

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday September 13, 2005
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Doan, Hawkins, Kaisey, Kaminsky, Malik, McLaren, Neesby, Nelson, Pham, Sassounian, Smeets, Tuttle, Villasin, Williams, Wood

ABSENT: Biniek, Sargent, Vardner, Zai

GUESTS: Adriana Ahumada, David Burns, Melinda Dudley, Aaron Israel, Steven Ly, Jesse Melgares, Noa Simchoni

I. A. Call to Order

- Wood called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Villasin passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Kaisey, Malik, Sassounian, and Neesby all asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Wood said that she was removing the Student Involvement Discussion from the agenda because some members of Council could not attend tonight's meeting.
- Doan asked that, under Appointments, they add Judicial Board, Student Conduct Committee, and the UCLA Committee on Disability.
- Sassounian moved and Neesby seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
- Malik called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Appointments

Academic Senate

Undergraduate Council

- Sassounian said that there were four slots on the Undergraduate Council. Sassounian said that she was bringing forward Alex Gruenberg for appointment to one of the seats on the Undergraduate Council, and then told Council why she thought Gruenberg was qualified for the position.
- Sassounian moved and Neesby seconded to approve the appointment of Alex Gruenberg to the Undergraduate Council.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Alex Gruenberg to the Undergraduate Council with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Sassounian said her next appointee to the Undergraduate Council was Steven Ly, and she outlined Ly's qualifications for the position.

- Sassounian moved and Hawkins seconded to approve the appointment of Steven Ly to the Undergraduate Council.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Steven Ly to the Undergraduate Council with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Sassounian said her next nominee to the Undergraduate Council was Elizabeth Vega, and she listed the many reasons she felt that Vega was qualified for the position.

- Sassounian moved and Smeets seconded to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Vega to the Undergraduate Council.
- Wood expressed concern that Vega's application did not seem to match the position to which Sassounian was appointing her. Ly explained that Vega had described the role of an appointee to the Committee on Curriculum which is actually a sub-committee of the Undergraduate Council. Following Ly's explanation, Sassounian reiterated her support for Vega and went into further detail about Vega's qualifications for the position.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Elizabeth Vega to the Undergraduate Council with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Sassounian then said that her final nominee for the Undergraduate Council was Nathaniel Schuster, and she told Council why she thought Schuster was qualified for the position. She also spoke of Schuster's passion for serving on this particular committee of the Academic Senate.
- Kaminsky moved and Neesby seconded to approve the appointment of Nathaniel Schuster to the Undergraduate Council.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Nathaniel Schuster to the Undergraduate Council with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Academic Senate

Committee on Planning and Budget

- Sassounian said that there were two seats on the Committee on Planning and Budget, but that she was forwarding just one appointee at this meeting. After stating that her nominee was Tina Cheng, Sassounian outlined all the reasons she believed Cheng was qualified for this position.
- Sassounian moved and Doan seconded to approve the appointment of Tina Cheng to the Committee on Planning and Budget.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Tina Cheng to the Committee on Planning and Budget with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Academic Senate

Council on Research

- Sassounian said that she was forwarding Pavan Tripathi for appointment to the Council on Research, saying that he was very interested in shared governance, and added that he would be a good candidate for research since he was a south-campus major. Tuttle pointed out that the University of California at Santa Barbara had won an award for being a research institution, and they had won because they had included so many undergraduates in their research projects. He asked that this information be passed on to Tripathi.
- Neesby moved and Kaisey seconded to approve the Appointment of Pavan Tripathi to the Council on Research.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Pavan Tripathi to the Council on Research with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Academic Senate

Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity

- Sassounian said that she was appointing Narine Tadevosyan to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity, and said that one reason for selecting Tadevosyan

- was because she is a transfer student. Sassounian listed further qualifications that Tadevosyan had for this position, and asked council for their approval of this nominee.
- Neesby moved and Malik seconded to approve the Appointment of Narine Tadevosyan to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity.
 - Council voted to approve the appointment of Narine Tadevosyan to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Sassounian said that second appointee to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity was Lauren Mancheski because of her qualifications for this committee and because of her experience with Chicano Studies.
 - Sassounian moved and Pham seconded to approve the appointment of Lauren Mancheski to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity.
 - Council voted to approve the appointment of Lauren Mancheski to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Academic Senate
Committee on Education Abroad**

- Sassounian said that she was forwarding Jennifer Lorch for appointment to the Committee on Education Abroad, and then outlined Lorch's qualifications for the position..
- Sassounian moved and Doan seconded to approve the Appointment of Jennifer Lorch to the Committee on Education Abroad.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Jennifer Lorch to the Committee on Education Abroad with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Academic Senate
Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics**

- Sassounian said that her recommendation for the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics was Gary Chou. She said that Chou would be working in her office, was an ardent sports fan, and had been the only one to apply for the position on this committee.
- Sassounian moved and Pham seconded to approve the appointment of Gary Chou to the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Gary Chou to the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Academic Senate
Committee on Teaching**

- Sassounian said that she was forwarding Gordon Andrew Petersen II (who goes by the name Drew) for appointment to the Committee on Teaching. She said that Petersen was very enthusiastic about the faculty at UCLA, and was very excited about serving on this committee. Sassounian said that this committee was usually less popular with students than other Academic Senate committees.
- Doan moved and Smeets seconded to approve the appointment of Gordon Andrew Petersen II to the Committee on Teaching.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Gordon Andrew Petersen II to the Committee on Teaching with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Academic Senate
Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools**

- Sassounian said that she was forwarding Joline Price for one of the seats on the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools because she felt Price was highly qualified for this position. She said that Price was very passionate about the admissions process and that Price recognizes that there is much more to a prospective student than their GPA and SAT scores.

- Sassounian moved and Neesby seconded to approve the appointment of Joline Price to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools.
- Doan added her support to this motion by saying that she had worked with Price, and that Price has always been very passionate about education issues. She said that she thought Price was an outstanding nominee for this committee. Wood asked what Price's stance was on Prop 209, to which Doan replied that she did not know. Wood expressed her concern about this response, after which Sassounian said that Price was certainly knowledgeable and enthusiastic. General Representative Zai's Chief of Staff said it seemed to her that, since Price values other aspects of a prospective admittee than their GPA and SAT scores, the Prop 209 issue was not relevant. Wood said she acknowledged this point, but said that she, personally, would not be able to vote on this candidate without knowing more about her qualifications and knowledge. Wood stressed the importance of admission issues in the approaching year, stating that the coming year might see "an admissions crisis". Sassounian responded by saying that she had not encountered a more qualified or knowledgeable candidate than Joline Price. Tuttle encouraged getting this appointment made in a timely manner. After Neesby raised some questions to Wood about her concerns, Wood said that she was simply trying to share her viewpoint. She reminded council that they had set a precedent for delaying appointments when any council member had concerns. Tuttle reiterated his statement that it was important to fill the positions on this very important committee in a timely manner. Neesby spoke in support of, and on behalf of, the candidate. Kaminsky pointed out that, even 'though Price was unable to attend tonight's meeting, she had been present at the last meeting when these appointments were on the agenda but had been tabled. Wood acknowledged that her concerns did not appear to be shared, and recommended that council move to a vote on Price's appointment.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Joline Price to the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Judicial Board

- Wood said that she had forwarded Aaron Israel to the Appointments Review Committee (ARC) for consideration for a position on the Judicial Board. She then listed all of Israel's qualifications for a seat on the Judicial Board. As Chairperson of the ARC, Doan reported that the ARC had voted unanimously in favor of Israel's appointment. She talked about Israel's interview and cited examples of his knowledge of, and qualifications for, the Judicial Board. Tuttle asked Israel if he was aware of the time commitment of the position. Israel replied that he was aware of the time commitment, and said that he recognized it would be his responsibility as a Judicial Board justice to carry out all of his responsibilities. Israel said further that he would make the Judicial Board his top priority. Tuttle then asked Israel his trademark question, in which he described in great detail the fact that that people would remember what transpired this year, and that anyone who abused the trust that was placed in them would be remembered many years from now which would besmirch their name and reputation. Israel said he not only was aware that any failure to meet his obligations as a Judicial Board Justice could cause him problems in the future, but said he wanted to assure Dr. Tuttle that he agreed wholeheartedly with Dr. Tuttle's statement in this regard.
- Neesby moved and Smeets seconded to approve the appointment of Aaron Israel to the Judicial Board.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Aaron Israel to the Judicial Board with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Student Conduct Committee

- Wood said that she had forwarded Gwen Litvak to the ARC for consideration for appointment to the Student Conduct Committee (SCC), after which she outlined Litvak's qualifications for the position. Speaking as Chairperson of the ARC, Doan said that they had voted 2 to 0 in favor of Litvak's appointment. She gave council

specific details about the interview which included information on Litvak's knowledge of her responsibilities as an appointee to the SCC responsibilities. Doan spoke further of Litvak's qualifications for the position and emphasized her on-campus involvement. Wood told council that this committee had just been expanded, and that Litvak would serve as a Regular Member rather than an Alternate Member.

- Doan moved and Neesby seconded to approve the appointment of Gwen Litvak to the Student Conduct Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Gwen Litvak to the Student Conduct Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Committee on Disability

- Wood said that she had forwarded Sabiha Ameen to the ARC for consideration for appointment to the Committee on Disability, and told council why Ameen was qualified. Doan, as Chairperson of the Appointments Review Committee, said that the ARC had voted unanimously in favor of Ameen's appointment. She gave council some specific details about their interview of the appointee, which included information about Ameen's relevant qualifications for the position.
- Pham moved and Doan seconded to approve the appointment of Sabiha Ameen to a two-year term on the Committee on Disability.
- Tuttle said that, at the USAC Retreat, something that was discussed prompted him to reflect on the fact that there are a number of very capable students at UCLA who are otherwise-abled, and that there was a lot of work that can be done in this area to improve access and opportunities.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Sabiha Ameen to a two-year term on the Committee on Disability with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

8:00 (Cassette Recording Begun)

V. Fund Allocations

- Villasin said that there were some errors on the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations summary sheet that was distributed with the agenda packet. She said that, in the Organization/Commission column, Item 2 should have been Financial Supports Commission, **not** Facilities Commission. Regarding Item 4, Samahang Pilipino, she said that this allocation was made through her discretionary authorization because the event had already taken place. Villasin said that the other errors that needed to be corrected were with the "Amount Requested" and the "Amount Recommended for Allocation" totals. She said that the correct amounts should be: "Amount Requested" \$2,145.61 (**not** \$3,040.61); and the "Amount Recommended for Allocation" should be \$954.41 (**not** \$1,404.41).
- Pham asked why, in Item 1 regarding UCLA Kyodo Taiko, they had not received funding for museum tickets. Villasin explained that museum tickets could not be funded under the Contingency Guidelines.
- Doan moved and Sassounian seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

A copy of the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations is attached to the Minutes.

VI. Special Presentations

Online Project Management (OPM)

- David Burns introduced himself by saying that he's a student who works for Bruin On Line (BOL), who also works freelance as a website designer. He said that he had come to tonight's meeting to tell Council about an online program he has created which he

has named "OPM". Burns then explained that the acronym stands for "Online Project Management", and said that the pronunciation of the acronym is, "Opium." (Council members were very amused by Burns' word-play). Burns continued by saying the OPM is a management tool which would make it easier for everyone who uses it to keep track of numerous important details, such as appointments, contacts, and commitments. He said that the program also had a Forms Folder to which they could post or retrieve. He said that anything that needed to be shared among the various Council offices could be posted on the website, and downloaded by other OPM users. He said that there would also be message boards and calendars. Burns said that this would make everything easier for all Council members, and that it was a much better way for distributing and sharing information than having a staff member email or telephone everyone to get, or give, information. He said that every officer who wanted to use OPM would need to get a domain name, which he said he could help them with. Other services that Burns said he could provide, for a minimum fee, were workshops or one-on-one assistance. He said that it would cost a total of \$75 a year per office to get a domain name which would be valid for one year before it needed to be renewed. After Burns announced that he had already reserved the domain name, "genrep2.com" for Brian Neesby, he gave his contact information to other members of Council in case they wanted to use his services.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Michelle Sassounian

- Sassounian said that she had developed a website prototype for her office. She said that she was also working with creating the student-facilitated classes, and that, among other accomplishments, a sample syllabus had recently been created.

General Representative #2 – Brian Neesby

- Neesby said that his office had finished planning the event "Poolside at Bayside", where people would watch a movie projected on a screen while hanging out in the pool. He said that they had also planned "Club Sport Jamboree" for September 27th, where they would help advertise IM sports. Neesby also said that CRC would be meeting next Thursday, and that it would be an open meeting. He said that they would be looking at the open-meeting policy regarding funding boards, and said that everyone was welcome to attend the meeting.
- Jesse Melgares said that the tailgate party at last Saturday's game had been a big success, with 18 people in attendance. He said that they were also working on Campus Safety and Get Out The Vote (GOTV). Regarding GOTV, he told council that there would be three polling stations in the North Village for the Special Election on Tuesday, November 8th.

Financial Supports Commissioner – Ryan Smeets

- Smeets said that his office had been working on the Hurricane Relief effort and said that their next meeting would be on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. He said that the MSA/VSU donation drive would be ending on Friday at 5:00p.m. He said they had set up a website through David Burns which would be coming online in the next couple of days as studentgroups.ucla.edu/hurricane, and that the contact email account for the drive is katrinarelieff@ucla.edu. He said that a mass email would be sent out tomorrow by CSP, and that the UCLA Alumni website would be carrying a banner about the relief effort. Nelson asked if this drive would be reintroduced after New Group Registration in October, to which Smeets replied that they were having an initial drive now, and would be following up after New Group Registration. Smeets ended his report by saying that at last Saturday's football game, \$40,000 had been raised for the Red Cross relief efforts.

Community Service Commissioner – Farheen Malik

- Malik said that she had been working on getting additional sponsors for Welcome Week. She also said that a program would be implemented to reward attendees for talking to different Council members, perhaps with small prizes or something.

General Representative #3 – Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey said that she had just met with John Sandbrook and Eric Splaver about MyUCLA and Professor Evaluations where she learned that they were working on improvements to the Professor Evaluations process. In addition, she said they told her that USAC was underutilizing MyUCLA as a way to contact students and to get information to them. On another matter, Kaisey said that she had met with Student Alumni Association representatives and that they were working on a mutual project.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson told council that he had met with a group that wanted to have an art exhibit at UCLA about Hiroshima/Nagasaki. He said that this exhibit had already been held at San Diego State, and that it consisted of about 50 paintings. Nelson said he showed them the Kerckhoff Hall Art Gallery, and told them that they would have to get an on-campus sponsor for the event. Nelson said further that the exhibit was put together by the two cities, and that they'd like to have it at UCLA for about a week some time in October. Wood recommended that Nelson talk to Hawkins about this matter after the meeting since exhibits in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery come under the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Internal Vice President – Kristina Doan

- Doan said that her office was working on the Katrina Relief effort with regard to the 59 students who were being processed for admission to UCLA for Fall Quarter because of being displaced from their college or university that was impacted by the hurricane and related floods. She said that she would be meeting with Dr. Naples and other administrators next week to determine what USAC can do to help, with academic tutoring being one possibility. She added that anyone who had needed housing or parking were also being accommodated. Doan also said that she was working with the Office of Residential Life (ORL) and On-Campus Housing Council (OCHC) on the relief effort. Doan next reported that she had emailed Nancy Greenstein of UCPD to notify her that on-campus safety was one of USAC's Concentrations for this year, and to get input from Greenstein on UCPD Policy. She concluded her report by saying that she was continuing to work on the bookmarks with information on study space and campus safety.

President – Jenny Wood

President Jenny Wood's Officer Report is attached to the Minutes.

Questions and comments followed Wood's report:

- Tuttle inquired further about the Student Advocacy Collective (SAC), to which Wood said that he could refresh his memory by looking over the numerous handouts that she had distributed to council over the past several months.
- Doan asked Wood about the Communal Space Project, to which Wood replied that she would be attending meetings about it and learning more in the near future.

VIII. Old Business

A. Welcome Week Update

- Kaisey said that the set-up for Welcome Week would be similar to last year, except that there would be a stage this year. She said she would be attending two meetings today regarding the set-up on the IM Field.

- Kaminsky said he would be sending out an email to get staff volunteers for Bruin Bash, and asked Council to help him find volunteers, too. He said that there would be a lot of different jobs which volunteers could be assigned to.
- Wood said that she had realized last week that they didn't have a lot of money, so she had put out the word to various offices and departments asking for money. She said she was hoping to get about \$40,000 from the university to cover the cost of the facilities. She also asked Council to get their staff involved.

B. Governance Day Discussion

- Wood said that Governance Day this year would be held on Tuesday, September 27th. She said that the two items up for discussion were Shared Governance and Housing, with an emphasis on LBGT housing options. She said that sustainability was another possible discussion item. Wood asked council to let her know about any issues they wanted the Chancellor to address. Neesby said that he was particularly interested in Shared Governance.
- Kaisey asked if the only people allowed to come to Governance Day were Council Members, to which Wood replied that there were usually about 35 students invited to attend.

IX. New Business

B. Bylaw Discussion Article VI.C.4

- Neesby said that there had been minimal changes since the version that he provided to council two weeks prior. He said that he had changed the language in Article VI.C.4.c, where minimum criteria were used to disqualify groups. Neesby said that the language would now allow the BRC to assign points based on minimum criteria instead of using it as a qualifier for any funding whatsoever. In keeping with that, Neesby said he changed the language where it read "must" to "should" in Article VI.C.4.c.2.b. and 4.c.3.a. He said he also removed language in VI.C.4.c.3., so that the Student Government Accounting meeting was no longer mandated in the Bylaws. In accordance with a suggestion made by McLaren, Neesby said that the last change had been to remove the reference to VI.C.4.b. as it was no longer applicable where previously referenced.
- Neesby told council that the presentation of these new changes constituted due notification to Council, and said that he would be seeking a vote on the changes at the next meeting of Council.

X. Announcements

- Kaminsky reminded council about the World Music Fest coming up, and said that anyone who wanted could gain free admittance by volunteering to help out.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Villasin passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Sassounian moved and Pham seconded to adjourn.
- Kaminsky called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler, USAC Minutes Taker