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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday July 10, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chang, Colosimo, Ducharm, Hotter, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, McLaren, Mossahebfar, Nelson, Pham, Rose, Sajjan, Shaw, Tanjuaquio, Tressel, Tuttle, Williams

ABSENT: Weintraub

GUESTS: Edward Truong, Christina Walter, James Abogaye, Brenda Medina, Michelle Mojica, Christina Davila, Gregory Cendana, Patricia Alfaro, Christian Zacarias, Cynthia Ramirez, Edgar Alvarez, Peter Rodriguez, Alexis Cabrera, Jeremiah Garcia, Akilah Crossdale, Jose M. Iniguez, Sean Canullas, Nick de Ocampo, Daniel Pham, Sara Hussain, Cynthia Flores, Dante, Mohammad Tajsar, Arelia Valdivia, Victoria Pregler, and Tamar Jacob.

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Greg Cendana asked if he could make a special presentation on the Campus Safety Alliance.
- Stephanie Chang asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Michelle Lyon asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Tanjuaquio said that she had information to present about the USAC Retreat.
- Mossahebfar moved and Chang seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Rose asked if there was any discussion needed. There being none, Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, with 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

June 26, 2007

- Rose said that, under Fund Allocations, to remove the motion to approve because Council did not vote on this matter.
- Chang said that, at the top of page 3 regarding the Community Service Record project, she had changes to make to the last two sentences of her report. She said that the statement that they had not decided on the other three projects should be deleted, and the following three groups should be added: the Community Programs Office, the Student Initiated Access Committee, and Circle K. She said the last sentence in her report should be changed to read that the goal is to have the Service Record be a separate document instead of having the information appear on the transcript.
- Lyon said that under Old Business, to delete the sentence which read, "Lyon had a conflict on Tuesdays."
- Chang said she had edits to make on page 4 and page 5. She said that on page 4, regarding purchase of the Toyota Sienna, she would like to have the \$25,000 in the

- CSC budget. On page 5, under Digitization of SOOF, Chang said to delete the sentence which read that she thought this might make more paperwork for CSP.
- Nelson said, regarding the purchase of the Toyota Sienna, he wasn't the one who said he owns a hybrid.
 - Iberti said that he was the one who made that statement.
 - Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2007, as amended.
 - Rose asked if there were any further amendments to be made. There being none, Council voted to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2007, as amended, with 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Public Comments

- Shaw recommended that the Public Comment presentations be made after the Officer and Member Reports.

V. Special Presentations

Campus Safety Alliance (CSA) – Gregory Cendana

- Gregory Cendana made a Power Point presentation on the Campus Safety Alliance.
- Cendana's presentation is included with the materials for this meeting.

VI. Appointments

Campus Sustainability Committee

- Tanjuaquio said that the Appointments Review Committee was recommending Marissa Levi to serve on the Campus Sustainability Committee.
- Tanjuaquio moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Appointment of Marissa Levi to the Campus Sustainability Committee.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Marissa Levi to the Campus Sustainability Committee with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

LGBT Center Board of Advisors

- Tanjuaquio moved and Mossahebfar seconded to appoint Jordan Decker to the LGBT Center Board of Advisors.
- Tanjuaquio said that the Appointments Review Committee was recommending Jordan Decker because of his vision and passion for the issues.
- Shaw said she was the member of the Appointments Review Committee who wanted to voice her concerns about some of Decker's comments. She said she would like him to take a more active role with student groups.
 - Tanjuaquio said she didn't interpret Decker's comments in the way that Shaw did. She said she thought he was saying he would like to see student groups work together more.
- Chang read to Council from Decker's application the comments he made which Tanjuaquio and Shaw spoke about.
- Jang moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Appointment of Jordan Decker to the LGBT Center Board of Advisors.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Jordan Decker to the LGBT Center Board of Advisors with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Eating and Activities Taskforce

- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to appoint Jenny Eura Kim to the Eating and Activities Taskforce.
- Shaw said that she had conducted a thorough 'phone interview with Jenny Kim, and said that Kim had some very good ideas. She said one of her ideas was to have Food

Services work with the Taskforce on an organic garden at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.

- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Jenny Kim to the Eating and Activities Taskforce with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Sajan said she abstained because she hadn't seen the applications of the students who were being recommended for appointment at this meeting.
- Tanjuaquio replied that the applications weren't given to her until last Friday. Because they were late, she said she tried to send them to everyone on Council via the digital sender in the Computer Center, but it wasn't working, so she couldn't do that.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Rose said because there were no fund allocations on the Agenda, they would now have Officer and Member Reports.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

- Rose said that his office was currently recruiting for the Fellowship Program.
- He said that the Summer in the Union Freshmen Orientation Fair began last night, and said that there will be a table for USAC at all upcoming sessions. He said this was a great opportunity for Council members to let incoming students know what USAC does and how they can get involved. He said there would be 10 more sessions, and he would send the schedule out to everyone. McLaren told Rose that she had made copies of the schedule for him to distribute at this meeting.

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

- Tanjuaquio said she had emailed the Agenda for the USAC Retreat to everyone on Council. She then handed out a copy of the schedule. She passed around a form that the owner of the property said needed to be signed by all attendees. She asked that everyone let her know if they have any dietary restrictions.
- Nelson that he had originally planned to attend the Retreat, but said that he was not able to be there because his wife told him they were going to a family reunion. He said he would arrange for someone to make presentation on his behalf.
- Tressel said that he would not be able to attend the Retreat, but understood that his predecessor, Todd Sargent, was going to be there to represent the Alumni Association.
- Iberti said, with a smile, that he couldn't handle any more bonding, that he has enough from elsewhere.
- Chang asked who would be driving the CSC vans because she needs to have each of their names, date of birth, and driver's license number.
- Rose said that he was going to be one of the drivers, and said he would like to drive a minivan.
- Chang replied that all of their vehicles are minivans.
- Iberti said that he drove a Fleet vehicle to a retreat at Big Bear last year, and the brakes failed on the drive down the mountain.
- Iberti, Shaw and Pham all volunteered to be drivers, along with Rose.
- Regarding food for the Retreat, Tanjuaquio said that COSTCO has a large selection of frozen foods, e.g., big lasagnas. She said she realizes, however, that some people have special dietary needs and some may be allergic to certain foods. Sajan said that she makes excellent chocolate chip pancakes, but that might not appeal to everybody.
- Rose suggested they make one big shopping trip to COSTCO and get everything they need for the duration of the Retreat.
- Jang said he had heard that the pizzas at COSTCO might be carcinogenic.
- Rose commented that food from COSTCO is really like non-food.
- On another matter, Colosimo said that anyone who wanted to get involved in implementation of the digitization process should email her.

External Vice President – Justin Hotter

- Hotter said he would not be able to attend USAC's Retreat because he would be attending the UCSA Conference in Santa Barbara, which occurs at the same time.

General Representative #1 – Michelle Lyon

- Lyon said she was working on organizing an Alternative Spring Break trip. She said she was considering several options, one being a trip to Mexico. She said she had sent an email to students at UCSD and UC Berkeley, but had not heard back from anyone yet.

Community Service Commissioner – Stephanie Chang

- Chang said that CSC had a very successful Retreat last weekend at Lake Arrowhead. She said that 38 project leaders attended. She said that her office had put together information packets for their Retreat and would be willing to share them if USAC wanted to look at them. She said they also had a binder with information on funding proposals and offered to share that information as well.

(Following the Officer and Member Reports, Council heard the Public Comments which had been deferred for presentation after the Officer and Member Reports.)

Public Comments:

- The following representatives of student organizations signed up to make Public Comments: Daniel Pham, Vietnamese Student Union (VSU); Nick de Ocampo, Samahang Pilipino; and Christina Walter, African Student Union (ASU).
- Daniel Pham, VSU's representative, spoke first. He said that his organization had been very pleased when they were notified that they would be receiving space. He said that he had come to tonight's meeting because someone told him that USAC had set up an Ad Hoc Space Allocation Committee which was re-evaluating the space allocations. He said that he did not understand why this was being done. He said it invalidated the process and caused a lot of confusion. He said he felt that USAC was not acting in a professional manner, and said they should have thought this through before announcing the space allocations.
- Nick de Ocampo from Samahang Pilipino said that he felt the creation of the Ad Hoc Space Allocation Committee was a poor attempt to correct mistakes, was an abuse of power, and said they should have thought through the process more carefully before announcing any allocations. He said he felt that USAC should have contacted them directly about this change instead of them having to find out from other students.
- Christina Walter, African Student Union representative, said that she was an intern with ASU and had come to the meeting to express her concerns, too.
- Rose thanked Daniel Pham, Nick de Ocampo, and Christina Walter for coming to the meeting and speaking their mind.
- Dr. Tuttle commended them for the gracious way in which they presented their concerns.
- Dr. Nelson said that allocation of space on campus has always been a concern because space is more difficult to come by than money. He said that space is a "finite" resource. He said that, for many student groups, space provides a direct relationship with other student groups and other entities on campus. He concurred with Dr. Tuttle's comment about the gracious manner in which Pham, de Ocampo and Walter expressed their concerns.
- Mossahebfar said that she felt that the Ad Hoc Committee was being thorough and fair in designating what space was available, and how that space could be used as efficiently as possible. She said that the Ad Hoc Committee had invested a lot of time and effort into meeting the needs of all the groups.

IX. Old Business

A. *Office Space Ad Hoc Committee Update/Proposal

- The Office Space Ad Hoc Committee members said they had talked with the Latin American Students Association (LASA) and the Muslim Students Association (MSA), who occupy Kerckhoff 146. They said that LASA and MSA are willing to share their office with other student groups, but want to have enough shelf space to accommodate everyone's need for storage.
- They said they had talked with Samahang Pilipino and the Vietnamese Student Union who now occupy Kerckhoff 412. They said that Samahang and VSU both agreed to have VNLC moved into KH 412 with them. They said this would open up space for the Model United Nations and the Bruin Democrats to move into KH 411 with the External Vice President.
- The Committee then listed the changes they were recommending:
 - (1) Move the Indian Student Union (ISU) into Kerckhoff 146 along with LASA, MSA, and ASA.
 - (2) Move VietNameese Language and Culture (VNLC) out of Kerckhoff 411 and into Kerckhoff 412 with Samahang Pilipino and the Vietnamese Student Union.
 - (3) Put the Bruin Democrats and Model United Nations in Kerckhoff 411 with the External Vice President and one of the Community Service Commission projects.
 - (4) Provide shelving units in Kerckhoff 146 and Kerckhoff 412 to accommodate the storage needs of the groups who will be in those offices.
 - (5) Provide LASA, MSA, ASA, ISU, Samahang Pilipino and VSU with the opportunity to apply for a locker if the shelving units do not provide sufficient storage space, as to be determined by the Office Space Allocation Committee.
 - (6) Designate the use of Kerckhoff 144 for the installation of lockers for student groups.
- Members of the Office Space Ad Hoc Committee said they drafted their proposal earlier this week and were submitting it to Council tonight for its consideration and approval.
- Mossahebfar moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Office Space Ad Hoc Committee's proposed recommendations.
- Mossahebfar said that, when the Committee conducted a walk-through of all the offices, she got a lot of insight into how the offices were being used. She said a lot of them looked like fire hazards, and said if groups clean up their offices there would be space for more groups.
- The students who spoke during the Public Comments section reiterated their concerns about USAC making changes to the process and revising their initial allocations. They said they were particularly concerned about the fact that this happened without any notification to the student organizations.
- Rose said that the reason the Ad Hoc Committee was formed was because the guidelines that last year's Office Space Allocation Committee created were unworkable. He said that this year's members of OSAC had spent many hours trying to figure out how to make last year's guidelines work. He suggested that they have an open discussion between the members of the Ad Hoc Committee and the student organization leaders who had come to the meeting to express their concerns. He added that he was open to everyone's input.
- Lyon said that she was the one that came up with the idea of the Ad Hoc Committee. She said she agreed that open communication is the key to an improved process.
- Shaw asked how the USAC officers could help to improve the process.
- Rose said this was an issue that USAC, as a whole, should work on.
- Tuttle asked the Chair if it was his opinion that it would take a two-thirds vote to approve the motion.

- Rose said it was.
- Tuttle then asked Rose if he felt it should be two-thirds of the members of Council or two-thirds of those present and voting. He said this is determined by a ruling of the Chair.
- Rose said he thought it should be two-thirds of those present and voting in the affirmative or the negative..
- Shaw said she felt that OSAC had made a mistake by not amending the guidelines before setting up an Ad Hoc Committee. She said she thought that USAC should uphold certain principles. She said she felt that the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee was flawed from the start. She said that when it was formed, she thought its purpose was to handle only emergency situations.
- Sajan said her main concern was that the process be fair and transparent.
- Rose said he didn't know what they could have done differently because many groups had been allocated space, but there was not enough space to put them all in.
- Iberti said he wasn't in favor of the Ad Hoc Committee because he thought it wasn't an effective way to go.
- Pham suggested the possibility of amending the motion to add the allocation of eight lockers. There was general consensus on Pham's suggested amendment.
- Pham moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to amend the motion before Council to add the allocation of eight (8) storage lockers.
- Pham said the amendment to the motion would *guarantee* the allocation of eight (8) storage lockers.
- Council approved the amended motion to add the allocation of eight (8) storage lockers to the approval of the Ad Hoc Space Allocation Committees' proposed allocations with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

X. New Business

A. Finance Committee Bylaws Change

- Colosimo moved to approve her proposed addition to the USAC Bylaws concerning Finance Committee guidelines as follows, "Only organizations that have been officially allocated office space or a locker can apply for contingency capital for that office space or locker."
- Shaw asked Colosimo what the term "officially allocated office space" meant.
- Colosimo replied that "officially" pertains to office space anywhere.
- Council discussed ways in which to clarify Colosimo's proposed amendment, and suggested the following language:

"Only organizations that have been officially allocated office space or a locker **on the main University campus** can apply for contingency capital for that office space or locker."

- Rose asked if there were any objections to the revised wording.
- Lyon raised a Point of Information, and asked what the term "on-campus" meant.
- Colosimo replied that it referred to the main University campus.
- Rose asked if there were any more questions or concerns. There being none, Council voted to approve Colosimo's proposed addition to the Bylaws, as amended, with 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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XI. Announcements

- Jang said that he was working on setting up a Scholarship. He said he was trying to find a tenured Professor to serve on the Committee, and asked Council to let him know of anyone that might be interested.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Tanjuaquio moved and Shaw seconded to adjourn.
- Rose asked Council if there were any objections to adjournment. There being none, Council voted to adjourn the meeting with 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Krallis
USAC Minutes Taker