office would be making copies of a report that they had prepared on the referendum. He said that it explains the referendum and that he would be emailing copies of the report to Council members.
- Dahle said that he has confirmed that he will be going to a meeting in Berkeley on November 15th.
- Leyco said that her office had put together a report on how SWC would use their funds if the Referendum passes and would be holding an informational meeting explaining SWC's part in the referendum.
- McLaren said that she knew of two small desks that were available if anyone needed them.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- In DerManuelian's absence, Dahle asked McLaren if she would make an Attendance Sheet and pass it around.

XII. Adjournment

- Harmetz 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 8:45 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker