

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday , November 6, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Nelson

GUESTS: Emily Bagdasarian, Lucy Benz-Rogers, Sarah Jo, Parisa Mahdad, Argie Mina, Sherin Nosrati, Isaac Rose, Tiffany Yim

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

- Vice Provost Judith Smith's presentation on Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) reaccreditation was added to the agenda under Special Presentations.
- Mossahebfar asked to have the OSAC appointments dealt with before the Finance Committee appointments.
- Lyon added a Special Presentation by Kathleen Hsu from On Campus Housing Council (OCHC)
- Rose asked if there was any objection to the proposed amendments. There being none, the amendments to the Agenda were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

Vice Provost Judith Smith – UCLA WASC Reaccreditation

- Vice Provost Smith gave a comprehensive Power Point presentation concerning the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) reaccreditation coming up for UCLA. She said the document includes certain themes and essays, and she would like Council to give feedback on the themes that have been chosen. She said that the most relevant one for USAC and UCLA concerns implementation of a “capstone experience” within the undergraduate program. She said she realized that they won’t have time to review the entire document, but asked that they focus specifically on the

“capstone experience” issue and send her their comments and feedback as soon as possible. A question was raised as to whether UCLA was in danger of not getting reaccredited. Smith replied that it is usually smaller institutions that run that risk. She said this process is a way for UCLA to push something forward that might help all colleges and universities in the association. Rose thanked Smith for bringing this matter to Council. He then said he was emailing to everyone the url for the Reaccreditation document (*The information on UCLA's Reaccreditation is available at the UCLA website: <http://www.wasc.ucla.edu/>*)

Gregory Cendana – Member of Campus-wide Safety Task Force

- Cendana said he had come to the meeting to remind Council about the events that are taking place this week regarding Campus Safety, and said he would be very brief. Cendana then listed the events, which began on the 5th, including the Campus Safety Resource Fair, a reception in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery, the Quilt Project started by ORL after the Virginia Tech shooting incident, and an ACLU Workshop entitled, “Know Your Rights.” Cendana handed out a flyer with further details, and said he’d be happy to answer questions that anyone had.

OCHC Representative – Kathleen Hsu

- Hsu made her regular report to Council regarding events that would be taking place in the next week or two in the Res. Halls, including the Series on Pop Culture next Tuesday and Wednesday. She said they’d be showing a movie on the 15th, but wasn’t sure which movie it would be. She said that representatives of DeNeve E and F, plus representatives from Dykstra, are organizing a Box City, where students will sleep outside in cardboard boxes to experience homeless life and raise awareness of that issue. She said they are also putting on a Tri-Healthalon, and the first 20 students who sign up will get free CPR training. She ended her report by saying that OCHC and USAC are co-programming for Networking Night, and that OCHC would like to work with USAC on Bruin Bear security.

VI. Appointments

Office Space Allocation Committee (OSAC) Appointments

1. Emily Bagdasarian
 - Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Appointment of Emily Bagdasarian to the Office Space Allocation Committee..
 - There being no objection to the motion, Council approved the appointment of Emily Bagdasarian to OSAC with a vote of 12-0-0.
2. Argie Mina
 - Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Appointment of Argie Mina to the Office Space Allocation Committee.
 - There being no objection to the motion, Council approved the appointment of Argie Mina to OSAC with a vote of 12-0-0.
3. Tiffany Yim
 - Mossahebfar moved and Colosimo seconded to approve the Appointment of Tiffany Yim to the Office Space Allocation Committee.
 - There being no objection to the motion, Council approved the appointment of Tiffany Yim to OSAC with a vote of 12-0-0.

Finance Committee Appointments

1. Isaac Rose
 - Sobhani moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Isaac Rose to the Finance Committee.

- There being no objection to the motion, Council approved the Appointment of Isaac Rose to the Finance Committee with a vote of 12-0-0.
- 2. Sherin Nosrati
 - Sobhani moved, and Mossahebfar seconded, to approve the Appointment of Sherin Nosrati to the Finance Committee.
 - There being no objection to the motion, Council voted to approve the Appointment of Sherin Nosrati to the Finance Committee with a vote of 11-0-0. (Weintraub was absent from the room when the vote was taken)
- 3. Parisa Mahdad
 - Sobhani moved and Jang seconded to approve the Appointment of Parisa Mahdad to the Finance Committee.
 - There being no objection, Council approved the Appointment of Parisa Mahdad to the Finance Committee with a vote of 12-0-0.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said that there were nine Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$10,982.06. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$3004.74, and that one allocation was made via his discretionary authorization. (*Detailed information on the nine Contingency Requests is included with this Agenda packet*).
- Sobhani moved and Sajan seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations as submitted. Council approved the Finance Committee Allocation recommendations with a vote of 12-0-0.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

Rose said that the Concert Program has a shot at playing at Pauley Pavilion, but he has to look at alternative dates to avoid a conflict with Mighty Mic. In addition, everyone, except Iberty, will be getting Fellows assigned to them this week, and he will be sending them information on how to contact the Fellows that have been assigned to them.

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

Tanjuaquio said that last Friday was the first meeting of the Campus Safety Alliance Committee. They talked about improving mechanisms for student awareness and protocol, and they are working on a big campaign with the goal being 80% of the campus to sign up. The campaign will focus on issues such as Undie Run, and removing the title of “rape trail” from the Saxon Trail. They are also working on improving van service hours, having more maps on campus, more self defense workshops, and extended CSO escort hours.

External Vice President – Justin Hotter

Hotter reminded Council that the Students of Color Conference will be held on November 10-12. He said that the UC Board of Regents would be holding its next meeting at Covell Commons, November 14-16, and encouraged Council members to be there for Public Comments. He said he is working with RA's on the hill to get their residents to register to vote at their campus address. The voter registration campaign is kicking off on the 7th, and will include massive tabling on Bruinwalk. He also sent out an email to everyone about a website where you can raise money to help and feed abused and neglected dogs. It takes minimal effort, and everyone should check it out to support these animals.

Campus Events Commissioner – Colin Iberti

Iberti gave congratulations to Shaw for a wonderfully successful Sigur Ros concert. He said there was a very long line of people waiting to get in, and said that everybody enjoyed themselves. Colin then reported on the success of two major event CEC had organized. He said The Metalocalypse show was very successful, as was the Moviefest. He said the Moviefest at UCLA had the second highest number of submissions across the country, and said that four of the UCLA submissions will be going to the Los Angeles Regional Finals on the 17th. Anyone can go for only \$4. He said he is also working on the concert for Blue and Gold week, but is in need of talent for the concert lineup.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Lyon said her office, along with the office of the Internal Vice President and Jesse Rogel, will be working on a fund raiser for victims of the San Diego fires. They will be meeting sometime in the near future, and will probably be selling wristbands. Also, she said she is working on the first “Never Forget” event. They will be screening *Hotel Rwanda* and they booked an actor from the film. It will be next Tuesday, and encourage friends to come, you can win dvds.
- Pham said UCLA is in 3rd place in the PAC 10 fitness challenge. There is a continuous treadmill going on in Wooden, and everyone should try to keep it running. You can also log walking to class as exercise.
- Sajan said on Thursday, from 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m, they will be having a speaker in Haines 39. The speaker is Elaine Brown, who was the first female leader of the Black Panthers.
- Dr. Tuttle said he is concerned with the fire hazards in the building, and everyone should keep an eye out for hazards or possible fire starters within the building or around campus. He was also surprised at the mess that he sees in the halls and bathrooms, and asked everyone to give it some attention.
- Lyon said her office is working on a database of faculty who are receptive to taking on undergrads in research. She needs names, and it is very difficult to find the names of faculty who tend to be more associative with undergrads.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mossahebfar moved and Sobhani seconded to adjourn.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

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APPROVED: November 20, 2007

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker