

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 22, 2008  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chang, Chibnick, Colosimo, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, McLaren, Melgar, Mossahebfar, Nelson, Pham, Rose, Sandler, Shaw, Sobhani, Tanjuaquio, Tressel, Tuttle, Weintraub, Williams

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Gregory Cendana, Pardis Farhadian, Flavia de la Fuente, Natalie Gonzalez, Natalie Knight, Afshin Haghgoo, Scott Hanford, Kathleen Hsu, Jose Iniguez, Aaron Israel, Joe Karet, Lauren Klein, Stacey Klein, Jenn Lorch, Leeron Morad, Jesse Melgar, Neilda Pacuing, Katy Silvester, Debra Simmons, Akram Uraizee, Curtis Whatley, Amanda York

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The Attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Colosimo added SOOF under New Business.
- Colosimo moved New Business in front of Old Business.
- Rose removed CAC and CEAC from Appointments.
- 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

**January 8, 2008**

- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of January 8, 2008 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

**January 15, 2008**

- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of January 15, 2008 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

*There were no Public Comments this week.*

V. Special Presentations

*There were no Special Presentations this week.*

VI. Appointments

**SACBOG – Natalie Knight**

- Tanjuaquio moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Appointment of Natalie Knight to SACBOG.
- Tanjuaquio said Shaw was the other member present at Knight's interview, and she abstained because she thought they needed more information from the interviewee in regards to questions asked. She only abstained because of the urgency for quorum on SACBOG.
- Rose said the applicant, while not having direct knowledge of the Student Activities Center, she is still a very bright individual who can do the job. Also, the reason for such a late submission is that the council was waiting for more applications.- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Natalie Knight to SACBOG with a vote of 9-0-1.

**General Representative 3 – Matt Sandler**

- Rose said the decision to choose Sandler as General Representative 3 was a tough one. While Sandler does not have a lot of experience in USAC, he has a lot of great solid ideas to bring to the table.
- Jang moved and Weintraub seconded to approve the Appointment of Matt Sandler to General Representative 3.
- Weintraub asked Sandler why he is getting involved with USAC now. Sandler answered that his obligations are dying down, and he already has experience dealing with USAC through other student groups. He also hopes to bring his own ideas to the UCLA community.
- Tuttle asked Sandler if USAC is his number priority in regards to external events, such as a music competition. Sandler said USAC would be his number one priority.
- The point was raised of Sandler's efficiency and experience with USAC. If Sandler was more acquainted with USAC, he would have the tools to better implement his ideas without conflict. A rebuttal offered is that Sandler's lack of USAC experience is a plus. Because this way he is not mired in preexisting politics within the USA community.
- It was brought up that Sandler should get into contact with Sajan's office and get information on their projects they were working on. Sandler said he is trying to get in contact with Sajan's office and see if its feasible to continue her projects as well.
- Shaw asked how Sandler, lacking a constituency, will reach out to the student body if he is sworn in. Sandler said his experience with the student community provided him an idea of what events students would like to see.
- Rose said when he counts the votes of the council members, he will only look at votes in the affirmative or the negative.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Matt Sandler to General Representative 3 with a vote of 7-2-1.

**External Vice President – Jesse Melgar**

- Rose said Melgar is a very qualified individual for the position of EVP, which is exceptionally good given the high demands and qualifications required for the job.
- Tanjuaquio moved and Iberti seconded to approve the Appointment of Jesse Melgar to External Vice President.
- Lyon asked Melgar what differences he will encounter between being an assistant and being the EVP. Melgar said the only difference is the Tuesday night meeting.

- Tuttle asked Melgar what his opinion is of UCLA as a national and state organization. Melgar said UCLA is a very prominent organization in groups such as UCSA and USSA, but Melgar hopes to branch out and has people in mind he will bring in to help accomplish this.
- Shaw asked Melgar what his goals are as EVP. Melgar said he hopes to outreach to student organizations of interest and get them involved with other activities such as Bruin Lobby Corps. He also wants to involve individuals who have not been so involved in the past, and he really aims to increase growth in both the Office of the EVP and UCLA.
- Shaw asked Melgar what he considers to be the most important student issues.
- Melgar said he believes student fees and diversity to be the foremost critical issues.
- Council voted to approve the Appointment of Jesse Melgar to External Vice President with a vote of 10-0-1.

#### VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said that there were 4 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$4388.02. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$1225.00.
- Mossahebfar moved and Weintraub seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations were approved by Acclamation.

#### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

##### **Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio**

Tanjuaquio said her office is continuing the same projects she discussed last week.

##### **External Vice President – Jesse Melgar**

Melgar said the Sacramento conference is March 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>, and recruitment efforts are going to begin soon.

##### **Campus Events Commissioner – Colin Iberti**

Iberti said Emerson is currently working on the website, but there are multiple things that have not been uploaded to the site. People should try to update sections of the site so Emerson has an idea of the structure.

#### IX. New Business

##### **A. Second SOOF Allocation**

- Chibnick said this SOOF Allocation is only 10% of what was originally requested. 38 groups requested funding this time around as opposed to 159 groups, and the average request was \$4,734.
- Sobhani moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Second SOOF Allocation.
- Anyone who asks can receive the scores that each group received during the allocation process.
- Council approved the Second SOOF Allocation with a vote of 12-0-0.

##### **B. Surplus Request from the Office of the President**

- Amanda York and Lauren Klein gave a presentation on Bruin Amp Productions and the Get Legal Concert they wish to plan during Spring Quarter. However, in order to have money for such an undertaking, the President's Office is requesting a loan of \$80,000 from USAC. The money would come out of the surplus fund, and will either be returned to the surplus fund if no event takes place, or USAC will be fully reimbursed

- after the event. However, they need money in order to start negotiations with talent for the concert.
- Sobhani said, after reviewing the request and the surplus fund, such a loan would not make a foreseeable impact on student group programming.
- Rose said his office was talking with Ken Heller, a potential promoter, and they're hoping to split the costs at a minimum 50/50. If they can, they want to split it with Ken 75/25 or 60/40, with Heller paying the larger portion of the costs.
- Some concerns were raised as to potential conflicts with getting talent within the given time frame and with Jazz-Reggae Festival. York said they already have dates set out, so there will not be a conflict with Jazz-Reggae Festival, and they have enough time to book a good artist.
- There were other concerns with getting contracts for suppliers in a time frame that would ensure financial stability and security. Rose addressed this by saying contracts will not be made unless the event was a sure thing.
- A question was raised about the promoter's motives. The promoter, while assuming part of the risks for the event, will get the same proportion of profit from the risk he assumes.
- The point was brought up that Pauley Pavilion has not been used in the past as a venue because it is hard to book, high risk, and many promoters do not wish to work with that situation.
- The most divisive issue at the table was the possibility of the loan being taken away from any future student programming. Shaw felt the \$80,000 loan would decrease the amount of programming student groups could engage in due to a lack of available funds. Rose, Mossahebfar, Sobhani, Colosimo, and Jang felt that due to a lowering of submitted applications and a surplus of money, the \$80,000 loan would be negligible, given the financial position of USAC and the loan will be paid back in full. Also, Shaw expressed that admission should not be charged to students, while Rose said the ticket price will be a bargain deal based upon what artists are booked.
- Colosimo made a friendly amendment to the resolution, saying that if the contracts are not sorted out, or the event is not looking to be successful by May 1<sup>st</sup>, the \$80,000 loan is to be returned to the USAC surplus account. There were no objections.
- Council voted to approve the Surplus Request from the Office of the President with a rollcall vote. Colosimo, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, Mossahebfar, Pham, Sandler, Tanjuaquio, Weintraub voted in favor of the motion. Chang and Shaw voted against the motion. Melgar abstained from voting.

#### X. Old Business

##### A. Approval of USA Surplus

- Iberti said he felt uncomfortable tackling this subject with only a one year surplus model, and a multiple year model should be used instead.
- Dr. Tuttle asked Rose if he will give a notice of a bylaw change. Rose said yes.
- The motion was moved to be tabled.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Approval of USA Surplus was tabled.

#### XI. Announcements

- Lyon said Drew Barrymore will potentially be at the next Never Forget event at 7:00pm on January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is also a possibility of Will Smith appearing at a later Never Forget event.
- Melgar said Election Invasion Week is next week, with the EVP's office main goal being voter registration. There will be different events on campus, such as Republican debates and Democratic debates, pledge campaigns, and other activities.
- Pham said this Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, is the Super CPR event where they certify over hundred people in CPR. The event goes from 1:00pm to 4:00pm and costs about \$8.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to adjourn.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King  
USAC Minutes Taker