

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 14, 2006  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, Macias, Malik, Miller, McLaren, Nelson, Park, Price, Saucedo, Schuster, Zai

ABSENT: Sargent, Williams

GUESTS: Sean Chibnik, Marissa Gilman, Jesse Rogel

I. A. Call to Order

- Kaisey called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The Attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Dr. Tuttle said that he did not have a copy of the agenda.
- Schuster, Saucedo and Caba asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Dehar moved and Jang seconded to approve the Agenda as amended, with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

*There were no Minutes this week.*

IV. Special Presentations

**Blue and Gold Week**

- Marissa Gilman and Jesse Rogel, students working in Kaisey's office, said that the Blue and Gold parade will be held on November 30, 2006 and that there is an undie run theme. Help will be needed with the banners and the 20 second performance that will be required for this year's parade.
- Gilman and Rogel said that USAC's time slot at Bruin Plaza Day will be from 12-1pm and asked that council members and their office volunteers to participate in the security force campout, with studying and coming up with activities to do at night. They said The Bruin Bear Security Force hours are from 11pm to sunrise, and asked for the council to help out in any way possible. Gilman asked council to help work on the float and to help with the 20 second routine and to join the Facebook group called Bruin Bear Security Force.
- Saucedo asked what would be happening between 12noon and 1pm. Rogel said that the band that was originally booked cancelled today, and he asked if anyone knew of a replacement band that could fill in for that hour. Dehar said that the band he has booked for his office's event might be available if they wanted to book them as well.

- Saucedo suggested that his Beat STD's program collaborate with the USAC Bruin Plaza Day events.
- Tuttle said that, when he was a student at UCLA, the time that the Trojans would show up to do dirty tricks, such as painting the Bruin Bear, was during the shift transitions at night. He said that this year's security team might need to be especially on guard in the middle of the night.

#### **Business Management Major**

- Schuster said that he would not be making a presentation about this issue at this time.

#### V. Appointments

##### **Finance Committee**

- Miller introduced Sean Chibnik as the final member of the Finance Committee. He stated that Chibnik will fit well with the rest of the Finance Committee and stated his qualifications as the Associated Student Director of Budget and Finance at Moorpark College, with responsibilities which included overseeing a \$1million budget, and serving as Chair of the Programming Committee, which allocated funds to student groups.
- Schuster moved and Park seconded to approve the Appointment of Sean Chibnik to the Finance Committee.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Sean Chibnik to the Finance Committee with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*Araabi arrived*

#### VI. Fund Allocations

- Miller said that there were six Contingency Fund Requests submitted this week.
- Araabi inquired as to what "Suicide Killers" was and Miller explained that it is a movie.
- Schuster moved and Araabi seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocations Recommendations with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

#### VII. Officer and Member Reports

- Kaisey reminded Council Members that Officer and Member Reports should be no longer than three minutes.

##### **Cultural Affairs Commissioner – Marivell Caba**

- Caba announced that the Night at the Art Gallery reception would be held Thursday November 16, 2006 from 6-8pm and that she will have flyers ready to pass out next meeting.
- Caba said that the activist t-shirts are ready.
- Caba also said that Green Consciousness is making the Reggae Festival bigger than the Jazz part of the festival. She said they had decided to change the name of the event from Jazz/Reggae Festival to the Jam Reggae Fest.
- Caba said she is also working on World Fest and is working with the World Arts and Cultures Department to outreach to groups on campus in order to expand and make the program bigger.
- Caba also announced the continuous jazz series that takes place ever week in Kerckhoff Coffee House from 6 to 9pm and there is another program that takes place bi-weekly from 7 to 9pm.
- Dehar asked why the name was being changed to Jam Reggae and Caba said that it allowed for more eclectic groups to come to UCLA, that it would encompass more types of music, and would allow for higher profit. She also stated that the program will still have jazz artists and that they would perform in the evening.

- Kaisey asked how open the Art Gallery event is for students to submit their artwork. Caba said that space is limited but said if students emailed her she would try to accommodate them.

**General Representative 1 – Carlos Saucedo**

- Saucedo stated that the World Aids Day committee is working hard to put everything together and that next week he will be passing out a sheet about next week's happenings and will be asking for volunteers.
- Saucedo also stated that he will be organizing a Campus Safety Awareness Week during 4<sup>th</sup> week of Winter Quarter. Zai suggested that she and Saucedo combine their programs that will be taking place 4<sup>th</sup> week of Winter Quarter.

**Academic Affairs Commissioner – Nat Schuster**

- Schuster said that there was a film about AIDS in Africa that was called Yesterday. He said that there would be a Winter Course Enrollment workshop on Wednesday November 15, 2006 in Bradley International from 7 to 9pm.
- Schuster spoke further about Inter-Departmental Programs (IDP's) and the need to address the common problems that occur with all IDP majors. He stated that one of the most common problems is the question of who will be supporting students whose academic program does not fall into any individual department. A committee that is being put together to solve these problems was initially composed only of faculty, but that he is the undergraduate representative on the committee now, but that there is no graduate representative on it as of now.

**Facilities Commissioner – PC Zai**

- Zai said that the Bruin Bear Security T-shirts are now available and showed the council what they look like.
- Zai updated the council on the workings of the Sustainability Ad-Hoc committee and about the wireless internet that will be on campus soon. She also said that she met with the Wooden Center Board of Governors and found out that students from any UC can go to any UC campus and use the gym. She also updated the council on the parking situation and confirmed that apron parking restrictions will not be enforced until next quarter.
- Price asked how people will be informed about the change in the parking situation and if there have been any educational efforts between government relations and the office to distribute the information to Westwood residents. Zai said that she was thinking about putting flyers on the cars that are parked on the aprons to notify them of the change.
- Someone brought up the fact that some of the parking lot access cards are still letting cars into structures that they shouldn't be parking in. Zai confirmed this and said that there are still some glitches in the system that have not been corrected.

**Administrative Representatives – Berky Nelson and Rick Tuttle**

- *The Administrative Representatives did not have anything to report at this meeting.*

**External Vice President – Tina Park**

- Park gave council an update on National Affairs, which included the vote project to get as many students to vote as possible. She said that it was a success with 1,500 vote pledges attained and said that Polaroid's were taken of every person who pledged to vote. She said that voter information booklets were handed out and laptops were available for voters to check which polling location they were registered at. She said the voter turn-out was 300% of what was expected. The program had help from fraternities and the only problem they saw was that Hedrick's polling site got switched and people were confused as to where to go. The goal of the effort was to reduce voter disenfranchisement. She said that the Cultural Affairs Commission will be putting up a display of the Polaroid photos in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery.
- Park said that the UC Regents meeting will take place Wednesday November 15, 2006. It begins at 8am and will be open to the public until 11am. Students are asking for 33 million dollars to be used for academic preparation programs. Proposition 209 will also be acknowledged and discussed at this meeting, which will be held in Covell Commons.
- Kaisey strongly suggested that the voter information packet be shorter and more concise and that it include a map of the locations of the polling places. Park replied that the length of the voter

- registration packet was due to the fact that the packet gives in-depth information on those issues that impact students the most.
- Doria stated that the Polaroid's taken are not supposed to be hanging from the trees. Park explained that it was more than just hanging Polaroid's. She explained that each picture represented a student who was given individual attention, that they were actually spoken to and given a voter guide. She also said that she worked with CSP and they said it would be acceptable to hang the pictures from the tree as long as they were taken down by 12:30am.
  - Doria asked where the film and camera came from and whether they could be used at other events. Park answered that the cameras were rented and the film was purchased by her committee.

#### **Internal Vice President – Gregory Cendana**

- Cendana said that he has been working with the On-Campus Housing Council and that, on Wednesday January 10, 2007, there will be an event in DeNeve Plaza. He said he is working with the program director and that he will have the registration information up soon so that any interested groups can RSVP for the event.
- Cendana also spoke about the Student Leadership Summit, saying that he has been working with CSP and SAA and they have the date of January 18<sup>th</sup> in mind for it to take place.
- Cendana also stated that he finished his research paper on the Transgender Research Project he has been working on.

#### **President – Marwa Kaisey**

- Kaisey updated everyone on the Neighborhood Council issue. She said that they had met with Vince Wong from External Affairs. She said that they were also getting a lot of help from the Los Angeles City representative who works with Neighborhood Councils. She said they were about ready to move beyond the conceptual phase and to discuss the first steps of implementation. She said that they would be setting up near the end of the quarter for students who were interested in working on this project. She said that they will be setting up a regular schedule of meetings to function as a mock-council.
- Kaisey then spoke about Blue and Gold week and said they are working on outreach right now, both towards getting student organizations to help with entertainment and towards getting students to participate.
- Kaisey said there will be a meeting this Friday for the Western Association for Schools and Colleges Committee.
- Kaisey next said that the South Campus Fair is scheduled for Thursday of second week and that the South Campus Fellows from her office are helping with the planning.
- Kaisey also said that the ASUCLA Entities Committee would be meeting this Friday.
- Kaisey said that she is meeting with leaders in the transfer community to brainstorm on the policy changes and other ideas that Student Affairs had forwarded to USAC.
- Kaisey said that she tabled at the CSP Resource Fair last week and that the most frequently asked questions were about funding.
- Kaisey said that her Officer's Report handout did not include anything about the massive amount of chalking that is on campus. She said it was on Campbell Hall, on South Campus, by the Bruin Bear, and at other locations. She said she was very concerned about the widespread chalking on campus because it portrayed a very negative image of UCLA.
- Tuttle stated that the Neighborhood Council sounded very exciting and said he thought this was an excellent idea. He asked Kaisey what it would cost to implement it. Kaisey replied that the organization would receive a few thousand dollars for starting it and that it would be an autonomous body after that. She said it would not be under the Undergraduate Students Association Council, but that it would have student representation on it.
- Saucedo suggested to Kaisey that she stop printing out her officer reports for sustainability. Kaisey said that she would make fewer copies the next time but would still bring paper copies for those people that do not have a laptop and those who didn't bring their laptop to the meeting.

## VIII. Old Business

**Discussion of Bylaws Article III.C.2.b**

- Park and Doria said that they had met to talk about Article III.C.2.b. of the USAC Bylaws.
- Park said that Doria wanted to talk about the group of UCLA students that went to a recent UCSA conference and whether any of those students voted at the conference.
- Park said that UCSA, as an organization, is recognized by the UC system and that there is only one voting representative from each campus.
- Park said that the issue is whether someone could vote in place of the EVP if the EVP could not attend the UCSA conference and whether students who participate must be approved by USAC.
- Kaisey said that not all of the representatives vote and Park replied that it would be dangerous to make that distinction.
- Doria asked for the definition of a representative. Park said that every student is a member of UCSA and can represent students and can speak at the conferences.
- Price said that USAC pays for the individuals to go to such conferences. Park said that USAC determines how they use the money and that they do so independently from staff which has empowered them to make those decisions. She said that USAC is not meant to micromanage but should select people who are representative of UCLA. She said there is a distinction between checks and balances and micromanagement.
- Kaisey suggested that the Judicial Board be consulted to help with the interpretation of USAC's Bylaws on this subject.
- Doria said that Park had stated that the students who attend the conferences do not attend to vote but attend as a way of supporting her. He asked whether those students have the power to speak at the Conferences and, if they do have that right, he thought it should be clearly understood that their views should reflect the views of USAC. He said it was his opinion that Council should have control over who is going to these meetings and conferences.
- Price said that Council Members are elected to serve students and said she thought that Council's oversight was a way to be more transparent.

**Update on Action Agenda Items and Focus**

- Cendana said that council spends a lot of time at meetings and said he thought some of that time should be spent having each member report on their action agenda items and focus to find out where everyone is. He said he thought this was a way to hold everyone accountable for the things they are working on.
- Kaisey thanked Park for working on the Voter project and for staying on top of it.
- Dehar reported on the items his office was working on.
- Cendana said that the student networking night that he had been working on went well and that the Student Activist Project was coming along fantastically. He said that there were 30-40 regularly attending members and 20-25 consistent members. He said they would be having a field trip to a sweatshop downtown. He said the number of members was growing instead of shrinking.
- Zai updated the council on the Campus Safety Action agenda and said that it was going really well.
- Price updated council on the Leadership Development initiative.
- Kaisey stated that the Neighborhood Council Initiative is going very well, but that the Shared Governance issue was taking a while to get off of the ground.
- Tuttle recommended that Council look into how shared governance has been handled at other universities, as well as community colleges, commenting that there was more than one way to approach this matter.
- Schuster said that the Faculty members take pride in their shared governance but seem to be reluctant to have shared governance for the students.
- Tuttle said that in the El Camino district, the president came from an urban district, and they worked with the appropriate people to get it going from both sides.

**\* Wide-Format Printer for Communal Office or Campus Events Office**

- Dehar moved and Araabi seconded to allocate \$6,500 from the USAC surplus funds for the purchase of a wide-format printer.

- Dehar explained that they could produce large color posters on this printer at a cost of \$2 - \$3 dollars each, and said that Kinko's would charge \$10 dollars to print the same poster. He said that he talked to ASUCLA's Marketing Director about their wide-format printer and she told him the one they've used for many years has been well-worth the purchase price and the cost of the ink cartridges.
- Council was advised to overestimate to be on the safe side and to provide USAC with complete receipts.
- Dehar said that the printer prints posters up to 36 inches wide and that two rolls of paper will print about 150 posters. He said that it prints on a wide variety of media including plastic, nylon, and photo paper and can make banners. Dehar said it could be in his office or possibly in the Communal space.
- Miller asked who would be allowed to use the printer. Dehar said he thought they could start off with Council members. He said they could test the volume of usage, and then decide whether to make it available to student organizations.
- Kaisey asked if Council needed to decide on the details now. Dehar said that if Council approves funding of the printer, he could put it into his office initially and they could decide later where to put it. He said he brought the matter to Council so they could discuss whether they would use it too and, if they did, what they thought was the best place to put it. He said that, no matter where it was placed, he felt it would save a lot of money in the long run. Kaisey said it could be put into her office and that her student staff might be able to monitor usage if that would be necessary.
- Schuster said that having a poster and banner printer would make it easier for students to put events together. He said that if it's something that will be bought anyway, he saw no reason to sit on the decision.
- Dehar said that they'd probably have to work out a schedule to guarantee equal access to every office that wanted to use it. Dehar thanked Kaisey for offering her office as one of the possible locations, and said that would be fine with him.
- Doria asked whether Council would need to approve guidelines for the printer's use. Price said they might want to do that later, but they didn't need to come up with guidelines at the present moment.
- Park moved to Call the Question.
- There being no objection to the Calling of the Question, Council voted to approve \$6,500 from USAC Surplus Funds for the purchase of a Wide-Format Printer to be housed in the Communal Space, the USAC President's officer or the Campus Events office with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**\* Discussion on USAC Ad on Sudoku page in the Daily Bruin**

- Dehar suggested the idea of having updates about USAC events and announcements in the Daily Bruin above the daily Sudoku puzzle. Council agreed that it was a good idea, but said they thought it would be very expensive, and that the cost needed to be explored before they made a decision.

**IX. New Business**

**Wireless Discussion**

- Zai said that campus Administrators do not really have a good way to outreach to students to find out what they think about various issues. She said she had been looking into this and had found out about two possibilities. The first option is available through Time Warner where every user, including Professors, would log on with their individual login instead of a general login. She said there would be "hot spots" of service. The second option is a fully covered internet connection, which would include open green spaces as places where there would be coverage. She said that the second option, with universal coverage, would cost up to \$1 Million, which is approximately four times as much as the "hot spots" option. She said it's a question of price versus coverage.
- Doria said that he supports the wireless effort because the UCLA campus is behind the times and needs to catch up.

- Dehar asked what complete coverage would mean and Zai said it would encompass the four quarters of the campus
- Zai said she would be writing a resolution on this matter, and would bring the matter back to Council after she consults with the Information Technology Board (ITTB) staff.

**\*Resolution to Support Students to Increase Diversity at UCLA and in the UC System**

- Park said that the resolution is to provide information about why they are asking for the three demands and to support the work that they are doing for the rally and Press Conference tomorrow.
- Park moved and Saucedo seconded to approve the Resolution to Support Students to Increase Diversity at UCLA and in the UC System
- Kaisey asked why the Resolution didn't include Asian Americans and white students. She said further that she thought the information about Law School students was confusing. Kaisey then proposed amendments to Park that she thought would address those issues.
- Park said that the numbers for the Law School are even worse, saying that there is just one African American out of 300. She said Asian Pacific Islanders and white students are not included because they are not underrepresented. She said further that academic merit is not the only requirement to look at. She said she thought that the meaning of being a "qualified candidate" should be redefined.
- Doria said that there is a lot of talk about admission rates but what has to be looked at is where else these applicants are going.
- Schuster said it's clear that there is a lot of misunderstanding and the merit issue. He said that "life challenges" are already a big part of the Admissions process at UCLA. He said he had wanted to talk about this with the authors of the resolution, but he was unable to do that because he didn't get to see the wording of it until the very last minute.
- Kaisey made a "friendly suggestion" that everyone try to provide information on such important issues at least a week in advance.
- Dehar asked, with regard to Law School admits, if there were any numbers about students getting into *better* Law Schools.
- Park said that UCLA's Law School is one of the top five already. She said that Berkeley is having the same issues.
- Schuster reserved his right. He said that there's a difference between politics and good governance. He said he felt that his ideas and the ideas and input of other members of Council were being shut out because this resolution came out too late. He said that the University Administration is not ignoring the issue of diversity.
- Schuster moved and Zai seconded to take a maximum 20 minute recess. Schuster requested roll call vote.
- Council approved the motion to take a maximum 20 minute recess with a vote of 6 in favor, 6 opposed and 0 abstentions, with Kaisey voting in favor of the motion to break the tie.
- Council went into recess for 20 minutes.
- Council returned to open session within the maximum time allowed, and the meeting was reconvened.
- Park reserved her right, and said that the proposed amendments were deviating from the point the authors of the Resolution were trying to make.
- Park then moved to Call the Question and Araabi seconded the motion. Council voted on the motion to Call the Question with a vote of 6 in favor, 5 opposed and 1 abstention.
- Kaisey said that a 2/3 vote was not attained, therefore, the motion to Call the Question failed.
- Schuster reserved his right and moved to Call the Question. Price seconded the motion to Call the Question. Council voted to approve the Calling of the Question with 7 in favor, 4 opposed and 1 abstention.
- Council voted to approve the Resolution with a vote of 7 in favor, 5 opposed and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

- Jang said that her office is having five programs this week which include the Blood Drive in Ackerman, an event in Rieber's Fireside Lounge, a cooking class in Bradley International on Friday, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Sunset Rec at 10am for the Children's Hospital, and World AIDS day.
- Malik said that there will be a Teach for America presentation at 7pm in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon.
- Dehar said that one event for this week was cancelled and told council that there are guest list passes to Déjà vu for this Thursday.
- Doria said that the Financial Aid Fair went very well last week.
- Kaisey reminded council that there will be a Kerckhoff Haunt for the USAC Fellows next Tuesday.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XII. Adjournment

- Araabi moved and Saucedo seconded to adjourn.
- Council voted to adjourn at 9:19pm with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vanessa M. Macias  
USAC Minutes Taker