

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 18, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Ambrosio, Chen, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kozak, Lam, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Schreiber, Tuttle
- ABSENT: Grace, Kaczmarek, Lawson, Williams, Wynn
- GUESTS: Janina Montero, Georgine Piper, Zara Bukirin, Sara Taylor, Jason Avila, Natalie Skordills
- 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
-Schreiber said that the Special Presentation should read *Service Transcripts Proposal*, not *Service Transfer Proposal*, and that the presentation should not be an action item.
-Chiang and Ambrosio asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
-McKesey said that the Old Business item on Approval of the USA 2004-2005 Budget would be moved up to just after the approval of the minutes.
-McKesey asked if there were any objections to approval of the Agenda, as amended, by consent. There being no objections, the Agenda, as amended, was approved by consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
-There were no Minutes this week.
- IV. Old Business
***Approval of the USA 2004-2005 Budget**
- Bukirin passed out an updated budget. She said that Administrative Overhead is now on the second page. She said another change is that this updated version includes the expected income from passage of the Student Voice Referendum.
-Schreiber moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the USA 2004-2005 Budget.
-McKesey 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.
- V. Special Presentations
Service Transcripts Proposal
-Schreiber said that his office has been working on service transcripts since a meeting they had with Dennis Galligani from the UC Office of the President in which such transcripts were brought to the Commission's attention. He said that, following that meeting, they began to talk about have service transcripts at UCLA. He said that there would be a good chance for students to have their community service work documented. He said that people can get records of their academic progress and records of research done on campus, through 199 classes, included in their academic transcripts. He said that, currently, those transcripts do not include information about community service that a students commit time to. He said that it had been proposed in the past that transcripts should include service commitments, but the idea was rejected by the Administration

because of the difficulty in keeping track of such service. He said that the proposal from his office is to create a two-year evaluation period for the transcripts. He said that, during the initial two-year period, only work done with certain groups that are known for documenting the service that students do on their behalf would be eligible for documentation on the transcripts. He said that, at this time, those groups are USAC's Student Welfare Commission (SWC), Bruin Belles, USAC's Community Service Commission (CSC), the Campus Programs Office (CPO), the Student Initiated Outreach Committee (SIOC), UniCamp and Circle K. He said he has talked to some of those groups about this idea. He said that volunteers for those groups could have their service documented. He said that those groups would also be among the groups eligible to send representatives to a committee that would make decisions regarding the transcripts. He said that, after the two-year evaluation period, if the program is successful, it would be opened up to other campus service organizations. He said he would appreciate Council's help on how to open up the decision-making body to include students. He said that he would like to have the seats appointed, but that he is not sure who should appoint them. He said that he was concerned that, if the student appointments were made as USAC Presidential appointments, the USAC President might not be as knowledgeable about community service issues as he'd like. He said there is also concern about having the appointments made by the Community Service Commissioner because CSC might become overrepresented. He said that, among other things, the governing board would decide which other service organizations would be included in the transcripts after the two-year trial period. Schreiber then outlined how the documentation would work: (1) departments would enter into a database the names of volunteers who were interested in receiving a service transcript; (2) at the end of that volunteer's service, their volunteer hours would be entered into the database; (3) the advisor or sponsoring department would then verify those hours; and finally, the Registrar's Office would create a transcript. He said that he hopes to have this implemented by the end of the year.

- Chiang said she thought that Community Service Transcripts were a good way to document a person's involvement in their community, specifically in light of minimum progress..
- Tuttle made a friendly suggestion that any reference in the document to the groups that are initially involved in the program should also mention that the process is not necessarily limited to those groups.
- Schreiber said that he has been meeting with a lot of groups and Administrators, and that everything is coming along nicely.

VI. Appointments

- There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

- McKesity said that there are two discretionary allocations this week and four allocations up for Council's approval.
- Schreiber moved and Husse-Jerome 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.

Best Buddies UCLA

Requested: \$450.00

Recommended: \$278.00

Under the authorization granted her by the 2003-2004 Finance Committee Guidelines, Chen recommended an allocation of \$278.00 for the cost of tickets for Best Buddies Spring Quarter Event at Knott's Berry Farm on May 15th.

UCLA Run/Walk – Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$2,890.00

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 programming for the UCLA Run/Walk on May 16th.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Requested: \$103,860.38

Recommended: \$ 8,000.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$8,000.00 for the cost of programming for the 18th Annual UCLA Jazz Reggae Festival to be held May 30th and 31st.

MEChA De UCLA

Requested: \$1,043.96

Recommended: \$ 568.96

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$218.96 for the cost of supplies and \$350.00 for the cost of honorarium for Transfer Raza Day to be held May 21st.

Pacific Islands Students Association

Requested: \$1,480.00

Recommended: \$ 400.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the cost of accommodations for the Where the Bay meets LA: Carson & Hawthorne High School Conference to be held May 28 - 31.

Transfer Students Association (TSA)

Requested: \$425.00

Recommended: \$425.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$425.00 for the cost of a mass e-mail to inform transfer students about TSA, and to encourage them to participate in TSA.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President

-McKesey said she, along with several other students, had breakfast with UC President Dynes last Wednesday at which they conveyed a number of concerns to the UC President. She said that statements were made at that meeting that students had been a part of the process that led up to the agreement made between the UC system and the Governor. She said that that is false because student leaders were not included in the process. She said she believes that that meeting was a sign of a larger problem in the UC System, which is that the Administration is not held accountable to its constituency, the students. She said that they were told that Chancellor Carnesale, as well as several other Administrators, were involved in the negotiations. She said she found many of the UC President's comments to be inconsiderate of the legislative process and the students' concerns. She said that, within a week after the meeting with President Dynes, she and other USAC representatives, had met with Chancellor Carnesale, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Janina Montero, and other Administrators. She said that, at that meeting, they were informed that UCLA did not have a part in the details of the compact with the Governor. She said she feels that the students are getting the run around. She said that both sides of the Administration are saying that the other is responsible. She said that there are many conversations going on about how to move forward.

-Ambrosio asked if USAC had any recourse with the Chancellor.

-McKesey said that the students expressed their concerns and offered up a short term goal of holding a Town Hall meeting at which students could voice their concerns. She said that the Chancellor gave no commitment that he would do anything to address concerns expressed at a Town Hall meeting. She said that she proposed that USAC prepare a press release that could be sent to all UCLA undergraduate students.

-Vice Chancellor Montero said that USAC may consider using the UC Survey to gather student opinion about the compact with the Governor. She said that the survey was not originally

intended for this purpose, but that there were open-ended questions that would allow students to express their concerns.

- Palma/Saracho said that he finds it interesting that the Chancellor said that he had no input into the compact. He said that, at a recent Student Fee Advisory Committee meeting, one of the Assistant Vice Chancellors made a presentation on the compact, and stated that the Chancellor had input and that he approved of the compact.
- McKeseey said that that was very interesting. She said that she was told several times that the Chancellor had no input on the details. She said she thought that a lot of people were lying.

Internal Vice President

- Palma/Saracho said that a lot of rallies are taking place on campus dealing with the negative effects of the budget. He said that, yesterday, ASU held a rally that was originally meant to deal with Brown v. Board of Education, but turned into a rally on how little desegregation has actually occurred on campus since that landmark case. He said that the numbers paint a discouraging picture. He said that there were two rallies today. He said that one was on campus and the other was at the Governor's restaurant in Santa Monica. He said that students from several colleges participated in the rally in Santa Monica, where they delivered petitions with more than 7,000 signatures, calling for an end to fee increases and enrollment caps. He said that they also called for a tax to be levied on the richest members of the state's population.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Chiang said that on May 12 Jean Kilbourne gave a presentation on how women, especially women of color, are negatively affected by the media. She said that there were more than 377 people at the Kilbourne event. She said that, on May 16, SWC held their annual Run/Walk fundraiser to benefit Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. She said that the first count of participants was more than 1,100. She said that they had underestimated the number of people who would attend, so they ran out of free things to give out. On another matter, she expressed her thanks to ASUCLA's Interim Executive Director, Bob Williams, even though he was absent from the meeting because of illness. She said wanted to have on the record that he had been very supportive of a presentation she made to the ASUCLA Services Committee about the lack of Waiver Pool Funding for the remainder of Spring Quarter. She said ASUCLA agreed to transfer funds into the Waiver Pool account and, as a result, more than 17 groups that had been rejected were able to be funded. She said she had invitations for the SWC Banquet which will be held on Friday, June 5. She said she also had some leftover goodies from the Run/Walk, which she then passed out to Council Members.

General Representative – Art Ambrosio

- Ambrosio said that orders for USAC signboards would be going out soon. He said that the signboards would be stored in the General Representatives' office. He handed out a flyer on projects his office is working on. He said the first thing they're working on is a grant writing class, and he's hoping to find a departmental sponsor for that program. He said he has information in his office on several available paid internships. He said that one of them is with the Justice Department and is specifically for Pre-Law students. He said that the internship is sponsored by the Attorney General's office.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that last week he had the opportunity to go to Wisconsin for a three day meeting on Event Management. He said that he is happy to report that UCLA is on the cutting edge of event management. He said that a lot goes on here that is taken for granted. He said that he would also like to mention the student survey that VC Montero mentioned earlier. He said that it is important for students to complete the survey so that the Administration is aware of their opinions and can gather as much input as possible so that desired changes can be made.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of Service Transcripts**

-Chiang moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Service Transcripts.

-McKeseY 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.

X. Announcements

-Gaulton said that City of God would be the \$2 movie on Thursday and Friday. He said that the Shorttakes Film Festival is coming up on May 22nd.

-Chiang said that the Health, Nutrition and Fitness Symposium would be held on Tuesday. She said that there would be a lot of workshops and free stuff. She said that it would be held in the Plaza and the Wooden Center. She said that her office is trying to move into the General Representative office slowly.

-Schreiber said that tomorrow from 11:00am to 1:00pm the CSC would be serving hotdogs and sodas for 50 cents each. He said that they would be setting up at the Bruin Statue. He said that next week they would be having another fundraiser at Club Lush. He said that presale tickets would be \$10. He said that everyone would be welcome to go and see how badly he and Ambrosio dance.

-McLaren said that there are still some decisions to be made regarding USAC's Installation celebration. She said that the only date locked is May 29, but there's a good chance she will be able to get the Grand Salon for June 5 and June 6 as alternate choices. She said those dates are tentatively held by two on-campus departments, but she would be able to find out on Wednesday morning whether either of those dates has been released. She said that Friday evening, May 28, is also available.

-Chen asked if they could move the event to a different location, such as the hill.

-McLaren said that she had not checked into the hill, but that was a good idea. McLaren then asked which date Council preferred, June 5 or June 6.

-After asking for a show of hands between the two dates, McKeseY said that June 5 would be the best.

-Husse-Jerome said that she would check on the hill to see if anything was available on that date.

-Wynn asked if the Grand Ballroom was available.

-McLaren said that, when she last checked, it was booked.

-Wynn said, with a smile, that she could potentially ensure that the Grand Ballroom would be available.

-Tuttle said that he wanted to mention the crisis over minority enrollment. He said that he thought the campus was beginning to look like the UCLA of the "early" 1960s. He said that in 1995, 661 African American students were admitted to UCLA. He said that, by 2002, the number had decreased to 316 and that this year the number is down to 195. He said that the community is disappearing on campus. He said that this is starting to look like the UCLA of the 1960s. He said that Latino enrollment appears to be following the same trend as African-American enrollment based on data from 1994-2002. He said that he hopes that Council will be able to make this an issue of bi-partisan concern. He said that he is aware of the problems caused by the Governor's budget cuts and by Proposition 209. He said that this is a serious problem.

-Nguyen said that last week she brought up the issue of appointments to the Wooden Center Board of Governors (WCBOG). She said that she has a letter to present at the next meeting which proposes some changes in the term of WCBOG appointees. She said that she and McLaren had met and had looked at the USAC Bylaws to see if they would need to be amended to comply with the proposed change. She said it was their opinion that there was nothing in the section of the Bylaws concerning appointments that would need to be amended. She said she felt it would be more an issue of making the appointees accountable. She said that she wants to present this issue at next week's meeting when both outgoing and incoming Council members can be made aware of the matter. She said

she thought this would help next year's Council understand the importance of stressing to their appointees the need to take their positions seriously.

- Wynn said that one of her staff members is part of a fashion show on May 25, and that she has fliers with details of the event. She said that the Kerckhoff Jazz series takes place every Monday night from 7:00 to 9:00pm in the Kerckhoff Coffeehouse. She said that the Acoustic Electric series is takes place on Tuesday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00pm. She said that the last Eclectic would be this week. She said that the Jazz/ Reggae Festival will be held on the Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. She said that the Hip-Hop explosion would be coming up soon. She said that, on May 26, the Simple Citizens would be performing at noon in Bruin Plaza. She said that on June 2, J-Live would be performing in the Plaza. She said that the Student Talent Showcase would be held during 8th and 9th week in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery.
- Gaulton said that the Welcome Week Subcommittee held its first meeting this morning. He said that advertising would begin next week.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Husse-Jerome moved and Schreiber seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Husse-Jerome called for adjournment by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker