

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILJuly 12, 2006
2412 Ackerman
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, Malik, McLaren, Nelson, Park, Sargent, Saucedo, Tuttle, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: Araabi, Miller, Price, Schuster

GUESTS: Homaira Hosseini, Lina Kaisey, David Lazar, Bryan Park

I. A. Call to Order

- Kaisey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Kaisey passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Sargent and Malik asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Kaisey said that the Election Board appointment could wait, as the appointee was not present to field questions. She also said that Miller was not present, and removed New Business Item A, Designation of Finance Committee Interim Vice Chair.
- Cendana moved by General Consent and Park seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Kaisey asked if there were any objections to approval by General Consent. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by General Consent.

III. Approval of the Minutes

June 15, 2006

- Zai moved and Park seconded to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2006 as submitted.
- Council voted to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2006, as submitted, with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

V. Appointments

***Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)**

- Kaisey said that Homaira Hosseini was present to answer any questions Council had for her. She reminded everyone that Council had already talked about Hosseini at the June 15th meeting but,

because Hosseini was not at that meeting, her appointment had been tabled until she could be available to answer questions Council might have.

- Cendana moved and Park seconded to approve the appointment of Homaira Hosseini to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.
- Sargent asked Hosseini what she thought the major issues were for SFAC to address this year. Hosseini said that they needed to address how they were going to provide funding and services for the increased number of students who had been admitted for the coming year. Hosseini said that her main areas of interest and concern were the LGBT Center, Student Psychological Services (SPS), and the Ashe Center.
- Zai asked Hosseini what type of fiscal experience she had, to which Hosseini replied that she was the Treasurer for the Muslim Students Association (MSA) and had worked with the Student Initiated Access Committee (SIAC) funding proposals. In addition, she said that, in high school, she had worked with student government and had managed funds.
- Sargent asked if this was a two-year appointment, to which Kaisey said that it was.
- Zai asked what kind of experience Hosseini had working with Administrators, to which Hosseini replied that she had worked closely with VC Janina Montero, with Administrators in the Center for Student Programming (CSP), and with MSA's Advisor. She said that she had a lot of experience in religious and other advocacy fields and knew all the relevant Administrators.
- Doria asked how SFAC could better serve students. Hosseini said that they could have a better assessment of what was needed, perhaps by distributing a survey to determine how students could be better served. She said that another thing she had thought about was a reevaluation of financial aid because of mid-year tuition increases. Zai said that she liked Hosseini's emphasis on stopping the fee increases, and asked Hosseini for any other ideas she had. Hosseni said she knew that student groups wanted more help from SFAC in being a liaison to the Administration, and said she was interested in doing that. She added that she was a first-year student, and wanted to ensure that the voice of students on the Hill was heard by student government and the University Administration.
- Sargent asked if the SFAC retreat date had been set, to which Cendana said that it would probably be Wednesday of Zero Week. Sargent asked Hosseini if she would be able to attend the retreat, to which Hosseini replied that she would.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Homaira Hosseini to the Student Fee Advisory Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Kaisey said that she would like to update Council on the Judicial Board appointees. She said that she had relayed Dr. Tuttle's questions to the two candidates who had been approved at the last meeting, but had not been at the last meeting to respond to questions. She assured Dr. Tuttle that the two appointees had both responded more than adequately. Tuttle thanked her for her follow-up. Kaisey also said that she had met with Cendana about the upcoming appointments, and said that there would be many more coming.

VI. Fund Allocations

*Contingency Allocations

- In the FiCom Chairperson's absence, Kaisey said that \$2,144.38 had been requested from the Contingency Fund, with \$800.00 recommended for allocation. She said that an additional \$17,971.80 had been requested from Contingency in previous weeks, with a \$1,500.00 recommended via discretionary. Kaisey said that, upon USAC's approval of these recommended allocations, the running total in the Contingency Fund would drop to \$4,857.00. Kaisey also reminded Council that the balance included the USAC office funds that had been transferred into the Contingency Programming Fund.
- Park moved and Jang seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations, as submitted.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations, as submitted, with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations are attached to the minutes.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Community Service Commissioner – Farheen Malik

- Malik said that one big thing going on in her commission was the general retreat, where they had taken 50 project directors up to Big Bear to talk about the next year. She said that the other thing happening was the Committee Proposals, and said that she would be telling Council how new groups could apply.

Alumni Association Representative to Council – Todd Sargent

Alumni Representative Todd Sargent's Member Report is attached to the Minutes.

Questions and Comments followed Sargent's report.

- Nelson added to the Danette Martin profile by saying that, at one point, she had been concerned about the actions of a certain advisor. He said that she had approached him, asking him hypothetical questions, for which she thanked him, at which point Nelson realized that she had pulled the wool over his eyes in getting him to confirm some of her earlier suspicions.
- Kaisey added to Sargent's discussion of an Alumni database, and reminded Sargent that she thought it was important that the joining of any such databases be elective, not mandatory.
- Tuttle said that he wanted to reiterate his concern about these databases being used as catch-basins that could later come back and hurt individuals. He said that college was a time to experiment, protest this, and affirm that, and this could later come back to reflect poorly on an individual. Tuttle said that individuals could remove themselves from a list at a later date but, as long as their names had been on such a list at any given time, then that information could still be found somewhere.
- Doria added that the concerns weren't even theoretical, but rather actual, by saying that, when Antonio VillaRaigosa was campaigning for Mayor of Los Angeles, his opponents attacked him by questioning his involvement with MEChA during his years as a student at UCLA.

External Vice President – Tina Park

External Vice President Tina Park's Officer Report is attached to the Minutes.

Internal Vice President – Gregory Cendana

- Cendana said that he and McLaren had worked together in finding a location for the USAC retreat, and said that he would be sending out an email with all the necessary information, including a list of the items that everyone needed to bring. Cendana said that he was also working on the office signatories, and said that he had all the offices on the books, but did not have the two members for each office who could additionally use those privileges. Cendana said, with regard to the USAC poster boards, they would be on display in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery during UCLA Orientation. He said that he was also now working on finding people to be available for all the orientation time slots. He said he especially needed people to volunteer for the last days of Orientation. He said that if everyone who was creating a poster board about their office would turn them in to McLaren, he would make sure that they were displayed in the Art Gallery when needed.
- Kaisey asked how this was different from what Malik was doing. Cendana said that Malik was a tour guide for the Orientation Tours, and he was looking for USAC-related students to be in the Art Gallery to talk about USAC when the campus tours came through.
- Dehar asked if the poster boards had to be hard-backed, because he was going to use the back of a movie poster. Williams told Dehar that he could give him the necessary materials to make a hard-backed poster.

President – Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey passed around new-hire forms for Council, saying that everyone needed to fill one out to get their stipends. She said that she also had to sign them, and they would be due on July 19th. Sargent asked if this would be a problem for the USAC members who were not in town, to which Kaisey said that Irma Tirado, in SGA, knew and understood their situations and was helping to work that out.. Kaisey continued, saying that the shared governance campaign was going well, explaining that there was actually a rule at a local community college that said that students had to get a vote on these committees. She said that, with Brian Neesby's help, she was now going to make this a state-wide issue, taking the documentation all the way to the Presidents' meeting. Kaisey said that the transfer hub was also progressing well, with Jose already working with transfers to get them used to UCLA and a new environment. Kaisey said that she had also met with Student Affairs regarding transfer students, and Student Affairs had been very excited to hear about the transfer work. Kaisey said that orientation was going on, and USAC had a table where they could talk with incoming students about USAC and to encourage them to get involved. She asked that any Council members who were not otherwise committed spend some time at the USAC table to talk with the incoming students. She encouraged everyone to help on this so that their table was always staffed. She said that there would be a computer at the table so that people could sign up for the mailing list right there. She asked that anyone who was interested email Steven Ly to get more information and to sign up to help out. Kaisey lastly said that, since the retreat location was confirmed, she was now working on an Agenda for the retreat. She asked that everyone email her their suggestions. She then said that she would be distributing Action Agenda Item applications so that everyone could submit their ideas because Council would be picking their Action Agenda Items for the year at the retreat.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business**B. Welcome Week Update**

- Kaisey said that she had a project director who was working on setting up Welcome Week. She also said that the fair had been enlarged, with more tables from the hill.
- Dehar said that there was a meeting coming up to discuss programming, and said he was going to make a computer programming joke, but didn't. He said that he was trying to decide between free sneaks and studio trips, so there would be a meeting in two weeks to discuss programming. Kaisey asked if the dates had been finalized, to which Dehar said that he and Kenn Heller had been talking, and they were moving it to 10:00am – 2:00pm so it wouldn't conflict with fraternity/sorority rush.
- Caba said that she was still waiting to meet with Dehar to talk about programming for Welcome Week.
- Park asked if the USAC Open House would be taking place during Welcome Week. Saucedo said that he was interested in working on the Open House.

X. Announcements

- Cendana asked who Kaisey's signatory was for the key request forms when she was not available to sign them. Kaisey replied that it was Steven Ly.
- Malik said that the CSC fund was up from \$8,000 to \$10,000 thanks to Pulse.
- McLaren apologized for arriving late at the meeting, explaining that she had been working on an emergency lock change on Cendana's office. She said that because of recent thefts of hard drives from computers in certain student government offices, ASUCLA was paying particular attention to lock problems which may have resulted from someone tampering with the lock on the door. She recommended that everyone be on the alert, and that one way to do this was to make certain their doors were actually locking when they left their office. She explained that

one standard trick of thieves was to stuff paper into the area where the latch would lock, which would prevent the door from locking. She said that the thief would return later and be able to open the door.

XI. Signing of the Attendance

Kaisey passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Cendana moved and Zai seconded to adjourn.
- Council voted to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker