

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 11, 2004  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00pm

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Gaulton, Grace, Lawson, Nelson, Wynn

GUESTS: Roy Samaan, Zara Bukirin, Lisa Raigosa, Crystal Lee, Sara Taylor, Pavan Tripathi, Georgine Piper

- 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  
-Palma/Saracho asked that an action item be added under "New Business" entitled, Proposed Changes to Community Service Guidelines."  
-Lam asked that the Approval of the USA 2004-2005 Budget be moved up to follow the Special Presentations.  
-Schreiber, Ambrosio, Nguyen and Chiang asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.  
-Husse-Jerome 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  
**\*March 16, 2004**  
-Husse-Jerome moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- \*April 13, 2004**  
-Ambrosio moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Minutes of April 13, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- \*April 20, 2004**  
-Schreiber moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the Minutes of April 20, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- \*May 4, 2004**  
-Ambrosio moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Minutes of May 04, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- McLaren pointed out that Council lost quorum just before they voted on the minutes.  
-McKesey asked Chiang, who was absent during the votes, if she would like to make a motion to approve the four sets of minutes now that Council had attained quorum.

-Chiang moved, and Ambrosio seconded, to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2004, April 13, 2004, April 20, 2004 and May 04, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

#### IV. Special Presentations

##### **Community Service Mini Fund Committee**

- Crystal Lee, the chairperson of the CS Mini Fund Committee, said that the CS Mini Fund Committee met 2 weeks ago and decided to make a minor change to the CS Mini Fund Guidelines. She said that the change is to the location that CS Mini Fund applications must be turned into. She said that the proposed change lists the CS Mini Fund Chairperson's Mailbox on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Kerckhoff Hall. She said they didn't specify the number of the mailbox in the proposed change to the guidelines because the mailbox number might be changed in the future. On a related matter, Lee said that she would be coming back to a subsequent USAC meeting to make a formal year-end report on the CS Mini Fund Committee's allocations for the year.
- Ambrosio pointed out that the CS Mini Fund Committee also has a mailbox in its office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Kerckhoff, in Room 300B, which might cause some confusion as to which of the two mailboxes the Guidelines references.
- Schreiber asked if it could be listed in the Guidelines as "Mailbox 41", and then be amended if the mailbox number changed at any future time.
- Ambrosio suggested that the reference in the Guidelines should be changed to read. "UASF Community Service Mini Fund Chair's mailbox #41 on the third floor of Kerckhoff Hall." Lee said she accepted Ambrosio's recommendation.
- Ambrosio moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the changes to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee Guidelines, as amended at the table.
- McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- McKesity said that the presentation on the Jazz/Reggae Festival could not be made until about 8:15pm, so she suggested that Council move forward with the rest of the agenda items.

#### V. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

#### VI. Fund Allocations

##### **\*Contingency**

- Chen said that there were 6 Contingency Allocations up for Council's approval.
- Kozak moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- McKesity asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Lam pointed out that Council had skipped over the item on Approval of the USA 2004-2005 Budget. McKesity thanked Lam for her observation, and then suggested that, since there was a motion on the table, Council vote on the motion regarding Fund Allocations, and then proceed to consideration of USAC's 2004-2005 Budget

##### **Afghan Student Association**

**Requested: \$2,704.01**

**Recommended: \$1,000.00**

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$1,000 for Programming for the 2004 Afghan Student Association Annual Culture Show to be held on May 30, 2004.

##### **Armenian Students Association & Alpha Omega Alpha – Alpha Chapter**

**Requested: \$1,685.50**

**Recommended: \$ 645.50**

FiCom recommended \$645.50 for the total cost of Food for the College Fair to be held May 16, 2004.

**Queer Alliance, BlaQue, La Familia, Queer X Girl, Mishpacha, Mahu Fluid****Requested: \$1,100.00****Recommended: \$1,100.00**

FiCom recommended \$500.00 for Honorarium, \$300.00 for Supplies, and \$300.00 for printing for the Lavender Graduation Celebration to be held June 19, 2004.

**Student Welfare Commission****Requested: \$1,236.00****Recommended: \$ 474.00**

FiCom recommended \$474.00 for Advertising for the Spring Quarter Blood Drive to be held May 18 to May 21 2004.

**Student Welfare Commission/CPR/SFA Committee****Requested: \$308.95****Recommended: \$308.95**

FiCom recommended \$308.95 for the total cost of Supplies for the Spring Quarter CPR Classes to be held Weeks 1 -10.

**Samahang Pilipino****Requested: \$6,637.02****Recommended: \$2,900.70**

FiCom recommended \$2900.70 for the total cost of Facilities for the Samahang Pilipino Cultural Night – “Point of You” – to be held May 29, 2004

## VII. New Business

**\*Approval of USA 2004-2005 Budget**

-Georgine Piper, Student Government Accounting Manager, said that there had been a few changes made to the budget that was distributed to Council with the Agenda. She handed out copies of the revised pages. She said that the original document Council received included an annual charge of \$4,500 to utilize the Bruin Card Scanning Service in accordance with a seven year contractual agreement. Piper said SGA determined that USAC made the final payment on that contract in fiscal year 2003-2004, so SGA adjusted the USAC Budget accordingly.

Bukirin, Budget Review Director, then presented the highlights of the revised 2004-2005 Budget. She said that the estimated Budgetable Income is \$2,375,909. She said that Total Administrative Overhead is budgeted at \$419,950 and that Total Expenses, including Overhead, are expected to be \$2,152,352. She said that that would leave a balance of \$223,557 in Net Budgetable Funds. She said that there would be a few changes next year. One was that the amount allocated to the USA Secretaries would increase by \$200. She said that Maintenance Fees would also be higher. She said that the amount allocated to the Finance Committee would increase and the amount given to the Budget Review Committee would decrease. She said that the amount allocated to the Election Board would also be increasing. She said that the changes will result in a variance from last year of \$9,500.

-McKesity said that she would like to see the amount allocated to the USA Secretaries be increased to about \$11,000 because she would like to see the President’s office fully staffed next year. She said that she was going to have to apply to Contingency in order to pay the USA Secretaries for the remainder of this year.

-Tuttle said that he strongly agreed with McKesity. He said that Council is well served by having the President’s office fully staffed.

-Ambrosio asked if a \$2,500 increase would affect the amount of Budgetable funds.

-Kaczmarek said that, if the Student Voice Referendum fails in this week’s election, then Council would have to pay the registration fees for UCSA and USSA out of USAC’s Budgetable funds. He said that, for that reason, he would like to wait until next week to vote on this budget.

- Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to table the USA 2004-2005 Budget until the next meeting.
- Bob Williams, ASUCLA's Interim Executive Director, said that USAC's budget was to be given to the ASUCLA Board of Directors Finance Committee by this Friday because ASUCLA has the responsibility of approving the fiscal soundness of USAC's budget.
- Piper said that the budget could be approved as it is now, and then any necessary changes could be made to the revised budget in July.
- Kaczmarek said that he would like this year's Council to retain some control over the matter.
- Kaczmarek moved an amendment to the motion, which Nguyen accepted, to send the current version of USAC's 2004-2005 Budget to the ASUCLA Board of Directors Finance Committee this week, and then to bring the budget back to Council next week as an Action Item for any changes that needed to be made.
- McKesey said that the total needed for USA Secretaries would be \$11,680.
- Kaczmarek moved another amendment to the motion, which Nguyen accepted, to change the USA Secretaries allocation to \$11,680.
- McKesey asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion, as amended, with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

#### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

##### **Student Welfare Commissioner**

- Chiang said that the Run/Walk fundraiser to benefit UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital, will be held this Sunday, and she passed out buttons and registration forms. She said that they have worked things out with several food vendors in the area so that if you eat at Baja Fresh tomorrow, Jamba Juice on Thursday or Relaxation on Friday, and mention the Run/Walk, then part of the proceeds from that sale will go to Run/Walk.

##### **Facilities Commissioner**

- Nguyen said that, yesterday, she had attended the final meeting of the Quarter for the Wooden Center Board of Governors. She handed out some budget information she had received at the meeting. She said that the Wooden Center may be adding an Outdoors Adventure Center. She said that one of the budgets would be approved over the summer. She said that the Wooden Center Board has been encountering some problems in scheduling meetings, especially during the Summer, partly because of Council's transition period, and the difficulty in getting USAC appointments to them in a timely manner. As a result, she said that the Wooden Board members are considering several ways to deal with this problem, one of which would be to extend the terms of the WCBOG members to include the summer months. She said that she would be proposing something along those lines to USAC at next week's meeting.

##### **General Representative – Art Ambrosio**

- Ambrosio said that his office is working on the design for the USAC signboard. He said that he would appreciate it if other Council members would contribute funds to this project.

##### **Community Service Commissioner**

- Schreiber said that his office is working on getting a Community Service Transcript program set up. He said that, at this time, he would be proposing that only selected groups would qualify for the program. He said that, since Gaulton could not attend tonight's meeting, he had asked him to mention that the Welcome Week 2004 Committee is coming together nicely in case anyone wants to be involved. He said that Gaulton would like Council members to contribute funds towards a full page advertisement in the Daily Bruin about Welcome Week 2004. He said that Gaulton also asked him to say that Schreiber is a big ole' dork.

##### **External Vice President**

- Kaczmarek said that on Thursday he had a meeting at the Office of the UC President with the Systemwide Budget Advocacy Group. He said that they learned at that time that the UC

system has been negotiating a compact with the governor. He said that everyone was quite surprised by this news. He said that an agreement has been reached. He said that this morning he went to Glendale Community College to take part in an event dealing with the budget cuts. He said that the Chancellor then had a budget briefing and he then took part in a UCSA press conference call, at which time he read a statement about the compact. He said that the compact is basically an agreement between the UC System and the Governor. He said that it provides for a 14% fee increase next year and an 8% fee increase during each of the following two years after that. He said that there would be no money to prevent enrollment reductions. He said that there would be no guarantees for outreach. He said that the amount to be returned to financial aid was not set, but would range from 20% to 33% and would be decided on by the UC System with pressure from the Governor. He said that the agreement would have other major effects on both the Undergraduate and Graduate student populations. He said that similar agreements had been made in the past with Governors Davis and Wilson, and that both had been broken by the governors. He said that, by the time Governor Davis left office, the partnership agreement was underfunded by \$5 billion. He said that the agreement with the current Governor is questionable. He said that this will also pit the Democrats in the Legislature against the UC System. He said that it had seemed, earlier this year, that the UC System had shifted from a long-term agreement method of dealing with the government to a grass roots campaigning system. He said that this agreement sells out all of the people who worked to help the UC make it through this crisis. He said that the May revised budget would be coming out this Friday. He said that, on Monday, UCSA and the Cal State Student Association would be holding a joint press conference in response to the May revise. He said that Tuesday would be a statewide day of action, and that Wednesday is the meeting of the Board of Regents.

#### **President**

-McKese said that she thinks that this compact is very disturbing. She said that student fees would rise by another 30% in 3 years. She said that tomorrow she is meeting with UC President Dynes at 8:30am in the West Coast Room at Covel Commons. She said that that would be a good place for students to raise their concerns.

#### **Academic Affairs Commissioner**

- Kozak said that this compact sells out everyone who has been working with the administration on this project. She said that it takes away all of their leverage to get something better. She said that her office has the final draft of the Expected Cumulative Progress survey done. She said that it would go out to all students who are 3<sup>rd</sup> years and below. She said that she presented her offices summer program proposal today. She said that some of the feedback that the administration gave was disappointing and insulting. She said that she hopes to increase student involvement in the enrollment process.
- McKese said that the meeting with the Chancellor dealing with the summer proposal was discouraging. She said that the Chancellor is not willing to take any risks to ensure that UC eligible students that were denied enrollment are compensated in any way at UCLA. She said that they would continue to push the proposal.
- Kozak said that it is becoming clear that the UC System's standards for statewide eligibility are inadequate for ensuring diversity. She said that, on a good note, last week was a successful week for the Diversity Requirement. She said that they had met with the faculty and were given support by many faculty members.

#### **IX. Old Business**

##### **\*Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

- McKese said that this issue was discussed two weeks ago. She asked if there was a motion to approve.
- Ambrosio said that Council does not have quorum.
- While quorum was being established, Kaczmarek asked if the transition calendar had been finalized.

- McLaren said that, assuming a runoff, the final meeting of this Council would be May 25<sup>th</sup>. She said that would leave a very short window for Council to make key appointments, including those to the ASUCLA Board of Directors. She said that, in order to expedite the process, Applications for USA Presidential Appointments would be going out soon, with a deadline of 5:00pm Monday, May 24. With regard to the Installation Celebration, she said that there are two proposed dates : Saturday, May 29 and Saturday, June 5. She said that the last time Council discussed this matter, there appeared to be attendance problems with both dates.
- McKeseey suggested that Council discuss the transition calendar, particularly the date for the Installation party. She asked for a show of hands on which of the two dates Council Members would prefer, May 29 or June 5. The hand count indicated that June 5 would be the better of the two.
- McLaren said that she was holding a reservation of the Grand Salon for May 29, but would now focus her attention on finding a suitable space for June 5.
- Quorum was attained.
- Husse-Jerome moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the Proposed USAC Bylaw Amendments.
- Kaczmarek called for approval by acclamation. There being no objection to approval by acclamation, the proposed amendments to the USAC Bylaws were approved.
- McKeseey said that, because noone from Jazz/Reggae had shown up yet, Council would proceed with Announcements.

#### X. Announcements

- Kaczmarek said that he would be holding a budget briefing on Friday at 4:00pm. He asked Samaan when the election results would be in.
- Samaan said he expected them to be announced at about 9:00pm.
- Chen said that the Base Budget Workshops would be held on Tuesday, May 25 and Wednesday, May 26 in Room 133 Kerckhoff Hall, the Kerckhoff State Rooms.

#### XI. Old Business

##### **\*Cultural Affairs Jazz/Reggae Festival**

- McKeseey announced that Robbie Clark had arrived to make a presentation to USAC concerning this year's Jazz/Reggae Festival.
- Clark said that Jazz/Reggae is asking USAC to help sponsor their event. She said that last year's event was completely student-funded with the help of USAC. She said that Jazz/Reggae would be held of the Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend. She said that there would be 80 vendors. She said that on Jazz day they would have a diverse range of Jazz musicians and on Reggae day the performers would be very good. She then handed out copies of Jazz/Reggae's budget breakdown. She said that they are asking USAC for a loan of \$85,238.50 which they would pay back after the event, and would give USAC a share of the profits. She said that they have to sell only 7,015 extra tickets to pay back USAC in full. She explained further that Jazz/Reggae would pay back USAC's investment and would also give them 10% of any profits. She directed Council's attention to the expense breakdown on the last page of the document she had handed out. She said that the event would be held on the Intramural Field, and she said that their two biggest expenses are facilities and artists' fees.
- Husse-Jerome asked how much USAC lent to the event last year.
- Clark replied that USAC was asked for \$70,000 last year. She said that the capacity for this year's event will be higher than last year's.
- Ambrosio asked where USAC would take the money from.
- Clark said that it would come out of USAC's Reserve.
- Schreiber asked if the profits from the event would go towards next year's budget or towards USAC's Reserve.
- Clark said that she did not know.
- Schreiber asked if Jazz/Reggae has a reserve.

- Clark said that Jazz/Reggae does have a reserve. She said that they keep about \$40,000 in reserve. She said that that money is regulated by their UCLA Advisors.
- Tuttle asked who Jazz/Reggae's Advisors are.
- Clark said that their Advisors are Kenn Heller and Pam Cysner.
- Tuttle asked what the amount is in the USAC reserve.
- Clark said that it is approximately \$149,000.
- Tuttle asked what the return was on the last year's event.
- Clark said that the event's net profit was about \$149,000, so USAC received about \$14,000. She said that all of the money flows through the SGA.
- McLaren asked how much they are charging the non-students for Jazz/Reggae this year.
- Clark replied that UCLA students get in free, and that they charge non-students \$5 on Jazz Day and \$12 on Reggae Day. She said that other festivals usually charge at least \$35 to \$40.
- Husse-Jerome moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the allocation of \$85,238.50 for the Jazz/Reggae Festival to be taken from the Undergraduate Students Association Reserve and to be paid back after the event along with 10% of the net income of the event.
- Kaczmarek called for approval by acclamation. Chiang objected to approval by acclamation.
- McKeseay asked if there was any further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet  
- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XIII. Adjournment  
-Husse-Jerome moved and Schreiber seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
-Lam called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza  
USAC Minutes Taker