

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday February 12, 2008
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: McLaren

GUESTS: Elicia Blackford, Nikhil Chama, Sarah Jo, Jennifer Lorch, Chawla Obara, Neilda Pacquing, Brittany Yriarte

I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Rose moved Special Presentations before the Minutes.
- Colosimo added Surplus Allocation under Old Business as an action item.
- Pham added RollAIDS under Special Presentations.
- Weintraub added Academic Senate under 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. Special Presentations

UCLA Transportation – Renee Fortier

- Fortier gave a presentation outlining the current programs UCLA Transportation has been implementing on and around campus. Her department has had a significant drop in demands in parking permits in the last 3 years, and with declining daily trips, they have exceeded air quality management guidelines. Their office has been engaging in several campaigns, the foremost being an alternative transportation to help control daily trips and demand on spots. They hope to institutionalize different programs on campus involving alternative transportation; however, with the rising cost of fuel, the need to replace vehicles in service, and debt payments, UCLA Transportation hopes to engage at least some of their programs in the near future. They hope to see more people carpooling, walking, or cycling in the future, especially since they are currently juggling with a possible fee increase for permits.
- Rose asked if there is something quantifying from where increases are coming. Fortier said between 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, there are significant increases, especially in areas such as the medical facilities.
- Mossahebfar asked what the revenues will be. Fortier said they will be higher than \$43 million.

- Iberti asked if there was a preference between raising either blue or yellow permits. Fortier said the advisory board told UCLA Transportation to maintain a ratio where blue permits are 25% higher in cost than yellow permits. As of late blue permits have fallen below that ratio, so they are correcting it.
- Rose said it seems there has currently been a higher demand for student parking. Fortier said they only grant parking in the resident halls to students who can demonstrate a significant need to maintain an automobile, so the demand is artificially kept low. They do this in order to promote alternative forms of transportation.
- Mossahebfar asked if it was possible to extend the van pool hours on certain evenings. Rose also said the council's biggest concern is many students feel the van pool service should run past 1:00 am on some nights, especially given the recent number of high profile incidents that have occurred. Fortier said they tried expanding the hours a couple years ago, but there was not a huge demand so they cut back on the hours. If students wanted more hours, money would not be an issue, only finding staff for those hours may be difficult.
- Sandler said many students are worried about bike theft, which also inhibits the growth of a bike population at UCLA. Fortier said the City of Los Angeles is updating their master bike schedule, and they have been exploring the possibility of a loaned bike program on campus.
- Mossahebfar asked about having carpools formulated online and if they list the incentives one gets from carpooling. Fortier said they have a carpool matching service online, and they are hoping to make the incentives for carpooling more apparent online.
- Melgar asked if they advertised to the hill at all about the vanpool service. Fortier said they do at the new student orientation programs.

RollAIDS – Aya Obara

- Obara gave a presentation on the event RollAIDS, which is a rollerskating fund raiser to help fight AIDS. It will be Wednesday, March 5th, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

IV. Public Comments

- Pacquing said the OSAC applications are now online, and the deadline has been extended to 3:00pm on February 29th. She sent the application to the list serve, and she wants everyone to outreach to the student groups so they know the application is up.
- Rose said if a group applied last year, they only need to resubmit their contact information, but the group will still have a hearing. If a student group received office space last year, they are guaranteed that space until next year when the allotment expires. They are guaranteed space but not a specific space.*

V. Appointments

Student Fee Advisory Committee

- Tanjuaquio moved and Jang seconded to approve Elicia Blackford to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.
- Shaw asked if Blackford would prioritize SFAC over ARC and her other time commitments. Blackford said she has a lot to do, but most of it is SFAC related and she will prioritize SFAC.- Tuttle asked Blackford if she is willing to stand up to administrators and disagree with them. Blackford said she is willing and prepared to do it.
- Nelson asked Blackford if she is familiar with budgeting systems. Blackford said she understands budgeting pretty well.
- Council approved Elicia Blackford to the Student Fee Advisory Committee with a vote of 12-0-0.

Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee

- Tanjuaquio said Daniel Hagos was voted 2-0-1 to be recommended for the position.
- Tanjuaquio moved and Sobhani seconded to approve Daniel Hagos to the Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee.
- Council approved Daniel Hagos to the Chancellor's Enrollment Advisory Committee with a vote of 12-0-0.

Academic Senate

- Weintraub moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve Brittany Yriarti to Academic Senate.
- Shaw asked Yriarti if she could talk about some things she learned on her committee last year. Yriarti said she learned a lot on how to advocate for students' rights.
- Rose asked Weintraub why most of her applicants are from her staff. Weintraub said there is not bias in the application process, and it is completely based on merit.
- Council approve Brittany Yriarti to Academic Senate with a vote of 11-0-1.

VI. Approval of the Minutes

January 22, 2008

- Tuttle said the minutes should include the list of students who agreed and disagreed with the loan to the Office of the President.
- The minutes of January 22, 2008 were tabled.

February 5, 2008

- Mossahebfar moved to approve the Minutes as amended.
- Tuttle asked to add Election Invasion Week to Melgar's Officer Report.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of February 5, 2008 were approved, as amended by Acclamation.

January 29, 2008

- Mossahebfar moved and Iberti seconded to approve the Minutes as amended
- Melgar said in his Officer Report, it is Brandon Harrison, not Harris.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of January 29, 2008 were approved, as amended by Acclamation.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said that there were 5 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$4609.00. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$2005.00. Sobhani made 1 allocation via his discretionary authorization.
- Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Sobhani said he was able to make a discretionary allocation to La Joteria de UCLA despite the mix-up. La Joteria de UCLA is a registered student group at UCLA, but there have been problems with creating a master list of all registered student groups. The groups are separated on to different lists, depending on when they were registered throughout the year, so sometimes a mix-up can occur.
- Tuttle said USAC should figure out a way to close the gap between the time a student group is registered and the time they show up as being registered.
- Nelson said there are sometimes human errors that occur, and if a misunderstanding occurs, someone should contact an administrator.
- Council approved the Fund Allocations with a vote of 12-0-0.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports
President – Gabe Rose

Rose said his office is moving along with their projects, especially the concert, and the new web design is also moving forward pretty well too.

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

Tanjuaquio said her office is working on the double coupon campaign 8th week for the hill. Her office also had their second solidarity event that went really well too.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

- Melgar talked about the Higher Education Act and how it would help students by increasing Pell Grants, help simplify the FAFSA process, and increase data for campus safety in regards to hate crimes, along with many more provisions. Melgar went on to say his office received 105 applications for the UCSA conference in Sacramento, from March 1st through 3rd, and his office will be able to fund about 80 of those applications. In addition, the USSA conference applications are due this Friday, but it is going on from March 15th to the 18th, which is finals week. If anyone wants to still go, his office can fund about 10 people.

Mossahebfar asked why minor drug offenses are being singled out in the Act. Melgar said students with minor drug offenses will be severely hampered in getting aid from the government, but student associations are working on getting rid of the clause because many feel it targets a specific type of student.

Administrative Representatives – Dr Berky Nelson/Dr. Rick Tuttle

Nelson said there is a nationwide event to commemorate the April 16th Virginia Tech massacre, and UCLA should be apart of the event. It is under the Brady Campaign, and it is something the the council should look into. Also, Nelson said the Student Regent applications are out, and anyone who wishes to be apart of the regents should consider it. It is a very prestigious position, and one of the top student positions in the nation.

Rose asked if you had to be a student for the next two years to be a Student Regent.

Nelson said yes, because the first year the student is a designate. Yet, it is better to apply first and hope to get in than worry about graduation limits, because the two year term limit is not set in stone.

General Representative 3 – Matt Sandler

Sandler said his office now has a full staff, but unfortunately Sajan nor any of her staff members passed on their projects to his office. The Pop Music Showcase will be having auditions 8th week and the first showcase will be 10th week. They have lined up for the showcase a top man from Capitol Records and an executive agent from the Creative Artist Agency. Also, there will be an off-campus housing workshop first week of spring quarter to help students get acquainted with finding housing outside of the Hill.

IX. Old Business

A. Surplus Allocation

- Colosimo said they changed the percentage of USA Programming from 40% to 45%, and the USA Capital percentage went from 15% to 12%, with the balance going into contingency. Overall, it is about a \$6,000 addition to USA Programming, which is good because that fund can run short of money on occasion.
- Lyon moved and Sobhani seconded to approve the changes to the USAC Surplus Allocation.
- Rose asked if they would have to change the bylaws in order to change the percentages in the USAC Surplus Allocation. Colosimo said the percentages being changed in the current motion are in the funding guidelines, not the bylaws, and the only percentage that is in the bylaws is the 5% reserve taken from the USAC surplus.

- Rose asked if the guidelines were being changed permanently. Colosimo said they are being changed permanently, but they can always be brought to the table again for deliberation if it does not work out.
- Tuttle said the percentages currently being changed are located in the bylaws at VI.C.13.b. Rose said the motion has to be changed to reference a change in the USAC Bylaws.
- Nelson asked what the goal of the current motion was. Sobhani said they are trying to make spending more efficient, and to prevent money from sitting in funds where it could not be used except in special cases.
- Weintraub moved and Sobhani seconded to change VI.C.13.b.4-6 of the USAC Bylaws so that 45% of the surplus allocation goes to the USA Programing Fund and 12% of the surplus allocation goes to the USA Capital Fund.
- Chang asked how this change in the bylaws will affect office space changing hands. Sobhani said any equipment paid for by the Capital Fund in that office will stay in the office when it changes occupants.
- Rose asked if there is a mechanism to shift more money into the Capital Fund if it runs out. Sobhani said it is possible with council's approval.
- Council approved the change to VI.C.13.b.4-6 of the USAC Bylaws with a vote of 11-0-0.
- Sobhani moved and Lyon seconded to approve the rest of the Surplus Allocation.
- Council approved the Surplus Allocation with a vote of 10-1-0.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Colosimo said her office, in conjunction with Jang's office, is putting on a student funding workshop Friday of this week and Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The workshop will be occurring in 417 Kerckhoff Hall. Colosimo's office will also be working on Shared Governance next week, and she needs a representative from each office on the council.
- Sobhani said he will be closing unused accounts soon, so people should be aware that the money they did not use will soon be offered to the rest of the public.

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 9:08 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker