

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday September 30, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Eastman, Gaulton, Grace

GUESTS: Manaka Fernando, David Kute, Hsinling Hsieh, Hugh Carlson, Brian Neesby, Marie Imwinkelried, Amy Lucas

I. A. Call to Order

-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Chiang, Husse-Jerome, Lam and Schreiber asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Kaczmarek asked that a USAC Resolution in Support of Associated Students of the University of California Regarding Funding of Proposition 54 Voter Education be added under New Business as an action item.

-McKesey said that there would be a Special Presentation about Falun Gong.

-Kaczmarek said that he would like to make a Special Presentation on the UCSA and USSA Annual Congresses.

-McKesey said that a Programming Fund Committee Appointment would be added under New Business as an Action Item.

-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

Falun Gong

-Kute said that his club had drafted a letter to President Bush regarding the state of human rights in China. He said that in 2002 he traveled to China and was arrested. He said that he was kicked in the head and held for 24 hours. He said that after that he was finally sent home. He said that that was just his experience. He said that the letter discusses the poor state of human rights in China.

-McKesey asked what the Falun Gong Club would like Council to do.

-Kute said that they would appreciate it if Council would act as a co-signer on the letter.

-McKesey said that Council would read over the letter and vote on it at the next meeting.

UCSA and USSA Annual Congresses

-Kaczmarek said that from July 29th through August 4th several students attended the USSA Congress. He said that they sat through several workshops and at the end of the week

everyone decided on the USSA Action Plan for the year. He said that four students from UCLA were elected to the USSA Board that week. He said that they were Lana Shamma, John Vu, Anica McKesey and himself. He said that Lana Shamma was elected Chair of the Golden Pacific Region and John Vu was elected Vice-Chair of that same region. He said that McKesey was elected the Vice-Chair of the People of African Descent Caucus. He said that he was elected Chair of the State and Systems Student Association Coalition and that that position will place him on the Executive Board of USSA.

- Kaczmarek said that several other people also attended the UCSA Congress in August. He said that that Congress also resulted in the adoption of an action agenda.
- Lam said that she attended both Congresses and that they gave her a broader perspective on what is done not only at the Council table but also on the state and national level. She said that USSA helps to push common goals nationally and that she was happy that UCLA students could add their perspective. She said that the UCSA Congress helped the students to build connections with the other UCs. She said that she learned a great deal during the two congresses.
- McKesey said that she also learned a great deal from the two congresses. She said that she especially learned a great deal about Roberts Rules of Order. She said that she was able to make a presentation, at the USSA Congress, about the history of affirmative action in California. She said that she spoke about things such as the work of the students under Kandea Mosley, former USAC President, and the eventual repeal of SP-1 and SP-2. She said that she was able to meet many students from many different states. She said that at the UCSA Congress she gave a presentation on Student Initiated Outreach. She said that both congresses were a lot of fun. She said that she definitely sees the need to prioritize USAC's relations with USSA and UCSA.
- Chen said that she went to the UCSA Congress. She said that she believes that it is imperative that USAC continue their relationship with UCSA. She said that it is an organization composed of graduate and undergraduate students from across the state. She said that the organization helps the campuses work together. She said that while at the UCSA congress she was able to attend several workshops. She said that the congress gave her an opportunity to share her ideas.
- Kaczmarek said that he hopes that everyone got a better understanding of USSA and UCSA.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to approve funding Samahang Pilipino in the amount of \$320.70.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve funding for Samahang Pilipino with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Schreiber moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve funding the United Cambodian Students in the amount of \$200.00.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve funding for the United Cambodian Students with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Lawson moved and Saldaña seconded to approve funding the Cultural Affairs Commission in the amount of \$500.00.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve funding for the Cultural Affairs Commission with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Samahang Pilipino**Requested: \$515.86****Recommended: \$320.70**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$320.70 for the partial costs of Graphics and Supplies and the full cost of Graphics for the Welcome Reception on October 2nd.

United Cambodian Students**Requested: \$300.00****Recommended: \$200.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for their Fall Retreat from October 10th to the 12th.

Cultural Affairs Commission**Requested: \$3000.00****Recommended: \$500.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$500.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for the Art of Rice Traveling Theater on October 2nd.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports**Community Service Commissioner and Student Welfare Commissioner**

-Schreiber said that he and Chiang would give their reports together as both reports are about the same event. He said that the CSC, SWC and CEC had put on the Community Service Carnival today. He said that a lot of people signed up to do community service.

-Chiang said that over 30 groups were represented. She said that any group that does community service was welcome to attend. She said that there were a few technical difficulties but that everything worked out fine.

-Schreiber said that he hopes that more events like this are put on in the future.

-Chiang said that this event works very well as a model for other large programs.

General Representative – Linda Lam

-Lam said that the National Coming Out Week and concert plans are coming along well. She said that Jesse Jackson will be coming to campus to speak. She said that she also made a banner for the open house with Saldaña.

Financial Supports Commissioner

-Husse-Jerome said that she has been working on the booklending program. She said that it is going very well. She said that she is working with the ASUCLA BOD to expand the program. She said that over the summer the number of books in the program doubled. She said that they have more than 700 books now, and they are adding resources on where to obtain donated books. She asked that Council tell her about anyone they know of who needs books.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said that the event next Monday will begin at 11:30. He said that there will then be a concert at 12:30 and that after that Jesse Jackson would be speaking. He said that it should be great. He said that the newsletter is coming along. He said that the USAC Open House would be tomorrow. He said that he submitted a letter to ASUCLA Catering asking them to donate food for the Open House. He said that he just got out of the Student Advocacy Collective and that it went well. He said that about five or six organizations were represented there. He said that he has a calendar for organizations to post the events that they have coming up.

President

-McKesey said that she was on a panel last Thursday for the International Visitors Bureau where she talked about diversity. She said that afterwards she gave a tour of the campus. She said that she also attended a meeting of the UCLA Foundation and met a number of the people who are part of that organization.

-McKesey said that everyone needs to start preparing for the USAC Open House. She said that everyone needs to be in their offices by 2:30pm so that the food can be delivered. She said that they should try to keep their offices clean. She said that Council Members need to meet in Kerckhoff 131 by 3:45pm.

-Chiang said that she is not sure that she can be there before 4:00pm.

-Wynn said that she will not be able to attend the open house.

-Lawson said that he has class until 5:30 on that day.

-Nguyen said that she had a class that doesn't end until 6:00pm.

-McKesey asked if the Council Members who could not be there themselves could arrange to have their chief-of-staff in the office. In addition, she said that all Council members would need to have a second person in their office from 5:00 to 7:00pm to talk with visitors, and tell them about the Internship Program.

-Schreiber said that there is a Community Service program going on at that time. He said that he may not be able to find a second person to be in his office.

-Chiang said that she also may have trouble finding someone to staff her office at that time, but she would try.

-McKesey said that people will be giving out popcorn on the steps of Kerckhoff starting at 3:00pm. She said that at 4:00pm they would be giving an Overview of USAC. She said that Councilmembers would be giving tours of Kerckhoff, beginning at 5:00pm. She said that, since the Council members are giving the tours, there would have to be someone from each Councilmember's staff in each office.

-Chiang asked if all 13 of the Council Members would be giving tours.

-McKesey said that would depend on the number of students that show up.

-Husse-Jerome said that she thought she could find someone to be in her office but that she wasn't sure.

-Lawson said that there would be someone in his office after 5:30pm.

-McKesey said that everyone should let her know if they will be there by 3:00 tomorrow.

-McKesey said that internship applications are available and that she would like each Council member to try to sign up five interns.

IX. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business**UCSA Action Agenda Items**

-Kaczmarek said that UCLA played a significant role in setting UCSA's agenda of action items because they had the largest number of delegates. He cited the action items as: (1) to highlight the need to fund schools and not prisons; (2) to preserve student-initiated outreach; and (3) to promote sustainability.

-Kaczmarek moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the UCSA Action Agenda Items.

-McKesey 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.

USSA Action Agenda Items

-Kaczmarek said that UCLA also had a great deal of influence in the creation of the USSA Action Agenda Items. He said that they were: (1) to promote immigrant rights; (2) to promote the

Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act; and (3) to encourage students to vote by supporting the Get Out the Vote program.

-Kaczmarek moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the USSA Action Agenda Items.

-McKesey 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.

Approval of the UCSA Budget

-Kaczmarek said that UCSA has prepared a budget for the year. He said that the UCSA's fiscal year ends on October 1st and that the new budget would take effect at that time. He said that now is the time for each of the UC's student councils to ratify the budget. He said that there are no major differences except that UCSA received a grant for education about Proposition 54. He said that they decreased the funding for unallocated conferences and increased the funding for the Students of Color Conference. He said that UCLA's contribution is higher because their donation to UCSA is referendum based.

-Kaczmarek moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the UCSA Budget as submitted.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion.

-Husse-Jerome said that she received an email saying that GSA would be giving only half of the contribution that is included in the budget. She asked if that would affect the budget.

-Kaczmarek said that he believed that GSA would be contributing the full amount as listed in the UCSA budget.

-McLaren said it was her understanding that the GSA's contribution is also referendum based. She said, according to her information, the referendum states that \$0.25 per student per Quarter is to be contributed to UCSA automatically, but that the remaining \$.025 per student per Quarter is to be contributed to UCSA only if GSA takes affirmative action to do so.

-Husse-Jerome asked, if the information she received was confirmed, how would it affect UCSA's budget.

-Kaczmarek said that the budget always changes throughout the year. He said that the potential loss of \$7,000 would probably be easily absorbed in a budget of \$300,000.

-Lawson said that if GSA decides not to give the other \$0.25, UCSA's budget would be in deficit.

-Kaczmarek said that there is a strong indication that GSA will give the full amount to UCSA. He said further that he believed once GSA collects the money, they would be required to give it to UCSA.

-Lawson asked if the contribution from undergraduate students was coming out of student fees or out of the EVP office.

-Kaczmarek said that UCLA's contribution to UCSA from undergraduates is funded through a specified referendum.

-Tuttle said that it is very important that UCSA remain robust. He said that there are not infinite resources in California. He said that it is important that there be a well funded organization to represent student interests.

-There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the UCSA Budget with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Resolution in Support of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride

-Kaczmarek said that this resolution is based on the presentation that was given at a prior meeting. He said the resolution establishes this issue as one of USAC's priorities.

-Kaczmarek moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion.

-McKesey said that she received an email saying that a bus full of immigrants and a UCLA student had been detained in Texas. She said that she will be writing a letter in support of the concept of the freedom ride and in support of the students on the bus.

-Palma/Saracho said that this resolution would mean a lot to people who are making sacrifices everyday here. He said that it is beneficial to know how UCLA feels.

- Chiang asked why the people were detained.
- Kozak said that they were held up at an INS checkpoint. She said that a lot of the riders were undocumented workers. She said that this is a very important event. She said that a lot of unions are supporting the event. She said that it is becoming a large social movement.
- Tuttle said that this event has a particular connection to UCLA and Los Angeles, and suggested that Council might consider inviting the participants to return to Council and make a report on their experiences.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Kaczmarek moved and Lawson seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in the Daily Bruin as a one-fourth page advertisement on October 3rd.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion to publish the Resolution with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

USAC Resolution in Support of Associated Students of the University of California Regarding Funding of Proposition 54 Voter Education

- Kaczmarek said that he submitted this resolution to Council. He said that the Graduate Assembly at Berkeley allocated money to be spent on voter education on Proposition 54. He said that someone took it to the administration, and the administration said that the money could not be spent. He said that many administrators have taken action to prevent spending on Proposition 54 related issues. He said that this resolution reaffirms that the administration should not dictate what is educational. He said that this situation has been made worse by the fact that the UC Office of the President has not yet released the final policy on student fees. He said that Council should send the message that they support the UC Berkeley students.
- Kaczmarek moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the USAC Resolution in Support of Associated Students of the University of California Regarding Funding of Proposition 54 Voter Education.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Lawson asked if the program was viewpoint neutral.
- Kaczmarek said that programs do not have to be viewpoint neutral. He said that only the funding process has to be viewpoint neutral. He said that means that if students sponsor a No on 54 program, they must include information in favor of Proposition 54.
- Nelson said that the decision was made to help spread money around to conservative groups. He said that it will be interesting to see how this turns out.
- Kaczmarek said that it should be mentioned that UCLA's administration has always been a firm supporter of student fee autonomy.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the USAC Resolution in Support of Associated Students of the University of California Regarding Funding of Proposition 54 Voter Education.

Programming Fund Committee Appointment

- McKesey said that Tutram Nguyen was approved last week to serve as a member of the Programming Fund Committee for Fall Quarter. She said that her second nominee to that committee was Nelson Saldaña.
- Tuttle asked if this appointment was being made without notice.
- McKesey said that notice of the appointment process was given last week, but that no notice was given of the appointee.
- Tuttle said that they could go ahead and take the vote, but that the option to hold off on the issue and return to it later is open.
- McLaren said that since the Programming Fund Committee is an internal committee, primarily comprised of elected Council Members, the President has historically asked that officers

who have the time and interest to serve on the Programming Committee notify her so she can officially appoint them.

-Palma/Saracho moved and Kozak seconded to appoint Saldaña to the Programming Fund Committee.

-McKesey 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.

XI. Announcements

-Wynn said that the Art of RiceTheater would be performing on October 3rd.

-Saldaña said that the Samahang Pilipino Welcome Reception was coming up. He said that all Council members are invited and will be able to introduce themselves at that event.

-Palma/Saracho said that National Coming Out Week would be next week. He said that the LGBT Center will be holding an official opening of its new office in the Student Activities Center during the week.

-Kozak said that tomorrow there would be a rally, at noon, against Proposition 54.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XIII. Adjournment

-Lawson moved and Kaczmarek seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker