

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 7, 2003  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, Lawson, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Saldaña, Schreiber, Tuttle
- ABSENT: Eastman, Grace, Wynn
- GUESTS: Melody Hanatani, Nancy Greenstein, Maggy Athanasious, Dria Fearn, Emmanuel Martinez, Yousef Tajsar, David Kute, Hsinling Hsieh
- I. A. Call to Order  
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet  
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda  
-Kozak and Gaulton asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.  
-McKesey said that the item entitled "J-Board Opinion on USAC Presidential Appointee Accountability Guidelines" should be changed from an Action Item to a Discussion Item.  
-Kaczmarek said that the four undergraduate representatives of the ASUCLA Board of Directors would be making a Special Presentation.  
-Palma/Saracho said that Nancy Greenstein, UCPD Community Relations Officer, would also like to make a Special Presentation.  
-Chiang moved and Kaczmarek 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 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes  
-There were no minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations  
**UCPD**  
-Nancy Greenstein, UCPD Community Service Director, said that she was sure that most of Council was aware of the situation that occurred in Kerckhoff Hall on Sunday night. She continued by stating that, on Sunday night, a UCPD officer was doing a routine foot patrol and went into the second floor study lounge in Kerckhoff Hall. She said that the study lounges are for the use of UCLA students, faculty and staff, but that it is not unusual to find a transient there. She said that officers ask any unauthorized people to leave, and that they usually do. She said that, in this case, the person in question had no campus affiliation and, when asked to leave, went for the officer's baton. She said things then escalated and, during a struggle, the transient was shot. She said that, in accordance with standard procedures, the LAPD was called in to review the crime scene. Regarding the condition of the transient, Greenstein reported that a representative of the UCLA Medical Center had notified UCPD that the transient was expected to make a full

recovery. She said that the transient had been charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

- Saldaña asked why the Ackerman and Kerckhoff security people were not patrolling.
- Greenstein said that they patrol as well but that it was a UCPD officer who found the transient.
- Kozak asked if it is normal for the UCPD to enter campus buildings while on patrol.
- Greenstein said that it is. She said that is a part of keeping the campus safe.
- Kozak asked what the normal protocol for this sort of situation is.
- Greenstein said that they ask to see some form of I.D. If the person has no form of I.D., or if the I.D. does not prove any affiliation with the University, the person is asked to leave the area. She said that, in such instances, people usually choose to leave.
- Nelson said that the walkways and byways on campus are open to the general public but that the buildings are not open to people not affiliated with the campus.
- Chiang said that she appreciates the UCPD patrols. She said that the article in the Daily Bruin stated that the name of the officer had not been released, and she asked why it had not been.
- Greenstein said that the name of the officer has now been released. She said his name was not released at first because the condition of the officer was not known at that time.
- Emmanuel Martinez asked if every officer on patrol carries a handgun.
- Greenstein said that they do. She said that UCPD officers have the same standing as any other state police force. She said that ASUCLA's security guards do not carry guns.
- Palma/Saracho asked if it was a general policy that people not affiliated with the campus could not be in the buildings. He asked if there was a certain time after which this policy goes into effect.
- Nelson said that the University closes when classes end. He said that the only people allowed in study lounges are people with a Bruin Card. He said that UCLA is a small city and that the health and safety of the community have to be maintained. He said that unfortunate things have occurred.
- Husse-Jerome asked if the UCPD plans to review its policies in light of this incident.
- Greenstein said that they reappraise their policies on a regular basis. She said that their job is to keep students safe. She said that some very scary people have been arrested on or around campus. She said that they are mostly arrested for theft, but that subsequent background checks often show that they have been involved in more serious crimes. She said that she is always available to meet with anyone who wishes to discuss such matters. She said that this was an incident in which the officer was apparently severely at risk.
- McLaren said that Kerckhoff is a special building that rarely closes down entirely. She said that a lot of people have access to it that probably shouldn't have. She said that over the years there have been several incidents.
- Palma/Saracho asked if the UCPD was considering any other measures.
- Greenstein said that they would like to do as much bike and foot patrolling as their resources allow. She closed by saying that they UCPD is open to any and all suggestions, and reiterated her earlier invitation for the students to contact her with any questions or comments they have.

#### **ASUCLA Board of Directors – Presentation by Undergraduate Representatives**

- Athanassios said that the undergraduate representatives to the ASUCLA Board of Directors had attended the meeting to introduce themselves to USAC members and to give them some information on each of their Board responsibilities. She began by stating that the Board meets once a month. She said that she currently is the Chairperson of the Board and, in that capacity, she also serves on the Executive Committee. She said that the Executive Committee, which also meets once a month, the agenda for the Board meeting and acts on behalf of the Board in between meetings. She said she also sits on the Entities Committee, which was formed due to the concerns of USAC. She said that the Entities Committee consists of USAC officers, GSA Officers and representatives of student media. She said that the purpose of the committee is to increase communication among ASUCLA's four

entities. She said that that Entities Committee meets once per quarter. She said that, after discussing the Student Union Strategic Initiative (SUSI), the Entities Committee decided that it should go back to the Services Committee to be reevaluated. She said that now the Entities Committees is mainly there to address concerns.

- Yousef Tajsar said that he is a member of the Leadership Committee, which is meant to bring together entities from all over ASUCLA to develop leadership. He said that the committee is in a sort of pilot program right now and that they are running a set of workshops to discuss various leadership issues.
- Emmanuel Martinez said that he is a member of the Finance Committee. He said that the Finance Committee reviews the income statements that they receive monthly. He said that they also review the internal audits of ASUCLA.
- Dria Fearn said that she is on the Services Committee, which oversees all of the services offered by ASUCLA. She said that they are currently reviewing SUSI. She said that they are looking at Waiver Pool Guidelines and are also addressing the procedures for bringing an item before the committee. She said they have also added a public comment period at the end of the meeting. Fearn said she also sits on the Personnel Committee which meets in Executive Session. She said that their responsibilities include the annual review of ASUCLA's Executive Director as well as ASUCLA Policies.
- Athanasious said that Council Members should feel free to contact the BOD members and to attend BOD meetings.
- Chiang asked what the procedure is for replacing the Executive Director of ASUCLA.
- Fearn said that they are working on a transition plan, but are still in the early stages.
- Athanasious said that there is no set procedure and no real precedent for replacing the Executive Director.
- Kaczmarek asked if the BOD was planning on issuing a response to USAC's concerns.
- Fearn said that there will be a new document to take their recommendations into account.
- Kaczmarek said that the Executive Director's departure is a good opportunity to bring all of the groups together. He asked if there was any plan to incorporate the student governments into the selection process for the next Executive Director.
- Athanasious said that was difficult to determine at this time, since there is no process in place yet. She said that the BOD intends to keep Council Members informed of everything that they can.
- Palma/Saracho asked which component of the BOD would carry out the replacement process.
- Fearn said that it would initially be discussed in the Personnel Committee and would be brought before the full Board by December.
- Kaczmarek asked if it would be helpful for Council to put together a list of what they would like to see included the process.
- Fearn said that that would be helpful.
- McKesey asked if they were deciding on an Interim Executive Director or a permanent one.
- Fearn said she couldn't answer that.
- Martinez said that the reason there is no precedent is that this is the first time that the BOD has been involved in naming the Executive Director.

#### V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

#### VI. Fund Allocations

##### **\*Contingency**

- Chen said that there were three requests this week.
- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to approve funding the Campus Events Commission in the amount of \$300.00.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve funding for the Campus Events Commission with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

- Palma/Saracho moved and Saldaña seconded to approve funding Conciencia Libre in the amount of \$700.00.
- McKeseey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve funding for Conciencia Libre with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Tuttle asked what Conciencia Libre is.
- Palma/Saracho said that it was founded four or five years ago to educate and sensitize campus to immigration issues.
- Chiang moved and Schreiber seconded to approve funding the UCLA Japanese Animation Club in the amount of \$72.50.
- McKeseey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve funding for the UCLA Japanese Animation Club with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

#### **Campus Events Commission**

**Requested: \$986.00**

**Recommended: \$300.70**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the partial cost of Print Rental for the Friends and Family Screening on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Conciencia Libre**

**Requested: \$6,602.90**

**Recommended: \$700.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$700.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for the Schafik Handal Event on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **UCLA Japanese Animation Club**

**Requested: \$72.50**

**Recommended: \$72.50**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$72.50 for the full cost of Facilities for the Welcome Member Barbeque on October 11th.

### VII. Officer and Member Reports

#### **President**

-McKeseey said that she wanted to thank everyone who went to the USAC Open House. She said that it was a success. She said that 200 people signed in at the President's office. She said that she thinks that the turnout was great. She said that her office also recently had their first staff meeting. She said that she also met with the head librarian at Powell, who would like to start a College Library Student Advisory Board to make sure that the libraries are meeting the needs of the students. She said that she has also been meeting with a number of the presidential appointees. She said that she acted as a polling place checker today. She said that she hopes that they receive good news tonight. She said that the Student Leader Networking Night will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the James West Center. She said that the UCLA Founders Day would be on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Internal Vice President**

-Palma/Saracho said that he would like to thank everyone who helped on Monday's event. He said that it was a merger of two major events that embrace diversity on campus. He said that it was a pleasure to work with so many different groups.

#### **Facilities Commissioner**

-Nguyen said that her office had a staff meeting last week. She said that she hired a web designer. She said that she now has four people on her staff. She said that her office is preparing a progress report on campus construction. She said that she also has a schedule for the available self-defense classes. She said that her office is preparing an online calendar for

student organizations to post events on. She said that she will also have a link for people to leave suggestions for USAC. She said that there will also be a link to funding sources, BruinGo! information, and the UCPD website. She said that her staff came up with the idea of having her office sponsor a field trip to the Getty Museum or to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. She said that the purpose of the field trip would be to teach people to use the Big Blue Bus.

#### **Academic Events Commissioner**

-Kozak said that SIOC and CRC had just finished funding their projects. She said that one of her staff members attended the last CRC meeting. She said that there is a project fair on Bruin Walk today. She said that work on the Diversity Requirement is off to a good start. She said that the first meeting of the Undergraduate Council will be this week. She said that her focus is to have student representatives filling all of the positions available to them. She said that the CRC would be meeting with Vice Provost Judith Smith about the Minimum Progress Requirement. She also said that her office is trying to put together an Academic Empowerment Week.

#### **Campus Event Commissioner**

-Gaulton said that he would like to thank everyone who helped with the Community Service Concert and the Welcome Week Concert. He said that they would be having sneaks of Runaway Jury and Texas Chainsaw Massacre. He said that his office is also filming a new Campus Events trailer to play before movies. He said that they are having a big film shoot, for the trailer, in Ackermann Grand Ballroom on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

#### **External Vice President**

-Kaczmarek said that CNN called today's election the weirdest election in history. He said that they are projecting a 60% turnout. He said that exit polls are projecting the recall to pass and Schwarzenegger to win the election. He said that they are also projecting Proposition 54 to fail. He said that he received a call from the Financial Aid Office about referendum based fees. He said that they are debating about whether or not those fees should be one-third higher in order to pay the one-third return to financial aid. He said that he also attended a UCSA meeting. He said that President Dynes took over the position of President of the University of California on Thursday. He said that his office had a staff retreat over the weekend. He said that tomorrow he would be going to Washington D.C. for a USSA meeting.

### VIII. Old Business

#### **\*Falun Gong**

- McKesey said that there was a presentation last week by Falun Gong advocates. She said that they asked USAC to co-sign a letter that they plan to send to President Bush.
- Kaczmarek moved and Kozak seconded to approve USAC's support of the Falun Gong Club's campaign to advance human rights in China and to endorse their letter to President Bush.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Tuttle asked if anyone knew anything about this situation besides what was written in the letter. He said that this is a matter of great sensitivity in China. He asked if anyone had enough facts to support this letter.
- Kaczmarek said that he had many of the same concerns but that he researched the issue and now feels confident that USAC should take supportive action.
- Kute said that the U.S. Congress has passed resolutions on this matter supporting Falun Gong. He said that the Chinese government is blocking anyone from investigating what is happening. He said that there is currently an American citizen being detained in China.
- Hsieh said that she believes that people are being arrested just because of their beliefs. She said that they are asking for any help possible to improve the situation.

-There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve USAC's support of the Falun Gong Club's campaign to advance human rights in China and to endorse their letter to President Bush with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

IX. New Business

**J-Board Opinion on USAC Presidential Appointee Accountability Guidelines**

- McKesey said that the J-Board Opinion was included in the agenda. She said that Council's decision was overturned because J-Board found that they were amending something that should have been amended via a change to the Bylaws.
- Lawson said that one of the determinants was that Council is the sole judge of cause in removing an appointee. He said that Council needs to be more accountable to students. He said that he believes that Council should amend the Bylaws, but that it should be done according to the procedure proscribed by the Bylaws and Constitution.
- Chiang said that she would like to be involved in any potential amendments made to the Bylaws. She said that there are some things in the guidelines that may not be realistic.
- Schreiber asked if there was any response from the appointees about the guidelines.
- McKesey said that the BOD, SFAC and SHAC committee members were contacted. She said that they seemed to be in support of the guidelines. She said that at this time the decision to approve the guidelines has been reversed.
- Lawson said that he believes that the appointees should be included in the process of changing the Bylaws. He said that it was not his intention to truncate what Council was doing. He said that he was instead trying to keep Council accountable to the guiding documents.

X. Announcements

- Husse-Jerome asked if anyone would be tabling on Friday.
- McKesey said that her office would be there.
- McKesey said that internship applications are now available. She said that every Council member should try to find five applicants. She said that Council's goal is to have 85 interns.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Lawson moved and Kaczmarek seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Lam called for approval by acclamation. Tthere being no objection to approval by acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza  
USAC Minutes Taker