

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 16, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Caba, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, McLaren, Miller, Nelson, Price, Sargent, Saucedo, Schuster, Tuttle, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: Malik, Park

GUESTS: Jennifer Han, Daily Bruin, Irene Nguyen, Jeanlee Obergfell, EVP's Office, Katie Strickland, Daily Bruin, Kimberly Young, Daily Bruin

I. A. Call to Order

- Kaisey called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Schuster, and Saucedo asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Doria said that he would talk about his discussion item in his Officer Report.
- Cendana said that he would like Council to vote on the Old Business item of the SHA Resolution.
- Price moved and Saucedo seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Council voted to approve the agenda as amended with a unanimous vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

Governor's Budget

- Jeanlee Obergfell said that the presentation she was going to make was on behalf of USAC's External Vice President. She said the presentation was about the Governor's California Budget.
- Following the power point presentation, Obergfell said she would email it to everyone on Council.

V. Appointments

Judicial Board

- Cendana said they were recommending Irene Nguyen for the vacancy on the Judicial Board, which occurred because of Farhad Mofidi's recent resignation. Cendana said that Nguyen stood out because she has no USAC affiliation with anything that can give her

- Doria said that regarding the Disaster Relief Fund, he will be working with the Inter-Fraternity Council to see if this can be an all Greek event. He said he will also be meeting with the Red Cross about starting up a fund.
- Doria said that the Financial Aid Fair that is coming up will concentrate on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other financial aid programs. He will be meeting with the Financial Aids Office on Thursday to talk about outreach on the Hill because it was not very successful last year.
- Sargent asked how the logistics of the endowment/scholarship would be carried out and Doria said that most of the logistics would be carried out by his office and, as far as funding, it would run from the office of the Vice Chancellor External Affairs. He said that they are looking into having an administrative representative on the committee. too.
- Tuttle asked whether there are any plans to solicit funds from the private sector for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Doria responded that he would like to get a speaker and that he would be looking into collaborating with Dehar to get this done. Tuttle suggested that they talk with someone on the University side about their private sector donors, saying he thought that the University would be interested in Doria's proposal because it would benefit both parties. Sargent suggested that the program be structured with the help of the VC External Affairs' office. He said that working with the Greek community is a great idea, and suggested that they also outreach to the cultural communities.

General Representative – Samer Araabi

- Araabi said that the first episode of the Social Justice series took place and that he will try to improve next weeks events. There will be a lecture and performance on how art has always been at the forefront of the social justice movement.
- Araabi said that the Student Activist Project will be having their Winter Quarter Retreat soon.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Nat Schuster

- Schuster said that his office had the Why Law? event today and that it went well with 20% of the seats filled 20 minutes before the event even started.
- Schuster said that the Dinner with Law Students event will take place the week after next and that the Thank You for Smoking film will be shown on the 31st.
- Schuster said that in terms of advocacy, he will be having more meetings with administrators such as Judi Smith to continue progress for the Business Minor and the Chemistry series changes.
- Schuster updated Council about the Faculty/Staff/Administrator Award. He said that the applications have been sent out, that he is putting a press release article about it in the Daily Bruin and that the applications are finally posted online on the USAC website.
- Schuster also reminded Council to apply for Academic Success Referendum funds and that the deadline is ongoing every week.
- Saucedo asked if there were other ways to obtain the Faculty/Staff/Administrator award application besides getting it online on the USAC website. Schuster replied that there is no other way to access it other than the USAC website at the moment and that it is something that he and some of the other offices should help to publicize. He said that there will be coverage through the Daily Bruin but that something else is needed to advertise the award. He believes that there needs to be more of a proactive effort and asked Council to inform him if they wanted to help.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner – Marivell Caba

- Caba spoke about the post secret event and announced that there will be a follow up event. It is totally anonymous and that participants should drop off their secrets in her office.
- Caba said that her office has a retreat in San Clemente this weekend where they will solidify future programs and evaluate past events to see how they could have made them better.

VIII. Old Business

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

- Jang said that this resolution is very similar to the last draft Council discussed, but pointed out that it included more background information background about the SHA Program.
- Jang moved and Araabi seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the Student Health Advocate (SHA) Program.
- Tuttle raised a Point of Information asking when this version of the resolution was sent to Council members. Jang replied that it was sent out last Friday, January 12, 2007.
- Tuttle asked what the importance of the resolution is. Jang said that the resolution is important because it indicates USAC's acknowledgment and support of the SHA program. She said further that it is a shows how all members of USAC are working together and making it known how strongly USAC feels about the dissolution of the SHA program.
- Dehar said that he finds the resolution "SHA-king."
- Tuttle said that as he understands it, the SHA program will be redlined. Jang replied that the SHA program was specific to those on the Hill but that it will now be more of an overall program. In the new plan, in order to get care you have to go to the Ashe Center, which will have extended hours.
- Tuttle asked whether the proposed changes will be saving the university money and Jang answered that she didn't have the answer to that question.
- Tuttle asked where the SHA program re-evaluation came from and whether it was from Price Waterhouse or someone else. Jang answered that the change was recommended from a higher authority and from UCLA's Department of Health Education.
- Tuttle asked Jang whether the resolution was something that she believed in strongly. Jang replied that this issue is very important to her and to many others, as well.
- Price added that it is not just the SHAs who believe in saving the program but also those students who actually go to the SHAs for various needs.
- Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the Student Health Advocate (SHA) Program with a unanimous vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Schuster left the meeting before this vote was taken.

IX. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

X. Announcements

There were no Announcements this week.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XII. Adjournment

- Araabi moved and Caba seconded to adjourn.
- Jang objected to adjourning. She then moved and Araabi seconded to publicize the Resolution in Support of the Preservation and Continuation of the Student Health Advocate (SHA) Program.
- Price said she didn't think that Council should be dipping into the Contingency Funds to publicize this in the Daily Bruin because she felt that those funds should be used for student groups.