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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 25, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Tressel

GUESTS: Natalie Rad, Joseph Shamalta, Mussarat Batta, Henning Roedel, Aaron Israel, Jennifer Lorch, Kian Esmaeili, Will Magid, Diaris Alexander, Christina Marie, Larissa Kaehn, Careene _____, Mackenzie Powell, Shivani Sahay, Lucy Benz-Rogers, Rachel Stauber, Kelly Shi, Roy Champawat

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Rose said that Henning Roedel, Rally Committee, should be added to the Agenda under Special Presentations.
- Rose said that Roedel should also be added to the Agenda, under Appointments, regarding his nomination as Chair of Rally Committee. Rose said that Roedel's appointment should be dealt with prior to consideration of the Academic Senate appointments.
- Under New Business, Rose said to strike his Agenda Item, President's Office Capital Request.
- Weintraub, Academic Affairs Commissioner, said that she would be revising the order of Appointments because several of her nominees had to leave early.
- There being no further changes, Council approved the Agenda as amended.

III. Approval of the Minutes

September 18, 2007

- Rose said that Jang's comment about UCLA's Email system should be revised to read, "is really pretty bad."
- Mossahebfar moved, and Sobhani seconded, to approve the Minutes, as amended
- There being no objections, the Minutes of September 18, 2007, were approved, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

- Shivani Sahay thanked everyone in Campus Events and Cultural Affairs Commission for putting on such a successful Bruin Bash event.
- Jennifer Lorch said she also wanted to commend everyone who worked on the Activities Fair for organizing and carrying out such a smooth and successful event.

V. Special Presentations

- Henning Roedel, Chair of Rally Committee, said they have been around since 1922. He is present at Council meeting tonight because he learned that their funding and office space is being taken away. Henning said it's been a tough year. Rally Committee's goal has been to keep the intercollegiate traditions of UCLA going. He wishes to recruit dedicated members from DEN; Rally Committee is supportive of DEAN they go to Golden Games/Victory bell games against USC. He said that membership is the key; that this is one group of diehard fans; that Rally Committee and DEAN have found ways to work together in supporting the athletic teams.
- Iberti said he appreciates Henning's interactions with the DEN; both are moving forward together to get more funding. Mentioned were (1) Helmet cards???, (2) Victory Bell (bring to games); and (3) Embling (something about the Hall of Fame).

VI. Appointments

- Weintraub suggesting voting on her nominees as a pool.
- Rose said he thought that would be appropriate if it was acceptable to Council. He said that maybe they could agree on the nominees that no one has concerns about.
- Tuttle said this was the call of the Chair, but said there might be of value to finding out about each nominee, and suggested allowing about 25 minutes to do that.
- Weintraub said she suggested voting as a pool, because prior Academic Affairs Commissioners had told her they had done as such.
- Shaw said she had not looked at any of the applications because they came in as Spam, and she never opened Spam.
- Weintraub said she was taking the nominees out of order because some of them have RA duty and must leave early.

*** Academic Senate**

*** Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools (CUARS)**

- Weintraub said her first nominee to CUARS was Aaron Israel.
- Mossahebfar moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Appointment of Aaron Israel to CUARS.
- Council members asked Israel a number of questions concerning potential conflicts with his role as Chair of the Judicial Board, and additional questions regarding his reasons in wanting to serve on CUARS and what ideas he has on improving the role of this Committee. Following Israel's extended and substantive response to the questions, Council voted to approve the Appointment of Aaron Israel to CUARS with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*** Committee on Planning and Budget**

- Weintraub said that her first nominee for the Committee on Planning and Budget was Joey Shamalta, saying that he had interned with a congressman and has very good ideas for expanding and improving the role of this important Committee.
- Shaw pointed out that Joey did an internship with a congressman in Washington D.C.
- Tanjaquiao moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Joey Shamalta to the Committee on Planning and Budget.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Joey Shamalta to the Committee on Planning and Budget with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

*** Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity (CODEO) (Mussarat Bata)**

- Weintraub moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Mussarat Bata to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Mussarat Bata to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*** CUARS (Rachel Stauber)**

- Weintraub said that Rachel is an Economics major and NS minor.
- Lyon said that Rachel is good for a leadership position because, as an RA, she was directly involved in helping to shape the college careers of many students by directing them to the appropriate resources.
- Mossahebfar moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Appointment of Rachel Stauber to CUARS.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Rachel Stauber to CUARS with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

(At some point, Bernice Shaw explained that the reason she was abstaining her vote was because she hadn't the opportunity to review the applications.)

*** Committee on Planning and Budget (Kelly Shu)**

- ORL on campus.
- Tanjaquiao said she was Kelly's advisor on _____, that Kelly took lead role in Initiatives looked over budgets for housing, especially qualified.
- Shaw asked Kelly what ideas she had.
- Kelly said that she was involved with the Counseling Committee??? And that academic resources are a huge problem for students; she hoped to create a database on-line to address this.
- Lyon Moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Kelly Shu to the Committee on Planning and Budget.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Kelly Shu to the Committee on Planning and Budget with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstentions.

*** Library Committee (Rohit Tejwani)**

- Rose said that Tejwani is in India.
- Something about implementing research in the Office of the Project Director.
- Lyon said Rohit was responsible for publicizing the Farmers Market; that he takes the initiative and works on projects that are "bigger than him."
- Weintraub moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Appointment of Rohit Tejwani to the Library Committee.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Rohit Tejwani to the Library Committee with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

*** Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (Priscilla Schaper)**

- Weintraub said that Priscilla had leadership in various clubs during high school.

- Lyon asked Weintraub knew of her recent involvements, etc.
- Weintraub said that the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee meets once a month.
- Weintraub moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Priscilla Schaper to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Priscilla Schaper to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*** Faculty Welfare Committee (Samantha Simchowicz)**

- Rose/Weintraub said that Simchowicz could not be present.
- Weintraub moved, and Tanjuaquio seconded, to approve the Appointment of Samantha Simchowicz to the Faculty Welfare Committee.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Samantha Simchowicz to the Faculty Welfare Committee with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

*** Academic Freedom (Sonja Weaver-Madsen)**

- Weintraub said that Sonja worked as Project Director last year and is passionate about academic issues, that she has an insider perspective.
- Lyon said that Sonja has a lot of commitments.
- Weintraub said that the Academic Freedom meets only twice a month, where attendees calmly voice their opinions.
- Rose said that the "Dirty 30" was a hot topic.
- Tuttle said that this is an important committee; Rose said that some of these Committee Appointments deserve extra scrutiny.
- Weintraub moved, and Shaw seconded, the Appointment of Sonja Weaver-Madsen to the Academic Freedom.
- Lyon asked that this appointment be tabled until Sonja is able to speak at next week's Council meeting.
- Weintraub said that she is in agreement with Lyon's request.
- Lyon moved, and Shaw seconded, to Table the Appointment of Sonja Weaver-Madsen to the Academic Freedom until next week's Council Meeting. Council voted to Table with a vote of 7 in favor, 6 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

(Rose told Council that Hotter had to leave early for the EAP. He asked Weintraub to postpone the presentation of Academic Senate appointments until Hotter could give his Officer & Member Report before departing. Weintraub agreed.)

Officer and Member Report

External Vice President – Justin Hotter

- Hotter said that three vans had driven up to the Regents' Meeting last Wednesday. The UC Regents had commissioned a research group to study "Diversity" on the UC campuses. The Regents reported the research group's finding using language that was vague and inconclusive. Many Regents called for a Plan of Action???
- There were 243 students who registered to vote last evening.
- CA-GMA is on the Governor's desk. If passed, it will enable "undocumented" students to apply for student funding. (There are 35-40 undocumented students). UCLA plans to go to Sacramento for one day to speak with the Governor about this issue (1st come, 1st serve).

VII. Appointments (CONTINUED)

- *Academic Senate (17)**
- * Teaching Committee (Tiffany del Rio)**

- Weintraub said that Tiffany had worked in a law firm and taught for four years, was TA in her senior year??? She said that the Teaching Committee meets only four times per year.
- Adar moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Tiffany del Rio to the Library Committee.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Rohit Tejawani to the Library Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

*** Undergraduate Council (Rosana Pourshamali)**

- Lyon said that Rosana is one of the most dedicated people she every met. She is working to redo SOMETHING
- Weintraub moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Appointment of Rosana Pourshamali to the Undergraduate Council.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Rohit Tejawani to the Library Committee with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*** Undergraduate Council (Monica Kobles)**

- Adar moved, and Tanjuaquio seconded, to approve the Appointment of Monica Kobles to the Undergraduate Council.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Monica Kobles to the Undergraduate Council with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

*** EAC (Anglie Taneja)**

- Weintraub said that Anglie was wordly, well traveled, and had leadership.
- Weintraub moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Appointment of Anglie Taneja to the EAC.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Anglie Taneja to the EAC with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstentions.

*** Undergraduate Council (Boris Lipkin)**

- Rose said that Boris had worked with him on the Activities Fair, however, halfway through had to go to Europe with his family, but left him with a well put-together spreadsheet on "what to do???" He said that Boris is a Business Economics major and had invested much time in student government on the Hill.
- Tanjuaqio said that Boris was Vice Chair of ...Housing Committing and representative on several student groups, that he is one of her favorites, "her baby."
- Weintraub moved, and Pham seconded, to approve the Appointment of Boris Lipkin to the Undergraduate Council.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Boris Lipkin to the Undergraduate Council with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

*** Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity (Cyndy Guitterez)**

- Weintraub moved, and Lyon seconded, to approve the Appointment of Cyndy Guitterez to the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity
- Shaw said that part of Cyndy's application was missing. Weintraub said that she would forward missing part to Council.
- Rose said they would revoke the motion above, provided Council had no objection to tabling until full application received and Cyndy can be present.
- Council voted to Table the Appointment of Cyndy Guitterez until next Council meeting.

*** Committee on Research (Jessica Giffin)**

- Lyon asked what this Committee does.
- Weintraub said that the Vice Chancellor of Research oversees the Committee, and the Committee supports UCLA in being a Research Institution; it is??? The Subcommittee on Faculty Grants.
- Weintraub moved, and Mossahefar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Jessica Giffin to the Committee on Research.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Jessica Giffin to the Committee on Research with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

*** SIAC (Alexandra Ramos)**

- Move to Table until Alexandra's application is received.
- Tanjuaquio moved, and Lyon seconded, to Table the Appointment of Alexandra Ramos until her application is received - next Council meeting.

VII. Fund Allocations

*** Contingency Allocations**

- Sobhani spoke ...
- Lyon moved to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Rose asked if there were any objections. There being none, the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations were approved with a vote of 10-0-0.
- Sobhani said that Samahang Pilipino requested funding for photocopying at 13 cents per page, which is not the standard rate; the standard rate is 7 cents per page.
- He also said something about \$200...

VII. Office and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

- Rose thanked everyone for their help in the Voter Registration madness. He said he had technical difficulties and explained why there were errors. Boris Lipkin, his assistant, had to leave for Europe with his family. On the day of his departure, the "system went down" as well, thus he was not receiving email communications regarding inquiries about the student voter process. When the system returned, he was deluged by students emailing him saying, "this is outrageous...and I hate you" (to paraphrase).

- He said that the voter registration process was for one hour only, and there were 312 groups to be check in on one list. He had misconception of how long it would take to check in all groups and apologized.
- Rose said that the Governance Conference will be this??? Tuesday at 9:30. He requested Council to at least come for the lunch with the Chancellor. He said someone gave an awesome speech about sleep deprivation. The Agenda??? Will be emailed. Appointments are still open and up on the Website.

Internal Vice President – Diane Tanjuaquio

- Tanjuaquio said she was excited about the Activities Fair.
- She went to the Regents meeting last week in Davis. Something about students passionate about Diversity.
- She said something about the Dream Act, meeting in November.

Administrative Representatives – Dr. Berky Nelson and Dr. Richard Tuttle

- Tuttle spoke about the “Free Speech Issue” and mentioned the Iranian President’s speech at Columbia University and their “Committee on the 1st Amendment.”
- Someone said something about the Governor vetoed a similar bill last year.
- Tuttle said he had nothing to report at this time.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old business this week.

X. New Business

Discussion on Digitalizing the Funding Process

- Jerry Mann, Student Support Services Director, made a slide presentation on the above, which outlined three phases of the process and the challenges of implementing the SOOF process. He explained his research on proposed software and outlined the pros and cons.
- PAT, PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS FURTHER.
- Colosimo, Council’s General Representative, assisted him on his research. She said that digitalizing would simplify the process, eliminate paper waste, increase productivity, etc.
- Mann said he listened to the travails of the Activities Fair and said this could have been done thru SOOF.
- Mann said that an explanation of the process is defined within the software itself.
- PA??? asked what the documentation process was.
- Iberti asked to define education vs. programming.
- Williams said there are different types of software for different projects.
- Mann said the Implementation Committee has to sit down and decide...He further said they were leaning towards SharePoint, something about an SA link (routing, collection); ASUCLA was also looking for a solution like this.
- Williams said, however, the goal of the process is directed towards Council – what is the best solution for Fall.
- ETC = 20T
- Colosimo said they will hire someone to explain SharePoint/InfoPath interface.

XI. Announcements

- McLaren said there was a SOOF mandatory meeting on Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. Something about USA programming funds – ads to be run Thurs and Monday. Shawn has updated application forms (165 total received)

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- Pham talked about ResFest, to be held Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. He said they now have go-cart rides, prizes (IPOD stereos, probably reserved for RA's).
- Somebody said that the Wellness Magazine can be obtained on A-level Ackerman.
- Shaw said that this year's Bruin Bash was the best they had ever, that the concert completely sold out, and that ASUCLA provided good prices??? 8,000 students showed up at LA Pauley Pavilion Tennis Center.
- Ibert agreed with Shaw that Bruin Bash was the best ever. He said that the lines at Bruin Bash were long and 10-people wide, the movie was great, film directors learned from their mistakes. 5 thousand at dance, and that "he never felt so tired in all his life." He said that he had been working on Bruin Bash since last May, along with the Events Office (who were very helpful).

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Tanjaquio moved, and Jang seconded, to adjourn.
- There being no objections, Council voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Krallis
USAC Minutes Taker