

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 27, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lawson, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Saldaña, Schreiber, Williams, Wynn
- ABSENT: Gaulton, Grace, Tuttle
- GUESTS: Melody Hanatani, Janina Montero, Laurel Turbin, Jenny Galvez, Judy Ying, Jenny Wood, Pavan Tripathi, Debra Simmons, Adam Harnetz
- I. A. Call to Order
-Because McKesey had not yet arrived, Palma/Saracho 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 said that McKesey would be late to the meeting. He asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.
-Schreiber and Chiang asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-Chen said that she would like to add an action item on the Computer Center under New Business.
-Kaczmarek moved and Lawson seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
-Palma/Saracho 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
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Special Presentations
Student Proposal for Diversity Requirement
-Jenny Galvez said that UCLA has been going through a constant struggle for years to enact a diversity requirement. She said that, currently, UCLA is the only UC without one. She said that the students are currently working on a proposal for a diversity requirement.
-Another student presenter, Jeff, said that their current proposal for a diversity requirement is that students take two classes, one on domestic diversity and another on global diversity. He said that there would also be a committee created to review the GEs offered and select courses that would fulfill the requirement. He said that the diversity requirement that was recommended previously encompassed 62% of the GEs offered at UCLA. He said that the definition of diversity was too broad.
-Galvez said that studies done on this subject show that there are positive effects on people who take classes that explore diversity.
-A third student presenter said that another study shows that 50% of the top ranked schools have a diversity requirement. She said students should ask themselves if UCLA is really fulfilling its duty to educate students.
-Galvez said that a list of criteria has been compiled for classes that would meet the diversity requirement.

- Nelson asked if any of the faculty has been consulted.
- Galvez said that the proposal has been submitted to an ad-hoc committee of the Academic Senate.
- Nelson said that he would recommend that they approach faculty members who may be sympathetic. He said that that could help their cause.
- Lawson asked if the expanded criteria cover socio-economic issues.
- Jeff said that it does.

Dance Marathon

- Jenny Wood, Chairperson of Dance Marathon, said that the event was coming up, and would be held on February 7 and 8. She said one of their main goals is to educate people on the severity of the AIDS issue and, to focus on that goal, AIDS patients will be at the event to speak. She said that there will be a band and that the spirit squad will be performing. She said they are trying to unite the campus around this major problem.
- Judy Ying, a member of the Dance Marathon committee, said that there are a lot of ways to get involved with the event. She said people could, of course, dance in the event, or they can serve as Moralers, helping to boost the dancers' morale. She said the registration fee for Moralers is \$15, and that, if people want to come and watch the event, they can do so by paying just \$5.

Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB)

- Adam Harmetz, USAC's appointee to the ITPB, said that his main reason for attending the Council meeting was to alert officers of the possibility of a new technology fee being charged to students. He said that he would begin his presentation with an update of the other issues concerning the ITPB, and would come back to the possible fee after that. He said the first issue of concern to the ITPB is the File-sharing Policy. He said that, currently, the File-sharing Policy is incomplete. He said that, as the policy now stands, there is no real punishment for the first time someone is caught sharing copyrighted programs. He said that it is basically used as an educational experience. He said that, in the past, the university hasn't had problems with second time offenders. He said that the first second-time offender was found this year. He said that a policy is now being discussed for how to deal with second-time offenders. He said that UCLA Administrators do not want to monitor students, but they are getting pressure to do so. Harmetz said second issue the ITPB is dealing with is wireless internet connection on campus. He said that, so far, the wireless program hasn't cost the students anything. He said the ITPB is also working on creating persistent email addresses for students but, as it looks now, students won't be able to keep their email addresses after they graduate until the class of 2005 or 2006. He said ITPB is also discussing the fact that UCLA is fairly far behind in integrating technology into class lectures. He said that they are working on ways to improve all of the above situations. Harmetz then returned to the subject of possible technology fee that will be charged to students. He said the ITPB is drafting a letter to the Chancellor about ways to fund Information Technology in the future. He said the business model that is currently being used is no longer working, which is why they are looking into the idea of instituting a technology fee.
- Kozak asked how the fee would be tied to student services.
- Harmetz said that this fee would pay for the infrastructure of the IT system.
- Nguyen asked how much the fee would be.
- Harmetz said that he wasn't sure. He said the fee that students pay now for their class websites is not even 50% of the total cost.
- Nguyen asked if the wireless internet connection is paid for with funds from the Instructional Enhancement Fee.
- Harmetz said that it is paid for through cuts to other areas.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-Debra Simmons, Student Government Accounting Manager, said that request number 7 lists a number of groups. She stated that the funds can be allocated to only one group.

-Chen said that it would be allocated to Queer Alliance.

~~-Wynn moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.~~

~~-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.~~

Office of the External Vice President

Requested: \$600.00

Recommended: \$600.00

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$600.00 for Housing for the Queer Grass Roots Organizing Weekend which was held January 23-25, 2004.

Best Buddies UCLA

Requested: \$225.00

Recommended: \$225.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$225.00 for Supplies for a Best Buddies UCLA project at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, to be held on January 30 and 31, 2004.

Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine

Requested: \$1,544.50

Recommended: \$1,355.12

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$1,355.12 for Transportation to the Stanford University Minority Medical Alliance Conference to be held on January 31, 2004.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Requested: \$1,200.00

Recommended: \$ 700.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$700.00 for Honoraria for CAC's Jazz Series, to be held January 25, February 2, February 9, February 23, March 1, and March 8, 2004.

N*gger Weth*ck Ch*nk

Requested: \$948.00

Recommended: \$661.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$237.00 for Advertising, \$209.00 for Graphics and \$195.00 for Supplies related to their presentations on February 3 and 4, 2004.

UCLA Dance Marathon

Requested: \$6,521.91

Recommended: \$2,000.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$948.00 for Advertising and \$1,052.00 for Supplies for Dance Marathon's event to be held on February 7 and 8, 2004.

Queer Alliance, La Familia, Queer X Girl, Mahu, Mishpacha, Fluid, and Blaque

Requested: \$3,923.42

Recommended: \$3,550.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$1,482.52 for Travel, \$900.00 for Registration and \$1,167.48 for Lodging for the UCLGBTIA Conference to be held February 20-22, 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President

- McKesey said that the USAC on the Hill meeting was last night. She said that student attendance was lukewarm, but that many ideas were proposed for Council to consider. She said that one of the issues discussed was the Student Leadership Program, which delivers newspapers to the dorms. She said that they also talked about the ballot propositions which be voted on in the upcoming election. She said that it was also suggested that USAC and OCHC work together more and share each other's resources.
- Husse-Jerome said that she will be sending a representative from her office to OCHC meetings in the future.
- McKesey said that she has also been talking with council members about moving forward with Council's plan of action. She said that there are a few options. She said that there will be a presentation on that in the future. She said that she attended today's Open House at the Student Activities Center (SAC), and that it was a very nice event.

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho also mentioned the said that the SAC Open House, and said there was a very good turnout. He said that the Constitutional Review Committee will be meeting on Thursday from 5 to 8 pm. He said that there will be a budget forum during 5th week. He said that his office is planning on having the next Student Advocacy Collective on Tuesday, February 3, from 4 to 7 pm. He said that Vice Chancellor Montero will be attending it.

External Vice President

- Kaczmarek said that, last Thursday, he met with a representative from the International Students Center during which he learned that applications from international students have decreased by 50% due to extra precautions for international applicants. He said that, on Friday, he went to Oakland and met with President Dynes and other people from the President's office. He said that they discussed outreach, the location of Regents meetings and the budget. He said that Provost King is retiring. He said that during the past weekend they held an LGBT Grassroots Organizing Workshop (GROW), the first of its kind in the nation. He said that he would be going to Washington D.C. this weekend to lobby on the Higher Education Act and other issues.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Chiang said that her office has cooking classes in the works. She said that they will be in Bradley International Hall every other weekend.

Community Service Commissioner

- Schreiber said that WYSE would be having an Open House soon. He said that the Our Lady of Peace Health Fair is coming up, and that that they are looking for volunteers. He said there will be an info meeting on the COOL Conference soon, and that the Conference will be held March 12 through 14. He said that next Thursday there will be a training session on funding sources in the area.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that he has some information from Jack White about introducing pool at UCLA.

VIII. Old Business

- There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

***Capital Items Surplus**

-Chen said that she would like to set part of the money in the Surplus Fund for a possible Special Election and for software and other upgrades to the Student Government Computer Center. She said that she expects about 35 groups will apply for Surplus Funds. She said that the cap on allocations is \$2,000 and she would therefore recommend that \$70,000 be set aside for Capital Items Surplus. She said that, approximately \$10,000 will go back into the Contingency Fund. She said that she hopes to have the application on the USAC website this week. She said her office will advertise the process during 4th week, and that she would be sending a letter to all CSP Advisors. She said applications will be due during 5th week. She said they will all have to be time stamped. She said that the Finance Committee will meet the Monday after the deadline to deliberate. She said she hopes to have the Finance Committee's recommendations ready to be approved at the Council meeting during 6th week.

-Wynn moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Capital Items Surplus process.

-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.

***Computer Center**

-Simmons said that \$2,500 is being subtracted from Surplus to pay computer center wages. She said that the new surplus amount will be \$128,830.10. She said that this is being done because the computer center budget was moved from the USAC budget to the Student Government Accounting budget and this transfer is needed to square things up.

-Schreiber moved and Wynn seconded to approve the transfer of funds from Surplus to pay for computer center wages.

-McKesey asked if the money was specifically allocated for wages.

-Simmons said that it was.

-Wynn asked if the funds are transferable if there is money left over.

-McKesey asked if this could be tabled until Council could see a breakdown of the transfer.

-Schreiber withdrew his motion to approve the transfer of funds.

-Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to table the transfer Computer Center funds until the next meeting.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion to table with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

-Chen suggested that Council vote on her Capital Items application form, as well.

-Wynn moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Capital Items Surplus application form.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Capital Items Surplus application form with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

-Palma/Saracho said that this week is Hate Crimes Awareness Week.

-Nguyen said that she is working on the USAC Brochure.

-Wynn said that the Acoustic/Electronic series is going on down stairs in the Coffeehouse, and invited everyone to stop by and check it out.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Nguyen moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

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APPROVED: March 16, 2004

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker