

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday July 22, 2003  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Schreiber, Tuttle, Wynn

ABSENT: Eastman, Gaulton, Grace, Lawson, Saldaña

GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Paul Marian, John Vu

- I. A. Call to Order
  - McKesey called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
  - Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - Husse-Jerome and Kozak asked to be added to Officer and Member Reports.
  - Lam asked to have a report added after the discussion of the USAC Retreat under New Business.
  - McKesey 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
  - \*May 27, 2003**
  - \*June 3, 2003**
  - Referring to page 6 of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes Kaczmarek said he never withdrew his motion.
  - Wynn moved and Chiang seconded to approve the Minutes from May 27, 2003 as amended, and June 24, 2003 as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
  - There were no Special Presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
  - There were no Appointments this week.
- VI. Budget Review Committee
  - Bukirin said that the BRC received 74 applications for Base Budget funding. She said that they just finished the hearings and would be submitting their recommendations to Council at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- VII. Fund Allocations
  - \*Contingency**
  - Chen said that the deadline for Summer Contingency is July 16<sup>th</sup>. She said that one of the requests this week was discussed at the previous meeting. She said that she talked to a representative from the Panhellenic Council and was told that they have not begun printing their booklets yet. She said that she was told that the printing costs are the most

important to them. She said that they will not be printing the booklets until August. She said that the Summer cap on printing is \$700. She said there is a correction for the Sigma Pi recommendation. She said that it should read \$100 for Registration and \$600 for Travel for a total of \$700.

-Nelson asked if Chen was satisfied with her discussion with the Panhellenic Council.

-Schreiber asked if they would be including Paid for by USAC in their booklets.

-Chen said they told her that it would be in there.

-Kaczmarek moved and Chiang seconded to approve the Fund Allocations, as amended, including a \$700 allocation to the Panhellenic Council for Printing.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

#### **USA President**

**Requested: \$800.00**

**Recommended: \$700.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$700.00 for the partial costs of Supplies for the USAC Internship Program.

#### **Nikkei Student Union**

**Requested: \$100.00**

**Recommended: \$100.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for the full costs of Facilities for their Summer Staff Retreat.

#### **Sigma Lambda Gamma**

**Requested: \$858.00**

**Recommended: \$698.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$698.00 for the partial costs of Facilities and Registration for their retreat.

#### **Sigma Pi Fraternity**

**Requested: \$1,410.00**

**Recommended: \$700.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$700.00 for the full costs of Registration and the partial costs of Air Travel for the Sigma Pi University event.

#### **Panhellenic Council**

**Requested: \$16,466.39**

**Recommended: \$700.00**

Council approved the allocation of \$700.00 for the partial costs of Printing for the Guide to Greek Life Booklet.

### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

#### **President**

-McKesey said that her office will now have supplies and will no longer need to borrow them from other offices. She said that at the end of the President's office contingency request there is a schedule that outlines the plans for the internship program. She said that anyone with comments should contact her.

#### **External Vice President**

-Kaczmarek said that he would like to introduce his Campus Organizing Director John Vu. He said that he had a few updates. He said that the Regents decided to increase tuition at their last meeting by 25%. He said that they also granted President Atkinson the discretionary power to raise fees by another 5% if necessary. He said that they voted down item RE-38,

which would have ended university sponsorship of any ethnic or sexual orientation related events. He said that three Regents did vote in favor of RE-38. He said that he also has an update on the progress of the recall of Governor Gray Davis. He said that, as of last night, 988,116 signatures had been collected and of those 390,759 had been verified. He said that they will need about 850,000 verified signatures to succeed. He said that the recall election could take place as early as September if they are successful.

#### **Financial Supports Commissioner**

-Husse-Jerome said that she has been working on the book-lending program. She said that McLaren has been very helpful in getting things together. She said that her office has received a lot of donations. She said that they have 30 cartons of books from the ASUCLA Book Store.

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner**

-Kozak said that the at the end of the last academic year the Undergraduate Council of the Academic Senate charged the next Undergraduate Council with making the diversity requirement a priority. She said that Council should keep their ears peeled and keep up to date on this debate. She said that she also sits on the CRC and the SIOC, which are putting together a class on alternative admissions. She said that the purpose of the class will be to outline the history of alternative admissions and set up a plan to improve things in the future.

#### **Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson**

-Nelson said that emissaries from the U.S. President's Office have been visiting the UC system. He said that they want to promote the UC system as a set of universities that have diversity without affirmative action. He said that people should be apprehensive about such characterizations. He said that things aren't going as well as people would like everyone to believe. He said believing that race, gender and culture are irrelevant at this point is the equivalent of sticking one's head in the sand. He said that he thinks that some unconscionable things are going on. He said that UCLA, for example, is the only UC without a diversity requirement in one of the most diverse regions in the state.

-McKesey asked what UCs were visited.

-Nelson said that he thinks they visited Berkeley, UCLA, UCR, UCSD and perhaps others.

### IX. Old Business

#### **USAC Retreat: July 25-27**

-Kaczmarek said that he reserved Ackerman 2408 for the Friday sessions of the retreat.

-McKesey said that there is an ASUCLA Board of Directors meeting on Friday at noon. She said that Council will have to adjust the start time of their sessions so that she, Palma/Saracho and Kaczmarek can attend the BOD meeting. She said that Ackerman 3408 is reserved beginning at 3:00 pm but that USAC may not begin until 4:00 pm. She said that they will have dinner delivered and then head up to the retreat location afterwards.

-Nelson said that he gets concerned when students go on retreats into the mountains and don't leave until after dark. He said that it is Council's choice but that he would recommend leaving earlier on Friday then coming back later on Sunday.

-McKesey asked if 2:00 or 2:30 would be early enough to leave on Friday.

-Schreiber said that he won't be able to leave until 3:00 pm.

-Palma/Saracho said that he didn't think that Lawson could be there until late.

-McLaren said that USAC's experience of the past several years has been that the Retreat sessions held on Friday, before leaving, have been unsuccessful. She suggested that Council consider covering those topics at another time and get an early start towards the mountains.

-Wynn said that Gaulton can't leave until 6:00 pm on Friday.

- McKesey said that she wasn't able to get any really good locations for the retreat. She said that they thought they would be able to get the UniCamp site for a discount but that they may not be able to after all.
- Palma/Saracho said that they can get the UniCamp site for \$1,000; but that that is everything they have in the budget for the retreat.
- McKesey asked what would be included.
- Palma/Saracho said that they would provide three vans, meals and the facilities.
- McLaren said the price did not include a breakdown and asked if the food portion included the food itself or just the chef.
- Palma/Saracho said that it would include the food and the chef.
- McLaren said that in the past the Council Members have chipped in for the food. She said that the retreat budget max is \$1,000 including copies, gas and everything else.
- Palma/Saracho said that he would be meeting with the UniCamp director tomorrow to work out the details.
- McKesey said that the UniCamp location is set as their retreat location and that all that is left is negotiating the price. She asked how long it would take to get there.
- McLaren said that it would take about two and a half hours.
- McKesey suggested that they move the agenda back and not leave until 7:00 pm.
- Palma/Saracho said that he recommended that they meet by 6:00 pm to get everything in order so they could leave promptly at 7:00 pm.
- McLaren said that there will be two major factors at play, depending on what time of the day they leave, the dark and the traffic.
- Araiza said that if they leave after 7:00 pm the traffic would not be that bad, but that they should be careful in navigating the mountain roads in the dark.
- McKesey said that they would all meet at 6:00 pm and leave at 7:00 pm.
- Kaczmarek asked if they should eat before they come. He also asked what they would do about their afternoon sessions.
- McKesey said that they can move it around some. She said that they could do some of the Friday sessions on Saturday and some of them at the next USAC meeting. She said that she would like to change the times to having everyone eat first and then meet at 7:00 pm to leave by 7:30 pm.
- Nguyen asked where they would meet.
- McKesey said that they would meet at the Lot 6 turnaround.
- McLaren said that the three UniCamp vans are seven passenger vans, plus the driver. She said that they may need some additional means of transportation.
- Schreiber said that the CSC may be able to lend USAC another van.
- Wynn asked if each Council Member could still bring one guest from their office.
- McKesey said that they can. She asked if everyone would be willing to stay later on Sunday. She said that they would need to push things back about three hours. She said that they would not be able to leave the mountains before 6:00 pm. She said that they should plan on two full days of work and should bring whatever supplies they need.
- McLaren said that they will likely need a sleeping bag, flashlight, toiletries and other common camping items. She said that she had requested a list of the necessities from the UniCamp office.
- McKesey said that she will need everyone's documents for the agenda by tomorrow at 10 am. She said that any supplements need to be in by then as well. She said that they will need to include the Statement of Campus Value and the Description of Purpose and Objectives sections that they prepared for their base budget application.
- Lam said that she and Kozak are preparing a list of the campus campaigns and issues. She asked Council to let them know of any subjects that should be added.
- Husse-Jerome suggested that they add housing costs to the list.

X. New Business

**ASUCLA Budget**

- Kaczmarek said that one of ASUCLA's most pressing issues at this time is their budget. He said that each year they prepare a budget and submit it to the Chancellor for approval. He said that they are required to set out contingency plans in case things do not go according to plan. He said that this year ASUCLA proposed a contingency plan that included one student fee referenda and a contingency plan for the contingency plan that involved several major cuts to ASUCLA services. He said that the Chancellor did not approve their budget. He said that they were running on the idea that they were earning less revenue than they had projected for this year. He said that they now believe that they are earning revenues in excess of their projections. He said that this sudden change has yet to be explained entirely. He said that another issue at hand is that the Student Union Strategic Initiative approved by the BOD last year solicited the input of many campus institutions but failed to seek the input of students. He said that the appointed members of the BOD were the only students involved in the process. He said that he and several fellow Council members would like USAC to become more proactive in dealing with the BOD. He said that they want to develop a committee to engage in broader discussion of the Student Union Strategic Initiative and to report back on these issues to Council. He said that this will encourage broader student consultation. He said that if it is the will of Council this idea will be presented at the next ASUCLA BOD meeting.
- McKeseay said that she would like to work with the GSA and the BOD to review the Student Union Strategic Initiative.
- Chiang asked if the BOD still wants to promote a referendum after they discovered these unexpected revenues.
- Kaczmarek said that they would discuss that on Friday.
- Chiang asked if the proposed committee would make suggestions on the referendum and the ASUCLA budget.
- McKeseay said that they would first make suggestions on alternatives to the referendum, and then make suggestions on the referendum if it is still necessary. She said that they just want everyone to be on the same page.
- McLaren said she thought that this was a wise strategy. She said that it is always best to plan ahead. She said that she did not know if the BOD would decide to propose the referenda now, in light of the recent revenue changes, but that it is always best to be prepared to deal with the issue if they do.
- Chiang asked if a motion is necessary or if the subcommittee can be formed without one.
- McKeseay said that she thinks that a group consensus that this is what Council wants to do would be sufficient.
- Nelson said that he thinks that the lack of a contingency plan for rough times is a major issue here. He said that he would like to see the subcommittee exploring the options of putting some money away for tough times in the future.
- Tuttle said that he would be remiss if he didn't raise the following question. He asked if having the student members of the BOD involved in this subcommittee would mean having a majority of the voting members of the BOD present. He said that if a majority of the voting members of the BOD are present then they may need to act in accordance with the open meeting act. He said that by majority he means enough people to approve a measure during a regular BOD meeting. He said that he would stress caution in making sure that all rules are observed. He said that he would also recommend that they look into why ASUCLA's revenue figures are so erratic. He said that they should check to see if there is a history of that sort of thing. He said that if there is a volatile history of revenues it may be due to the nature of their financing. He said that that would be useful information to know.
- McLaren suggested that they read the Student Union Strategic Initiative to determine whether its components are something that the students would be willing to support through passage of a referendum.

- Palma/Saracho said that he would also recommend that Nguyen attend the committee meetings since facilities space will be affected by this initiative.
- Kaczmarek said that the BOD Bylaws state that in order to have quorum there has to be at least one non-student present.
- Tuttle said that there may still be a problem if the 6 student votes alone can approve an action, assuming quorum does exist. In other words if it is assumed that all of the members of the BOD were present at a meeting and the 6 votes cast by student BOD members alone would be enough to pass an action, there could still be a problem.

## XI. Announcements

- Wynn said that there will be a subcommittee meeting tonight. She said that USAC will also have a table at the ORL Welcome Week Fair.

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

## XIII. Adjournment

- Palma/Saracho moved and Lam seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

## XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza  
USAC Minutes Taker