

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 17, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Ambrosio, Chen, Chiang, Husse-Jerome, Kozak, Lam, Lawson, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Schreiber, Tuttle, Williams
- ABSENT: Gaulton, Grace, Kaczmarek, Wynn
- GUESTS: Janina Montero, Crystal Lee, Melody Hanatani, Brian Neesby, Amy Lucas, Art Ambrosio, Kristin Mayeda, Yousef Tajsar, Pavan Tripathi, Roy Samaan, Rion Graham, Ma.raissa Corella, Lili Harbottle, Jose Lara, Julie Chuang, Paul Marian
- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Nguyen, Chiang and Kozak asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-Chen asked that Capital Items Allocations be added as an Action Item under Fund Allocations.
-McKesey said that the ASUCLA Vision, Mission and Structure item under Old Business would be tabled.
-Husse-Jerome moved and Schreiber 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
***October 28, 2003**
-Schreiber moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Minutes of October 28, 2003, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
UCLA Labor Center
-Palma/Saracho said that they asked to be rescheduled to next week.
- V. Appointments
***Election Board**
-Palma/Saracho said that there were two interviews held today, one for the Election Board Chair and one for the General Representative 3 position. He said that Roy Samaan, who was interviewed for the position of E-Board Chair, had a very strong application. He said that the ARC recommends that Samaan be appointed as the Election Board Chairperson.
-Palma/Saracho moved and Nguyen seconded to appoint Roy Samaan to the position of Election Board Chairperson for 2003-2004.
-McKesey asked if there was any discussion.

- Schreiber said that he would prefer to table this appointment until he can see Samaan's application.
- Palma/Saracho said that the applications are included with the two copies of the USAC Agenda that are posted for public reference. He said that he could make copies of Samaan's application for Council if they liked, but that it would be fine with him if the E-Board Chair appointment was tabled until the next meeting.
- McKesity said that Council will still have to appoint someone to the position of General Representative during this meeting because the USAC Constitution requires that a vacant position be filled within 15 business days of a resignation. She said that the candidates for the General Representative 3 position are present if Council would like to ask questions of any of them.
- Palma/Saracho withdrew his motion to appoint Roy Samaan to the position of Election Board Chairperson.
- Schreiber moved and Chiang seconded to table the appointment of the Election Board Chair until the next meeting.
- McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion to table the appointment of the Election Board Chair with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- Schreiber requested a 10 minute recess to review the applications of the candidates for General Representative 3.
- Schreiber moved and Lawson seconded to call a 10 minute recess.
- McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to take a 10 minutes recess with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- Council went into recess at 7:23pm.
- Council reconvened at 7:34pm.
- Palma/Saracho said that two very strong applicants were forwarded to the ARC for the position of General Representative 3. He said that Art Ambrosio has a lot of knowledge about USAC and has worked on many programs. He said that Kristin Mayeda, who is an advocate of LGBT issues and women's issues, would bring a new perspective to Council. He said that she is very forward thinking. He said that it was a tough decision.
- Lawson said that the reason he voted in the ARC in favor of Ambrosio was that he felt Ambrosio would be able to settle into the duties of the office quickly and efficiently. He said that Ambrosio had attended the USAC retreat and is very familiar with USAC's goals. He said he thinks that Ambrosio has an edge because of his knowledge of Council. He said he thought both applicants would be excellent additions to Council, but he felt that Ambrosio would be able to settle in faster than Mayeda would.
- Schreiber asked the candidates what they would do with the budget of the office.
- Mayeda said that she would want to get things going well. She said that she would like to co-program with other offices. She said that she would like to put on programs dealing with education. She said that she would also plan programs to deal with gender and sexuality issues.
- Ambrosio said that he would like to incorporate outreach into his programs. He said that he would like to set up a class that deals with outreach issues, so that a section of the campus that does not normally deal with outreach can become involved. He said that he would like to work to save outreach programs. He said that he has a light class schedule for the rest of the year and plans to make this office his top priority.
- Mayeda said that she has already made arrangements to cut down on the amount of hours she spends doing other things. She said that this would be her top priority as well.
- Chen said that, during the interview, Ambrosio said that, if he was appointed as the General Representative 3, he would retain his role as the Assistant Commissioner of the Community Service Commission. She asked Ambrosio if, owing to the time commitments of both positions, he had rethought holding both.
- Ambrosio said that he thinks that he's done a good job in demonstrating that he can do both. He said that he was able to drop a lot of his other commitments. He said that he would not

have applied without knowing the demands of each job. He said that he would be willing to recuse himself from any vote that would cause a conflict of interest.

- Schreiber asked what each candidate's top priority is.
- Mayeda said that her top priority would be to advocate LGBT issues.
- Ambrosio said that he would like to help outreach before its budget is cut.
- Chiang asked Mayeda what steps would be involved in planning the conference that is mentioned in her application.
- Mayeda said that she spoke to the Director of the LGBT Center about this. She said that the director has access to a venue, and that that greatest hurdle would be getting students and administrators to come to the conference. She said her other responsibilities would be to find a speaker and to advertise the event.
- Chiang asked if Mayeda had any sort of timeline on the event.
- Mayeda said that she would shoot for mid-spring quarter. She said that in the meantime she would become involved in the diversity requirement issue and the freezing of fee increases.
- Palma/Saracho said that he is concerned that Ambrosio would be taking on too much work in running two offices. He said that Ambrosio's passion lies in community service. He said that he felt that both issues could be served by appointing Mayeda since Ambrosio is already involved.
- Lawson said that he doesn't think that the level of Ambrosio's involvement should count against him. He said that his involvement shows that he has the capacity for the position.
- Palma/Saracho moved to appoint Kristin Mayeda to the position of General Representative #3.
- The motion failed for lack of a second.
- Lawson moved and Chiang seconded to appoint Art Ambrosio to the position of General Representative #3.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none. Council voted to approve the motion with 4 votes in favor, 1 against and 3 abstentions.
- McKesey congratulated Ambrosio and thanked Mayeda for coming to the meeting.
- Ambrosio was then administered the Oath of Office by Judicial Board Chief Justice Mark Belgen.

VI. Fund Allocations

*Contingency

- Schreiber moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none. Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$1,143.00

Recommended: \$ 200.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for programming for Kill Bill, which will be playing on February 18th and 19th.

ENGINuity

Requested: \$178.00

Recommended: \$100.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$41.00 for graphics and \$59.00 for supplies for the 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament on March 6th and 7th.

Bruin Partners

Requested: \$386.94

Recommended: \$341.94

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$341.94 for transportation for the Winter Quarter Mentor/Mentee Field Trip on February 28th.

MEChA de UCLA

Requested: \$829.55

Recommended: \$476.82

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$476.82 for transportation for the Community and Labor Border Tour on March 6th and 7th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$475.00

Recommended: \$250.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$250.00 for honorarium for John Vanderslice in Westwood Plaza on February 25th.

Hunger Project

Requested: \$1,524.51

Recommended: \$1,524.51

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,524.00 for transportation to the Homelessness Conference in Berkeley on February 28th and 29th.

African Student Union

Requested: \$4,495.61

Recommended: \$1,000.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,000.00 for transportation for the "Under Construction: Building Black Leaders" High School Conference on February 21st.

***Capital Items**

- Chen said that the Finance Committee had spent the previous day reviewing the applications for Surplus funding. She said that they would now review the process with Council.
- Lili Harbottle, a member of FiCom, said that the applications for surplus funding were due during 5th week. She said that there was an advertisement in the Daily Bruin to that effect. She said that flyers were also posted and the individual groups were notified to the best of FiCom's ability.
- Marissa Corella, a member of FiCom, said that a few changes have been made to the application for surplus funding since last year. She said that a table of requirements was added to the front page. She said that a checklist was also added. She said that applicants were asked to include a statement of need so that FiCom would know how the capital items requested applied to the group's mission statement. She said that they required that a lock be purchased for any items requested. She said that digital cameras were not funded this year.
- Chen said that a total of \$49,378.88 was requested and \$33,471.14 is being recommended for allocation. She said that two applications were rejected. She said that one was rejected because it is actually a graduate student organization. She said that the other was rejected because it is not an Officially Recognized student organization (ORSO).
- Julie Chuang, another member of FiCom, said that FiCom looked at several factors when making recommendations. She said that first FiCom checked to make sure that the group was an ORSO. She said that they then looked at the previous allocations that the group had received. She said that they then checked that the proper signatures were present and that the estimates were correct.
- Jose Lara, the final member of FiCom to speak, said that the final thing that was considered was the statement of need. He said that they then double checked all of the groups' numbers. He said that they will have a meeting later this week to answer all of the groups' questions.
- Chen said that they tried to help where they could. She said that three of the applications did not include tax and FiCom added the tax in for them, since FiCom had more than enough money to do so.

- Harbottle said that three of the applications did not fulfill all of the criteria, but since they fulfilled a majority of the criteria and since there was plenty of money available, recommendations were made anyway.
- Chen said that money was removed from the allocations for anything that had already been funded.
- McKesey said that MEChA, Raza and General Representative #2 were allocated more money than they requested. She asked if this was only due to tax being added to the allocation.
- Chen said that that was the only reason that money was added to the allocations. She said that she will also be making a presentation later in the quarter about taking money from surplus to add money to Wynn and Gaulton's budgets.
- Husse-Jerome asked how much the Election Board would have to run the election.
- Chen said that they would have about \$22,000.
- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Finance Committee recommendations for Capital Items/Surplus Funds.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho said his office is working on the Fear Factor program that would be coming up next weekend. He said that the purpose of the program was to show how people feel about cultural differences and to initiate and carry out a dialogue about those differences.

Facilities Commissioner

- Nguyen said that there will be a workshop next Tuesday on who to contact for funding. She said that they will also be unveiling the Facilities Commission website. She said that she would drop off flyers later this week.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Kozak said that the Student Retention Center will be having a discussion to get feedback from the students affected by Expected Cumulative Progress. She said that they would also be having a Diversity Requirement meeting tomorrow. She said that an outreach proposal will be submitted to Council next week. She said that this week they would be having another brown bag luncheon on planning your own major.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Chiang said that the SWC Calendar is finished for February and March. She said that 7th week will be a busy week. She said that Tuesday will be Multicultural Awareness Movie Night, Wednesday will be RollAIDS (a program promoting AIDS awareness), Thursday will be a cooking class on how to make sushi. She said that on Sunday, March 7th they would be holding a Super CPR training session.

President

- McKesey said that she would have an update next week on Student Fees. She said that during 8th week, Transportation Services would be making a presentation to Council.

VIII. Old Business

***Resolution for Higher Education Reauthorization Act**

- Husse-Jerome moved and Lam seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

***Resolution in Support of USSA Fighting for Immigrant Rights to Education**

- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of USSA Fighting for Immigrant Rights to Education.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.
- Lam asked that a Roll Call be taken on the vote concerning the Resolution on Immigrant Rights to Education.

-The roll count is listed below:

Palma/Saracho	Aye
Lawson	Nay
Ambrosio	Aye
Kozak	Aye
Schreiber	Aye
Nguyen	Aye
Husse-Jerome	Aye
Chiang	Abstain

Proposed USAC By-law Amendment

- Lawson said that after reviewing the UCOP Guidelines, his office would like to make the following recommendations for changes to the USAC By-laws. He said that the first change would be a uniform one throughout the By-laws. He said that any mention of “Officially Recognized student organizations” would be changed to “student organizations registered with the Center for Student Programming.” He said that Article VI. Section C.3. would be changed as noted in the document passed around at the table. He said that the groups would basically have to sign a non-discrimination agreement in order to request USAC funding. He said that it would also require that, on request, a group would have to submit a Constitution to USAC. He said that they would be required to comply with ethical and legal business practices as well. He said that the further proposed amendments are just changes in wording in order to make it consistent and parallel. He said that he saw no reason for waiting for UCOP to force them into making changes to the document, and said that he preferred to be proactive in this matter.
- Palma/Saracho asked where the list of violations under Article VI. Section C.3.c.(2) came from.
- Lawson said that they came from the Center for Student Programming (CSP) handbook for Officially Recognized student organizations. He said this list would provide USAC with justification for denying funding to groups that violated any of these restrictions.
- Nguyen said that she did not see the point in this. She said that CSP already requires that groups follow these rules. She said that this seems to be an unneeded section.
- Lawson said that Independent groups are not required to follow the listed rules. He said that would be taken care of by his proposed amendment wherein USAC would require the groups to submit a Constitution. He said this means that, if a group requests funding, USAC will not discriminate against them just because they are not registered as Officially Recognized. He said, however, that they will have to demonstrate that they are a viable organization.
- Schreiber asked who would decide if a group was a viable organization.
- Lawson said that, as long as an organization follows its Constitution, they should be eligible for funding. He said that the funding committees would decide whether or not a group was in compliance with their Constitution.
- Brian Neesby, Lawson’s Chief of Staff, said that they would just be changing who could apply for funding, and adding the provision that a Constitution could be required of a group upon request.
- Chiang asked who would enforce the compliance of a group with their Constitution. She also asked if Independent groups would now be eligible for office space. She said that, even if these changes are made, she thought there might be other cross-references that have

been missed. She said that she also thought that the requirement that groups follow legal practices is redundant.

- Lawson said that enforcement would not be a concern unless there was a problem. He said that USAC could require a Constitution if there was a problem. He said that he did not deal with office space and that he would be willing to change Section C.2 so that Independent groups would not be eligible for office space.
- Neesby said, in response to Chiang's comment, that they had already checked all of the cross-references to make certain they were consistent.
- Chen asked how many groups are registered as Independent organizations.
- Nelson said that there is usually a three-to-one ratio of Officially Recognized to Independent groups.
- Lawson said that there, currently, 893 groups are registered.
- Chen asked who would be consulted if a group violated the discrimination clause or some other requirement. She pointed out that Independent groups have no sponsor. She asked how USAC would enforce its requirements. She asked if they would put a hold on all further funding, or just on funding for the event in question.
- Lawson said that some penalty could be added to the section of the By-laws under discussion.
- Lam asked if the Independent groups had a CSP advisor.
- Nelson said that they do. He said he thought that Lawson's endeavor was a credible one, but he did see three problems. First, who would enforce the requirements; Second, what if a group violates the requirements and has already spent the money; and, Third, he said that funding of political groups during election years could be tricky. He said that the chickens come home to roost. He said that he was not sure that USAC should get involved in this matter yet.
- Lawson said he believed that the changes will have to be made, and that USAC would just have to find the best way to make those changes.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of the Diversity Requirement**

- Lawson thanked Kozak for making the categories for diversity as wide as possible.
- Kozak moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Diversity Requirement.
- McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Nguyen seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of the Diversity Requirement as a half-page advertisement in the Daily Bruin on February 26.
- McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion to publish the Resolution with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

X. Announcements

- Schreiber said that there has recently been a vandalization of sign boards.
- Nguyen said she has posted a large calendar of events on the third floor of Kerckhoff, on the wall between the President's Office and the ASUCLA Library.
- McKesity reminded Council Members about the dinner meeting with Student Affairs Administrators on March 3 from 5:00 to 6:30pm.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Chiang moved and Nguyen seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

FINAL

APPROVED: April 13, 2004

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker