

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 11, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, McLaren, Nelson, Pearlman, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu

ABSENT: Eastman, Grace, Leyco, Neal, Styczynski

GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Gideon Baum, Justin Levi, Dexter Ligot -Gordon, Mike Cohn, Joseph Vardner, Andrew Green

- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-DerManuelian passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Wilson and DerManuelian asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Levi asked that the Approval of the Mid-year base Budget Allocations under New Business be tabled.
-Dahle said that he was adding a discussion of the Election Code to the end of New Business.
-Pearlman asked that a discussion of the Office Space Allocation Committee also 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
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations
-There were no Special Presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
-There were no Appointments this week.
- VI. Fund Allocations
-DerManuelian said that there 8 groups up for Contingency Allocations this week, one of which was discretionary.
-Wilson moved and Cordero seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
-Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Community Service Commission

Recommended: \$245.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$245.00 for the cost of Supplies for the purchase of a fax machine.

UCLA Helping Hands**Recommended: \$176.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$176.00 for the cost of Supplies and Transportation for the Trip to Calexico on February 8th.

UCLA Dance Marathon**Recommended: \$445.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$445.00 for the cost of Facilities for the Dance Marathon from March 1st through the 2nd.

Campus Events Commission**Recommended: \$850.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$850.00 for the cost of Honorarium and Facilities for Souls of Mischief concert in Bruin Plaza on February 28th.

Campus Events Commission**Recommended: \$350.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$350.00 for the cost of Honorarium for the Crooked Fingers concert in Bruin Plaza on February 21st.

USAC President**Recommended: \$300.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the cost of a service contract for copy machine maintenance.

USAC President and General Representatives - Harmetz and Styczynski**Recommended: \$650.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$650.00 for the cost of Programming for the Student Opinion Survey.

S.T.A.B.L.E.**Recommended: \$220.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$220.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the costs of Graphics and Honorarium for the School of Education Program on February 7th.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said that he had emailed Bob Naples about the summary of the projected cuts on the Student Affairs Division. He said that he had also met with Associate Administrative Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative Services Morabito about the BruinGo! program. He said that Morabito's recommendation is that \$826,000 be paid to continue the program and that the students using the program pay the rest. He said that Morabito will not recommend that the Campus Express system be altered to help pay for the BruinGo! program. He also announced that the Student Regent Dexter Ligot-Gordon was present.

Administrative Representative - Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that he would be attending a system-wide meeting of advisors in Santa Barbara to talk about fees and other student issues.
 -Cordero asked if the meeting was open to students.
 -Nelson said that he would look into that and get back to Cordero.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson said that this week Campus Events would be showing Wayne's World on the 13th. HE said that Dave Chappel would be in Ackerman Grand Ballroom at noon to screen an episode of his show and talk with students. He said that on the 19th UBR and the Karaoke Outfit would be performing and that they would be showing Bowling For Columbine as the movie for that week. He said that on the 21st the Crooked Fingers would be performing and on the 25th Cradle to the Grave would be showing in Ballroom. He said that the movie Spirited Away would be coming soon, and that other performances would include Okay Go, Souls of Mischief, Julliana Theory and Chuck D.

Finance Committee Chairman

-DerManuelian said that Surplus Allocation applications have to be in by 5:00 pm on the due date. He said that they have to be signed by a CSP advisor and time stamped by SGA. He said that everyone should double check their applications for mistakes and come to him with any questions.

VIII. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

Discussion of Campus Events Ad of February 3, 2003

- Wilson said that the second page of the agenda packet contains an ad that was run in the Daily Bruin on February 2nd. He said that he wants to discuss this issue with Council. He said that he suggested to the individual making the ad that it was offensive and that that person placed the ad anyway. He said that he received several complaints. He said that he met with Nelson about the correct steps to take, and that he responded to those who came in to talk about the ad. He said that he has spoken to the individual responsible for placing the advertisement and that he is looking into sensitivity training. He said that a public apology was run today and that it was a quarter page ad. He asked if Council had any questions.
- Clark said that there are a lot of people who are really concerned about this advertisement. She said that people are very angry. She said that she doesn't feel that this matter has been rectified.
- Wilson said that he doesn't know how to respond. He said that he would hope that people with concerns would come to him to talk about it.
- Diaz asked Wilson if anything was done to the staff worker responsible.
- Wilson said that he is evaluating his options. He said that the worker has not be fired. He said that this is the result of ignorance and that the person responsible was not informed of the history of the image in question. He said that he has been seeking the council of Berky and others on the proper course of action. He said that he wants to be fair and that he is here to hear possible solutions from Council.
- Nelson asked what the staff worker said when he was confronted.
- Wilson said that the worker apologized. He said that the worker said that he had done independent research and thought that it would be alright.
- Nelson asked what the workers response was to the fact that he failed to follow a directive.
- Wilson said that the worker apologized profusely. He said that he realizes that that does not solve the problem.
- Cordero asked what other steps have been planned.
- Wilson said that he is looking into sensitivity training for his staff. He said that the apology has been placed and that he is talking to Berky about further steps to take. He said that he is going to try to talk to anyone who comes to him with a complaint about the ad. He said that he realizes that this advertisement reflects poorly on him and on his commission. He said that he can not say enough about how deeply sorry he is for this advertisement.

- Pearlman said that he thinks that Wilson needs to decide on his own how to deal with his staff. He said that the fact that Wilson has made a point to talk about the advertisement and bring it before Council speaks well for the Campus Events Commission.
- Tuttle asked if Wilson is planning on taking additional steps to control future advertisements. He asked why the Bruin advertising department failed to catch this.
- Cordero said that he has heard that a student went to the Daily Bruin to complain and was told that the ad is not offensive.
- Tuttle said that there have to be some consequences. He said that this is absolutely outrageous. He said that this is the worst thing that he has seen in print in years. He said that from now on Wilson and his most trusted staff members should be in charge of approving all ads that are placed. He said that they should make an agreement with the Daily Bruin that no ads are run without their approval. He said that there should also be an appropriate review of the Daily Bruin.
- Nelson said that the lesson in this is that this points out the need for diversity.
- Wilson said that he would like to invite anyone who'd like to talk about the issue to come and speak with him in his office.
- Dahle said that he will talk with Wilson.
- Clark said that Wilson should talk to people about the issue and the solution.

***No Student Fee Increase Resolution**

- Pearlman said that he thinks that this resolution is an excellent idea but that the writing is disjointed and unfocused in some areas. He said that some issues raised in the Resolution seem irrelevant. He said that he spoke to Cordero and that he is aware that military spending decreases the amount of money available for schools but that it is not problematic for that the UC in particular. He said that he also thinks that the Declaration of Human Rights should not be cited in this instance.
- Harmetz said that he would like a definition of Student Services in the Resolution. He said that he would recommend that a committee meet over the week to look at the Resolution and make any necessary changes.
- DerManuelian said that the last line on proposition 209 seems to seem to misdirect the Resolution towards the end. He said that that is just a suggestion.
- Diaz said that he thinks that all of these are relevant concerns but that he thinks that is important to educate the student body. He said that 209 caused outreach money to skyrocket. He said that it may not be clear enough. He said that he also thinks that the military spending issue is important. He said that resolution is not just protesting Student Fee increases but also Federal educational cuts in general. He said that he would be happy with a rewording of the resolution but that he would like to keep the same basic points within the resolution.
- Cordero said that he would also be open to a rewording but that he wouldn't like to see anything omitted.
- Pearlman said that he would pass around an alternative resolution for Council to consider.
- Harmetz asked if it would be alright to meet before next Tuesday to discuss changes to the Resolution.
- Diaz said that that would be fine with him.

Office Space Allocation Committee

- Pearlman said that he had collected a list for those interested in being on the Office Space Allocation Committee. He said that LaFlamme, Leyco, Cordero, Neal and DerManuelian had all expressed interest in being involved. He said that he would like to ask for formal appointments.
- Dahle said that he would be find with all of those members.
- McLaren said that Section E.2. states "The committee shall consist of no less than three and no more than five members of the Undergraduate Student Council..."

- Dahle said that his appointments would be the Council Members interested. He said that DerManuelian is welcome to sit on the Committee as an ex-officio member.
- Clark moved and Lam seconded to appoint Cordero, LaFlamme, Leyco and Neal to the Office Space Allocation Committee.
- 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.

Election Code Changes

- Vardner said that this is just an update of the plan that is being worked on with My.UCLA and of his thoughts on the changes necessary to the E-Code. He said that his final changes to the E-Code will be available on Thursday for Council and could be decided on at the next meeting.

X. Announcements

- LaFlamme said that he had been looking, along with Dr. Tuttle, into the option of using funds from over-funded pension funds to help stabilize the state budget. He said that he will be starting a committee on the issue, and that he hopes to talk it over and see if it is a realistic option.
- Tuttle said that this is a good idea to look into. He said that some may say that if it was a good idea it would have been thought of already. He said though, that there is a chance that it hasn't been thought of because it is outside of the box.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

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