

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday April 1, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Diaz, Grace, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Lam, Leyco, McLaren, Neal, Nelson, Pearlman, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu
- ABSENT: Eastman, Styczynski
- GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Debra Simmons, Matt Kaczmarek, Josh Lawson, Gideon Baum, Justin Levi, Amy Lucas, Roman Kleynberg, Elliot Hekinat
- I. A. Call to Order
-Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-In DerManuelian's absence Araiza passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Harmetz, Wilson, LaFlamme and Pearlman asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Dahle said that he would like to table the Notice of Proposed Revisions to USAC Bylaws Article VI.D.2.
-LaFlamme asked to table the Discussion Regarding Publication of USAC Resolutions
-Neal asked to table the USSA Grassroots Legislative Conference under Special Presentations.
-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
***March 11, 2002**
-Dahle asked if there were any changes or edits to the Minutes from March 11, 2003.
-Pearlman said that on page 5 he would like the first line of his comments changed to remove any colloquialisms he may have used. He also asked if it was appropriate to include the discussion on page 7 which would indicate the way in which the president voted.
-Araiza said that he would change Pearlman's comments to something more suitable. He said that his understanding, from the meeting in question, was that the President's vote could not be included in the official vote count, but could be added to the record by a member of Council after the vote took place. He asked Tuttle what his interpretation would be.
-Tuttle said that his first thought was that the minutes are fairly accurate in reflecting his comments. He said that his reasoning for announcing the President's vote for the record was so that in future years there would be a written precedent. He said that the Constitution can be interpreted in many ways and his concern is that there should be a record of the precedent setting vote. He asked if Pearlman's point was that in recording only one member of Council's vote they would be setting another precedent.
-Pearlman said yes. He said that he was merely urging caution.
-Tuttle said that he believes that it may be useful to include that information in the public record.
-Dahle said that he has no problem with his vote being listed.

- McLaren asked if it might be wiser to include only that the President voted and not what his vote actually was. She asked if it mattered what his vote was. She said that the precedent was set merely by the fact that he voted, not by how he voted.
- Tuttle said that the actual way that the President voted is not necessary, but he thought that, in the interest of public disclosure, it should be listed.
- McLaren said that her concern was that the Minutes will therefore identify one person's vote and no one else's vote. She said that the only time in the past when names were recorded for a vote was when a roll call vote was taken.
- Tuttle said that if it is included he would take a close look at Robert's Rules and see if there should be reconsideration. He said that it is always helpful to have a record.
- Pearlman said that he was satisfied.
- McLaren said that she thought that the precedent should be recorded, but not the President's actual vote.
- Dahle said that on page 7 the sections mention the way in which he voted could be stricken.
- Neal asked Dahle why he wanted to alter the public record to strike the record of his vote.
- Dahle said that it was not his idea.
- Tuttle said that the comment is fair game to be changed but that he would not edit it himself.
- Dahle said that they could just leave Tuttle's comments as they are.
- On another matter, Yu said that on page 7 the line should be changed to say "Yu said that she would contribute \$350..." rather than reading "up to \$350..."
- Cordero moved and Diaz seconded to approve the Minutes from March 1, 2003 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 - Election Board

- Dahle said that he had received a note from the Election Board Chair, Joe Vardner saying that he could not attend tonight's meeting.
- Diaz asked how Council would know which applicant is applying for which position on the Election Board. He said that it is not noted on the applications.
- Pearlman said that Davis is applying for Vice Chair, Carter for Logistics Chair, Tripathi for Endorsements Chair and Kleynberg for Investigations Chair.
- Neal said that he would like Vardner to be present to answer questions about why each candidate was chosen. He said that he is not comfortable in voting without Vardner present.
- DerManuelian said that he agrees with Neal. He said that the person who interviewed these applicants should be present to answer questions.
- Dahle said that the item would be tabled until next week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- DerManuelian said that there are three different Contingency Recommendation sheets this week. He said that the first set has 7 groups for which FiCom made official recommendations. He said that the second set is made up of 8 groups for which FiCom didn't make official recommendations. He said that FiCom received two applications for the same event from some groups. He said that FiCom chose not to make official recommendations for the second application from each of those groups. He said that FiCom did however make suggestions about what the groups could be allocated if Council decided to accept the second set of applications. He said that the third set is composed of 12 groups whose allocations were approved via his discretionary power.
- LaFlamme said that he had spoken to several of the applicants who had submitted two applications for the same event. He said that they are preparing for an entire week of programming. He said that in order to make things easier they grouped several programs together into two separate allocations. He said that they grouped together their programs

- on Monday and Tuesday into one application and their programs for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday into another application.
- Cordero said that he understands that but is worried that 5 out of 7 of the requests are exactly the same as far as content and requests for individual line items go.
 - DerManuelian said that he thinks that that is caused by the fact that all of the groups work together to create their applications.
 - Diaz said that other groups work together on their applications without submitting the same ones. He said that it is irresponsible to approve the same applications for different programs.
 - LaFlamme said that he thinks that Spring Recruitment is the same for most of the Greek community. He said that his interpretation is that the application includes questions that all of the groups have similar answers to.
 - Pearlman said that he would agree that there is a lot of homogeneity in the applications. He said that in the past there have been arguments about different groups working together in the same office and all requesting a computer. He said that he thinks that the standard that was used there should apply here too.
 - Cordero said that the problem here is that they approached different events with the same requests.
 - Diaz said that he thinks that calling the vote may help.
 - Wilson asked if the applications were identical.
 - Cordero said that Sigma Pi, for example, had the same line item requests for both of their programs.
 - Wilson said that that is a concern but that he also doesn't like to deny funding to groups.
 - LaFlamme said that this may be the result of the fact that these groups have been out of the loop in funding for quite some time. He said that they are trying to get used to it but that it is confusing at times. He said that his understanding is that the groups sat down together and tried to work on the applications.
 - Neal moved and Clark seconded to approve all of the Fund Allocations including those which were not official recommendations of the Finance Committee.
 - Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 2 against and 3 abstentions.

UCLA Hawaii Club

Requested: \$1,002.00

Recommended: \$602.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$602.00 for the full cost of Facilities and the partial cost of Graphics and Honorarium for the Luau 2003 Ke Ao O Ka Manawa on April 12th.

Japanese Students Association

Requested: \$500.00

Recommended: \$180.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$180.00 for the partial cost of Supplies for the Southern California JSA Sporting Event on April 5th.

Latin American Student Association

Requested: \$3,873.00

Recommended: \$2,173.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$2,173.00 for the full cost of Advertising and Graphics and the partial cost of Honorarium for the 5th Annual Festival Latino "Cosechando la Cultura" on April 12th.

Kyodo Taiko

Requested: \$1,525.00

Recommended: \$500.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$500.00 for the full cost of Facilities and the partial cost of Graphics and Supplies for the Spring Concert on April 4th and 5th.

Campus Events Commissioner**Requested: \$1,500.00****Recommended: \$500.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$500.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for the Ben Lee performance on April 21st.

Project Literacy UCLA**Requested: \$6,636.53****Recommended: \$2,500.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$2,500.00 for the partial cost of Transportation for the Spring Quarter Site and Field Trips from April 7th to May 31st.

Intrafraternity Council**Requested: \$4,026.00****Recommended: \$1,260.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,260.00 for the partial cost of Registration Fees, Travel and Facilities for the Western Regional Greek Leadership Conference from April 3rd to the 6th.

Sigma Pi Epsilon Fraternity**Requested: \$900.00****Suggested: \$311.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$311.00 for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Alpha Epsilon Phi Fraternity**Requested: \$200.00****Suggested: \$100.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$100.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,000.00****Suggested: \$311.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$311.00 for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity**Requested: \$505.00****Suggested: \$80.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$80.00 for the partial cost of Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity**Requested: \$1,392.96****Suggested: \$311.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$311.00 for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Theta Chi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,704.55****Suggested: \$311.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$311.00 for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Triangle Fraternity**Requested: \$250.00****Suggested: \$130.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$130.00 for the partial cost of Facilities and Supplies for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity**Requested: \$1,046.00****Suggested: \$311.00**

FiCom suggested the allocation of \$311.00 for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$750.00****Recommended: \$300.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$300.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Honorarium for the Coop Show: The French Kiss and Natural History on April 2nd.

Sigma Pi Epsilon Fraternity**Requested: \$900.00****Recommended: \$311.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$311.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Alpha Epsilon Phi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,935.23****Recommended: \$311.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$311.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Facilities for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Beta Theta Pi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,000.00****Recommended: \$311.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$311.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity**Requested: \$473.00****Recommended: \$231.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$231.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity**Requested: \$1,392.96****Recommended: \$311.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$311.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Theta Chi Fraternity**Requested: \$546.55****Recommended: \$231.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$231.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Triangle Fraternity**Requested: \$1,300.00****Recommended: \$311.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$311.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Facilities and Supplies for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity**Requested: \$1,000.00****Recommended: \$311.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$311.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Sigma Pi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,129.47****Recommended: \$284.88**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$284.88 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

Karisma Magazine**Requested: \$1,031.00****Recommended: \$431.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$431.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising and Graphics for training and publicity.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity**Requested: \$546.00****Recommended: \$231.00**

DerManuelian authorized the allocation of \$231.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2002-2003 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Advertising for Spring Recruitment 2003 from March 31st to April 4th.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President

-Dahle said that the review process for the Student Regent applicants went well. He said that he and Charles Harless, GSA President, sent on 5 of the 8 applicants to the next stage. He said that his office is working on an information campaign.

Internal Vice President

-Cordero said he hopes to have a resolution ready by next week in support of keeping the BruinGO! Program. He said that he wants to get an update on the situation before creating a final draft.

External Vice President

-Neal said that he had been to a UCSA meeting in San Diego and they had discussed their questions for this weekend's Student Regent interviews. He said that UCSA will be interviewing 9 applicants and sending 3 on to the Regents. He said that this weekend UCSA is having a lobby day. He said that anyone interested in attending should contact him. He said that transportation would be provided. He said that he went to Washington D.C. to help USSA educate students on issues in the Government including Financial Aid. He said that they had a rally and the Senators promised to look into their recommendations.

Facilities Commissioner

-Pearlman said that OSAC will be up and running shortly. He said that he would be getting in touch with the members of the Committee. He said that he is also working on putting together a committee to recommend spending caps to the E-Board.

-Neal asked if there was a reason for such a committee.

-Pearlman said that it was decided that spending caps could not be included in the E-Code but that USAC could make recommendations to the candidates.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson said that the Film Calendar had been finished. He said that this week the Ring and Ringu would be showing for free. He said that next week Two Weeks Notice and Mighty Men would be showing. He said that 3rd week they'd be showing Catch Me if You Can. He said that throughout the quarter About Schmidt, Frida, Adaptation, Pianist and Daredevil would be playing. He said that French Kiss and Natural History would be performing tomorrow. He said that Arab Strap would be performing this quarter as well.

Financial Supports Commissioner

-LaFlamme said that the Booklending Program is going well. He said that he has received many applications. He said that the Housing Index is also online. He said that people should check the Scholarship Resource Center website about events that are coming up. He said that they have a lot of programs to help people find scholarships.

General Representative - Adam Harmetz

-Harmetz said that he brought a "for comment" draft of the Tidal Wave II report, that his office has been working on, for each of the Council Members. He said that it has not been finalized and asked that Council members come to him with concerns.

Administrative Representative - Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that while other Council members were enjoying their Spring Break many of the Administrative members were busy with meetings. He said that many of those meetings focused on the safety of the students in this time of crisis. He said that they are very concerned about the Health and Welfare of students. He said that there were also security issues raised. He said that anyone who knows anyone who is having difficulties, should recommend that they seek help from Student Psychological Services. He asked that Council make sure that everyone they are in touch with is okay.

VIII. Old Business

***Decision on Funding to Publish Wooden Center Appreciation Day Resolution**

-Pearlman said that the Wooden Center Appreciation Day Resolution had been passed a few meetings ago. He said that it was a joint resolution with the Wooden Center Board of Governors and GSA. He said that each of the other groups had agreed to pay one-third of the costs of advertising the resolution.

-Pearlman moved and LaFlamme seconded that USAC pay one-third of the costs to publish the Wooden Center Appreciation Day Resolution as a half page advertisement in the Daily Bruin.

-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.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of Our Troops**

-Pearlman said that the last few weeks have seen some extraordinary events. He said that he wrote up a resolution in support of the troops over in Iraq. He said that he thinks that it is in line with the previous actions of the Council. He said that he thinks that Council should voice their support for the troops. He said that he thinks that it would be a good gesture on the part of Council.

-Diaz said that he thinks the resolution is a good idea, but that he doesn't think it should support only the troops. He said that it should also support the lives of the civilians who are being endangered in Iraq. He said that in some areas the resolution seems to overlook the complexity of this issue. He said that he wants to support the troops, but he doesn't think that this resolution is the correct way to do it.

-Wilson said that he agrees with Diaz.

-Neal said that he feels that a resolution such as this, which supports the troops, in this way, supports the war. He said that he would support a one line resolution hoping that the troops are brought home safely.

-DerManuelian asked if it would be appropriate to table the resolution until opinions could be gathered on the resolution.

-Pearlman asked if Cordero and Diaz would work with him on the wording.

-Cordero and Diaz said that they would.

-Pearlman said that he would be willing to table the issue until next week.

X. Announcements

-There were no Announcements this week.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Pearlman moved and Clark 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 8:07 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker