

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday April 13, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Ambrosio, Chen, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, Lawson, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Schreiber, Tuttle, Williams
- ABSENT: Grace, Wynn
- GUESTS: Janina Montero, Crystal Lee, Roy Samaan, Mike Cohn, Brian Neesby, Shantanu Bhuiyan, Sara Taylor, Shiva Bhaskar, Darren Chan, Sarah Williams, Ann Caldwell, Kian Bolori
- 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 to add a Special Presentation on Denim Day.
-Kozak also asked to include a Resolution in Support of Denim Day to New Business as an Action Item.
-Chiang, Schreiber and Gaulton asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-Chiang moved and Ambrosio 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
***February 10, 2004; February 17, 2004; February 24, 2004**
-McKesey said that the name of the guest under Special Presentations on the first page was misspelled. She said that she would find the correct spelling and give it to the Minutes Taker.
-Schreiber moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2004, as amended, and February 17, 2004 and February 24, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
Election Update
-Roy Samaan, Election Board Chairperson, said that he was presenting a memo to Council regarding the upcoming elections. He said the memo specifically addresses the matter of a Special Election that was petitioned to Council last week. He said that, due to the fact that this was a proposed amendment to the USA Constitution rather than a simple referendum, the requirements are different. He said that a petition for amending the Constitution requires that the petition must carry valid signatures for at least 15% of the student body. Samaan stated that, based on current undergraduate enrollment, the required number of valid signatures would be 3,702. He said that, during its evaluation of the petitions that were submitted to Council last week, the Election Board discounted signatures that were ineligible, or were missing information, and/or were collected on weekends or holidays, the Election Board determined that the number of valid signatures was 2,527. In addition, he said that the petition itself was in violation of the Election

Code because no notice had been given to the Election Board concerning circulation of the petition. He said that, as a result, there would be no Special Election. He said, however, that Council does have the power to place this matter on the ballot of USAC's regular election.

- Lawson said that from what he read in the Constitution, the requirement of 15% pertains to By-law amendments, not to Constitutional amendments. He said the Constitution clearly states that a referendum requires signatures from only 10% of the student body. With regard to Samann's statement that the petition was invalid because the petitioner had not notified the Election Board of the petition prior to circulating it, Lawson said he could not do that because there was no Election Board in place at that time. He said, for that reason, he had sent an email to McKesey and to the Daily Bruin to inform students about the petition.
- Samaan said that, in an instance where there is no Election Board, the petitioners should have submitted a written statement to the Council in proxy.
- Lawson said that he would be seeking recourse on this matter.
- Samaan said that Lawson's petition should not have been a change to the By-laws. He said that it should have been a change to the Constitution.
- Lawson said that it was never intended as a By-law change. He said that it was meant as a Constitutional change.
- Mike Cohn, Election Board Advisor, pointed out that the student body does not vote on By-law changes. He said that they vote only on proposed changes to the Constitution. He said that the requirements for a Constitutional amendment are listed under the section marked By-laws because all guiding documents can be seen as By-laws.
- Palma/Saracho asked Lawson if he was saying that this referendum was not meant as a Constitutional amendment.
- Lawson said that this has always been meant as a Constitutional amendment.
- Cohn said that there could be some confusion in people's minds because the USA Constitution specifically states that an amendment requires a petition with valid signatures from 15% of the student body, while the Election Code refers to *initiatives* which require valid signatures from just 10% of the student body.
- McLaren reminded Council of a problem in the USA Constitution that had been pointed out to them by Dr. Tuttle at a meeting sometime early in their term. She said it appears that, at an undetermined time in the past, a sentence which defined the procedure for amending By-laws to the Constitution had been omitted from the Constitution. In prior versions of the Constitution, that sentence had been in an article entitled, "Bylaws", and was followed by an Article entitled, "Constitutional Amendments". In the current version of the Constitution, the Article entitled "Bylaws" remains, but the information under it refers to the requirements for amending the Constitution. She said this flaw in the document may have lead to Lawson's confusion on the subject.
- Tuttle asked if there was anything preventing Lawson from obtaining additional signatures so that the measure could be included on the ballot for the general election.
- Samaan said that there was not.
- Tuttle asked if Lawson decided to do that, would he be starting with 2,527 signatures, or would he be starting at zero signatures.
- Samaan said that the Election Board would have to consider that questions before he could comment.
- Cohn said that he would like to make it clear that the 2,527 signatures have not yet been verified by the Registrar's Office.
- Chiang asked if the signatures already collected could be included since Council had not been notified.
- Samaan said that the Election Board would have to make that decision.
- McKesey said it was her opinion that the signatures would be invalid because the petitions had not been stamped by the E-board.
- Samaan said that that was technically true. He said that the E-board may be able to approve some of the signatures, but he couldn't say at this time whether that would be allowable.
- Palma/Saracho asked if the E-board could retroactively approve signatures.

-Samaan said that he is hesitant to say at this time.

Presentation on USSA 35th Annual National Legislative Conference

- Kaczmarek said that, a couple of weeks ago, a number of UCLA students attended the USSA National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. He said that he has asked them to speak to Council this evening about their experiences at the conference.
- Lam said that this was the second USSA event she has attended, and that she enjoyed the conference very much. She said that she was able to attend a panel on International Racism where they talked about diversity.
- Nguyen said that she was very pleased with the conference, as well. She said that this was her first trip to Washington D.C. as something other than a tourist. She said that it was an amazing process, and that she felt like she was really doing something important. She said that she was able to attend the panel presented by Women of Color.
- Chen said that workshops at the event focused on many of the action agenda items. She said that they learned about several different issues. She said that she learned how great their delegation is on a national level. She stressed the importance of the role that UCLA plays in USSA.
- Palma/Saracho said that this was a really good conference, and that it provided good training for lobbying. He said that he thought it was significant that so many students are able to combine forces in USSA. He said that he walked away with a lot of valuable information.
- McKeseey said that she also had fun. She said that she facilitated the People of African Descent Caucus. She said that they had a lot of good discussions. She said that the highlight of the event for her was the lobbying of so many governmental officials. She said that her group was able to lobby Maxine Waters in person. She said that Waters agreed to support USSA's action agenda items, and she also agreed to speak at UCLA some time in the near future.
- Kaczmarek said that the Legislative Conference provided an opportunity for students make their voices heard. He said that it was an effort to expand access to higher education, that all of the issues dealt with at the conference were important ones.

Denim Day

- Kozak said that Denim Day is coming up in about a week and that representatives of the Clothesline Project were here to make a presentation about it.
- Ann Caldwell, from the Clothesline Project, said that their event was named "Denim Day" because of a judicial ruling an Italian Court that, since the woman who claimed to be raped was wearing tight fitting jeans, she must have helped her attacker take them off and, therefore, the court ruled that it was consensual sex, not rape. Caldwell said that everyone who takes part in Denim Day wears jeans. She said that the Clothesline Project will take place on April 21 and that they will have displays and speak-outs on the subject of sexual violence and assaults against women.
- Sarah Williams, also from the Clothesline Project, said that they would like Council to pass a resolution recognizing Denim Day.
- Caldwell said that former Councils had approved similar resolutions in support of Denim Day, and pointed out that the Resolution before Council was an updated version of the earlier one.
- Nguyen asked if sexual abuse could be added to the resolution along with sexual violence.
- McKeseey asked if the "Whereas" about the court decision could be moved up to the top of the resolution.
- Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Denim Day, as amended.
- McKeseey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of Denim Day as a half-page advertisement in the Daily Bruin on April 21.
- McKeseey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

V. Appointments

-There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-Chen said that she was presenting a total of 15 allocations to Council, 7 of which were discretionary.

-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 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Latin American Student Association

Requested: \$4,714.23

Recommended: \$1,000.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,000.00 for the cost of honorarium for the 6th Annual Festival Latino, to be held April 17th.

UCLA Women's Soccer Club

Requested: \$241.50

Recommended: \$210.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$210.00 for the total cost of Referee Fees for the Bruin Classic Tournament, to be held on April 17th and April 18th.

Community Service Commission

Requested: \$521.96

Recommended: \$521.96

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$521.96 for the total cost of transportation for the Asian American Tutorial Project to be held April 23rd.

Asian Pacific Health Corps (APHC)

Requested: \$681.00

Recommended: \$400.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the cost of transportation for the Chinatown Community Health Fair (CCHF) to be held April 25th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$1,167.00

Recommended: \$ 150.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$150.00 for the cost of print rental for the \$2 Film Series: 50 First Dates to be shown on April 15th and 16th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$1,192.00

Recommended: \$ 150.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$150.00 for the cost of print rental for the film, Mystic River, to be shown on April 29th and 30th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$1,168.00

Recommended: \$ 150.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$150.00 for the cost of print rental for the film Big Fish to be shown on April 8th and 9th.

African Student Union**Requested: \$1,112.46****Recommended: \$ 346.96**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$346.96 for full cost of supplies for The College Drop Out, to be held April 17th.

Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity**Requested: \$900.00****Recommended: \$316.00**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$316.00 for the cost of advertising for Spring Recruitment 2004, held April 5th to April 9th

Delta Sigma Phi**Requested: \$1,232.00****Recommended: \$ 316.00**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$316.00 for the cost of advertising for Spring Recruitment 2004, held April 5th to April 9th

Theta Xi Fraternity**Requested: \$1,411.00****Recommended: \$ 474.00**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$474.00 for the cost of advertising for Spring Recruitment 2004, held April 5th to April 9th

Golden Key International Honor Society**Requested: \$930.00****Recommended: \$400.00**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$400.00 for the cost of facilities for the Induction Ceremony, held on April 12th.

MEChA de UCLA**Requested: \$1,987.80****Recommended: \$ 600.00**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$600.00 for the cost of facilities for MEChA de UCLA's 5th Annual Raza Day, held on April 9th

Amnesty International at UCLA**Requested: \$1,303.24****Recommended: \$ 409.64**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$237.00 for the cost of advertising and \$172.64 for the total cost of supplies for the Modern Slavery Action and Awareness Week, to be held April 13th to April 16th

Financial Supports Commission**Requested: \$474.00****Recommended: \$316.00**

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$316.00 for the cost of advertising for the Book Lending Program.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President

-McKeseay said that, last Wednesday, she attended the Alumni Association Board Meeting and that it was a very productive meeting. She said that there will be a delegation of UCLA Alumni going to the Capital to lobby concerning the funding cut-backs to the University. She said that she is trying to get a commitment from them to lobby on USAC's issues as well. She said that the members of the Alumni Association Board are very supportive of USAC's Action Agenda items. She said that she also met with Dennis Galligani, the Associate Vice President of the UC System. She said that Galligani assured her that the UCOP funding guidelines would be passed down to USAC by the end of this year. She said that the Counselors for Summer Orientation have been chosen, and that the Orientation staff will be making USAC an official part of their campus tour.

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho said that the Student Advocacy Collective meeting was held yesterday, and that they got a lot accomplished. He said that they discussed the idea of changing some policies involved in becoming an Officially Recognized student organization so that it would be easier for Independent groups to receive funding. He said that the Constitutional Review Committee is continuing its review and discussion of the Sponsorship issue. He said that he had attended the Diversity Requirement retreat, and that it went very well.
- Lawson asked if the document that was passed out at the table represented the views of the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Palma/Saracho said that document was one that had been handed out at the Student Advocacy Collective. He said that it does not represent the viewpoint of the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Lawson asked if academic departments are allowed to sponsor political or religious groups.
- Nelson said that current regulations allow that.
- Lawson asked if there would have to be interdepartmental changes in order for departments to be able to sponsor such groups.
- Nelson said that there would probably have to be changes to the CSP guidelines.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said that he was also present at the meeting with Dennis Galligani. He said that he is currently preparing for the upcoming Student Lobbying Conference. He said that UCSA was originally formed as a lobbying organization and grew to be among the top 12 lobbying organizations in California. He said that, in 1991, the UC Board of Regents took away from student organizations the right to lobby. He said that UC Riverside filed a court case objecting to the Regents' action, and that the court ruled in favor of UCR, which overturned the Regents' action. He said that UCSA is now trying to reestablish the position they once held. He said that he attended the interviewing session of Student Regents candidates on Friday. He said that his office, along with other offices, is trying to alter the On Campus Housing form so that they can assess students' comfort level in living with queer students.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said that SWC's Health, Nutrition and Fitness Committee had published a recipe book and guide for healthy eating in the dorms, and she distributed copies of the publication to everyone at the table. She said that the Fifth Annual Run/Walk to benefit Mattel Children's Hospital is coming up soon. She said that last year they raised \$25,000 and they hope to raise more this year. She urged Council Members to participate, and promised that they'd have a great time while doing something good for kids. She also said that SWC always has lots of freebies to hand out to Run/Walk participants.

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that the Parental Involvement in the Arts program (PITA) is coming up. He said that the Bruin Up Books Resolution is still going around. He said that they will be holding their program near the statue of the Bear in Bruin Plaza. He said that UniCamp is also having a fundraiser.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Gaulton said that he had a staff meeting today. He said that his office has 8 to 10 new interns to torment. He said that next week will be the first meeting to prepare for Welcome Week 2004. He said that the movie, 50 First Dates, will be playing this Thursday and Friday. He also that Run, Run, Run will be performing in the Cooperage soon.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that he would like to alert everyone to the fact that Spring Quarter is extremely busy. He said that there will be a lot of activity on Bruin Walk. He asked that anyone who sees or hears anything offensive to please stop by the CSP office to let them know about it. He said that it is important that everyone do their best to keep their cool.

VIII. Old Business

-There was no Old Business at this meeting.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of Gender Identity in the Westminster School District**

-Bolori said that under Governor Gray Davis' Administration, AB 537 was signed into law. He said that this legislation extended protection from discrimination to include gender identity. He said that, a few weeks ago, the Westminster School District Board of Trustees decided by a 3 to 2 vote not to comply with that law. Bolori said that means that faculty and staff in the Westminster School District can be discriminated against if they are transgender. He said that the three members of the Board who voted in favor of this action said that, as Christians, they believe the law to be wrong. Bolori said that the State of California has decided to take action by initially withholding \$8 million in funding from the Westminster School District. He said that if they continue to fail to comply with the law, the state will withhold another \$40 million from their budget annually. He said that two of the three School Board members that voted in favor of the proposal are being recalled. He said that he was present at tonight's meeting to ask Council to take action on this matter by approved the proposed Resolution.

-Palma/Saracho moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Gender Identity in the Westminster School District.

-Gaulton asked why all three Board Members were not being recalled.

-Bolori said that the term of the third member is ending this year.

-Lawson asked if it is still true that the state plans to withhold the funds because he said it appears that the situation may be changing. He asked if it would be best to wait for new information.

-Bolori said that the big issue is that they are discriminating. He said that the withholding of funds is a secondary issue.

-Palma/Saracho said that this is not a money issue. He said that it is a safety issue.

-Lam called for a Roll Call vote.

-McKeseay asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 1 against and 0 abstentions.

-The Roll Call vote is listed below:

Palma/Saracho	Aye
Kaczmarek	Aye
Lawson	Nay
Lam	Aye
Ambrosio	Aye

Kozak	Aye
Gaulton	Aye
Schreiber	Aye
Nguyen	Aye
Husse-Jerome	Aye
Chiang	Aye

-Nguyen moved and Kozak seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of Gender Identity in the Westminster School District in the Daily Bruin as a half-page advertisement on April 21.

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

***Approval of Changes to the Election Code**

-Kaczmarek said that his office has worked with others to make a few proposed changes to the Election Code. He said that the changes should be included in the agenda packet. He said that the text that is proposed to be removed is indicated by ~~strike through~~. He said that the proposed new text is indicated in **bold**. He said that the first proposed amendment is that every reference to "a public student medium" should be changed to "the Daily Bruin." He said that the second proposed change deals with the wireless capability of Bruin Walk. Because of that capability, they have added a section that prohibits anyone, except the Election Board, from setting up a public voting station. He said the third proposed change deals with voting hours, which would restrict voting to the time period of 7:00am to 9:00pm. He said another proposed change was to expand the definition of campaigning to include the activities of any student to persuade members of the student body to vote for or against a candidate or group of candidates. He said that a provision has been added which states that the Election Board may regulate candidate or group websites. He said another proposed change is that only UCLA students would be allowed to campaign on campus. He said that another proposed change reintroduces the idea of voluntary spending caps. He said that any violation of those spending caps would be dealt with in the same manner as they were before spending caps were removed from the Election Code.

-Kaczmarek moved and Palma/Saracho seconded to approve the Proposed Changes to the Election Code.

-Chen asked if anyone knew what the spending caps were previously.

-Cohn said that it was \$800 for the Presidential candidates and \$600 for all other candidates.

-Ambrosio asked Roy Samaan, the E-Board Chairperson, if he wanted to comment on any of the proposed changes.

-Samaan said that he realizes that the time restrictions will inconvenience some students, but said that the E-board would do its best to educate the students about that change if it's approved.

-Ambrosio asked Kaczmarek where he got the spending cap numbers that he used.

-Kaczmarek said that he guessed based on memory.

-Ambrosio made a friendly amendment which Kaczmarek accepted, to change the spending caps to \$600 for the Presidential Candidates for the Primary Election and \$200 for the Runoff Election and to \$400 and \$200, respectively, for candidates for all other positions.

-Cohn pointed out that, when there were spending caps, there was a separate and additional allowance of \$150 for signboards. He suggested the Council might want to allow that maximum allowance of \$150 for each candidate for signboards.

-Ambrosio made a friendly amendment, which Kaczmarek accepted, to allow all candidates a \$150 budget for signboards.

-Chiang asked why there was a difference in voting hours between paper ballot elections and online elections.

-McKesey said that the E-Board has to staff the polling stations for paper ballot elections and, therefore, decides on the voting hours. She said that the reason Kaczmarek was

recommending that an online election not be held for 24 hours a day because it is to have the voting hours be patterned after elections in the real world.

- Chiang said that it seems like shortening the voting hours would restrict the number of voters.
- Palma/Saracho said that he doubts that it would have a significant effect.
- Chiang made a friendly amendment, which Kaczmarek accepted, to change the voting hours for online elections to 7:00am to 12midnight.
- Palma/Saracho said that he is concerned that campaigning could occur without the E-board present to enforce the guidelines during those late hours.
- Chiang said that that could happen at any time.
- Palma/Saracho said that grievances can be submitted to the E-board only during certain hours.
- McKesity said that she thought that voting should be restricted to the hours between 9:00am and 5:00pm. She said she thought that extended voting hours may disadvantage those who only have access to the internet while on campus. She said she felt that the most informed constituency should be voting. She said that she didn't think that the change in voting hours would make a large difference.
- Chiang pointed out that this is a campus election, not a national one. She said that she wanted the election to be as open to as many students as possible.
- Nguyen said that she thought that, by having the election online, it should already be easy for students to vote. She said that she thought that, as students, voters should inform themselves.
- Schreiber said he agreed that the hours should be extended.
- Lawson said that last year the election went for 48 hours straight. He said he recalls that, the first night of the election, almost 50% of the voters voted after 7:00 pm.
- Cohn said that 62% of the total number of students who voted did so early on the first day. He said that, in the evening hours, from 11 pm to 6 am, only about 500 people voted.
- Chiang said that she didn't see the problem in letting non-students campaign for the candidates on a limited basis. She said it seems incredibly restrictive to allow only UCLA students to campaign for a candidate.
- Kaczmarek said that this is not based on a friend coming from time to time to help out. He said that it is meant to stop those who use almost entirely off-campus support.
- Chiang said that the proposed amendment did not make that distinction. She asked if a compromise could be made by allowing each candidate to register with the Election Board a maximum of 5 non-students per day who could campaign on their behalf.
- Palma/Saracho said that, considering that there could be up to 13 candidates per slate, the number of non-students who were allowed to campaign would be in approximately 250. He said he thought that 2 people per candidate would be enough.
- Chiang made a friendly amendment, which Kaczmarek accepted, to allow each candidate to register up to 2 non-student campaigners per day with the Election Board.
- Lawson said that his concern was that a non-student could hand out flyers without a candidate's approval. He said he considered this to be a free speech issue since this is a public university.
- McKesity asked if Lawson had an amendment to propose.
- Lawson said that he thought that this section should be removed.
- Palma/Saracho asked Lawson if he meant that only students should be allowed to campaign.
- Lawson said he believed that anyone should be allowed to campaign.
- McKesity said she thought that the spirit of the amendment was to stop someone from busying in large groups of people to campaign on their behalf. She said if such a thing happened, she it would place other candidates at a disadvantage.
- Lawson commented that the proposed changes say "in the event of an online election". He said he believed it was the intent of last year's Council to pursue online elections as the standard.
- Kaczmarek said that he thought that the "in the event of" language was left in the E-code so that the voting process would be at the discretion of Council.

- Schreiber asked if the names of the candidates who did, and did not, agree to the voluntary spending caps would be published.
- Kaczmarek said that would be published as a part of each candidate's statement of expenses.
- Husse-Jerome said that she felt like all of these changes were closing off the election and making information less accessible to voters. She said she also felt that the sections that refer to "groups of candidates" would lead to engraining the idea of slates into the Election Code.
- Husse-Jerome made a friendly amendment, which Kaczmarek accepted, to change the provision on Page 4 to read "No candidate or person or campaign staff member campaigning on behalf of a candidate or group of candidates may designate a public polling place".
- On another matter, Husse-Jerome said that she felt that the proposed limitation on voting hours was also a factor that would limit accessibility for voters. She said that such a decision could impact working students. She said she didn't think that the rationale of replicating real world voting experiences was a good enough reason to limit accessibility. She said that she also thought that it was unreasonable to stop people who aren't UCLA students from voicing their opinions on the candidates. She said she would like to make a friendly amendment to remove the time restrictions and the restrictions on campaigning by people who are not UCLA students.
- Kaczmarek said that he would not accept such an amendment.
- Gaulton said that defining campaigning as an action carried out by any student could lead some people to campaign negatively with the purpose of defrauding the candidate that they say they are campaigning for. He said that only the candidate and their staff should be held accountable.
- Gaulton made a friendly amendment, which Kaczmarek accepted, to change Article V. Section A.1. to "For the purpose of this Election Code, the term "Campaigning" shall be defined as any public action initiated by either a candidate or a member of his/her campaign staff to persuade members of the student body to vote for or against a candidate or group of candidates."
- Tuttle said that Council may want to consider having the Election Board type up all of these changes and resubmit them to Council. He said that things would be clearer that way.
- Cohn said that My.UCLA would carry out the decisions of Council regarding guidelines for the elections. He said that they are a 24-hour a day operation, and will comply with Council's decisions about the election process.
- Lawson moved and Gaulton seconded to table the Approval of Changes to the Election Code until such time as the Election Board could prepare a clean copy of the document, incorporating all of the of changes, to present to Council.
- Chen asked if delaying the changes for a week would cause any problems for the Election Board.
- Samaan said that the candidate packets are already out. He said that it made more sense to him for the Election Board to make the changes and then report back to Council that they had done that.
- Cohn pointed out the time-urgent need to finalize the Election Code.
- Tuttle said that he stood corrected. He said that, based on the comments of Cohn and Samaan, it seems that it would be best for Council to vote on the changes now.
- McKeseey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted against the motion to table with 0 votes in favor, 11 against and 0 abstentions, and the motion was defeated.
- McKeseey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted in favor of the motion to approve the changes to the Election Code, as amended with 8 votes in favor, 3 against and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

- McLaren announced that there had been a major theft in Kerckhoff 308 last Thursday, in which the student who was victimized lost a lot of cash, several credit cards, their Bruin I.D. card, their driver's license, and three new textbooks. She said that, even though we all feel our offices are safe places, we do need to be aware that such thefts do occur on campus. She recommended that everyone keep this in mind, and remember to safeguard

possessions that are important to them. On another matter, McLaren reminded Council that their Bylaws state that published Resolutions should not list the names of the sponsors. She said that the sanctioned way of presenting the Resolution is to include the date that it was approved by USAC and, if the Resolution was approved unanimously, to include that information in the heading of the document, along with the USAC logo.

- Chen said that she wanted to wish Lam a Happy Birthday.
- Council proceeded to sing Happy Birthday to Lam.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Lam moved and Kozak seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

XIII Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker