

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday February 26, 2008
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Colosimo

GUESTS: Pardis Famadian, Alison Hughes, Sarah Jo, Dave Karyk, Kristina Loa, Jennifer Lorch,
Jesse Rogel, Stephen Searles

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

- Melgar added Tuition Relief Now to Special Presentations.
- The minutes were tabled.
- Shaw added Gardasil HPV Vaccination to Special Presentations.
- Tanjuaquio removed Comm Board from Special Presentations.- Rose added USA Programming Board to 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

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

ASUCLA Board of Directors

- The presentation given went over the projects that ASUCLA has been currently developing. They have been developing increases in sustainability, such as low energy and water consumption bathroom amenities, while also working with various student groups such as Focus the Nation on different issues, including availability and promotion of Fair Trade Coffee. They have also been surveying students and have

received a lot of positive feedback from the UCLA student community, while also reaching out to the faculty to make them aware of the changes and new options available in ASUCLA.

- Lyon asked if the doubling of the dorm coupon value promotion will go on past eighth week. It will only be happening during eighth week, but the ASUCLA Board of Directors did vote to double their contribution to the coupon.

Tuition Relief Now

- The organization's main goal is to get the California Affordability Act, with the goal of freezing tuition and increasing money for education. They need a minimum of 400,000 signatories by April 17th, and help from USAC would be greatly appreciated in help or opportunities collecting signatures.
- Tuttle asked what is the Tuition Relief Now Campaign's relationship to UCSA. Melgar said UCSA passed a resolution supporting Tuition Relief Now.
- Tuition Relief Now asked if they could meet with a representative from USAC about the possibility of passing a resolution supporting the campaign's work.

HPV/Gardasil Vaccine

- Alison Hughes, from the School of Public Health, said the Ashe Center provides the Gardasil vaccine for HPV, but the shot regimen costs about \$300 through SHIP. This is considered high compared to other campuses, such as Harvard who only requires \$25 per shot. She is collecting signatures to petition for better insurance negotiations with the Ashe Center and feels this is a major student health issues that could go on for several years.
- Weintraub asked from where money could be provided for higher subsidies. Hughes said there are multiple ways, including higher SHIP costs or increased student fees.

VI. Appointments

USA Programming Board

- Rose said Iberti had been on the USA Programming Board for two quarters but has run into time conflicts. Sandler would be an ideal choice for replacing Iberti, because it would be a great opportunity for Sandler to learn more about USA.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, Iberti was removed and Sandler was approved to the USA Programming Board by Acclamation.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said that there were 6 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$7820.00. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$1600.00.
- Sandler asked if \$450 was the maximum allocation allowed for retreats. Sobhani answered in the affirmative.
- Chang asked how her office could have written a better application for their request. Sobhani said the application was excellent, but the allocation decided upon seemed appropriate.
- Iberti moved and Tanjuaquio seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Council approved the Contingency Fund Allocations with a vote of 12-0-0.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

Rose said his office has been working on the town hall meeting up on the Hill, and they have April 8th as a tenable date.

Melgar asked if there will be a format. Rose said it is still a work in progress.

Rose also said the lack of an Election Board Chair is making both himself and others nervous. They have been running adds on facebook and getting in touch with different people, but it seems they will not find someone with previous Election Board experience who would want to do it. The Election Board Chair is only active during Spring Quarter, but it is a time intensive office.

Sandler asked if there is a training process. Rose said there is.

Tuttle asked Rose if he had a figure in mind for the Election Board Chair stipend. Rose said around \$400 to \$500. Tuttle replied that it would be best to have a ballpark figure advertised and to possibly increase the stipend. By doing so there might be more qualified people interested in the position than previously.

Melgar asked if non-partisanship was a signal for good candidacy. Shaw said the candidate has to be purer than the fresh driven snow, and that there is no conflict of interest at all during elections.

Shaw asked if they had a deadline in mind for the appointment. Rose said they hope to have it done before spring break.

Rose gave a quick update on the Election Board Chair issue, saying that the current stipend for the position is \$175/month. The new figure would probably be around \$500 to \$1000, and this is a good aspect to advertise to potential candidates.

McLaren said there are some positions that are not filled sometimes, and the money that would have gone to that position would go towards Election Board Chair.

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

Tanjuaquio said her office has been working on doubling the value of meal coupons, and they have been advertising through various outlets. She is also meeting with the Campus Safety Alliance tomorrow, along with various faculty members regarding a forum in partnership with faculty and undergrads about UCLA in society.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said his office has the conference in Sacramento the week, and his office is also ending the postcard campaign so everyone should send one if they have not already.

Administrative Representatives – Dr Berky Nelson/Dr. Rick Tuttle

Nelson asked if anyone has been able to think seriously about Virginia Tech remembrance. If anybody is planning on some sort of remembrance, he or she should contact either Nelson or any other concerned parties.

Tanjuaquio said they are currently working on a Virginia Tech memorial.

Rose asked if it is possible to involve any other incidents since VT, such as Northern Illinois University.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Addar Weintraub

Weintraub said her office is working on a project to reform course reader distribution.

She had a very good meeting with the head librarian, Gary Strong, and they are starting a new project whereby they hope to reduce the price of course readers.

Williams commended Weintraub on the project, but wants to make sure that the both ASUCLA and UCLA Library are spot on with their legal interpretations of the textual copyrights involving course readers.

Weintraub also attended a legislative assembly meeting and was updated on the financial situation for the UC system next year. It looks pretty grim, and due to the large amount of debt the Schwarzenegger reforms seem like a possibility.

General Representative – Michelle Lyon

Lyon said her office has been working on a project to expand research opportunities to students. There is program potential in Fiat Luxes, where faculty can pick up students with vested interest early and get them started in different research opportunities.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Bylaw Changes

- The first change to the Bylaws introduced would limit SOOF allocations to any student group at \$3,000. Originally it was being capped at \$6,000, which was four times as much as the highest SOOF allocation. Having a cap of \$3,000 would help limit the exorbitant requests from student groups, while putting more of a correlation between scores and allocations.
- Jang moved and Mossahebfar seconded to add II.C, reading "The Budget Review Committee will limit Student Organization Operational Fund applications to requests no exceeding \$3,000." to the SOOF Guidelines.
- Chang said she is concerned that CSC was never consulted for the bylaw changes., and there is strict protocol in place for notifying the table and the Daily Bruin beforehand when dealing with bylaw changes. Rose said this motion is in regard to a SOOF Guidelines change.
- Sobhani said this change to the SOOF Guidelines would help unclog the system of unneeded paperwork, and it helps formalize the application process. A lot more will rest on the Statement of Need on the SOOF Application, making the allocation process more legitimate.
- Shaw asked if they were formalizing the cap. Rose said they are.
- Jang said it would be of interest to investigate how different student groups request, receive, and apply funding by the end of the year to determine how badly the funding was needed.
- Tuttle asked if it was possible for the committee to obtain old balances from previous years accounts. Sobhani said it was possible through SGA to access that data.
- Mossahebfar said student groups would be in a hurry to use up their funding if previous years balances will be used in the application process.
- Tuttle said expenditures are fine as long as they are legitimate.
- Rose brought up the issue of leadership turnover every year in almost all student groups.
- Mossahebfar asked from where the money for the Surplus Fund comes. Rose said it comes from money left over after account closures.
- Council voted to approve II.C to the SOOF Guidelines with a vote of 10-0-1.
- Melgar asked if it was possible to table the proposed USAC Bylaws changes so everyone can look them over.
- Williams said ASUCLA has to be notified a week in advance prior to any change in the Bylaws.
- The additions of VI.C.4.a.vii and VI.C.4.b.iii to the USAC Bylaws were tabled by consent.

XI. Announcements

- Weintraub said her office had Dinner with Grad Students tonight. It had a panel of seven alumni communication majors who talked about where they went and what they did with their major. It was held in the dormitories.
- Jang said his office is hosting a financial aid workshop tomorrow in Ackerman Union 2412 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. His office is working in conjunction with Melgar's office and the Alumni Association, and it is a great workshop to attend seeing that FAFSA is due on March 2nd.
- Lyon said her office and Chang's office are continuing to put the community service Spring Break programs into action. There are four trips total, and they require a \$20 deposit.
- Tanjuaquio said she has started to compile a list of all of the presidential appointees and their recent activities, and she will be sending that list out next quarter.

- Sandler said the Musician Pop Showcase is March 12th from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, and his office will be holding auditions this Saturday. His office is also having an event next Wednesday, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Humanities A69. It is a panel speaking event, where the staff from Lost, Grey's Anatomy, and Entourage, along with representatives from TMZ and Universal will talk about how to get into the entertainment industry, in regards to both talent and business.
- Rose said his office along with Alumni Relations will be sponsoring a job shadow type program, where alumni will open up their offices for a week and allow students to observe the work environment first hand.
- Chang said the Community Service Record that has been in the works for 3 years is almost completed. It is a program on My UCLA where students can input their community service hours and receive confirmation from supervisors and directors.
- Tuttle said the reports on the presidential appointees should be released as they are individually compiled and received by the office of the IVP. Interest has been sparked by the administration in seeing what students have been up to, mostly due to a recent lack of student involvement.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Weintraub moved and Sandler 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 8:37 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker