

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday September 16, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Schreiber

ABSENT: Eastman, Grace, Lawson, Palma/Saracho, Saldaña, Tuttle, Wynn

GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Zara Bukirin, Brian Neesby, Janina Montero, Joseph Vardner

- I. A. Call to Order
 - McKesey called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Schreiber, Gaulton, Chiang and Chen asked to be added to the Officer and Member Report section.
 - ~~-Schreiber moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.~~
 - ~~-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
 - There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - Diversity Requirement**
 - Kozak said that she wanted to walk Council through the history of the Diversity Requirement. She said that the idea of having a Diversity Requirement was started in 1985, when an Assemblywoman introduced a bill that would require the UC system to examine the diversity of their curriculum. She said that it took a student hunger strike at UCSB to create the first real Diversity Requirement at one of the UCs. She said that many schools adopted such a requirement after that and that all of the UCs, except UCLA, now have one. She said that the first attempt to institute a Diversity Requirement at UCLA was shot down. She said that the second attempt was made in 1992 and was also shot down. She said that, instead of approving the Diversity Requirement, the Academic Senate passed three resolutions. She said that these resolutions encouraged students to try to engage in a multi-cultural education, encouraged teachers to create or change courses to make the curriculum more diverse, and requested annual reports on the diversity of the curriculum. She said that this initiative had little effect in the long run. She said in 2001 the issue of the Diversity Requirement reemerged. She said that the Academic Senate that year agreed to look at the issue the following year. She said that last year a subcommittee on the issue was formed and created a proposal. She said that the proposal required one course that could be selected from among a large number of courses at the university. She said that this year the Academic Affairs Commission has come up with a preliminary draft of a new proposal for the requirement. She said that it would require two courses, one on American diversity and the second on global diversity.

- McKesey asked what is happening now.
- Kozak said that they are currently working with the faculty to gain their support. She said that they are also educating the campus. She said that they hope to put on an Academic Empowerment Week.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- Chen said that there are two applications for Council's approval this week and that she had made one discretionary allocation.
- Schreiber moved and Chiang seconded to approve the Fund Allocation to Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity in the amount of \$530.00.
- McKesey 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.
- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Fund Allocation to the Zeta Psi Fraternity in the amount of \$476.00.
- 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.

Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity

Requested: \$1,230.00

Recommended; \$530.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$200 for Graphics and \$300 for Advertising for Fall Recruitment, 9/22/03 – 10/01/03.

Zeta Psi Fraternity

Requested: \$1,315.50

Recommended: \$476.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$476.00 for Advertising for Fall Recruitment, 9/22/03 – 10/01/03

Vietnamese Student Union

Requested: \$300.00

Recommended: \$300.00

Chen recommended an allocation of \$300 for Facilities for the VSU Retreat, September 12-14, in compliance with her discretionary authorization in the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

External Vice President

- Kaczmarek said that the Chancellor has agreed to send out two emails to the students on registering to vote and on Proposition 54. He said that there would be a press conference tomorrow in which UC President Atkinson and Chancellor Dynes would voice their objections to Proposition 54. He said that UCSA had held a meeting over the past weekend. He said that the Immigrant Worker Freedom Ride would begin this weekend. He said that he would be going to San Francisco tonight for the Regents' meeting. He said that the founder of the United Farm Workers was recently appointed to the Board of Regents and would serve until her term expires in March.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said the SWC had a staff retreat and decided on a few things that they hope to do during the next year, one of which is to work with the Facilities Commissioner to put on a campus safety program.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Gaulton said that there would be a Bad Religion and Zion-I concert on Sunday in Pauley Pavilion. He said that after the concert there would be four movies playing at different locations on campus. He said that he has also been contacted by CNN and they are interested in bringing Crossfire to campus.

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that the Community Service Carnival would now be on September 30th. He said that the Community Service Commission currently sponsors 20 projects and that there may be up to 5 new projects added to the commission this year.
 -Chiang asked if they are new projects, or if they are projects that have never been sponsored before.
 -Schreiber said that some are completely new, but they all are new to UCLA as organizations.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said that he has been busy. He said that his office had another UCLA Vote 2003 meeting and that they are planning to hold several voter registration events. He said that there would be voter registration training on Friday and probably on Sunday. He said that he also attended the ASUCLA Student Union Strategic Initiative (SUSI) meeting with Kaczmarek and McKesey. He said that National Coming Out week would begin the day before the election.

President

-McKesey said that she would be making a speech at the Freshman Convocation. She said that her office is also working on getting T-Shirts for Welcome Week. She said that they are trying to get a full-page ad in the Daily Bruin for voter registration. She said that she is working on getting food for the USAC Open House. She said that the USAC presentation to the Office of Residential Life went very well. She said that the SUSI meeting was very productive and helped establish grounds for communication among GSA, USAC and the ASUCLA Board of Directors. She said that they delved into the issues addressed in USAC's resolution about SUSI. She said the group recommended that the Board's Services Committee revisit SUSI and address some of the concerns that the students had raised. She said that she had met with Bob Naples on Monday. She said that her office would be having a staff retreat next Saturday and that she hopes to finalize a lot of things there.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that he would like to say that the students who are planning the orientation events are doing a great job. He said that he would like to see as large a turnout as possible at the concert in Pauley Pavilion.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports

Connectivity Committee

-Lam said that USAC will have a table at the OCHC Welcome Week Fair. She said that the shifts will be an hour and half each.

IX. Old Business

-There was no Old Business at this meeting.

X. New Business

***Welcome Week Update**

-Tuttle asked if an email could be sent to all of the students about Welcome Week activities.

-McKeseey said she thought that would be a good idea.

-Gaulton said that Campus Events has a pop-up on their website about it. He suggested that Council get one placed on My.UCLA.

-Palma/Saracho said he was hoping that they could update the calendar. He said that many dates have changed. He said that he would do it but that he needs the new dates.

-Tripathi said that he was there from the OCHC. He said he wanted to talk to USAC about the priorities that OCHC has for working with USAC. He said that during the first quarter they want to increase their involvement with USAC. He said that OCHC would like USAC to come out and participate in their events. He said that they would like to have a USAC panel early in the year. He said that that would be the perfect opportunity to get students involved.

-McKeseey asked if it would be too late for USAC to participate in the Res Fest.

-Tripathi said that it shouldn't be a problem.

-Palma/Saracho said that the Open House orientation would be from 6 pm to 8 pm on Thursday.

***Student Advocacy Collective (SAC)**

-Palma/Saracho said that the SAC is a way for USAC to come together with student groups. He said that he would like the SAC meetings to be incorporated into the USAC meetings. He said that he would like to have the first Collective meeting on September 30th in place of the USAC meeting. He said that it is a way to have a dialog with the groups and present the action items for the year.

-McKeseey said that she would like everyone to attend., and that she would like to hold the meeting in some place other than 417 Kerckhoff so they could accommodate more people.

-Lam said that everything is booked.

-McKeseey asked if they had tried to book a classroom.

-Kozak said that classrooms can be used only after third week.

-McKeseey said that there must be an option.

-Chen asked if the Resident Halls could be used.

-McKeseey said that Council would have to work on it.

-Chen asked if they would be rescheduling the Council meeting.

-Palma/Saracho said that he hoped that USAC could finalize most of their issues during Zero Week so they could cancel the September 30th USAC meeting.

-Chen said that might create a problem with the Contingency Requests.

-McKeseey said that they could have a short USAC meeting before the Collective meeting.

-Chen suggested that they could hold the SAC meeting from 5 pm –7 pm and the USAC meeting at 7 pm.

-Palma/Saracho said he thought that would be fine.

XI. Announcements

-Gaulton said that he attended the City in the Village meeting last week. He said that it consists of older people trying to reach college students. He said that it may be something Council would like to be involved with. He said that it may be helpful to bring a different viewpoint to the meetings.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XIII. Adjournment

-Chiang moved and Nguyen seconded to adjourn the meeting. McKeseey asked if there were any objections to adjourning the meeting by consent. There being no objections the meeting was adjourned by consent at 7:22 pm.

FINAL

APPROVED: November 25, 2003

XIV. Good and Welfare
Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza, USAC Minutes Taker