

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday August 25, 2008
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Melgar, Sobhani, Williams

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Hosseini called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Reodica added Budget Review Committee to New Business to discuss if she can appoint a proxy.
- Gonzalez said she would like to discuss the same issue.
- Hosseini removed Student Fee Advisory Committee from the Agenda.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini 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

May 27, 2008

- Garcia said his name is misspelled on page 4.
- Gonzalez said the organization she referenced will not die out, as said on page 4.
- Tsai said on page 3, "she" should be "he" in reference to himself.
- Chacon moved and Reodica seconded to approve the Minutes of May 27, 2008.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of May 27, 2008, were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

June 30, 2008

- Garcia said on page 2 Acker should "seek," not "continue" retention counseling.
- Garcia said on page 4, "Success for Retention Center" should be "Student Retention Center."
- Garcia said it should be clear that he did not transfer any money under the discussion in the Academic Success Referendum Fund.
- Gonzalez said on page 5, under her announcement, she will be releasing an informative email.

- Roth moved and Tsai seconded to approve the Minutes of June 30, 2008.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of June 30, 2008, were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

August 18, 2008

- Chacon moved and Sien seconded to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2008.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of August 18, 2008, were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

VI. Appointments

A. Student Fee Advisory Committee

- Hosseini said the appointee is not going to be at the meeting tonight, so she is going to postpone the appointment until later.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Student Government Operational Fund (SGOF) Allocations

- Debra Simmons said she can talk about the SGOF Allocations, but they need Brian Tan at the meeting before they can be approved.
- Hosseini asked that Simmons explain SGOF since she is here.
- Simmons said SGOF is an operational fund that requires a requisition form before it can be accessed. She said only 60% of an office's SGOF allocation can be used towards stipends.
- Simmons continued through the Budget Review Director's Report, explaining the various parts of SGOF to council.
- Roth asked what she should do if her stipends are more than 60% of her SGOF allocation. Simmons said she should talk to Tan about that.
- Nelson asked if there was a cap on the amount a transfer of funds could be. Simmons said the cap is 20%, but anything more is alright if approved.
- Garcia said he looked at the SOOF score sheet and did some calculations based on an organizations scoring and their allocation. He said he is a little worried because some organizations did not get an allocation that matched their score.
- Hosseini said they are going to wait on approving the SGOF Allocations until Tan is present.

B. Contingency Allocation Recommendations

There were no Contingency Allocation Recommendations this week.

C. Academic Success Referendum Fund

- Garcia said he has a little under \$15,000.00 for his Mini-Grant for the entire year, but he did not set any quarter limits.

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

- Chacon said he has a total of \$15,000.00 in the Mini-Grant for the entire year, and roughly about \$5,000.00 a quarter for which groups can apply.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Homaira Hosseini

- Hosseini said the new Chancellor wants to revive the old tradition of the New Student Welcome, and on September 22nd they will be having it. All of council will be on stage for the New Student Welcome. They will be meeting at 3:30pm outside of Pauley Pavilion, and if anybody can not come he or she should notify Hossini by September 15th. Hosseini also said there will be a Shared Governance Conference on September 24th, and if anybody wants to go they should let her know by September 15th. Hosseini said she will also be sitting on the Statewide Student Mental Health Committee in Oakland. They will be determining campuses are using money from Proposition 63 correctly. The last item on Hosseini's report was UCLA's WASC Reaccreditation. WASC will be visiting the school from October 6th to the 8th, and there will be a preparatory meeting on September 30th. On October 7th there will be a meeting open to all students, and then a later meeting closed to only a select few students. There will only be two spots open to USAC, so contact her if you want to go.

Tuttle said a major issue with the WASC Reaccreditation is that of the capstone course.

There has been discussion at UCLA as to whether or not to institute it.

Nelson said if there is any sign of problems that one believes the WASC Committee will see, he or she should disclose it immediately to them and be completely frank.

Internal Vice President – Evan Shulman

- Liu gave Shulman's report for him. Liu said Shulman's office did an accountability project, but he wants to develop it more with Hosseini. If anybody would like to know more about it, he or she should contact Shulman.

Hosseini said they have also been talking about the possibility of multiple office staff retreats.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

- Tuttle said it should be noted that Susan Li is an informal proxy for Jesse Melgar at this meeting, and that she is not creating motions, seconding, etc.
- Li said there will be an office retreat sometime during fall quarter. His office also sent 8 student organizers to UCSA Bare Essentials Vote Training, and it is effective for teaching students how to implement various vote tactics.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. BRC Discussion

- Reodica said she has LSAT classes during some of the SOOF hearings, and she would like to know if it is possible to appoint a proxy in her place for the hearings.
- Tuttle said he thinks there may be a problem for a couple reasons. Tuttle says there is no language that says proxies can not be appointed, but it does delineate of what the committee will consist. These are the Budget Review Director, the assistant Budget Review Director, and three members selected by USAC. There is an absence of language in terms of a provision for alternates for the USAC members. There is also

- language to determine a course of action when the BRD is not there, so that strengthens the lack of language for the USAC members. Also, if there are different people on different days, that leaves grounds open for a challenge to the procedure.
- Gonzalez asked, in terms of the bylaws, if there is anything about the amount of people required for the committee. Tuttle said the number required that is stated is three, and that it is awfully good to have either the BRD there or the assistant BRD.
 - Garcia asked if it is possible to vote to replace Gonzalez and Reodica for a certain amount of time. He also asked if there is anything in the bylaws that prohibits someone from serving on two committees.
 - Tuttle said he does not recall anything in the bylaws that prohibits someone from serving on two committees, and there may be a way out by opening up two spots and appointing two other council members to BRC for the time being.
 - Reodica said she could not attend the hearings on Tuesday or Thursday, so it would be the most fair if someone was appointed in her stead who could attend the entire week.
 - Roth asked if someone else on BRC could pick up on the two days that Reodica can not make it.
 - Garcia said there would be a problem with quorum.
 - Nelson said, since the dates are already publicized, the problem is internal and has to be fixed as such.
 - Gonzalez said she would only be able to make three to five out of the ten scheduled SOOF hearings due to ORL training.
 - Hosseini said the best option would be a temporary step-down of Reodica and Gonzalez from BRC and appoint two other people in their place.
 - Garcia and Tsai said they would be free for the scheduled SOOF hearings.
 - Chacon moved and Gonzalez seconded to add to the Agenda the Replacement of Gonzalez and Reodica on BRC until September 30th, 2008.
 - Council voted 9-0-0 to add it to the Agenda.
 - Reodica moved and Gonzalez seconded to appoint Garcia and Tsai to replace Reodica and Gonzalez on BRC until September 30th, 2008.
 - Council approved the replacement of Reodica and Gonzalez on BRC with Garcia and Tsai until September 30th, 2008, with a vote of 8-0-1.

XI. Announcements

A. CCM Letter

- Roth asked if everyone had read a copy of the letter sent to her by CCM. She said she could compose a response to CCM.
- Garcia said he will probably send an email from his own office to CCM.
- Gonzalez said an email from all of council would also be a good thing.

B. USAC Website Profile

- Hosseini reminded everyone to send their office profiles to McLaren for the website.
- Hosseini asked if everyone would be able to meet next week on Tuesday at 7:30pm, instead of Monday because of Labor Day.
- Hosseini asked that CRC would meet up and get things moving on updating the OSAC guidelines.
- Garcia said he is waiting for CRC to meet up because he has some things he would like to change in the bylaws.
- McLaren said parking permit applications for fall quarter have come through. There are ten blue permits for Lot 4 at a price of \$219, and there are twenty-six standard permits for Lot 4 and 5 at a price of \$179. Those interested in the parking permits should contact her.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Chacon moved and Tsai seconded to adjourn.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm, by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker