

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 7, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Eastman, Harnetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, McLaren, Neal, Nelson, Styczynski, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu
- ABSENT: Grace, McElwain
- GUESTS: Joseph Vardner, Justin Levi, Debra Simmons, Matt Murray, Dexter Ligot-Gordon Menaka Fernando, Gideon Baum, David Lavi, Becky Wasserman, Leo Grandison
- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-DerManuelian passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Diaz, Wilson, Lam, LaFlamme and Matt Murray 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
*September 9, 2002
*October 1, 2002
*November 19, 2002
*November 26, 2002
-Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the September 9th, October 1st, November 19th or November 26th Minutes.
-Yu said that on page 6 of the November 19th Minutes under the Community Service Commissioner Report the lines that begin with "He" should begin "She".
-Dahle asked if there were any further changes to the Minutes.
-There being none, Cordero moved and Clark seconded to approve the Minutes of September 9, October 1, and November 26, 2002 as submitted and the Minutes of November 19, 2002 as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
-There were no Special Presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
-Cordero said that he would pass around the ARC recommendations to Council. He said that finding times to meet with the applicants was rough, since it had to be done around finals time last quarter. He said that the first nominee, Erica Husse, was for the Financial Aid Policy Committee. He said that she showed an understanding of the position as well as interest and experience on the hill. He said that she has also worked in Harnetz's office. He said that her goal is to try and work out a better solution for the G-Plan in On-

Campus Housing. He said that the G-Plan is a payment plan that is supposed to make it easier for those who have to wait on financial aid checks to arrive to pay their housing. He said that she feels that there are still flaws in this plan and wants to try to iron them out. He said that the next nominee Yao-wen Hu is very interested in serving on the Wooden Center Board of Governors. He said that Hu has had many good and bad experiences with the Wooden and Ashe Centers that he would like to bring to the board. He said that Hu also wants to look into the concerns of other students and bring them to the board. He said that some of his issues were with crowded basketball courts and old machines.

- Harmetz said that he thought that Hu and Adam Pearlman would work well together. He said that Pearlman is the other nominee to the Wooden Board of Governors.
- Cordero said that Adam Pearlman was a member of the Wooden Board of Governors last year and is up again for nomination this year. He said that he has been vice-chair and chair of the board in the past and has a lot of experience.
- Diaz moved and Lam seconded to appoint Erica Husse to the Financial Aid Policy Committee and Yao-wen Hu and Adam Pearlman to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- 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 there was one other appointment scheduled for the meeting and that was the appointment of Joseph Vardner as the Election Board Chairperson. He said that Vardner had already met with the ARC prior to being appointed to the Transportation Services Advisory Board (TSAB). He said that Vardner was a member of the Election Board the previous year and that he knows the operations and what the job entails. He said that Vardner has done a good job on TSAB and thinks he would do well as the Election Board Chairperson.
- Cordero asked Vardner what he hopes to bring to the Election Board.
- Vardner said that he hopes to clear up the confusion that usually comes when a new person takes over a leading position. He said that he thinks that he is well aware of the responsibilities of the Election Board. He said that he wants to settle the online election question as soon as possible. He said that he had already reviewed the minutes of the meeting where that topic had been discussed with Chris Abraham. He said that he would like to see all of the election information posted online, including endorsements and candidate statements. He said that he wants to increase voter turnout for the campus elections. He said that he would like to have some sort of Get Out the Vote program for the campus elections.
- Diaz asked why Vardner was here without being interviewed by the ARC.
- Dahle said that Vardner has already been interviewed by the ARC for his position on TSAB. He said that the Election Board Chair only has until 5th week to prepare a presentation for Council on the online voting situation. He said that he felt it would be easier on Vardner to bring him before Council sooner rather than later and to have Council question him directly regarding his qualifications for E-Board Chair.
- Diaz said that he still feels that the normal process with the ARC should be gone through.
- Dahle asked if the rest of Council agreed.
- LaFlamme said that he would be comfortable with that route only if the ARC and Vardner could work out a time to meet before the end of the meeting.
- Dahle said that the item would be tabled until the next meeting.
- DerManuelian said that since the application for the FiCom appointment is not in the packet it could wait until next week.

VI. Officer and Member Reports

President

- Dahle said that the results of the student surveys were in. He said that tomorrow he would be attending the ORL Safety and Security meeting to see if USAC can help with the situation in the dorms. He said that his office is currently planning events for the rest of the quarter.

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said that he would be meeting with a professor to talk about the possible ways of sustaining the BruinGo! program. He said that he would have a full report soon.

External Vice President

-Neal said that last quarter Council had had a meeting to discuss the UCSA budget with him. He said that during that meeting he felt that there was a large amount of disrespect for him. He said that he felt, during that meeting, as if he was being bombarded from all sides. He said that he is bringing this issue to the attention of Council, for the record, so that in the future such instances won't be repeated. He said that he had had a meeting with Dahle, before that Council meeting, about the UCSA budget and never received any feedback. He said that later at the USAC meeting, however, Dahle had taken a firm stance against the budget. He said that he also wanted to mention the remarks of Thai Lam. He said that he spoke to the current EVP at Berkeley and that he had never heard of Thai Lam and the EVP also said that Thai's numbers were incorrect. He said that the second person he wanted to comment on was Hanish Rathod. He said that Rathod voted for the budget at the UCSA Board meeting and against it at the UCLA GSA meeting. He said that he felt that Rathod's comments at the USAC meeting were in bad taste. He said that finally he would like to make a comment about the Daily Bruin. He said that in Daily Bruin articles he has been painted as a thief. He said that he has looked into the things said in the Daily Bruin editorial that was printed about him and that much of the editorial constitutes libel. He said that the article said that he had taken \$17,000 in student money and placed it in his bank account. He said that the Daily Bruin has made very unprofessional comments about him and that he feels that those comments were in bad taste. He said that he's decided to request a meeting with the editorial board of the Daily Bruin to request a full retraction and to stop things like this from happening in the future. He said that those are his personal feelings. He said that the UCSA budget will be reviewed again at the next UCSA meeting. He said that Matt Kaczmarek will also be chairing a committee to review the budget. He said that the president of the USSA would hopefully be present later on tonight because UCLA is a candidate for the USSA National Conference.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Diaz said that he will meet with the representatives from the Academic Senate about the Minimum Progress Requirement and the Racial Privacy Initiative. He said that he is also hoping to meet with the Executive Board soon. He said that he would also be working with the Undergraduate Council on those issues. He said that the resolution that USAC had passed was helping in his progress on the Minimum Progress issue. He said that he hopes that his office will be able to finalize a proposal on these issues by the end of the quarter. He said that he went to a meeting with representatives of the University and of the Academic Senate and that they had requested that his office prepare a report on what students think about the Semester vs. Quarter issue. He said that he would be sending out a survey to the officers and organizations to find the pros and cons of the two systems. He said that his office would be working with Clark's office to host roundtable discussions on university issues. He said that his office is also working on Student Departmental Senates to settle student difficulties with University departments. He said that his staff would be having a retreat this weekend.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson said that on Thursday at Noon in the Bruin Plaza the band Icarus Line would be performing. He said that they are a hard punk rock band. He said that this week's movie is Igby Goes Down. He said that his staff will be having a bonfire instead of a retreat this Saturday. He said that next week the movie would be Punch Drunk Love. He said that 3rd week Wade Robson, the NSYNC coordinator, would be here. He said that the movie during 3rd week would be Sweet Home Alabama. He said that his office is also getting

underway on the Jack Benny Awards. He said that the previously secret honoree could now be named and that it was going to be Mike Myers. He said that the award show would be in Royce. He said that this quarter's film calendar is now available.

General Representative - Jenny Lam

-Lam said that her office would be holding a Hate Crimes Awareness Resource Fair on Thursday, January 16th from 10 am to 2 pm in Bruin Plaza. She said that from 12 to 1 pm they would be having speakers. She said that there will be 15 booths representing both off campus and on campus agencies and student groups. She said that they would be distributing pamphlets and booklets and that they would be putting flyers for the fair on people's door knobs in the dorms.

Administrative Representative - Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that Dennis Galligani from System Wide would be coming to speak on Friday at 10 am at Bob Naples' office. He said that that would be a good place to voice student concerns.
 -Diaz asked if the event was closed to just USAC members or if the general public could attend.
 -Nelson said that it was open to anyone on a first come first serve basis.

Regent-designate - Matthew Murray

-Murray said that he is a student at Berkeley and that he started in September as the Regent-designate and that he would then start in July as the Student Regent. He said that the current Student Regent Dexter Ligot-Gordon is also present. He said that he just wanted to introduce himself. He said that Student Regents are not elected but are selected by student government boards. He said that anyone on Council was welcome to contact him anytime.
 -Cordero asked what he hoped to accomplish as a Regent.
 -Murray said that as an architectural student he is interested in the study on energy efficiency, the Green Standards, and wants to push that issue. He said that he would also like to see those ideas carried over to campus vehicles. He said that, knowing that there will most likely be some increases to student tuition, he wants to do everything he can to minimize the increases. He said that he wants to try to avoid the expected cut in outreach. He said that he wants real student input on his decisions. He said that he thinks that the Racial Policy Initiative (RPI) will be a big issue and that he personally thinks that the University should be against it. He said that he is very interested in student rights and that he wants to be there to help students whenever he can.
 -Neal asked if Murray is against Proposition 209.
 -Murray said that he is and that he is very much in favor of comprehensive review. He said that he thinks that comprehensive review should be used at the Graduate School level as well. He said that he doesn't think that Proposition 209 could be completely gotten rid of but that he's interested in any movement against it.
 -Eastman asked what the budget situation is like.
 -Murray said that the governor would be coming out soon with his proposed budget. He said that they have some idea where the cuts will be. He said that outreach, especially, is expected to be hit hard. He said however that there is a big push to get enough money to continue accepting the top 12% of high school students. He said that faculty salaries are also 7% below comparative universities and many people want to work on that issue.
 -Eastman asked if there is ever discussion about tapping into the University's endowments.
 -Ligot-Gordon said that that is mostly the retirement fund.
 -Eastman said that she meant the general endowments.
 -Ligot-Gordon said that most of the UC system's endowments have been earmarked.
 -Murray said that there is no reserve. He said that the state expects the universities to spend all of their budget or they take it back.
 -Nelson asked why in the 1990's when the economy was running strong nothing was set aside for rainy days.

- Murray said that he was also surprised by that. He said that the University's response to that question is that the State doesn't require it.
- Eastman said that half of the University's funds come from non-state sources.
- Nelson said that the University's behavior in this case was highly irresponsible.
- Tuttle said that he wanted to congratulate Murray and Ligot-Gordon for being appointed to such esteemed positions. He said that secondly he wanted to make them aware of a similar problem that Los Angeles faced in the 1990s. He said that during their budget crisis the mayor at the time, Riordan, looked at overly funded pension funds to help reduce the pressure. He said that there was a piece in the Daily News, a few days earlier, about a similar circumstance. He said that Ligot-Gordon and Murray might be interested in investigating those events and making a recommendation to their fellow Regents. He said that it would also be prudent to look at other University systems and explore their practices, as well as the practices of this system in the past, to find answers to our current problems.
- Ligot-Gordon said that he wanted to apologize for coming into the meeting late. He said he wanted Council to know that he is available for their questions and concerns.

VII. Fund Allocations

- There were no Fund Allocations this meeting.

VIII. Old Business

***UCSA Budget Approval**

- Dahle said that he had received an e-mail from Stephen Klass that asked for suggestions for the UCSA budget by tomorrow. He asked if there were any suggestions.
- DerManuelian said that he would like to see updated figures for the association contributions.
- Harmetz asked if the budget was being revisited with the goal of balancing it.
- Neal said that it will be reviewed and that there may be cuts.
- Eastman said that if the budget continues to be in deficit the UCSA should articulate a plan to balance the budget in the future.
- Dahle said that he would like to see the structure of the UCSA budget process changed. He said that he would like to see the individual associations reviewing and authorizing the budget before it is approved by the UCSA. He said that in its current form the UCSA budget process makes the associations which fund the UCSA feel powerless.
- Neal said that it has been suggested by USCA's Budget Review Committee that UCSA should look into changing the process.
- LaFlamme said that under the Conferences and Programs section of the budget there is a large amount allocated to the Chess program and Unallocated Conferences. He said that the UCSA could look at that.
- Neal said that the Unallocated Programs aren't actually unallocated they just don't happen each year. He said that he agrees that those areas could be looked at.

IX. New Business

***Approval of Finance Committee Surplus Recommendations**

- DerManuelian said that there are minor changes to the packet. He said that an extra \$1,000 would be added to the SGA MIP Training section and that that money would be subtracted from the Surplus split to the Contingency Fund. He said that that means that \$6,000 will go to the SGA MIP Training and \$55,260.25 will go to the Surplus split to Contingency Fund. He said that the remainder of the \$6,000 after training would be placed into one of SGA's general accounts. He said that the \$10,000 that is going to the Computer Center would be used to replace old computers, networks and printers. He said that SGA MIP training is basically a software training. He said that \$55,260.25 would go to the Contingency Fund and that the rest would be set aside for Capital Items. He said that the money left after the Capital Items process would be also be placed in the Contingency Fund.
- LaFlamme asked where the Computer Center money would go.

- McLaren said that there were three old Macintoshes and one printer had died.
- LaFlamme asked if there was any chance that the money would be used to work on the network capabilities of the offices.
- McLaren said that money for that has already been set aside.
- Cordero asked if the money set aside to buy new chairs for the center was ever used.
- McLaren said that the affordable chairs they found to date were of a poor quality and that the well made chairs were so expensive that they could buy far fewer than needed. She said that she is still searching for a satisfactory product.
- Cordero asked what the deadline would be on capital items.
- DerManuelian said that the deadline would be 30 days from the day that the flyer is posted.
- Leyco asked if DerManuelian already sent out the applications.
- DerManuelian said that he had only sent out an e-mail not the actual application.
- Diaz moved and Cordero seconded to approve the Finance Committee Surplus Recommendations, as revised at the table by DerManuelian.
- 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.

***Approval of Surplus/Capital Items Criteria**

- DerManuelian said that he wants the Capital Items process to be strict this year, and that he wants to make sure that there is a follow-up to make sure that the approved items were actually bought. He said that offices and groups that have bought computers within the last 18 months will not be allowed to purchase computers in this capital items process. He said that FiCom considered raising the amount that groups were allowed to spend on games but that they decided that they didn't want anyone buying gaming machines. He said that there is a \$2,000 cap and that the total amount spent cannot be over that amount. He said that the \$2,000 could be made up of any combination of items but that there is a \$1,500 cap on items such as computers, monitors, printers, scanners, lockdown equipment and upgrades. He said that in other words, the maximum amount for any groups is \$2,000 which may include a request for computers and computer related equipment not to exceed \$1,500. He said that he wants all of the applications to be very thorough. He said that if anything is missing from the applications it will be thrown out.
- Neal asked what Capital Items consist of.
- DerManuelian said that the only things that can't be purchased are the items listed underneath the box such as refrigerators, microwaves and copy machines. He said that they are also trying to keep tabs on where the purchased items are kept. He said that they prefer that the items are kept with the groups advisors.
- Simmons asked if from the two quotes they would take the lesser.
- DerManuelian said that they would, but that they wanted to make sure that the groups looked around for quotes.
- Cordero asked if quotes from the UCLA store could stand alone.
- DerManuelian said that they could not just use quotes from the UCLA store.
- Yu said that the flyer mentions special circumstances under which a new computer may be bought before the 18 month period elapses, and asked what counted as a special circumstance.
- DerManuelian said that there is no set special circumstance. He said that it would be on a case by case basis. He said that since they are reviewing all of the applications at the same time they could review them with a holistic viewpoint.
- Tuttle asked if this has been the normal amount set aside for Capital Items in the past.
- DerManuelian said that in the past similar caps were placed on individual items but last year the total pot available was \$100,000.
- Tuttle said that sometimes things disappear. He said that if that has gone on for several years we should wonder what happened to the old equipment.
- DerManuelian said that much of the outmoded equipment has been recycled or transferred to other offices. He said that a small amount of the equipment has actually been stolen.
- Tuttle asked what proportion has been stolen.

- Simmons said that it was low, around 1%.
- McLaren said that in the past any group getting a computer system also had to purchase a lockdown system. She said that over the past weekend some equipment was stolen, and that the office in question had no lockdown system. She said that in the future they may need to be stricter.
- Tuttle thanked Simmons and McLaren for clearing things up for him.
- Cordero asked if offices still had to sign off on the location of equipment if it was located outside of Kerckhoff Hall.
- McLaren said that they did.
- DerManuelian said that Council would also be agreeing that the deadline for applications would be 30 days after the application is made available. He said that there will be an advertisement this week in the Daily Bruin with the deadline and the deadline will be posted online and on his door. He said that applications will only be available online.
- Dahle asked if the deadline will be on the application.
- DerManuelian said that it would.
- McLaren asked when the application would be ready to be placed online.
- DerManuelian said that it would be ready in the next few days.
- Neal asked if flyers would be posted on campus.
- DerManuelian said that they would be.
- Cordero moved and Yu seconded to approve the Surplus and Capital Items Criteria.
- 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.

***Approval of Proposed Use of Student Fee Referendum Funds**

- Dahle said that the recommendations of all the BRC members are in the agenda packet.
- Clark said that as a member of the BRC she feels that some of the recommendation are no longer possible because there is not enough time. She said that her own recommendation is one of the ones that she thinks is no longer possible to carry out.
- Dahle said that in order to make the best use of time he would like to break the main points of the recommendations up and discuss them one point at a time. He said that most of the recommendations ask for a mixed system with some percentage of the funds going to old groups and another percentage going to new groups. He said that the first question that Council should discuss is the amount of money that should go to the groups that were involved in the original process "old groups".
- Neal asked if there was any way to know how many new groups would be applying.
- Levi said that there is no way.
- LaFlamme said that his problem is that you would have to arbitrarily pick the amount that would go to the old groups.
- DerManuelian said that there is little time left and that Council needs to come up with a fair and fast solution.
- Cordero asked how many groups were involved in the first process.
- Levi said that there were 47. He said that Council should be aware of his office's timeline. He said that the applications for USA Programming Committee funds were due next week, and the Programming Fund hearings would be held during second week. He said that any process decided on by Council regarding Base Budget funds would have to come after the Programming hearings and therefore in the middle of the quarter.
- Dahle said that one suggestion was to put \$40,000 into the old group fund and give them the same percentage allocation from that money that they received during the initial process. He said that this would equalize the over all budget for this year to last year. He said that that number could be increased and that Council has \$129,978 to work with.
- LaFlamme said that he doesn't feel that he has heard any valid arguments for reopening the entire budget process to the old groups.
- Cordero said that he doesn't feel that there will be enough time to reopen the entire process to them.

- DerManuelian said that he likes Yu's recommendation because the old groups would get some of the money no matter what and it would still be fair to the new groups.
- LaFlamme said that he agrees that the new groups should get money. He said that he just didn't see the point in reopening the entire process to every group. He said that he doesn't think that the old groups should be given any percentage other than their original percentage.
- DerManuelian said that Council needs to define new groups. He asked if they meant those groups who have come into being since the first budget process this year or if it simply meant groups that did not apply for the original process.
- Neal said that it would just be those who didn't apply the first time.
- Dahle said that he agreed that any group who did not apply in the first process should be allowed to apply for the new process. He asked if that was the consensus of the rest of Council.
- Tuttle asked if \$40,000 would go to the old groups.
- Dahle said that that's the issue they have to decide on next.
- Neal said that his suggestion would be to allot \$100,000 to the old groups and the rest to the new.
- Dahle asked if it would be alright to make the amount that would go to the old groups \$98,770 which would in effect double the budget allocations of the original groups.
- DerManuelian said that he thinks that there should also be a more streamlined process.
- Levi said that that would open them up to appeal.
- LaFlamme asked how much money would be left for the new groups if they doubled the budgets of the old groups.
- Dahle said that \$31,208 would be left.
- Levi said that he thinks it would be wise to say that if only a few new groups apply, the remaining money should be reallocated amongst the old groups.
- Cordero agreed.
- Clark asked if the old groups would get their extra money at the same time as the new groups.
- Levi said that they would first consider the new groups pool and then allocate the remainder of the money to the old groups.
- Tuttle said that he wanted to caution Council that it should find some way to verify that the old groups are still viable organizations and could use the money before doubling their budgets. He said that the groups should have to meet some sort of check list or some process to validate that such an allocation is justified. He said that a blanket referral of that much money would be an unwise route.
- Neal said that he would be moving to approve that the amount of \$98,770 be allocated to the groups that took part in the original budget process according to the percentages they received in that process, as long as there is some sort of process, which is to be determined by next Tuesday, to make sure that the clubs are still active and that such an allocation is reasonable.
- Levi said that he already had an idea for the process. He said that the BRC could have the old groups submit a very brief review about what their organization is doing and whether or not they have need of the money. He said that it would then be signed by the coordinator of the group. He said that after the BRC reviews that to make sure that it seems reliable, the old group could have the extra money if they wanted it.
- Tuttle said that they should also have people show how they would use the extra money.
- Levi said that all of the proposals for the original process were for far more than double the amount that the organizations got.
- Tuttle said that that may be true but that groups should be required to show that they still have need of that money. He said that he thinks that would be helpful.
- Dahle said that there could be a statement which would include what the groups would do with the money and what they have done so far this year. He said that the statement would then be signed by the organization's advisor certifying that it is still an intact organization.
- DerManuelian asked if this statement would be used to set the organization's allocation.
- Levi said that the statement would basically just qualify the group to receive the extra money. He said that a bad proposal would probably mean that the group would be disqualified from receiving the full amount.

- Simmons said that what was being described is like the process for Contingency Funds.
- Levi said that it would be.
- Cordero asked what would happen to offices that received low amounts during the budgeting process but that received a specific allocation from the referendum which increased their overall budget.
- Neal said that that was a good point, and said that those offices could be exempted from the new process.
- Dahle asked if the offices that benefited from the referendum would be willing to recuse themselves.
- Tuttle reminded Council that they shouldn't do anything to weaken the central structure of USAC. He said that the money going to the offices is not for the Council's personal use and should be used for the students. He said that they shouldn't rush into saying they can't use the extra money.
- Dahle said that certain offices were awarded substantial amounts but that they should be allowed time to think about it.
- Wilson said that he feels that the way that the process ran the first time was group geared and didn't support the offices. He said that he would be hesitant to give up the extra money.
- Harmetz suggested that the BRC simply add a question to the form for old groups asking if they would like the money with a box to check yes or no.
- Levi said that that would work well.
- Neal said that he also agrees with that.
- Dahle said that that was fine. He asked if Council agreed that \$98,770 should be allocated to the old groups and that \$31,208 should be allocated among new groups. He asked what would happen if there are more new groups than there is money.
- Neal said that in that case the new groups would each get less but that no new money would be added to the pool.
- Diaz said that if some of the old groups are excluded it would ruin the percentage system.
- Dahle asked if the leftover money from the old group's pool could be added to the new group pool.
- Levi said that would defeat the purpose of taking the leftover money from the new groups pool and putting it into the old group's pool.
- Dahle said that first the old groups would receive an allocation from their pool, the leftover money from there would be added to the new group's pool, and the leftover money from that pool after the new group's allocations would be shifted back to the old groups. He said that the old group could receive no more than double from the first segment of the process.
- Tuttle asked if Council would have final approval if the BRC decided not to give money to certain groups before that money was shifted to another group.
- Neal said Council would have final approval over the entire process.
- DerManuelian said that the leftover money could also be put into other funds such as contingency.
- Neal moved and Harmetz seconded that, of the Student Fee Referendum Funds, \$98,770 will be set aside to be distributed amongst student groups that were involved in the original budget process, with the understanding that those groups will have to show certification of their continued activity on the UCLA campus and will be asked to show some proof of this need and of the fact that the organization still exists. This certification is then to be signed by the group's advisor. Along with this certification, groups will be asked if they actually have need of this funding or if they wish to forego their allotment. The remainder of the funds, \$31,208, will be distributed amongst new groups which apply for funding, new groups being defined as groups that were not involved in the original budget process. Any money left following that process will then be split up among all of the groups involved in either process.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion.
- Harmetz asked what the timeline would be on the process.

- Levi said that the new form would hopefully be available next week, and due 3rd week. He said that hearings would be 4th week and deliberations 5th week and that the money would be given out 6th week.
- Neal offered an amendment to his motion, which Harnetz accepted, to add that throughout this process the evaluating group shall be the Budget Review Committee and any final allocations or decisions are to come back to Council for approval.
- Dahle asked if there was any further discussion.
- LaFlamme asked if the old groups could get their money any sooner.
- Levi said that he would try to work that out.
- Diaz asked if the leftover money from both processes could just be added to the Contingency fund.
- Neal said that would be fine.
- Diaz made a friendly amendment which Wilson seconded that any money which is declined by, or withheld from, the original groups, along with any money that is not distributed among the new groups, will then be placed in the Contingency Fund.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion on the amendment. There being none, Council voted to approve the amendment to the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Clark called the question on the motion, as amended.
- The amended motion reads as follows: Of the Student Fee Referendum Funds, \$98,770 will be set aside to be distributed amongst student groups that were involved in the original budget process, with the understanding that those groups will have to show certification of their continued activity on the UCLA campus and will be asked to show some proof of this need and of the fact that the organization still exists. This certification is then to be signed by the group's advisor. Along with this certification, groups will be asked if they actually have need of this funding or if they wish to forego their allotment. The remainder of the funds, \$31,208, will be distributed amongst new groups which apply for funding, new groups being defined as groups that were not involved in the original budget process. Any money which is declined by, or withheld from, the original groups, along with any money that is not distributed among the new groups, will then be placed in the Contingency Fund. Throughout this process the evaluating group shall be the Budget Review Committee and any final allocations or decisions are to come back to Council for approval.
- Dahle asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion, as amended, with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Harnetz asked what Council could expect from the BRC by next week.
- Levi said that they would have a timeline and the forms that groups would have to fill out.

X. Announcements

- Neal said that there were two guests present, Becky Wasserman from the USSA and Leo Grandison from the UCSA. He said that they were present to answer questions on the two organizations.
- Grandison said that he was basically there on campus business. He said that the UCSA represents all of the UCs on the state level. He said that their remaining action items are the "no fee increase campaign", and CRENO, which was formerly known as RPI. He said that CRENO is trying to abolish the tracking of race in the state. He said that those are his two major goals. He said that the Students of Color Conference would be at UCSB and the theme would be "the war on education". He said that they are trying to gather as many students as possible.
- Wasserman said that she was the Vice President of USSA. She said that USSA is working on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. She said that they are working to save the Trio and Gear Up programs. She said that there are only three aid programs for Graduate Students and they are trying to create new programs. She also said that they are working on repealing the policy that prohibits financial aid for people convicted of drug related crimes. She said that they really need students to come out and help on these projects.

She said that many students would be impacted by these issues. She said that it would be a two year campaign.

- Dahle asked if there were any further questions.
- Tuttle asked what Trio and Gear Up were.
- Wasserman said that they were programs for young students to help them gain interest in going to college. She said that Gear Up takes an entire class and pairs them up with a college. She said that it helps. She said that both are under attack, especially Gear Up, which is seen as a Clinton program. She said that if Gear Up is going to continue to exist they need student support.
- Tuttle asked if the students were in low income areas.
- Wasserman said that they are. She said that there are only Gear Up sites in certain areas and that Trio is a larger program. She said that both programs are under-funded.
- Diaz asked if the USSA is organizing anything on the possible war.
- Wasserman said that the students decided not to support the war on Iraq. She said that they are working with two groups on ways to protest the war. She said that there will be a strike in March and that there will be many events during Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend.
- Dahle asked if there were any other announcements.
- DerManuelian said that the deadlines for the Capital Items requests would be strictly enforced. He said that they would probably be timestamped. He said that since there would be so much more contingency money because of the Student Fee Referendum he would probably be bringing in revisions to the FiCom guidelines in the near future.
- Yu said that her staff would be having a retreat over the weekend in Big Bear. She said that they want to clarify their goals for the coming quarter, and evaluate their accomplishments during last quarter.
- McLaren said that there is a laser jet printer available. She said that over the previous weekend a computer in the APC office had been stolen because it wasn't locked down. She said that the computer center people may be doing a walkthrough to check if lockdown equipment is needed in other offices. She asked that anyone who knows that they need the lockdown equipment e-mail her.
- LaFlamme said that the Book Lending Program would begin this quarter and asked that people apply for it. He asked that they also inform campus groups of the program.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Cordero moved and Leyco seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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USAC Minutes Taker