

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 18, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Leyco, McLaren, Nelson, Pearlman, Styczynski, Tuttle

ABSENT: Clark, Cordero, Eastman, Grace, Lam, Neal, Wilson, Yu

GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Matthew Kaczmarek, Josh Lawson, Eric Juline, Gideon Baum, Amy Lucas, David Burke

- I. A. Call to Order
 - Due to the absence of quorum, Dahle called the meeting to order as a Committee of the Whole. He explained to Council that without quorum, they would not be able to take action at this meeting but would be able to discuss the non-action items, and receive reports and announcements.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - Due to the absence of quorum, attendance was not recorded at this meeting.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Due to the absence of quorum, the Agenda was not approved.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - Due to the absence of quorum, the Minutes were not approved.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - A.) **UCLA Alumni Association, Eric Juline, President**
 - Juline said that he was the president of the Alumni Association. He said that he was at the meeting to share a few thoughts. He said that the vision of the Alumni Association is to involve the Alumni more in UCLA. He said that they have started two initiatives, the first of which is a Student Relations Committee dedicated to improving the student experience. He said that the Committee focuses on two aspects of student life: student organizations and residential life. He said that they want to supplement and improve the student experience and help the residential life. He said that the second initiative of the Alumni Association is to push the Alumni Network. He said that many diverse people are members of the Alumni Association and they share a common bond due to their UCLA experience. He said that there are thousands of people out there eager to help their fellow Bruins. He said that the Alumni Network is available to every student online. He said that those that have placed their name in the network are glad to be contacted and share their experience with students. He said that the Alumni Association wants to encourage students to access their resources. He said that they are an excellent way for students to gain insight into particular fields of study.
 - Pearlman asked if the Alumni Association was working with the Student Alumni Association.
 - Juline said that they are.
 - Harmetz asked if the Alumni Association would be doing anything to try and prevent the Student Fee Increase.

- Juline said that the Alumni Association has a Government Advocacy Committee. He said that the past fall the Alumni Association worked on making sure that the bond measure passed. He said that they have been very active in advocating on behalf of UCLA . He said that they want to convey a message to the State that the value of a UCLA education must be protected.
- Tuttle said that the people at the Alumni Association are people who have walked the same road as the present students have. He said that students should feel a sense of collegiality and kinship. He said that they are a great source of support. He said that they are also a significant force of representation.
- Juline said that thousands of Alumni are involved in working as a fundraising source for the University. He said that in the coming school year they will be giving over \$1 million in scholarships.
- Pearlman asked if they would be lobbying with the University on any of the coaching issues.
- Juline said that there have been some discussions on the issue.
- Nelson said that he thinks that UCLA is a school of Ivy League quality. He said that there is only one real difference, which is that people don't take advantage of the opportunities to make contacts here.

B.) Selection of Next University of California President

Kaczmarek said that he is the UCLA Undergraduate Representative on the Student Advisory Committee for the selection of the next UC President. He said that he would rather wait until Council meets quorum to make his presentation. He said that it would require a closed session discussion at the end.

V. Appointments

-There were no Appointments this meeting.

VI. Fund Allocations

-Due to the absence of quorum Fund Allocations were not discussed at this meeting

VI. Officer and Member Reports

President

-Dahle said that his office is working on a fee increase information campaign. He said that they are tabling in the dorms right now. He said that the second survey has been finished.

General Representative - Adam Harmetz

- Harmetz said that the three General Representatives and IVP Cordero have been working on having the meeting on the hill next week. He asked if there were any objections to that. He said that they want to have the meeting and then open the floor up for students who attend to ask them questions.
- Pearlman asked if the space has been requested.
- Harmetz said that it has been set aside. He said that the meeting would be in the De Neve Plaza Room. He said that he will update everyone with all of the specific details.
- LaFlamme asked if anyone was worried that the students would leave during the closed session.
- Kaczmarek said that the closed session could be done at the very end.
- LaFlamme asked if it could be done at the very beginning so that people would be less likely to leave.
- Lucas said that the conference room is open from 6:30 pm on.
- Tuttle said that the problem would be that they would have to announce the meeting starts at whatever time but that the first item will be a closed session discussion.
- Kaczmarek said that the majority of his presentation is public and touches on what the committee is looking for in applicants for the UC President position. He said that the closed session portion of the presentation would involve discussing potential applicants.
- Tuttle said that the other option for Council is for them to move temporarily to another room to hold the closed session but that would require another room to be available.

- Pearlman asked if it would be possible to have a recess in the middle of the meeting and allow people to asked questions during that time.
- Dahle said that that sounds fine.
- Harmetz said that Council should plan on not coming to 417 Kerckhoff next week.
- McLaren asked where the closed session item should be placed on the agenda.
- Dahle said that it should be placed as the last item under the New Business section.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Diaz said that next Tuesday he and Yu would be sponsoring a program from 6:00 to 7:30 pm that would consist of three workshops. He said that week 9 his office would be holding a program on the war and student fees. He said that all of the Academic Senate spots have been filled.

Financial Supports Commissioner

- LaFlamme said that his Committee to look into the possibility of over funded pension funds is very small, consisting of only one member, himself. He asked that Council members let him know if they are interested in helping. He said that his office is working on the online housing database. He said that help there is also welcome.
- Tuttle said that he would be glad to help with LaFlamme's committee on the pension fund. He said that he would like to set up phone appointments to see what they can uncover. He said that the city, during the Riordan administration, found money in the Department of Water and Power retirement fund. He said that by the time they discovered that, the economy was clearing up and that that helped it along. He said that they need to look into things to see if this idea has any substance.
- LaFlamme said that he has heard that there is an umbrella pension fund in the State that has been historically over funded.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Leyco said that SWC had a major CPR event and had certified 105 people in one weekend. She said that last quarter they certified 95 people total so the event was a major success. She said that Roll-Aids had also been very successful. She said that coming up this week they will be having another blood drive. She said that at the blood drive they will be testing for bone marrow donors as well. She said that for this blood drive they're giving away a teddy bear. She said that on March 1st and 2nd the Dance Marathon will take place. She said that it's a great event and that it lasts 26 hours but that they didn't have to stay that long. She encouraged Council to stop by. She said that her office is also offering CSO scholarships through an essay contest. She asked Council to encourage any CSO they know to apply. She said that 9th week they would be holding a concert with Cultural Affairs.

Administrative Representative - Rick Tuttle

- Tuttle said that he had two items to discuss. He said that on 1st of March there would be a day long South Asian Youth Conference. He said that it's quite remarkable and moving to see Pakistani, Muslim, Indian and many other students of different nationalities all working together on this conference. He said that they would be discussing gender issues and caste and class issues. He said that this is part of what the University is about, to allow students, from areas that may be hostile to each other, to speak freely together and discuss these kinds of issues. He said that on February 28th the Burkle Center would be sponsoring a field trip to the LA County Museum of Art. He said that everyone is welcome.

Facilities Commissioner

- Pearlman said that he is trying to set a time for Office Space Allocation Committee to meet.

VII. Old Business

-Due to the absence of quorum Old Business was not discussed at this meeting.

VIII. New Business

-Due to the absence of quorum New Business was not discussed at this meeting.

IX. Announcements

-Dahle said that the ASUCLA Leadership Committee is planning a leadership conference. He said that there will be several workshops. He said that they are looking for participants. He said that those interested could come to him or Maggy Athanasious or Charles Harless of the GSA. He said that he and Harless would also be working on the selection process for the new Student Regent.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Due to the absence of quorum, attendance was not recorded at this meeting.

XII. Adjournment

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

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker