

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 19, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, McElwain, McLaren, Neal, Nelson, Styczynski, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu
- ABSENT: Grace, Eastman
- GUESTS: Mike Cohn, Justin Levi, Chris Abraham, Debra Simmons, Menaka Fernando, Sigalit Novreal, Amy Lucas, Greg Douglass, Joshua Lawson, Melanie Pascual, Larry Fordham, Donn Thompson, Lori Smith Thompson, Thai-Anthony Lam, Derek Lazzaro, Roman Barbalat, Andrew Jones, Gideon Baum, Adam Greenwald, Andrew Green
- 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
-Diaz asked that the Campus Retention Center be added to Special Presentations.
-Diaz, Wilson, Yu and Clark asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Neal asked that a discussion of the Budget Allocation Process for the Student Fee Referendum funds be added to New Business.
-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 29, 2002**
-Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Minutes from October 29, 2002.
-Cordero moved and Styczynski seconded to approve the Minutes from October 29, 2002 as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
Campus Retention Committee (CRC)
-Dahle asked that the Campus Retention Committee make its presentation.
-Melanie Pascual, Chairperson of the CRC, thanked Council for allowing her to make her presentation. She said that the CRC began to focus on the issue of minimum progress after they began to hear a large amount of negative feedback from students. She said that the CRC has been actively working on this issue since Spring quarter of the last academic year. She said that they are mainly trying to educate students about this issue. She also said that she feels that the administrative response to their organization's concerns have been sub-par. She said that they have had trouble obtaining data and receiving a quality explanation of this policy. She said that the CRC has repeatedly asked the administration for a breakdown of how individual ethnic groups are affected by this policy and the administration has only made empty promises about delivering this data. She said that the CRC feels that it is entitled to this data and they feel that this is an

- urgent issue. She said that the CRC has come to USAC to let them know about these events and to ask for their support. She said that the resolution and the letter that she had handed out go into more detail about their reasons for opposing this policy. She said that at this time UCLA lacks the infrastructure to implement such a policy effectively.
- Dahle asked if the CRC had seen a significant drop rate among their students and if they could link that to this policy.
 - Pascual said that that is what they want to look into, but because of a lack of data they cannot be sure. She said that they've heard real concerns from the CRC counselors. She said that this policy has made decisions for struggling student even more difficult. She said that the policy places a burden on students without a clear reason why. She said that they have not been able to draw a substantial statistical conclusion.
 - LaFlamme asked if the administration had the data that the CRC had requested or if they have not yet collected it.
 - Pascual said that they requested the data and were informed later by Vice Provost Judi Smith that the data that had been compiled was inaccurate and that they would be working on a new set of data. She said that they had never been contacted again by Smith.
 - Diaz said that the information had been requested last spring and since then the CRC has been stood up and given excuse after excuse by the administration. He said that they feel that there is a lack of respect coming from the administration.
 - LaFlamme asked what time frame the CRC had been given.
 - Pascual said that they had been promised that they would have the data by June and they never received it. She said that they began emailing Vice Provost Judi Smith in October asking for any information on the new set of data and that they were given the runaround.
 - Dahle asked what happens if a student does not make minimum progress.
 - Pascual said that even that is still unclear. She said that the website that deals with the issue says that all students progress will be evaluated for two quarters and then are put on probation if they have not met the minimum progress requirements. She said that holds are placed on the students accounts after four quarters until those students meet with a counselor. She said that after 2 more quarters the students are subject to academic dismissal. She said that the CRC's real concern is the administration's lack of help in supplying data.
 - DerManuelian said that there seems to be a dispute with Vice Provost Judi Smith. He asked if they had tried contacting one of her superiors.
 - Pascual said that they had written a letter to Vice Provost Judi Smith and sent a copy to the Chancellor. She said that they received no response. She said that before they pursued things farther with the Chancellor they wanted to see what they could do as students.
 - Tuttle asked if they were looking at how this policy affects students that are working.
 - Pascual said that they would like to.
 - Tuttle said that as a person who used to work collecting data he can say that most people are very careful about releasing false data. He said that he just wanted to comment on that.
 - Diaz said that their request wasn't that the administration publicly releases false data. He said that they had requested to see the data and have the mistakes pointed out, but they were not given anything.
 - Tuttle said that that underlined his point and that he just wanted to mention that releasing incorrect data is a difficult thing to do.
 - Pascual said that the CRC's main complaint is that Vice Provost Judi Smith promised repeatedly to supply them with the data and never came through.
 - Dahle asked if the Academic Senate or anyone else has made any comments on this policy.
 - Diaz said that they have not come out against the policy. He said that the CRC requested the minutes of the meetings that discussed the policy but were given only a vote count. He said that the CRC wants to be able to say that it has the support of Council.
 - Pascual said that the Academic Senate passed this policy in the spring of 2001 and it went into effect immediately.
 - Dahle asked if UCLA was the only UC school that had this policy.
 - Pascual said that it was. She said that it was put in place very quickly without the proper infrastructure to support it. She said that Vice Provost Judi Smith has commented that

UCLA has the lowest full time enrollment of any UC, so that may be why it only exists at UCLA. She said that Smith's reasoning is that schools with higher full time enrollment get more growth money. She said that money is the main issue here. She said that more growth money becomes available for three reasons; an increase in enrollment during the year, an increase in summer enrollment, and/or an increase in the number of full time students.

- Dahle asked if last year was the first year that the policy had been in place.
- Pascual said that it was.
- Nelson said that from his observations it costs quite a bit to live around UCLA and it is impossible for a student to support themselves on a summer job alone. He said that that makes it difficult for working students to abide by this policy. He said that he would do what he could to help in getting the information that the CRC is requesting.
- Harmetz said that it seems like specific groups of students will really be affected by this policy. He asked if there was any effort to collect testimonials from negatively affected students.
- Pascual said that the CRC counselors are collecting testimonials.
- Tuttle said that the CRC might explore whether the number of students dropping out due to this policy has more of a negative affect on the full time enrollment numbers than the positive affect it was meant to bring about. He said it would be interesting to see if there was actually a loss of growth money because of the minimum enrollment policy. He asked if the CRC had tried collecting its own data.
- Diaz said that they are trying to collect the data themselves.
- Dahle asked how the new 5 unit classes affect this policy. He asked if there were still enough 4 unit classes that students had a hard time getting past 13 units.
- Diaz said that not all of the classes that should be worth 5 units are. He said that that is one example of the faulty infrastructure that this policy depends on. He said that reuniting has not been completed and it should be before a policy such as this takes effect. He said that there is also a major problem in that many new students aren't even aware that this policy exists and that some orientation counselors recommend that new students take only three classes.
- Pascual said that reuniting does not add to the quality of a student's education and that that is not what the Academic Senate and the administration should be focusing on.
- Styczynski asked if the CRC had looked to any of the professors for insight on how this is affecting students.
- Pascual said that that was a good idea and that they had considered that as an option for the future.
- Dahle said that in response to the sections of the resolution where demands are made he would feel uncomfortable taking such an aggressive stand without the proper data being available at this time to back up the claims being made.
- Pascual said that that is why the resolution asks that a moratorium be placed on the policy until the data is collected and a final decision can be made. She said that they are asking for its repeal at this time based on the lack of an infrastructure to support the policy.
- Diaz said that this policy does not have any positive affect on educational value. He said that the CRC feels that this policy only places unnecessary pressure on students.
- Dahle asked if the CRC meant that it was opposed to the current form of the policy but not opposed to a future policy along these lines which was better thought out. He asked if there was any way to clarify that in the language of the resolution
- Diaz said that the resolution is specifically against this form of the minimum progress requirement.
- Harmetz asked if any lobbying had been done on the state level to change how the growth funds are allocated.
- Diaz said that it is hard, as students, to actively lobby at the state level.
- Harmetz asked if Diaz thought that lobbying would help.
- Diaz said that anything that involves funding is potentially a lobbying issue, but not this policy specifically.
- Nelson said that growth funds are not a large source of funding.

Swift Track Meet, Donn Thompson

- Nelson said that the people from the Swift Track meet are responsible for a program that allows students from the ages of 5 to 18 from all over California to come to the UCLA campus and compete. He said that it gives these young students a chance to get a sense of what it's like to be at a large university.
- Donn Thompson, an organizer for the Swift Track Meet, thanked Council for allowing them to make their presentation. He said that this is a non-profit program that tries to give something back to the community. He said that USAC has sponsored this event in the past and that they would appreciate their sponsorship again. He said that they need USAC support to hold this event on campus. He also said that 1200 - 1500 children would be present to compete.
- Nelson said that all of the competitors are extremely talented. He said that he became interested in attending his university when he was visiting it as a seven year old boy. He said that this program gives kids a chance to aim high and that it doesn't cost USAC anything. He said that it is a chance for USAC to help with this fantastic event.
- Thompson said that his daughter was involved in the event and chose to come to UCLA for college. He said that it gives the participants a chance to see just how beautiful the university is. He said that they have 40 to 70 kids a year on their personal team. He said that many of the participants are Junior Olympians. He also said that many of the participants don't have the financial ability to come to UCLA but they may have the athletic ability. He said that they want the kids to have a chance to see this campus. He said that all the regions in the area attend this event because this is the best venue.
- Harmetz asked if people interested in volunteering should see Nelson.
- Nelson said that they should.
- Dahle said that he'd seen the event 2 years ago and that it was a great program.
- Harmetz asked if it was possible to take action on this event tonight.
- Dahle said that it was possible.
- Harmetz moved and Lam seconded to approve the sponsorship of the Swift Track Meet.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

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.
- Tuttle asked for a point of information. He wondered what the Hong Kong Student Society event was.
- DerManuelian said that it is going to be a movie night. He said they need the extra money because there is no remote control for the television in the room that they are using and according to policy they have to hire a technician to operate the machine.
- Tuttle asked DerManuelian to have the people in charge of the event contact him. He said that he might be able to help.
- 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 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

**USAC President and General Representatives, Adam Harmetz and Michelle Styczynski
Requested : \$1021.00****Recommended: \$600.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$600.00 for the partial cost of Programming for the Student Opinion Survey.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$200.00****Recommended: \$100.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for the Concert in the Coop on November 25th.

Hong Kong Student Society**Requested: \$200.00****Recommended: \$200.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$200.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the full cost of Facilities for the Movie and Karaoke Night on November 21st.

VII. Officer and Members Report

President

-Dahle said that he'd had a great time at Berkeley. He said that he'd seen a Berkeley student government meeting and that it was ridiculous. He said that every bill that is proposed is debated and there is a general sense of chaos at the meetings. He said that there are constant motions and that the meeting, which began at 7 pm, didn't end until 4 am. He said that he was told that that is the typical length of a meeting. He said that at one point a single bill was debated for two and a half hours. But he said that overall it was a good experience. He said that they have a much different structure but that they deal with similar issues. He said that while he was there he also attended a Regents Meeting where he was allowed to speak for two minutes. He said that at the meeting the Regents discussed the Comprehensive Review Policy and the state budget. He said that the budget for the coming year looks dire and that the colleges should prepare to be affected. He said that on Saturday he'd gone to a presidents conference and presidents from several of the UC and Pac-10 schools attended. He said that he got to hear about the structures of many schools' student governments and that they were all very different. He said that the president from Oregon sits on a five person board with their Chancellor that makes many of the important policy decisions. He said that the Arizona student government is not yet autonomous from their university. He said that many things were discussed and that they decided to push for an increase in the number of student regents. He said they talked about different methods of outreach and how to handle the budget situation. He said that some schools have been hit very hard by the budget situation. He said that the president of UC Santa Barbara only has a \$100 budget for himself. He said that other governments seem to be doing very well. He said that the UC Davis student government has its own bus system and coffee shop. He said that overall it was a great weekend and a great learning experience. He said that next week there will be a town hall meeting with Councilman Weiss in Haines 118 from 6 pm to 8pm. He said that anyone with questions to ask should email him so that they can be added to the list. He said that there will be a section of prearranged questions and a free question and answer period. He also said that the survey is ready and should be out 10th week. He thanked everyone who responded to his email about the role of student government. He asked that anyone who had not responded try to do so as soon as possible.

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said that he would be meeting with a professor about the Bruin Go! program and trying to find some way to sustain it. He said that the Democracy in Action debate had been great.

External Vice President

-Neal said that the UCSA board is made up of the External Vice Presidents from every UC campus and that he is the Vice Chair of the board. He said that it is a very positive experience. He said that they are currently going through a review of the proposed UCOP

guidelines on the Fry case, formerly known as the Southworth decision. He said that USCA has a number of points of contention with these guidelines. He said that the UCSA is also preparing to lobby at the state level to stop any fee increase. He said that they have been successful in that respect in the past. He said that he will be bringing in the UCSA's budget for council to discuss. He said that other campuses have raised questions about deficit spending when reviewing the budget.

-Dahle asked what sort of item the budget would be on the agenda.

-Neal said that it would be an action item. He said that it is usually just a ceremonial thing and is the individual student governments are only supposed to ratify it. He said that if two-thirds of the campuses vote it down then the UCSA has to take another look at it. He said that he feels it's a very healthy budget.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Diaz said that the debate yesterday had gone well and that tomorrow at 6 pm in CS 76 there will be a speaker talking about the possible war with Iraq. He said there will be another speaker program on November 22nd titled "Why UCLA is America's Best Hope to Save Our Ass in the 21st Century" from 3 pm to 6 pm in Ackerman. He said that the Academic Senate is discussing changes to the final exam schedule. He said that they are thinking about removing Friday finals. He said that the faculty's semester vs. quarter system report is out. He said that his office is discussing ways to increase campus dialogue on this issue. He said that they held a program on the Racial Privacy Initiative last week and that it had been very productive.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson said that there is a Coop Show tonight. He said that tomorrow at noon there would be a Harmar Superstar concert in Bruin Plaza. He said that it's sort of a satire of R&B performers. He said that Harmar Superstar has gone on tour with Incubus and the Strokes in the past. He said that Harmar Superstar has been banned from several cities. He said that on the 21st and 22nd they would be showing The Good Girl as the \$2 movie and that during 10th week they would offer sneaks of Analyze That, The Hot Chick and Just Married. He said that his office is also now accepting applications for interns.

-Tuttle asked why Harmar Superstar had been banned from performing in some areas.

-Wilson said that he thinks it was because he performs in his briefs.

Community Service Commissioner

-Yu said that her office would be holding a general meeting tomorrow and that there would be several presentations. She said that the Community Service Leadership Conference would be coming up soon and that applications are due December 6th. She said that they would have the Pathways to Medicine event on Thursday in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom. She said that they are finalizing the plans for the Community Service Commission retreat at the end of the 1st week of Winter Quarter.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner

-Clark said that there would be concert on Thursday with several Hip-Hop groups in Bruin Plaza from 5 pm to 9 pm. She said that there would be one more jazz concert in the series and that she thought it would be a good one.

Administrative Representative - Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that the Teach For America program would be recruiting at UCLA tomorrow. He said that the issues of the quality of life for minorities and the quality of public schools are very important. He said that Council has no idea what kind of impression they can make on children in these areas through this program. He said that it is a phenomenal program and a wonderful learning experience.

- McLaren said that UCLA has been well represented in the Teach For America program in the past. She said that Joe Manko and several other UCLA students have been involved in the program.
- Nelson said that a lot can learned about human life through these kind of experiences and that it is a humbling and rewarding experience.

VIII. Old Business

- There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

***Approval of Online Voting for Spring 2003 Election**

- Abraham said that he was present to speak with council about the voting method that will be used for the Spring 2003 election. He first thanked council for allowing him to be the interim Election Board Chairperson. He said that he has done quite a bit of work and research into the possible election methods for the Spring 2003 election. He said that after analyzing all of the possible options his recommendation is that council pursue online voting as the Spring 2003 voting method. He said that he feels that this system is the best possible option in regards to inclusion, security and pricing. He said that he would pass around a breakdown of several important factors in the Special Election that had just taken place. He said that the handout includes a page which names the other UC Campuses that use online voting. He also said that there is a page included which breaks down the costs of online voting and paper ballot voting. He said that it includes the number of votes cast and shows how many separate IP addresses were used to place those votes. He said that it has a breakdown of the number of times the same IP address was used to cast more that one vote. He said that this breakdown shows that the IP address that was used the most had 69 votes cast from it but that that was the IP address of an ASUCLA computer lab. He said that there is also a table that shows the time periods during which people voted. He said that nearly 50% of the votes were cast during times when paper balloting would not have been available. He asked if there were any questions so far.
- Neal asked why this is coming to Council now.
- Abraham said that he would speak about that soon. He said that this Special Election had a higher vote count than the previous two elections. He said that since this was only a Referendum campaign that that is important. He said that a lot of students took interest. He said that there have been a total of 3 online elections at UCLA relating to USAC. He said that in 2000 the Special EVP Election was held online but was only held for a single day and was held during the 9th week of Spring Quarter. He said that that would help to explain its low turnout. He said that every UC Campus but UCLA uses online voting. He said that the reason that he is bringing this issue before Council at this time is that the Election Board has received a letter from the Bruin Card Office. He said that the letter said that the Bruin Card Office could no longer support the current voting system. He said that the only way that the Bruin Card Office could continue to handle the elections is if USAC pays for a new system. He said that the price of this new system is listed in the packet. He said that the packet does not include candidate packets and things of that nature in the prices and only accounts for the Bruin Card Office bottom line. He said that these costs come from the Bruin Card Office. He said that with the crash in the telecommunications market prices for these sorts of things are skyrocketing. He said that ultimately it breaks down to a cost of \$38,000 - \$43,000 to install the new system and that there would be recurring maintenance costs each year. He said that when all was said and done the total estimated cost for the 2003 election by paper balloting would be between \$53,600 and \$58,600. He said that this is a large increase from the \$21,168.79 paid for the 2002 USAC election. He said that he has spoken with My.UCLA as well and that they have said that they would be willing to do the Spring Election and any runoff election for \$5,000. He said that this makes the paper ballot system 10 times more

expensive than the online voting system. He said that there were other issues involved in his decision but that he believes that these are the most important.

- DerManuelian asked what was meant by the Bruin Card Office in asking for a new system.
- Mike Cohn, the Election Board Advisor, said that when USAC first started using the Bruin Card Office for elections five years ago they had to create a system for the cards to be scanned. He said that they set up the Bruin Card reader system. He said that the system is rarely used outside of specific areas on the campus. He said that most of the polling areas that are used for the elections don't have any type of permanent data and electrical outlets nearby. He said that during the first few years that they used the Bruin Card system all went well, but that the last few years have seen growing complications. He said that construction, weather and vandalism have all worked to make the election process more and more difficult. He said that the prices at the Center for Telecommunication Services (CTS) are rising. He said that last year's election was only set up the night prior to the election day. He said that the Bruin Card Office staff had had to work 6 days straight during some elections to check outlets. He said that the Bruin Card Office enjoyed working with USAC but that they can't accommodate them in the future without permanent locations. He said there would be an initial cost of \$30,000 - \$35,000 and an \$80 - \$100 monthly upkeep fee. He said that the Bruin Card Office gave them a November 1st deadline to make a decision and extended it until tonight.
- Neal asked when the Bruin Card Office knew they couldn't handle the election under the old system. He asked how responsible the Bruin Card Office was in carrying out their job.
- Cohn said that he'd met with people from the Bruin Card Office at the end of the Summer and they had said at that time that there could be a problem. He said that the letter was sent out during 3rd or 4th week. He said that the Bruin Card Office is very responsible and treats USAC as it should be treated as a paying customer.
- DerManuelian asked if the new system would just entail outlets.
- Cohn said that that would be part of it. He said that the real issue is that electrical and data lines will have to be laid underground and with much construction already in progress that becomes even more difficult. He said that in some areas all new equipment will have to be brought in.
- Dahle asked how much advertising would add to these total costs.
- Abraham said that the additional cost for any type of election would include supplies and advertising which costs around \$12,000 as well as another \$20,000 for other costs. He said that those costs would be the same no matter what type of election USAC chooses.
- Wilson asked if this decision would be for one election or every election from this point on.
- Abraham said that the system could be reevaluated after the next election.
- Cordero asked for a timeline of events. He asked specifically when the Election Board became aware of this problem.
- Abraham said that he became aware in 3rd or 4th week. He said that he didn't want to bring this matter up earlier as he felt it would sidetrack council from the Special Election. He said that he felt that bringing it before them now was the best option.
- Dahle asked if there was a way to put computers at certain areas on campus to make up for the loss of polling stations.
- Abraham said that that was possible.
- Neal said that he feels that a more concrete idea on what online voting would include is necessary.
- Abraham said that My.UCLA would work with the Election Board and USAC to create a format and they would then bring that format before Council for final approval.
- Wilson asked if Abraham was proposing that changes to the Election Code be made later.
- Abraham said that he was.
- Cohn said that USAC always approves the final ballot in any election. He said that the only thing that changes with an online system is the number of options.
- DerManuelian asked which group was easier to work with, the Bruin Card Office or My.UCLA.
- Abraham said that he had never worked with the CTS but that My.UCLA has been very helpful.

- Cohn said that My.UCLA has been a phenomenal help and that the Bruin Card Office was also wonderful to work with. He said that the CTS is horrible to work with because USAC is low on their priority list.
- Yu asked what the flaws of manual voting are, based on past experience.
- Abraham said that problems with scanners and power have been major factors in the past.
- Cohn said that there have been some difficulties with the Bruin Card system. He said that at first there was a problem with the privilege system on the Bruin Cards, which keeps track of things such as meals and residential hall door access and voting. He said that sometimes there were also problems with the Bruin Card scanners.
- Yu asked if it would be possible to prevent block voting.
- Abraham said that the handout shows a breakdown of the locations of the votes for the Special Election. He said that 93% of the votes came from computers that were used five times or less. He said that the IP addresses that were used the most heavily are actually on computers in on-campus computer labs. He said that he doesn't see block voting as a real problem at this time.
- Cohn said that over the years he has learned that he holds voting very sacredly. He said that he wants to make sure that it runs securely and smoothly. He said that he feels that online voting is the most secure method. He said that going to a company other than My.UCLA may make things different, but that My.UCLA is held to the strictest standards of privacy. He said that he has a lot of confidence that this online voting system is as secure as it gets.
- Dahle clarified that a time delay could be placed between votes made from the same IP address.
- Cohn said that that could be done but that it will affect campus computer labs.
- Diaz said that he feels that privacy and block voting are issues and that campaigning is an issue. He said that he would like to see more about the advisory vote from the previous Spring election and that he would like to see a more concrete recommendation.
- Cordero said that he would like to see the item tabled so that Council could have more time.
- Abraham said that the deadline for the decision is tomorrow and that there would be no more extensions.
- DerManuelian said that he didn't feel that this issue was that abstract. He said that it seems that My.UCLA would adjust to what USAC wants to see in the election. He asked if the Bruin Card Office has looked into any other solutions such as wireless stations.
- Cohn said that wireless stations will not be possible for a number of years. He said that he agrees with Diaz that privacy is an issue, but he said that there is no real privacy in the voting system as it stands. He said that 75 feet away people are passing out flyers and the voting is done out in the open with nothing but the simplest of barriers separating voters from one another.
- LaFlamme said that he agrees with Cohn and that he believes there is much more privacy involved in voting from home. He said that he feels that the optimal place to achieve privacy is where you change your clothes.
- Neal said that in ballot elections there are booths, and that people can flyer 75 feet away but the voters are alone in those booths. Neal said that he needs to hear if voter privacy will be maintained and block voting will be addressed. He said that he thinks those stipulations should be added to any motions made.
- Nelson said that the real question is whether Council wants to keep the voting system as it is or change to a My.UCLA run system. He said that the decision should be made tonight though or else the decision will be made for them, in that there will not be an option to retain the current system.
- Abraham said that he feels that the \$60,000 that would have to be spent to retain the old system could go to other student related issues and would be wasted on the manual voting system.
- DerManuelian asked what the Election Board's budget is.
- Abraham said that the Election Board has about \$30,000 left.
- DerManuelian asked if the money would come from somewhere else.

- Abraham said that it would have to come from USAC and that most of that \$30,000 was already allocated to other things.
- DerManuelian asked what the security measures on My.UCLA were to stop people from changing the votes.
- Cohn said in response to Neal that in the current voting system block voting can be seen, and that there is less of a chance of that in online voting with a delay placed between votes from the same IP address. He said that as far as security goes My.UCLA will have a non-student employee monitoring the process. He said that when a vote is made the actual vote and the ID number of the student are separated from each other immediately by the My.UCLA computers and no one ever knows how any individual voted.
- DerManuelian asked if the Election Board could get IP addresses if they could find out how each person voted.
- Cohn said that that information is also separated from the actual vote.
- Neal proposed that USAC not have the Spring 2003 election in the traditional manner and that the Election Board Chairperson look into other options available and present something more concrete to Council.
- Dahle said that his understanding is that without a vote tonight the election process has to be online.
- Neal said that he just wants to give the Election Board time to come up with something specific.
- Cohn said that he feels that Council needs a better understanding of online voting. He said that they have already presided over one election that had been carried out in that manner. He said that voting availability on campus could be worked with, but that a decision had to be made tonight.
- LaFlamme said that his problem is that in voting only not to have an election in the traditional manner they would be being too general. LaFlamme said that he feels that a majority of students voted in favor of having both on campus polling places and online voting, in the advisory vote. He said that he also feels that with the current budget problems it would be irresponsible not to consider the costs.
- DerManuelian said that he feels that Neal's proposal is ambiguous. He said that this issue had been on the agenda for the past two weeks and that there should be a vote one way or the other so that the Election Board knows where to go from here.
- Diaz said that this has been on the agenda but that Council didn't receive this packet until that night. He said that he feels that there are other reasons for the increase in voter turnout than merely the fact that voting was online. He said that he feels that Neal's idea could be made more specific but that it was still in the right direction. He said that the idea of online voting and how it would be done should be pursued. He said that Council should only say that it will not use the Bruin Card system. He said that they'd be limiting their options by voting for an online system. He said that they need to clarify things first.
- Cohn said that he feels that the Election Board is committed to looking at all of the options. He said that if the Bruin Card option is removed there are no other options besides online voting.
- Diaz said that there is a problem with the definition of online voting and that he feels that Council shouldn't jump the gun.
- Dahle said that he thinks that people are arguing over semantics. He said that if they vote against the traditional system, then online voting will have to be used. He said that, no matter what, the ballot would have to come back to USAC to be approved.
- Harmetz said that he is not comfortable motioning in the negative. He said that perhaps if they vote to use My.UCLA that will make it more concrete. He said that that sort of motion would be more of a step forward.
- LaFlamme said that his feeling is that online voting has not been defined at all in what has been presented. He said that he feels that voting to approve online voting would allow Council to pursue their own definition. He said it would give them the option of having on campus polling places and an online system. He said that the election process is the students voice. He said that USAC cannot ignore the votes of the students in the last election.

- Neal moved and Lam seconded to replace the current voting system with an online voting system that would be restricted to on-campus polling stations.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion.
- Abraham said that that would restrict students from voting at home.
- Dahle clarified that this motion would simply replace the scanners with computers and only allow voting on campus.
- Neal said that he feels that that best takes into account the wishes of the students in the Spring election advisory vote.
- Dahle said that that was not what the students voted for. He said that voting online means to most people that you can vote from any location. He said that this motion seems backwards and that it would delegitimize USAC.
- Styczynski asked if the time delay would be removed in such a case.
- Neal said that it would.
- LaFlamme said that he feels that Neal has misconstrued the outcome of the advisory vote. He said that the vote was to have both polling stations and online voting. He said that he feels that Neal's motion was disingenuous.
- DerManuelian said that it seems redundant to have online voting that is restricted to the campus. He said that there would also be costs to put in new computer stations on campus in the polling locations.
- Cohn said that it is his belief that My.UCLA would have no part in an online process where students couldn't vote from home.
- Neal said that he thinks that he presented a solution and that voting for online voting is not specific enough. He said that he thinks that these attacks are unwarranted.
- Dahle said that he feels that the security and block voting issues could be addressed with a delay and a limit on IP addresses.
- Cordero said that he thinks that people are worried about having open options and that this motion limits people's options.
- Dahle reminded Council that they would still have a voice in the online process.
- Tuttle asked if there would be high costs for a mixed system.
- Cohn said that if a mixed system was adopted that it wouldn't be available at each of the old polling locations. He said that that is not feasible. He said that he could foresee computers set up for voting purposes, but only in areas that are already computer ready. He said the cost depends on the locations of those stations and whether computer labs and other areas would be willing to lend space for voting computers to be set up.
- Tuttle said that he just wondered if it would cost about \$7,000 - \$8,000 for poll workers if a mixed system were approved.
- Cohn said that he thinks that Council would have to look at a new method as there wouldn't be much use for poll workers.
- Tuttle asked if there would be any other costs.
- Cohn said that there may be facilities costs and it would depend on whether the computers used were donated or rented. He said that those areas are also not open 24 hours a day.
- Tuttle said that he'd heard that the consensus is not to stay with the old system.
- Neal rescinded his motion and therefore no action was taken on it.
- Neal said that he hopes that something specific will be addressed in any new motion.
- Dahle said that he thinks that it is agreed that manual voting is out and that a new, secure process is needed.
- LaFlamme moved to use an online voting system for the Spring 2003 as opposed to the traditional method. The motion failed for lack of a second.
- Diaz said that he feels that Council is moving in circles. He said that there are two options, either the Bruin Card method or the online method. He asked why Council couldn't just move to discontinue the Bruin Card method and leave their options open.
- Harmetz moved and Styczynski seconded that the Election Board use online voting via My.UCLA for the Spring 2003 General Election and that the Election Board prepare a presentation by the end of Winter Quarter, for USAC's approval, on online voting choices and the changes to the Election Code that this change would require.

- Dahle asked if there was any discussion.
- Neal asked if the amendment could be changed to have the presentation ready by the beginning of the quarter.
- Abraham said that that would not be enough time.
- Harmetz asked if moving it to 5th week would give the Election Board enough time.
- Cohn said yes.
- Harmetz offered an amendment to his motion as follows: that the Election Board use online voting via My.UCLA for the Spring 2003 General Election and that the Election Board prepare a presentation by the 5th week of Winter Quarter, for USAC's approval, on online voting choices and the changes to the Election Code that this change would require.
- Dahle asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion, as amended with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

***Approval of the Minimum Progress Requirement Resolution**

- Diaz moved and LaFlamme seconded to approve Minimum Progress Requirement Resolution.
- 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.

Budget Allocation Process

- Neal said that he just wanted to have a timeframe on how the budget allocation process for the new funds provided by the Fee Referendum would proceed.
- Levi said that the Budget Review Committee (BRC) has meet and will try to make a proposal by next week.
- Neal said that if the BRC is not able to do that he'd like to have the matter brought before Council.
- Levi said that that is an option.
- Clark said that the members of the BRC have many different oppinions and that they would bring them to Council.
- Cordero asked if it looked like the process to allocate funds would begin this quarter.
- Levi said no.
- Cordero asked when the next cycle of programming hearings would be.
- Levi said 2nd week of Winter Quarter.
- Diaz asked what the BRC was accomplished.
- Levi said that they have discussed the matter, but that there were still several differing opinions.
- DerManuelian apologized to Council. He said that it was his fault that it was not prepared this week, since he missed the meeting.
- Neal moved and Lam seconded that a process for the allocation of the funds from the Fee Referendum be decided on and the groups affected be notified by the end of Fall Quarter.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion
- Levi said that he didn't feel that such a motion was necessary.
- Neal said that he does think that the motion is necessary to ensure that the groups know about the process in time to prepare proposals over Winter Break.
- Tuttle asked if the rules from the original budget process would stand or if they would be starting over.
- Dahle said that USAC has never had standing rules for budget allocation.
- Tuttle said that that was true but he wondered if the guidelines approved by Council for this year's original process would be used, or if the BRC would be working from a blank slate.
- Levi said that that is one of the major things that the BRC is addressing.
- LaFlamme asked if the motion meant that USAC would decide on the process for the BRC.
- Neal said no it was just meant to ensure that there would be a process by the end of the quarter.
- Tuttle asked if it was possible to fall back on the original guidelines if new ones are not agreed upon. He asked if the guidelines are the property of USAC or of the committee.
- Dahle said that they are the property of each years committee.

- Tuttle asked if Council approves the guidelines.
- Dahle said that it does.
- Styczynski asked if Neal just wanted to be able to email people about the process by the end of the quarter.
- Neal said yes.
- Styczynski asked if it was possible that they would be meeting 10th week in that case.
- Dahle asked if the BRC could be ready by next week.
- Levi said that he hopes so. He asked if Council normally didn't meet 10th week.
- Dahle said that Council can meet 10th week but that it is not a regularly scheduled meeting. He said that last year Council had meet during 10th week nearly every quarter.
- Cordero asked what would happen if they meet 10th week and can't pass the guidelines.
- Dahle said that they would have to rescind the motion.
- McLaren asked if this item would be ready in time to be put on the next agenda.
- Dahle said that that depends on the BRC.
- DerManuelian asked if it could just be placed on the agenda and then tabled if it was not ready.
- Dahle said that it could be.
- Dahle asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

X. Announcements

- DerManuelian said that the Finance Committee is off to a good start. He said that they will be trying to advertise themselves to groups. He said that they have set up office hours. He said that if requisitions are dropped in their box that they would have them into SGA by the next morning.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Lam moved and Cordero seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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USAC Minutes Taker