

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 28, 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, Wynn
- ABSENT: Eastman, Grace
- GUESTS: Melody Hanatani, Pavan Tripathi, Brian Neesby, Janina Montero, Jack Raab, Karen Noh, Jenny Wood, Megan Schmidt, Isidro Mariscal, Jessica Tsuei, Alyson Schuster, Danielle James, Sachin Gandhi, Reena Patel
- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-McLaren asked that Karen Noh and Jack Raab be added to the Special Presentation section to speak about coordination of events planning between the ASUCLA and UCLA Events offices, and to provide current information about Waiver Pool funds.
-Schreiber and Kozak asked to be added to the Officer and Member Report section.
-McKesey said that the September 23, 2003 Minutes would be added to the agenda for approval.
-McKesey said that the UFCW and MTA Labor Strikes Presentation would be tabled.
-McKesey said that the Resolution in Support of Falun Gong under Old Business would be tabled.
-McKesey said that the Resolution in Support of Organized Labor under New Business would be tabled as well.
-Lawson moved and Chiang 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
***September 23, 2003**
-Husse-Jerome moved and Wynn seconded to approve the Minutes from September 23, 2003, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
ASUCLA and UCLA Events Services
-In introducing herself, Karen Noh stated that she is the ASUCLA Student Union Division Manager, overseeing Student Union Operations, Projects, Recreation and Events. She then distributed packets to Council that included sample forms, detailed instructions for completing each form, and information on how to access Waiver Pool funds. She said that the ASUCLA Events staff had received a lot of feedback over the years about the complexity of putting on an event. As a result of this input, she said that key staff members of both the ASUCLA Events office and the UCLA Events Office decided to work

together to streamline the process. She said that their mutual goal was to make it easier for student groups to plan and schedule their events. She said that another goal was to work more closely together so that nothing falls through the cracks.

- Jack Raab, Director of the UCLA Events Office, said that his office was in the process of moving into space on the first floor of Kerckhoff Hall which meant that the two events planning units would be in a centralized location on campus and in closer proximity to each other. He said that these factors should make it more convenient for students to schedule their events.
- McKesey asked if they were working on consolidating only their forms and other paperwork at this time.
- Raab said that was just the first step, because they are also working on consolidating other events-related services which they hope to have in place shortly after his office relocates to Kerckhoff Hall. He said that the ASUCLA Events Office and the UCLA Events Office will soon be identified as "Student Events Services."
- McKesey asked if this meant they would be consolidating the two offices.
- Raab said that it was not feasible for them to formally consolidate because they have different funding sources. He reiterated Noh's statement that they want to make the events planning and scheduling process as seamless as possible.
- Noh then addressed the issue of Waiver Pool and stated that the process for allocating funds from that pool had been changed. She said that the changes had been presented to members of the ASUCLA Services Committee at its last meeting. She explained that, in the past, Waiver Pool designated a specified dollar amount for each venue. Under the new guidelines, which are now in effect, Waiver Pool will fund eligible events no matter which venue they use. She said this was an attempt to mold each event to the needs of each student organization.

V. Appointments

- McKesey said that when the Student Activity Center (SAC) was established it was decided that student groups with offices in the building would sit on the Board of Governors (SACBOG). She said that USAC therefore allotted three of its appointments to SACBOG to be designated by those student groups within the Activities Center. She said that those three appointments have not yet been made. In addition to those three slots, McKesey said that USAC needed to make two appointments to SACBOG. She said, in order to do that, USAC may have to reopen the appointee application process because none of the applicants in the pool had specified interest in the SACBOG.
- McLaren asked McKesey if she thought any of the applicants in the pool might be qualified to sit on the Student Activities Center Board of Governors even 'though they had not listed that committee in their three preferences. She said she was raising the question because of the two to three week delay that would result from reopening the process.
- McKesey said that she would examine that possibility.
- Lawson said he thought that it would be better to have someone on SACBOG who had expressed interest in it, rather than trying to persuade someone who had not listed it as one of their three choices. He said he recognized, however, that it was the President's prerogative to handle it however she wanted to.
- Kaczmarek asked if the appointments to SACBOG were time sensitive.
- McKesey said that the appointments needed to be made by next week.
- Chiang asked if there would be enough time to reopen the process.
- McKesey said that there might not be.
- Tuttle said that it might be best to go through the existing pool of applicants first, and then, if no qualified candidates are available, to reopen the process.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- Chen said that there was an addition. She said that the Facilities Commission application was turned in three weeks ago, but had not been included on the recommendation sheet.
- Kaczmarek moved and Wynn seconded to approve the Fund Allocations, as submitted.
- McKesey 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.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$1,166.00

Recommended: \$100.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for Programming for the Ackerman Film Series – “28 Days Later” to be held October 29th and October 30th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$1,221.00

Recommended: \$100.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for the screening of Pirates of the Caribbean held on October 23rd and October 24th.

Project Literacy / Community Service Commission

Requested: \$1,655.98

Recommended: \$300.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the partial costs for travel to the Read, Write, and Act Conference to be held October 31st to November 2nd.

Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$598.00

Recommended: \$200.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for the partial cost of supplies for the CRC – Study Hall Welcome Packets 6th week.

Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$3,412.70

Recommended: \$300.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the partial cost of CPR Certification Cards for the Fall Quarter CPR classes to begin November 8th.

Facilities Commission

Requested: \$499.39

Recommended: \$199.75

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$199.75 for a Website Fee for the Facilities Commission Awareness Website.

Community Service Commission (Best Buddies UCLA)

Requested: \$300.00

Recommended: \$50.00

Chen authorized the allocation of \$50.00 upon her own discretion in compliance with the 2003 – 2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of facilities for the Best Buddies Training to be held on October 26th.

- Lawson asked that Old Business be taken care of before the Officer and Member Reports in consideration of the Dance Marathon members who were waiting to speak.
- McKesey said that that would be fine.

VII. Old Business

***UCLA Dance Marathon**

- Wood said that UCLA Dance Marathon is present to request USAC's sponsorship of their organization.
- Mariscal said that Dance Marathon's goal is to involve all of the other groups on campus in their events.
- Wood said that they want USAC's sponsorship because they feel that a lot of other Dance Marathons have been successful due to their relationships with student organizations and leaders. She said that their aims are to build a sense of community on campus and encourage unified action, provide avenues for students to give back to their community, increase student awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, increase AIDS education, develop leadership skills, provide activities to bring the campus community together and raise funds to benefit the Elizabeth Glazier Pediatric AIDS Foundation.
- Mariscal said that Dance Marathon's goals are to educate at least 5,000 people on the AIDS crisis during the 2003-2004 academic year, to break down the boundaries between campus organizations and bring them together under a common goal, to continue hosting a campus-wide event at UCLA until the AIDS pandemic is eliminated, and to raise millions of dollars for the fight against AIDS and HIV.
- Wood said that their reasons for leaving the Student Welfare Commission are that they feel that a close association with USAC will allow them to more effectively unify UCLA and spread AIDS awareness. She also said that the goals of Dance Marathon do not directly coincide with SWC's goals. She said that Dance Marathon approached SWC three years ago, to ask for help, as an organization that had already been formed. She said that, over the past year and a half, Dance Marathon has become an increasingly independent entity. She said that they have slowly broken away from the SWC. She said that they hope to gain a more independent relationship with USAC through their split with SWC. She said that they hope to gain recognition as an Officially Recognized student organization, independent from other campus entities.
- Wood said that last year approximately \$75,000 circulated through Dance Marathon.
- Mariscal said that Dance Marathon benefits the Elizabeth Glazier Pediatric AIDS Foundation because 94% of the funds that they raise go directly to research, education and prevention of HIV and AIDS. He said that that is a comparatively high percentage.
- Lawson asked if Dance Marathon is contractually bound to donate their proceeds to the Elizabeth Glazier Pediatric AIDS Foundation.
- Wood said that they are.
- Saldaña asked why Dance Marathon failed to speak with the Student Welfare Commissioner about this matter before bringing it to Council.
- Wood said that that was her fault. She said that she had spoken with the previous Student Welfare Commissioner about the matter. She said that she assumed that Chiang knew. She said that she would like to apologize to Chiang for this mistaken assumption.
- Wynn said she this was a valid concern. She said that she would be very concerned if one of the events under her commission came to the Council table without first speaking to her.
- Tuttle asked about the role of the commissioner in this type of situation. He asked if the commissioner would play a role in this if it moved forward.
- Chiang said that she didn't know the answer to Tuttle's question, but said she was not aware of any set process.
- Tuttle said that programming entities that were within a commission had a specified officer to take overall responsibility. He said that, since Dance Marathon is a programming group, he thought they would benefit from being within a commission, not only because of the responsibility issue, but also to provide a measure of continuity.
- McKesity asked if Dance Marathon has elected officers.
- Wood said that all of the officers are appointed by the previous board.
- Lawson said that he didn't think that that was a concern. He said that if the group is sponsored by USAC, they would come under USAC's jurisdiction. He said that he didn't see any

problem with USAC sponsoring Dance Marathon, but that it may be resisted because it would mean that the Commissions would be losing power.

- Wood said that she did bring this up last Spring and was supported by the Student Welfare Commissioner who was in office at that time.
- McKesey said that she didn't think that this discussion is oppositional. She said that they were just raising concerns.
- Chiang said that she was not opposed to granting Dance Marathon autonomy. She said that, as it stands right now, SWC does not have control over Dance Marathon because of its existing management structure.
- Chen said that, as an Officially Recognized student organization, Dance Marathon would be accountable to the University. She said that she didn't understand why Dance Marathon wanted USAC's sponsorship.
- Wood said that Dance Marathon's goals do not coincide with those of the SWC. She said that the relationship does not make sense.
- Tuttle said that there is merit to the idea of having an elected member of Council have direct responsibility for this group. He said that, in that way, power would be present in case it needed to be exercised. He said that accepting this group may cause others to come asking for the same thing.
- Wynn asked if Dance Marathon is already an Officially Recognized student organization.
- Wood said that it was. She said that they are currently sponsored by the SWC.
- McKesey said that Dance Marathon still seems to be very focused around one event. She said that other groups have many different programs.
- Wood said that Dance Marathon has many programs to raise AIDS awareness. She said that they are making an effort to facilitate more community service events on the campus.
- McKesey said that Council is looking for a more substantive report on what Dance Marathon does throughout the year.
- Wood said that the Dance Marathon is just a culminating event to show the community the result of their work. She said that all of their events throughout the year act to increase awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Kaczmarek said that this would be a departure from tradition. He said that the criteria for such a move are not clear. He said that, if nothing else, this is an opportunity for USAC to engage in a conversation over the section of their guiding documents which pertains to Sponsorship.
- Nelson said that he sees this as Dance Marathon wanting the prestige of having USAC as its sponsor. He said that USAC is not certain that it wants to sponsor Dance Marathon because it would be a departure from their established procedures. He said USAC Sponsored groups have heretofore been groups that are specific to UCLA. He said that they generally represent certain groups of people on campus. He said that Dance Marathon, on the other hand, is a much broader organization, which has a structure that was set up by an off-campus organization. He said that the question USAC must ask itself is whether it wants to sponsor this particular organization, and others of its kind, such as Green Peace. He said that the question is, "what does USAC gain through this sponsorship."
- Gaulton asked why Dance Marathon wants to lose SWC as its liaison. He said that the group is under a commissioner who can speak on their behalf. He said that they would be forfeiting that relationship.
- Wood said she felt that Dance Marathon had already become independent of the SWC. She said that they don't feel that they are a good fit in the SWC.
- Palma/Saracho said he thought that USAC should solidify the criteria for becoming a USAC Sponsored group, and solidify the role of such sponsored groups.
- Nguyen moved and Wynn seconded to table the discussion indefinitely.
- Schreiber made an amendment, which Nguyen accepted, to table discussion of the USAC sponsorship of Dance Marathon until a Constitutional Review Committee can be formed and can meet to discuss and recommend the criteria for USAC sponsorship.

- McLaren said that the most recent group that USAC sponsored was UniCamp. She said she agreed that the Constitutional Review Committee would be an appropriate route to take.
- Chiang said that it would be hard to keep Dance Marathon in a limbo state. She said that she hasn't yet signed their CSP registration paperwork.
- Nelson said he believed that this was something that warranted greater discussion.
- Wynn requested a five minute recess.
- Council took a recess at 8:57pm.
- McKesey called the meeting back to order at 9:02pm.
- Lawson said that the criteria for USAC sponsorship already exist in the USAC Bylaws. He said that the criteria are covered in Article II of the Bylaws. He said that it lists aspects that Council must see in a group. He said that he sees Dance Marathon as encompassing all of the aspects set forth in the guiding documents. He said that he didn't think that this issue had to be frozen in time. He said that Dance Marathon fits the criteria, and he thought that USAC should sponsor them now.
- Tuttle said that USAC may want to table this issue for a set period of time until they can research the issue and make an informed decision.
- McKesey said that, in that case, Dance Marathon would remain under SWC until USAC makes a decision.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve tabling discussion of USAC sponsorship of Dance Marathon until a Constitutional Review Committee can be formed to discuss the criteria for USAC sponsorship, with 7 votes in favor, 1 against and 3 abstentions.
- McKesey said that the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) is usually chaired by the IVP, but that the Constitution specifies only that the IVP is to be a member of the committee.
- Kaczmarek asked if the other members of the CRC would be appointed at the next meeting.
- McKesey said that they would be.
- Tuttle said that the CRC may also wish to look into cleaning up the language of the Constitution to make it easier to understand.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Kozak apologized for missing the last USAC meeting. She said that the Minimum Progress and Diversity Requirement Committees have been making a lot of headway. She said that they revised the original Diversity Requirement proposal and that it should come to Council soon. She said that her commission will be sponsoring an Academic Empowerment Week. She said that there will be discussions, concerts and presentations on the issues that affect the campus.
- Tuttle asked if any Faculty members were working with her.
- Kozak said that they were trying to work with the faculty.

Community Service Commissioner

- Schreiber said that Community Service Day, to be held on November 15, is fast approaching. He said that the Pilipinos for Committee Health have a banquet coming up as well.

External Vice President

- Kaczmarek said that he attended the Northwest Student Leadership Conference last weekend. He said that the California State Wide Affirmative Action Coalition met to discuss the upcoming Regents Meeting. He said that he had been invited by US President Dynes to sit on the Comprehensive Review Taskforce. He said that the ASUCLA Board of Directors is taking steps to postpone the two student fee referenda they had been considering.

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho said that his office had a staff retreat this weekend, and that it went well. He said that they are in the process of coordinating another Student Advocacy Collective

meeting. He said that he hopes to submit the USAC newsletter this week. He said that his office will also be restarting the Speak Up program by placing suggestion boxes around the campus.

President

-McKesey said that she would like to thank everyone who attended the Student Leadership Networking Night. She said that there are a lot of great people in the USAC Presidential Internship. She said that last week, after they discussed the goals of the internship program, they were taken on a progressive tour of the campus. She said that this week the interns will be discussing USAC.

Administrative Representative – Rick Tuttle

-Tuttle said that the Dashew International Students Center is sponsoring an English conversational program. He said that anyone interested in helping should contact him.

IX. New Business

***Resolution to Adopt October 30th as National Take Affirmative Action Day**

-Kaczmarek said that National Take Affirmative Action Day is an event sponsored by USSA and the NAACP. He said that it is important for UCLA to take a stance on this, with the rest of the nation.

-Kaczmarek moved and Wynn seconded to approve the Resolution to Adopt October 30th as National Take Affirmative Action Day.

-Lawson asked if there would be programs on Thursday.

-Kaczmarek said that there would be several.

-Kozak said that they would be holding programs on the history of affirmative action.

-Palma/Saracho said that they would also be speaking about the current affirmative action situation.

-McKesey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution to Adopt October 30 as National Take Affirmative Action Day with 10 votes in favor, 1 against and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

-Chiang said that her office is stuffing Study Hall packets this week. She said that a lot of good things will be given out to students in the study halls.

-Palma/Saracho said that there are several strikes going on right now. He said that a number of students are encouraging other students not to shop at the stores that are being picketed. He said that there will be a rally in support of the supermarket workers on Tuesday of 7th week. He said that he hopes to have union representatives come out to speak to Council.

-Gaulton said that the film, 28 Days Later, will be playing on November 4th.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Chiang moved and Kozak seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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APPROVED: February 17, 2004

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker