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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 3, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Chacon, Champawat, Liu

GUESTS: Andrew Kaddis, Kris Kaupalolo, Montae Langston, Judith Perera, Mallory Wang

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

- Hosseini said the BOD Presentation is going first.
- Reodica added her officer report.
- Garcia added Dream Act Campus Community Hearing under New Business as a discussion item.
- Tsai added his officer report.
- Melgar removed Stephanie Lane from Election Board Appointments.
- Shulman added Approval of Revised E-code under New Business as and action item.
- Reodica moved and Melgar 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

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. ASUCLABOD

- Jesse Rogel and Cynthia Flores said BOD wanted to keep USAC updated on what ASUCLA has been doing. He gave a short presentation detailing the structure of ASUCLABOD, as well as their current projects.

- Hosseini asked about the meeting rooms they are currently constructing, and if they have been talking to SACBOG. They will be meeting with SACBOG and Wooden Board of Governors this week.
- Hosseini asked who will have discretion for renting spaces. Williams said ASUCLA has a protocol for renting spaces, but they have not figured out this specific case yet.
- Flores said ASUCLA is going strong compared to the current state of the economy.
- Tuttle asked how well is "well." Williams said they have seen some steep declines, but they have been doing well compared to the current market.
- Tuttle asked if any program revenues are increasing. Rogel said a lot of costs are coming lower than expected for expenditures.
- Williams said a lot of the projects are long-term payback projects.
- Tuttle asked if there is any fungible money. Williams said there is.
- Tuttle warned council that there may be a time that USAC would have to compromise campaign promises to ensure ASUCLA does not go off a cliff. It has happened in the past.
- Williams said the biggest issues is the increase in the cost of retirement for employees.
- Williams said USAC has to think about the long term projects, as these are their projects and their association.
- Sobhani asked how Shoe City is doing. Williams said it is up 7%, but not fantastically great.

VI. Appointments

A. Montae Langston – Investigations Chair

- Mallory Wang said she fully recommends him for the position, given that he is not involved in any political organization on campus and was a USAC intern last year. He was also on Eboard last year on the endorsements committee.
- Melgar asked Langston how his experience in a partisan office last year affected his views, and how far he removed himself from it. Langston said his experience did not influence his beliefs in any way.
- Hosseini asked about his goals for the position. Langston said he just wants to see the process carried out as fair as possible.
- Tuttle asked if Langston is aware that his honor and reputation is at stake at this position. Langston said he is aware., and he is not connected to any likely candidates.
- Reodica moved and Tsai seconded to appoint Montae Langston to the Investigations Chair.
- Council appointed Montae Langston to Investigations Chair with a vote of 10-0-0.

B. Andrew Kaddis – Publicity Chairs

- Wang said Kaddis is a second year with no involvement in any political organization, and his only commitments involve sports clubs and academia. He is also on his floor's government, and he has experience with flyers.
- Shulman asked Kaddis how the Publicity Chair could help increase student involvement in the elections across campus. Kaddis said he would start with Daily Bruin, then promote to the entire campus through media such as Facebook, and that he would avoid publicizing the Hill because it is a certain area only. He would focus on Bruinwalk.
- Sobhani asked why he would not publicize to the Hill. Kaddis said he would not want to be exclusive to the Hill.
- Hosseini asked Kaddis what he is familiar with from past Eboards. Kaddis said he is new to USAC but willing to learn.
- Tuttle asked him to clarify his position on advertising to the Hill. Kaddis said he wants to start on Bruinwalk then expand out to other locations. Tuttle said not everyone gets to campus through Bruinwalk.
- Tsai asked about his experience with publicity. He produced flyers focused on selling a house, and he has expertise with the technical aspect of graphic design.

- Roth asked him to confirm that he will not be producing flyer for specific candidates. He confirmed it.
- Gonzalez asked him how he heard about the position. He said he found it through Wang.
- Tsai asked if he ever had experience doing publicity for a club or organization. He has not.
- Tuttle asked if Kaddis is aware that his honor and reputation is at stake at this position. Kaddis said he is aware.
- Shulman asked Kaddis how he would encourage seniors to vote. Garcia said GOTV is a good way to frame it.
- Hosseini said she is glad Kaddis is unbiased, but she has a couple of doubts. She hopes training Kaddis would not be a large strain on Wang's responsibilities. Wang said she would work with Kaddis.
- Tsai asked about suggestions to improve publicity from last year. Wang said she did not have any creative avenue last year, but this year she is looking into more ways to creatively advertise.
- Gonzalez asked about ideas for greener forms of advertising. Kaddis said he could use other avenues like Facebook, but that is it as of now.
- Tuttle said to be careful, as a maximum turnout of students and a greener form of advertising may be at ends with each other.
- Hosseini asked for his confirmation that he will work to pursue the publicity endeavors and work on new avenues of advertising such as youtube, and concentrate on senior voters and sustainable forms of advertising. He gave his confirmation on that.
- Shulman moved and Birks seconded to appoint Andrew Kaddis as Publicity Chair.
- Council voted 4-4-2 on the matter.
- Melgar asked Wang how many applications she got for this position. Wang said she got four applications, but only Kaddis put publicity first. She selected him because he was the most unbiased.
- Nelson asked Kaddis's opinion on the percentage of students who vote on south campus, and if he has a plan to target that audience. Kaddis said south campus is very study driven compared to North Campus.
- Garcia said council should recognize that Wang is building a team that is composed of different qualities from different people, and that Kaddis has a different approach that may be beneficial. Council complains about too many people who get involved with the slates and do not make good fits for Eboard, while Kaddis is the type of person council should go for.
- Kohles said it is council's responsibility to also get out the vote.
- Hosseini said the vote was 4-4-2, and she likes Garcia's case. She will vote in favor to break the tie.
- Council voted 5-4-2 to appoint Andrew Kaddis to Publicity Chair.

C. OSAC Chair

- Shulman said Argie Mina had a lot of experience on OSAC last year. He wants to improve communication with student groups, while also focusing on fair allocations. The only issue is that OSAC would be a second priority to another group, but that only meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00pm. He was recommended 2-0-0 by ARC.
- Tressel said he was impressed with Mina from last year.
- Gonzalez asked Mina what groups he is involved with. Mina is the director of TINI. He used to be in Samahang, but now only involved with the culture night.
- Hosseini wanted Mina to confirm that she told him one of his responsibilities would be to look for new space. Mina said he is comfortable with that.
- Melgar said this position should be first priority throughout the year because of how big of a deal it is. He asked Mina what he meant by secondary. Mina said he would just schedule weekly OSAC meetings around his director meetings, not that he would put work on the backburner.

- Gonzalez asked when his term would end. Roth said it stops at the end of spring.
- Roth asked if Mina would recuse himself if TINI applied this year. Mina said he would asked questions, but would have an alternate for scoring.
- Birks moved and Reodica seconded to approve Argie Mina as the OSAC Chairs.
- Council approved Argie Mina as the OSAC Chair with a vote of 9-0-1.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

- Sobhani said there were 4 recommendations. A total of \$1,775.77 was requested, and he recommended an allocation of \$648.77.
- Birks asked if the applications are rolling. Sobhani said they are.
- Roth moved and Reodica seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations of March 3, 2009.
- Hosseini called for Acclamation. Hosseini asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Allocations of March 3, 2009 were approved, by Acclamation.

B. Academic Success Referendum Fund

- Garcia said a total of \$330.05 was requested from the Fund, and a total of \$330.05 was allocated.

C. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

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 has been working on the Bruins in the City project. She also has a meeting with Jocelyn Smith about the responsible endowment campaign on March 13th. The idea will be proposed to the board on March 31st. This Wednesday, from noon to 2:00pm, there will be a Student Risk Education Committee town hall to teach students how they can protect themselves in terms of risk. This will be especially good for group signatories. Also, spring parking permits are available from Nicole Stednitz. Contact Hosseini if you want one.

Internal Vice President – Evan Shulman Shulman said there is a CRC meeting this Thursday to go over the bylaws. Two of his staff members have been working on an e-newsletter. They have started the Green Council Coalition, and are now working on the International Social Justice Network. His office is also looking at having the University Credit Union give a workshop to show students how to manage a bank account. GROW weekend will be happening later, and he needs coprogrammers. Also, research for greener housing has been continuing in areas like Sproul Hall.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said the Student Lobby Conference is this weekend, and it will have over 50 students at it. The Regents meeting is also coming up at Riverside March 17th to 19th. LEGCOM is coming up on Spring Break.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Jeremiah Garcia

Garcia talked to Smith about the ECP and 191 for student leadership, and they will be coming up with a plan. The meeting about the diversity requirement is Monday at 4:00pm.

Financial Supports Commissioner – Elaine Reodica

Reodica said ASUCLA will be giving \$5,000.00 to the textbook scholarship for marketing. UCLA Parking Services also donated 5 passes for Spring Quarter, and she will work with Roth for a raffle for them before the end of the quarter.

Student Welfare Commission – Jonathan Tsai

Tsai said the Global Volunteer Fair was successful, and tomorrow is RollAIDS. He has also been talking to the Green Council about working on Earth Day together.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Approval of Revised Election Code by USAC

- Wang said the first page contains things changed in the Ecode. Wang then went over the various changes in the Ecode, such as having candidates appoint an accountable manager, and a possible change to the threshold required for General Representatives to win the election. Instead of using the threshold system, the three General Representatives with the most amounts of votes would win. Voters would still vote for three candidates.
- Tuttle asked if he would have to vote for three candidates, if he was a voter. Wang said he wouldn't have to.
- Kohles said this new system could allow one slate to win all the spots, while the current system is against that.
- Nelson said, throughout the years, council has benefited from a loyal opposition.
- Wang said she did not take slates into account when designing this system, but rather what is fairest to the students.
- Hosseini asked that Wang would come back with a more concrete explanation on how votes would be transferred in the new system as compared to the old system.
- Tuttle said he thinks there is a lack of institutional memory for how the system is run.
- Wang said she is willing to make III.b.4 more detailed for the schematics on how votes will be divided up in the new electoral process.
- Reodica moved and Roth seconded to approve the Ecode as amended, not including III.a.4.
- Council approved the Ecode, with the exception of III.a.4 with a vote of 8-0-2.
- Melgar asked if that section was struck. It was not.
- Gonzalez asked if III.6.a has always been in there. Wang said it has.
- Birks asked if anything was completely removed from the Ecode in the new changes. Wang said nothing was removed in the new changes.
- Hosseini performed a revote with the same stipulation.
- Council approved the Ecode with the same stipulation with a vote of 9-1-0.
- The calendar will not be discussed this week.

B. Dream Act

- Melgar said there is a legislation meeting this weekend, and he wanted to put USAC on the list of people supporting the Dream Act. The hearing is in Moore 100, on Saturday, March 7th, at 10:00am.
- Gonzalez said this was added as a discussion item. Tuttle said the president can vote to create a $\frac{3}{4}$ supermajority, turning it into an action item.

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- Melgar moved and Reodice seconded to consider this item as an action item.
- Council decided to consider this item as an action item with a vote of 8-0-0.
- Melgar gave a description of the Dream Act.
- Reodica moved and Birks seconded to support the Dream Act.
- Council supported the Dream Act with a vote of 8-0-0.

XI. Announcements

- Birks said his office is cosponsoring International Women's Day with Bruin Fems.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Birks 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 9:13pm, by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker