

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday April 27, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Chen, Grace

GUESTS: Janina Montero, Jolene Mitchell, Mark Thornton, Aliya Haq, Sara Taylor, Katya Pentsova, Shiva Bhaskar, Roy Samaan, Caroline Diaz

- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-In Chen's absence, McLaren passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Ambrosio, Kozak and Schreiber asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Samaan asked to be added under Old Business to make an Election Board report regarding the Election Calendar.
-Schreiber asked that the action item on approval of the Bruin Hope proposal be moved up to follow Bruin Hope's Special Presentation..
-Kozak asked that the Resolution in Opposition to the Minimum Progress Requirement be moved up to follow the Special Presentation on DiverCITY.
-Nguyen asked that the Resolution in Recognition of the Flag of Vietnamese American Refugees be moved up so that the students who were present at the meeting could make a statement about this matter.
-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 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
***March 2, 2004**
-Dr. Tuttle stated that he was listed as "Absent" on March 2, but he knows that he attended that meeting.
-There being no further amendments, Nguyen moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the March 2, 2004 Minutes, as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

IV. Special Presentations

- McKesey stated that, since there were so many Special Presentations on the agenda, and Council had many other major issues to consider at this meeting, she strongly urged all presenters to limit their remarks to a maximum of ten minutes.

Bruin Hope Proposal for Inclusion in the Community Service Commission (CSC)

- Prior to Bruin Hope's presentation, Schreiber explained the process for adding a project to CSC. He said that, when a group asks to be included in the CSC, the Commission project leaders conduct a thorough evaluation to determine whether the group fits into CSC's structure and whether the group provides services to the community that are not already being provided. CSC project leaders also evaluate such matters as office space, storage space, funding sources, etc. Schreiber then introduced Caroline Diaz and German Munoz, two Bruin Hope representatives who presented a slide show about their project. Diaz began by stating that the Bruin Hope project provided students an alternative way to spend their Spring Break. She said that, during the past year, Bruin Hope volunteers have made five trips to an orphanage in Tijuana where they have helped to build a permanent soccer field with goal posts, rebuilt a basketball court, set up two tether ball courts, repainted hopscotch lines, and made safety improvements to the nursery. She then ran the slide show which demonstrated the volunteers in action. At the completion of the slide show, Caroline and German said that approximately 40 UCLA students had gone to the site during Spring Break, that everyone worked hard, and that the orphans felt supported and loved.
- Chiang asked how and when Bruin Hope had gotten started.
- Diaz replied that, three Quarters ago, a group of UCLA students had visited the orphanage in Tijuana. When they returned, they with Schreiber about the needs of the community in Tijuana, and he suggested that they establish an organization and register with the Center for Student Programming.
- Kozak said that she had been an objective observer when Bruin Hope had made its presentation to CSC for inclusion in CSC, and that she was very impressed with the fact that the project members wanted to provide consistent and regular services to the kids in the orphanage.
- Schreiber moved, and Chiang seconded, to approve Bruin Hope's Proposal for Inclusion in the Community Service Commission. There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve Bruin Hope's Proposal with 11 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

-Presentation on IDEAS Lobby Delegation to Washington, D.C.

- Palma/Saracho opened by stating that there has been a lot of work done this year on the rights of immigrants, and that a delegation on immigrant rights had made a trip to Washington, D.C. recently to lobby national representatives on the issue. After stating that there had been an article in the Daily Bruin recently on the Immigrant Rights Coalition (IRC), Palma/Saracho introduced Francisco and Karla Merino to make a presentation on the matter.
- Merino began by stating that the IRC was founded in Fall 2003 for the purpose of motivating immigrant students. She said that immigrant students have not had much incentive to study and to stay in school. She said there were things going on at UCLA which caused immigrant students to feel that they don't have the same rights as non-immigrant students have. She spoke about a bipartisan bill now before the U.S. Senate, referred to as the "DREAM" Act, an acronym for (The) Developmental Relief Educational Alien Minors Act. She said a group of students had gone to Washington, D.C. recently to talk with Legislators about supporting this proposed legislation which would help undocumented students in the United States to finance their college education and legalize their status. Merino said that the details of the DREAM legislation are still being worked out. Merino said that this was a national movement, and that its DREAM Team had obtained 100,000 signatures on petitions which they tried to deliver to President Bush in boxes. She said that, because U.S. officials didn't want to take the time to inspect the boxes to ensure there was no Anthrax in them, the boxes of petitions were never presented to the

President while the students were in the District. She said the letters had been left in Washington until they decide on their next course of action. She said they didn't want this issue to become politicized, and stressed that the sole purpose of their organization is to help immigrants get an education.

- Palma/Saracho thanked Karla and Francisco for coming to the meeting and informing Council on this matter. He commended them highly for all the time and energy they had committed this year to immigrant rights.

-CALPIRG 2002-2003 Annual Report

- Joline Mitchell, Mark Thornton and Aliya Haq, CalPIRG representatives, handed out copies of the 2002-2003 Annual Report of the University of California Los Angeles Chapter of CalPIRG (a copy of which is included with the materials for this meeting). Mitchell explained CalPIRG's purpose and goals, and stated that their Mission is "...to educate students about the pressing issues of the day and provide opportunities to address these issues." Mitchell said that they teach, conduct research, and provide opportunities for practical experience such as attending press conferences and learning how to program one. After stating that the CalPIRG model teaches how to bring about change through action, she listed CalPIRG's specific programs: Youth Vote; Hunger & Homelessness Relief; Environmental Stewardship through Water Watch, California Wild Heritage; Earth Day 2003; and Higher Education. She said that in-depth information on these programs was set forth on Pages 14-19 of the Annual Report. She spoke about the Textbook Program, and said that it was not included in the Annual Report because it was just recently established. Regarding the Textbook Program, Mitchell said that UCI and UCLA had initiated the project last year with the goal of trying to get textbook publishing houses to lower their prices. She said that one of CalPIRG's national organizers, Merriah Fairchild, had provided assistance, including arranging a press conference on the subject. She said they feel they have had some impact on at least one of the textbook publishing houses. Mark Thornton, in speaking about their chapter's Budget Plan for Fiscal Year 2004, said that they will soon be re-establishing the pledge plan on campus. He said they have reached a plateau and have not been able to fully fund their programs and advocacy efforts. As a result, he said they have been pulling funds from their reserves. He said they had produced a great report on the textbook industry, and that the report had already received 600 hits. He said they discovered that the pricing of textbooks is more complex than they realized. He said they wanted to hire an expert full time to organize the textbook issue but, because they don't have the money to do that, they are asking USAC for \$3,500 to hire the expert. Thornton said that they also want to move off of the pledge system, and that they want to get funding through a referendum.
- McKesity asked Thornton if he was thinking that the \$3,500 would come from USAC's Base Budget funds. Thornton replied that he was not sure. He said he was wondering if the money could come from the USA Programming Fund.
- McKesity asked if CalPIRG had a long-range plan in mind. Thornton replied that they are hoping to get student governments here, and at other campuses, to pledge regularly.
- Tuttle suggested that CalPIRG might want to accomplish this by defining a "tangible student-related project."

-Presentation on DiverCITY, a tent city in support of a Diversity Requirement at UCLA

- Kozak began the presentation by saying that she and Palma/Saracho, along with members of their staff, had been talking about a way to focus attention on the need for UCLA to establish a meaningful Diversity Requirement, and that they had agreed on staging a three-day protest in a tent city somewhere on campus. She said that Palma/Saracho had come up with the idea of calling this effort, "DiverCITY". She said they are planning various ways to educate students about the importance of a strong Diversity Requirement at UCLA. She said this would include such things as teach-ins and cultural performances at the tent city. She said that, on Thursday, May 6, they plan to hold a rally near Murphy Hall to get

their message to members of the UCLA Administration. She said that the three-day protest would be initiated next Tuesday evening, May 4, when all Council Members who support the effort will walk out of the Council Meeting and will proceed to DiverCITY in time for a 7:30pm Opening Ceremony. She said that a significant part of the Opening Ceremony would be a candlelight vigil, with 17 candles representing 17 years of struggle to obtain a Diversity Requirement at UCLA. She said that Daniela is in charge of getting volunteers who will stay overnight and/or are interested in helping in other ways, such as making flyers and brochures, and helping to distribute them. Kozak then read the terms of the USAC Resolution in Support of the DiverCITY: UCLA Tent City for a Diversity Requirement. She then explained that, before Council Members adjourn the May 4 meeting at 7:30pm to walk to DiverCITY, they would take care of any time-urgent matters, such as Contingency Allocations and approval of Election Board documents.

- Prior to voting on the recommended plan, Council Members discussed a couple of options which would give them a little more time to handle all critical matters before they adjourned to the tent city. One proposed option, to begin the meeting at 6:30pm instead of at 7:00pm, received general consensus but, because at least four Council Members said they had conflicts which would prevent them from arriving before 7:00pm, it appeared that the option was not valid because Council might not meet quorum if they began at the earlier time.
- Palma/Saracho moved, and Kozak seconded, to approve the Resolution in Support of the DiverCITY: UCLA Tent City for a Diversity Requirement. There being no further discussion, the Resolution was approved with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Wynn moved, and Kozak seconded, to publish a one-third page advertisement in the Daily Bruin on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, about the Tent City for a Diversity Requirement, to be paid for with Contingency funds. There being no further discussion, the motion to publish was approved with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- McKesey suggested that Council Members might consider chipping in money from their respective office budgets so that a second ad, supporting the Diversity Requirement, could be run.
- Kozak said that she would like to present some information to Council at this time which is not listed on the agenda because it is something she just found out about. She said it concerns a possible violation of California's Master Plan for Higher Education which might result from the State's cuts in funding support for the University of California. Kozak distributed copies of a document entitled, "An Update on the Dual Admissions Program and Guaranteed Transfer Option (GTO). Kozak said that GTO was recently created to serve UC-eligible California residents who could not be accommodated as freshmen at a UC campus in Fall Quarter 2004 because of state funding cuts to the University system. Kozak said that changes were being made to the Dual Admissions Program (DAP) which the University of California initiated last year in which students were identified for DAP eligibility through the Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) evaluation process. Because the Governor's proposed budget eliminated funding for DAP, students who applied for UC admission through DAP are now going to be folded into the recently created GTO program. Kozak said she was in the process of obtaining more information on these changes so that she can determine whether the new process violates the California Master Plan for Higher Education.
- McKesey commented that Vice Chancellor Montero was at the meeting on this matter, and she was very supportive of the students. McKesey said that Vice Chancellor Winston Doby was also very supportive.
- Montero said that, because the Guaranteed Transfer Option (GTO) is a mandate from the Governor, she was not sure at this time what, if anything, the University would be able to do about it. She said that she would talk with the students further on this, but did want to make the point about the GTO being a mandate of the Governor of California.

-Resolution in Recognition of the Flag of Vietnamese American Refugees

-Four representatives of the Vietnamese Student Union introduced themselves and said that they were at the meeting to explain to Council why it was so important for them to approve the Resolution in Recognition of the Flag of Vietnamese American Refugees. By way of background, they said they were referring to the golden yellow flag with three red stripes that had been the official flag of the former Republic of Vietnam. They said that this flag was symbolic of their struggles and the struggles of their parents for freedom and democracy. They said that they would like to have this flag recognized and displayed at any campus event or graduation ceremony when International flags are displayed to represent the diversity of the UCLA community. They said that it was particularly appropriate for USAC to recognize the golden yellow flag during the month of April because millions of Vietnamese refugees had been forced to leave their homeland to escape persecution after the Fall of Saigon in April 1975. They said they were not asking USAC to deny use of the red Vietnamese flag with the yellow star, but would like to have both flags flown at all special occasions when International flags are flown. They pointed out that the red flag reminds their parents and other family members of painful things that took place under leaders that practiced political and religious oppression.

-Palma/Saracho moved, and Nguyen seconded, to approve the Resolution in Recognition of the Flag of Vietnamese American Refugees.

-McKesey asked if there were any questions before they moved to a vote.

-Gaulton suggested that Council amend the ninth "Whereas", by removing or rewording the clause about USAC serving as the official body representing undergraduate students on the UCLA campus because he thought the statement was unclear and somewhat misleading.

-Ambrosio said that he thought the clause could be taken out because it appeared in other sections of the Resolution and was, therefore, redundant.

-Chiang suggested a compromise that, instead of removing the phrase, Council put it somewhere else within the Resolution.

-Gaulton said he was just expressing his view.

-Nguyen suggested relocating the clause so that it would be the last "Be It Further Resolved" clause in the Resolution.

-McKesey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Resolution, as amended, with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

-Nguyen moved, and Husse-Jerome seconded, to publish the Resolution in the Daily Bruin as a one-third page ad to run on Friday, April 30. There being no further discussion, Council approved publication of the Resolution, as amended, with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

V. Appointments

-There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-There were 11 Contingency recommendations before Council for approval at this meeting. None of the 11 requests was funded through the discretionary authorization of the Finance Committee Chairperson.

-Schreiber moved, and Wynn seconded, to approve all eleven Contingency Fund Allocations.

-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocations with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

American Indian Student Association

Requested: \$11,710.88

Recommended: \$ 2,500.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$2,500.00 for Travel for the 19th Annual Pow Wow to be held May 1-2, 2004, on the North Athletic Field on the UCLA campus.

A Night of Cultura

Requested: \$8,503.28

Recommended: \$2,150.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$474.00 for Advertising and \$1676.00 for Programming for a total of \$2,150 for A Night of Cultura: The Last American Bar to be held May 15 and 16, 2004 in the Northwest Campus Auditorium.

BlaQue

Requested: \$4,125.00

Recommended: \$ 825.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$825.00 for Food for the BlaQue Queer Youth Empowerment Conference to be held May 5, 2004 on the Kerckhoff Patio.

California Student Sustainability Coalition @ UCLA (CSSC @ UCLA)

Requested: \$7,800.00

Recommended: \$ 450.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$450.00 for Registration for "Hidden Connections: An Intergenerational Forum on Science, Spirituality, and Sustainable Living" to be held May 7-9, 2004 at the Zaca Lake Retreat Center.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$700.00

Recommended: \$450.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$450.00 for Honorarium for Broken Social Scene at Westwood Plaza to be held April 30, 2004.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$681.00

Recommended: \$ 50.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$50.00 for Print Rental for the film, *In America*, to be screened May 13-14, 2004 in Ackerman Grand Ballroom.

Community Service Commission

Requested: \$563.80

Recommended: \$135.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$135.00 for Facilities for Parental Involvement Through the Arts (PITA) to be held May 1, 2004 in Room 1178 Franz Hall.

MEChA de UCLA

Requested: \$8,592.98

Recommended: \$1,000.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$1,000.00 for Facilities for the MEChA de UCLA Spring Statewide Conference to be held April 30 – May 2, 2004 in the Student Activities Gym.

Nikkei Student Union

Requested: \$282.72

Recommended: \$ 67.72

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$67.72 for Supplies for San Tai San Basketball Tournament for Adults to be held May 8, 2004 in Little Tokyo.

Student Transfer Outreach Mentor Program (STOMP)

Requested: \$3,000.00

Recommended: \$ 300.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$100.00 for Supplies and \$200.00 for Honorarium for the STOMP Conference to be held April 30, 2004

Thai Smakom

Requested: \$495.00

Recommended: \$180.00

FiCom recommended an allocation of \$180.00 for Graphics for Thai Cultural Night – Sai Yai Sai Jai to be held May 1, 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Anica McKesey

- McKesey first thanked all the USAC officers and commissioners who had attended the meeting with Vice Chancellor Janina Montero regarding the possible restructuring of ASUCLA. She said she felt that the meeting was worthwhile, and said that an ASUCLA Memo of Understanding has been prepared. She said she would be emailing to everyone on Council a survey regarding programming needs, and asked that Council Members forward the message to other programmers.

Internal Vice President – Allende Palma/Saracho

-Palma/Saracho said that he and other students had been working very hard on organizing DiverCITY. He said if anyone had a tent or sleeping bags that they would be willing to lend to the cause to let him know. He said their goal was to have a strong presence throughout the time the tent city would be up. On another matter, Palma/Saracho said that he and Kaczmarek had met with VC Naples to discuss with him their ideas concerning proposed changes to the USAC's funding guidelines. He said that Naples told them that a copy of UCOP's proposed changes would be given to USAC subsequently for their review. Palma/Saracho then commented on an incident that had occurred where people who said they were aligned with UCLA Turkish students had distributed fliers with disrespectful anti-Armenian statements on them. He said he plans to facilitate discussions between the two groups as soon as possible.

-Nelson asked where this incident occurred. Palma/Saracho replied that it had happened on Bruin Walk, and that one of the people claimed to be an "Advisor" to the Turkish students.

External Vice President – Matt Kaczmarek

-Kaczmarek said that he had been working with McKesey and Palma/Saracho on the ASUCLA strategic planning process, and that he was very pleased with the progress they've been making.

On another matter, Kaczmarek said he was following up on his recent lobby visits with 25 local State Senators and Assembly Members. Kaczmarek ended his report by announcing that, next Wednesday, UCLA would be holding its first Day of Silence in remembrance of the silencing of many members of the LGBT community who have been abused or killed because of homophobia.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Sophia Kozak

-Kozak said that she was working on a survey of UCLA students regarding Expected Cumulative Progress (ECP), and she would keep Council informed on the matter.

Community Service Commissioner – Justin Schreiber

-Schreiber distributed packets to everyone at the table for CSC's "Bruin-Up Books" program, and asked Council Members to distribute them as soon as possible. Schreiber then invited everyone to

come to their PITA program on May 1 from 9am to 2pm in Franz Hall Room 1178. He said that anyone who wanted to volunteer to help at the event should sign up. He said there would be free T-shirts for all volunteers. Schreiber invited everyone to attend the CSC Super Heroes year-end banquet to be held on June 5, with tickets costing \$25. Schreiber then held up a newly-designed CSC T-shirt, recommending that everyone buy one "To Be Cooool". Schreiber announced that Bruin Partners is having a lemonade slushee sale on Bruin Walk/Westwood Plaza on Thursday from 10am-5pm, and he encouraged everyone to buy slushees and help them raise funds. In closing, Schreiber said that Project MAC is sponsoring an event this week regarding Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Student Welfare Commissioner – Janet Chiang

-Chiang announced that SWC was sponsoring a major speaker, Jean Kilbourne, who will talk about the many ways in which advertising contributes to gender and cultural stereotyping. Chiang said this will be a very big event, and will be held in DeNeve Auditorium. She said that there was no charge for the event, and she passed around a sign-up sheet for Council Members who wanted free tickets. She asked Council to help get the word out about this program and also asked them to make an announcement about it to any class that might be interested in attending. Chiang ended her report by announcing that SWC's year-end banquet would be held on Saturday, June 5.

General Representative #1 – Art Ambrosio

-Ambrosio said that he and Nguyen had been talking about getting a banner made to be hung at the College Honors Day ceremony to promote USAC in general and to increase awareness of USAC's Role at UCLA. Unfortunately, he said their offices did not have enough money to pay for a banner, so they were coming to Council for ideas and for money.
 -McKesey said that some of the funds that had been allocated for the DiverCITY tent city had not been used, so perhaps that money could be applied to making the banner.
 -Ambrosio reported that he had been writing grants proposals for the English Department, for Chicano Studies and for a Newsletter.

VIII. Old Business

Election Board Updates – Roy Samaan, Election Board Chairperson

-Samaan said he had a couple of items to report on, and suggested that he would combine them if that was OK with Council. First, he announced that any additions to the General Election Ballot would have to be approved by Council at next week's meeting. Next, Samaan said that he wanted to propose changes to the voting time periods because of some issues with MyUCLA. Samaan recommended that the voting periods be Tuesday, 7:00am-12:00am; Wednesday, 7:00am-12:00am; and Thursday, 7:00am-7:00pm.

-Kaczmarek said he concurred with Samaan's recommendation, but said he wanted assurance that the Election Board would go over these changes with all of the candidates. Samaan said they would do so. Wynn moved and Kaczmarek seconded to approve the changes to the voting hours as recommended by the Election Board Chairperson. McKesey asked if there was any objection to consent. There being none, the motion to approve the changes to the voting hours was approved with 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Approval of Student Voice Referendum Language

-Kaczmarek distributed copies of a referendum entitled The 2004 State and National UCLA Student Voice Referendum, and said he was recommending that this referendum be placed on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Kaczmarek moved and Wynn seconded to place The 2004 State and National UCLA Student Voice Referendum on the ballot for the Spring 2004 USAC election.

-Lawson expressed his concern that there was no sunset clause in the referendum language. Kaczmarek said that the referendum commits Council only to UCSA, not to USSA.

Approval of Constitutional Amendment to be placed on the USAC General Election Ballot

-Lawson began the discussion by stating that it was the responsibility of Council to represent the general campus community. He continued by saying that, regardless of whether or not Council Members agree with the students at large, Council has an obligation to consider the stance of the undergraduate students. Referring to the petition that he and others had been circulating, Lawson said he thought it was inappropriate for the Election Board to rule that they had to stop gathering signatures on the petition. He said it was the desire of his office that this proposed amendment be placed on the ballot to honor the voice of all the undergraduate students who had signed the petition. He said that one of the criticism's directed at him was that he didn't go out and gather the signatures himself.

Lawson moved to place the proposed amendment on the ballot for the Spring election.

McKese asked if there was a second for the motion that had just been placed on the table.

Lawson's motion died for lack of a second.

Office Space Allocation Committee Report on Office Space Transfer Agreement

-Nguyen, Chair of USAC's Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC) distributed copies of the agreement that had been reached among the Student Welfare Commissioner, the three General Representatives, and the Chairpersons of the Disabled Student Union and the Transfer Student Association wherein the General Representatives and the Student Welfare Commission would switch office space, resulting in the General Representatives moving to Room 413 Kerckhoff, and the Student Welfare Commission moving to 308 Kerckhoff.

opened -Nguyen said that, because she considered this to be a very special set of circumstances, she had not the entire process of space allocation. She said further that, after extended negotiations, all parties had reached a compromise and had signed the agreement.

Nguyen moved, and Palma/Saracho seconded, to approve the office space agreement to have the General Representatives and the Student Welfare Commission exchange office space in Kerckhoff Hall.

Kaczmarek asked when the exchange would take place. Chiang said that she had to work out the details.

everyone Nguyen stated that this had been an arduous task which they had been able to accomplish because everyone wanted to help SWC get more space to carry out the numerous projects they sponsor.

McKese asked if there was any objection to calling the question. There being none, Council voted to approve the agreement to have the General Representatives and the Student Welfare Commission exchange office space in Kerckhoff Hall with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IX. New Business

***Proposed Bylaw Amendments Concerning Sponsorship**

-Wynn moved and Lam seconded to approve the Proposed Bylaw Amendments. McKese asked if there was any objection to consent. There being an objection, Council proceeded to discuss the issue

-Palma/Saracho handed out the latest version of the proposed amendments to Article II and Article III of the Undergraduate Students Association Bylaws. He said that the proposed amendments to Article II dealt, in general, with the issue of Sponsorship. He said that USAC's Bylaws currently provide for sponsorship of two categories of student groups, i.e., Student Advocacy Groups (SAGs) and Commission-Related Groups. He said that all proposed additions were indicated in **bold** type, and all proposed changes or deletions were indicated by ~~strike through~~. With regard to SAGs, Palma/Saracho said that the proposed amendments to Article II.D.2. define a process for annual Accountability by SAGs to USAC, and the proposed amendments to Article II.D.3. establish a process for USAC to sponsor a new Student Advocacy Group. Palma/Saracho said that the proposed amendments to Article III.Section B expand the responsibilities of the Internal Vice President to ensure that each SAG submits an annual written SAG Accountability Evaluation/Report describing how their group satisfied the goals of USAC Sponsorship in the previous year, and outlining their goals for the coming year.

-Ambrosio asked if the requirements for the two categories of sponsored groups differed in any way.

-Palma/Saracho said that both categories were required to comply with the Sponsorship Guidelines as well as with the mandated annual Accountability Report.

-Lawson asked if these changes would give special consideration to the SAGs, and would set up a hierarchy of groups.

-Palma/Saracho said it would not and that, while USAC would like to sponsor all undergraduate registered groups, that was really not feasible. He said that it provides an open process which gives all groups the opportunity to be sponsored.

-Schreiber cited Bruin Hope, the service organization whose Proposal for Inclusion in the Community Service Commission had been approved by Council earlier this evening, would fall under the category of a "Commission-Related Group" under the definition set forth in the proposed Bylaw amendments on Sponsorship.

-Wynn said that she wanted to be sure that the work of the Campus Retention Committee (CRC) was validated.

-Palma/Saracho said that the CRC could be factored into any points brought forward by UCOP.

-Tuttle raised the question of whether there had been adequate notice on this matter, saying that he simply wanted to call it to the attention of the Chairperson.

-McKesey asked Wynn and Lam if they would like to table this item until next week's meeting. Wynn and Lam said they would like to table the item to next week, and said that it should be on the agenda as an Action Item.

***Resolution in Opposition to the Minimum Progress Requirement**

-Kozak introduced the Resolution in Opposition to the Minimum Progress Requirement which she said was self-explanatory. She said she would be willing to answer any questions Council Members might have.

There being no questions, Kozak moved, and Erica Husse-Jerome seconded, to approve the Resolution. Council voted to approve the motion with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

-Kozak moved, and Wynn seconded, to publish a one-third page ad in the Daily Bruin on Thursday. Council voted to approve the motion with 12 votes in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

-Husse-Jerome announced that AISA's Pow Wow was being held this coming weekend.

-Nguyen announced that a Vietnamese Commemoration event would be held on Wednesday in the Ackerman Union Second Floor Lounge from 7:00 to 9:00pm, and said that Vietnamese food would be available for sale on Bruin Walk that day.

-Palma/Saracho announced that MEChA's Statewide Conference would be held this weekend at UCLA, and said that information on the conference was available on MEChA's website. Palms/Saracho also announced that there would be a Black Queer Youth Conference this coming Saturday in the Kerckhoff Hall Patio from 12:00 Noon to 5:00pm.

-Chiang announced that she has been baby-sitting for some kids whose school was selling candy bars for \$1.00. She said that she had some with her tonight in case anyone wanted to buy some.

-Wynn handed out flyers for a number of Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) events that were coming up, including: Jazz in the Kerckhoff Coffee House on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm; Acouselectronic in the Coffee House on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm; and Eclectic on Thursday evenings, featuring Open Mic, Spoken Word, and DJ's spinning funk, hip-hop, reggae and more. She announced that auditions for the Cultural Affairs Commission Talent Showcase would be held at the Cooperage Stage the evening of April 29 from 7:00 – 9:00pm. In addition, Wynn said that there would be a concert in Bruin Plaza featuring Ugly Duckling. She said that World Fest would be held next week on Bruin Plaza, co-sponsored by CAC and Office of Residential Life, featuring a wide variety of cultural performances and a Food Fair. Wynn ended by announcing that "Butterflies and Brain Wash" would appear next Wednesday in the Kerckhoff Coffee House.

-Lam announced that there would be an International Workers Day Caravan for Justice at the Federal Building in Westwood.

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-Gaulton announced that there would be a concert on Friday at noon in Bruin Plaza featuring Broken Souls. He said that a concert co-sponsored by Campus Events and Cultural Affairs featuring Dizzee Rascal would be held in Bruin Plaza at noon on Monday, May 3rd. Gaulton said that a Free Sneak entitled "Supersize Me" was showing this evening, beginning at 8:00pm, in Ackerman Grand Ballroom, which meant that it was almost over. Gaulton ended his announcements by saying that there had been a very good meeting last Friday regarding plans for Welcome Week, and he thanked Schreiber for his support. He said there would be a follow-up meeting regarding Welcome Week on Thursday at 3:00pm in 417 Kerckhoff Hall.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

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

XII. Adjournment

-Chiang moved and Schreiber seconded to adjourn the meeting.

-McKesey asked if there was any objection to approving the motion by consent. There being none, the motion to adjourn was approved by consent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

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