

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 9, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ambrosio, Chen, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Schreiber, Tuttle, Williams

ABSENT: Chiang, Grace, Lawson, Wynn

GUESTS: Crystal Lee, Paul Marian, John Vu, Doug Ludlow, Alexander Baiedi

- I.
 - A. Call to Order
 - McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.
 - B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.

- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Schreiber asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
 - Paul Marian asked to make a report for the Student Welfare Commission in Chiang's absence.
 - Kaczmarek asked to table the action portion of the Resolution to Adopt the UCSA Statement of Principles Relating to the UCOP Fee Policies. He said that there would still be a discussion at this meeting about the resolution.
 - Palma/Saracho moved and Nguyen 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
 - Students for Organ Donation**
 - Doug Ludlow introduced himself as a representative of the Students for Organ Donation. He said that they want to make UCLA a flagship school in enrolling people in the organ donation program. He said that they would like to enroll at least 5,000 people in the program during the week of April 19th. He said that during that week they will be having an Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Week. He said that they had come before USAC to provide information about the program, not to ask for money.
 - Tuttle said that this is an important issue, and that this program is saving lives.
 - Williams asked what the process is for enrolling people into the program.
 - Ludlow said that there are a couple of ways. He said that they will give forms to students which they can place in their wallets with their drivers licenses. He said that they will also be giving out letters which participants can send to their families to inform them of their decision to donate organs.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if they would be working with the bone marrow donor drive.
 - Ludlow said that was a good idea and that he would contact the people who are putting on that drive.

-Schreiber said that one of the projects under his commission conducts bone marrow drives, and that he would give Ludlow contact information for them.

V. Appointments

-There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-Schreiber moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.

-McKesity 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: \$1,088.50

Recommended: \$ 200.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$200 for print rental for the \$2 film – Something's Gotta Give, which will be playing on March 11th, and 12th.

Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$433.42

Recommended: \$433.42

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$433.42 for supplies for the SWC's Cold Clinic program.

Future Business Leaders of America (Phi Beta Lambda)

Requested: \$1,970.00

Recommended: \$ 920.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for housing and \$520.00 for transportation for the FBLA Collegiate Division State Leadership Conference.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Paul Marian said that Chiang was not feeling well and that he was making the Student Welfare Commission report in her place. He said that they held the first cooking class, and taught the participants how to make sushi. He said that 80 people showed up, and it was a great success. He said they had to turn some people away because of space limitations. He said that they held Super CPR Sunday last weekend at which they certified more than 100 people. He said that the Winter Quarter Blood Drive went very well and that they collected more than 400 units. He said that this broke SWC's record for number of units collected at one drive. He said that they are now putting together packets to give to students for Finals Week. He said that on Sunday, May 16 they will be holding the "5K to Save the Day" walk which raises funds for the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. He said that this year's theme is "Heroes Helping Heroes."

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that the CSC Talent/No Talent Show is coming up. On another matter, he said that he has been involved in several discussions recently regarding the possible loss of referendum funds that have been allocated to student groups and offices. He said that if the CSC loses their referendum funding, there could be major negative effects on their programming efforts.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said that last Wednesday he went to Sacramento to meet with more than 30 members of the State Legislature. He said that he lobbied them on enrollment reductions and cuts to

the Outreach and Labor Center budgets. He said that, on Friday, he attended the Students of Color Conference. He said that approximately 500 students attended, and it was a great success. He said that yesterday he went to Oakland to attend a meeting of the UC Eligibility Study Group. He said that several subsequent issues have sprung from the discussions of that group. He said that the UC System is concerned over its compliance with Proposition 209, and is concerned that a lawsuit could come on either side of the issue. He said that he flew back for tonight's Council meeting, after which he will be going to San Diego to talk about the fee referendum policy. He said that on Friday he will be going to UC Merced. He said that he will be having dinner with President Dynes next Monday. He said that the Regents meeting will be on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

- Kozak asked if there was a due date on the comments about the referendum policy.
- Kaczmarek said that comments are due by March 26.
- Palma/Saracho asked that there was so much concern compliance with Proposition 209.
- Kaczmarek said that there are enough non-academic factors in the admissions policy to create some bias against under-represented students. He said that, on the other hand, most purely academic factors are biased against under-represented students.

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho said that his staff attended the Queer Formal. He said that today was an Outreach Day and that his staff was asking students to sign a petition.

President

- McKesey said she would like to thank Bob Williams, Berky Nelson, Rick Tuttle and representatives of the CSP for attending the recent Student Affairs dinner. She said that it went well. She said that her office staff came up with the idea to hand out Smartie candies wrapped in an info sheet. She said that the theme is "You think you're smart: then you should know this about Outreach." She said that they will be handing them out during 10th Week and Finals week.

VIII. Old Business

- There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of Federal Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages**

- Kaczmarek asked if action on this item could be postponed until next week because Kian Bolori from the Queer Alliance wanted to say a few words about the resolution before it was approved.

McKesey asked if Bolori could be contacted to come to tonight's meeting to make his remarks. She suggested that Council take a five minute recess so Kaczmarek could try to reach Bolori.

- McKesey called a recess at 7:40pm.

-Council reconvened at 7:43pm.

- Kaczmarek said that he found out Bolori is currently attending another meeting, and cannot attend tonight's USAC meeting to make his remarks..

-Kaczmarek moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to table the Resolution in Support of Federal Recognition of Same-Sex Marriages until the next meeting.

- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.

Alexander Baiedi asked if any polling had been done on campus regarding this issue. He said that is has been said that this resolution represents to undergraduate opinion.

- McKesey said that Council usually doesn't conduct polls to support individual resolutions.
- Palma/Saracho said that the Daily Bruin did a poll on this subject in the past, and only a small percentage of the campus supported a Constitutional Amendment banning same-sex marriages.

-There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the motion to table action until the next meeting with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Resolution to Adopt the UCSA Statement of Principles Relating to the UCOP Fee Policies

- Kaczmarek said that this resolution would consist of basically the same language as was presented to Council last week in the fact sheet he distributed. He said that there will also be a letter to the Office of the President for Council to approve.
- Palma/Saracho said that SFAC is suffering from a drop in income due to a drop in registration fees. He said that they discussed the idea of placing more money into the SFAC Pool from Registration Fees. He asked if such a budget augmentation would have to be approved by the Regents or the Legislature.
- Kaczmarek said that it would have to be approved by the Legislature.

X. Announcements

- Gaulton said that Something's Gotta Give will be showing next week in AGB. He said that next week at 8pm Franz Ferdinand will be playing in the Cooperage. He said that the "sneak" next week will be Taking Lives.
- McKesey said that on Thursday night the Vagina Monologues would be opening. She said that some of her office staff will be in it.
- Nguyen said that the UNLOC Coalition will be having a dance in the gym as a fundraiser.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Palma/Saracho 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 7:55 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker