

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday April 20, 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, Wynn

ABSENT: Grace

GUESTS: Jerry Mann, Bob Naples, Roy Samaan, Paul Marian, Karuna Karmarkar, Shiva Bhaskar, Mona Hassani, Jolene Mitchell, Aliya Haq, Jonathan Cohen, Alex Gruenberg, Lana Shamma

- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-Because Chen had not yet arrived, McLaren passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Lawson, Schreiber, Husse-Jerome, Kozak, Chiang and Gaulton asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports. Samaan, the Election Board Chairperson, said he had a report to make.
-Palma/Saracho asked to make the Resolution in Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide into an action item. He said that he, Kaczmarek and Kozak were the sponsors of the Resolution.
-McLaren asked that the Proposed Transition Calendar be added to New Business as a discussion item.
-Jolene Mitchell asked to make a presentation on behalf of CalPIRG.
~~-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
***April 6, 2004**
~~-Husse-Jerome moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.~~
- IV. Special Presentations
Update on University Funding Policies
-Bob Naples, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student and Campus Life, said that he had a conference call with people from the UC Office of the President and an attorney from UCOP regarding funding policies and guidelines. He said that the UCOP representatives had made three major points. Their first point was that any campus that excludes registered religious and political organizations from funding would be in violation of the University of California Fee Policies. Naples said that their second point was that they are willing to work with UCLA to amend USAC's funding policies in a way that would be mindful of the wishes of the UCLA campus. He said that this would not be an overnight change. He said that UCOP representatives would meet with him and a small group of student leaders. He said

that he was to determine the number of USAC representatives that would be at the meeting, and that he would discuss this with McKesey. He said that he wants to make sure that the viewpoint represented by the USAC representatives was representative of Council. He said that UCOP's third point was that there were other issues that would need to be explored with USAC, among which were the practice of categorizing organizations, the campus sponsorship of organizations and the purpose of having advocacy groups. He said UCOP did not intend to eliminate all of USAC's current practices, but that there were some things that would have to be changed to ensure that everything is fair and within the law.

- Chiang asked if any organization willing to sign a non-discrimination clause was eligible for funding and, if so, would they be eligible for all of the funding that USAC offers or just certain categories of funding.
- Naples said that they would be eligible for consideration. He said that he is not sure if USAC would be able to exclude them from some of the funding sources. He said he thought it was likely that they would be eligible for all levels of funding.
- Mann said that there was some good news. He said that there had been concern that the new guidelines would prohibit USAC offices from collecting fees from referenda. He said that UCOP has informed them that USAC is considered a campus division and its offices can, therefore, receive referendum funding.
- Naples said that he would contact McKesey with further information. On another matter, he referred to an editorial in the Daily Bruin entitled, "Displays Provoke Disgust Not Discussion". He said that he was a staunch supporter of freedom of speech and that he believes people have a right to hold such events. He said, however, that events that get out of hand provide USAC with an opportunity to promote civility on campus. He said he would like to work with USAC to develop a positive campus climate that encourages debate.

Student Voice Referendum

- Kaczmarek said that a few years ago a fee referendum had been passed to help fund UCSA and USSA. He said that the terms of that referendum stated that it would expire after four years and could then be renewed at Council's discretion. He said that he was proposing that Council renew the terms of the referendum, and that they not insert an expiration date. Shamma said that this referendum would be for a \$1.50 fee per quarter per student. She said that \$0.97 would go to UCSA, \$0.34 would go to a national student advocacy organization and \$0.19 would go to travel expenses for the EVP office.
- Schreiber asked who would decide on which national student advocacy organization would receive the funds.
- Kaczmarek said that Council would. He said that they could also choose not to collect that part of the fee.
- Lawson said that UCLA gives a substantially higher amount of money to UCSA than most other campuses do. He said that the reason for this is that the UCLA contribution is funded through fees collected through a referendum. He said that, in a sense this is good, but in another sense it is not. He said that it gives USAC no room to barter. He said that there are times, such as when USAC asked for reforms from UCSA last year, when it may have been helpful to have more control over the funds that go to UCSA.
- McKesey asked what reforms Lawson was referring to.
- Lawson said that there were several reforms that USAC asked for which included a balanced budget. He asked how much UCLA gave this year.
- Shamma said that UCLA gave \$67,000 to UCSA.
- Lawson asked if it was true that some campuses gave only a few thousand dollars.
- Kaczmarek said that all of the campuses paid enough to be member organizations.
- Ambrosio asked if student fees can go directly to USSA.
- Kaczmarek said that funds cannot go directly from the students to USSA. He said that the collection would have to be at the discretion of Council.

- Mann asked if Kaczmarek thought that UCOP would allow this referendum to be implemented.
- Kaczmarek said that he thought that this was the only way to do it.
- Palma/Saracho said that UCLA has a history of taking a leading role in these organizations.
- Chiang asked when Council would decide whether or not to collect the fee for the national advocacy organization.
- Kaczmarek said that they would decide when at the time they are reviewing the annual budget.
- Chiang asked if this referendum would have to be renewed eventually as well.
- Kaczmarek said that it would not. He said that it would last for an indefinite length of time.
- Chiang asked where the \$0.19 would go.
- Kaczmarek said that it would go to a separate account within the EVP office. He said that that account funds transportation to conferences, and that it is audited by Student Government Accounting office.
- Williams asked about the significance of the \$31,900 amount.
- Kaczmarek said that that was the amount that USAC paid to these organizations out of their general budget before the first referendum was passed.
- McKesey said that this would be an action item on next week's agenda.

CalPIRG

- Jolene Mitchell said that she just wanted to let Council know that, tied in with CalPIRG's campaign to get book prices lowered, Thompson Learning recently announced that they would be reducing the price on one of their Calculus textbooks. She said that the reduced price is available only to UCLA students at this time.

V. Appointments

Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC)

- Nguyen said that the Office Space Allocation Committee would not be opening up the entire space allocation process at this time, and would be reviewing a specific proposal to give the Student Welfare Commission more space in which to conduct the numerous projects they oversee.
- McKesey said that USAC's Bylaws specify that the Facilities Commissioner serves as Chairperson of the Office Space Allocation Committee, and that she was recommending that Schreiber and Palma/Saracho be appointed to OSAC at this time to review and consider the issue concerning more space for the Student Welfare Commission.
- Kaczmarek moved and Chiang seconded to appoint Schreiber and Palma/Saracho to the Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC), to serve with Nguyen who is the designated Chairperson of OSAC.
- McKesey asked if there was further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the appointees to OSAC with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- Chen said that there are eight allocations listed on the recommendation sheet in the agenda packet, but that the one for the American Indian Students Association (AISA) should be removed because AISA plans to resubmit their application next week.
- Schreiber moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the remaining seven Fund Allocations.
- McKesey 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.

African Student Union – Academic Supports Program

Requested: \$1,101.25

Recommended: \$ 225.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$225.00 for facilities for the Rites of Passage 2004 – A New Beginning event, to be held each week during Spring Quarter 2004.

UCLA Chinese Cultural Dance Club**Requested: \$4,184.14****Recommended: \$ 650.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$650.00 for honorarium for the Lotus Steps, 2004 event to be held on April 27th.

African Student Union**Requested: \$4,315.60****Recommended: \$ 567.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$567.00 for the cost of hotel accommodations for the ABC Conference to be held April 30th - May 2nd.

Project Literacy/Community Service Commission**Requested: \$4,939.67****Recommended: \$ 691.47**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$691.47 for transportation for Project Literacy's Site Visits from April 12th through May 1st.

UCLA PanHellenic**Requested: \$997.32****Recommended: \$225.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$225.00 for facilities for the New Member Forum to be held on April 20th.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$1,167.00****Recommended: \$ 100.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for print rental for the film, The Triplets of Belleville, to be shown on May 6th and 7th.

Campus Events Commission**Requested: \$1,187.00****Recommended: \$ 100.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for print rental for the film Starsky and Hutch to be shown on June 4th and 5th.

VII. New Business

***Resolution in Support of the Permanent Partners Immigration Act**

-Kaczmarek said that this issue is not new. He said that it is a byproduct of last week's event.

-Lawson asked what a married immigrant's marital status is when they come to the United States.

-Kaczmarek said that when immigrants get here, the government accepts their marriage unless they are a same-sex couple in which case their marriage is not recognized.

-Kaczmarek moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Permanent Partners Immigration Act

-Lam called for a Roll Call vote.

-McKesey 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.

-The Roll Count vote is listed below:

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| Palma/Saracho | Aye |
| Kaczmarek | Aye |
| Lawson | Aye |

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| Lam | Aye |
| Ambrosio | Aye |
| Kozak | Aye |
| Gaulton | Aye |
| Schreiber | Aye |
| Nguyen | Aye |
| Husse-Jerome | Aye |
| Chiang | Aye |

***Resolution in Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide**

- A member of the Armenian Student Association (ASA) said that they are calling for USAC to recognize the Armenian Genocide, which occurred at the hands of the Ottoman Turks. He said that 1.5 million people were killed, but Turkey still refuses to recognize the genocide.
- Kozak moved and Lawson seconded to approve the Resolution in Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide
- Chiang asked if having the flags flown at half-mast had been worked out with the University.
- The ASA member said he thought that was something USAC would take care of.
- Palma/Saracho asked if anyone knew who should be contacted with such a request.
- Nelson said that he assumed that such requests would be handled by the Executive Vice Chancellor. He said further that lowering the flag is usually considered to be a big deal.
- Kaczmarek said that he had a copy of the UC Policy on flags in his office and had read it just this afternoon. He said he agreed with Dr. Nelson's comment on who to contact.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution in Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Resolution to Globally Protect Human Rights and History

- The member of ASA said that this resolution deals with Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide. He said that it also deals with other human rights violations on the part of the Republic of Turkey.
- Palma/Saracho said that he was unable to distribute this resolution to Council in time for it to be sponsored. He said that it will be brought back next week. He asked Bob Williams if he knew what the impact on ASUCLA would be if Council adopted the statement in the Resolution which would require that no goods assembled in the Republic of Turkey could be purchased or sold at UCLA.
- Williams said that he would have to know what products Turkey exports before he could answer that.
- Lawson asked if this would be a resolution or a policy directive to the ASUCLA Board of Directors (BOD).
- McKesey said that it would probably be a policy directive to the BOD.
- Mann said that ASUCLA has a history of being responsive to social issues, but they generally don't buy things from Countries, they buy things from Companies. He said that they would need a list of products that Turkey manufactures.
- Williams said that, ultimately, a decision on such a matter would be made by the BOD.
- McKesey said that this issue would need to be looked into.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President

- McKesey said she met with UC President Dynes and other UC Administrators during 10th week of Winter Quarter. She said that, tomorrow, CalPIRG will be holding its press conference to call upon Thomson Learning to lower their textbook prices. She said that the College Honors Day Fair will be held next Tuesday. She said she had received an email from the Hammer Museum stating that they were seeking student members for their Student Advisory Committee. She said that UCLA sent a delegation of students to the USSA

Student Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. and that she was included in that delegation. She said that USSA had honored UCLA with their Campus of the Year Award.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said that his office has been trying to schedule a meeting with several organizations to discuss the changes to USAC's funding guidelines. On another matter, he said that they are going to try to have a Student Advocacy Collective meeting next Tuesday.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said that, on March 10, he had met with Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs from across the UC system. He said that Vice Chancellor Montero is truly a great advocate of advancing student rights. He said that, on March 13 and 14, he attended the UCSA meeting which was held at UC Merced, the newest campus in the UC System., and that they had taken a tour the campus. He said that, on March 15, he and McKesey had met with UC President Dynes and other members of the UC Administration. He said that the UC Board of Regents announced today that they will be holding more of their meetings on campuses with an undergraduate population. He said that he had attended the Regents meeting on March 17 and 18. He said that he also went to the USSA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. which had almost 500 student participants from throughout the country.

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that, over Spring Break, he was able to go to Tijuana with Bruin Hope, one of the groups that is being considered for CSC sponsorship this year. He said that they did great work at the community center there. He said that his office will vote soon on whether to bring Bruin Hope into the Community Service Commission and, if CSC votes to add them, he will be bringing the CSC recommendation to USAC for its consideration and approval. He said that they held a hotdog sale today at which tons of people signed up to learn about the community service programs at UCLA. He said that the Hunger Cleanup will be this Saturday.

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Kozak said that the Minimum Progress Committee met with Judy Smith and that they were able to get Smith to agree to publicize the exemptions to the policy more. She said that they will be going ahead with the survey through her office. She also said that the Diversity Requirement issue would be coming to a head this quarter.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that there is a survey going around and he suggested that Council Members should answer it as best as they could. He said that, over Spring Break, the California Campus Statewide Republicans had a conference at UCLA. He said that many of the conference attendees felt that the UCLA campus community was not very hospitable to people who were not liberal. He said that this stems back to the comments that the Bruin Republicans made on Al Rantell's radio show recently. He said he felt that that people tend to believe the media without much question.

XI. Old Business

***Election Board Candidate Packet**

-Roy Samaan, Election Board Chairperson, said that the packet includes the same documents that are usually in the packet. He pointed out that the only difference is the cover letter. He said that he is presenting two options for the Election Calendar concerning the dates of the elections, and is asking Council to decide on which one they prefer. He pointed out that, if Council chooses the option where the election process begins one week later, the

Election Board would have more time to prepare, but this option would result in the process being more drawn out.

- Kaczmarek moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Candidates Packet and the Election Calendar in which the Elections begin during Sixth Week.
- 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.

***Updates to USAC Action Agenda**

- Palma/Saracho said that the updates relate to Action Agenda Items #3 and #4. He said that # 3 would be changed to save Outreach and # 4 would be changed to include the Budget Advocacy Campaign.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the Updates to the USAC Action Agenda, as proposed.
- 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.
- Chiang asked if these Action Agenda items could be published to make the campus community more aware of what USAC does.
- McKesey said that Council could try to design an advertisement to accomplish Chiang's recommendation.

X. Announcements

- Palma/Saracho said that a group of organizations had worked together on a MEChA Solidarity Week Rally which will be held tomorrow at noon. He said that the Korean Culture Night will beheld this Friday at 6:30pm in Royce Hall.

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 to adjourn was approved with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker