

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 21, 2006
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Hawkins, Sargent, Sassounian, Vardner

GUESTS: Combiz Abdolrahimi, Constance Dillon, Julia Erlandson, Janina Montero, Rena Orenstein, Julia Owenson, Noa Simchoni, Liz Vega

I. Special Presentations

- Wood said that Council would not get quorum for awhile longer, so the meeting would begin with Special Presentations, and then the Call to Order once Council had quorum.

Student Health – Rena Orenstein

- Rena Orenstein, SAO, Arthur Ashe Center, said that she taught a life skills class, but also coordinated with other on-campus entities about alcohol education. She said that she wanted to tell Council about a new initiative beginning in the Fall, which was being adopted by 400 universities, and would require freshmen to take an online course in alcohol education by the first week of school. Orenstein said that this was a proactive step to keep UCLA's alcohol related injuries to a minimum, and they also hoped that it would help with the transition of coming onto a new campus. She said that statistically, the first few weeks were when most alcohol related injuries take place. Orenstein said that the course would include basic alcohol information, the effects of alcohol on the mind and body, attitudes and behaviors on alcohol, and even more. She said that the course would also be customized to an individual's personal preferences, such that non-drinkers would have different syllabi than those who intended to drink. Orenstein said that advertising and marketing of alcohol would also be covered, with an emphasis on ads targeted to the college population. She said that the entire course took two and a half hours, and it was recommended to be broken up into three sessions. Orenstein said that there was an exam at the end of the course, with a follow-up test one month later.
- Janina Montero added that UCLA had been very fortunate in recent years with regard to alcohol abuse, and they wanted to ensure that remained. She said that the idea behind this program was to create a standard level of education that students would know about alcohol. Montero said that they would also collect aggregate information about their students, which would allow them to compare UCLA to other institutions around the country. She said that this Fall Quarter would be the pilot program, and they would then be able to modify the program as necessary.
- Biniek asked how incoming students would know to do this, to which Orenstein said that notification would be on the new student admission checklist. She said that students would have from June through the first week of Fall Quarter to complete the survey.
- Nelson said that he was glad to see this coming, as he often saw that the most drunken individuals were the youngest ones. He said that getting this information out before the first football game would be great.
- Orenstein said that a demo course was also available, and she would email the information out to Council.
- Biniek asked if there were things that UCLA was already ahead of other schools in alcohol education. Orenstein said that based on survey, the national average for students that abused alcohol was 44%, while at UCLA it was about 22-25%. She said that there was no one thing that UCLA was doing differently, but they were not sure exactly what it was.

- Nelson asked how UCLA compared with other California Schools, to which Orenstein said that UCLA does a lot better than the quote-unquote “party” schools. She said that UCLA is probably comparable with UCIrvine.
- Tuttle said that Nelson had begun an initiative to curb alcohol abuse about 15 years ago. He said that sometimes it was the actions of individual leaders that helped bring about such change.
- Wood asked if there was anything that USAC could do, to which Orenstein said that they had gotten some student feedback, but they would welcome more on implementation, spreading the word, programming ideas, or whatever.

Asian American Graduate Students Association - Jenna

- Jenna from AAGSA said that on Thursday, March 2, from 6:30-8:00 in Franz Hall AAGSA was sponsoring a program entitled Mapping Disaster of Vietnamese Americans in New Orleans. She said that they would have a panel of speakers talking about illegal evictions of people from hotels, bulldozing houses without notification, and other investigative issues.

II. A. Call to Order

- Council attained Quorum at 7:33pm at which time Wood called the meeting to order.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Villasin passed around the Attendance Sheet

III. Approval of the Agenda

- Pham asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Neesby asked to remove New Business Item B, entitled Election Code.
- Doan said that Student Media may not be coming to make their Special Presentation.
- Smeets removed the Special Presentation by the Committee on Academic Freedom.
- Zai moved and Neesby seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Kaminsky 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.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

June 17, 2005 (Session B)

- Kaisey said that she was the missing Commissioner, so she should be listed as absent on June 17th Session B.
- Pham said that on page 6, under Announcements, the second to last sentence in Wood’s announcement should have read, “Wood also asked that...”
- Zai said that the formatting needed to be fixed under Special Presentations.
- Zai also asked that “David Theriall” be added under the guests section.
- Upon indication by Keesler that the vote to approve the amendments to the Bylaws regarding the role of the Assistant Budget Review Director had been lost during the tape change, Council recalled, as a whole, that the vote had been unanimous.
- Tuttle suggested that the minutes state clearly that this vote was not recorded during the meeting of June 17 2005 Session B but was the recollection of the Council members at a subsequent meeting.
- Wood also pointed out that all mentions of the Budget Review Director in the same Action Item, Old Business Item A, should actually have been the *Assistant* Budget Review Director.
- Neesby moved and Smeets seconded to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2005, Session B, as amended.
- Council voted to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2005, Session B, as amended, with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

January 31, 2006

- Biniek said that on page 6, under her Officer Report, the training session mentioned had been for USSA, and the AIDS walk would be held on April 22nd.
- Smeets moved and Kaisey seconded to approve the Minutes of January 31, 2006, as amended.
- Council voted to approve the Minutes of January 31, 2006, as amended, with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

V. Special Presentations (cont'd)

Bruins for an On-Campus Bar – Jordan Marks and Ben Corman

- Jordan Marks said that he was a fifth year student, and had transferred to UCLA his third year. He said that Bruins for an On-Campus Bar had been formed recently. Marks said that it was hard to become a huge Bruin fan when you came to UCLA as a transfer student, and he was able to get into the UCLA spirit through his non-transfer roommate. He said that, in trying to celebrate UCLA sports, they had been frustrated by their inability to cheer for UCLA sports at Maloneys or BrewCo. Marks said that nobody at the bars was actually trying to support the team. He said that he and his friends were often reduced to watching the UCLA games from home over beer and pizza. Marks said that something that UCLA lacked was a place that everyone could get together and cheer for the home team. He said that they had come up with the idea that UCLA should have its own sports bar, and thus the Bruins for an On Campus Bar was formed. Marks said that the group had begun on facebook, and now had over 1200 members. He said that the leadership of the group came from lots of different backgrounds, and they had all come together over this common ground. Marks said that they had since learned that there were others before them who had tried to accomplish this.
- Corman said that it was his understanding that renovation was being done on Ackerman such that it would be more sports friendly. He said that they would be trying to incorporate beer and wine service in the Coop, which was already scheduled for renovation. Corman said that they wanted to create an environment in which both under and over 21 year olds could come together to watch sporting events. He said that such a venue would appeal to underclassmen, upperclassmen, and alumni alike. Corman said that having such a venue on campus would even be responsible, as it could be overseen by the administration. He said that right now students were forced to party in their apartments, which promoted underage drinking, something that would not be allowed at the bar. Corman said that, right now, Cal had an on-campus bar that was a center of social events, a sports bar, and a host of various cultural events. Corman said that all they were asking of USAC was that they include a survey on the ballot for the next election to find out if students wanted to bring this about.
- Marks said that the reason that they had settled upon a referendum was because when he had been president at his community college, they had used a referendum to prove that students were interested in the school newspaper. He said that they were not asking much of USAC as an organization, only to find out what the students wanted, and then they would take it from there.
- Tuttle asked if there was a business model that shows how much this would cost the university, with regard to liability insurance and whatnot. He said that this should be thought about before voting on whether to place this on the ballot. Corman said that he was not an expert by any means, but the idea was that a third party would come in to provide this service, and any liability would lie with them. Marks added that currently the University sold alcohol at theater productions, so this would be nothing new.
- Williams said that when the Master Plan had been written, the Board of Directors believed that the liability was something that could be managed.
- Kaisey said that USAC was working on a Concentration of Campus Community, and she supported the idea of creating a social hub on campus. She asked who Marks had talked to, to which he said that there had not yet been a single student that had been in complete opposition, though many had questions and concerns.
- Zai asked what sort of safety concerns were being taken into consideration. Marks said that it would really have to wait for implementation.
- Neesby said that he knew other campuses had such a bar, and asked how ours would compare to those.

- Nelson said that he had heard the pros, but he would also like to hear the cons. He said a question that concerns him is the kind of message the University sends out if alcohol is being sold on campus. Marks addressed Nelson's concern by saying that he felt the referendum would open up a dialogue with organizations that could help them discuss this in a responsible manner.
- Williams made a friendly amendment to the first Whereas in the Resolution, to read that beer and wine service be "kept" in the Master Plan, not "added". He said that, at this point, there was still beer and wine service planned for the Cooperage. Williams said that right now the Master Plan did not call for a pub specifically, but was intended to create an environment for this kind of thing, with big-screen TVs, pool tables, and computer gaming. He said that the plan was to have beer and wine service at a food service installation, not a bar with pitchers of beer and peanuts on the floor. Williams said that the plan would be to get a third party provider, although that would not release ASUCLA of all liability. He said that this would be the most controlled beer and wine environment that students would ever be in and, if it ever became clear that underage drinking was abundant, then the facility would be closed. Williams said that the idea would be to model a responsible drinking environment, and said that, right now, they were still in the planning phase. He said that the ASUCLA Board of Directors would be talking about this during their next couple of meetings.
- Neesby asked about other campuses, to which Williams said that the results were mixed from other campuses. He said that security would be incredibly tight on campus, and that the UCLA pub would not be the place to drink if you are underage.
- Montero said that, in case anyone wanted to know what she thought, she was not opposed to this discussion, and was not opposed to the creation of such a facility. She said that her concern was the division of the community between those of drinking age and those not of drinking age. Montero said that she was supportive of modeling responsible behavior.
- Doan said that when the Bruin Democrats had events that surpassed the capacity of an apartment, they had to move to bars, and a majority of their organization was under 21, so they had ended up being divided.
- Tuttle asked if this would create more customers. Williams said that the Board did not see this as a profitable endeavor. He said that a lot of money would have to be spent on security and education.
- Marks said that the Australian Prime Minister had spoken at the Anderson School of Business, and they had beer at the event. He said that he and several of his friends had gotten jobs because of bringing alumni onto the campus.

VI. New Business

A. *Resolution in Support of an On Campus Sports Pub

- Biniek moved and Smeets seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of an On Campus Sports Pub.
- Biniek moved and Malik seconded to change the final clause to read, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council solicits input regarding the establishment of an on campus sports pub that serves alcoholic beverages through a survey question on the ballot during Spring elections."
- Zai called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to calling for Acclamation. There being none, the final clause was so changed.
- Wood asked if anyone wanted to make the change that Williams' suggested.
- Neesby moved and Zai seconded to change the third-to-last clause to read "THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Undergraduate Students Association Council supports an on campus pub and encourages the ASUCLA Board Of Directors to consider *keeping a beer and wine license in the Food Services Master Plan.*"
- Biniek called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to calling for Acclamation. There being none, the third-to-last clause was so changed.
- Council and guests had an extensive discussion on the use of the word "pub" in the Resolution. Thanks to suggestions from Williams, Montero, Kaminsky, Zai, Pham, and Biniek, it was decided that, in the WHEREAS parts of the Resolution, it was okay to say that the students

wanted a pub but, in the THEREFORE and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED parts of the Resolution, it was important that Council support and encourage the Administration's creation of a "dining facility that also serves beer and wine."

- Biniek moved and Neesby seconded to change "sports pub" to "dining facility that also serves beer and wine" in the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED sections of the Resolution.
- Zai called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to calling for Acclamation. There being none, the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clauses were so changed.
- Kaisey moved and Smeets seconded to change "can" to "will" in the second to last WHEREAS.
- Zai called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to calling for Acclamation. There being none, the second-to-last WHEREAS clause was so changed.
- Biniek moved and Neesby seconded to add, "In the end, the pub is important in building campus community," in the second to last WHEREAS.
- Zai called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to calling for Acclamation. There being none, the second-to-last WHEREAS clause was so changed.
- Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of an On Campus Sports Pub, as amended, with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VII. Appointments

USA/BOD Programming Committee

- Wood said that nobody had expressed any interest in serving on the USA/BOD Programming Committee for the next round of hearings. She said that Council could either not appoint anybody, or someone could step up and volunteer. Wood said, however, that they really needed to appoint someone in order to be able to attain quorum. She said that the time commitment would be Monday through Thursday of 9th Week, from 6:00-11:00p.m.

VIII. Fund Allocations

- Villasin said that \$17,731.82 had been requested from Contingency, with \$8,726.40 recommended for allocation. She said that upon approval of this recommended allocation, the running total in the Contingency Fund would drop from \$65,537.08 to \$56,810.68
 - Villasin said that \$3,350.95 had been requested from the Contingency Capital Items Fund and that the Finance Committee was recommending total allocations of \$ \$3,189.66. She said that upon approval of this recommended allocation, the running total in Contingency Capital Items Fund would drop from \$28,873.71 to \$25,684.05.
 - Neesby asked why the UCLA Geography Club did not receive the full amount of their request for Contingency Capital Items Funding. Villasin said that their presentation had not been very good, so they were given only one of their two software requests.
 - Williams asked how long Contingency Capital Items could be requested. Villasin replied, "until the money in that pool runs out."
 - Doan moved and Pham 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
 - Neesby moved and Biniek seconded to approve the Contingency Capital Items Fund Allocation Recommendations.
 - Council voted to approve the Contingency Capital Items 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.*
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IX. Officer and Member Reports

Student Welfare Commissioner – Tracy Pham

- Pham said that a Super CPR class had been held on Sunday and about 90 people had been certified. She said that the Blood Drive had collected almost 500 units. Pham thanked everyone for coming, and also thanked everyone who participated in Dance Marathon. She then told Council that SWC had ROLLAIDS coming up, with proceeds going toward AIDS prevention. She said that they would be converting AGB into a roller rink for the ROLLAIDS event. Pham ended her report by saying that the Vagina Monologue tickets were going on sale this week, and she told everyone to get tickets. She said that tickets were free at CTO, but that SWC would be happy to take donations.

-Hawkins arrived

External Vice President – Jeannie Biniek

- Biniek gave an overview on numerous issues and events that her office would be participating in. Regarding the Budget Reconciliation Bill, Biniek said that a clerical error has been which resulted in the House passing a different version than the Senate approved. She said that a law suite has been filed to override the bill that was signed by the President. Biniek said that the proposed Federal budget for 2007 is a dismal one for Higher education, with a million dollars cut, and six different programs eliminated. She said that USSA would be working next year on getting that decision reversed. Biniek said that USSA would also begin working on national voter registration in the coming months. Biniek said that applications for Student Regent were due tomorrow. She said that they would be lobbying on the compact with the students, which would address funding on a national scale. Biniek said UC Day in Sacramento would be held in two weeks. Biniek said that on March 13, they would be participating in a forum with other student leaders from other UC's, State Legislators, and members of the Board of Regents to begin building a Student Compact based on the issues of Affordability, Accessibility, and Quality of the UC system. Biniek then reported that a 5K AIDS Walk for minority women and children would be held on of the UC. Biniek also said that the minority AIDS walk would be April 22, with Senator Barack Obama and Congresswoman Millender-McDonald serving as Honorary Chairpersons. *External Vice President Biniek's Officer Report is attached to the Minutes*

Internal Vice President – Kristina Doan

-Doan said that the IVP's office had been working on a Sustainability Vision Contest, with the goal of getting student groups involved in planning for sustainability. She said they were hoping that students would come up with creative ideas about how to accomplish sustainability. Doan said that details were still being finalized, but they were working a plan to reward students for getting involved with sustainability issues. She said that they would also be educating on ways to reduce waste. On another matter, with regard to mental health, Doan said she had been talking with staff at the Ashe Center to see if they would be willing to teach some classes on health issues during the academic year. She said that she was also working with the search committee for the new Director of Student Psychological Services. Doan said that they had very little time to get rolling on this, and asked that any groups that were interested in working on this matter to let her know. Doan ended by saying that approximately half of the students USAC appointed to various committees have already responded to the questionnaire she emailed to all appointees.

President – Jenny Wood

*President Jenny Wood's Officer Report is attached to the Minutes.
Questions and Comments followed Wood's Report.*

- Kaisey asked if Wood was assigning people to specific workshops, to which Wood said that she was just doing the sign-up as a kind of straw poll to see how much space would be needed.
- Kaisey also asked about the Chancellor Search. Wood said that a lot of dialogue was taking place about potential candidates for the position, what the members of the Search Committee wanted

to see in a Chancellor, and various other related matters. She said that there was a lot of confidentiality about the search, and said that was why she couldn't really give Council any more details. She said that they wanted the new Chancellor to start on July 1st.

- Wood suggested that Council move to adjourn before they lost quorum. She explained that several members would have to leave soon because they sit on the Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF) Committee which has hearings beginning at 9:00 p.m. She said that, after the meeting is officially adjourned, the remaining Council members could continue with the non-action items.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Villasin passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Biniek moved and Neesby seconded to adjourn.
- Pham called for Acclamation. Wood asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

XIV. New Business (cont'd)

C. Campus Community Update: South Campus Outreach

- Kaisey said that the South Campus Outreach was going well, and they had sold a lot of T-shirts about South Campus. She said that they had also passed out a *South Campus for Dummies Guide*, which had been incredibly helpful because *everything* on South Campus is hard to find. Kaisey said that they had also conducted a survey about South Campus, and had gotten a lot of good ideas from South Campus students about what they'd like to have added, including a snack bar, study space, and better accessibility to professors.
- Williams said that there was a new South Campus Student Center Project underway which will be located where the Bomb Shelter is now. He said it would be a major facility, which would include food service facilities, with indoor and outdoor seating.

XV. Announcements

- Doan said that at 5:00 tomorrow Howard Dean would be coming to the Bruin Dems meeting. She said that you needed a Bruin ID card to get in. Doan said that a debate would be held afterwards.
- Kaminsky said that two weeks from today would be the return of the Spencer Tracy Award. He said that the event would be held on Tuesday, March 7th from 12 noon to 1:00p.m. in Royce Hall, and that the award would be given to Morgan Freeman.
- Zai gave council information on the production of The Vagina Monologues that would be staged on March 10, 11, and 12.
- Kaisey said that, on Friday night, February 24th, the United Arab Society was sponsoring a play based on Khalil Gibran's book, *The Prophet*.
- Pham said that on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. a pilates class would be held in Hedrick.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker