

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday August 18, 2008
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Birks, Chacon, Chibnick, Garcia, Gonzalez, Hosseini, Kohles, Liu, McLaren, Melgar, Nelson, Reodica, Roth, Shulman, Sien, Tressel, Tsai, Tuttle

ABSENT: Champawat, Sobhani, Williams

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Hosseini called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Reodica removed Textbook Scholarship Proposal from the Officer and Member Reports.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Agenda was approved, by Acclamation.

III. Approval of the Minutes

- Tuttle said minutes that are approved during the summer do not have to be reapproved at the beginning of the next school year. Appointees, on the other hand, need to be reviewed again.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

- Hosseini said the ARC meeting for the SFAC appointments is tomorrow at 4:00 pm.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Student Government Operational Fund (SGOF) Allocations

- Hosseini asked if Sobhani informed anybody about the SGOF Allocations.
- Shulman said Brian Tan, the Budget Review Director, has not finalized the allocations yet, and they will hopefully vote on it next week.

B. Contingency Allocation Recommendations

There were no Contingency Allocation Recommendations this week.

C. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund this week.

D. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. Travel Grants

There was no business for Travel Grants this week.

F. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

There was no business for the Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant this week.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Homaira Hosseini

Hosseini said she is working on getting the rest of her appointments through to ARC.

She was also contacted by a group of students who want to work with Live 2008 for AIDS awareness, and they are interested in using UCLA as a venue. She did not commit to anything yet, but if anyone is interested in working with these students, he or she should contact her.

Internal Vice President – Evan Shulman

Shulman thanked everyone for the making the retreat a great experience and mentioned drafting a letter to Outdoor Adventures thanking them for the use of the Challenge Course. He also worked on creating different categories by which different offices can work on. These include: civic engagement, sustainability, academic advancement, campus safety, community service, alternative wellness, student welfare, and student group engagement. Each office could work under one or more of these separate headings throughout the year. Another big issue coming up is Bruin Bash, on which Liu and Chacon are working. An idea for promoting the new USAC website would be to advertise it during Bruin Bash while people are waiting. They could also make t-shirts to help advertise USAC, and to create a better argument that t-shirts count as advertising when applying for funding allocations. Shulman also had a meeting with housing in regard to sustainability, and he had another meeting with UCLARadio. Lastly, Shulman said he will be leaving this Thursday for a family vacation and he will not be back until September 14th. Since he is the chair of ARC, they will have to organize the ARC meetings for either before he leaves or after he comes back.

Garcia said himself, Sobhani, and Kohles could staff ARC for quorum. This would alleviate the issue of certain appointments on a time deadline, such as Comm Board.

Hosseini said there can not be a substitute for the chair of ARC. They can calendar the important appointments for the time slots before Shulman leaves.

Hosseini said Liu and Chacon will be in charge of creating a design for the t-shirt and the flyer, and that they should not worry about funding at this time.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said his office is sending a group of UCLA students up to Berkeley for vote training. Also, council members should keep U-Cop in mind as a good resources, as they have been supportive of UCSA in the past.

**Finance Committee Chair – Student Organization Operational Fund (SOOF)
Update**

Since Sobhani was absent at the meeting, McLaren gave the update on SOOF. McLaren said the SOOF application was released last Friday night on the website, and the deadline is August 29th at 5:00pm. An advertisement will run this coming Monday, and the hearing dates for SOOF will be Monday, September 8th to Friday, September 19th. All hearings will run from 6:00pm to 11:00pm, with the exception of Tuesday, where the hearings will run from 9:00pm to 11:00pm. Also, McLaren said council members can submit a small 200-250 word profile to Tony Ta or herself via email.

Gonzalez said there is a conflict as the USAC meetings are Monday at 7:00pm.

McLaren said she will change it tomorrow.

Shulman said those council members who did not preview the website should do so and give any feedback on what features they would like to see added or changed.

Chacon said he would like to see a running calendar on the website.

Chacon said the link from ASUCLA to the Cultural Affairs Commission website does not work.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

XI. Announcements

- Tuttle asked Shulman what is impression of the bylaws are in terms of the IVP being present for ARC to have quorum. Shulman said he needs to check the bylaws, but he knows quorum requires three committee members.
- Tuttle said he took a look at the bylaws and found in section I.D.2.b.(4) detailing the requirements for ARC quorum. Tuttle said he believes quorum requires only 3 out of the 4 selected members of ARC, and he does not see anything that stipulates the IVP's required presence. Tuttle continued with I.D.2.b.(5), which details the requirements of the ARC chair. He said the most he reads is the possible mandate of the IVP when presenting the appointments to council. It also says under I.D.2.c that summer appointments have to be readvertised at the beginning of the new school year. While is not completely sure that a Jboard case could not come out of this situation, Tuttle felt that there is a possibility of a summer exception put in the bylaws to deal with Shulman's travel situation.
- Shulman asked if there is anything in place for someone to take over the IVP's ARC presentation responsibilities during council meeting, similar to when the IVP takes over for the President when absent. Tuttle said he did not find anything in the bylaws in relation to that issue.

- Hosseini said next meeting is Monday at 7:00pm in 417 Kerckhoff Hall.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm, by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker