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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 27, 2007
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Chibnick, Tressel, Tuttle

GUESTS: Edgar Alvarez, Brittany Besse, George Cerda, Akilah Crossdale, Jeremiah Garcia,
Kathleen Hsu, Sarah Jo, Jennifer Lopez, Kiani Mitchell, Neilda Pacquing, Galen Roth,
Jasmien Syler, Danny Torres, Christina Walter

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Lyon amended the agenda, adding Kathleen Hsu from OCHC to Special Presentations.
Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by
Acclamation. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by
Acclamation.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

OCHC – Kathleen Hsu

- Hsu said there is a special event tonight from 9:00 p.m to 10:30 p.m. Her office also
plans on helping with Bruin Bear Security tomorrow night, and they also plan on
marching in the parade.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said that there were 6 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$7,627.97. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$2,607.11.
- Sobhani said there is a new process in place where allocations are given in one lump sum, and from one account. He said this new process has been working out pretty well so far. He said that VSU applied twice for next week, in addition to the two requests for which they are being allocated funds this week. He said the Finance Committee knows how to handle multiple requests and will take that into account when determining recommended allocations.
- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations as submitted.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations were approved, as submitted, by Acclamation.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

Rose said his biggest project right now is Bruin Bear Security, which will take place Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. It will be combined with Den Campout, and said it's a great time to camp out and have fun at the same time. He said that, thanks to ASUCLA's Executive Director, the ASUCLA Board of Directors is co-sponsoring tonight's camp out and will be hot chocolate and snacks, and maybe some items to raffle off. Rose said that OCHC will be co-sponsoring Bruin Bear Security tomorrow night. He said there will be a free screening of *Old School* in Bruin Plaza, and afterwards there will be a game of Capture the Flag. Thursday night will have more events after the bonfire and rally, along with an extremely large game of flip cup played with root beer. On another matter, Rose said he is working on getting the Fellows integrated into his office.

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

Tanjuaquio said her office is hosting the R.A. Student Group Leaders Networking Night, with the aim of assisting student group leaders to join with R.A.s in holding programs on the Hill.

General Representative – Michelle Lyon

Lyon said her project manager for the alternative Spring Break trip just announced a Fiat Lux seminar, for academic credit, for the quarter following the trip. Participants will have the opportunity to perform community service in areas that have been hit by natural disasters, after which they will work with Geography professors to discuss such issues as preventive steps that can be taken for the future.

Student Welfare Commissioner – Jonathan Pham

Pham said his office has been working on AIDS Awareness, and said that there's an AIDS exhibit in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery. He said that, for World AIDS Day this Friday, there will be a Resource Fair from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. He said that processions around campus will start from three different locations at 11:30 a.m, and will all arrive in Bruin Plaza at about noon for a rally to spread awareness of World AIDS Day. Also, he said there are several other student welfare related events this week, with today being HealthFirst in De Neve Plaza, which is a joint SHIP Insurance-Ashe Center workshop. Tomorrow will be the UCLA Blood Drive, which will go from 10:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m in the Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge. The day after will be Earth Day crafts in Rieber Vista, and Friday there will be a movie in De Neve Auditorium.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Addar Weintraub

Weintraub said that, next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m, her office will be hosting a screening of *West Bank Story*, along with a panel discussion with Professor Gelvin, Rabbi Heinz, and some members of the production team from the film. She said that students from JSU and MSA will also be participating in this event.

Administrative Representatives – Dr Berky Nelson

Nelson said he attended a luncheon at USC in regard to the UCLA/USC rivalry and the upcoming football game. He said the luncheon is a way for USC and UCLA Administrators and Spirit Squads to work together in ensuring that the rivalry is a friendly one, and to try and discourage acts of vandalism and violence.

Facilities Commissioner – Sherlyn Mossahebfar

Mossahebfar said her office is working with the Safety Alliance to put up a sign renaming the “Rape Trail” as the “Saxon Trail.” Her office is also finalizing maps for night time running routes around campus. She said they are also working on the project to add more bike racks around campus. In addition, she said her office is working with Iberti’s office on a major sustainability project for next quarter entitled Focus the Nation. She said the aim of this project is to have a day of sustainability at various institutions throughout the country.

IX. Old Business

A. OSAC Guidelines Changes

- Rose said that Pacquing had put together a document concerning proposed changes to the OSAC Guidelines in which proposed deletions are indicated in strikethrough and proposed additions are indicated in bold typeface. He said, however, that this document may not have all the amendments that were made at the last meeting.
- Rose gave a brief overview of where Council is on this matter. He said they had approved everything up through article 4 section P, had discussed article 7, and may now feel free to make motions concerning any article.
- Iberti said he was concerned about how they will deal with old and new sections that are in conflict. Jang said he had made a motion at the previous meeting to remove all the old language that conflicted with the recent revisions.
- Rose said he would like to place two new options on the table for consideration: the first option would be to make all offices single occupant offices, giving the student groups with the greatest need for safe space a single occupant office. The second option would be to make all the offices communal offices, which would increase the number of student organizations that would be given space.
- A discussion ensued about the difficulty of determining office size, especially when groups on campus are currently functioning with little or no office space. One possible solution would be to do a major remodeling of the existing offices, but that would require a lot of time and money. Several of the council members expressed the sentiment that it would be impossible to have enough space in Kerckhoff Hall for every group that wanted space. A member of ASU asked if there was a process in place to ensure the legitimacy of office space usage by a student group. The committee members replied that there was.
- ASU and QA brought to the attention of Council that they are umbrella organizations which represent a multitude of student groups. The committee members said they are looking into the issue of the best way to take care of umbrella organizations such as theirs.

- QA representatives said the issue of “safe space” is of utmost importance to them, especially given the history of prejudice against the queer community at UCLA.
- ASU representatives expressed to Council the need to retain their current office, citing the extenuating circumstances within the community they represent, including the shrinking pool of members of their community at UCLA and a negative perception of many of their members.
- Janina Montero, Vice Chancellor Student Affairs, asked the Council members to look beyond the guidelines as they currently exist and to focus on the deeper issues that have been raised, particularly regarding the underrepresented communities. She said she didn’t have a solution in mind, but suggested that it might be a good idea for Council to conduct an analysis of these situations which could guide them in their final decisions. the communities in which these groups function, and it will be difficult to achieve a level of equality within the differences each community brings to the table. Overall, it will be best to how you accommodate a community and a group. The Vice Chancellor also expressed the concern that the university may have to look into space issues, not just at Kerckhoff Hall, but on a whole throughout campus.
- QA thought of the idea of a potential house for the queer community, which would provide not only an office but safe space to the community.
- Nelson said it is a shame UCLA does not have a diversity requirement, but the council is putting a good effort into a rough situation. The only thing to remember is sensitivity, because without that hostility will occur, along with callousness.
- Rose acknowledged that both Nelson and the Vice Chancellor brought up valid points, but the board is still faced with the complex problem of the office space that is currently available to them. Also, even though they did not come to the meeting, there are other groups out there with voices.
- QA brought up the point that one can not create coalition among student groups by forcing them to share an office space.
- Tuttle would like the record to reflect that the current OSAC Guidelines Document present at the meeting does not reflect the amendments that were made at the 12/20/07 USAC meeting. Also, Tuttle mentioned a task force taking on the OSAC Guidelines Changes responsibility may be a solution, along with requesting help from the senior administration in terms of scarcity of space.
- Jang moved to strike out IV.Q from the OSAC Guidelines Changes. Mossahebfar seconded.
- IV.Q is repetitive as to what IV.R says, so there is no need for it. However, members of the board feel it is more pertinent to deal with VII first before considering the rest of the document.
- Jang withdrew his motion to strike out IV.Q.
- Tuttle felt an ad hoc committee would be the best solution, with the current document in consideration to be held onto as leverage. Mossahebfar objected, feeling that past experiences with ad hoc committees were fruitless.
- Rose said the 300C office may be more viable for QA, due to a higher amount of anonymity associated with the office location.
- Throughout the entire discussion, the main points concerning the board were the following: Many of the top student groups feel that it is unjust, and in some cases detrimental, to remove them from their previous offices. Some members of the board feel that it is unfair to the rest of the student community to not give other groups a chance for office space. The idea of a long term solution was talked about, even possibly working with the senior administration for more office space. However, many on the board feel the issue of the current office space allocations is something that needs to be figured out as soon as possible, so a short term solution must be reached as well.
- Jang moved to table the OSAC Guidelines Changes. Sajan seconded.
- Council tabled the OSAC Guidelines Changes with a vote of 8-3-1.

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X. New Business

A. Surplus Allocation for Installation of Kerckhoff Lockers

- Mossahebfar moved and Jang seconded to approve the Resolution entitled Surplus Allocation for Installation of Kerckhoff Lockers.
- Sajan asked if the lockers had tiered shelves, and if they were movable. Mossahebfar replied that some of the lockers have shelves and some are without shelves to allow for storage of such things as A-frame signs.
- Rose asked if locker allocations will be decided by a points system, and asked for confirmation of the number of lockers. Mossahebfar replied that there would be 20 lockers, and that they would be allocated through a points system.
- Pham asked if there groups applying for a locker could express a preference for which type locker they want. Mossahebfar said that a disability would be considered, but said that both styles are easily accessible. Mossahebfar said that the second page of the document she handed out about the lockers has a scaled layout of what the room will look like after the lockers are installed.
- Chang asked how much money would be left in Surplus after the allocation is approved for the lockers. Rose said there is a lot of money in Surplus, and said that less than 10% of it would be used for the lockers.
- Council approved the Resolution entitled Surplus Allocation for Installation of Kerckhoff Lockers with a vote of 10-0-2.

XI. Announcements

- Rose said that he would like to commend and thank Neilda Pacquing, Sherlyn Mossahebfar, and Jerry Mann for all the time and thought they put into the Office Space Allocation guidelines.
- Rose said his office, along with the R.A.s and Chang's office, will be cosponsoring an Acapella concert on Monday, with the goal to raise money for victims of the Tsunami.
- Rose said it is the last week of early registration for Dance Marathon. He said the fee to register will increase to \$30 after this Friday. He said this event is a great way to learn more about pediatric AIDS while having a very good time by participating. On a related matter, Rose said that World AIDS Day is this Friday, November 30th, and he has been working with Pham on that event. He recommended that everyone participate in the processions and the rally on Friday in Bruin Plaza.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mossahebfar moved and Jang seconded to adjourn.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker