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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 29, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose, Chang, Colosimo, Hotter, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, McLaren, Mossahebfar, Nelson, Pham, Sajan, Sargent, Shaw, Tanjuaquio, Tuttle, Weintraub, Williams

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Lucy Benz-Rogers, Jonathan Bobrow, Natalie Gonzalez, Jamel Greer, Jose Iniquez, Michelle Tang, Christina P. Walter

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose 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

- A Special Presentation was added to the Agenda regarding the Dream Act, AB540.
- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Rose asked if there was any need for further discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, with a vote of 12-0-0.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Public Comments

Dance Marathon

- Jonathan Bobrow said he was at the meeting to talk about office space for Dance Marathon. He thanked Council for the opportunity to apply for space, and expressed his disappointment on finding that they had not been allocated any. He said he thought Dance Marathon would have been a strong candidate for space because of their longstanding involvement with USAC. He said that Dance Marathon holds a number of events throughout the year, not just during Spring Quarter when DM is held. He said, for example, that this year they had helped with World AIDS Day.
- He said that he had come to tonight's meeting to find out how they can better meet the Office Space Allocation Committee guidelines so they will be better prepared for next year's space allocation process.

Disabled Students Union (DSU)

- Michelle Tang, DSU Chairperson, said that the members of DSU had voted to accept the decision of the Office Space Allocation Committee to deny them space. She said that, at last week's meeting, DSU had objected to OSAC's decision and took a stance that they wanted and needed space. She said that, since that time, they had decided this would create a negative opinion of DSU in the future. Tang then cited her understanding of what OSAC had offered them, and which they were accepting. She

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said they voted to accept the storage space OSAC offered, and said they would also like to have space where they can use their computer, which has a specialized keyboard and other special features. She said they would also like to work with USAC in amending the guidelines regarding the number of years a student organization must be registered in order to be considered for space.

V. Special Presentations

Dream Act, AB540

- Ernesto said he had brought 12 information packets on the Dream Act which he then distributed to Council. He said the first document is a letter from Gilbert Cedilla regarding a conference to be held on June 16 at East Los Angeles College. He said the students who participated in an earlier conference at Cal State University Los Angeles will be meeting to strategize on how to move the campaign forward. He said the packet contained about a dozen letters from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Latino Chamber of Commerce, and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. He said that the UC System and the Cal State System are also supporting this legislation. He said he would appreciate USAC's support and asked that anyone who would like to work with him give him their contact information.
- Tuttle asked if Ernesto had tried to meet with someone in the Governor's office in Los Angeles. Ernesto replied that he thought they had a date and time set, but that the location of the meeting had not been determined.
- Lyon asked Ernesto to send that information to Council when he received it, and he said that he would.
- Tuttle asked if they had considered meeting with Maria Shriver, the Governor's wife. Tuttle suggested that might be something to think about.

VI. Appointments

***Designation of USAC Officers for the Constitutional Review Committee**

- Tanjaquiao moved and Mossahebfar seconded to designate Rose, Chang, and Colosimo to serve on the Constitutional Review Committee. There being no objection to the motion, Council voted to approve the designation of Rose, Chang, and Colosimo to serve on the Constitutional Review Committee with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Miller said that there were 11 requests for Contingency Funds submitted during this period, and said he had approved them all through his discretionary authorization. He said that relevant information regarding these requests was on file in the Student Government Accounting office.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

- Rose said that the application form for Presidential Appointments has been on USAC's website for about a week. He asked everyone to spread the word to their friends and to encourage them to apply in time to meet the June 1st deadline. He said he would be prioritizing the time-sensitive appointments, such as the members of the ASUCLA Board of Directors, the Campus Programs Committee, the Community Activities Committee, and the Student Initiated Access Committee.

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Cultural Affairs Commissioner – Bernice Julie Shaw

- Shaw said she didn't have all the information she needs to make a report on the Jazz/Reggae Festival at this time. She said she expected to be able to make a full report in a week or two.

IX. Old Business

A. * Office Space Allocation Committee Report

- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the recommendations of the Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC).
- Lyon said that OSAC decided to allocate space to the Bruin Democrats, Dance Marathon, and the Indian Students Union (ISU). She said that Rally Committee and the Disabled Students Union will each get storage space. Lyon raised the possibility of appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to work out all the details.
- Iberti asked Lyon why the Office Space Allocation Committee wasn't handling this, and why she was raising the possibility of appointing an Ad Hoc Committee.
- Rose said that he and Jason Mizzell, the OSAC Chair, had talked about trying to accommodate as many groups as possible. He said that one way to do that was to build lockers for storage space. He said the idea behind setting up an Ad Hoc Committee was to provide flexibility and fairness.
- Sargent asked when the groups that are losing office space will have to vacate their office.
- Rose said that groups would have to move out at the beginning of summer quarter and the new groups would move in at the beginning of Fall quarter.
- Sargent asked if Council was concerned about the vagueness of this plan. He suggested that it might be better to hold off until more specific information is available.
- Rose said he would like to provide some kind of space for all the groups in question. He suggested they try to come up with a creative solution.
- Williams said it sounded like they might have to use one of the offices for lockers. He said he might be able to provide some resources for the locker project, if that would help.
- Sajan said she was concerned about the comment that people wanted the process to be fair, because she felt that the process with the Disabled Students Union had not been fair. Sajan asked if anyone had looked into the cost of building storage lockers.
- Mossahebfar said she had to look at all of the offices before she could make any recommendations about the storage lockers.
- Rose said that, if they appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, they could focus on getting a plan in place.
- Tuttle asked if the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations about the locker issue would be brought back to USAC for review and approval.
- Rose replied that the whole report would come back to Council.
- Shaw said, based on the statement Michelle Tang read to Council under Public Comments, she thinks that DSU expects that they will be getting locker space and a mailbox.
- Rose said that, because the details are not worked out yet, it's too early to make any guarantees to anyone.
- Rose asked if someone would make a motion to establish the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Lyon moved, and Colosimo seconded, to set up an Ad Hoc Committee on Space Allocation, and to appoint Tanjuaquio, Mossahebfar, and Pham as the Ad Hoc Committee members.
- Shaw asked how they had chosen these three Council members to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Lyon replied that the Internal Vice President interacts with all student groups, that the Facilities Commissioner's responsibilities encompass space-related issues, and that the

- Student Welfare Commissioner had been selected because his office is one that will be affected by the proposed space allocations.
- Shaw asked if there was any way for her to add a fourth member to the Ad Hoc Committee. She said she would like to be on the Ad Hoc Committee and wondered if there were other Council members who would like to serve on it as well.
 - Tuttle said he thought the motion was fair game to be amended. He said that sometimes there is an open discussion about the names and recommendations of people to serve on committees.
 - Shaw moved, and Weintraub seconded, to amend the motion regarding membership on the Ad Hoc Committee by adding one member, or as many as are interested.
 - Tuttle asked, for clarification, if the amendment was to add one more member or as many as are interested.
 - Shaw said that was correct.
 - Lyon said that the Ad Hoc Committee was put together very quickly because time was short.
 - Rose said that the Ad Hoc Committee needs to move quickly because the issue is extremely time sensitive. He said he thought a three member committee was more efficient than a larger one. He reminded Council that the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee would come back to them for a vote.
 - Iberti said he was willing to make a decision at this meeting, and would rather do that than to wait for two or three weeks.
 - Lyon said that there were no specific proposals to discuss at this time.
 - Rose pointed out that the Office Space Allocation Committee's Chairperson's term has ended, and USAC needs to designate Council Members who will do the research on what to do next.
 - Sajan said she would like the Committee to be as diverse as possible and suggested that they expand the Ad Hoc Committee to as many members as possible.
 - Williams said that adding two more might be okay but said that a seven-member committee might be unwieldy.
 - Sajan offered a friendly amendment to increase the number of Committee members to a manageable size.
 - Council voted to accept Sajan's friendly amendment with 8 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
 - Hotter called the question on the amended motion. There being no objection to the calling of the question, Council voted to approve the amended motion regarding membership on the Ad Hoc Committee with a vote of 8 in favor, 3 opposed, and one abstention.
 - Council members then engaged in a lengthy discussion about the number of members who should sit on the Office Space Allocation Ad Hoc Committee, with Lyon and others saying they felt that the Committee would be more efficient if there were just three members on it, and Shaw and Sajan speaking in favor of expanding the number of members on the Ad Hoc Committee. Those commenting on keeping it a three-member committee said that it would be much more efficient than a larger committee.
 - Shaw said she really wanted to serve on the Committee and asked if any of the three originally-named members would be willing to let her take their place on the Committee.
 - Discussion then continued on whether any of the original three would be willing to relinquish their seat to Shaw and, if none was willing to step aside, should the number of members on the Committee be increased.
 - Several Council members said they were talking in circles and weren't getting anywhere.
 - Sargent said it appeared that Council was at a stalemate, and he suggested that they move on.
 - Tuttle said that the maker of the motion to amend has the decision to withdraw the amendment or to revise it.

- Shaw revised her amendment which would have allowed as many people to serve on the Committee as wanted to serve by having it read that one member would be added to the Committee of three. Sajan seconded Shaw's revised amendment.
- Council voted to approve the amended motion to add Shaw to the Ad Hoc Committee with 8 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
- Jang called the question seconded by Hotter. Council voted to approve a four-member Ad Hoc Space Allocation Committee with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

B. Summer Retreat

- Tanjuaquio said she had sent out an email asking people to let her know when they would be available to attend the USAC Retreat. She said she had heard from five people thus far and, based on their responses; it appeared that June 30 to July 2 is the best option. She then listed all of the options she included in her email: June 30-July 2; July 13-15; July 20-22; July 27-29; and August 3-5. Some Council members said their preference had changed, and suggested that Council discuss all the options at this time to determine when the greatest number of officers can attend.
- After everyone expressed their preference, Rose said it looked like July 13-15 was the best option. Tanjuaquio said that seven Council members had listed July 13-15 as a time that worked well for them.
- McLaren asked if they had thought about where they would like to hold the Retreat.
- Rose asked the Committee to look for sites that would be available in the middle of July.

X. New Business

A. *Resolution in Support of Hosting a Democratic Presidential Debate at UCLA

Bruin Democrats

- Rose said that the Resolution for hosting a Democratic Presidential Debate at UCLA was being presented to Council for their consideration. He said it's an event that must be approved by Council before any action can be taken.
- Hotter moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Hosting a Democratic Presidential Debate at UCLA.
- Nelson said that a major consideration of hosting a Presidential Debate is the cost of doing so. He said the Administration would need to know where the money would be coming from. Nelson said that, back in 1988 when the Presidential Debate between George H.W. Bush and Michael Dukakis was held on campus, the University was able to be more supportive with funding. He asked if the Bruin Democrats knew how much the Democratic National Committee would be willing to put into this event.
- Rose said that the Bruin Democrats have been working very hard to get support for this event and said they were confident that CNN and the Los Angeles Times, among others, would be giving a great deal of coverage to it. He said he didn't know how much money organizations such as the DNC would be contributing, but expected that they definitely would participate. He said this would be an opportunity for UCLA to be a flagship in the upcoming elections.
- Tuttle said if Student Government really wanted UCLA to be a flagship, they might want to invite Republican Party candidates to have their debate at UCLA as well.
- Shaw asked about the purpose of the Resolution, wondering if it was mainly to get USAC's support.
- Sajan said she didn't see a need for this Resolution.
- Kyle, the student who presented the Resolution, said that he wanted to be sure that Student Government supports hosting a Democratic Presidential Debate at UCLA.
- Hotter called the question. Mossahebfar seconded the calling of the question. There being no objection to the calling of the question, Council moved to a vote. Council

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voted to approve the Resolution with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

XI. Announcements

- Jason Mizzell, Outgoing Chairperson of the Office Space Allocation Committee, presented a detailed commentary to Council about the OSAC process, pointing out that this was the first year the new process was being put into place. To begin, he said it was difficult to find students to serve on the Committee who could be neutral in making allocations because they were involved with organizations that might present a conflict of interest. He said the OSAC Guidelines are not perfect, but the Committee did the best they could.
- Mizzell said that another issue faced by OSAC was that they had no operating funds to run ads about the process, and had to apply for contingency at the last minute. He recommended that Council do something to rectify this situation. He said that, thanks to Gregory Cendana and Samer Araabi, there will be funds for next year's OSAC process, but reiterated his point that it would be a good idea for OSAC to have a budget of its own.
- Mizzell completed his report by commenting on the allocations that the Committee he chaired had made. He said the Guidelines were vague and, because there were a limited number of categories, the scores were very close. He said that because all USAC officers need to apply for space, they would not necessarily receive the space they are currently in, and that presents its own list of concerns. He said most groups who applied were able to adequately justify a need to space, and he wasn't certain how to deal with that issue. He ended by saying that the first step would be to allocate lockers as soon as possible.
- Sargent said that the Alumni Association has appointed his replacement and he was very happy to tell them it would be Willard Tressel, who served as Campus Events Commissioner from 1986 to 1988.
- Sargent ended his announcement by saying that he been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the UCLA Alumni Association.
- McLaren reminded Council that their Installation Ceremony would be held on Sunday, June 3 at 1pm in the Charles E. Young Grand Salon. She said she had invitations available for anyone who hadn't already picked theirs up.
- Rose announced that the application form for presidential appointments is available on the USAC Website.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Tanjaquio moved and Iberti seconded to adjourn. Rose asked if there was any objection to the motion. There being none, Council approved the motion to adjourn with a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Macias
USAC Minutes Taker