

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 2, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ambrosio, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Schreiber, Tuttle, Williams

ABSENT: Chen, Grace, Lawson, Palma/Saracho, Wynn

GUESTS: Crystal Lee, Janina Montero, Sara Taylor, Yousef Tajsar, Jack Powazek, Renee Fortier, Jim Davis, Matt Martin, Kian Boloori, Kristin Mayeda, Georgina Wakefield, Aliya Haq, Oscar Navarro, Hamilton Yuan, Letisia Marquez, Victor Salazar, Jason Lewis, Natasha Saelua, Mohammad Mertaban, Carri Fierro, James Balagot, Diem Tran, Patty Lopez, Jennifer Murphy, Pedro Gomez, Parian, Matt McFeeley

- I. A. Call to Order
 - McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - In Chen's absence McKesey passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Kozak asked that the Resolution in Support of University and Neighborhood Learning and Outreach Coalition be moved up to just after the Special Presentations.
 - McLaren asked that the Minutes for November 25th and December 2nd be added for approval.
 - Kozak, Lam and Schreiber asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
 - Kaczmarek asked that action on the Resolution in Support of Federal Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage be tabled until the next meeting. He said that there would be a Special Presentation on the topic instead.
 - 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 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - *November 25, 2003**
 - Husse-Jerome moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Minutes of November 25, 2003, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.
 - *December 2, 2003**
 - Wynn moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Minutes of December 2, 2003, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - Parking Fee Consultation, Transportation Services**
 - Renee Fortier said that she would be giving an overview of parking revenue and expenses. She said that they have a little over \$35,535,340 in revenues. She said that the largest amount of that comes from Permit Fees collected from students, faculty and staff. She said that a large amount has also been made from daily sales. She said that these parking fees support \$33,400,603 in expenses. She said that in 2005 the expenses will likely be

increasing to \$36,489,896. She said that among the major drivers of parking fees are the Transportation Demand Management Services. She said that several years ago a deal was made with the city of Los Angeles to limit the number of trips made, by vehicle, to UCLA per day. She said that a cap was set and if UCLA goes over the cap it would mean that all construction on campus would have to stop. She said that the cap is set at 139,500 trips and that UCLA is already at 125,000 trips per day. She said that they are trying to limit the amount that parking increases. She said that there has been a recent increase in Capital Investments for parking from \$95 million to \$165 million. She said that there is also a cap on the number of parking spaces that UCLA is allowed to build. She said that they currently have 24,041 of the 25,169 spaces which they are allowed to have. She said that after all the current construction is completed they will only be 1,128 spaces short of the cap. She said that they are going to eliminate stack parking. She said that they are making their fee increases annual rather than biannual. She said that the Yellow Permit for the 04-05 year will probably cost \$57 which is down from the projected \$58. She said that UCLA parking fees are lower than most similar campuses except for UCSD.

- Ambrosio asked what "car subsidy" means.
- Fortier said that that is another name for the ridesharing subsidy.
- McKesey asked what would happen if we were to exceed the parking cap.
- Fortier said that UCLA would have to work out a new long range development plan.
- Fortier said that Parking Services is currently in the period of notification. She said that there will then be a public commentary period for one month before a formal letter of intent is drafted. She said that that will be the final notice of the fee increase.
- Kaczmarek asked how Transportation Services includes the Transportation Services Advisory Board in their day to day operation.
- Fortier said that every year Parking Services gives TSAB an overview of the situation. She said that they then have meetings about specific issues. She said that they had several discussions about BruinGO!
- Kaczmarek asked if they thought of having parking lots out of the area and then shuttling people in to campus.
- Fortier said that UCLA used that option in the past but very few people took advantage of it. She said that it was costly and not viable. She said that they are now spending that money on promoting alternative transportation methods instead.
- Kaczmarek asked why debt services have gone up.
- Fortier said that that is due to construction including: 1,500 spaces in Lot 7; 1,181 spaces in the Graduate student housing lot; and 300 spaces on the hill. She said that each new space costs, on average, \$30,000. She said that they are bringing on a lot of spaces which means that increasing amounts must be paid to servicing the debt. In other words, they will have to pay interest on the loans they took out to build the additional spaces. She said that the debt service will increase from \$7.7 million to \$10.3 million. She said that the good news is that they are almost done with all of their construction projects, which means that the amount paid to servicing the debt will level off.
- Husse-Jerome asked how many years the debt service would be increasing.
- Fortier said that it should level off over the next few years and should begin to decrease as older lots are paid off.
- Nguyen asked what their other campus commitments are.
- Fortier said that those included road ways, signals and other transportation issues that do not deal directly with parking.
- Wynn asked what the annual revenue from parking violation fines is.
- Fortier said that it is about \$1.5 million net. She said that that money is earmarked specifically to support alternate methods of transportation.
- McKesey asked if there would ever be a point without parking fee increases.
- Fortier said that there are three major projects that still need to be financed. She said that there are still a lot of unknowns.

File Sharing Policies, Student Affairs Administration

- Janina Montero, Vice Chancellor Student Affairs, said that she and Jim Davis, Vice Chancellor Information Technology, were present to give USAC information about new initiatives that are being proposed to address the issue of file sharing. She said that there will be a formal announcement later. She said that they plan to implement the policy during spring quarter. She said that UCLA cannot condone the illegal use of copyrighted material. She said that the university has taken steps to ensure that three points are taken into account. She said that these points are: privacy, a service to student needs, and appropriate processes.
- Jim Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, said that one important point is that individuals are being sued, but is those individuals are linked with UCLA, the university is also liable. He said that last year UCLA received 600 notifications, from someone outside of UCLA, that illegal material is on UCLA's network. He said that 75% of the illegal material was on computers on the hill, and that 25% was in the form of emails on the Bruin Online network. He said that they are concentrating on the residential halls. He said that last year they had one repeat offender and so far this year they have had six. He said that they know they are being notified of a small number of their file sharing problems. He said that other campuses are blocking offenders from the network, but that UCLA is taking a more balanced approach to the problem. He said that their approach is to quarantine equipment that is identified as having illegal material on it. Specifically, he said that they would block such a machine from external access, which is access to anything that is not within the UCLA.edu domain of websites.
- Montero said they decided that this approach was fair to any student offenders because it would allow them to have access to all university processes. She said that they were setting up levels of sanctions tied with the frequency and severity of offense. She said, for example, that the first offense will be considered a teaching experience, and will be simply a warning. She said that further offenses could result in removal from university housing and the possibility of suspension.
- Davis said that music file sharing is at the forefront of the issue but movies, software and intellectual property is also a problem.
- Schreiber asked how they are making the residential halls aware of this policy.
- Montero said that the matter is still in the consultation phase. She assured Council that there would be an official notification issued before the policy is implemented. She said that they plan to communicate this policy to the students in the residential halls when the time comes.
- Ambrosio asked that, if the third infraction could result in suspension, how this compared to the way that other infractions are dealt with.
- Montero said that it is consistent with other policies.
- Kaczmarek said that there was a court case over the summer that established that an internet provider was not required to turn over the names of their clients. He asked how this applies to UCLA.
- Davis said that they are resisting turning over any names, but said that if they are subpoenaed they might have no choice. He said they would resist turning in names and would notify students beforehand if they were forced to do so.

***Resolution in Support of University and Neighborhood Learning and Outreach Coalition (UNLOC)**

- Oscar Navarro said that the UNLOC commission was here because of the governor's budget. He said that outreach cuts, increased tuition, a decrease in financial aid and an enrollment cap are affecting people all over the state.
- Patty Lopez said that the governor was able to make midyear cuts to outreach, and that the proposed budget lays out further cuts. She said that the students felt that something needed to be done, so UNLOC was formed. She said that their first goal is to reinstate funding to outreach, their second goal is a moratorium on student fee increases, the third

goal is a removal of enrollment caps and the fourth to take a position against the outsourcing of jobs.

- Yousef Tajsar said that these are unprecedented attacks on education. He said that education is not a priority of the governor. He said that there needs to be some repercussion. He said that this resolution will be taken to other student groups.
- McKeseby said that Council would be voting on the revised version of the resolution that was passed out at the table rather than on the one in the agenda packet.
- Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the revised Resolution in Support of University and Neighborhood Learning and Outreach Coalition (UNLOC).
- McKeseby asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Schreiber moved and Ambrosio seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of University and Neighborhood Learning and Outreach Coalition in the Daily Bruin on March 9th as a half page advertisement.
- McKeseby asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Resolution in Support of Federal Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages

- Kian Bolori said that they want to postpone the resolution because Vice President Cheney has come out in support of a Constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage. He said that they want to change the language to reflect that. He said that it is vital that the community understand this amendment. He said that there are about 1,400 rights that come with marriage. He said that by writing this into the constitution the government would be classifying LGBT people as second class citizens.
- Ambrosio asked how previous resolutions on this subject differed from this one.
- Bolori said that this resolution will point out President Bush's and Vice President Cheney's involvement.

New Design for USAC Web Site

- McLaren said that this is an opportunity for USAC to offer feedback on the new USAC website design.
- Tony Ta, the USAC webmaster, showed Council the basic design of the site. He said that the new design is a lot more dynamic than the old one was. He said that there are eight main sections and four quick link buttons that lead to sites which students who come to the USAC site may wish to link to. He said that more buttons could be added if needed. He said that the agendas and minutes of Council meetings are posted in PDF format. He said that a lot of the Council members' homepages are incomplete. He said that he would be willing to help Council Members come up with web page templates.
- Kozak asked if a survey could be placed on the site.
- Ta said that if any Council members wanted anything on the site they could email either him or McLaren and they would see that it gets put up on the website.
- Schreiber asked if the agendas on the site included the back up material that is included in each agenda packet.
- Ta said that only the front page of the agenda is displayed.
- McLaren said they would like to include all back up documents, and will do so if the Council members who create and present the back up documents would email them to the webmaster.
- Wynn asked if we could get MyUCLA to list a link to the USAC website.
- McLaren said she thought that was a great idea, and that she would talk with people at MyUCLA about it.

V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- Chen said that she was presenting a total of six allocations to Council.
- Husse-Jerome 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 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Mahu**Requested: \$494.21****Recommended: \$494.21**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$237.51 for Lodging, and \$256.70 for Travel for Queer Asian Pacific Legacy to be held on March 5 - 7, 2004.

Student Welfare Commission**Requested: \$700.00****Recommended: \$293.50**

FiCom recommended \$200.00 for Advertising, and \$93.50 for Supplies for Daisy Day: Women in Time of Conflict to be held March 7, 2004.

UCLA Pan-Hellenic Council**Requested: \$2,947.10****Recommended: \$1,338.60**

FiCom recommended \$440.00 for Registration, \$498.60 for Transportation, and \$400.00 for Hotels for the Western Regional Greek Conference 2004 to be held from April 1 - 4, 2004.

Conciencia Libre**Requested: \$7,092.00****Recommended: \$3,000.00**

FiCom recommended \$2,160.00 for Airfare, \$400.00 for Housing, and \$440.00 for Registration for the El Salvador Delegation to be held from March 17 - 27, 2004.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$738.00****Recommended: \$100.00**

FiCom recommended \$100.00 for Programming for the Ackerman \$2 Film Series: "Secretary" to be held from March 4 - 5, 2004.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$713.00****Recommended: \$100.00**

FiCom recommended \$100.00 for Programming for the Ackerman \$2 Film Series: "Boogie Nights" to be held from March 4 - 5, 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Community Service Commissioner

- Schreiber said that his office had their networking lunch earlier this quarter. He said that they will be having a second one to discuss community service issues.

General Representative – Linda Lam

- Lam said that they held a brown bag luncheon to discuss the effects of Expected Cumulative Progress (ECP). She said that counselors and students who were affected by the policy were present. She said that they are doing a survey on ECP.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

- Kozak said that the Fear Factor program went very well. She said that it was able to raise the issue of the Diversity Requirement. She said that her office is meeting with the faculty about the Diversity Requirement. She said that the timeline is questionable and it should be voted on this spring or next fall.
- Nelson asked if the faculty seemed positively inclined toward the Diversity Requirement.
- Kozak said that the internal feeling is that the College of Letters and Sciences has been receptive to the idea.

External Vice President

- Kaczmarek said that he would like to introduce Matt McFeeley the new UCSA Organizing Director. He said that McFeeley has been with UCSA for almost a month.
- McFeeley said that UCSA is currently working on the fee policies. He said that he would encourage students to contact him for help.
- Kaczmarek said that this weekend he went to UCSD. He said that he also attended the Council on Student Fees. He said that even though the governor has not targeted student services they will be cut. He said that the majority of his week was taken up by fee policy conversations. He said that tomorrow his office would be going to Sacramento to lobby. He said that they have 28 legislative appointments. He said that this weekend is the UCSA Student of Color Conference. He said that he has a paper on how the fee policies will affect the campus. He said that one of the effects would be that student groups could not run referendums to gain funding. He said that this would include offices that are part of Council. He said that that would mean that the USAC offices may not get referendum money. He said that their claim is that a fee referendum is not viewpoint neutral. He said that they can raise the general activity fee but that they cannot earmark what the funds would go to. He said that UCSA is arguing against this. He said that it would have a dramatic impact at UCLA.
- Schreiber asked if this would take away referendum fees that students have already passed.
- Kaczmarek said that UCOP hasn't said yet.

President

- McKeseey said the USAC internship is having its last workshop this Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00pm. She said that her office is cosponsoring an educational program with UNLOC. She said that next week the movie The Revolution Will Not be Televised Will be available for showing. She said that they don't have a venue for the movie yet and are looking for one. She said that on Monday she and a few other Council members met with Assistant Vice Chancellor Bob Naples about the USAC funding guidelines. She said that they were informed that the issue was not as urgent as they were led to believe. She said that they are meeting with Bob Williams and the undergraduate ASUCLA BOD representatives about the ASUCLA vision and mission statement. She said that there will be a dinner meeting tomorrow with Student Affairs Administrators from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

VIII. Old Business

- There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of the Market Worker Justice Campaign**

- Lam said that this is part of a class that explores immigrant issues. She said that they are working on the market workers campaign. She said that they are trying to form an independent union to support the workers.
- Tuttle said that he would recommend that Council strike the reference to the work Korean for the market owners. He said that he doesn't think it is useful to single a certain group out.
- Lam said that she accepted and agreed with that change.
- Kaczmarek moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Market Worker Justice Campaign as amended.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

-Lam moved and Nguyen seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of the Market Worker Justice Campaign in the Daily Bruin on March 5th as a quarter page advertisement.

-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.

***Resolution in Support of SEIzE (Students Empowered to Initiate their own Education)**

-Kozak said that this came out of an idea that started on university campuses in the 1960's. She said that students teach their own courses, which discuss topics that are not taught elsewhere.

-Kaczmarek moved and Lam seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of SEIzE.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

-Wynn moved and Nguyen seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of SEIzE in the Daily Bruin on March 11th as a quarter page advertisement.

-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.

X. Announcements

-Gaulton said that Girl Next Door would be playing tonight. He said that on Thursday and Friday they would be showing Secretary and Boogie Nights. He said that on Monday in the Cooperage there would be a band. He said that there is also a display of a graffiti artist's work in the Kerckhoff Hall Art Gallery now.

-Wynn said that the Queer Alliance dance is on March 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. She said that WorldFest would be fifth week. She said that JazzReggae would be on May 30th and 31st.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- In Chen's absence McKesey passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Husse-Jerome moved and Ambrosio 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 9:22 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker