

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 21, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Grace, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, McLaren, Nelson, Styczynski, Tuttle, Yu
- ABSENT: Diaz, Eastman, Neal, Wilson
- GUESTS: Joseph Vardner, Justin Levi, Matthew Kaczmarek, Josh Lawson, Menaka Fernando
- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-DerManuelian passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Leyco and Lam asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Dahle said that he would like to move Fund Allocations to after Announcements.
-Cordero moved and Yu seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
-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..
- III. Approval of the Minutes
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations
-There were no Special Presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
-Cordero said that ARC had been able to meet with only one appointee and asked if Council wanted to wait until next week.
-Dahle said that it could wait.
- VI. Officer and Member Reports
President
-Dahle said that he had talked to a past member of USAC named Samuel Kaufman. He said that Kaufman had asked if USAC would be willing to put up a picture of Lloyd Monserrat in the office of the president along with the other past presidents. He said Kaufman told him that Monserrat was elected by the student body but was later disqualified due to eligibility checks. He said that he would be OK with hanging Monserrat's picture in the President's office. He asked if anyone had any objections.
-McLaren said that Kaufman had stopped by her office too and told her that a prior USAC had passed a resolution recognizing Monserrat as having been duly elected. She said she was trying to find a copy of that resolution.
-Dahle asked if McLaren could find of a picture of Monserrat.
-McLaren said that she did not have a picture of him but that Kaufman had mentioned that he knew someone that could help find a picture.

-Dahle asked if anyone objected to him having Monserrat's picture hung along with all the other pictures of USAC Presidents. No one expressed an objection. On another matter, Dahle said that today was the deadline for the Facilities Commissioner position and that he had received five applications. He said that he highly encouraged Council to come to the open interviews that would be in Ackerman 3517 on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. He said that each interview would be about a half hour.

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said that several students had registered at the CSP under names that have been traditionally used by other groups and slates on campus. He said that he would be writing a formal letter of complaint and that he would be working with Nelson on ways in which to avoid this in the future.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said that five UC students are on the board of the USSA. He said that that is more than any other campus. He said that one of their main action items is the re-establishment of the Higher Education Act.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Leyco said she had a calendar of upcoming SWC events available. She said that they also have campus safety cards available, and she distributed samples to everyone.

General Representative - Jenny Lam

-Lam said that the Hate Crime Awareness Fair had gone very well last Thursday. She said that 15 out of 18 groups were present at the event and that the speakers that attended had done a wonderful job. She said that they printed out 1500 copies of their hate crime booklet and passed out 1400 copies during the event. She said that she still has about a hundred copies left in her office if anyone would like one. She said that the bulletin board outside of the General Representatives' office on the third floor has more hate crime related material on it. She said that she wanted to thank the IVP, EVP, CAC, AAC and SWC for all of their help. She said that she would also like to thank everyone else who helped make this event an overall success.

VII. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

VIII. New Business

Discussion Regarding CSP Group Registration Process

-Dahle said that he added this item to the agenda so that people can talk about the situation and to see what Nelson's thoughts are.

-Nelson said that group registration at UCLA is probably the simplest task here. He said that it requires three signatories and a statement of purpose to become a registered group on campus. He said that in order to become an Officially Recognized Student Organization there is extra work involved. He said that this campus is dedicated to freedom of speech and that their take on freedom of speech is basically that anything goes. He said that it can't be said that someone can't do something just because they're not the right group of people. He said there is not a question process included in the registration process. He said that perhaps the process is a little too loose but that it has traditionally been so for a reason. He said that he recognizes that a change may be necessary but that people need to come forward with reasonable ideas. He said that the CSP is a reactive office and not proactive. He said that when they see that there is a problem they try to change it but that they don't sit down and think about what problems may arise in the future. He said that if a group takes on a name and that name is important to them, they should register it. He said that the first amendment tends to be of varying importance to people depending on whose ox is getting gored. He said that courts have said that anything goes short of a

clear and present danger. He said that he is not sure if they will ever come to an absolute consensus on the first amendment. He said that at this time he is operating on the principle that any groups can be registered as long as they come in with the correct documentation.

- Dahle said that he thinks that most people are afraid that old groups will be beat to the registration process.
- Nelson said that he is open to ideas on how to alleviate those concerns.
- Cordero said that Nelson has made several good points. He said that he doesn't have a clear idea of what can be done, at this time, but that he would speak with several student groups and Councilmembers about the issue. He said that anyone with suggestions could come to him and he would speak with Nelson.
- Nelson said that Council should be aware that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. He said that they have to make sure that the changes they are recommending won't come back and bite them. He said that for example there could be a schism in a group and both groups of people may want to keep the original name, and that would cause problems in who would receive preference. He said that he would still welcome their thoughts on the subject.
- Clark asked if it was possible to have a separate process for continuing groups.
- Nelson asked what would happen if continuing groups didn't show up. He said that the main problem this year has been with groups that consider themselves to be continuing groups but that haven't actually registered.
- Tuttle asked if the group in question was an independent group.
- Cordero said that one of the groups was a slate and another was a consortium of groups that formed under a single name.
- Tuttle asked if the students who registered the names were independents.
- Nelson said that he believed so.
- Tuttle said that that is a very tricky situation. He said that if they want the State to become involved in the registration process it could get tricky. He said that that is a whole different type of relationship. He said that this has all grown out of the freedom of speech movement. He said that Council should take caution in intruding into it.
- Nelson said this is also a student privacy issue. He said that if too many people are involved in the registration process it could cause difficulties for those people in the future. He said that the State Department has the right to investigate people and when the tentacles of the state reach out it is hard to know where they will go.
- Harmetz asked if the administration had hashed out these types of problems in the past.
- Nelson said that in 1980 the question was raised of whether the Student Governments should chastise student groups or the Administration should do it. He said that the students voted to have the Administration do it. He said that he is interested in protecting the sanctity and independence of students.
- Clark asked if there was a way to allow continuing student groups to register for more than a year.
- Nelson said that that was not possible simply because students change, meaning that people graduate and leave the school. He said that for that reason they perennially use October as the registration date. He said that that is also due to changes in the Administration.
- Dahle said that anyone with thoughts on the situation should probably contact Nelson.

IX. Announcements

- Levi asked if the deadline in applying for a mid year increase in base budget should be pushed back for the Facilities Commissioner, since the spot has not yet been filled.
- LaFlamme said that that would make sense and hopefully alleviate some of the pressure on the new Commissioner when he/she takes office.
- Yu asked if it would affect the other allocations.
- Levi said that he wouldn't think so.
- DerManuelian said that he thinks they should just continue on with the process and take the money for the new Commissioner's budget out of the contingency fund later on.

- Levi said that that makes sense.
- McLaren said that she has received some calls regarding the online budget application form for new groups. She said several students have told her they can find only one page of the Excel attachment, so she told them that, on the bottom on that page, there's a link to the other pages. She asked Council members to pass this information on to anyone who asks them about it.
- LaFlamme asked what Levi's timetable was.
- Levi said that he would get back to LaFlamme.
- LaFlamme said that many groups are having problems with the application process. He asked if the deadline could be pushed back.
- Levi said that that would be hard to do. He asked that Council refer anyone with questions to him.

VI. Fund Allocations

- DerManuelian said that requests five through thirteen are all for a Conference for the fraternities and sororities. He said that there is a \$140 registration fee for two people from each group participating. He said that request number four is a request to fund the conference itself.
- Cordero asked how many students would be attending the conference from each group.
- DerManuelian said that a maximum of two people could attend for each group.
- Yu asked what the conference is.
- DerManuelian said that it is a large retreat.
- Cordero asked if the committee saw this as a conference or a retreat.
- DerManuelian said that they considered it to be half and half.
- Nelson said that it is a multicultural retreat with 50 fraternities and sororities attending.
- DerManuelian said that they had put a lot of work into it.
- Harmetz moved and LaFlamme seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstentions.

Pilipino Recruitment and Enrichment Program

Recommended: \$300.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the cost of Facilities for the Student / Staff Retreat.

Vietnamese Student Union

Recommended: \$2,375.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$2,375.00 for the cost of Facilities for the Vietnamese Culture Night on January 20th.

World Arts and Culture Undergraduates Society

Recommended: \$1,200.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,200.00 for the cost of Facilities for the WAC SMASH! On April 11th through the 12th.

Campus Events Commission

Recommended: \$400.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the cost of Honorarium for the Coop Show on January 21st.

Panhellenic Council, IFC, Asian Greeks at UCLA, National Pan-Hellenic Council

Recommended: \$1491.17

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1491.17 for the cost of Transportation and Supplies for the IMPACT conference from January 31st to February 2nd.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity**Recommended: \$140.00**

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**Recommended: \$140.00**

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**Recommended: \$140.00**

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National Pan-Hellenic Council**Recommended: \$140.00**

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Beta Theta Pi Fraternity**Recommended: \$140.00**

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Zeta Psi Fraternity**Recommended: \$140.00**

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Sigma Nu Fraternity**Recommended: \$140.00**

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XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Araiza passed around the Attendance Sheet in the absence of the Finance Committee Chairperson.

XII. Adjournment

-Due to the loss of quorum, there was no motion to adjourn this meeting.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker