

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCILTuesday, September 18, 2007  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose, Colosimo, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, McLaren, Mossahebfar, Weintraub, Pham, Sajan, Sobhani, Tanjuaquio, Tressel, Tuttle, Williams

ABSENT: Chang, Hotter, Nelson, Shaw

GUESTS: Lucy Benz-Rogers, Jennifer Lorch, Pardis Farhadian, Andrew Royer

## I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

## B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The Attendance sheet was passed around.*

## II. Approval of the Agenda

- Lyon and Pham asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Tanjuaquio requested that the Appointment to Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB) be dealt with after the SACBOG appointment because the nominee for ITPB will be arriving late.
- Sobhani asked to add under Old Business, as an Action Item, "Withdrawal of Appeal on Funding of Queer Alliance for N\*W\*C."
- Tanjuaquio moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended. There being no objection, Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended.

## III. Approval of the Minutes

*There were no Minutes this week.*

## IV. Public Comments

*There were no Public Comments this week.*

## V. Special Presentations

*There were no Special Presentations this week.*

## VI. Appointments

**\* Student Activities Center Board of Governors (SACBOG)**

- Tanjuaquio said that, even though Julianne Ahdout could not be at tonight's meeting, she was bringing her appointment to the table because of the provision in the Bylaws that says an appointee may be brought to the table after a three-week period has passed.
- Sajan said she would like a few minutes to read through Ahdout's application, after which she asked if there was any need to make this appointment tonight. She said she raised this question because she noted that SACBOG was Ahdout's third choice and because the information in her application relates only to her first choice, the Student Health Advisory Committee.

- Mossahebfar said that, at the Chancellor's Reception, Mick DeLuca told her that he would like to have Julianne Ahdout back on SACBOG because she had been an excellent member of the Committee.
- Rose said he had no problem with tabling this until Ahdout could be present, and asked for input from Council.
- Sajan said she would like to table the matter until they can get more information.
- Lyon said that she would call Ahdout and would report back to Council.

**\*Advisory Board for the LGBT Center at UCLA**

- Lyon said that she had interviewed Noah Saeedy for the position on the LGBT Board of Advisors. She said that Saeedy is highly qualified, and that he really wants the appointment. She said Saeedy has worked with the LGBT Center and its Director for the past three years and, in addition to his experience on this committee, has a lot of good ideas on how to deal with issues of intolerance.
- Tanjuaquio said she was not able to interview Saeedy but, based on his application, she agrees he is well qualified. She also said that he seems to be very passionate about serving on this Committee.
- Lyon moved, and Sajan seconded, to appoint Noah Saeedy to the Advisory Board for the LGBT Center at UCLA.
- Council approved the motion with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**\*Information Technology Planning Board (ITPB)**

- Rose said he had asked to have this dealt with after SACBOG because he knew his nominee, Andrew Royer, was going to arrive at the meeting a little late. He said he just checked with Royer and found out that he was delayed in traffic, so suggested they move on to discuss the ITPB appointment.
- Tanjuaquio said that she spoke with Andrew Royer yesterday. She said that he has a stellar application and has many creative ideas for Information Technology (IT). She said that Royer is majoring in mechanical engineering, with a primary interest in Nanotechnology, and has actually started a Nanotech Lab. She said that ARC had voted 2-0-0 in favor of appointing Royer to the ITPB.
- Mossahebfar moved, and Weintraub seconded, to approve the Appointment of Andrew Royer to the Information Technology Planning Board.
- Jang said that he liked Royer's comment about the need to improve the E-mail system at UCLA, saying that UCLA says their E-mail system is "one of the best", but he thinks UCLA's E-mail system is really pretty bad. Jang said he also liked the fact that Royer was helping to spread "Get Legal" alternatives to illegal downloading.
- Rose said if there was no need for further discussion, he would like to move to a vote.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Andrew Royer to the Information Technology Planning Board with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*(Royer walked into the room just as Council was voting to approve him to the ITPB.)*

VII. Fund Allocations

**\* Contingency Allocations**

- Sobhani said that there were two Contingency Requests submitted this week totaling \$899.04, and that the Finance Committee was recommending total allocations of \$749.04.
- Sobhani said that there was a typo in the comments section under the Academic Affairs Commission's allocation, and that the amount should read \$399.04 instead of \$339.04. Sobhani said that the figures under "Total Amount Recommended" are all correct.
- Jang moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations, as amended.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations, as amended, with a vote of 9-0-0.

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

**President – Gabe Rose**

- Rose said that the Student Affairs Governance Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Tom Bradley International Hall. He said that both GSA and USA leaders participate in this Conference, as well as a number of student appointees. Rose said that prominent University administrators are there as well. He said that student leaders suggest topics they would like to cover, and he thinks that Campus Safety and Shared Governance will be on the Agenda, along with other topics. He said he would email the Agenda to everyone as soon as he received it for Student Affairs. He said that the conference includes breakfast and lunch, and Bob Naples' office would appreciate a head count. Rose urged everyone to attend, and asked everyone on Council to let him know whether or not they can make it.

**Internal Vice President – Diane Tanjuaquio**

- Tanjuaquio said that, because Hotter could not be at the meeting to make his report, she was doing it for him. She said that she and Hotter will be working together on an On-Campus Voter Registration Project that will take place all during Welcome Week. She said that UCLA registered about 2,200 students last year, while UCSB registered about 4,000 in just one day. She said that, with 12-13 thousand students living on the Hill, she and Hotter have set their sights high for UCLA to beat UCSB's record.
- Sajan said that it is very important for students to register at their campus address rather than at their family address because a large number of on-campus registrations has a great impact on members of the California State Legislature.
- Rose said that another good reason to register at your campus address is that it would eliminate the need to get an absentee ballot, which takes longer and sometimes the ballot doesn't get to you in time.
- Tanjuaquio said there are still some parking permit applications. She said she was not taking a Blue Permit application, and said she was offering it to Mossahebfar if she still wanted it.
- On another matter, Tanjuaquio said that she had met with the On-Campus Housing Council's Advisor last week who told her that she would be attending USAC meetings every other week.

**General Representative – Michelle Lyon**

- Lyon said that she will be having lunch with the OCHC Advisor next week to talk about the interaction between USAC and OCHC.
- Lyon said her retreat was coming up and will be held at Big Bear in Week Two.

**Student Welfare Commissioner– Jonathan Pham**

- Pham said that SWC held its Retreat last week at Big Bear.
- Pham said that SWC was having a Health Week the second week of Spring Quarter at the same time as World Health Day. Monday will focus on World Health Day; Tuesday will focus on Women's Health; Wednesday there will be an expanded Bruin Health Symposium; and Thursday will focus on Men's Health. In the evening they will have a SHA Relaxation Fair with massages and Tai Chi classes. He said the goal is to have all health organizations on campus participate in this one big Health Fair.
- Sajan asked if transgender health is addressed.
- Pham said that the focus of the Health Fair was originally only on women's health, and then they expanded it to include men's health. He said that hadn't set up anything for transgender health, but would give some thought to adding that.

- Tuttle said that ergonomics is an important health factor, and cited carpal tunnel syndrome. He said that students are intensely focused on their studies, much of which is done while sitting at a computer. He said that yoga is another important health factor to consider.
- Pham ended his report by saying that, on September 23, SWC would be having a ResFest in the Wooden Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with an inflatable gymnasium and obstacle course.

**Academic Affairs Commissioner – Addar Weintraub**

- Weintraub said that the Academic Affairs Commission is having a reception for the new Chancellor on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She said the new Chancellor is interested in hearing about all student programs.

**External Vice President – Justin Hotter**

- (*Hotter was not at the meeting because he was on his way to the Regents' meeting.*)

IX. Old Business

**Queer Alliance Appeal Re Denial of Funding for the N\*W\*C\* Race Play**

- Sobhani distributed to Council a document entitled, "Withdrawal of Appeal of Funding for NWC" which sets forth the terms of the agreement that was reached between the Queer Alliance and the Finance Committee Chairperson. (The document is included as an attachment with these Minutes). Sobhani said that the Finance Committee was recommending an allocation of \$400 through its discretionary authorization, and requests USAC approval of this allocation. He said that he and the Queer Alliance Director, Jeremiah Garcia, will work together in reviewing relevant Bylaws, other guiding documents, and policies with the goal of improving the funding process for all student organizations as well as for the Finance Committee.
- Rose asked if there was any need for further consideration of this matter and, if not, he would like someone to make a motion on the matter.
- Sajan commended Sobhani for resolving this matter with Q.A. in such a positive manner, and was joined by other Council members in commending Sobhani.
- Mossahebfar moved, and Colosimo seconded, to approve the Finance Committee's Discretionary Authorization of \$400 for QA's funding of the "N\*W\*C" Play.
- Council approved the motion with 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

X. New Business

*There was no New Business this week.*

XI. Announcements

- Iberti said he will be picking up the Wrist Bands for access to the Bruin Bash Concert and the movie, and will distribute them to all Council members who want them.
- Iberti also said that the UC System and the Motion Picture Association (MPA) would be having a week-long entertainment workshop, and that he would be representing UCLA. He said he's on a panel covering legal ways to get content and avoid piracy. He said there were be about 200 attendees, but the workshop was not open to the public.
- Rose said that the Dream Act, which has been passed by the State Legislature, is on the Governor's desk for his signature. He said this was an important bill, and he hoped the Governor would approve it.
- Sajan suggested that Council members "make some noise" to let the Governor know that they support this bill.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Mossahebfar moved, and Lyon seconded, to adjourn.
- Rose asked if there was any objection to the motion. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie Krallis  
USAC Minutes Taker