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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 21, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose, Chang, Colosimo, Hotter, Jang, Lyon, McLaren, Mossahebfar, Pham, Sajan, Shaw, Tressel, Tuttle, Weintraub

ABSENT: Iberti, Nelson, Tanjuaquio, Williams

GUESTS: Lucy Benz-Rogers, Zakir Khan

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Rose said to remove from the Agenda the Appoints of the LGBT Board of Advisors and the Office Space Allocation Committee Chair.
- Mossahebfar moved and Sajan seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. There being no objection, Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, with 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

August 7, 2007

- Regarding the Minutes of July 31, in reference to the EAP-Israel Program, Sajan said that she, and not Shaw, said they needed to gather more information on the travel ban, and that the wording of the motion needed to be changed to include other countries in the Resolution.
- Under Appointments, under UCLA Committee on Disability, Shaw asked that her statement on wanting to outreach to the Drug-Free Schools Committee because of her experience in attending AA meetings with her father as a child be stricken from the record.
- Under New Business, Presentation of USAC Action Agenda Items, Tressel asked that his statement about having served as Community Services Commissioner be stricken from the record.
- Also under New Business, Sajan corrected her statement that students had fought for representation on a number of important committees, to read: not just for representation overall, that for special reasons, we need student representation on certain committees???
- Mossahebfar moved and Sajan seconded to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2007, as amended, with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IV. Public Comments

- Nick de Ocampo and Cheryl Toledo, representing Samahang Pilipino, said they had come to the meeting to request USAC's assistance in getting a Resolution passed which would ask the University of California to revise its policy regarding education abroad, with specific reference to travel and study in the Philippines.
- Cheryl Toledo said that she was supposed to go to the Philippines last year with EAP, but was notified at the last minute that the Federal Government had placed a ban on travel to the Philippines. She said that it cost her a lot of time, money and personal anxiety.
- Nick de Ocampo stated that, a month ago, Council discussed a Resolution which recommended that the University of California revise its education abroad policies for Israel. It was suggested that the Resolution be amended to include all countries that are currently under a travel advisory warning from the U.S Federal Government be given a waiver to travel and study abroad in those countries, irrespective of the political climate and the supposed threat of terrorism.
- Jang asked when the first travel ban to the Philippines was enacted, and was told it was enacted in April 2005. Someone said that the most recent travel ban was put in place recently. *He was also told*

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

***LGBT Board of Advisors**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

***Office Space Allocation Committee Chair**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

VII. Fund Allocations

*** Contingency Allocations**

- Sobhani recommended that applicants for Contingency funding should provide all requested information, especially for the funding of Retreats which have special requirements. He then said that the Finance Committee had received Contingency Programming Requests totaling \$3,878.00, and was recommending total allocations of \$1,050.00.
- Mossahebfar moved and Sajan seconded to approve the Finance Committee's Contingency Programming Fund Allocation Recommendations, as submitted.
- There being no objection to the motion, Council voted to Approve the Contingency Programming Fund Allocations, as recommended, with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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- *asked* Jang ~~stated~~ that the first travel ban to the Philippines was enacted by the Federal Government in mid April 2005, and that the most recent travel ban just two months ago, June 2007.

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- Mossahebfar moved and Sajan seconded to approve the Finance Committee's Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations, as submitted. ✓
- There being no objections, Council voted to Approve the Contingency Fund Allocations, as recommended, with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

- Rose talked about the Orientatoin Session, there are two more left *Done*
- Reopen appointments – see more appointments – will send new applications.
- Play tour guide, including a Fun UCLA Fact of the Day, 800 _____ consumed PB per day. *added Hotter Done*

IX. Old Business

***Reconsideration of Resolution to Reinstate EAP-Israel**

- Lyon moved to approve, as reads in the packet, the
- Sajan moved on the Resolution, as stated, _____ seconded.
- Rose questioned the gray stuff (the original clauses).
- Sajan said that the
- Jang said that the language on Sajan's amended Resolution changes were subject to interpretation, that
- Rose said that the ban on student travel to Israel is passé, that he feels that the political climate is now safe and that the ban should be lifted. However, he said that he personally does not support the signing of waivers for students to travel in countries not supported by the EAP. He said that the situation in each country is fundamentally different, that one could pose a solid argument that is tailored to each country.
- Shaw is in support of waivers.
- Rose felt there should be no waivers, disagreed.
- Sajan said that EAP does not sponsor student travel to Iraq – that this argument should be flushed out. She said there is an inherent risk to traveling abroad in any country – that travel to both countries (Israel and Philippines) was suspended for the same reason – terrorists' threat.
- Weintraub said that there is a difference – that there should not be University sponsorship when a travel warning is in place.
- Sajan stated that the Resolution was just for this year.
- Weintraub asked if a new Resolution had to be passed every year.
- It was questioned what the argument really was: 1) need to clear up the language; 2) should be separate Resolution for the Philippines – valid rhetoric – there is an argument tailored specifically for each country – causes for each.
- Ocampo stated he was opposed to the labeling of specific countries as being a terrorist threat, that the Federal Government was wrong in banning student travel, and that he was in favor of a waiver.
- Mossahebfar said to “sum up, no aide, everything valid???” Congressman Waxman had sent a letter to the UC Regents requesting that the EAP-Israel be reinstated...that everything needs baby steps, that everything lumped together loses its momentum.
- Weintraub asked what is the opposition???
- Shaw said that it??? Shouldn't be taken in a subjective manner, that students should have the right to choose _____ pass the Resolution.
- Lyon said the Resolution is coming specifically from student groups asking help from Council???
- **Sajan said she wanted to bring the Resolution to the table, as Council represents 25 thousands students. REGARDING HER AMENDMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION, the wording and clauses have not really changed, the meaning is still there, something about the Committees are able to identify with the new wording.**
- Someone said that with a waiver comes liability to the University, that the circumstances are similar in both Israel and the Philippines.
- Mossaheber said there should be two separate Resolutions because Councilman Waxman is backing up the Israel Resolution.
- **Lyon moved to call the question.**
- Rose said Council should vote on whether to _____ Sajan's amendments. It failed to pass 2/3rds, debate continues on amending.
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- Tuttle CANNOT MAKE SENSE OF WORDS.
- Sajan ...Dr. Tuttle, move to make a friendly amendment to change the wording on document just to include Israel and Philippines.
- Pham said to have both groups rewrite something together – take off the table.
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- Belief*
- Sajan said it is her opinion that USAC's commitment is to all 25,000 UCLA students, not just to some of them.
 - Lyon reminded Council that this Resolution was brought to them by a specific group that was asking for Council's help.
 - Lyon moved to call the question. The motion to call the question failed with a vote of 6 in favor, 4 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
 - The Chair ruled that the motion failed because it required a two-thirds vote. ~~The Debate~~ continued.

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- **Lyon moved to call the question on Sajan's proposed amendments to the Resolution, and Mossahebfar seconded.**
- **Rose took a vote from Council, 7-2-1. 2/3rds made, Question now called, all in favor of Sajan's amendments as now reads.**

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- Ocampo said something about contacting over 30 countries with a travel warning – to evaluate each inclusively.
- Tuttle asked which motion is before the Body(Council) now?
- Rose said we should accept a friendly amendment.
- Tuttle said Council should offer another amendment – call in substitute.
- Rose asked if they were for the amendment.
- Sajan said yes, she would like to consider what Pham said, to withdraw from amending the amendment – going back to the original Resolution -- bring back to the table – students should have the right to choose to travel and study in any country that has an EAP program in place – should have the option of signing a waiver.
- Hotter said they should call a question on this amendment and vote.
- Rose asked Council with 6 in favor and 4 opposed, then discussion continued.
- Hotter said they were going in circles.
- Weintraub CANNOT MAKE SENSE OF WORDS.
- Rose said something about create/reinstate EAP.
- Weintraub said there should be a waiver for every country where a travel ban exists.
- Sajan voted to call the question, support the original Resolution, something about past Resolutions reflecting the needs of all students and all countries – doing an individual Resolution for each country is a waste of time.
- Pham said we should move for an inclusive (umbrella) Resolution.
- Ocampo said the Resolution affects only this year, and will be rewritten for subsequent years...
- Tuttle AD POV, one the one hand, it is tough to convince appropriate Administration (student, local, newspaper and so forth) albeit whatever country; on other hand, let students pursue the waiver –they should move with a power argument and sustain with rough proposal.

- Jang said that students are less interested in taking a risk to study in Iraq, however, felt that students who are interested should be allowed to sign a waiver.

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- Shaw said there is no EAP for study in Iraq.
- Lyon said that for study in any country, that the two EAP _____ need to be reinstated, that the language of the Resolution(s) need to be directed towards the future in a way that sets a precedent for future travel.
- Rose said that the original Resolution, as written, in 2002, supported??? the ban.
- NAME moved and NAME seconded to approve the Resolution ...
- Council voted to affirm the Resolution LONGNAME with a unanimous vote of # in favor, # opposed, and # abstentions.

X. New Business

(There was no New Business.)

XI. Announcements

- McLaren reminded Council that the deadline to apply for SOOF Funding is September 4, and she asked them to circulate this information to student organization leaders.
- McLaren said that parking permit applications for Fall Quarter will be available on Friday.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mossahebfar moved and Shaw seconded to adjourn.
- There being no objection, Council voted to adjourn the meeting with 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Krallis
USAC Minutes Taker

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