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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 6, 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

ABSENT: Champawat, Willams

GUESTS: Patricia Alfaro, Malalai Anbari, Christine Davila, Amin Eddebbbarh, Cinthia Flores, Tbrahim Ghaviem, Kathleen Hsu, Sikander Igbal, Abdallah Jadallah, Sarah Jo, Michelle Mojica, Kelly Osmundson, Matias Ramos, Angelo Sandoval, Norah Sarsoup, Sabbir Sattar, Zafir Shaiq, Naqib Shifa, Mohammad Tajsar

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

- Mossahebfar removed Celebration of Israel's 60th Birthday Resolution from New Business.
- Tanjuaquio added Resolution of Recognition of the One Year Anniversary of the Virginia Tech Tragedy under New Business.
- Melgar added UCSA Budget and Annual Overview under New Business.
- Rose added Discussion Regarding J-Board Case under New Business.
- 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

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations for May 6, 2008

- Sobhani said that there were 8 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$16501.91. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$2952.09.
- Weintraub moved and Sandler 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.
- Tuttle asked what is SDS Take Hold! University. Shaw said it is an event where students set up tents around the UC Regents meeting.
- Tuttle asked what is Transfer Raza Day. Shaw said it is an event for transfer students.

B. EVP Travel Grant

There was no business for the EVP Travel Grant this week.

C. Cultural Programming Fund

There was no business for the Cultural Programming Fund this week.

D. Academic Affairs Mini-Fund

There was no business for the Academic Affairs Mini-Fund this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Gabe Rose

Rose said his office returned the \$80,000.00 loan to surplus, and, while they attained some great leads on concert headliners, using Pauley Pavilion as a venue was not feasible.

Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio

Tanjuaquio said her office had their last event, being a panel on UCLA in politics and public life.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said the UC Regents meeting is on May 14th, and public comments begin at 8:00 am. The Regents will vote between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Also, on May 19th, Melgar's office is having a study in with the CSU Student Association in SAC from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

General Representative – Michelle Lyon

- Lyon said her office is finishing up their last events. They had a sex workshop last Wednesday with a guest speaker, and they have a healthy eating and lifestyle workshop coming up soon.

Facilities Commissioner – Sherlyn Mossahebfar

- Mossahebfar said her office is finishing up their work, and she is currently getting high demands for a continuity report. She hopes other offices will follow suit, as the report helps both the new incumbents and administrators.

IX. Old Business

- A. USAC Bylaw Amendment: Addition of Student Advocate**
- Colosimo said CRC reviewed the amendment sent out in the email, and no one found a significant problem with the amendment nor voted against it.
 - Jang moved and Colosimo seconded to approve the USAC Bylaw Amendment: Addition of Student Advocate.
 - Jang moved to add Section 4 to the Bylaw Amendment, stating that whoever is appointed to the position is to be approved by council.
 - Tuttle asked why Section 2.b is to be binding in that manner. Rose said it is to ensure personal feelings do not get in the way of the student advocate's duties.
 - Tuttle asked if this is the same language Berkeley uses to delineate the student advocate. Rose said the language was made up at UCLA.
 - Nelson asked what kind of training the student advocate will have, and if it will be a position based upon referring students, or to personally take up students' problems.
 - Rose said he sees it as a referral position, and he does not think training can be formalized into the bylaws at this stage.
 - Tuttle asked how the student advocate would interact with another student who has grievances that may be particularly devastating towards another party on campus. Rose said the student advocate's position would not to be personally involved, but to act as a referring entity.
 - Tuttle said the word "assist" creates some problems. Rose said the student advocate will only be forced to assist a person with an issue, not to advocate for that issue the student might have.
 - Tuttle asked to whom the student advocate reports. Rose said the student advocate will report to council. Rose said this is because the position will be under filed under standing committees in terms of the bylaws.
 - Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, Section 4 was added to the Bylaw Amendment stating the position of the student advocate must be approved by council, by Acclamation.
 - Nelson said section 2.d might hamstring the student advocate into performing actions with which he or she may not agree.
 - Weintraub moved and Lyon seconded to remove 2.b from the Bylaw Amendment and to have the Bylaw Amendment state that the student advocate will interface with the campus ombudsman office, UCLA legal services, undergraduate counseling, and/or the appropriate administrative office to acquire expertise and to fully explore all possible remedies.
 - Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the amendment to remove 2.b from the Bylaw Amendment and to have the Bylaw Amendment state that the student advocate will interface with the campus ombudsman office, UCLA legal services, undergraduate counseling, and/or the appropriate administrative office to acquire expertise and to fully explore all possible remedies was approved, by Acclamation.
 - Lyon said 2.d binds the student advocate to make a quarterly report, while a lot of the situations they deal with may be confidential. Rose said the student advocate will not have to include names, but present an general report of what they accomplished.
 - Tanjaquiu moved and Jang seconded to change "their" in 2.c to "his or her."
 - Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, "their" in 2.c was changed to "his or her," by Acclamation.
 - Melgar said the language used at Berkeley really outline's Rose's intentions for the position. Rose said he would like to keep the language basic and let it develop.
 - Shaw said the office should be delineated as "non-partisan."
 - Weintraub moved to insert the word "objectively" prior to "assist" in Section 1.
 - Shaw added a friendly amendment to add "non-partisan" between "is" and "appointed" in Section 1. There were no objections.
 - Weintraub added a friendly amendment switching "objectively" and "assist." There were no objections.

- Shaw added a friendly amendment to have Section I begin "The Student Advocate is a nonpartisan appointment made by the USA President to assist students objectively."
- Willard asked if any individuals involved with slates could take the position. Shaw said they can not.
- Lyon said this course of action would cut out a lot of qualified individuals.
- Shaw rescinded her previous friendly amendment concerning non-partisanship.
- Tuttle said the creation of the student advocate position as a 2/3 vote requirement by council would make the position more legitimate in terms of non-partisanship.
- Lyon moved and Tanjuaquio seconded to remove "USA Secretary" from Section 3.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, "USA Secretary" was removed from Section 3. by Acclamation.
- Council approved the USAC Bylaw Amendment with a vote of 12-0-0.

X. New Business

A. UCSA Budget and Annual Overview

- Kelly Osmundson, the UCSA Field Organizer, said each year student governments have an opportunity to see the UCSA Budget and pass it if they wish. She then gave an overview of what UCSA accomplished in the past year.
- Lyon asked how UCSA collects money if not by referendum. Osmundson said the UCSA Senate votes on decisions as to where money should be allocated.
- Melgar said USAC sends annual dues, but not on referendum.
- Lyon asked why Davis is not noted in the budget. Osmundson said Davis decided to pull out.
- Tuttle asked which address students registered with UCSA is being used. Melgar said they register students with their campus address.
- Tuttle said it might be worthwhile to register students with their home address to make a bigger impact with legislators statewide.
- Melgar said USAC has to pass the budget because they are a member of UCSA.
- Lyon asked what "youth vote" is on the UCSA Budget. Osmundson said it is Students Vote Project which gets a grant from USSA.
- Lyon asked if UCSA will increase in staff size. Osmundson said it will most likely if the current trend continues.
- Rose said the budget decreased from last year, but expenditures increased. He asked if they are running on a deficit. Osmundson said they are decreasing the amount that is going into savings, not that they are running on a deficit.
- Rose asked if the costs UCLA incurs to send each student to a conference is reflected on the budget. Osmundson said they are.
- Council approved the UCSA Budget and Annual Overview with a vote of 12-0-0.

B. Resolution of Recognition of the One Year Anniversary of the Virginia Tech Tragedy

- Tanjuaquio said there will be a lie in on the 16th, and they displayed some of the quilts they made in the Kerckhoff Hall Art Gallery.
- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Resolution of Recognition of the One Year Anniversary of the Virginia Tech Tragedy.
- Lyon moved and Weintraub seconded to amend the Resolution so that: (1) after the third "whereas," replace "such as" with "including," (2) after the fourth "whereas," the space prior to the comma needs to be removed, and (3) the "Therefore" in the last clause has an extra "P" that needs to be removed.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the tripartite amendment first moved by Weintraub was approved, by Acclamation.
- Lyon added a friendly amendment inserting the date of "April 19th, 2007" after the word "vigil," after the second "whereas." There were no objections.

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- Sandler moved and Tanjuaquio seconded to replace all commas occurring at the end of each section with semicolons.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the tripartite amendment first moved by Sandler was approved, by Acclamation.
- Council approved the Resolution of Recognition of the One Year Anniversary of the Virginia Tech Tragedy with a vote of 12-0-0.

C. Discussion Regarding J-Board Case

- Rose said he was notified by the Daily Bruin that himself, Pacquing, and Mossahebfar are involved in a J-Board case. Rose does not know what it is about and has not heard about it prior to being contacted by the Daily Bruin, but he would like to talk about it.
- Shaw said the case concerns itself with what transpired during last week's meeting concerning OSAC. J-Board has not decided if they will review the case or not.
- Mossahebfar said she was a little disconcerted that Daily Bruin knew about the case prior to herself. Shaw said the case was submitted three hours prior to the current meeting.
- Lyon asked who filed the J-Board case. Shaw said she filed it with Greg Cindana.
- Rose said it is important to discuss how this mix up occurred and what messages were exactly sent, which is why he printed out those emails.
- Rose said he felt like his credibility was under attack with the filing of this petition.

XI. Announcements

- McLaren said the formal ceremony where the new members are sworn in is tentatively June 8th.
- Chang said her office has a big event this weekend, but they are still in need of volunteers.
- Mossahebfar said Bruins for Israel will be having a celebration in honor of Israel's independence from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Bruin Plaza.
- Sandler said Sigma Pi will be hosting an event with Sunshine Kids from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Sunset Rec.
- Sobhani said the program Global Classrooms will be occurring on June 6th and 7th at USC.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mosshebfar 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 9:08 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker