

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 25, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Eastman, Husse-Jerome, Kozak, Lam, Lawson, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Saldaña, Schreiber

ABSENT: Gaulton, Grace, Kaczmarek, Palma/Saracho, Tuttle, Wynn

GUESTS: Janina Montero, Eric Juline, Mikhail Tran, Brian Neesby, Isharon Hing, Nathan Lam, Bob Williams, Danny Yaffe

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 and Kozak asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-McKesey said that three of the Special Presentations, those on the Transportation Services Advisory Board, Alternative Admissions and the UC Regents Board Meeting, would be tabled.
-Eric Juline asked to give a Special Presentation on the Alumni Association.
-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
***September 16, 2003**
-Lawson moved and Saldaña seconded to approve the September 16, 2003 minutes, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Presentations

Introduction of ASUCLA's Interim Executive Director

- Eastman said that it was her pleasure to introduce the Interim Executive Director of ASUCLA Bob Williams. She said that he has worked at ASUCLA for more than 20 years and is currently the Director of Food Services. She said that she thinks that he'll do a great job. She said that he is known for his focus on the students.
- Williams said that he was looking forward to working with USAC. He said that he had been a UCLA undergrad, and that he has worked for ASUCLA for 23 years. He said he found out early on in his career that he really enjoyed working with students. He said that in his current position, as Food Service Director, he is a bit disconnected from student employees. He said that he is excited to be back in a position where he can interact on a regular basis with student leaders.
- Eastman said that she also wanted to recognize Pat McLaren, who she said is affectionately referred to by students as the Queen of Kerckhoff Hall. She said McLaren had done a lot for students in the years that she has been with ASUCLA, and that she wanted to give

her a gift in recognition of all of her contributions. Eastman said she thought it was most appropriate to present the gift to Pat at a Council meeting, surrounded by student leaders. Eastman said she thought the gift was particularly appropriate for McLaren because it was a set of glasses, etched with an image of Kerckhoff Hall, the longstanding home of UCLA's student government bodies.

- McLaren said that it is a joy working with the students, and that she was overwhelmed by Eastman's kind words and gracious gift.
- McKesey asked if there were any questions.
- Chiang asked Williams what his stance was on the Taco Bell issue.
- Williams said that he was not sure it was appropriate to take a stance on the issue yet. He said that he has mixed feelings about the issue. On the one hand, he said that he has a lot of respect for the people fighting for this issue. On the other hand, he said that the needs of the customers also had to be taken into consideration.
- Lawson asked if any employees would lose their jobs if Taco Bell leaves.
- Williams said that, short of something catastrophic, there would be no impact on the employees.

Taco Bell

- Danny Yaffe said that he would like to thank USAC for their support of their opposition to renewing Taco Bell's contract at UCLA. He said that they also made a presentation to the Services Committee of the ASUCLA Board of Directors (BOD), which voted against renewing Taco Bell's contract. He said that, now, the entire ASUCLA Board would be voting on the issue.
- Eastman said that a representative from Taco Bell will also be attending the BOD meeting.
- Nelson asked if an invitation had been extended to Taco Bell to come to USAC to speak.
- McKesey said they were invited at some point, but that she did not ask them personally.

Alumni Association

- Eric Juline, President of the UCLA Alumni Association, said that he had come to the meeting to give USAC members some background information about the Alumni Association, and to tell them about a couple of new programs they are implementing to support students. He said that there are many notions of what alumni are. He said that students are alumni too. He said that the Alumni Association has two purposes. He said its first purpose is to act as a charitable, membership organization. He said that, of their 88,000 members, most are Alumni, but some of them are 'Friends of UCLA'. He said that one of their main purposes is to serve the members of the organization. He said that their second purpose is to serve UCLA and make it an even better place to be. He said that they want to cultivate a life-long relationship with the students. He said that the relationship is not just a financial one. He said that regional organizations, and other such groups, are under the umbrella of the Alumni Association. He cited two specific areas in which the Alumni Association is attempting to better serve the students. He said the first is to provide grants to officially sponsored organizations to support programs that have some element of the alumni/student relationship. He said that they are trying to get the word out about these grants. He said the second way that the Alumni Association is trying to serve the student body is by trying to expand and develop the Alumni Network. He said that thousands of alumni have agreed to work with students in a mentoring/advisory capacity, and they are trying to get the word out about this new program. He said that a list of these alumni can be found on the Alumni Association website, and that their website provides a very helpful search tool for students. He also said that next year he will be a Regent-designate. He said that of the four Regent-designates Berkeley and UCLA always have one of the positions. He said that he would like any thoughts and ideas that the students could provide to him in this regard.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-Chen said that there were just two requests this week.

-Chiang moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Fund Allocations with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

UCLA Women's Soccer Club

Requested: \$675.00

Recommended: \$200.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$200.00 for the Entrance Fee to the NIRSA Nationals Tournament held on November 20-22, 2003.

UCLA Dance Marathon, Student Welfare Commission, and USAC President's Office

Requested: \$1,477.00

Recommended: \$ 520.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$520.00 for Facilities for World AIDS Awareness Day, to be held on December 1, 2003.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Kozak said that the AAC has a seat on both the SIOC and the CRC. She said that SIOC is still working out solutions to their funding problems. She said that the CRC is still working on putting together a seminar. She said that the Alternative Admissions class made a presentation to the Regents on concerns about enrollment restrictions. She said that they are also concerned that the committee that was formed to study enrollment restrictions did not have any students or faculty members on it.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said that the November calendar is now open. She said that the Blood Drive was 8th week and that 404 units of blood were donated, which was one of SWC's records.

President

-McKesey said that they had the last internship workshop of the quarter last week. She said that they will reconvene second week of next quarter. She said that next Monday will be World AIDS Awareness Day. She said that they are still working on getting food and entertainment. She said that they will be handing out information and educating students on the AIDS pandemic. She said that they will also be educating people on President Bush's failure to live up to his promise to spend money in Africa on fighting AIDS. She also said that, on Tuesday, UC President Dynes will be visiting UCLA. She said that hopefully everyone can attend. She said that Dolores Huerta will be in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon next week. She said that the Regents Meeting was on Tuesday and Thursday. She said that, at one of the meetings, several students made a presentation in which they stated several demands, including that there be no enrollment cap, and no more fee increases and that outreach be made a priority. She said that they also wanted the Regents to be more inclusive of students. She said that some unexpected events took place and that there was never any intention to put students in jeopardy. She said that she would make a full presentation on the situation at a later meeting.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that a young woman would be coming to the States from Korea. He said that she had acted as their guide when he was there. He said that 14 of the people who were lead around by her chipped in to bring her here. He said that she will be at the next basketball game and that anyone who wanted to meet her should come speak to her. He said that she is a very delightful and bright person.

VIII. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

-There was no New Business this week.

X. Announcements

-Chiang said that she has flyers for World AIDS Day.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Saldaña moved and Chiang seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker