

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Friday November 7, 2008  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Birks, Chacon, Champawat, Chibnick, Garcia, Gonzalez, Hosseini, Kohles, Reodica,  
Roth, Shulman, Sien, Sobhani, Tressel, Tsai

ABSENT: Liu, McLaren, Melgar, Nelson, Tuttle, Williams

GUESTS:

I. A. Call to Order

- Hosseini called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The Attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Garcia moved to strike everything from the Agenda except Contingency Allocations and the Appointment of the Assistant Budget Review Director, and Reodica seconded.  
- 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

*There were no Minutes this week.*

IV. Public Comments

- The chairperson of CALPIRG spoke, giving a brief background as to why CALPIRG must engage in the pledge system each quarter. He then asked council for any support they could give during the pledge week, whether it is getting their staff to come help pledge, getting friends to pledge, or just pledging themselves.  
- Chacon asked if people need to pledge each quarter to renew their pledge. Once a person pledges, they are continually tacked on each quarter.  
- Chacon asked if they are registered under CSP. CALPIRG is registered under CSP.  
- Roth asked, if CALPIRG pledges 15% of the student population, then does the entire student population pay an extra five dollars. Only the students who pledged pay the extra five dollars.

V. Special Presentations

*There were no Special Presentations this week.*

## VI. Appointments

**A. Joe Karet – Assistant Budget Review Director (ABRD)**

- Brian Tan said the position of ABRD would be to take over for the BRD in Tan's absence. Karet has a lot of experience with student groups and funding, and Tan strongly recommends him.
- Chacon asked about the experience Karet has. Karet said he has experience through working with his fraternity, sitting on the North Campus v. South Campus committee, and working under Gabe Rose during a first year fellowship.
- Gonzalez moved and Kohles seconded to approve Joe Karet as the Assistant Budget Review Director.
- Council approved the appointment of Joe Karet as the Assistant Budget Review Director with a vote of 7-2-1.

## VII. Fund Allocations

**A. Contingency Allocations**

- Sobhani said that there were 16 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$15426.61. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$7015.84.
- Sobhani said the Community Service Day has historically gotten the most due to precedence. There are three major activities going on, so that is one reason for the allocations being so high.
- Chacon asked if The Great Southern California Shakeout is a program for students. Garcia said it is put on by a student organization and it is for students to help understand safety procedures.
- Chacon moved and Reodica seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- Council approved the Contingency Allocations for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, with a vote of 9-0-1.

**B. Academic Success Referendum Fund**

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

**C. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant**

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

**D. Travel Grants**

*There was no business for the Travel Grants this week.*

**E. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant**

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

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

*There were not Officer and Member Reports this week.*

## IX. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

## X. New Business

*There was no New Business this week.*

## XI. Announcements

- Sobhani said it is important to start a conversation online about the townhall as soon as possible. It is a discussion that could easily be accomplished off the table.
- Garcia said the Vice Chancellor will be having toolbox committees in response to the budget cuts, and he would like to have student representation on them. Their focus will be a proactive approach to working around the budget cuts.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Chacon moved and Reodica 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 6:49 pm. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King  
USAC Minutes Taker