

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday February 19, 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: Jennifer Lorch

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

- Tanjuaquio asked to have Afrikan Student Union removed from Special Presentations.
- Kathleen Hsu asked to have OCHC added to Special Presentations.
- 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

University of California Student Association

- Kelly Osdmundson, the field organizer from UCSA, gave a quick presentation as to why she came to the UCLA campus. UCSA is kicking off a budget campaign, with the ultimate goal being a drop in the budget cuts proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger. They are hoping to get as many students to sign postcards asking the California state legislature and senate to keep the UC students a priority.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said that there were 6 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$3949.28. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$1447.36.
- Weintraub moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Sandler asked if the student group they talked about at the previous meeting, La Joteria de UCLA, was a registered student group. Sobhani said it was a registered student group, and the problem stems from referring to two different lists of student groups rather than a unified list. Sobhani said they are working on a way of unifying both the SOOF list and the SGA list.
- Nelson said they historically register student groups year round. They have not been able to do so as of late because they are overloaded with too much work, but it is something of which the council should be aware. A student group could be registered during the middle of the year, but there may not be a current record of it. - Council voted to approve the Fund Allocations with a vote of 12-0-0.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

Tanjuaquio said she went to a meeting with UCPD, where they were trying to address alcohol safety on campus. She will also be having a meeting with Campus Safety Alliance next week.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said his office has the It's Raining Debt Campaign going on this week. They will be collecting postcards all week and collected about 1,000 last week that they sent to Henry Waxman. His office will also be working with the Facilities Commissioner's Office on local issues. His office will also be having a retreat this weekend, despite it being a little late.

Administrative Representatives – Dr Berky Nelson

Nelson followed up on an email he sent out to the council regarding having a commemoration ceremony in regards to Virginia Tech. He said to get in contact with the person mentioned in the email if council wished to have some event of that kind. Also, after what happened in NIU, Nelson said for everybody to be as alert as possible, and if anybody notices anything suspicious or dangerous occurring, they should call the police.

Campus Events Commissioner – Colin Iberti

Iberti said his office is looking into having an outside concert. Three years ago, there was a Roots concert at the same venue, and a lot of sound complaints ensued once the show started. Iberti's office and Ken Heller are working on some way to add some sound proofing to the area, and it will probably be an early night time show as opposed to later.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Addar Weintraub

Weintraub said her office is putting on the 11th Hour screening right now. It was supposed to start at 7:00pm, and they were supposed to have the executive producer there. The executive producer already returned his RSVP and received his honorarium, but canceled about 12 hours prior to the event.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Resolution to Change Surplus within the USAC Bylaws

- Colosimo said the first bylaws change is meant to cap allocations to programs applying to the Programming Contingency Fund at \$1,000. Sobhani has not given out more than \$1,100 to any one program this past year, and with more programs sending applications to the Financial Committee, the cap should be in place to ensure money throughout the year. Also, the Contingency Fund is not a main source of programming, so no program should be given more than \$1,000 out of the fund without good reason.
- Colosimo moved and Lyon seconded to approve the addition of VI.D.1.h to the USAC Bylaws, reading "All programs applying to Contingency Programming should be capped at \$1,000 maximum per program. The Finance Committee must submit a written explanation demonstrating the inherent need of the aforementioned program to the USA Council in order to fund more than \$1,000 per program."
- Colosimo said the second part of the the Financial Committee can have some leniency in giving out more money, but they will have to demonstrate why more money should be given out.
- Nelson asked why not place a higher cap on the Programming Contingency Fund rather than have a clause for special circumstances. Rose said the cap is applicable most of the time, but the second clause is there in case of special circumstances.
- Sobhani said the exception should not be the rule, and future Financial Committees should not get into the habit of giving out more than \$1,000 on a regular basis.
- Williams asked if the Financial Committee just has to write a report, or if that report has to be approved by the council.
- Colosimo said Sobhani has to write a report why he wants to give out more funds, and then council has to approve.
- There was a friendly amendment to change the word "should" to "will" within the motion. There were no objections.
- One concern was brought up about this bylaws change capping the total amount Sobhani can allocate under his discretion. This would limit the amount Sobhani could allocate to programs without bringing it to the council, such in the case of an impromptu event. However, while Nelson mentioned the possibility of an emergency event that would benefit the school, Rose put forth that any serious programming that would require more than \$1,000 would hopefully have had more planning and time put into it.
- Tuttle brought up the issue of adding an internal control mechanism to the bylaws. He mentioned the possibility of having fund unduly removed from funds, so some sort of control mechanism within the bylaws may be warranted. One possibility would be to have a requirement for any discretionary allocation above a certain amount require the signatures of some certain members of the board. This way, any emergency allocations above what the guidelines or bylaws deem necessary will have some sort of check.
- Council voted to approve the addition of VI.D.1.h to the USAC Bylaws with a vote of 10-1-1.
- Colosimo said her next bylaws change is because applying for funding is still a new process that many student organizations still do not know about, so having a funding workshop every quarter would help these groups understand what is required of them when applying for funding.
- Colosimo moved and Tanjuaquio seconded to approve the addition of VI.B.3.c to the USAC Bylaws, reading "It is necessary for the vice chair of the finance committee to hold funding workshops every quarter to inform the student organizational leaders about all the funding opportunities on campus."
- Lyon proposed a friendly amendment, changing "organizational" to "organization." There were no objections.

- Weintraub proposed a friendly amendment, capitalizing “Vice Chair” and “Finance Committee.” There were no objections.
- Sandler said it would be a good idea to include in the bylaws some sort of guidelines as to what the workshops should cover each quarter and what the major points are that should be discussed. Colosimo said she felt the funding opportunities that will be discussed in each workshop already covers that concern, and USAC does not need to put in some sort of guidelines into the bylaws.
- Council voted to approve the addition of VI.B.3.c to the USAC Bylaws with a vote of 12-0-0.

XI. Announcements

- Jang said his office is holding a student funding workshop in conjunction with Colosimo's office from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in 417 Kerckhoff Hall. His office will also be holding a financial aid workshop from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in 2412 Ackerman Union. FAFSA is due March 2nd, and his office will be working with the Office of th EVP and Alumni Association on it.
- Lyon said her office is having the “Never Forget: Who Killed the Electric Car?” event tonight. It started at 7:00pm, and there are a couple of environmental groups going to it.
- Sandler said his office will be having auditions for the UCLA Pop Music Showcase on February 27th and March 1st. The audition times will be announced soon.
- Colosimo reminded the members of the board to send a representative to her office on Friday at 4:00pm for Shared Governance. They will be tallying which committees have faculty, staff, alumni, and student voices on them and then decide with which committees they would like to see more student interaction.
- Shaw said this week is Hip Hop Appreciation Week, and her office is hosting a concert on Thursday with Brother Ali and Del tha Funkee Homosapien. The tickets are free at CTO with your BruinCard. MTV will also be on Bruin Plaza filming tomorrow, and Divine Forces Radio from KPFK and another show from NPR will be there.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mossahebfar moved and Jang 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 7:57 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker