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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday July 31, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose, Chang, Colosimo, Ducharm, Hotter, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, McLaren, Nelson, Pham, Sajan, Shaw, Tanjuaquio, Tuttle

ABSENT: Mossehebfar, Weintraub, Tressel, Williams

GUESTS: Steven Ly, Edward Truong, Shirley Eshag-Hay, Jasmin Niku

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose 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

- Shaw asked if Council was going to discuss Action Agenda Items at this meeting.
- Rose said he hadn't finished editing the Action Agenda Items. He asked that they postpone this matter until the next Council meeting.
- Lyon asked that the New Business Item on Reinstating the EAP-Israel Program be dealt with when the presenters arrived.
- Chang moved and Sajan seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Rose asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the Agenda. There being none, Council approved the Agenda, as amended, with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

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- Tanjuaquio said that, under Appointments, every place that it said, "the Appointments Review Committee" was recommending.
- Shaw said that under "Appointments, LGBT Center Board of Advisors" she said that she wanted to voice her concerns about Jordan Decker, and did not say that she was the member of ARC who did not vote to appoint Jordan Decker.
- Jang said that, on page 3, under Office and Member Reports, his comment on COSTCO's pizzas should be corrected to read, "...he had heard that COSTCO's pizzas may be carcinogenic."
- Lyon said that, under Old Business regarding office space allocation, she would like to strike a portion of her remark regarding the Ad Hoc Committee. She said she realized that she did say that it was her idea to recommend an Ad Hoc Committee, and she did say that "change sucks", but she asked to have the words "that change sucks" removed from the record.
- Rose said that, on page 6 under Old Business, his statement "he didn't know what they could have done differently because many groups had requested space" should be corrected to read "...many groups had been allocated space."
- Tuttle said that, also on page 6 under Old Business, his question to Rose regarding approval of the motion should read, "...if he felt it should be two-thirds of the members of Council or two-thirds of those present and voting" should be corrected to read, "... if he felt it should be two-

thirds of those voting in the affirmative or the negative. (Rose's reply should be expanded to include, "...two-thirds of those voting in the affirmative or the negative.")

- Pham said that, on page 6 after the amended motion to add eight storage lockers, his statement should be corrected, as follows: "Pham said the amended motion would ~~not~~ guarantee the allocation of ~~locker space~~ eight storage lockers, ~~because that decision is to be made by the Office Space Allocation Committee.~~

Tanjaquio moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2007, as amended.

- Council voted to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2007, as amended, with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

***Campus Sustainability Committee**

- Lyon moved and Shaw seconded to approve the Appointment of Kim Sanders to the Campus Sustainability Committee.
- Tanjaquio said that the Appointments Review Committee wanted to make three appointments at this meeting, but two of the nominees had not gotten back to them in time. She then handed out copies of Sanders' application.
- Tanjaquio said she had conducted a thorough interview with Sanders on the phone. She said that the ARC is recommending Sanders for appointment to the Campus Sustainability Committee because she is well-informed on the relevant issues at the statewide and local levels.
- Rose asked if there were any questions or any need for discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Appointment of Kim Sanders to the Campus Sustainability Committee with a unanimous vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Brandon Ducharm, the Finance Committee Vice Chair, said that there were 10 Contingency Requests submitted within the last two weeks. He said that a total of \$29,500.50 was requested from Contingency and that he is recommending total allocations of \$4,025.00. He said that, through his discretionary authorization, he was recommending no funding for the request from Cultural and Recreational Affairs for the Dragon Boat Festival and none for the Queer Alliance's request for funding for The Race Play entitled N* W* C*. He said his recommendation regarding The Race Play is based on advice he received from Irma Tirado, Student Government Accounting. He said Tirado told him that USAC cannot pay for tickets for an event.
- Shaw spoke in favor of funding the request from Queer Alliance for The Race Play. She reminded Council of the Special Presentation put on by the three members of the cast when they were seeking support from USAC. She said that USAC had agreed to support them based on the fact that, after each presentation of the play, they would conduct a workshop for members of the audience regarding racial conflicts and how to deal with them. She said that the cost of the ticket pays for the play and for the workshop afterwards.
- Ducharm said that his initial idea was to allocate \$500 for the Queer Alliance's request for The Race Play. He said that when he looked at the attachments to their request, however, he decided he needed to talk with someone in Student Government Accounting.
- Shaw said she had information from one of the cast members which said that the ticket price for USAC was a discounted price, and that it included a workshop immediately following the play. She encouraged Council to support the commitment that was made when members of the cast made their presentation.

- Steven Ly asked Christina Colosimo, last year's Finance Committee Chairperson, if USAC was allowed to fund an event after it had taken place.
- Colosimo said the Finance Committee cannot fund retroactively, but said that she wasn't sure whether USAC could override the Finance Committee's recommendations.
- Council members engaged in a thorough discussion on the pros and cons of adhering strictly to USAC's Bylaws and to the Finance Committee's Guidelines.
- Dr. Nelson said that if an administrative error had been made which needed to be corrected that was one thing, but he said that compromising Bylaws and Guidelines was another. He said they could be opening Pandora's Box if they make compromises.
- Rose suddenly realized that there was no motion on the table. He called for someone to make a motion and suggested that they then continue the discussion they had been having on the Finance Committee's recommendations.
- Iberti moved and Colosimo seconded to approve the Finance Committee Vice Chair's recommendations as submitted.
- Shaw moved to amend the motion to include Ducharm's original plan to allocate \$500 to the Queer Alliance for The Race Play. Sajan seconded the motion to amend.
- Lyon spoke against the amendment to the motion.
- Sajan asked the Chair if she could withdraw her second.
- Rose said she could if she was certain that was what she wanted to do.
- After Sajan replied that she did want to withdraw her second, Rose said that the question now before Council is the motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendations.
- Rose asked if there was need for any further discussion. There being none, Council voted on the initial motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendations, as submitted, with 9 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

Internal Vice President - Dianne Tanjuaquio

- Tanjuaquio said that she will be taking a 2-week vacation beginning August 10 to spend time with her family.

External Vice President – Justin Hotter

- Hotter said that the UCSA Conference was very successful. He said the Students of Color Conference will be held in November, but he doesn't have all the details yet.

General Representative 3 – Sanobar Sajan

- Sajan said that she was a bit confused about what was happening with USAC's Action Agenda Items. She said she knew that they were going to choose three items from a list of four options, but didn't know whether anyone was designated to oversee each of the items.

Administrative Representative - Dr. Berky Nelson

- Nelson said he had met UCLA's new Chancellor, Gene Block, a couple of months ago, and had recently met the Chancellor's wife. He said she is a very impressive and intelligent woman who plans to be involved with major issues at UCLA.
- Nelson also commented on the excellent job that Interim Chancellor Norm Abrams had done over the past year.

IV. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

*** Resolution to Reinstate EAP-Israel Program**

- Shirley Eshag-Hay and Jasmin Niku presented their reasons for having the EAP-Israel Study Abroad Program reinstated. They said that the United States Government placed in indefinite hold. They said that since 2002, the UC System has placed a hold on the EAP-Israel Study Abroad Program. They cited their reasons for wanting to have the hold removed, and said they were asking for USAC's help in doing this. They said they understood the concerns of the University regarding liability, and said they would like to have a policy put in place which requires students to sign a waiver in order to study abroad in Israel. They said that this system is already in place at the University of North Carolina and the University of Wisconsin. They also said that a number of colleges and universities, including Harvard, Rutgers, USC, Barnard, University of Pennsylvania and Boston University had never banned travel to Israel.
- Lyon moved and Jang seconded to approve the Resolution to Reinstate the EAP-Israel Program until next week's meeting.
- Lyon said that she, Mossahebfar and Weintraub are the three co-sponsors of the Resolution. *(The wording of the Resolution is included with the materials for this meeting.)*
- Lyon, Eshag-Hay and Niku cited the educational values of studying in such an historical part of the world. They commented on the value of being in a region where three of the world's major religions began - Christianity, Judaism and Islam. They also commented on how modern Israel has become and specifically commented on its highly advanced technology.
- Tuttle asked if the ban applied in England. He was told it was not.
- Jang asked if the ban applied just to Israel.
- Eshag-Hay and Niku said that the ban was currently applied to Israel and the Philippines.
- Jang moved and Shaw seconded to table the Resolution on the EAP-Israel Program until next week's meeting so they can gather more information on the ban.
- Rose asked if there were any questions about the motion to table the matter. There being none, Council approved the motion to table with a vote of 5 in favor, 3 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

XI. Announcements

- Shaw said she attended the USSA Congress in Pittsburgh with three other UCLA students. She said she hopes more Council members will participate in USSA in the future. She said she was proud to have served as part of the UCLA delegation.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Jang moved and Sajan seconded to adjourn.
- Rose asked Council if there were any objections to adjournment. There being none, Council voted to adjourn the meeting with 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Krallis
USAC Minutes Taker