

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 27, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Chiang, DerManuelian, Eastman, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, Lawson, McKesey, McLaren, Nguyen, Nelson, Palma/Saracho, Saldaña, Schreiber, Tuttle, Wynn
- ABSENT: Grace
- GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Chris Neal, Justin Levi, Gideon Baum, Amy Lucas, Paul Marian, Aaron Weinberg, German Gurrola, Cynthia Peredes, Jessica Martinez, Cristina Lopez, Luis Arellano, Iliana Carter, Vanessa Bransburg, Jose Cruz, Buenaventura Arias, Victor Arias, Luis Cizundia, Mirna Canales, Donn Thompson
- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-DerManuelian passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Kozak asked that an action item entitled USAC Resolution on Ending Subcontracted Labor at UCLA be added to New Business.
-McKesey said that the Budget Review Director would not be appointed until the next meeting.
-Lawson asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-Kaczmarek moved and Lawson seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Appointments
-McKesey said that the people making the presentation had not arrived yet. She said that they would move on with the Appointments section of the Agenda first.
-Palma/Saracho said that the ARC had met this week and interviewed Priscilla Chen for USAC Finance Committee Chairperson. He said that they voted to approve her unanimously. He said that she has a good understanding of the position. He said that she also has experience handling funds, energy and fresh ideas.
-DerManuelian said that Chen is a great applicant. He said that she presented several fresh ideas. He said that during the interview the only answer she had that he was unhappy with was her response to what she would do if a group she was involved with came up for funding. He said that she said that she would work with the FiCom to make a decision. He said that the answer he was looking for was that she would recuse herself. He said that she is still a great applicant.
-Chiang asked how many applicants there were.
-McKesey said that she thinks that there were 3 applicants. She said that she forwarded one.
-Chiang asked why McKesey felt that Chen stood out from the other applicants.

- McKesey said that her application was well organized and she had more experience than the rest of the applicants.
 - Schreiber asked if anyone asked Chen how she planned to respond to budget cuts.
 - Lawson said that the questions were more about her experience and her plans for the office.
 - DerManuelian said that Council has the option of tabling the appointment and requesting that she attend the next interview to answer questions.
 - McKesey asked if that would be his recommendation.
 - DerManuelian said that it might help if Council has specific questions for Chen.
 - Lawson asked if that would affect any timetables.
 - DerManuelian said that it would not. He said that Chen is a great fit for the office and that he is confident that Council would be happy with her if they met with her. He said that he still thinks that it may help for Council to see that for themselves before approving her.
 - Palma/Saracho said that the ARC had conducted a thorough interview, and he thought that Chen would do a good job in the position.
 - McKesey asked if there were any questions about Chen that had not been addressed.
 - Schreiber said that he had a few.
 - McKesey asked if he was comfortable in appointing her or if he would prefer to wait.
 - Schreiber said that he was confident that Chen could do the job, but would still prefer to meet her before taking action on her appointment.
 - Kaczmarek said that he definitely sees the merit in candidates coming to meet the Council. He said that he thought, however, that the interview went well. He said that she was approved by the ARC.
 - Kaczmarek moved and Wynn seconded to appoint Priscilla Chen to the position of Finance Committee Chairperson.
 - McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
 - DerManuelian said that he would like Chen to be present to state that she would recuse herself from voting on any application from a group that she was involved in.
 - Chiang asked if postponing would mean that Council would be meeting 10th week.
 - McKesey said that Council was going to have to meet during 10th week anyway.
 - Kaczmarek asked why DerManuelian why he didn't address his concerns about Chen's answer during the interview.
 - DerManuelian said that he did mention it but that it is always helpful to have that sort of thing on the public record.
 - Palma/Saracho said that she could say that at the next meeting and it would still be on the public record.
 - Tuttle asked if Council would be likely to have quorum at the next meeting.
 - Lawson said that the ARC meetings are open and that other Council members besides those on the ARC are welcome to attend.
 - Palma/Saracho called the question.
 - McKesey asked if there was any objection to calling the question, there being none. Council voted to appoint Priscilla Chen to the position of Finance Committee Chairperson with 9 votes in favor, 3 against and 0 abstentions.
 - McLaren mentioned to Palma/Saracho that USAC's Bylaws state that the Chairperson of the ARC is to provide Council Members with a written report of ARC's vote for each nominee that is being brought forward.
- Palma/Saracho said that he would be sure to do that for all future meetings where appointments are on the agenda.
- Chiang said she thought it would be a good idea to invite all appointees to attend the USAC meetings when their nominations are being presented for approval.
 - McKesey said that that might be difficult to arrange.
 - Lawson said that it may be helpful to have the candidates for major positions attend the meeting to answer any questions Council members might have.

V. Special Presentations – Swift Track Meet

-Thompson said that he would like to thank USAC for having the Swift Track Meet at UCLA. He said that it is a great experience for the young people who come, and it gives them an opportunity to see what life on a college campus is like. He said that they have been holding the meet since 1997.

Nelson encouraged Council members to attend the track meet. He suggested that they might give some of the kids a tour of the campus, or do something of that nature.

-Thompson said that it is a great boost for the kids.

-McKesity thanked Thompson for coming and said that she would attend the track meet on Sunday, June 1st.

VI. Fund Allocations

-DerManuelian said that there were 14 contingency applications this week. He said that the name on #8 should be the Muslim Students Association. He said that the Student Welfare Commission application was rejected because it was not typed and it was incomplete.

-McKesity asked if the \$2,800 allocation on #7 was an Honorarium for one person.

-DerManuelian said he believes that it is for 3 people.

-Gaulton concurred with DerManuelian's reply, and said that there are three artists performing in that event.

-Palma/Saracho asked how \$172.00 was arrived at for #2.

-DerManuelian said that that would cover two vans.

-Palma/Saracho asked why no money was given to facilities for #1.

-DerManuelian said that these allocations represent a zeroing out of the Contingency accounts. He said that the group is welcome to distribute their allocation as they wish.

-Nelson said that the Muslim Prayer brings up the question of funding a religious event.

-DerManuelian said that applications have to be looked at on a content neutral basis.

-Nelson said that he doesn't think that a prayer is content neutral.

-Gaulton said that it says it is an interfaith prayer.

-Nelson said that it would still be a religious prayer.

-Kaczmarek said that he doesn't think that Council should shutdown the functions of an ORSO.

-Lawson said that he thinks that since they are an ORSO they should be funded and not assumed guilty until something is heard to the contrary.

-Kaczmarek moved and Wynn seconded to approve the Contingency allocations.

-McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Samahang Pilipino

Requested: \$7,145.84

Recommended: \$1,550.00

FiCom recommended \$1,550.00 for graphics for the Pilipino Graduation, June 14, 2002

Pacific Islands Students Association

Requested: \$300.00

Recommended: \$172.00

FiCom recommended \$172.00 for transportation for PIER Site Visits, June 3-5,2003.

Project WILD/CSC

Requested: \$1,168.76

Recommended: \$295.00

FiCom recommended \$295.00 for facilities for the Project WILD Director's Retreat.

USA External Vice President**Requested:** \$2,310.00**Recommended:** \$462.00

FiCom recommended \$462.00 for Advertising for the EVP's 2003-2004 staff recruitment.

Student Welfare Commission**Requested:** \$1,268.75**Recommended:** \$0

FiCom did not recommend any funding for SWC's Newsletter, Total Wellness, because the application did not meet the necessary requirements.

The Juggling Club/UniCamp**Requested:** \$350.00**Recommended:** \$150.00

FiCom recommended \$150.00 for Facilities for the May 30, 2003 "Juggling for Charity" event.

Campus Events Commission**Requested:** \$26,500.00**Recommended:** \$2,800.00

FiCom recommended \$2,800.00 for Honorarium for their End of the Year Celebration on May 29, 2003.

Muslim Students Association**Requested:** \$824.00**Recommended:** \$224.00

FiCom recommended \$200.00 for Honorarium and \$24.00 for Graphics for the Interfaith Friday Prayer event on June 6, 2003.

Campus Events Commission**Requested:** \$1,000.00**Recommended:** \$400.00

FiCom recommended \$200.00 for transportation and \$200.00 for Honorarium for the David Kitt Show on May 26, 2003

Political Science Student Association**Requested:** \$12,462.00**Recommended:** \$1,860.87

FiCom recommended \$1,860.87 for Facilities for the Political Science Commencement on June 15, 2003

Asian Pacific Coalition**Requested:** \$8,818.60**Recommended:** \$1,566.60

FiCom recommended \$1,116.60 for Graphics and \$300.00 for Advertising for the Asian Pacific Islander Graduation on June 15, 2003

UCLA Hunger Project**Requested:** \$344.00**Recommended:** \$172.00

FiCom recommended \$172.00 for Transportation for Food Salvage Site Visits to P.A.T.H., May 27 and 28, and June 3 and 4, 2003.

Muslim Students Association**Requested:** \$858.21**Recommended:** \$358.21

FiCom recommended \$100.00 for Honorarium, \$64.00 for Graphics and \$194.21 for Supplies for MSA's End of the Year Banquet on June 4, 2003

Finance Committee**Requested:** \$500.00**Recommended:** \$500.00

FiCom recommended \$500.00 for Honorarium for a Web site developer to develop an online database and application process for the Contingency Fund.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President

- McKesity said that she has been meeting with Council members. She said that budget workshops are approaching. She also said that the JazzReggae Festival was a lot of fun.
- McLaren said that the location of tomorrow's Budget Workshop has been changed, and will not be held in the Viewpoint Conference Room.

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho said that according to the responses he had received on the Council members' availability to participate in the USAC Retreat during the summer, the weekend of July 19th and 20th seems to be the best.
- Gaulton said that he will be busy on the 18th and 19th.
- McKesity said that they would try to have a final date ready for the next meeting.

External Vice President

- Kaczmarek said that USSA had held a meeting the previous weekend. He said that the USSA is the nation's oldest and largest student organization. He said that it was founded in 1947 and is the only student organization officially recognized by the US Congress. He said that UCLA was a near founding member. He said that there are 40 board members, 5 of which are from UCLA. He said that it is organized into regions and that he is vice chair of the Golden State region. He said that USSA deals with grassroots issues that are decided on at a national conference. He said that they discussed the Michigan Affirmative Action Case and the Texas Sodomy Laws. He said that they did a lot of strategizing and that it went well.

General Representative – Joshua Lawson

- Lawson said that ARC had developed criteria for their ARC interviews. He said that he had copies of his notes on the criteria for Council.
- Palma/Saracho said that the criteria have not been finalized yet.
- Lawson said that he thought that they were final. He said that he will bring back any changes made.

IX. Old Business

- There was no New Business this week.

VIII. New Business

***USAC Resolution on Ending Subcontracted Labor at UCLA**

- Gurrola said that he was present on behalf of Conciencia Libre in support of the workers on the UCLA campus that are currently subcontracted. He said that they receive no benefits, health care or job security. He said that they are here to ask for USAC assistance.
- Cruz said that he has worked for UCLA parking for four years. He said that the workers came to USAC for support because they get no benefits.
- Arias said that he has worked for parking for three years. He said that he currently makes \$7.30 and hour. He said that a year ago he only got a \$0.15 raise.
- Cizundia said that he feels that the policy here at UCLA for subcontracted workers is unfair. He said that he would like USAC to support their cause.
- Gurrola said that UCLA has taken anti-union action. He said that one worker was suspended for wearing a union button and another one was written up.
- Lawson asked if the workers had any union.
- Gurrola said that that is part of what they're working for.
- Kozak moved and Kaczmarek seconded to approve the USAC Resolution on Ending Subcontracted Labor at UCLA.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Husse-Jerome asked if resolutions could be brought to Council members before the meetings in the future. She said that she would have liked to put more than just a vote into this cause.
- Lawson said that he would also have appreciated seeing the resolution before the meeting. He said that he would also appreciate it if Council avoided editorial language in the future.
- DerManuelian asked if there was a specific number that could be added to the fifth paragraph.
- Eastman said that there were 100 workers from the food services, maintenance and janitorial departments.
- DerManuelian asked if that number could be added.
- Kozak amended her motion, and Kaczmarek accepted the change, to specify 100 ASUCLA workers in the fifth paragraph.
- Lawson asked what could be done in addition to the resolution, to help the workers.
- Gurrola said that Council could help the workers in contacting the Chancellor.
- McKesey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion, as amended, with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Kozak moved and Husse seconded to publish the USAC Resolution on Ending Subcontracted Labor at UCLA in the Friday, May 30th issue of the Daily Bruin.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- DerManuelian said that half page articles are the standard size. He said that it is ultimately Council's decision though.
- Kozak said she would prefer a full page.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the motion, as amended, with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- McLaren said that, in order for the resolution to run on Friday, May 30th, the approved Purchase Order for the advertisement would need to be delivered to the Daily Bruin no later than noon tomorrow, May 28th.
- Kaczmarek moved and Wynn seconded to authorize McKesey to write a letter to Chancellor Carnesale on behalf of Council about this situation.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Lawson said that he didn't feel it would be appropriate to vote on that motion. He said that the President already represents Council. He said that she already has that authority.

X. Announcements

- Levi said that they had finished setting up the base budget applications. He said that the mandatory budget workshops are tomorrow and Thursday.
- Palma/Saracho said that this weekend is the 10-year commemoration of the hunger strike that helped to establish the Cesar Chavez Center for Chicana/Chicano Studies. He said that the commemoration would be in Schoenberg Hall.

-Lam said that the Asian Pacific Heritage Month festival is being held in De Neve Plaza tonight at 9:30 pm.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XIII. Adjournment

-Lawson moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 12 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker