

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday June 8, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Avila, Bhuiyan, Chan, Gaulton, Gomez, Gruenberg, Lee, Martinez, McLaren, Palma/Saracho, Tripathi, Tseng, Tuttle, Vu, Williams, Wood,

ABSENT: Kurita, Villarin

GUESTS: Jessica Espinosa, Lucero Chavez-Meraz, Tina Park, Menaka Fernando, Christian Rodriguez, Janina Montero

- I. A. Call to Order
 - Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - Gomez passed around the attendance sheet
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Martinez asked to be included in the officer and member reports.
 - Gaulton asked to be included in the officer and member reports.
 - Lee moved and Martinez seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by consent. There being none, the agenda, as amended, was approved by consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - June 1, 2004 Minutes**
 - Martinez said that on page 2 of the minutes, Gomez had worked for the SIOC not the SRC.
 - Avila said that on page 3 of the minutes, there was a "0" missing in the date "2003".
 - Martinez said that on page 2, the experimental college courses were 188z and 190z.
 - Lee moved and Tripathi seconded to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2004, as amended.
 - Palma/Saracho asked for any discussion. Seeing and hearing none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by consent. Seeing and hearing none, the minutes of June 1, 2004 were approved, as amended, by consent.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - There were no Special Presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
 - Information Technology Planning Board**
 - Chan said that Adam Harmetz was recommended to the ARC by Palma/Saracho for appointment to the ITPB. During the interview there was some confusion about the duration of the term of this appointment. As a result, Harmetz went through the interview process again and the board found him qualified to fill this position for a second year. Chan said the ARC met quorum for this interview.
 - Tripathi moved and Martinez seconded to approve Adam Harmetz's reappointment to the Information Technology Planning Board.

-Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval of the motion by consent. There being none, the motion to reappoint Harmetz to the ITPB was approved by consent.

ASUCLA Board of Directors (Regular Member)

-Chan said that Tina Park was best suited for the regular position on the ASUCLA Board of Directors rather than the alternate. Chan also said that Park was present if anyone had any questions for her.

-Martinez moved and Tseng seconded to approve Tina Park's appointment to the ASUCLA Board of Directors as a Regular Member

-Palma Saracho asked if there was any discussion on this appointment.

-Tuttle said that, last year, measures were put in place with regard to reporting requirements for major appointments such as the BOD. Tuttle saw a need to inform potential appointees of these requirements at this time, and to impress upon them an expectation to remain in regular communication with Council. He said that, if any applicants feel they could not meet this commitment, then that could present problems.

-Palma/Saracho said that, in a Judicial Board hearing last year, it had been decided that any mandated requirements would have to be established through a Bylaw change. He said that, for now, all applicants are aware of this expectation and he said that each applicant had informed him that they were able to fulfill this responsibility.

-Williams asked if the nominee would be able to attend the BOD Retreat.

-Park responded in the affirmative.

-Palma/Saracho asked, as a point of inquiry, how important each day of the retreat would be.

-Williams replied that each BOD member really needed to be there for at least two of the three days.

-McLaren interjected that this was a two-year appointment, and that should be both reflected in the record and included in the motion.

-Martinez made a friendly amendment, which was seconded by Tseng, to have the motion specify that Park's appointment to the ASUCLA Board of Directors was for a two year term

-Chan said that the ARC had discussed the issue of accountability for all appointees to both the President and the entire Council, and had agreed that each committee make announcements or reports to Council on a regular basis.

-Palma/Saracho saw this as a good idea, and suggested that the updates be made on a quarterly basis so Council could "keep tabs" on the committees.

-Chan addressed the appointees and nominees who were present, basically telling them what had already been stated about their responsibility to make regular reports to Council..

-Gomez said he was not clear on the issue of accountability and expectations, and asked for further explanation.

-Palma/Saracho said that all that was being asked for was an open line of communication between appointees and Council members.

-McLaren said that, as she recalled the document that was presented last year on this matter, there were different levels of accountability to Council based on the appointment that was held.

-Tuttle said that he had raised concerns last year on the subject of USAC requiring mandatory reports from the Communications Board. He said it was his opinion that this might cross the line regarding Comm Board's independence related to the issue of Freedom of the Press. Tuttle said he had also recommended that Council not mandate overly-frequent reporting.

- Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving the appointment of Tina Park to the ASUCLA Board of Directors as a Regular Member for a two-year term. There being no objections. Tina Park's appointment was approved by consent

Student Health Advisory Committee

- Chan said that Christian Rodriguez was a well-qualified candidate for this position. Chan spoke of Rodriguez's experience, and said that he thought him qualified due to leadership experience and because he has a student's perspective. Chan added that Rodriguez was present for any questions.
- Wood moved and Avila seconded to approve Christian Rodriguez to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion.
- Tripathi asked why Rodriguez thought the Ashe Center environment was unfriendly to students.
 - Rodriguez replied that he was basing this on comments from students, specifically with regard to the lack of privacy in public spaces when they were talking about testing for sexually transmitted diseases.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving a two-year appointment to the Student Health Advisory Committee for Christian Rodriguez. There being no objections, Rodriguez was appointed by consent.
- Palma/Saracho raised the point that Rodriguez would be graduating before the end of a two-year term and asked if there were any problems with that fact.
 - Wood pointed out that the description of SHAC appointments said that there were both one and two-year terms
- Palma/Saracho asked if someone would make a motion to amend Rodriguez's appointment to a one-year term.
- Wood moved, and Avila seconded, to amend Rodriguez's appointment to a one-year term.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections. There being none, Rodriguez was appointed to the Student Health Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

ASUCLA Board of Directors (Alternate Member)

- Chan said that Gustavo De Haro was the nominee that Palma/Saracho forwarded to the ARC. Chan spoke of De Haro's accomplishments, with emphasis on the fact that De Haro was a transfer student and could give a unique insight. Chan said that De Haro was not present, and he asked if Council members had any questions about this recommendation.
- Tseng moved, and Lee seconded, to approve the appointment of Gustavo De Haro to the alternate position on the ASUCLA Board of Directors for a two-year term.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Gustavo De Haro's appointment was approved by consent.

VI. Fund Allocations

Approval of the Contingency Fund Allocations

- Gomez said that he hadn't yet been properly trained on how to present the Contingency Allocations, but indicated that the recommendations were included in the agenda packet. He then asked if there were any questions.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there were only three for the week.
 - Gomez confirmed this.
- Vu moved, and Lee seconded, to approve the Contingency Fund allocations.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. There being none, the Contingency Fund allocations were approved as presented.

MEChA de UCLA**Requested: \$15,500.00****Recommended: \$ 3,500.00**

Gomez recommended the allocation of \$3,500.00 for the cost of facilities for the Raza 2004 Graduation to be held on June 20, 2004.

Community Service Commission**Requested: \$776.67****Recommended: \$776.67**

Gomez recommended the allocation of \$776.67 for the cost of supplies for restocking the office at the end of the year.

Delta Tau Delta**Requested: \$3,349.10****Recommended: \$2,387.00**

Gomez recommended the allocation of \$2,387.00, with \$1,192 for travel and \$1,195 for registration for the 2004 Denver Karnea conference to be held from July 28 to August 1, 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Academic Affairs Commissioner

-Martinez said that the Caesar Chavez Center is in the last phase of becoming a department, but that it may lose its name. The proposal for an Asian American Studies department that was not approved by the Academic Senate Council may be resubmitted. The problem had been that the faculty did not see a need to set up a new department whose function was already being covered by other departments. Currently there is not a task force in place to make this happen.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Gaulton said that Hip-Hop Xplosion was a huge success with Ackerman Grand Ballroom drawing a bigger crowd than usual. He announced that there would be several sneak peeks this week, *The Notebook* tonight (June 8), *Dodgeball* tomorrow (June 9), and *Garden State* on Thursday (June 10). Gaulton said that there was still a lot of work to be done for the Welcome Week Fair. He said there needed to be a lot more people involved to make it happen. The idea with the fair is to get various student groups to sponsor booths and offer games, food, or entertainment to the fairgoers. He said he'll set up a meeting for Friday for the fair committee members. He asked that committee members think about potential organizations who might participate. He then asked for questions.

-Lee inquired about the Friday meeting.

-Gaulton said that it should be at 11:00am, with the location to be announced.

-Wood asked for the date of the fair and what is expected of contributing organizations.

-Gaulton said that the fair was to be held on Sunday, September 26 in the late afternoon. He added that organizations were expected to provide food, entertainment, carnival games, or perhaps sponsor a ride. Gaulton added that they hoped to get "A Taste of Westwood" to donate food.

-Chan asked if the organizations would be expected to pay for their booths.

-Gaulton said that the booths would be free for participating organizations.

-Palma/Saracho added that all sponsoring organizations would benefit from the free advertising of their participation in the Fair.

-Chan asked Gaulton to notify Council of the date, time and location of all committee meetings.

External Vice President

-Vu said that UC Berkeley and UC Davis students have planned a response to the new state compact with regard to education funding. Since the government is giving students "the runaround" on funding, students are planning to *run around* the Capitol. Vu said that he will be taking a van up to Sacramento, leaving Thursday night and returning on Friday. Vu also said that he had just been to Miami, Florida for the NCORE Conference. He said that this would be his last trip for the 2003-2004 year, but that more trips were already planned for the coming year. He said that he would distribute an itinerary when it becomes available. He mentioned that two upcoming trips were to a conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and to the next UCSA meeting.

Internal Vice President

-Chan said that the Presidential Appointments process would be continuing into the end of the school year. Also, Chan urged Council Members to submit their agenda items to him before 5:00pm on Thursday in order to ensure their inclusion in the agenda packet for the following week's meeting. Chan also brought to the attention of council the fact that he has a webmaster on his staff who is willing to work with any of the officers to help them create personalized web pages for each of their offices to be placed on the USAC website. He said that his staff member would be available during Summer.

President

- Palma/Saracho thanked McLaren for her work on the Installation Ceremony for new Council Members. Everyone agreed that the food had been excellent. Steve Araiza said that he really liked the California rolls. McLaren said that former USAC President Anica McKesey had told her that the fried mozzarella sticks were her all-time favorite.
(Council applauded McLaren's work.)
- Palma/Saracho said that the Chancellor's Town Hall had been held last Friday (June 4) and had been a big success. He said that the room was full, that after the Chancellor spoke about various University funding issues, he gave good answers to all students' questions, and that he committed to make up the funding difference of \$165,000 for Student Initiated Outreach Programs since this funding had been withdrawn by the state.
- Montero agreed that the Town Hall had gone very well and asked council if they would like to meet with the Chancellor personally.
- Council all agreed.
- Chan said that he, too, thought the Town Hall had gone well, but said he thought that all such events with the Chancellor should restrict audience members to students only. Chan said his recommendation was based on a comment which was made to him at the Town Hall by Vice Chancellor Steve Olsen.
- Tuttle said that the problem with this idea was that, if University employees tried to come and were stopped at the door, it would seem adversarial and not work to the students' best interest. For a student-only dialogue, Tuttle said perhaps Council Members could meet with the Chancellor as Vice Chancellor Montero had suggested.
- Chan said that his intent had only been to honor the agreement made with the Chancellor to have a dialogue between him and students.
- Tuttle said that his initial reaction had been the same as Chan's but, after thinking it through, he concluded that restricting access to the event was not a good idea.
- Gomez asked what exactly the problem had been.

- Chan answered the Vice Chancellor's comment was that he thought that only students would be present to speak with the Chancellor. Chan said that, if that was the understanding with the Chancellor, Council should have honored that.
- Palma/Saracho said that this was a forum open to all members of the campus community. It was only by allowing access to anyone who wished to attend that unity was fully achieved. For example, when the workers' union showed up in support of the students, this was a powerful stride forward. Palma/Saracho said it was his opinion that, if the attendance had been restricted, such strides would not have been made.
- Chan said that he had no personal objections to policing the event, that his main concern was honoring the wishes of the Chancellor--
- Wood said that she had the impression that the chancellor did know. After all, the event is called a "Town Hall". -Montero finally clarified by saying that all she was trying to express to Chan was that the Chancellor wanted the forum to be primarily between him and the students.
- Palma/Saracho moved on. He reported that he had spoken with a representative from Society magazine, and they want to speak with USAC about a voter registration and education event. They would be working with "Rock the Vote", hopefully getting a keynote speaker to come to UCLA to speak with the students, and that there was a possibility that the speaker would be Michael Moore. He said that a meeting about this project might be held on Friday.
- Gruenberg said he thought that Council should make sure that the event, if held, was not in any way partisan.
- Palma/Saracho said that the event would be strictly about the importance of voting, and would not in any way deal with political affiliation.
- Palma/Saracho said that the most recent petition before the Judicial Board was being heard at the current time. He said there was a possibility that J-Board might vote to overturn the election results and, if this occurred, Council would need to hold an emergency meeting, possibly on Thursday, June 10.
- McLaren said that the earliest possible meeting time would be Friday morning, June 9, because Council must give a two-day minimum notification of any Special Meeting. She elaborated that the soonest date Council could publicize the Special Meeting in the Daily Bruin would be Wednesday, June 9.
- Tuttle said that, if the election results are overturned by J-Board, a key decision that would need to be made is whether the outgoing or the incoming Council Members would be determining whether to overturn the J-Board decision.

VIII. Old Business

USAC Retreat

- Palma/Saracho said that the USAC retreat would be held from August 27th to 29th.
- Wood said that, after discussion, the Retreat Planning Committee determined that Camp Pendleton would not work. She said that she had spoken with staff at Bruin Woods at Lake Arrowhead, and they said they would be able to accommodate USAC's retreat. She said another possibility was a place in Huntington Beach.
- Vu corrected Wood by saying that it was Laguna Beach, not Huntington Beach.
- Palma/Saracho said that this decision should be left to the committee, and that they would report the options to Council as soon as they were available.
- Wood reminded council to bring one member from each of their offices to the Retreat.

IX. New Business

Setting of Summer Quorum

-Martinez moved, and Avila seconded, to set Summer Quorum at seven (7). Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to approval by consent. There being no objection, the motion was approved by consent.

Setting of Summer Schedule

- Palma/Saracho said that only three members of council would not be able to attend meetings on a regular basis. He recommended that meetings be bi-weekly as in recent years. He said he thought this would give them enough time to conduct the normal business that occurs during the Summer months.
- Martinez moved, and Villarin seconded, to hold the Summer meetings on a bi-weekly schedule. There being no objection to consent, a bi-weekly schedule for Summer meetings was approved.
- Palma/Saracho then opened the floor for discussion of time and place for the Summer meetings.
 - Tuttle expressed his strong recommendation that meeting time and location should be kept the same as during the Academic months. He said this was easy for Council, and for potential guests, to remember.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if Tuesday at 7:00pm was okay for everyone.
 - Avila said that he preferred a 6:00pm starting time. Gruenberg said he preferred 7:00pm. Wood suggested that the meetings be on Friday instead of Tuesday. Most Council Members said Friday would not work for them.
 - Vu suggested Mondays. Wood suggested 6:00pm on Mondays. Martinez said Mondays would not work for him.
 - Former Minutes Taker, Steve Araiza, said that, based on last year's Summer schedule, he thought that Tuesdays at 6:00pm would be Council's best option. He explained that, keeping meetings on Tuesday was easy to remember. In addition, he said that by starting the meetings at 6:00pm, everyone would appreciate having the meetings end earlier during the Summer.
 - Avila moved, and Lee seconded, to hold the Summer meetings on a bi-weekly basis, on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection. There being none, the motion was approved by consent.
- Palma/Saracho asked if Council had any problem with holding the first Summer meeting on June 22.
 - Gruenberg asked if they could begin one week later, on June 29.
 - Martinez encouraged Council to consider the urgency of some of the Presidential appointments. McLaren concurred with Martinez.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if beginning on June 29 was better.
 - Martinez moved, and Tripathi seconded, to hold the first meeting of the Summer on Tuesday, June 29, at 6:00p m.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to consent. There being none, the motion was approved by consent.
- On another matter, Tuttle said that if the election results were overturned by the J-Board, and the outgoing Council needed to meet, then someone needed to alert them to this fact before it actually happened. McLaren concurred with Tuttle's comment.

Approval of the Budget Review Committee Members

-Palma/Saracho said that he wanted to assure that each Council Member had a certain role or job to do. By way of background, Palma/Saracho said that the Budget

Review Committee (BRC) is chaired by Tracy Ohara, the recently appointed Budget Review Director. He said further that the recently appointed Finance Committee Chairperson, Pedro Gomez, serves on the Budget Review Committee as an Ex Officio member. In addition, he said that three other Council Members serve on the BRC. For those three slots, Palma/Saracho said he would like to appoint Anneli Villarin, Crystal Lee, and Shantanu Bhuiyan.

-Gruenberg moved, and Martinez seconded, to approve the appointments of Anneli Villarin, Crystal Lee and Shantanu Bhuiyan to the Budget Review Committee.

-Tuttle recommended that they should be approved one at a time.

-Gruenberg moved, and Martinez seconded, to approve Crystal Lee to the Budget Review Committee.

-Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to approval by consent. There being none, Crystal Lee was approved consent.

-Tseng moved, and Wood seconded, to approve Anneli Villarin to the Budget Review Committee.

-Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to consent. There being none, Anneli Villarin was approved by consent.

-Avila moved, and Martinez seconded, to approve Shantanu Bhuiyan to the Budget Review Committee.

-Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to consent. There being none, Shantanu Bhuiyan was approved by consent.

Approval of the USA/BOD Programming Committee Members

-Palma/Saracho recommended Tommy Tseng and Pavan Tripathi to serve on the USA/BOD Programming Committee for the Fall Quarter, with the understanding that he intended to appoint other Council Members to this committee to serve during Winter and Spring Quarters.

-Chan asked what the scale of their duties would be.

-Palma/Saracho replied that they were to participate in hearings to consider all funding proposals submitted to the Programming Committee.

-Martinez moved and Lee seconded to appoint Pavan Tripathi to the USA/BOD Programming Committee.

-Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to consent. There being none, Pavan Tripathi was approved by consent.

-Wood moved, and Vu seconded, to appoint Tommy Tseng to the USA/BOD Programming Committee.

-Palma/Saracho asked if there was any objection to consent. There being none, Tommy Tseng was approved by consent.

-McLaren said that this didn't seem like enough appointees to the Programming Committee.

-Araiza said that McLaren was probably thinking about the slot for an undergraduate member of the ASUCLA Board of Directors.

-Palma/Saracho said that he was aware that the undergraduate members of the BOD needed to determine which of them would serve in each of the three quarters.

X. Announcements

- There were no announcements this week.

- XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - Gomez passed around the attendance sheet.

- XII. Adjournment
 - Martinez moved and Lee seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

- XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker