

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 9, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Steven Ly, Jennifer Han, Kimberly Young

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

- Cendana, Doria, Jang, and Zai asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Cendana asked to add a vote on USAC T-shirt design under New Business.
- Schuster asked to add the Academic Success Referendum Fund (ASRF) Guidelines to the agenda.
- Araabi moved and Dehar seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Council voted to approve the agenda as amended with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- Schuster moved and Zai seconded to add Approval of the revised ASRF Guidelines as an Action Item under Old Business.
- Council approved the motion to add the revised ASRF Guidelines to the agenda as an action item under Old Business with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the September 26, 2006 Minutes

- Cendana moved and Araabi seconded to approve the minutes of September 26, 2006.
- Council approved the motion with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

IV. Special Presentations

Presentation on the New Organization of Booklending

- Doria said that all available books will be catalogued and the bar code will be scanned directly into the computer. He said students will be able to search for books they need and can reserve the book using their student I.D. card. He said the new system will provide the name and email address of the person who has the book you're looking for. He said that, in the past, students were required to fill out a paper form, and those forms had to be kept on file.
- Doria said that he would begin reorganizing the books this week and they will be categorized by the classes each book will be used in, which means that the students won't have to find that information on their own.

- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Shaun Doria as the USAC Representative to the Academic Affairs Funding Board with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

VI. Fund Allocations

There were no funding allocation requests this week.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Facilities Commissioner – PC Zai

- Zai said that she had good news to report. She said that the ban on apron parking would not be enforced until this summer. She said they would not be giving parking violation tickets during this period and that anyone who was paying for parking could take legal action. She said that it is important to find a solution to the problem before the ban is enforced.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner – Marivell Caba

- Caba said that Hip Hop Appreciation Week will take place from Tuesday through Friday of 7th week. She said there will be a noon concert each day. On Day 1, there will be a panel discussion on West Coast Hip-Hop. The headliner is Ghostface. She said that if anyone would like more information on the even they should come to her.

External Vice President – Tina Park

- Park said that she had legislative updates and that they are waiting for the governor's proposed budget to see how much money would be allocated to higher education.
- Park spoke about the U.S. Regents meeting in San Francisco and said that the budget for it was on the January agenda and that the budget will probably be postponed until the Regents' meeting in March.
- Park said that the University of California, Santa Barbara ran a successful referendum in the fall for the school to increase their budget.

Financial Supports Commissioner – Shaun Doria

- Doria handed out an Officer's Report. He said that the Book Lending program would officially start next week with a Book Lending Fair on the Hill. It is meant to serve the community that really needs it.
- McLaren asked if the Book Lending information could be posted on the door of his office for students who come by when he's not in his office. Doria said that was a good suggestion, and he would follow through on it.
- Doria said that he was also working on establishing an endowment for the Book Lending program and that he would talking with ASUCLA and other entities about "start-up" funding until the endowment is in place.
- Doria said his office was also working on an event, probably a dinner, to raise funds for disaster relief. Kaisey remarked that last year's General Reps had this idea also.

Internal Vice President – Gregory Cendana

- Cendana said that the Recruitment Fair is next week. He said that his staff had a retreat this weekend.
- Cendana said that his office held a workshop during the break entitled, Transgender 101 Workshop. One of the issues they discussed was what needs to be changed in the information that RA's will post on bulletin boards.
- Cendana said that that he spoke with an ACLU representative regarding the Campus Safety Awareness issue.
- Cendana said that Council would be voting on the USAC T-shirt design options.
- Cendana said he would be publicizing at ORL the ASUCLA Textbooks Reward Program.

- while circulating the petitions said he was interested in working with the Neighborhood Council in gathering information on how to rent an apartment for the first time.
- Kaisey updated Council on the issue of shared governance and said some research had been done on what Faculty members thought about it. She said preliminary information indicates that they are adamant about Shared Governance, but not at the student level. She said that students on her staff who came from community colleges are looking into how this is dealt with at the Community Colleges because they think that Shared Governance is mandated there.
 - Kaisey said that the Neighborhood Council will be outreaching to the stakeholders. She said she would be asking Park for help in outreach to other potential stakeholders in the community.
 - Sargent asked whether they have outreached to the Academic Senate, and suggested that they work with Schuster on getting an Academic Senate representative appointed to serve on Council.
 - Tuttle said that it would be helpful because the professors that would be interested in serving on USAC would be those who are focused on students. He said that it would also be beneficial because students would get to know professors on a different level. Kaisey said she would want to try it and determine whether a Professor thought serving on USAC would be worth their time.
 - Schuster updated Council about the First Year Transfers Adjustment item. He said he has to email and call a few people and that he would have something for Council for the next report/update.
 - Caba said, in regard to her focus on Admissions, her office has been able to provide USAC with their report.
 - Araabi said that a draft of the petition to mandate the university to have a diverse community is being worked on.
 - Kaisey suggested having the specifics about each item be submitted as written updates.
 - Doria said that he was excited to see the Daily Bruin reporting on the issue of admissions and fees, and is looking forward to working on these issues.
- * Vote on Revised Faculty, Staff, Administrator Award Guidelines (UFSA)**
- Schuster said that he had met with Jerry Mann to talk about the guidelines and that Mann thought there were redundancies within the document. For that reason, they combined the issues into one item. Schuster said that Item 7B changed to Item 4B and, instead of "15 copies," it was changed to "sufficient copies." He said there was also a change from "USAC Financial Guidelines" to "USAC Bylaws." Schuster said that Mann also thought that the evaluation form should be changed and updated.
 - Schuster moved and Araabi seconded to approve the Guidelines for the Faculty, Staff, Administrator Award, as amended.
 - Tuttle asked if this would have to be reviewed by Bob Naples' office. Schuster said he wasn't certain, but said he would rather have it reviewed by Naples' office than not have it reviewed by him. Tuttle suggested that Council go forward with this with the understanding that it would have to be approved by Bob Naples.
 - Kaisey asked why it would have to be approved Naples since it is USAC money. Tuttle replied that it would have to be approved because the funds are mandated to be collected from student fees.
 - Nelson said another reason it is wise to have Naples approval is that it would send a message that the entire university is behind Council on this issue.
 - Williams said that it would not hurt Council to make sure that this is approved.
 - McLaren suggested that the original wording of the document be attached, along with the revised version, when the document is sent to Dr. Naples.
 - Council voted to approve the Revised Guidelines of the Faculty, Staff, Administrator Award with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

IX. New Business