

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 17, 2006  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Biniek, Doan, Hawkins, Kaisey, Kaminsky, Malik, McLaren, Neesby, Nelson, Sassounian, Sargent, Tuttle, Vardner, Villasin, Williams, Wood, Zai

ABSENT: Pham, Smeets

GUESTS: Combiz Abdolrahimi, Constance Dillon, Paymon Ebrahimsadeh, Julia Erlandson, Ariel Hecht, Anat Herzog, Aliya Hussaini, Gwen Litvak, Jason Mizzell, Nat Schuster

I. A. Call to Order

- Wood called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*Villasin passed around the Attendance Sheet*

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Neesby, Sassounian, Kaisey, and Kaminsky asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Sassounian asked if a discussion could be added under New Business about the Non-Discrimination Clause regarding Registered Student Organizations.
- Kaisey asked if the Resolution on Kosher and Halal Food in Residential Restaurants could be added under New Business as an action item so that Council could vote on it at tonight's meeting.
- Biniek asked to remove the action item on Office Space Allocation Committee Guidelines which is listed under New Business. She said she was making this request because, when reviewing the proposed guidelines, she saw many things that needed to be reworked which couldn't be taken care of at this meeting. Vardner asked that Biniek's proposed amendment to the agenda be voted on separately from the other proposed amendments.
- Anat Herzog, Election Board Chairperson, asked that her item under New Business be moved up to Special Presentations.
- Hawkins said that he had to leave early, and asked that the OSAC item, whether it was action or discussion, be moved up to before Officer and Member Reports.
- McLaren said that Smeets had told her he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting to give the Special Presentation on the Book Lending Program, and suggested that the item be removed from the Agenda.
- Vardner said that, instead of making the OSAC Guidelines a discussion item, he suggested that it remain an action item on which a vote could be tabled, rather than making it a discussion item before any issues even came up.
- Wood took Council to a vote on the amendments to the Agenda, sans the OSAC item.
- Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, sans the OSAC item, with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Neesby asked Biniek what was wrong with the OSAC Guidelines that required so much work. Biniek replied that she felt there was still much to be added to them. Neesby said that he thought things could always be added later, and felt that it would be good to get a preliminary set of guidelines approved now. Wood also expressed concerns about the guidelines, particularly with certain definitions and also with a need for further clarification.

- Wood took Council to a vote on changing the Approval of OSAC Guidelines from an Action Item to a Discussion Item.
- Council voted against changing the Approval of OSAC Guidelines from an Action Item to a Discussion Item with 2 votes in favor of the proposed change, 6 votes opposed to the proposed change, and 1 abstention. The item remained on the Agenda as an Action Item.

III. Approval of the Minutes

*There were no Minutes this week.*

IV. Special Presentations

**Election Board**

- Anat Herzog said that she would like Council to begin sending her information on students they think would be strong candidates for positions on the Election Board. She said that, at next week's meeting, she would be making her first presentation to Council about changes that she thinks should be made to the Election Code. She said she had mentioned these proposed changes to Council previously, and invited everyone who wanted to discuss ideas or concerns they had about proposed changes meet with her personally in the next week. She said that she would be sending out her final version of the proposed changes to Council so that they would have time to review them prior to the next meeting.
- Nelson recommended that Herzog meet with Kenn Heller about the E-Code changes. Herzog replied that she has been meeting with Mike Cohn already, because he is the Election Board Advisor, not Kenn..

V. Appointments

*There were no Appointments this week.*

VI. Fund Allocations

- Villasin handed out a corrected version of the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations. Villasin said that \$9,659.16 had been requested form Contingency Funding, with \$3,553.50 recommended for allocation. She said that upon approval of the recommended allocations, the running total in Contingency Funding would drop from \$16,322.19 to \$12,768.69.
- Vardner asked if Council could be updated at the next meeting on how much money was left because the balance is getting so low.
- Biniek moved and Zai seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Zai said that some members of AKA Sorority had contacted her, and told her that they were very confused about how Contingency Funding works. She said that AKA had asked her to speak with Villasin personally to make sure that their group was going to receive funds. Villasin said that she had spoken with one of the AKA members since their contact with Zai and had straightened everything out with her.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*The Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations are attached to the minutes.*

VII. New Business

**A. Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC)**

- Vardner said that Council had the proposed OSAC Guidelines before them, and said that he wanted to hear all of their questions and concerns. He said that it would be a huge waste to allow the new Communal Space to go unused, so he had tried to make the form and the process as simple as possible for all applicants. Vardner said he had designed a form that covers all the services that will be provided in the Communal Space so that each group would have only one form to fill out, and they would just have to check off the things they wanted to use. He said that

the only changes that had been made to the last draft were to have the proctor of the space coordinate reservations, and to have Student Government Accounting handle allocations of lockers and mailboxes.

- McLaren pointed out that a proctor would not be available for every hour that the Communal Space was scheduled to be open. She said that the current plan is to have three students staffing the Computer Center across the hall from the Communal Space, but there would not be coverage from 9:00am to 11:00p m, the likely hours that the Communal Space would be open. Vardner said, in light of that information, it might be better to have coordination of the reservations handled by the OSAC Chair. Neesby suggested that the OSAC Chair could delegate that responsibility, and then approve any decisions.
- Doan suggested that Council return to the Special Presentations now that the PowerPoint Projector was set up.

#### VIII. Special Presentations

##### **Kosher and Halal Meal Options – Jewish Student Union and Muslim Students Association**

- Nat Schuster from JSU introduced himself to Council.
  - Aliya Hussaini from the MSA introduced herself to Council.
  - Ariel Hecht from JSU introduced himself to Council.
  - Schuster said that they were present at the meeting to talk about food options for students on the Hill. He said that many students from traditional backgrounds elected not to live on campus simply because of the lack of food options that coincided with their religions. Schuster said, in addition to students not being able to eat in the dorms, it was not an option to live on campus without paying for a meal plan, so they ended up paying for food that they could not eat. He said that this inevitably lead to students living off campus, missing out on the on-campus living experience or, if they decided to live in the Res Halls, having their experience limited by not being able to socialize over a meal. Schuster said that this also deprived other students of the opportunity to interact with the students from traditional backgrounds.
  - Hussaini said that they had conducted surveys of students on campus, and she showed several testimonials of students who had been negatively affected by the policies and lack of dining options within On-Campus Housing. Hussaini said that they had also researched how other Universities had been able to offer these options to students. She said that at SUNY Binghamton, students could either pay more or donate two hours of service per week in the dining hall to compensate for the added expense of their desired meal. She said that, at Stanford and Harvard, there were certain dining halls that offered Kosher meal service. She told council that at Northwestern there were kiosks with refrigerators, microwaves, and toasters that students contractually agreed to use only in keeping with Kosher and Halal rules.
  - Hecht said that some of the solutions offered were obviously better than others. He said that they were not necessarily asking for the best option, which would be a full Kosher/Halal meal service, they were just asking for something better. Mario said that improving this situation would promote cross-culture awareness. He said that this would also improve UCLA's reputation.
  - Doan asked if the group had spoken with anyone from On-Campus Housing yet. Schuster said that they had, and that OCH had been very supportive, and that the only problem had been money. Schuster said that he was completely confident that, if it *was* only about money, then they could make it work. He said that if it was about something other than money, then it would be helpful for USAC to put some pressure on OCH.
- Malik arrived at the meeting.*
- Neesby asked what else USAC could do to help with this matter. Hecht said that Council could just promote this as an issue that needed to be addressed and dealt with.
  - Williams asked if one of the problems was that this was a slippery slope issue, and wondered if other groups would then come forward with special dietary needs. He asked if any of the other schools had run into such problems. Schuster said that he did not know of any such problems, and added that the Jews and Muslims made up the largest groups on campus that had special dietary needs. Montero said that the schools that s he knew of which offered the dietary options

- had not run into the particular problems that Williams raised a question about. She added, however, that she did know that offering the option in the dining halls was very costly.
- Biniek said that she thought the Resolution was not concrete enough because it did not require Council to do anything to support the groups' proposal. She also addressed Williams, saying that these were not special groups and, to identify them as such did them a disservice because it tended to separate them from the rest of the students, and undermined exactly what Council was trying to accomplish.
  - Neesby backed up Williams, saying that he recommended researching the potential for a slippery slope effect with the inclusion of additional groups' special dietary needs.
  - In a response to a question by Doan, Schuster said that he was still unsure if the decision would ultimately come down to On-Campus Housing or if it would go to the Policy Review Board.
  - Nelson commended the Muslim and Jewish students for coming together to work with one another on this issue.
  - Biniek moved and Vardner seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Kosher and Halal Meal Options in On-Campus Housing.
  - Biniek moved and Neesby seconded to amend the second Whereas to add the word "University" in between "our" and "and".
  - Zai said that On-Campus Dining Services does not accommodate all students, but they do try to. She said that, for example, they do not accommodate diabetic students or those with severe food allergies.
  - Sassounian moved to amend "balance" to "balanced" in the sixth "Whereas."
  - Doan moved to correct the spelling of "Housing" in the eighth "Whereas."
  - Council voted to approve the amended Resolution in Support of Kosher and Halal Meal Options in On-Campus Housing with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

#### **Ashe Center Fee Changes – Student Health Advocacy Collective**

- Paymon Ebrahimsadeh said that the student fees for the Ashe Center would be increasing. He said that a visit to Ashe would now cost \$12 instead of \$10, and a special visit would now cost \$25 instead of \$20. He explained to Council where the operating budget for Ashe came from, and assured Council that Ashe really was working in the best interests of the students.. Ebrahimsadeh said that the budget had been increased due to changes in the technology market and the sources of funding. He also told Council that one of the reasons for increased fees was that there had been a salary renegotiation with the nurses, and this had caused the budget to come up short. Ebrahimsadeh said that the salaries of UCLA nurses had been below market, and this was one reason why the Administration had been unable to hire competitively. He said, furthermore, that every time UCLA lost a nurse, there was a \$90,000 penalty due to the rehiring process of a new nurse. Ebrahimsadeh said that making the Ashe Center competitive is a proactive approach to solving this problem as, hopefully, they would now be getting new nurses, who would be willing to stay on longer. He said that the fee increase had been a regrettable change, but there really had been nothing better to do, and this would ultimately serve students best by having better health care with a co-pay that is still below average. Ebrahimsadeh lastly told Council that the Ashe Center had actually taken steps to help alleviate the situation by adding two appointments daily for each practitioner; one at the beginning of the day and one at the end, which would provide improved service for the students.

#### **IX. New Business**

##### **A. \*Office Space Allocation Committee Guidelines**

- Vardner said that, beginning with Spring Quarter, student groups would be able to use the Communal Space. He said that this lead time would allow all the groups time to decide who from their organization would be designated to work with the Communal Space Committee, and for the incoming Council to figure out just how this process would work. Vardner said that the new Council would have two meetings to approve the Office Space Allocations. He said that this was going to be similar to the budgeting process, which is a time-urgent process. Unlike the budgeting process, however, Vardner said that the number of groups that would be applying for

- space was far fewer than would be applying for Budgets. Vardner also said that this would allow two weeks for groups who were moving out of their space to get gone.
- Vardner moved and Sassounian seconded to approve the Office Space Allocation Committee Guidelines.
  - Biniek said that she was concerned about the allocations being made without the approval of the incoming Council. She said she thought it was really important for the incoming Council approve the space allocations. Biniek also said that, although Vardner had apparently planned for the transitions of the outgoing and the incoming Councils, it was not outlined in the documentation.
  - Kaisey asked why Vardner was proposing that the space allocations would be for two years. Vardner said that the very point of having office space was the idea of permanence, like mailboxes and addresses for example. Kaisey suggested that perhaps they should have the allocations be made for more than two years since there was already an annual review to safeguard against space going unused.
  - Hawkins said that he was confused about the “temporary” allocations referenced in section III.F. Vardner said that, based on the discussion they have just had, he would be removing that from the guidelines. He said that, after two meetings, the recommendations would become the guidelines.
  - Neesby said that, as the Guidelines are currently written, if the decision was not made by USAC within the allotted two weeks, then the recommendations would automatically become the allocations; and this worried him. He said that what he feared was USAC being postponed for two weeks, which could be just one meeting if they met semi-weekly, and he suggested not having that clause.
  - Wood said that she understood the need for making a simple application encompassing mailboxes, storage, and office space, but she thought more discussion needed to be held. She also said that she was bothered by the referencing of the proctor, which she said had not even been discussed or agreed upon with McLaren. Wood said that she also had concerns about the statement under Criteria which said the committee would be basing its review on various elements of programming. She said that group ownership would also not begin by fourth week of Summer. Wood then stopped citing her concerns with the guidelines by saying that there were really a lot of problems that she felt needed to be looked at more closely,. She also said that more discussions needed to be held before going further. She closed by saying that, further discussions would result in guidelines that would be a lot richer and more thorough. Wood then asked for a motion to table the vote on the proposed guidelines.
  - Biniek moved and Hawkins seconded to table the Office Space Allocation Guidelines.
  - Neesby said that, when a motion was tabled, discussion usually ended until the motion was taken from the table. He said that he did not want to end discussion. Tuttle said that the only discussion allowed was with regard to the tabling timeline. He said that the intent seemed to be to refer the guidelines back to the committee. Wood countered that she did want it to go back to OSAC, but said she would entertain additional discussion after the tabling of the motion.
  - Williams asked when the scoring system was used to determine which groups would be allocated office or storage space. Vardner said that would take place during the Summer, and would be done by the OSAC that Council would appoint before the Summer.
  - McLaren raised a Point of Information. She asked if the guidelines addressed office space allocation only with regard to the student organizations. She said she raised this question because, in because in years past, the Council Members’ offices had also been included in the process. Vardner confirmed that OSAC would be allocating only the space occupied by student organizations.
  - Neesby asked when the allocations needed to be made for the Communal Space, to which Vardner said that the space was already open. He said he had not interest in having a proctor put in place right away, and would prefer to wait until they saw how it would work out without one.
  - Vardner said that, where he saw a need for oversight of the Communal Space was for allocation of mailboxes and storage lockers.
  - Biniek amended her motion to include a deadline of Week 4 of Winter Quarter 2006 for a vote by Council on the Office Space Allocation Committee’s Guidelines.

- Kaminsky asked when the move-in for new groups would take effect. Vardner said that it would be at the beginning of Fall Quarter, which would require move-out over the Summer.
- Kaminsky asked what oversight Council had over these allocations, or if OSAC would just decide. Vardner answered that Council could either vote to the space allocations or they could vote to disapprove them, and ask OSAC to redo them.
- Williams asked, since this was a two-year allocation, if it would only be every other Council that voted on office space allocations. Vardner said “yes” for offices, but not for mailboxes and storage lockers.
- Doan said that she did not mind tabling this as long as OSAC knew that this was a pressing matter that needed to be dealt with quickly. She said that it was important that all these questions be answered by the next Council meeting.
- Council voted to table the Office Space Allocation Committee Guidelines until 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Winter Quarter 2006 with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

#### X. Officer and Member Reports

##### **General Representative #2 – Brian Neesby**

- Neesby said that the CRC would be meeting on Thursday of this week, and the Senate Proposal would be on next week’s agenda as an Action Item.
- McLaren asked, as a Point of Information, whether Council was bypassing the usual two-step process of “Notification” of an item one week prior to the meeting at which the item would be voted on.
- Neesby replied that there had already been many discussions about the Senate Proposal, that it had been referred back to the CRC, and was now being brought to Council with the CRC’s recommendations. He said that there was a 7-day notice required, and he was giving that notice now.
- McLaren asked if the most recent version of the Senate Proposal had been sent out to everyone on Council, to which Neesby replied that it had, but that he would send it out again.
- Neesby said that the next meeting on Shared Governance would be held on Thursday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m.
- Sassounian said that, because the Academic Senate’s Faculty Executive Committee meetings are held every other week on Thursdays at the same time as the Shared Governance meetings, she asked Neesby if he could switch the Shared Governance meetings to the interim Thursdays so that they wouldn’t conflict. She said she was making this request because she feels it is very important for her to attend every meeting of these two committees. Neesby replied that he would make that change.
- Tuttle said that it appears that the Senate Proposal was now on a trajectory toward a vote. He said that if his assessment is valid, he recommended that Neesby ensure that both the Election Board and the Judicial Board are aware of the situation so they will be prepared to handle their respective roles in the election process.
- Neesby ended his report by saying that his office would be putting on “UCLA Connected”, a project that would work on connecting UCLA to the community colleges.

##### **Campus Events Commissioner – Jason Kaminsky**

- Kaminsky said that Ackerman Grand Ballroom was getting a new projector, so the picture for the movies would be a lot clearer. He also said that he had been working with the safety people, and he would be making public service announcements about the resources available to students and the general importance of being safe. Kaminsky said that last week the CEC had a sneak of Tristan and Isolde which had sold out. He said that he was also working with CSC on the Battle of the Bands event. He then passed out fliers for everything CEC had coming up.

##### **Academic Affairs Commissioner – Michelle Sassounian**

- Sassounian said that there was a lot of good feedback about the USIE program, and she was very excited about the upcoming courses this spring. She also said that she was continuing to work with the organization of pre-law and pre-medical counseling services. Sassounian said that in the meantime, her office was working to put on some workshops that would help these students.

Sassounian told Council that UCLA was the number one school in applications to medical and law schools. She said her office had already outlined the workshop for the pre-meds, and said that it would include a Family-Feud-style “talk” between a medical-school-bound graduate, a representative of the UCLA Medical School, and a practicing physician. She said the pre-med workshop would be held in Winter Quarter, and would be followed in Spring Quarter with a similar event for the pre-law students. She said it was her hope that these workshops would flush out the truth about these fields and give students better information on which to base their decisions.

- Nelson asked Sassounian if she knew what percentage of UCLA students get into Law School and Medical School, to which Sassounian said that she would get that information.

### **General Representative #3 – Marwa Kaisey**

- Kaisey said that she had done an evaluation of her office now that her term was halfway through. She said that perhaps the most important information that had come from this was the list of things that she still had ahead of her, and was included under “What’s Coming Next” on her handout.

### **Chancellor’s Representative to Council – Berky Nelson**

- Nelson said that there was going to be an event on Wednesday organized by Students for Peace. He said that he had some fliers about it and said it appeared that this was in line with the efforts of the Darfur Action Committee.

### **External Vice President – Jeannie Biniek**

- Biniek said that she had gone to Atlanta for the United States Student Association (USSA) Board of Directors (BOD) meeting. She said that they had talked about Budget Reconciliation, and the final vote was going to come in February. Biniek said that the student impact on this issue had delayed the vote by over six months. She said that in the most recent vote there had been a tie, and Dick Cheney had flown in from Afghanistan to break the tie. Biniek said that the students would make a final stand on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and hopefully Budget Reconciliation would be voted down. Biniek said that the UC Regents meeting was coming up later in the week, and they would be focusing on student fees. She said that she was also working on the state budget, and they would be meeting to determine the best course of action to attack these issues. Biniek said that the UC Regents would vote on Divestment on Thursday, and reported that the presentation earlier in the day in Meyerhoff Park had received a lot of press coverage. She said that more information could be found on her office’s new website, which could be accessed through the USAC website. Biniek also passed around a fall review on her office’s work.

### **Internal Vice President – Kristina Doan**

- Combiz Abdolrahimi thanked Council for their help with the Student Leadership Summit. He said that it had been a big success, and he was looking forward to working more with USAC. Abdolrahimi also thanked Sassounian for creating the USIE program, as he was one of the honored few who were actually going to be able to lead their own seminars.
- Doan said that she had been excited because there had been groups at the Student Leadership Summit that weren’t very established, and they all left with a lot of good information. She said that a lot of individuals had also volunteered to help out with the Summit next year. Doan said that one of the new things this year had been setting up a Buddy System, which connected experienced group leaders with students who were newly-involved which would provide the opportunity to help one another with programming and other things. She also told Council that the On-Campus Housing Council (OCHC) meeting was approaching, and encouraged Council members to attend. Doan said that one of the most important issues was the Saxon “Rape” Trail. She also told Council that the new USAC website was up, and recommended that everyone check it out. Doan lastly asked Council to please get their Agenda items to Jason Mizzell on time.

### **President – Jenny Wood**

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

*Questions and Comments followed Wood's Report.*

- Wood added that the dates for the Acting Locally Conference were February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Doan noted that there was an error on the flier about the Communal Space Open House, saying that it should be 11:00 *a.m.*, not 11:00 *p.m.*

XI. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

XII. New Business

**B. Campus Safety Concentration**

- Doan passed out information to Council about safety and information about the CSO escort service. She also said that she would be interested in getting together with other people to talk about increasing safety on campus. Doan said that they were also conducting a self-defense workshop on the Hill.
- Zai said that the CSO vans operate as late as 11:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and walking escorts are available from sunset to 1:00 a.m.
- Doan suggested that everyone post the number for the CSO in their offices.

**C. USAC Concentration Updates**

- Wood said that she would like for each USAC Concentration point-person to create an outline such as the one that Doan had just provided, in order to keep Council accountable and apprised of the concentrations. She said that she would like to see what had been done, what would be done, what connections and relationships had been made, and what, if anything, had changed since the creation of each concentration.

*Council agreed to provide those at the next meeting.*

**E. Discussion of the Non-Discrimination Clause**

- Sassounian said that she was the undergraduate representative to the Academic Senate. She said that one issue that had come up at the last meeting was the non-discrimination clause for Student Organizations. Sassounian reminded Council that in order to be eligible for USAC funding, organizations had to sign a statement of non-discrimination with the Center for Student Programming. She said that this meant that they would not discriminate against any individuals regarding membership or programming. Sassounian said that an issue had been raised at UC Hastings saying that the non-discrimination policy was discriminatory, itself. She cited a situation in which a particular Christian group at Hastings wants to exclude non-Christians and homosexuals, and said that they were being discriminated against because they were not being funded. Sassounian said that her own opinion was that the policy should be continued.
- Zai agreed with Sassounian, but pointed out that people usually self-select group membership, and asked why the groups wanted the right to deny membership to individuals that probably would not want to join their group in the first place. Sassounian replied that some people attended meetings of groups that they were not members of in order to antagonize the people there, like the neo-Nazi who went to the Bruin Republican meetings. She said that by ejecting such a person from a group meeting, then the group was effectively discriminatory, and therefore ineligible for funding.
- Tuttle said that he agreed with the current policy. He said that he did not know what the situation was at the campuses that had implemented this policy prior to the time that UCLA had implemented it. Tuttle pointed out that those schools might be further along in the evolution of the policy, and might have dealt with similar situations. He recommended that someone from the relevant Academic Senate committee might check with these schools and see what had happened there.
- Neesby said that, right now, a club can discriminate, so to say, by assembling on campus without USAC funding. He said that he was in full agreement with the Council members that had spoken, and emphasized that they needed to be both viewpoint and content neutral. Neesby said that he had done some research on this issue, and would send Sassounian the documentation that

- he had. He suggested that Sassounian might want to share this information with the Senate committee to show them why the policy in place was a good one.
- Doan said that she was in full agreement with the current policy. She said that she had been at meetings of the Bruin Democrats which had been disrupted by antagonistic LaRouche supporters. Doan said, however, that they had been able to remove individuals who had been substantially disruptive, and Bruin Democrats had been able to work with the non-discrimination clause.
  - Kaminsky said he also supported the current policy. He said that he certainly did not want to fund groups that were intentionally hateful.
  - Wood said that she, too, supports the current policy, but pointed out that that all students pay student fees that go into the funding pool, so that is a point that should not be overlooked. Biniek seconded Wood's statement, and said that she also felt strongly in favor of the current policy.
  - Tuttle said that the issue may come down to how high up a case is taken in the judicial system. He said that he did think that information on how cases had progressed at the pilot schools should be looked at for evaluating and anticipating what might be needed here.
  - Vardner agreed that the policy was a good one, and cited the example of non-discriminatory hiring by the state.
  - Sassounian said that there was an intermediate proposal on the table, which was to continue not funding those organizations which discriminated, except for non-discriminatory programming by those organizations that was targeted for the entire community. She said that she was not happy with that compromise, because the planning of the event would be done by a discriminatory membership.

### XIII. Announcements

- McLaren said that she had found a notebook that had "World AIDS Day" written on the cover, and that the notebook had a lot of information in it which would be valuable to the person who lost it. She passed the notebook around and asked Council to look at it and see if they recognized the writing and could determine who it belonged to.
- Doan said that the Bruin Democrats were co-sponsoring a Human Trafficking event Wednesday in Royce. She also said that there were a lot of scam emails coming out of the University Credit Union, and asked Council to pass that information along.
- Malik said that she had sent out her monthly Events Calendar, including Battle of the Bands.
- Zai said that the auditions would be held for the Vagina Monologues on Wednesday and Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

### XIV. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*Villasin passed around the attendance sheet.*

### XV. Adjournment

- Biniek moved and Sassounian seconded to adjourn.
- Zai called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Keesler  
USAC Minutes Taker