

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday December 2, 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, Williams, Wynn

ABSENT: Grace

GUESTS: Melody Hanatani, Joe Vardner, Brian Neesby, Amy Lucas

- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Saldaña moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Agenda.
-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Agenda, with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations
Transportation Services Advisory Board (TSAB)
-Vardner said that TSAB had its first meeting at the beginning of November. He said that since last year there have been some changes in the Transportation Services portion of the university. He said that Mark Stocki is no longer the director of Transportation Services. He said that Renee Fortier is now in charge. He said that Sam Morabito is no longer the Vice Chancellor directly in charge of the division. He said that the parking space waiting list is now down to 2,782 and that 1,000 spaces have been opened up. He said that UCLA has an agreement with the city of Los Angeles to limit the amount of traffic into UCLA and the number of parking spaces at UCLA. He said that the number of vehicles entering and exiting UCLA is supposed to be 139,500. He said that at this time there are 122,000 visits. He said that the number of parking spaces is capped at 25,169 and that, currently, there are 25,016. He said that means there will be 153 spaces left for expansion after the current parking lot construction is completed. He said the priority order for parking spaces goes to faculty, staff, graduate students and undergrads. He said that only 1 in 9 people on campus are eligible for parking. He said that one of the main issues for TSAB is the BruinGo! program. He said that originally the program was set up as a grant from the city of Los Angeles. He said that, when that grant ended, the Chancellor allocated money from his discretionary fund to keep it going for another year. He said the Chancellor set two requirements for Transportation Services to find a funding source to continue the program: first, that parking permits could not be the only funding source, and, second that the funding source must be sustainable. He said the solution that Transportation Services decided on was to pay two-thirds of the cost from their own funds and have a 25-

cent co-payment for each use of a bus by students. He said that they have now stopped looking for other funding sources. He said that while they are happy with this arrangement, he is not. He said that the only option Transportation Services has offered to ameliorate the co-payment is to offer a flash card. He said the only type of flash card they are offering is one that is priced as if the purchaser rode the bus everyday, including finals week. He said that TSAB asked if it could be set up through a Bruin Card system that would charge the fee to the students BAR account, but that system would be too costly.

- Palma/Saracho asked if the BruinGo! program would be available on weekends and holidays.
- Vardner said that it would not be. He said that one Culver City bus line will be added to the service, but Transportation Services has not decided if it will add any MTA lines. He said UCLA will also be starting a FlexCar service, which will provide cars for hourly rental. He said that three cars will be available at \$7.50 an hour for anyone over 21 years old. He said that they are currently looking for an insurance carrier that will allow people under 21 to use the cars.
- Nelson said that TSAB may want to look into the safety record of the students who use the CPO vans. He said that they are not all over 21 and may have a good safety record.
- Vardner thanked Nelson and said that he would look into that.
- Saldaña asked if students could use their own insurance to drive the cars.
- Vardner said that the program doesn't handle it that way because of safety concerns. He said that any student doing that would have to carry their insurance information with them. He said that TSAB will be meeting again in early January.

UC Regents Meeting

- McKesey distributed copies of an official statement which was addressed to the Board of Regents from the Affirmative Action Coalition.
- Nguyen asked if point number three should read that they demand that the Regents not implement enrollment caps.
- McKesey said that that was a mistake.
- Husse-Jerome asked if they would just be making a statement or if there were other plans.
- McKesey said that the Affirmative Action Coalition would be placing an advertisement in the Daily Bruin.
- Nelson said that the UCPD has a different perspective on the fourth statement. He said that there may be a response from them to that statement.
- Schreiber asked if the UCPD had been contacted about statement four.
- McKesey said that they have not been contacted yet, but that they could be contacted in the future.
- Nelson said that he only mentioned it because that issue might sidetrack what the Affirmative Action Coalition is trying to accomplish.
- McKesey said that she would follow up on that issue.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- Chen said that there were three requests this week to be approved by Council, and that there was one discretionary allocation.
- Lawson moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Fund Allocations by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Financial Supports Commission

Requested: \$474.00

Recommended: \$474.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$474 for advertising the Book Lending Program.

Vietnamese Language and Culture

Requested: \$2,982.59

Recommended: \$450

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$450 for Programming for VNLC's Winter Retreat to be held December 14-17, 2003.

Vietnamese Student Union

Requested: \$1,651.42

Recommended: \$805.50

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$355.50 for Advertising and \$450 for Graphics for Vietnamese Culture Night to be held on January 19, 2004.

African Student Union

Requested: \$200.00

Recommended: \$200.00

Under her discretionary authorization, the Finance Committee Chair recommended the allocation of \$200 for Honorarium for ASU's African Education Project to be held on November 29, 2003.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said that Worlds AIDS Day had gone very well.

Campus Events Commission

-Gaulton said that tonight, between 8:00 and 9:00pm, the Best of LA Shorts Fest would be showing. He said that Thursday and Friday they would be showing Pirates of the Caribbean from 7:00 to 9:30. He said that he would be meeting with the President of the IFC and others about doing the UCLA vs. USC bonfire together.

-Schreiber asked if Rally Committee was included.

-Gaulton responded that Rally Committee said that they did not want to be included at this juncture.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said that tomorrow he would be meeting with the Systemwide Council of Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs to talk about outreach funding. He said that next Friday he will be in Oakland where he would be meeting with Student Regent Murray and UC President Dynes about lobbying efforts. He said that the Governor released several proposals this week for mid-year budget cuts. He said that he recommended cutting \$29.9 million from the UC system and \$12.2 from outreach spending. He said that he wants to reduce the funding for the Labor Studies Center by \$2 million. He said that another fee increase is to be anticipated.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said that the Constitutional Review Committee will try to meet over Winter break. He said that he also attended the event honoring the appointment of Dolores Huerta to the Board of Regents. He said that it was a nice event.

General Representative – Joshua Lawson

-Lawson said that he had a quick report. He said that his program on Student Access TV will be broadcast starting next quarter. He said that the Student Voting Rights Initiative is gathering signatures. He said that the student activism course is coming together.

- Chiang asked what the purpose of the course would be.
- Lawson said that students would be choosing an on-campus issue, and would be doing something to bring attention to that issue. He said that they would also be discussing historical issues about activism.

President

- McKesey said Kerckhoff Hall will be having another Open House along with the Student Activities Center. She said that there would also be a play called NWC. She said that the tentative date for the performance is February 3rd or 4th. She said that the play, which presents issues of race relations and tension, is being sponsored by several offices. She said that she would like it to become a collective program for all of USAC. She also said that she had spoken with Palma/Saracho about reviving the USAC newsletter, and that discussed putting it online to cut expenses. She said that they are trying to enhance the online capabilities. She said that they are still pursuing a USAC Brochure as well. She said that interviews for the Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences would be taking place over the next few weeks. She said that, at the first meeting of next quarter, she would like all of the officers to make reports. In those reports, she would like them to give a update on their programs and report on how they had helped promote the Action Agenda items.
- Schreiber asked if there would be a meeting during Zero Week.
- McKesey said that there would be.
- Palma/Saracho said that Nguyen has been compiling an events calendar.
- McKesey said that she would go over USAC's Action Agenda items. She said that the first item was the No on Proposition 54 campaign which has since turned into the Access Higher Education campaign. She said that the second item was to repeal Expected Cumulative Progress. She said that the third was the Freeze the Fees campaign. She said that, in pursuit of that goal, they met with President Dynes and had students testify before the State Legislature. She said that she would also like students to take advantage of relationships that have been established in the UC System with the Alumni, the Student Regents and the UC President. She said that USAC has been doing great things, but that there was more work to do.

Administrative Representative – Rick Tuttle

- Tuttle said that there will be a reception for the International Connections program next quarter. He said that getting involved in that program is a nice way to be involved in the international student community.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that he would like to commend Council on the way that they have conducted themselves throughout the quarter. He said that they especially showed wisdom and foresight in respect to the campaign against Proposition 54.

VIII. Old Business

- There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

- There was no New Business this week.

X. Announcements

- Tripathi said that the USAC Panel on the hill is coming together. He said that it would be on January 21st at 6:00pm in De Neve. He said that it would be a good chance to meet the people on the hill.
- Gaulton said that it is Sneaks Week. He said that The Last Samurai would be playing tomorrow and that Mona Lisa Smile would be screened off-campus.

- Chen said that Student Government Accounting would be closed from December 24th until January 2nd.
- Wynn said that the last Cultural Affairs Commission event for the quarter would be a concert tomorrow at noon.

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

XII. Adjournment
-Chiang moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to adjourn the meeting.
-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker