

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 18, 2003  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00pm

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Grace, Lawson

GUESTS: Gabriela Garcia, Melody Hanatani, David Kute, Hsinling Hsieh, Yingnian Wy, Paul Marian, Lizzie Cajayon, Roy Samaan, Karen Salazar, Yousef Tajsar, Student Regent Matt Murray

I. A. Call to Order  
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet  
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.

II. Approval of the Agenda  
-Palma/Saracho asked that the Appointment of the Election Board Chair be tabled.  
-Palma/Saracho said that the Sponsors listed for the Resolution Against Taco Bell on the UCLA Campus should be changed to Palma/Saracho, Wynn and Lam.  
-Schreiber moved and Saldaña 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

**Academic Empowerment Week**

-Kozak said that they had held the Academic Empowerment Week. She said that their goal was to educate the campus about pressing issues such as the Diversity Requirement and Minimum Progress. She said that they encouraged the students to take what they learned and put it to use at the Regents meeting tomorrow.

-Lam said that there were three events. She said that the first, which was co-sponsored by the Academic Advancement Program (AAP), focused on going over the different resources on campus. She said that on Wednesday they had an exam jam, in which the students who brought an exam to contribute to the exam bank were given food in exchange. She said that they had two games on the diversity requirement and two on minimum progress which was a fun way to educate people.

-Kozak said that they planned the event in conjunction with the upcoming Regents meeting.

**Soze Project**

-Gabriela Garcia, a student leader who works with the Soze Project, said that they had come to the meeting to ask for USAC's support of their program. She said that, two years ago, their project brought several students from South Africa to the United States to put on a play together. She said that the students ranged in age from 10 to 15 years old. She said she

felt that the project really helped all the students who were involved in it. She explained how the project works by saying that the first step is for the group of students from South Africa and the group of students from the United States to each write a play. Then, after each group has finished its play, the two groups spend two weeks working together to develop one play based on the outlines of the original two plays. She said they did this through writing assignments, improvisations and other developmental techniques. She said that the joint effort created an environment in which students from each group could discover what they had in common. She said that the play they created was about kids from different backgrounds who had to work together to achieve a common goal. She said that the students wrote the play on their own, and that the University students helped primarily by raising questions rather than telling the younger students what to do.

- Schreiber asked if they were considering expanding the program to kids in the local community.
- Garcia said that they have a program that goes out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and works with students to create short plays. She said that the project she had been speaking about is an All-Stars Project that is held on weekends.
- Wynn said that she wanted to bring this project before Council so that they could all help support it.
- McKesey said that Eastman and the ASUCLA Board of Directors had donated T-shirts, shorts and slippers to the project participants.

#### **Student Empowerment Internship**

- Tajsar said that he was one of five people in charge of the Student Empowerment Internship. He said that this isn't the first time that this internship has been offered. He cited three major ideas behind the internship: (1) to talk about general issues that affect society and discuss how they affect UCLA in particular; (2) to give the students participating in the internship the tools needed to address these issues; and (3) to place the interns in the offices of USAC Members where they could work on effecting change in a practical way. He said that they have split the interns up based on their interest and experience, and that they tried to get a variety of different experiences into each office.
- Chiang asked what the Council member's responsibility is to the intern that is assigned to them, and what the intern's responsibility is to the USAC office.
- McKesey said that that is up to each individual Council member. Chiang asked if it would be fair to ask them to come to certain meetings
- Tajsar said that whatever could be worked out with the intern would be fine.
- Chiang asked if the interns would be here for the rest of the year.
- McKesey said that they would.
- Schreiber asked who he should contact if the interns fail to meet the requirements he might set.
- Tajsar said that he could contact any of the people in charge of the internship.
- Husse asked if Council members could come to the workshops.
- Tajsar said that they could. He said that they are on Thursdays from 6 to 8pm.

#### **UC Regents Meeting**

- Salazar said that she was a representative from the Affirmative Action Coalition. She said that the Regents would be discussing four issues at their upcoming meeting, including: enrollment restrictions, increases in student fees, outreach funding and Comprehensive Review.
- Samaan said that the Affirmative Action Coalition is demanding a freeze on student fee increases; that the Regents make outreach a priority; that Comprehensive Review be continued, and: that the admissions guidelines be retained.
- Salazar said that their theme is education not incarceration. She said that fewer and fewer students are able to attend the schools of their choice despite the fact that more and more are becoming eligible.
- Cajayon said that they want to protect student needs, and that one of their top priorities is outreach. She said that they also want the Regents to hold their next meeting at UCLA or at some other site in Southern California.

- Salazar said that more student input needs to be considered in making these decisions. She said that this is first and foremost a place of education.
- Samaan said that they want to see the UC System stick to its priorities of affordability, accessibility and quality.
- Cajayon said that there would be a period for public commentary at 8:00am and that they would be meeting to march to Covell Commons at 9:30am.

V. Appointments

**Committee on Instructional Improvement Programs (CIIP)**

- Palma/Saracho he has invited the applicant for the CIIP to the meeting to be reviewed by Council and approved at the table.
- Osman Ahmed introduced himself as a 4<sup>th</sup> year student. He said that he is involved in the SIOC and the Academic Affairs Commission. He said that he is interested in serving on the CIIP because its goal is to improve the curriculum for undergraduate students.
- Palma/Saracho said that there are only two positions on this committee. He said that Sophia Kozak, as Academic Affairs Commissioner, serves Ex Officio on the CIIP.
- Palma/Saracho moved, and Kaczmarek seconded, to appoint Osman Ahmed to the Committee on Instructional Improvement Programs.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the appointment of Osman Ahmed with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

VI. Fund Allocations

**\*Contingency**

- Chen said that, because Council did not meet last week owing to November 11 being the Veterans' Day Holiday, she had dealt with all requests that were submitted last week through her discretionary authorization. In addition to those eight requests, Chen said she was submitting five requests which require action by Council.
- Schreiber moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- 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.

**Campus Events Commission**

**Requested: \$1,016.00**

**Recommended \$ 125.00**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$125.00 for Programming for the Screening of "Step into Liquid" to be held on November 12 and 13, 2003.

**Armenian Students Association**

**Requested: \$400.00**

**Recommended \$200.00**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$200.00 for Honorarium for Programming for "The High School Day", held on November 14, 2003.

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**Requested: \$440.31**

**Recommended \$272.50**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$272.50 for Programming for the Medical Outreach Project Benefit Dinner held on November 15, 2003

**UCLA Run/Walk (Student Welfare Commission)****Requested: \$97.50****Recommended \$97.50**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$97.50 for the total costs of the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held on November 16, 2003

**UCLA AMSA Pre-Medical Chapter****Requested: \$629.45****Recommended \$150.00**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$150.00 for Programming for Nutrition Week to be held November 17 to November 21, 2003

**N\*gger Wetb\*ack Ch\*nk****Requested: \$500.00****Recommended \$250.00**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$250.00 for lighting for the play entitled, N\*gger Wetb\*ack Ch\*nk, held on November 14 and November 15, 2003

**Project South Los Angeles Evening Tutorial****Requested: \$363.06****Recommended \$188.12**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$188.12 for Transportation for the Fall Field Trip held on November 15, 2003

**Hunger Project****Requested: \$1,236.09****Recommended \$ 474.00**

Under the discretionary authority granted her in the 2003-2004 Financial Guidelines, the FiCom Chair authorized an allocation of \$474.00 for Advertising the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to be held November 16 to November 22, 2003.

**Campus Events Commission****Requested: \$900.00****Recommended \$200.00**

Fi Com recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for the cost of Honorarium for the Westwood Plaza Noon Concert "The Anniversary" to be held on November 18, 2003.

**Cultural Affairs Commission****Requested: \$1,909.00****Recommended: \$ 350.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$350.00 for Honorarium for the Soze Project's "Espiritu: The Spirit of Humanity" program to be held on November 19, 2003

**Campus Events Commission****Requested: \$1,066.00****Recommended: \$ 100.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for Print Rental for the screening of "L' Auberge Espagnole" to be held on November 20 and 21, 2003.

**Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity**

**Requested: \$657.85**

**Recommended: \$260.98**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$260.98 for Transportation for their "Gobble, Gobble" Thanksgiving Fair to be held on November 22, 2003.

**Project W.I.L.D./CSC**

**Requested: \$448.50**

**Recommended: \$224.25**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$224.25 for Tickets for their fieldtrip to the Aquarium of the Pacific on November 22, 2003.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

**President**

-McKesey said that she attended the Alumni Association Board meeting. She said that there was a discussion of the Regents meeting. She said that USAC has a lot of allies among the UCLA alumni. She said that the President of the Alumni Association will be giving a presentation in their support. She said that, beginning next week, she will be sitting on the Dashew Center Board of Governors. She said that, yesterday, the ASUCLA Board of Directors had designated Bob Williams to serve as ASUCLA's Interim Executive Director.

**Internal Vice President**

-Palma/Saracho said that they held the second meeting of the Student Advocacy Collective last Thursday. He said that representatives from 11 groups showed up. He said that the program went from 8 to 10:30 pm, and that that there were great presentations. He said that the next Collective will be during 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of next quarter.

**External Vice President**

-Kaczmarek said that he had gone to Washington D.C. for a Graduate Student Conference. He said that he then went to the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce Conference in Miami. He said that during the previous week he had met with the UCSA Board and discussed new initiatives and plans for the Regents meeting on Wednesday and Thursday. He said that he would be meeting with Student Regent Murray and several administrators on Thursday about lobbying efforts. He said that next week he will be on vacation.

**Student Welfare Commissioner**

-Chiang said that her office held the Run/Walk Basketball Tournament on Sunday. She said there were 26 teams and that they raised more than \$1,000 dollars. She said that the Fall Quarter Blood Drive is taking place this week. She also announced that December 1<sup>st</sup> is World AIDS Day.

VIII. Old Business

**\*Resolution in Support of Organized Labor**

-Palma/Saracho said that USAC had heard a presentation at the last meeting on this issue. He said that they now have a very comprehensive Resolution before them for consideration.

-Palma/Saracho moved and Lam seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Organized Labor.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion.

- Tuttle said that it should be noted that only one side of this argument has been heard by Council. He said that there has, however, been an opportunity for the other side to come forward.
- Palma/Saracho said that the MTA strike will be ending soon, after a few final matters are hammered out.
- McKese y asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of Organized Labor with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

**\*Resolution Against Taco Bell on the UCLA Campus**

- Palma/Saracho said that this issue was also discussed at the previous meeting.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Wynn seconded to approve the Resolution Against Taco Bell on the UCLA Campus.
- McKese y asked if there was any discussion.
- Schreiber asked if there is another restaurant that could take Taco Bell's place. He said that he is concerned that the workers may lose their jobs otherwise.
- Husse-Jerome said that her concern is that she would like to see a low-priced restaurant replace Taco Bell, and said she would like to offer something about that factor as a friendly amendment.
- Palma/Saracho said that this resolution had already been presented to other organizations for their support.
- Kozak said that this has been an issue for a while.
- Chiang asked if this means that they can't make amendments to resolutions that Council did not write.
- McKese y said that they could make amendments to the resolution. She said that the concern is that the resolution that is before them has already been taken to other groups.
- Chiang said that she does not think that it is necessary to follow exactly what they wrote.
- Wynn said that she would suggest that the amendment say, "on behalf of USAC."
- Tuttle said that, if they make changes to this language, they should inform the other groups of the changes.
- Husse-Jerome made an amendment, which Palma/Saracho accepted, to include another paragraph stating that the restaurant replacing Taco Bell should provide items in the same price range as Taco Bell's menu.
- Wynn made an amendment, which Palma/Saracho accepted, that Palma/Saracho contact the other groups involved and notify them of the change.
- McKese y asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution Against Taco Bell on the UCLA Campus, as amended, with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Nguyen seconded to publish the Resolution Against Taco Bell on the UCLA Campus, as amended, on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> as a one-half page advertisement.
- McKese y asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion to publish with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

**\*Resolution in Support of Falun Gong**

- McKese y said that this issue has been discussed previously.
- Kaczmarek moved and Saldaña seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Falun Gong.
- McKese y asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of Falun Gong with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

IX. New Business

**\*Resolution in Support of International Students Day**

- Kaczmarek said that November 17<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the day when students in the Czech Republic rose up to make change. He said that students all over the world face similar situations.

- Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of International Students Day.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of International Students Day with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

**\*Resolution to Demand that the UC Regents Meet Exclusively on University General Campuses**

Kaczmarek said that there are 10 campuses in the UC System. He said that the UC Regents meet almost exclusively on the one Health Sciences Campus. He said that there are no undergraduate students on that campus.

- Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Resolution to Demand that the UC Regents Meet Exclusively on University General Campuses.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Kozak said she thought that the Regents were supposed to rotate between campuses.
- Kaczmarek said that they stopped rotating a few years ago, and started meeting only in Los Angeles and San Francisco. He said that they cut down on the number of times they meet in Los Angeles because of cost considerations.
- McKesey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution to Demand that the UC Regents Meet Exclusively on University General Campuses with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

- Nguyen said that her staff has put together a calendar of events. She asked Council Members to email her with all their events so they can be added to the calendar.
- Gaulton said that the Homecoming bonfire and concert would be held this weekend. He said that this is part of the attempt to bring more institutionalized events to UCLA.
- Chen asked if there would be a meeting 10<sup>th</sup> week.
- McKesey said that there would be.
- Chen said that all Contingency Applications were due by Monday of 9<sup>th</sup> Week.
- Tuttle said that the Dashew Center is providing Thanksgiving Day arrangements to International Students. He said that they need drivers if anyone is interested in helping. He said that Council should also be reading about the budget situation in California. He said that major issues are at stake in the next 30 to 90 days.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Saldaña moved and Nguyen seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza  
USAC Minutes Taker