

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday January 13, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Grace, Kaczmarek

GUESTS: Melody Hanatani, Janina Montero, John Vu, Brian Neesby, Crystal Lee, Ailissa Leroy, Amy Lucas

- 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
-Kozak, Schreiber and Chiang asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-Schreiber 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 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
***September 30, 2003; October 7, 2003; October 14, 2003**
-Saldaña said that the contingency request for the Japanese Animation Club was not for the Art of Rice Theater.
-Husse-Jerome moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Minutes of September 30, 2003 and October 14, 2003, as submitted and the Minutes of October 7, 2003, as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.
- IV. Special Presentations
-There were no Special Presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
-There were no Appointments this week.
- VI. Fund Allocations
***Winter 2004 Contingency Fund Application**
-Chen said that she wanted to bring the new Contingency Application before Council. She said that she added a time line. She said that a point system has also been added so that applicants will know where to place their emphasis.
-Chiang asked if the application is online already.
-Chen said that it was.
-Chiang moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the Winter 2004 Contingency Fund Application.
-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

***Contingency**

- Chen said that she had placed a revised contingency recommendation sheet in each council member's mailbox to replace the recommendation sheet in the agenda that is dated January 5th. She said that this list presented eight recommendations for Council's consideration and approval. She said that, in addition to these eight, she had funded three other groups through her discretionary authorization, and that those three allocations were listed before the eight that Council would be voting on.
- Chiang said there appeared to be a typo in the recommended amount to Campus Events for the screening of Lost In Translation, and asked if the amount should be \$300.
- Chen said that it should.
- 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 motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Asian Pacific Coalition**Requested: \$474.38****Recommended: \$200.00**

Chen authorized the allocation of \$200.00 upon her own discretion in compliance with the 2003 – 2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Food for the Youth Leadership Conference held on December 5, 2003.

Alpha Epsilon Omega**Requested: \$1,334.00****Recommended: \$ 200.00**

Chen authorized the allocation of \$200.00 upon her own discretion in compliance with the 2003 – 2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Registration for the National Conference & Retreat held December 19 to December 21, 2003.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity**Requested: \$1,291.00****Recommended: \$ 600.00**

Chen authorized the allocation of \$600.00 upon her own discretion in compliance with the 2003 – 2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Travel for the 2004 Chapter Presidents' Conference held January 8 to January 10, 2004.

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,570.36****Recommended: \$ 570.36**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$545.36 for the total cost of Transportation and \$25.00 for the total cost of Advertising for their Winter Rush to be held the week of January 7 to January 15, 2004.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$1,116.00****Recommended: \$ 200.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for the partial cost of Print Rental for the screening of Matchstick Men on January 14 and January 15, 2004.

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity**Requested: \$600.00****Recommended: \$600.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$600.00 for the total cost of travel for the Mid-Year Leadership Conference to be held January 16 to January 18, 2004.

Armenian Student Association**Requested: \$400.00****Recommended: \$327.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$327.00 for the total cost of Facilities for the ASA Winter Quarter Retreat to be held January 23 to January 25, 2004.

United Cambodian Students**Requested: \$400.00****Recommended: \$400.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the total cost of Facilities for their Winter Quarter Retreat to be held January 23 to January 25, 2004.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$1,221.00****Recommended: \$ 300.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the partial cost of Print Rental for the screening of Lost in Translation to be held January 22 and January 23, 2004.

African Student Union**Requested: \$2,000.00****Recommended: \$ 900.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$900.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for the Voices from the Grave Attribute to be held on January 22, 2004.

Amnesty International, UCLA**Requested: \$378.36****Recommended: \$378.36**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$378.36 for the total cost of Programming for the Human Rights Film Series to be held January 21 to January 23, 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said that some of her office's events have not been scheduled yet but that most of their big events have been scheduled and are included in her office calendar. She said that the main event that the office is sponsoring this quarter is the Dance Marathon. She said that she has a summary of her office's Fall quarter successes, including the Community Service Carnival, collection of 340 units of blood for the UCLA Blood and Platelet Center, and a Run/Walk Basketball Tournament with 26 teams competing. She said that they also passed out more than 5,000 brochures on World AIDS Awareness Day.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Kozak said that her past few weekends have been filled with retreats. She said that the first was the Student Initiated Outreach Committee (SIOC) retreat where the main focus was on funding cuts to outreach programs. She said that the budget for outreach could be cut by as much as 100% by the State. She said that they are going to form a Save Outreach Coalition with other groups at UCLA and with other campuses statewide. She said that the Campus Retention Center (CRC) retreat mainly focused on the CRC Seminar, which is on the history of the CRC. She said that tomorrow she would be meeting with Vice

Provost Judy Smith about Expected Cumulative Progress (the Minimum Progress Requirement). She said that the policies regarding Minimum Progress and the Diversity Requirement were decided on with little involvement from Council. She encouraged Council members to become more involved in this effort. She said that her office is also trying to start an experimental college in order to create a space for student initiated courses.

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that there are a few events coming up. He said that there will be a recruitment fair on January 20th. He said that his office is also trying to convince the Community Relations Department to put together a map of the locations of all of the community service projects in the LA area. He said that he would like to have a networking night with all other community service organizations on campus. He said that, on January 12, he had attended the UCLA With Local Government Day to discuss community service issues.

External Vice President

-John Vu said that, since Kaczmarek could not be at tonight's meeting, he would be making the report for the EVP's office. He said that he wanted to remind Council that the USAC-OCHC Panel would be held on the hill on Wednesday at 6pm, and that this event provides a good opportunity to let students know what Council does. He said that OCHC has asked if USAC would be willing to share in the food costs. He said that the EVP's office has been working with the Student Activities Center to let people know what the SAC building is for. He said that the State budget will be an issue very soon, and that there is a possibility of fee increases up to 10%. He said that the funding of financial aid could decrease from 33% to 20%, which would have major implications for financial aid. He said that there could be a 10% reduction in the number of students in the entering class. He said that there is a 100% proposed cut to outreach programs.

-Kozak said an interesting fact is that, since Governor Schwarzenegger has declared a state of emergency, he may make the budget cuts by executive decision, rather than going through the state legislature.

President

-McKesey said that a lot has been going on. She said that she would be putting a quarterly calendar form in everyone's mailbox so that each officer can list their events for the quarter. She said that there will also be a time grid to fill in regarding hours when each office will be staffed. She said that they are getting back to work on the internship program. She said that they would like to schedule some fieldtrips this quarter. She said that, during this quarter, the internship workshops will be on Wednesdays at 6pm. She said that the Student Regent application process has begun. She asked Lawson if he had an update on the Voters Rights Referendum he was supporting.

-Lawson said that his office is still collecting signatures. He said the next step would be for Council to appoint an Election Board Chairperson who would verify the signatures and conduct an election on the proposed referendum if enough valid signatures had been collected. He said that he will be making a presentation to USAC soon on this matter.

-McLaren asked Lawson if he thought this measure would be included on the ballot for USAC's regular election in the Spring, or if he thought it would necessary to hold a Special Election.

-Lawson said that his office is leaning towards a Special Election.

-McKesey asked if special elections are funded by Surplus funds.

-McLaren said that she was n't certain, but thought that would be the most likely source.

-McLaren asked if the change would be to the Constitution or to the Bylaws.

-Lawson said that it would add a section to Article III of the USAC Constitution. He said that it would require a two-thirds vote of the students and a minimum turnout of voters.

-Tuttle asked what the substance of the amendment is.

- Lawson said that it would make online voting the main method of voting. He said that it would make any computer a voting station. He said that it would also eliminate delays between votes off campus.
- Tuttle asked what the access was for people off campus during the last election.
- Lawson said that, during the last election, computers off campus were affected by voting delays. He said that this was not necessarily caused by block voting. He said that DSL lines in apartments often serve more than one computer. He said that during the last election no more than 28 votes came from any one off-campus IP address.
- Tuttle said that block voting is a major concern. He said that there is a chance that the sanctity of the privacy of the ballot could be lost through this measure. He said that it may also be a mistake to make this change to the Constitution rather than to the Election Code.
- Wynn said that she thought that the delay was for security concerns.
- McKeseey said that she brought this matter up because she thought that USAC should not be kept in the dark about such a significant issue.
- Lawson said that he would be making a presentation on this later in the quarter.
- Kozak said that it might be helpful to do some research on where the computers casting votes are located.
- Schreiber asked if there was any research done on whether individual computers could be hit with delays rather than delaying entire computer networks.
- Lawson said that that would be difficult to determine.
- Chiang asked if this would affect the section of the Election Code that prohibits campaigning near voting stations. She said that, since there is now wireless internet available on campus, the entire campus might be considered off-limits for campaigning. She said she also had a problem with this being a change to the Constitution, locking in on-line voting as the only valid system. She asked what would happen if technology changed so that the internet was no longer the easiest way to hold elections. She said, if such a thing occurred, Council would have to change the Constitution again. She said she thought the current system of having options in the Election Code might be a preferable way to go.
- Tuttle said that this issue cries out for further discussion.
- Lawson said that he will make a presentation on this later in the quarter. He said that his office decided to have the students decide on this issue. He said that it will rise or fall based on the wishes of the students.
- McKeseey said she thought that, in the future, it would be appropriate to include Council in an initiative this large early in the process so that discussions could lead to meaningful solutions.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that this weekend four people from the University of Texas, Austin would be coming to UCLA to see how things are done here. He said that there would be two students and two administrators. He said they would be meeting from 11 to 12 on Thursday, and that he would like some council members to join them.

Administrative Representative – Rick Tuttle

- Tuttle said that President McKeseey and the GSA President, Hanish Rathod, would be the newest members of the Dashew Center Board of Governors. He said that the center is also putting on an International Connections Program which provides a tremendous way to connect with another student.

VIII. Subcommittee Reports – Constitutional Review Committee

- Palma/Saracho said that the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) has been having conversations via email. He said that he has put together a chronological list of the changes made to the Constitution and Bylaws concerning the subject of USAC sponsored groups. He said that from there the committee will make a detailed report and proceed with clarifying the process.

- Lucas asked if anyone could attend the CRC meetings on this subject.
- Palma/Saracho said that they could, and said that he would post the times.

- IX. Old Business
- There was no Old Business this week.
- X. New Business
- There was no New Business this week.
- XI. Announcements
- Gaulton said that the film calendar for this quarter is ready. He said that Wednesday at noon, I'm a Robot would be performing in the Plaza. He said that the group, Butterfly Affect, is playing now.
 - Chen said that the Capital Items /Surplus process is coming up soon.
 - Nguyen said that the Vietnamese Culture Night is coming up.
 - Lawson said that any council member is welcome to join him on Bruin Beat, the Student Media TV show.
- XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.
- XIII. Adjournment
- Lawson 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 8:45 pm
- XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker