

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday December 5, 2006
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.PRESENT: Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, Malik, McLaren, Miller, Nelson,
Park, Price, Saucedo, Sargent, Schuster, Tuttle, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Clayton Stewart, Erika Tomatore, Jesse Melgar, Gabe Rose, Alex Cavanaugh, David
Stearns, Sherlyn Mossahebfar, Noa Simchori, Jesse Rogel, Jennifer Han, Stacy Chang,
Christian Bogehery, Victoria Heidelberger

I. A. Call to Order

- Kaisey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Dehar, Jang and Zai asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Schuster asked to remove the New Business item entitled *Guidelines for Early Fall USA/BOD Programming Fund*.
- Cendana moved and Jang seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Council voted to approve the agenda as amended with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

Mobile Campus, Clayton Stewart

- Stewart that he went to the University of Texas and graduated last May and that he had been in student government all of his 4 years in college.
- Stewart explained that the program he is presenting is already available at 10 schools around the nation. He said that the Mobile Campus provides three things to students: a reduction of the cost of student life, mass communication, and it serves as an additional revenue string. He said it works through cell phone text messaging because that is a fast and efficient means of communication.
- Stewart said that the first part is a discount offer. He said he was aware of the BenefitsU program at UCLA and was willing to work with them. He assured Council that his company had no intention of taking over. He said that there's no cost to join Mobile Campus, and then mentioned some of the benefits. He said they could send two text messages a day for free, and said that students who join would get discounts at fast

- food restaurants. He also spoke about a program called Bruin Buzz where they could find campus information.
- Stewart said that the second part of Mobile Campus is a mass communication feature. On the micro level, he said it can be used as an emergency communication outlet. He said it can also be used to supplement email so that professors can communicate with an entire class in case there is a class cancellation or things of the sort. He informed Council that Mobile Campus is not allowed to sell information to third parties.
 - Stewart said that the third part of the program would generate revenue back to student government because they are given one dollar for every student that signs up. He explained that his company completely runs the program and that they would hire staff from members of the UCLA campus community.
 - Stewart added that they are flexible and can add any additional programs the university may want. He said there's a broad scope of programs, including such things as notification of grades via cell 'phone, looking up books, GPS locating, and working with the Registrar's Office to set up a system where students could be notified when their tuition is due to be paid.
 - Doria asked if Stewart had any written information that he could send to Council. Stewart replied that he would send all relevant information to Council, and would also send a copy of the contract for their review and consideration. He remarked that the contract is surprisingly short.
 - Williams asked if the organization generates any revenue other than the membership fee that students would pay to participate in the program. Stewart said that they generate revenue through advertising.
 - Kaisey suggested that anyone on Council who is interested in bringing this program to campus should let her know and she will send that information on to Stewart.

Dance Marathon, Gabe Rose

- Rose presented the Dance Marathon, saying that it is a philanthropic event that lasts for 26 hours straight. He said it takes place on Presidents' Day weekend. He said that approximately 2,000 students get together and dance for a good cause. He said that the money that this event raises is given to Camp Kindle Kids, a camp for kids that are affected by HIV/AIDS. He said it's an amazing cause, and gave a statistic that a child dies every minute from HIV/AIDS.
- Rose said that Penn State's Dance Marathon lasts for 48 hours ! He said he had come to the meeting to ask for Council's support, saying that USAC has put together a Dance Marathon team in past years. He said that they would be sending an email to everyone on Council regarding the event, and told them that everyone who signs up online at bruindance@dancemarathon.org for early registration would save \$10 dollars.
- McLaren asked if Dance Marathon was going to be held in the Ackerman Grand Ballroom again this year, to which Rose replied that it would be.
- Saucedo reminded Council that if you cannot be a dancer, you can sign up to be a Moraler.
- McLaren asked what their goal was for this year. Rose said that last year they raised \$269,000, and that their goal for this year is \$300,000.

V. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Miller said that there were 10 Contingency Programming applications submitted this week, and that one of them was made via his discretionary authorization. He said that a total of \$10,419.87 was requested, with a total of \$5,125.00 being recommended for allocation..

- Jang moved and Schuster seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

A copy of the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations is included in the Agenda packet.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Facilities Commissioner – PC Zai

- Zai said that being on the Bruin Bear Security Force was fun and cold ! She said that there were a lot of dedicated people who participated and that winning the game made it all worthwhile.
- Zai said, with regard to wireless, the ITPB has not yet made a decision on to how they would approach the issue. She said that there's not enough money to have blanket wireless coverage, but there is enough to have "hot spots" at various locations throughout the campus.
- Doria asked whether blanket coverage would be an option in the future if they set up only wireless hot spots now. Zai said it might be, but commented that no one seems to be talking about that possibility at this time.
- Kaisey asked Zai to make sure that the Wireless Coverage Resolution that Council approved be seriously considered by the Administration.
- Williams asked what the difference would be between having blanket coverage and a bunch of hot spots that almost entirely cover the campus. Zai said it would not be much of a difference, but said that blanket coverage would give students the option of studying on the IM field if they wanted to.
- Zai said that a petition is being circulated regarding the parking situation in North Village. She said they are seeking a delay in enforcement of the restriction on apron parking.
- Kaisey said that the parking petition is on the USAC website. She said that the 1,000 copies of the petition they had printed were already all gone. She said their aim is to have more people petition electronically. She said they will stop collecting signatures on Friday and will turn in all the signed petitions to City Councilman Jack Weiss's office. She said they wanted to postpone enforcement of the restriction on apron parking to coincide with the time that new leases begin. She said that there is a lot of support for the proposed delay because approximately 900 people will be directly affected by the restriction.
- Tuttle asked if this issue was one for the Neighborhood Council to work on. Kaisey said that it is, and said they have made it their top priority.

Campus Events Commissioner – Ravi Dehar

- Dehar said that his office is working on providing online tickets for sneaks and other events. He said he had met with Eric Splaver from My.ucla about this possibility, that it was going to be "fast-tracked, and might be available by the beginning of next quarter. He said he will continue to work on this project with a goal of having online ticketing available for such things as the cultural shows that are held in Spring Quarter.

Student Welfare Commissioner – Tamaron Jang

- Jang said that they had three times as many teams sign up this year than in past years for the "Three on Three Basketball Tournament."
- Jang said that they had three Blood Drives this quarter and have already collected 756 units, which is 100 more than their last drive.
- Jang said that there will be two cooking classes next quarter which will take place around Valentine's Day. She said the classes would be held in the Tom Bradley International building.

- Jang announced that the CPR classes that usually take place on Tuesdays are now going to take place on Wednesdays.
- Jang said that she has been in contact with Dr. Jo Ann Dawson, Interim Director of the ASHE Center and has talked with PamViele about the SHA program and about SWC's SHA Resolution.
- Tuttle asked why Student Health Services is dropping the SHA program. Jang replied that Student Health is currently evaluating all of their core programs to determine how they can best utilize the funding they will have for the coming year. She said that the SHA program tends to be used mostly by students who live in the Res Halls, and she doesn't know what they're going to decide about where the SHA program will fit in their list of priorities.

External Vice President – Tina Park

- Park said that several graduate students had asked her to meet with them regarding the taser incident. She said she had given them a copy of USAC's Resolution on the matter.
- Park said that she would be meeting with the Vice Chair of the UC Academic Council this week to talk about diversity in the UC system. She said her office will be planning a Diversity Summit in conjunction with the Statewide Student Initiated Academic Preparation Coalition. Dr. Tuttle recommended that Park invite the Governor to attend the Diversity Summit.
- Park said that she was tentatively planning to send Holiday Welcome Cards to new members of the State Senate and State Assembly to introduce students from her office to them and to tell them about the issues her office would be working with them on, such as the Student Compact, fees, financial aid, etc.
- Park ended by announcing the names of state legislators who will be chairing some of the Assembly Committees.

Internal Vice President – Gregory Cendana

- Cendana said that he was getting sick, so his report would be very short.
- Cendana said that he would like to see a brief synopsis included with each item that is submitted for the USAC Agenda each week. He suggested that, for discussion items, there should be a brief statement about its purpose. For Action Items, he suggested that there should be a short paragraph.
- Price asked why Cendana was asking for a paragraph. Cendana replied that the synopsis would allow everyone on Council to be better prepared to discuss the item. Kaisey asked whether he was making this mandatory. Cendana said that it is highly suggested, but not mandatory, and said it is more of a courtesy than anything. Plus, he said it is a matter of transparency.
- Cendana ended his report by saying that the USAC T-shirt designs will be finalized by next week.

President – Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey said that Blue and Gold week went very well and that the camp-out was better organized this year than it was last year. She said that about 50 people camped out last night and they stayed until 3:00 in the morning. She suggested that a Thank You card be sent to Bob Williams and Karen Noh for arranging to have hot chocolate provided for the campers at night. She said they originally planned for the camp-out to last from Monday to Thursday, but said that there were people out there on Friday night, too.
- Kaisey said that she had spoken with Vice Chancellor Montero about what Council might do regarding the recent taser incident in Powell Library.
- Kaisey ended her report by saying that she is drafting a letter from Council to the football team to thank them for believing in themselves. She asked for suggestions from everyone on what else they thought should be included in the letter.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

Discussion on Integrity of Officers

- Kaisey said she had recently learned that, over the summer, her signature was forged on some of the New Hire forms. She said that she was upset and disappointed that this had happened. She said the thing that upset her the most is that it's illegal to forge someone's signature. She said if the person who did this had asked her, she would have authorized them to sign on her behalf. She said that it may have been just a careless mistake on someone's part.
- Cendana said that Kaisey's remarks were directed at him. He said it was disrespectful of her to bring this up at the Council table without talking to him beforehand. Kaisey replied that she had contacted him about the matter but that she hadn't heard back from him.
- Cendana explained that he had been asked to sign the forms as an interim measure because Kaisey was not available to sign them, and said he was told there was a deadline which needed to be met.
- Kaisey apologized to Cendana after hearing his statement on why he had signed the forms.
- Tuttle asked Kaisey if she considered this matter to be resolved. Kaisey said that she did.

Preliminary Rules and Rates for the USAC Wide-Format Printer

- Dehar said that he had evaluated the cost of printing posters on the wide format poster printer, and suggested that everyone who uses it be charged a dollar per square foot. He suggested that the recharges go through Student Government Accounting, on a monthly basis.
- Dehar recommended that the poster printer be placed in the President's office and that its usage be restricted to USAC elected officers and commissioners, and their designated staff members. He suggested that a process be set up where officers that wanted to use it could reserve it ahead of time.
- Kaisey asked when the printer will be delivered. Dehar said they hadn't heard back from the company yet.
- Park said, and Price agreed, that they would like to have the poster printer placed in the Communal Office Space. They said they thought there should be some sort of security system for it.
- Zai mentioned that there's no process in place yet to manage usage of the communal space. McLaren suggested that Council Members talk with Jason Mizzell on the subject of usage of the Communal Space.

*** Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the Student Health Advocate (SHA) Program**

- Jang moved and Cendana seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the Student Health Advocate Program.
- Schuster recommended adding a clause stating that SHAs provide services that RAs are not trained to do.
- Price and Malik suggested adding a clause to state that the SHAs provide essential healthcare services after-hours, and their services are free.
- Park suggested including detailed information about the related services that the Student Welfare Commission provides.
- Park moved and Jang seconded to table the Resolution until after the New Business item on the Academic Success Referendum Fund has been dealt with.

- Council voted to table the Resolution until after the New Business item on the Academic Success Referendum has been dealt with by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

*** Guidelines for the Academic Success Referendum Fund**

- Schuster said that the Academic Success Referendum Fund (ASRF) was close to being up and running. He said he had found ASRF Guidelines on the USAC website, but they needed to be updated. He said he is now presenting the revised guidelines for approval. He said that he had referred to the Community Service Mini Fund Guidelines as a possible model for the updating of the Academic Success Referendum Fund Guidelines.
- Schuster moved and Park seconded to approve the Guidelines for the Academic Success Referendum Fund.
- Williams asked if these guidelines have been discussed with Jerry Mann, stating that Mann gets paid to provide such support to student leaders. He recommended that all Council Members make use of Mann's knowledge and experience in such matters. Schuster replied that he had not talked to Jerry Mann about the Guidelines, to which Williams again recommended that he discuss these guidelines with Mann.
- Araabi said that the Academic Affairs Commissioner is no longer on the funding committee, and asked if these guidelines needed to be approved by USAC's Finance Committee. Schuster replied that they need to be approved by Council.
- Malik stated that funding is a big issue, and said that she would feel more comfortable if Schuster met with Jerry Mann about the ASRF Guidelines before Council votes on them. Park said she agreed with Malik's recommendation.
- Tuttle pointed out some inconsistencies between Bylaw Section D.1 and D.3, and suggested a possible way to clear this up.
- Schuster stated that he wanted to pass the ASRF Guidelines today because he did not want to wait until Spring Quarter to give out the funds. Kaisey said she agreed with Schuster on this point.
- Price expressed her concern that the availability of the funds would be pushed back too far if Council delays in approving the guidelines.
- Araabi stated that Council is on board with this and does not foresee any problems in getting it approved..
- Schuster said that he would like to see these guidelines approved in time for the funds to be available in Winter Quarter.
- Tuttle suggested that Council could approve Schuster's proposed guidelines, pending Jerry Mann's review of them, so that the funds could be available for Winter Quarter. Price said that she agreed with Dr. Tuttle's suggestion.
- Council voted to approve the Guidelines for the Academic Success Referendum Fund pending Jerry Mann's review and approval, to take effect Winter Quarter, with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

***Continuation of Discussion Regarding Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the SHA Program**

- Following further discussion of the wording of the clauses in the Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the SHA Program, Council members concluded that they needed to give further thought to this matter before approving the language.
- Jang moved and Cendana seconded to table the Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the Student Health Advocate Program with a vote of 9 in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

- Araabi said that this week was Invisible Children Awareness Week to break the silence on this situation.

- Jang said that her office had purchased rape whistles which would be handed out after the Campus Events sneak this week.
- Price said that there would be a film screening tomorrow about honor killings. She said the screening would be at 7:00p.m. in Haines 118.
- Malik announced that there would be two concerts for Battle of the Bands coming up on January 21st and January 31st.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XII. Adjournment

- Cendana moved and Park seconded to adjourn.
- Council voted to adjourn with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Macias,
USAC Minutes Taker