

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 25, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Ambrosio, Chen, Chiang, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, Mann, McKesey, McLaren, Nelson, Nguyen, Palma/Saracho, Schreiber, Tuttle, Williams, Wynn
- ABSENT: Grace, Lawson
- GUESTS: Janina Montero, Roy Samaan, Crystal Lee, Pavan Tripathi, Jason Avila, Anneli Villarin, John Vu, Darren Chan, Jenny Wood, Eligio Martinez, Tommy Tseng, Shantanu Bhuiyan, Sara Taylor, Brian Neesby, Christine Corpus, Jiii Reyes, Maricela Meza, Julio Rodriguez, Kian Bolori, Eulynn Sun, David Kute, Hemly Ordonez, Tina Park, Maribel Lopez, Tyson Evans, Menaka Fernando, Dana Aldapa, Daniela Chavez, Lucero Chavez
- I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
-Schreiber, Husse-Jerome and Kozak asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
-Ambrosio asked that the Resolution in Support of the Justice for Filipino-American Veterans Campaign be moved up to just after the Special Presentation being made by that group.
-Ambrosio moved and Chiang 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 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
***May 11, 2004**
-Schreiber said that he felt there was a mistake in his report regarding the things that Gaulton had asked him to say during the May 11th minutes.
-Gaulton said that the minutes appeared be in line with what he had asked Schreiber to say in his place. He said that he sees no reason to change them.
-Kaczmarek moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2004, as submitted. Council voted to approve the motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.
- *May 18, 2004**
-Tuttle said that on Page 5 he said that the campus was beginning to look like the UCLA of the “early” 1960s. He also said that he would like it noted that Latino enrollment appears to be following the same trend as African-American enrollment based on data from 1995 and 2002. He said that he has not yet seen the data for this year.
-Chiang said that on page 2 she felt that Community Service Transcripts were a good way to document a person’s involvement in their community, specifically in light of minimum

progress. She also said that on page 4 there were more than 377 people at the Kilbourne event and that she had invites rather than tickets for the SWC Banquet.

-Kaczmarek moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2004, as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 11 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Presentations

***Justice for Filipino-American Veterans Campaign**

-Corpus said that there is some information that they have to pass out. She said that this is an issue that the Filipino community faces everyday. She said that during World War II Franklin Roosevelt allowed Filipinos to participate in the war effort. She said that they were promised benefits that they still have not received. She said that they have a video on the campaign.

-Villarin said that they also have a resolution to present.

-Corpus said that one of the reasons that they are here today is that this issue is becoming more important than ever because many of the veterans are dying. She said that the government is hoping that the issue will die when the veterans die.

-Villarin said that they are pushing for House Resolution 677 to be passed, which would recognize the veterans and give them their benefits. She said that they are lobbying the legislatures so that they will know what the veterans need.

-Corpus said that there have been improvements in the JFAV campaign but that they have not addressed the core of the problem which is equity. She said that they want to see the veterans in the Philippines and in America receive the same benefits as veterans in the United States.

-Kaczmarek moved and Ambrosio seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Justice for Filipino-American Veterans Campaign.

-Lam called for approval by acclamation. There being no objection to acclamation, the motion was approved.

Community Service Mini Fund Committee

-Lee said that she has a quick overview of what the CS Mini Fund Committee has done this year. She said that they allocated more than \$70,000 to the groups that applied. She said that one problem this year was where to turn in the proposals. She said that, in response to that problem, USAC amended the Community Service Mini Fund Committee Guidelines two weeks ago. She said the Guidelines now specify that all applications are to be turned into mailbox 41 on the Third Floor of Kerckhoff Hall. She said the Committee had set up a point system this year to create an equitable system for judging the applications. She said that they also set up a plan where each member of the committee is to serve as a liaison to designated groups, and they are to attend at least one event or project that each of their groups presents.

V. Appointments

-There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

***Contingency**

-Chen said that there were 16 applications for Contingency this week.

-Ambrosio moved and Kaczmarek seconded to approve the 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.

Indian Student Union

Requested: \$12,727.80

Recommended: \$ 2,500.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$2,500 for Facilities for the Ehsaas: Discover the Spirit Within Annual Culture Show to be held on May 29.

Eagle Wing Aerospace Club

Requested: \$741.38

Recommended: \$300.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300 for Facilities for the AFROTC Commissioning event to be held on June 26.

Samahang Pilipino: SPACE

Requested: \$565.00

Recommended: \$282.50

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$282.50 for Graphics for the Parent and Student Banquet to be held on June 6.

Women and Youth Supporting Each Other

Requested: \$575.54

Recommended: \$250.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$250 for Facilities for the End of the Year Banquet to be held on May 29.

Latin American Student Union

Requested: \$166

Recommended: \$166

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$166 for Facilities for XpressArte, to be held on June 4.

African Student Union: African Graduation Committee

Requested: \$6,000

Recommended: \$3,000

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$3,000 for Graphics for the 25th Annual All African Peoples' Graduation Celebration to be held on June 20.

Vietnamese Language and Culture (VNLC)

Requested: \$376.13

Recommended: \$281.78

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$281.78 for Food for the Saturday Vietnamese Tutorial (SVT) to be held on June 5.

MECHa de UCLA

Requested: \$402

Recommended: \$264

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$264 for Transportation for the Xinachtli's Shadow Day to be held on May 26.

Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$525.45

Recommended: \$114.95

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$114.95 for Supplies for the Health Symposium to be held on May 25.

Indian Student Union: Sandesha

Requested: \$700

Recommended: \$325

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$325 for Graphics for the Sandesha Spring Issue to come out on May 28.

Concerned Asian Pacific-Islander Students for Action (CAPSA)

Requested: \$963.93

Recommended: \$384.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$384 for Advertising for APEyes: "One Love, One Struggle," "Real Eyes" to be held on June 3.

Vietnamese Language and Culture (VNLC)

Requested: \$980

Recommended: \$304

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$304 for Facilities (projector/screen rental) for the NVLC 10th year Anniversary Banquet to be held on May 30.

Beta Chi Theta

Requested: \$1,000

Recommended: \$ 250

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$250 for Referees for the 5th Annual Charity Basketball Tournament to be held on May 29 and 30.

Samahang Pilipino

Requested: \$2,187.44

Recommended: \$2,187.44

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$2,150.44 for Graphics and \$37 for Supplies for the Pilipino Commencement Celebration to be held on June 20.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$2,777.96

Recommended: \$ 580.35

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$400 for Graphics and \$180.35 for Shipping for Shorttakes (11th Annual Short Student Film Festival) to be held on May 27.

USAC Office of the President

Requested: \$2,772

Recommended: \$2,772

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$2,772 for Assistance for staff during Spring Quarter 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Kozak said that, shortly after USAC held its Tent City regarding the need for a Diversity Requirement at UCLA, a committee of Faculty and Students was formed to go over the courses that would be included in the proposed diversity requirement. She said that students will be well represented on the committee. She said that they are working to make sure that this project is completed by the end of the quarter.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said that her office has prepared a newsletter. She said that they held a Health Symposium today which went very well. She said that they held a Blood Drive during 7th week and came very close to collecting 400 units. She said that they are slowly moving into their new office in Room 308 Kerckhoff.

Financial Supports Commissioner

-Husse-Jerome said that this year's Book Lending staff has put together a staff for next year which has been approved by the incoming Financial Supports Commissioner, Alex Gruenberg. She said that 5 out of the 6 staff members from this year will be returning. She said that they will be having a Book Drive in the Dykstra and De Neve Residence Halls. She said that they will also be working on putting together a Summer Book Lending program.

Community Service Commissioner

-Schreiber said that on Wednesday the CSC will be holding a fundraiser at Club Lush. He said that tickets will be on presale for \$10. He said that are trying to cover their costs for the rest of the year. He said that the proposal for Community Service Transcripts has been updated. He said that they have updated the definition of community service and the list of eligible organizations. He said that the committee would now be appointed by the chair of the previous year's committee and several other faculty and student representatives. He said that they are also talking about building a scholarship into the program. He said he would be passing out a sheet that summarizes CSC's efforts over the past year. For example, he said that this year more than 1,000 CSC volunteers put in more than 96,000 volunteer hours. He said that they are working on getting more diversification into CSC's projects for the coming year.

General Representative - Art Ambrosio

-Ambrosio said that he is trying to get a committee together to continue work on the programs that his office has started this year.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said that there was an excellent media response to the Governor's Compacts. He said that Speaker Nunez gave an impassioned speech at the Regents Meeting asking them to wait until the State Budget is finalized before they increase the fees. He said that this morning Speaker Nunez asked him to speak at a press conference. He said that this weekend the USSA is meeting in Boulder, Colorado. He said that next week he is going to Miami for NCORE. He said that he will be the chair of the UCSA until August. He said that he has been knee-deep in the annual report process. He said that he would like to thank everyone who helped support their efforts this year. He said that they achieved all but 3 of their 30 goals.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said that last Thursday he attended a workers rally. He said that a lot of service sector workers are going through contract negotiations right now. He said that the rally and march had a good turnout. He said that it shows there is a lot of support.

President

-McKesey said that she, Kozak and Lopez met with the Chancellor regarding the compact that the university has made with the state. She said that as a product of that meeting there will be a Town Hall meeting with the Chancellor. She said that it would either be next week or later. She said that she would like both the outgoing and the incoming councils to attend. She said that she is preparing a lot of transitional documents for the new president.

-Ambrosio asked if there is a goal for what the students would like to get the Chancellor to commit to.

-McKesey said that she thinks one good goal would be to get the Chancellor to support the incorporation of student voices in these sorts of decisions.

VIII. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

***Approval of Membership Contract with USSA**

- Kaczmarek said that he handed out a document on why the EVP office is recommending membership in USSA. He said that the second document is the contract itself. He said that the contract has been submitted to UCLA and ASUCLA already. He said that UCLA has had a long history of involvement with USSA. He said that they have a history of advancing student rights. He said that approving the membership would entail three things. He said that it would affirm the collection of the Student Voice Referendum, it would affirm the contract between USAC and USSA and it would direct the Student Government Accounting to devote the membership to this contract. He said that this contract would be for \$25,000 a year, which is the basic level for universities of UCLA's size. He said that it would provide USAC with membership in USSA for four years. He said that after four years it would be reviewed and renewed.
- Kaczmarek moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Membership Contract with USSA.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Husse-Jerome asked if the term of the contract has been four years in the past as well.
- Kaczmarek said that the last contract, which the regents denied, was for four years.
- Ambrosio asked if there are other national student organizations.
- Kaczmarek said that there are, but that they are more topic specific. He said that there are no other groups that deal with general student issues on the level that USSA does.
- Williams asked if a one-year contract was feasible. He said that that there isn't much room to get out of a four-year contract. He asked what would happen if USAC totally disagreed with USSA one year.
- Kaczmarek said that the member organizations vote on the action agenda items. He said that UCLA has a strong presence in USSA and that it is unlikely that UCLA will ever totally disagree with USSA's action agenda.
- Williams asked who wrote the contract.
- Kaczmarek said that it is the standard USSA contract with certain provisions that have been made for UCLA. He said that it is the same contract as four years ago.
- Husse-Jerome asked if there would be any way to pull out of the contract if UCLA ever decides it would like to.
- Kaczmarek said that they would probably have to wait until the contract expires. He said that it would be better to work for change from within the organization. He said that it is better for USAC to be in a long-term contract because it makes USSA more responsive to UCLA needs.
- McKesey said that it is important that UCLA add their voice to USSA to give the organization credibility.
- Chiang said that she doesn't see how a long-term contract is beneficial. She asked what would happen if UCLA's enrollment were to drop below 20,000.
- Kaczmarek said that UCLA has been involved in the organization for 55 years. He said that if UCLA's enrollment were to drop the contract would have to be renegotiated. He said that he thinks a long-term contract is important because it shows that UCLA supports USSA. He said that those groups that have a long-term outlook tend to be more productive.
- Nelson said that he thinks that it is important to think of this in the context of other schools that rely on the clout of UCLA to back this organization. He said that a four year contract is a gamble that has to be taken.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the Membership Contract with USSA motion with 10 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

***Resolution in Recognition of 2003-2004 individual USAC Offices and 2003-2004 Office Staff Support**

-Kaczmarek said that he does not have the resolutions because of a mix up at Pulse. He said that he would pass around a collection sheet to place an advertisement in the Daily Bruin. He said that the next Council can vote on the resolutions.

***Resolution in Support of California's Rehabilitation Camps For Incarcerated Youth**

-Ambrosio said that he became aware of this issue during the last Day of Action. He said that this is separate from the Prisons vs. Schools debate. He said that the Governor's budget would close rehabilitation plants and send their occupants to higher security sites. He said that it would shut down one Community Service Commission site. He said that they want to encourage people to come back and become productive members of society, not just lock them away.

-Ambrosio moved and Kozak seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of California's Rehabilitation Camps for Incarcerated Youth.

-McKesey said that one in three Black or Brown youth will be incarcerated by the age of 20. She said that it is important to understand the efforts of the rehabilitation camps.

-There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the Resolution with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

***Certification of Primary and Final Election Results**

-Kaczmarek moved and Schreiber seconded to certify the Primary and Final Election Results.

-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.

***Discussion of Presidential Appointment Process**

-McKesey said that she would like to extend the appointment application deadline to Friday at 5:00 pm.

-Schreiber asked if that would leave enough time to appoint the Finance Committee Chairperson.

-Chen said that it would as long as the ARC is appointed in time.

-Wynn moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to extend the Presidential Appointments Application deadline until Friday at 5:00 pm.

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

X. Announcements

-Gaulton said that there are still several programs scheduled for this year. He said that the Shorttakes Film Festival would be coming up.

-Lam said that CAPSA is having a program in De Neve tomorrow.

-Chen said that the last Contingency Requests are due by next Tuesday.

-Nguyen said that the Wooden Center Board of Governors has voted to extend the terms of its appointees through the summer so that they can make key decisions. She said that period tends to be idle. She said that the description of the position may need to be changed to reflect this proposed change.

-Wynn said that her office also has a lot of programs coming up during the end of the quarter. She said that AcousticElectronica is still going on. She said that Butterflies and Brainwash would be tomorrow. She said that there would be other events coming up as well.

-McKesey said that it looks like the Town Hall meeting with the Chancellor will be during Week 9 from noon to 1:00 pm. She said that they would iron out the details later.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Because Chen had to leave and could not return for the meeting of incoming Council Members, McKesey passed around the Attendance Sheet for the outgoing Council Members.

XII. Adjournment

FINAL

-Chiang moved and Husse-Jerome seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion to adjourn was approved with 11 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker