

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 28, 2006
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Caba, Cendana, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, Malik, McLaren, Miller, Park, Price, Sargent, Saucedo, Schuster, Tuttle, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: Araabi, Nelson

GUESTS: Kelly Haddigan, Jennifer Han, Yonatan Neydavoud

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Caba, Doria, and Saucedo asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Schuster pointed out that the item under New Business entitled Discussion on Late Summer/Early Fall USA/BOD was inaccurately listed as an Action Item, and said they would just be discussing this issue at tonight's meeting.
- Schuster moved and Doria seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Schuster asked for approval of the agenda by General Consensus. Kaisey asked if there were any objections to approval by General Consensus. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by General Consensus.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

Business Management Minor

- Kelly Haddigan and Yonatan Neydavoud of the Academic Affairs Commission presented a power point presentation regarding establishment of a Business Management Minor at UCLA.
- Haddigan said that she was interested in feedback from Council.
- Malik suggested that they talk with Faculty members on this. Haddigan said that one of the students on the committee has been talking with some UCLA Faculty members who have helped establish minors before and know how the process works. She mentioned that, as far as she knew, there was never a minor set up at UCLA that was student-initiated .
- Doria asked if they had spoken with anyone at other universities that had established a Business Management Minor to find out how they had done it. Haddigan said that was a good idea, and said they'd look into it.
Schuster said that the list of classes was created after speaking with members of the Undergraduate Business Society, looking at the curricula at other campuses, and talking with representatives of companies to find out what base of knowledge they felt

students should have in preparation for entering a corporate environment. He said that he had also spoken to the Chair of the Economics Department for more curricula ideas.

- Tuttle recommended that they find a tenured Faculty member at the Anderson School who might be interested in taking this on, and who would champion their efforts in establishing the Business Management Minor at UCLA. He commended the committee for the solid groundwork they had laid already.

V. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Miller said that five Contingency Requests were submitted this week totaling \$6,402.45, with the Finance Committee recommending total allocations of \$1,958.00.
- Price moved and Park seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Park asked when the deadline was to submit requests for the first two weeks of Winter Quarter. Miller replied that the deadline was actually yesterday, but that it wasn't too late to apply for discretionary.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Financial Supports Commissioner – Shaun Doria

- Doria said that last week his Fellows had their first full staff meeting. He said that they started planning for an Endowment Fund and that they also set up a committee to work on the first fundraiser.
- Tuttle congratulated Doria and suggested that he connect with Berky on the most effective way to get this done.
- Doria said that he planned to talk with Berky and other Administrators on the best way to accomplish this goal.

General Representative – Carlos Saucedo

- Saucedo said that this week was Get Tested Week. Yesterday Vagina Monologues took place and it was a success. He said the week will conclude with World Aids Day. He said that STD testing will take place from 10a.m. - 2p.m. in Pauley Pavilion this Friday. He said they will be handing out Safe Sex kits, which include dental dams, condoms, and lube, and will also be giving out red ribbons for people to wear. He said that someone will be walking around Bruin Plaza wearing a condom costume. Saucedo said that the condom costume was in his office right now, and asked Sargent (with a smile) if he wanted to wear it.
- Saucedo said that people would be congregating outside the James West Alumni Center at Noon and said they might be circulating petitions for people to sign.
- Doria asked how people would be notified about the STD testing in Pauley Pavilion. Saucedo replied that they would be sending out emails, posting messages on Facebook, and handing out flyers on Bruin Walk. He said there would also be signs posted on the day of the testing.
- Saucedo passed out Get Tested Week flyers for council to take and to distribute.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner – Marivell Caba

- Caba gave an update on Jazz Reggae, saying that they would be expanding it this year. She said there would be a Jazz day, a Reggae day and a Jam Fest day. She said that they would be holding several workshops which would cover issues such as college preparation. She said they were working with the African Student Union, with SHAPE

and with UCLA's Ethnomusicology Department in setting up the workshops. She said that the workshops would be held during the week leading up to the concerts, and that the concerts would be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Nat Schuster

- Schuster said that the Dinner with Students in Engineering will take place in Covell from 6 to 8pm.
- Schuster said that he has been talking with people in UCLA's Digital Lab and in the Humanities Lab about students being able to print there at no cost. He said that, beginning December 18th, all students will be able to get \$10 worth of printing each quarter at no cost.
- Kaisey asked where the money is coming from to cover this expense, to which Schuster said he assumed it was coming from the instructional labs.

General Representative – Joline Price

- Price said that there would be a short film shown on Wednesday, December 5 about honor killings in Asia. She said it's about how some fathers restore the honor of a "lost" daughter by killing them.
- Price said she would be working on funding workshops for the upcoming funding deadlines.
- Park asked what the motivation was for showing the film about honor killings, to which Price replied that the president of the First Ladies Club had told her that their group was interested in the issue.
- Saucedo asked what the First Ladies Club was. Price replied that it is a new student organization that was about a year old that advocates for women from a right wing perspective.

External Vice President – Tina Park

- Park said that her office is on a break until the end of the quarter. She said that, at the last staff meeting, everyone was sent off with an assignment to research a piece of legislation. She said they are also working on Lobby Day for Spring Quarter.

President – Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey said that there was an article in the Daily Bruin about the Neighborhood Council, and said that there will be a public meeting tomorrow at noon in Ackerman 2408 to get new people involved.
- Kaisey said that her office is outreaching for the South Campus Fair, which will take place the second week of Winter Quarter.
- Kaisey said that vending service surveys are being handed out to get suggestions as to what students would like to see changed in regards to the selection that vending machines offer.
- Kaisey thanked everyone who helped out with the Kerckhoff Haunt. She said the Fellows really enjoyed it and they were all able to learn more about the structure of USAC.
- Kaisey updated council on Blue and Gold Week and said that the Fellows will be learning a lot about programming in general, and about how to program events in various venues and how to co-program with other student groups. Kaisey thanked ASUCLA's Executive Director and other members of ASUCLA for providing hot chocolate and food at 4:00a.m. to the students that were out guarding the Bear overnight. She said that about 50 people participated and that about 15 of them slept over or stayed up all night. Kaisey said that On-Campus Housing Council will be showing the film "Old School" on a big screen in Bruin Plaza at 11:00p.m. She said there would also be a T-shirt decorating contest. She said that the goal of the Bruin Security Force was to protect the mascot with a team of students instead of wrapping it with a tarp. She encouraged everyone to come out and support the members of the Bruin Security Force. Kaisey ended her report by reminding Council that USAC is

going to have its own float in the Homecoming Parade this year, and said they are working on the theme.

VIII. Old Business

Update on Action Agenda Items and Focus

- Park said that she had an update on Admissions. She said there is support for a Statewide Summit, and the possibility of Northern California and Southern California versions.
- Kaisey asked who is sitting on the board. Park replied that the names haven't been released yet. She said they were trying to get regional and ethnic diversity on the board.
- Kaisey updated council on the Student Voice Program. She then said that they are trying to get people in the community to recognize the importance of participating in the Neighborhood Council.
- Tuttle asked whether they were reaching out to the Graduate Students Association regarding the Neighborhood Council. Kaisey said they hadn't done that, but it was a very good idea that she would follow through on.

IX. New Business

*** Fight to Give Life Resolution**

- Saucedo presented the Resolution in Support of the Fight to Give Life campaign at UCLA.
- Saucedo said that this resolution is in support of gay men being allowed to donate blood. He spoke about a disease known as GRID, which is no longer a gay disease. He said that the current guidelines for blood donations are discriminatory towards gay men, especially gay men who have had sexual relations with other men.
- Saucedo said that the goal is to educate people about the restrictions in the current guidelines which prohibit gay men from donating blood.
- Saucedo said that his office and the Queer Alliance would be presenting information about this issue tomorrow from Noon to 1:00p.m.
- Saucedo moved and Schuster seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Fight to Give Life Campaign at UCLA.
- Doria said that he had gone to the website of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) last night and read their report. He said that the report said they had revisited the guidelines last year and concluded that the testing is not reliable yet and that the technology is not year "up to par." He said that the FDA recommended that there be a one-year waiting period after a man had sex with another man before donating blood. Saucedo said that the guidelines had been revisited but that no changes were made and the guidelines remain discriminatory.
- Shuster reminded council that the FDA Director is a political appointee and said that the FDA has been known to put policy before science. He said that there perspectives to this issue, one from a civil rights position and one from a scientific point of view. He said he would like to hear arguments from both perspectives on this matter.
- Park said that the FDA's site states very strongly that the policy seems to be specifically directed at male/male sex. Park stated that she believed that Council should take a strong stance against this policy because h Doria and stated that Coucil should be taking a position against this because it excludes people who want to do good by donating blood.
- Price asked what would be happening during the action campaign. Saucedo replied that they would be circulating petitions and that there will be a table on the walk with information about the issue. Saucedo added that there would be T-shirts available, printed with the question, "Can you donate blood?" and the statement, "Ask me why I can't". He said they would be passing out blue ribbons to everyone who supports their effort.

- Saucedo said that the American Red Cross does not agree with the guidelines against homosexual men but they forced to follow the guidelines. Doria said that he does not see this as solely against gay men, and said he would like to see a statement added to the Resolution about the fact that there is technology to detect “bad” blood.
- Council approved the Resolution in Support of the Fight to Give Life Campaign at UCLA with a unanimous vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

***Wireless Resolution**

- Zai presented the Resolution Encouraging the Development of Blanket Wireless Coverage Across the UCLA Campus.
- Zai said that wireless Internet is important on campus and pointed out that one of UCLA’s Professors was one of the people who developed Wireless Internet in 1994. She said that UCLA was behind the times with regard to Wireless access on campus.
- Zai moved and Price seconded to approve the Resolution Encouraging the Development of Blanket Wireless Coverage Across the UCLA Campus.
- Kaisey asked if Zai had talked to the ITPB Representative about this issue. Zai responded that she had, and said there is very strong support for it, especially for South Campus. She said that in South Campus there are many servers but they are all locked.
- Tuttle stated that he was concerned about any health or safety issues that might result from having wireless Internet all over campus.
- Kaisey, Malik and Price made friendly amendments to the wording of the Resolution.
- Williams suggested that the “Whereas” statements be strengthened by using the word “demand” so that Administrators will recognize that this is a issue of great importance to the students.
- Council voted to approve the Resolution Encouraging the Development of Blanket Wireless Coverage Across the UCLA Campus with a unanimous vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Cendana arrived.

Discussion on Late Summer/Early Fall USA/BOD Programming Funds

- Schuster said that there is no funding available for Zero Week, Week 1, and Week 2. He said they were moving up the BOD for the entire quarter and that they are leaving out student groups that are not active during the summer. He said they would not be interviewing for SOOF or for BOD Programming.
- Park suggested that retroactive funding be allowed for BOD Programming just for the Fall Quarter.
- Kaisey stated that it would be a slippery slope to allow for retroactive funding.
- Williams suggested talking to Jerry Mann to get his opinion on the issue of retroactive funding.
- Park suggested that there be a summer funding cycle because some student groups program in the summer.
- Tuttle suggested that they get input from the Center for Student Programming as well.
- Kaisey suggested that these proposed changes be reviewed by a special committee. She also recommended that Council get input from Mann, McLaren, and Nelson.
- Price suggested the possibility of having funds available earlier for the student organizations from the Student Organizations Operational Fund.
- Kaisey suggested that this issue be dealt with away from the table.

X. Announcements

- The Community Service Commission will provide transportation services for students who are using the 24 hour study lounges in Kerckhoff. The van pick-up site is at A-Level Ackerman. The service will be provided all this week.

- Saucedo said that the movie Rent would be shown at 6pm before the Beat SC Bonfire on Thursday. He also asked everyone to support World AIDs Day and to get a free T-shirt.
- Malik said that her office would be holding a general meeting tomorrow.
- Doria said that Delta Kappa Epsilon would be hosting a Halo video game tournament from 6-9p.m. in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon. He said there was a \$15 fee (per person) to take part in the tournament.
- Kaisey said that there will be a Neighborhood Council Meeting this week, and said that she has flyers about the meeting and about the Blue and Gold Camp Out by the bear.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XII. Adjournment

- Malik moved and Cendana seconded to adjourn.
- Council voted to adjourn with a unanimous vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa M. Macias
USAC Minutes Taker