

FINAL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday February 24, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Williams

GUESTS: Bailey West

I. A. Call to Order

- Hosseini called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Shulman added the minutes of November 25th, 2008.
- Reodica added True Cost of UCLA to Special Presentations.
- Sobhani added Approval of Surplus under New Business.
- Shulman said CRC should be an action item.
- Chacon added his officer report.
- Gonzalez asked if bylaw changes under CRC have to be submitted a week before meeting. Chacon said CRC has to be a week before.
- Tsai added his officer report.
- Reodica moved and Birks seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
- 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

November 25th, 2008

- Sobhani said space camp trip is spelled "SPACE."
- Birks moved and Chacon seconded to approve the minutes of November 25th, 2008.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the minutes of November 25th, 2008, were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Public Comments

- Sean Carroll of CALPIRG said they reached their pledge drive goal, and it took over 1,000 volunteer hours. It was one of the largest pledge drive at any UC campus. The

campaign they are currently working on is for global warming, and they hope to work with Henry Waxman.

V. Special Presentations

A. Apartment Review – General Representative 1 Office

- Addison Huddy said they are currently partnered with the Community Housing Office, and the goal is to create a website where students can rate different apartments and write comments about each locale. It will be updated and maintained by student media.
- Melgar asked if they plan on advertising the site. Huddy said they currently have Facebook advertising, and there is a Daily Bruin article about it.

B. True Cost of UCLA Campaign

- Christine Hermawan and Stephen Searles from the Financial Supports Commission said the advertised true cost of UCLA is \$9,834, but their own research found the actual number to be at least \$2,000 higher. Their goal is to perform a survey and get a more accurate number. They have one problem, namely how to get people to take the survey.
- Reodica said they have worked with statistic professors to ensure accurate sampling questions.
- Tressel asked if they tried working with the Financial Aid Office. Aresha Martinez said they are concerned more with quality of life rather than straight budgeting.
- Melgar asked where the FAO got their numbers for cost per day. Martinez said they could only find the numbers.
- Tuttle said they should send their research to the administrators before going public.
- Searles said the goal is to get the survey out there early next quarter.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

- Sobhani said there were 4 recommendations and 1 discretionary allocation. A total of \$17,048.90 was requested, and he recommended an allocation of \$962.00.
- Sobhani said he gave discretionary funding to Dance Marathon because they have been working closely with him, and, after turning in an amazing application last week, some sponsorship money did not come through.
- Garcia moved and Melgar seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations of February 24, 2009.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Allocations of February 24, 2009 were approved, by Acclamation.

B. Academic Success Referendum Fund

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

C. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

- Garcia said he allocated \$500.00 to Normality of Whiteness.

D. Travel Grants

There were no 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

President – Homaira Hosseini

Hosseini said she went on the Alumni Board retreat, where they discussed revamping the vision statement and goals. The president of SAA expressed concern that student outreach is not in the overall plan, and the Alumni Board needs to recognize this. They are working to implement more student involvement. Bruins in the City is on way, as Hosseini talked to the mayor's Chief of Staff. It will hopefully be implemented by Spring Quarter.

Internal Vice President – Evan Shulman

There was another CRC meeting with Champawat. He also found a website that helps make websites, so if commissions are looking for help, they should ask him for the information. Also, his office started the International Social Justice Network again, and he is hoping to get interns involved. Birks said he and Shulman have been working on a site where students can collaborate on programming events. It will be a good way for offices to get in touch with each other on events.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said he was in El Salvador, and he was the delegate to the Salvadorian Student Union. He was able to see the election process down there and how corrupt it is. There was a forum last night for the LA Unified District, where they talked about Measure B. Also there is a student lobby conference this weekend.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Jeremiah Garcia

Garcia said, this Friday, the Admissions Coalition is meeting at 5:00pm in 417 Kerckhoff. Also he and Hosseini are meeting with Judith Smith to talk about ECP and to discuss credit for student leaders as a 191 of sorts.

Cultural Affairs Commission – George Chacon

Chacon said it is the end of Hip Hop Appreciation Month, which was very successful. There will be a presentation next week by Jazz Reggae. There will be tickets for The Game concert coming out soon. Lastly, this Thursday at 7:00pm, One Man Broadway will be in Moore 100.

Student Welfare Commission – Jonathan Tsai

Tsai said the Global Volunteer Fair is tomorrow, which will focus on volunteering abroad. It will be from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. Next Wednesday is RollAIDS, which will go towards orphans in Tanzania. If interested send him an email.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. CRC – Task Force Updates

- Shulman said he is working with Champawat and Student Support Services to bring together a history of what happened to the past bylaws. Last Thursday CRC voted unanimously to support the first chunk of work accomplished.
- Champawat asked that council would validate the methodology.

- Shulman said it was parts 5-6 that was voted on at CRC.
- Champawat said they are looking for proof of actions, even if those actions were rendered moot at a later point.
- Tuttle said people should be wary of mistakes, as one mistake was made in the '82-'83 period, and no one caught it until it was already an issue.
- Roth suggested that everyone come to the CRC meetings to get into the nitty gritty details.
- Champawat said he wanted to make council aware of the progress, but does not want to bog down the meetings and instead do this work through committees.

B. CRC – OSAC Bylaws

- Tuttle said there are two time stipulations to be considered in these changes (IV.C.4.e). These should be compared to the bylaw IV.A.7, which discusses a seven day notice before USAC can take action on amendments, to ensure nothing conflicts.
- Shulman said the Judicial Board became involved in the OSAC process, which lead to the Facilities Commissioner not sitting on OSAC.
- Roth said the meeting of October 21st said this document would be tabled until a date after which CRC would meet. Since CRC met on Thursday, the document was put back on the Agenda.
- Tuttle asked if the notice about this document had the actual document attached. Roth said it did not have it attached, but it did refer to business left over. It was originally added to the Agenda in October.
- Gonzalez said the core document has changed since October, so it should be resubmitted seven days prior to council's meeting.
- Roth said there is no way council members were not aware of the document, nor had no access to said document.
- Hosseini said the only change is striking out one item due to the Judicial Board case.
- Tuttle said he believes council is ok going forward with the business, but the prudent choice would be to wait a week.
- Roth said the actual change that was made is not substantial.
- Tuttle said council should remember that this information was presented in October.
- Hosseini said council could wait here for two hours to discuss the matter.
- Tuttle said that is not relevant, as the notice of discussion is from October.
- Tressel asked Gonzalez if she wanted the Facilities Commissioner removed from the bylaws. Gonzalez said she did. Tressel asked if her constituency would file a Jboard case if council went forward. Gonzalez said it is council's prerogative to move forward or not. Gonzalez said she never filed a Jboard case, but she is bringing concerns about the bylaws to the council.
- Tuttle said the best remedy for leadership is to put off the matter for another week to prevent another Jboard case.
- Tressel asked what would happen if they lost a week. Roth said that would push back the appointment of members and a chairperson.
- Hosseini said one of the legitimate additions is the committee's duty to look for more office space.
- Garcia asked about OSAC's jurisdiction over mailboxes and lockers. Roth said it was in the original forwarded document, and it is a part of updating the bylaws.
- Hosseini said, for the record, there is no opposition to her disseminating information in her search for an OSAC chairperson that one of his or her duties is to look for new space. She suggested to table the matter with that stipulation.
- Roth moved and Chacon seconded with Hosseini's above stipulation.
- Council voted 3-3-6 on the matter.
- Tuttle said the chair can break the tie.
- Garcia moved and Tsai seconded to approve the OSAC Bylaws.
- Garcia said he feels this does not need to be put off any longer.
- Roth moved to table with the stipulation that a chairperson will be forwarded. There was no second.

- Birks called the question.
- Council voted 9-0-3 to vote on the matter.
- Council approved the forwarded bylaws with a vote of 9-0-3.

C. USAC Committee Updates

- Shulman, for the Sustainability Committee, said they passed bylaws for lowering paper usage. They are working on getting recycling bins.
- Melgar, for Affordability, said Reodica's Office has been doing the True Cost of UCLA project.
- Reodica said she is meeting with Champawat this week to talk about ways to market scholarship opportunities to students.
- Hosseini said her office is working with Reodica's commission for Bruinent.
- Kohles said she is meeting with the committee to discuss open access textbooks, and she is also talking to CALPIRG about it.
- Melgar said next week the Regents will vote on free increases in Riverside. Anyone interested in going should talk to the EVP's Office about travel grants.
- Tsai said he is working on a survey with Williams. ASUCLA is very available to help USAC market ideas to the students.
- Shulman asked if the Blood and Platelet Center is done. Champawat said it will be done in the middle of March.
- Garcia, as a part of the Academic Advancement Committee, said he drafted a leader what his office is putting together, and he also put a section to solicit information and get feedback from questions asked.

D. Surplus Approval

- Sobhani said the approval will go down to line 96. If there are any more requests, they will come out of general contingency funds. As of now, ASUCLA should be aware of the climate of the US economy, and now is a good time to have funds for a rainy day. There is a carpet renovation project going on, as some of the carpet is extremely damaged. As for the amount groups will apply for capital, Sobhani anticipates it to be no more than \$20,000.
- Hosseini asked how the \$126,000 remaining compares to last year. Sobhani said he needs to go back and check.
- Garcia asked which areas are getting recarpeted. Sobhani said Kerckhoff needs to be, but there will be an evaluation for which areas need it the most.
- Shulman said it is a good project, but asked if it could be put on the backburner. Sobhani said he can make changes, but Kerckhoff is not a very welcoming place, and the carpets may play a role in people getting sick.
- Melgar asked why the 4th floor was left off the proposal. Sobhani said he can change line 85 to 3rd/4th floor.
- Garcia asked if this could go through Contingency for now, and, when a budget for carpet is presented, they can allocate it out of capital or contingency.
- Sobhani said \$30,000 is needed for the carpet project, and he feels the project can be considered a capital investment since it goes back into the building. Student groups could apply for the \$22,000 in line 92.
- Garcia said the first \$20,000 could be taken out of line 85, and, once a proposal is sent forward, money can be voted and allocated to the project. He does not feel comfortable voting on it now.
- Champawat said this time of year is when council members have a certain amount of discretion. If they feel the carpet should be changed, then do it now.
- Nelson said the psychological benefits from such an improvement could help everyone in Kerckhoff.
- Hosseini asked if the \$112,000 for spring is enough. Sobhani said it is hard to tell.
- Garcia moved to approve and Melgar seconded, with the stipulation that line item 85 is put into Capital Projects, and line item 92 is removed with the understanding that a

proposal for the carpeting project is sent to council for review, where council can go back and allocate money for the project.

- Sobhani said last years surplus distribution was 45% and 12%.
- Chacon asked if they could change those percentages this year. Garcia said it is possible.
- Hosseini asked if there was a friendly amendment to change the percentages.
- Garcia said, when BLT reports how much in USABOD, money can then be asked from council, possibly.
- Council approved the Surplus with a vote of 10-0-2.

XI. Announcements

- Sien said this Saturday will be the CSC Mini Fair. There will be about 30 spots, and it is first come first serve on the Kerckhoff patio. Food will be provided, and people will be doing service for a couple hours.
- Reodica forwarded an email about the FAFSA deadline.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Reodica moved and Birks 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 9:41pm, by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker