

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

September 12, 2006
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Colosimo, Dehar, Kaisey, Malik, McLaren, Nelson, Sargent, Saucedo, Tuttle, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: Doria, Jang, Miller, Park, Price, Schuster

GUESTS: Andy Green, John Guigayoma, Anthony Pesce

Kaisey suggested that Council begin with Officer Reports, meeting as a Committee of the Whole.

Facilities Commissioner – PC Zai

- Zai said that on the issue of “business relations” she had spoken with Bob Williams, ASUCLA’s Executive Director, and with several businesses in the Westwood area. Regarding the Rec Center’s recently-launched fitness program entitled “Bruin Walkers”, Zai said that they would be giving free pedometers and logs to help participants keep track of the distances they walk each day. She said this program also was a way of having participants begin to think of walking as a form of transportation. Zai said that the bike rental program was being expanded, and they would be assessing the bike trails and bike racks to determine what improvements or expansions might be necessary. She next said that ASUCLA had begun a sustainability program, and said that they were now adhering to certain sustainability standards in their business practices. Zai said that she had also met with Housing, and had learned that they would now try to use biodegradable chemicals in all the residence halls. She next reported that gender-neutral bathrooms and locker rooms were going to be set up in the Wooden Center. Zai concluded her report by saying said that electronic locks were being looked into for student government offices in Kerckhoff.

Administrative Representative – Dr. Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that his office had been broken into over the weekend, and told Council members to make sure they do not leave any personal items of value in their desks which could be stolen. Nelson said that a credit card which was stolen from his office had several hundred dollars charged on it by the time they reported the theft. He said that, fortunately for him, it was the office’s credit card and not his personal credit card.
- McLaren said she had heard that cameras had been taken from the CSP office, and asked Nelson if there were any other items that were missing.
- Nelson said that they were continuing to realize that other items were missing, and said that an assessment of how the thief got in, and of what was missing, was currently taking place.

I. A. Call to Order

- Council attained quorum at 7:30p.m., at which time Kaisey called the meeting to order.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- For the record, Kaisey reiterated the changes that had been made to the Agenda, by stating that Zai’s Officer’s Report had been added; that all the Academic Senate Appointments were being removed because Schuster could not be at the meeting; that she was removing the Presidential Appointments of Election

Board Chair and Student Affairs Budget Review Team, which would result in just five Presidential Appointments being left on the Agenda. Finally, she said that she was removing all three items under Old Business because neither Price nor Schuster would be able to attend tonight's meeting to present them.

- Cendana moved and Caba seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended, by Unanimous Consent.
- Kaisey asked if there were any objections to approval by Unanimous Consent. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by Unanimous Consent.

III. Approval of the Minutes

August 23rd, 2006

- Kaisey said that Jang, Malik, and Villasin had not been at the meeting. She also said that Heather Gonzales and Sherlyn Mossahebfar had been at the meeting.
- Schuster said that, on page 7, in the fourth comment from the bottom, it was Pang who had been the treasurer.
- Nelson said that, on page 8, it was an administrator that had filled the vacancy, not a student.
- Kaisey said that Heather Gonzales and Sherlyn Mossahebfar should be added to the attendance list at the top of page 11. She also said that in her first comment on page 8, she wanted, "...to revisit who she wanted to appoint for those positions *and have discussions with the respective committees.*" Kaisey also said that near the top of page 16, she had said that, "...if Weintraub was appointed to the Undergraduate Council, then she would ask Weintraub to step down from the Eating and Activities Task Force."
- Cendana moved and Caba seconded to approve the Minutes of August 23rd, 2006, as amended.
- Council voted to approve the Minutes of August 23rd, 2006, as amended, with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

V. Appointments

Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB)

- Kaisey said that Daniel Fabbri had been recommended to her by Adam Harmetz, a former ITPB appointee. She said that Fabbri was very qualified, having interned during the last four summers with companies such as Google and Yahoo. In addition, she pointed out that he had participated in a research project at a UCLA Computer Science lab. Kaisey then said she wanted to draw Council's attention to Fabbri's response to Question 5, in which he focused on the importance of improving IT security and explained how that related to his interest in serving on the ITPB.
- Araabi moved and Caba seconded to approve the appointment of Daniel Fabbri to the Information Technology Planning Board.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Daniel Fabbri to the Information Technology Planning Board with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Wooden Center Board of Governors (WCBOG)

- Kaisey said that Casey Crossman had applied for SHAC as well as for the Wooden Center Board of Governors. For that reason, Kaisey said she was nominating Crossman to serve on the WCBOG because she would be able to bring the pre-medical and the health/nutrition aspects to the Wooden Center Board. She said she thought that Casey would be a good balance with the other appointees.
- Zai moved and Dehar seconded to approve the appointment of Casey Crossman to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Casey Crossman to the Wooden Center Board of Governors with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

- Kaisey said her next nominee for the WCBOG was Cait Hilbert. She said she had selected Hilbert because she already worked in the athletic department, and said she thought it would be good to have someone who actually worked within the Wooden Center on its steering committee.
- Caba moved and Malik seconded to approve the appointment of Cait Hilbert to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- Tuttle asked if Hilbert worked under anyone she would now be overseeing as a member of the board, to which Kaisey replied “no”.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Casey Crossman to the Wooden Center Board of Governors with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.
- Kaisey said her next nominee for the WCBOG was Jeff Travis. She said that Travis had the unique experience of having done a lot of work on advertising campaigns, and he would be a good addition to the board to help expand awareness of the Wooden Center’s services.
- Caba moved and Araabi seconded to approve the appointment of Jeff Travis to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Jeff Travis to the Wooden Center Board of Governors with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Kaisey said her final nominee for the WCBOG was Alexander Kandel. She said she was forwarding Kandel because he participates in Wooden Center activities on a regular basis, including basketball, racquetball, and ping-pong. She said that Kandel had applied for two other committees but, when she interviewed him she found out that he was very knowledgeable about the Wooden Center and had ideas on how to improve it. Kaisey said that Kandel also had a lot of experience with budgeting, as he had been the treasurer of four different student organizations, and is currently serving as the Facilities Commissioner of Hillel.
- Zai moved and Caba seconded to approve the appointment of Alexander Kandel to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Alexander Kandel to the Wooden Center Board of Governors with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- Tuttle made a light-hearted Point of Personal Privilege by saying, “the kid always fouled me when he drove up the middle of the court.” On another matter, Tuttle told Council that he had spoken with an administrator from SFAC recently who had requested that he convey their request to Council to “speed up” the appointments to SFAC.

VI. Fund Allocations

Approval of Contingency Fund Allocations

- Christina Colosimo, a member of the Finance Committee, made the Contingency Fund report because the Finance Committee Chairperson, Michael Miller, could not be at the meeting. Colosimo began by saying that they had received a total of six requests for Contingency funds. She said that all six had to be dealt with as Discretionary Funding because the committee had not received the applications in time to meet prior to the dates of the six programs. Colosimo then went through all six requests, citing the “Amount Requested” for each and the “Amount Recommended for Allocation”, via Discretionary, for each of the six.
- Tuttle asked why FiCom had not recommended any funds for MEChA. Colosimo replied that there were several reasons, but the two most important were that MEChA had not provided any documentation about the purpose of the event and that they were requesting an Honorarium of \$500 for a UCLA student, adding that UCLA students may not receive an Honorarium.
- Zai moved and Dehar seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations are attached to the minutes.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Internal Vice President – Gregory Cendana

- Cendana reminded Council to be in their offices on Sept 27th from noon to 3:00 p.m. for the USAC Open House. He also told Council that not everyone had gotten back to Saucedo about their office descriptions, so they would be using the descriptions from the brochure for those that had not provided anything else. Cendana next reported that he had met with OCHC to talk with them about the spring and winter fairs as well as the when they might be holding the joint USAC-OCHC dinner meetings. Cendana then said that he was going to be working on compiling a student performance handbook so that groups could be contacted and they could be booked for various performances. He said that it would be available for outside groups as well who were interested in booking student groups to perform off-campus. Cendana said that he was also working on plans for a student leader networking night, and that one of the main goals would be to work on co-programming between groups.
- Tuttle said that he thought the handbook was a great idea.
- Kaisey asked how often the dinner meetings with OCHC would be held, to which Cendana said he thought that monthly meetings might be good. Kaisey suggested, based on last year's experience with the USAC/OCHC dinner meetings, that a plan to hold quarterly or bi-quarterly dinner meetings might be more reasonable than monthly meetings.

President – Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey said that she had made a presentation to the Office of Residential Life earlier in the day about ways in which USAC and ORL could work together. She said that she had also met with Rob Kadota, ORL Assistant Director, who was the contact person for USAC at ORL. Kaisey then reported that she would be meeting with the graduate representative in the next couple days, and said that she had found out that the Transportation Services Advisory Board had one seat filled by USAC, one filled by GSA, and one rotating seat. She said that this year the seat was GSA's, but perhaps that could be switched as GSA did not have any applicants to the board at all. Kaisey said that she had also met with the Hillel Rabbi earlier in the day, and said that a musical event was being planned to bring together the Jews and Arabs on campus. She also said that the Queer Alliance had booked Margaret Cho for National Coming Out Week. Kaisey said that she would be meeting with Karen Noh in the coming week to get more information on how ASUCLA and USAC could work together on Welcome Week. She said that she would also be attending the Alumni Association Board Retreat over the weekend.

VIII. Old Business

The Old Business items were tabled.

IX. New Business

Discussion/Update on Action Agenda and Focus Working Groups

- Cendana said that he'd like the point person on each Action Agenda Item Proposal to talk about the progress they have made.
- Caba said that her item was Education and Diversity. She said that, so far, the group had scheduled a meeting for Thursday, and said that she had been doing a lot of reading about it in the meantime. Caba said that, after they get together they will be able to make a presentation to Council. She said that, until then, she wasn't really sure what type of support they would be looking for from Council.
- Araabi said that his item was Social Justice. He said that he had tried to schedule a meeting before tonight's Council meeting, but had been unable to. He said he should be able to make a presentation to Council at the next meeting.
- Kaisey said that she had been looking into the Student Voice item, which included both leadership development and Get Out the Vote. She said that it had been hard to schedule a meeting because Park was gone a lot and Price was in R.A. training.
- Zai said that the Campus Safety item group was trying to set up a meeting.

- Kaisey said that they had set a deadline of Sunday, September 17 to have a report ready, but she had heard that some people wanted to extend the deadline. Caba said that she would like to have the deadline extended. Araabi said that he could probably meet the Sunday deadline, but he'd prefer a little more time. Cendana said that it would be nice if there was time to read through the proposals before next week's USAC meeting, but then said that his comment didn't really make any sense!!
- Kaisey proposed extending the deadline for the proposals one more day to September 18th at 5:00 pm.

***Request for Funds for Bruin Bash**

- Dehar moved and Zai seconded to provide \$12,000 from USAC Surplus for Bruin Bash.
- Dehar then distributed sponsorship packets as well as information sheets about Bruin Bash events. He said that the proposal was not complete yet, but it looked as though they would be facing a \$26,000 deficit. He said that they were in the process of negotiating the Honorarium with the artists and said, as it looked right now, they might be going with the backup group instead of the group that was their first choice. He said, if this happened, the Honorarium for the second choice group would probably be much less expensive than their first choice would have been.
- Kaisey said she had heard that there had been a problem with the printing of the postcards. Dehar acknowledged that a problem *did* exist, but said that he would be able to handle it. Kaisey confirmed that Dehar was asking for \$12,000 from the Surplus account. Dehar said that was correct. He then said that this is what had been done last year for Bruin Bash, but said that the expenses were less for this year, mostly because they have not been able to book a headliner. He reiterated his earlier comment that these were preliminary estimates and that the numbers were subject to change, particularly the honorarium and the insurance.
- Nelson asked what the \$12,000 was for, to which Dehar replied that he had not done an itemized breakdown, but was, instead, asking for a general contribution to the overall budget. Dehar also said that he was considering assigning sponsorship to certain events based on monetary contributions that had come from different organizations.
- Williams asked why the venue cost more this year than it did last year. Dehar said it was because the stage had been enlarged, a curtain had been added in the back, and the DJ they had used last year was coming again, but was charging more this year than last year. Williams said it seemed like a big jump to him, and asked Dehar if it seemed like a reasonable increase to him. Dehar then acknowledged that part of the increase had occurred because of inadequate estimates.
- Williams asked why the event had been moved from Pauley, to which Dehar replied that the courts had just been resurfaced. Dehar added that the original location had been Wooden Center, which was closer to the other events, but they were afraid that it would be too small, and were also concerned that it would be too close to another loud event in Bruin Plaza.
- Kaisey, pointing out that this was the second year in a row that Council had to bail out Campus Events on Bruin Bash, asked Dehar if there was a plan to keep this from happening again. Dehar said that the amount of the bailout had actually decreased this year, but said he was not sure if there would ever be enough sponsorship support to eliminate the need for assistance from USAC. He then remarked that financial assistance from USAC was one way of demonstrating USAC's support of exciting programs for UCLA students.
- Tuttle asked if Dehar wanted to show that USAC sponsored the event, to which he said that he did, in addition to wanting to reduce the strain on his office and the Cultural Affairs Commission.
- Tuttle asked how much was in the Surplus fund, to which Dehar said that it was too early for Student Government Accounting to be able to provide that figure.
- Dehar mentioned a couple of other things they had considered, one of which was the possibility of a larger contribution to the event by UCLA Student Affairs. He said that he had also spoken with someone at the UCLA Foundation to see if there might be a donor who would be interested in subsidizing the event. He ended his presentation by saying that he was looking into as many other possible solutions as he could think of.
- Council voted to provide \$12,000 from USAC Surplus for Bruin Bash with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

- McLaren told Council that she had brought copies to the meeting of Office Key Request Forms and Mailbox Key Request Forms. She said she also had copies of a step-by-step instruction sheet on how to access and use the voicemail system on their office 'phones.
- Nelson said that he had a handbook for on-campus voter registration if someone on Council wanted it, to which Kaisey said that she would take it and give it to Park.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XII. Adjournment

- Araabi moved and Cendana seconded to adjourn.
- Kaisey asked if there were any objections to adjourning. There being none, Council voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker