

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday July 13, 2004  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
6:00pm

PRESENT: Bhuiyan, Chan, Gaulton, Gruenberg, Harbottle, Lee, Martinez, Nelson, Palma/Saracho, Tuttle, Villarín

ABSENT: Avila, Kurita, Tripathi, Tseng, Williams, Wood, Vu

GUESTS: Nicole Boone, Brian Neesby, Tracy Ohara, Arifa Raza, Roy Samaan, Narges Zohoury

- I. A. Call to Order
  - Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.
- B. Signing of the Attendance sheet.
  - Harbottle passed the attendance sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - Martinez asked if they were approving two separate sets of minutes. Moshe replied yes.
  - McLaren mentioned that the names of the attendees and guests had not been included on the minutes that were included with the Agenda packets. After stating that Moshe had corrected that oversight, she and Moshe passed around the first page of each set with the list of those present, absent, and guests.
  - Lee moved and Gruenberg seconded to approve the Agenda.
  - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving the Agenda by consent. Seeing and hearing no objections, the Agenda was approved as submitted by consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
  - \*June 29, 2004**
  - \*July 6, 2004**
  - Martinez moved and Villarín seconded to approve the minutes of June 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes by consent. Seeing and hearing no objections, the minutes of June 29<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted by consent.
  - Martinez moved and Lee seconded to approve the minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes by consent. Seeing and hearing no objections, the minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted by consent.
- IV. Special Presentations
  - There were no special presentations this week.
- V. Appointments
  - Chan said that on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, ARC had the opportunity to interview several nominees for the Communications Board, Community Service Mini Fund Committee and Student Health Advisory Committee. He said that they found each nominee to be not only qualified, but also an excellent all-around applicant. He said that, for each of the seven nominees, ARC voted unanimously for approval.
  - Chan said that the first nominee was Mohamad Ahmad for the Communications Board. He said that Ahmad has worked with CPC and Al-Talib. He said that one of his characteristics that stood out to ARC was the concise way he answered all the questions. He said that Ahmad has tons of experience working with CPC, the Al-Talib

newsmagazine, and MAPS (a community service program). He said that ARC recommends the approval of Ahmad to the Communications Board.

- Martinez asked if the appointment was for a one year or two year term. Chan replied that it's two years, and Ahmad has committed to that duration.
- Martinez moved and Bhuiyan seconded to appoint Mohamad Ahmad to the Communications Board for a two-year term.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Ahmad's appointment. There being no objections, Mohamad Ahmad was approved by consent to serve on the ASUCLA Communications Board for a two-year term.
- Chan said that the next four positions were for the Community Service Mini Fund Committee. He said that ARC was very impressed by the first applicant, Ramatullah Akbar, because he had not only the qualifications but also a true passion for the position. He said that Akbar comes from a background where he can identify with the population he serves (low-income), and he wants to be able to help students that are in the position that he was in several years ago. Chan recommended that Council move to approve Akbar.
- Lee moved and Martinez seconded to approve Rahmatullah Akbar to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Akbar by consent. There being no objections, Rahmatullah Akbar was approved by consent to serve on the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Chan said that the second nominee for the CS Mini Fund Committee was Christine Corpus, who served this year in community service projects (including PREP), and has also worked in the Student Advocacy Group, Samahang Pilipino. He said that Corpus is definitely qualified, with experience in the areas of seeking funding as well as reviewing funding applications. He said that, since she has both perspectives, ARC feels that she is an excellent nominee.
- Villarin pointed out that Samahang Pilipino is not a club, it's an organization.
- Martinez moved and Villarin seconded to approve the appointment of Christine Corpus to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Corpus by consent. There being no objections, Christine Corpus was approved by consent to serve on the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Chan said that the next nominee was Arifa Raza, who was present at tonight's meeting. He said that she is a first-year Political Science major, the only first-year among the nominees. He said that she's worked with CPO and SIOC, and told Council that if they had any questions for her, they might want to refer to her resume which is attached to her application in the Agenda packet. Chan said that ARC recommends approval of Raza for the CS Mini Fund.
- Lee moved and Martinez seconded to approve the appointment of Arifa Raza to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Raza by consent. There being no objections, Arifa Raza was approved by consent to serve on the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Chan said that the last nominee for the CS Mini Fund was Veronica Yah. He said that he had the privilege to serve with her last year, and she is definitely a qualified nominee for the position. He said that she's worked with Project SET and served as the external director for that project, and has had experience in writing budget proposals. Chan said that, as the only ARC member at tonight's meeting, he wanted Council to know that everyone on the ARC had no qualms about supporting her as the fourth and final committee member.

- Lee moved and Villarín seconded to approve the appointment of Veronica Yah to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Yah by consent. There being no objections, Veronica Yah was approved by consent to serve on the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- Chan said that the next nominee was Nicole Boone, for a position on the Student Health Advisory Committee. He said that she was present at tonight's meeting to answer any questions Council members might have for her. He said that she was a third-year Economics and African-American Studies major. He said that Boone has been involved with tons of things on and off campus. He said that she's working currently with Blue Shield, and has worked on campus with CBOP and SHAPE. He said that ARC was very impressed with her interview and comprehensive resume, and had no reservations in forwarding Nicole for a one-year term on the SHAC.
- Palma/Saracho asked if one and two year terms were staggered. Chan said that it depends on the applicants that are forwarded, and circumstances.
- Lee moved and Gruenberg seconded to appoint Nicole Boone to the Student Health Advisory Committee for a one-year term.
- Palma/Saracho said that he wasn't sure what the terms were, but it was his suggestion that Boone be appointed for a two-year term.
- Boone explained that she would be graduating in Spring 2005, and was therefore not able to serve a two-year term.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Nicole Boone by consent. There being no objections, Nicole Boone was approved by consent to serve a one-year term on the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- Chan said that the final nominee, for a one-year term on SHAC, was Ahmad Hussain. He said that Hussain has several years of experience working with the UMMA Clinic, which works out of Central Los Angeles. He said that one of the things that stood out for the ARC was that Hussain had a good understanding of the economics behind SHAC, and that he wants to research the allocation of funding for the Ashe Center. He said two other things that ARC felt was important was that Hussain has experience serving underrepresented communities, and that he has a desire to increase the services that are provided by the Ashe Center. He said that ARC recommends approval of Hussain to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- Martinez moved and Lee seconded to approve the appointment of Ahmad Hussain to the Student Health Advisory Committee.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving Hussain by consent. There being no objections, Ahmad Hussain was appointed by consent to serve a one-year term on the Student Health Advisory Committee.

#### VI. Fund Allocations

- Lee moved and Gaulton seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. Being none, Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving the Fund Allocations by consent. There being no objections, the Fund Allocations were approved by consent.

#### **UCLA Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda**

**Requested:           \$3,885.40**

**Recommended:     \$ 600.00**

Harbottle authorized the allocation of \$600.00 upon her own discretion in compliance with the 2003-2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of Registration for the 2004 FBLA Institute for Leaders and National Leadership Conference, held July 8-12, 2004.

**Interfraternity Council****Requested: \$774.78****Recommended: \$465.00**

Ficom recommended the allocation of \$465.00 for the total cost of Registration for the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute, to be held July 14-18.

## VII. Officer and Member Reports

**External Vice President**

- Samaan said that Vu was at a Regents' meeting, and had asked him to attend tonight's meeting in his place. He said that he, Vu and others from the EVP office had recently gone to the UCSA meeting in Santa Cruz where they pitched a bid for UCLA to host the 2004 Students of Color Conference. He said that he's excited to announce that they won the bid, and will be hosting the conference the weekend of November 19-21, immediately following the Regents' meeting. He said they want to involve a lot of Council members in this conference, and asked if anyone wanted to get involved in the planning stage.
- Gruenberg asked what the conference was called.
- Samaan replied "Students of Color Conference 2004," and said that the theme was "Reclaiming our Communities and Reestablishing our Identities."

**Internal Vice President**

- Chan passed around his proposal for revising the Leadership Internship Program, and said that he had sent a copy of it to the Office of Residential Life. He said that the first paragraph is a summary of the different components of the program. He said that one thing they want to improve is the internship component. He said that the current program requires interns to shadow a leader of their choice for a day, but the IVP's office hopes to require interns to work in the office of a USAC member for the entire duration of the program. He said that, if this change occurs, it would mean that the approximately 150 students who are signed up by October would all be available to work in an office for an entire year. He said that it's a rough draft proposal and he hasn't yet received feedback from anyone at ORL. He said that it would be an opportunity for everyone would could result in an additional 10-12 interns for each Council office. He said that many first year students have served on the ASB at their high school, and are interested in getting involved at UCLA. He said that this program would give them a great opportunity to get involved on campus right away. He said that there would be various levels of accountability for the interns. He said, further, that, at the end of the program, all the interns working in an office would produce a report of what went on in that office and what they accomplished.
- Villarin asked if each office would have a hand in choosing the interns who would work in their offices.
- Chan replied that each officer would have to provide the intern program with a blueprint of what their office does for the year, so interns have an idea what they're getting into. He said that the interns would be given a form on which they would indicate their preference, but he said that the specifics are up in the air right now. He said his hope is that the preferences would be evenly balanced so that there would be 10-12 applicants interested in each Council office.
- Gruenberg said that he thought it was a great idea. He asked when it would begin.
- Chan said that recruitment would begin during the Resource Fair, which will be held the first or second week of October. He said that, by mid-October, a set group of students would be committed to the program.
- Gruenberg asked if there would be a system in place so that, if interns weren't adequate, they could be replaced.
- Chan replied that the first evaluation would be done at the end of the first quarter, allowing both interns and Council members to determine whether their assignment was a good fit. At that point, interns would have the option to switch to other offices.
- Villarin suggested that the Orientation Fair, which is usually held earlier than the Resource Fair, would be a good place to introduce the internship program.

- Chan said he thought that was a very good idea, and thanked Villarin for her suggestion.
- Tuttle said that an internship works best when it has the blessing and permission of the elected official. He said that there has to be a comfort level with the number of interns, and who they are, etc. He said that, in addition, the loyalty must be to the office. He said that when the Washington, D.C. internship was started up, they were very careful to keep the interns loyal to their assigned member of Congress, and away from the University of California Legislative Advocates' office. He said that he wasn't sure that writing a report after the first quarter is a good idea, because a report could be written with a critical tone that might create a series of unexpected explosions. He said that they were very careful when setting up the EXPO Center to establish that line of loyalty. He said he thought it would be a good idea to add to the program a requirement for interns to read a book or oral history about a great leader at least once a year.
- McLaren asked Chan, for clarification, if his proposal was designed specifically to direct all of the interns to USAC offices, rather than to give the interns other options. Chan replied yes, and said further that the choice each intern would have would be which of the USAC offices they wanted to work in.
- McLaren said that if all 150 interns were assigned to USAC offices, with a commitment of just two hours per week per intern, it might take each officer a lot of time to plan and oversee enough significant projects for so many additional staff members. She suggested that it might be easier for USAC officers if there were fewer interns per office, with more hours per week.
- Gruenberg said that he wouldn't be likely to turn down anyone that wanted to come work for his office but, since there could be more leadership interns than positions available, he didn't see how the interns could be required to work in a USAC office.
- Chan replied that he estimates there would be at least 7 or 8 interns per office. He asked if there were any offices that couldn't take that many people. Several Council members raised their hands in reply.
- Palma/Saracho said that he thought it should be an option as opposed to a requirement. He said that a lot of offices probably couldn't take that many students. He said that other options would be to help out in CPO or CSC groups because they always need as much help as they can get.
- Tuttle said that he could see a very useful expansion of projects, and a funneling out to projects in the community. He said that it has to be clear to whom they're reporting – and said he thought it should be the person to whom they're assigned.
- Nelson said that he thought it was a great idea, but agreed that it's crucial to plan out what you want the interns to do, or you'll be wasting time trying to find projects. He said that it's going to take some planning early on to make it effective. He said that UCLA students are very hard-working and ambitious, and the worst thing you can do is have nothing for them to work on. He said that his understanding of leadership is based on leaders whom he's read about, so if there are no projects that need attention, you could have the interns read historical texts on great leaders, such as Tuttle had suggested.
- Gruenberg asked when applicants would turn in their list of preferences.
- Chan said that the interns would decide after a couple weeks and, by the end of September, each of the offices would have a good idea of what work they're going to do.
- McLaren asked Chan if he planned to have the program include the Finance Committee Office and the Budget Review Committee Office.
- Chan replied that he would be sure to include them.
- Bhuiyan asked if Council members could be selective concerning which interns their office would get.
- Chan replied that the program could have resumes submitted to offices, and have a double-preference system with both the interns and the offices submitting lists. He said that in the end it could work like the NBA Draft.

**Administration**

- Nelson said that he had received a letter questioning whether Taco Bell was following up on the conditions that were set regarding their contract with ASUCLA. He asked if anyone had received the same letter.
- Gruenberg replied that he had.
- Villarin and Palma/Saracho said that they had not.
- Nelson said that he had forwarded the letter to V.C. Bob Naples and to Rick Tuttle.
- McLaren asked if the letter had come from the RFK Foundation, and Nelson replied that it had.
- Nelson said that it was a matter that Council might want to discuss. He said that, since not everyone on Council had received the letter, he would see to it that it was sent to them.

**President**

- Palma/Saracho said that he had met with Bob Naples at which they discussed funding guidelines as well as Naples' interest in reviving the Governance Day his office had held in the past. He said that Naples told him he would like to have the event this year with USAC's participation. He said that the day would include a variety of workshops to discuss a variety of issues, and that the participants would include USAC members, other student leaders, and University administrators who work in the field of student affairs. He said that Naples would like to work with anyone on Council who is interested in helping to plan the workshops and other aspects of the day.
- Palma/Saracho said that he's recently had some conversations with the Labor Center, which will be funded again in this budget cycle. He said that the Labor Center is going to be assisting Council in a voter registration event. He said that he's been continuing his conversations with Free Media about bringing a group of speakers to campus concerning voter education and/or voter registration. He said they are aiming to bring big name speakers, such as Michael Moore. He said that he had discussed the possibility of them also bringing a well-known band, as well.
- Palma/Saracho said that he had also met with the Labor Center to discuss the USAC President's Office Internship Program. He said he's hoping that it can be set up as a credited class, using the Labor Center's curriculum to create a leadership institute on campus. He said that the class would be introduced in Fall Quarter, but wouldn't start until Winter Quarter.
- Gruenberg said that, with the elections coming up, he thought it was important to encourage voter education and voter registration, but said he felt that USAC should try to remain as objective and neutral as possible.
- Palma/Saracho replied that Gruenberg's comment was a good one. He said that, if Michael Moore did come to speak, perhaps they could arrange for a Q&A session with him afterwards. He said he thought that getting Rush Limbaugh to speak would be just as interesting as having Michael Moore.
- Tuttle said that it's very important for Council to open up the marketplace of ideas. He also pointed out that there are other parties that deserve recognition, too.

## VIII. Old Business

- There was no Old Business this week.

## IX. New Business

- There was no New Business this week.

## X. Announcements

- Lee said that, over the past weekend, CSC held their general retreat, and that they had a lot of food left over, including pounds and pounds of tortillas. She invited Council members to come by her office to pick some up.
- Tuttle said that an email had been sent out on Thursday and another on Friday, and that of the university's 800 registered groups, 90 emails came back as being "closed." He said

that they don't know how many of the 90 messages that were returned were groups registered as Independents. He said that, over the weekend, he telephoned as many of the Political and Religious groups as he could, and he kept a record of each call that he made. In total, he said that he made 85 phone calls. He said that, when Darren Chan heard about the calls he was making, he offered to make some calls, too, and to keep a log on all calls. Tuttle said that the purpose of the calls was to notify as many Independent groups as could be reached of the fact that they were eligible to apply for Base Budget funding from USAC, and to let them know that the deadline to file Base Budget proposals had been extended to July 22. He said he had given everyone he called the telephone numbers of the Budget Review Director, Tracy Ohara, and of Georgine Piper in the Student Government Accounting office. He said it was an effort to establish a record of due diligence on the part of Council. He said that, hopefully, everyone on the list will have been contacted in the next 24 hours, and will have time to get their base budgets in. He said that if anyone wants to help with the remainder of the calls, they should let Chan know.

- Gaulton said that, due to popular opinion, Welcome Week has been named, "You're Not Cool Unless You Come to This Event." The web address will be [www.becool.ucla.edu](http://www.becool.ucla.edu). He said that he contacted the Alumni Association and, by the end of the week, they will have a website set up. He said that, starting next week, literature will be distributed during Orientation, and that there would be a presentation at every Orientation session to publicize the event and spread the word. He said that anyone that wants to help should contact him. He said that planning is going well.
- Villarin asked if Gaulton had a concrete timeline for General Representatives to discuss the Welcome Week carnival.
- Gaulton replied that he's ready to start at any time.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Harbottle passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to adjourning the meeting. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Moshe  
USAC Minutes Taker