

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 20, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lawson, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Saldaña, Schreiber
- ABSENT: Grace, Nelson, Tuttle, Wynn
- GUESTS: Melody Hanatani, Janina Montero, Yousef Tajsar, Pavan Tripathi, Paul Marian, Amy Lucas, Matt Gutierrez
- 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
-Kozak asked that her Presentation on the Diversity Requirement be changed to one on the Academic Senate.
-Kozak, Schreiber, Husse-Jerome, Lawson and Gaulton asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-Lawson asked that his Presentation on the USAC Funding Bylaws with Regard to ORSOs and Independent Groups be tabled.
-McKesey said that the Information Planning Technology Board Presentation would be postponed.
~~-Schreiber moved and Kozak 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 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.~~
- III. Approval of the Minutes
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations
Academic Senate
-Kozak said she would not be doing a presentation on the diversity requirement tonight because she wanted the Diversity Requirement Committee to first have time to review their proposal. She said that she would instead give Council a short presentation on the structure of the Academic Senate. She said that she had several hand outs for Council to review. She said that the committees that she appoints students to, as the Academic Affairs Commissioner, are listed in the box with a dotted-line border. She said that they include committees that deal with academic programs and policies, the university community and educational resources. She said that the largest committees fall under the heading of Academic Programs and Policies. She said that the faculty members of the Academic Senate are all tenured professors. She said that there are typically one to two students on the committees and they do not have a vote. She said that any proposal must work its way up through the structure of committees and, if it is approved by the

Legislative Assembly, then it becomes policy or procedure. She said that each of the UCs has a similar structure. She said that any proposed Diversity Requirement proposed will have to pass through the Academic Senate.

V. Appointments

-There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

-There were no Contingency allocations this week.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Campus Events Commissioner

-Gaulton said that his office has a busy week ahead. He said that tomorrow there will be two bands in the Cooperage. He said that on Thursday there will be an artist in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery. He said that Lost in Translation will be showing on Thursday and Friday in the Ballroom. He said that his office had their staff meeting last week.

Financial Supports Commissioner

-Husse-Jerome said that last quarter the Book Lending Program checked out 30 books. She said that this quarter her staff has been working extremely hard and have so far checked out 103 books. She said that they received some new books last week from the Graduate Students Association. She said that they are trying to get rid of their out-dated books and will be donating them to Books for Africa.

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that he has a project update. He said that the Hunger Project goes out and feeds the homeless on Mondays and Tuesdays. He said that he went along and helped feed about 15 people. He said that the Community Service Fair was today and about 15 groups attended. He said that more than 200 people passed through the area. He said that his office also held a retreat over the weekend.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Kozak said that she has made all of her Academic Senate appointments except for one or two positions. She said that she has a list of those appointments but that it is not comprehensive. She said that the ASRF funding process took place last month and they were able to help everyone who applied.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said last Monday he and Lam attended the UCLA Local Government program. He said that the Regents meeting was held last Wednesday and Thursday. He said that on Friday, UCSA hired its 4th permanent employee. He said that his office also had a staff retreat over the weekend. He said that he had a few things to pass out to Council, the first of which was a fact sheet about the Governor's budget proposal. He said that the plan includes: decreases in enrollment, cuts in financial aid and cuts in outreach. He said that, over the coming weekend, the nation's first LGBT Grassroots Organizing Workshop will be held.

-McKesity asked how many students would be attending the workshop.

-Kaczmarek said that there would be 40 out-of-state attendees and 40 from within the state.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said his office is working with the Student Activities Center on an Open House to be held next Tuesday, beginning at 11:00am. He said there would be tours of the newly opened Center, and food. He said that his office is also working on the Know Your Rights programs. He said that one is coming up on civil liberties. He said that he is also working on a Hate Crimes Awareness Week. He said that the UCLA Vote 2004 Campaign is still

active. He said that they will be meeting on Wednesday. He said that the next Student Advocacy Collective will be coming up soon.

President

-McKesey asked if everyone had been contacted by their interns. She said that they would be having their first internship meeting for this quarter soon. She said that this week they will be talking about the structure of UCLA and USAC. She said that she is trying to find an E-Board appointee right now. She said that she hopes to have an appointee within the coming week. She said that the Governor's budget proposal was released during the past week. She said that there is a potential cut to outreach. She said that it is likely that there will be no outreach funding next year. She said that she and Kozak met with Vice Chancellor Montero and Vice Provost Smith about Expected Cumulative Progress.

General Representative – Joshua Lawson

-Lawson said that, at a future meeting, he will be presenting proposed changes to Articles II Sections B and C; Article VI Section C. Subsections 1, 2 and 3; and Article VI Section D Subsection 2, 8, 9 and 10 of the USAC Bylaws.

VIII. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

USAC/OCHC Panel on the Hill

-Tripathi asked who would be able to attend the panel.

-Kozak said that she has to work. She asked if she could send a representative.

-Tripathi said that she could. He asked that Council members be there by 5:45. He said that the program will start with food and mingling. He said that there will then be an introduction of the OCHC. He said that they will then discuss how students can get involved on campus.

-Lawson asked what kind of publicity will be done for the event.

-Tripathi said that they are distribution fliers in the dorms.

X. Announcements

-Lam said that there will be a fundraiser in Chinatown for KIWA. She said that it is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

-Palma/Saracho said that the Student Activities Center grand opening will be on Tuesday at 11:00. He said that everyone should check it out.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Palma/Saracho moved and Saldaña seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker