

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 10, 2009  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Birks, Chacon, Champawat, Gonzalez, Hosseini, Liu, Kohles, Nelson, Roth, Sien, Sobhani, Tressel, Tsai, Tuttle, Williams

ABSENT: Garcia, Melgar, Reodica, Shulman

GUESTS: Eddie Thiele

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

- Birks moved and Chacon 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. Alison Armstrong, Head of College Library and Director of Undergraduate Initiatives, and Brena Smith, Information Literacy Operations Librarian – Activities Update from Undergraduate Initiatives Council**

- Armstrong said they are at meeting tonight to keep up relations, and they expect no changes in the service everyone expects from the College Library. The University Librarian also has a blog.
- Armstrong said that they have a new competition this year, which is for undergraduate research. The entry deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Armstrong said the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Edible Books Festival is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- Gonzalez asked if the festival is a contest. Armstrong said it is for fun and for anyone.

- Armstrong and Smith said they would like someone from council to sit down with them to talk about the vanpool and Night Powell services, but the biggest issue right now is cost.

**B. Sirinya Tritipeskul, 2009 Masters Candidate in Urban Planning and behalf of UCLA Transportation - Free Rideshare Matching Service on Facebook**

- A presentation was given by Eddie Thiele to showcase Zimride, which is a free Facebook application to show who needs a ride where, allowing for carpooling.
- They hope to have 10% of the campus on Zimride by spring, and they would like council's help.
- Chacon asked how else they have been spreading the word. Teal said they have been emailing groups, putting up advertisements on Facebook, and talking to fraternities and sororities.
- Gonzalez asked if they are with the sustainability campaign. Teal said they are.
- Hosseini asked they need a resolution before spring break. Teal said they do.
- Tuttle asked about the business model. Teal said everything is already paid for. There is no cost to the student.
- Hosseini called for a vote of confidence for Zimride. Council gave a unanimous vote of confidence, 8-0-0.

VI. Appointments

*There were no Appointments this week.*

VII. Fund Allocations

**A. Contingency Allocations**

- Sobhani said that there were 9 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$10957.68. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$3305.63.
- Sobhani said that there were 5 Capital Requests submitted this week, totaling \$5554.14. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$2705.44.

**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 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 talked to UCLARadio, who will help publicize the homeless issue on campus. Agendas are also online so students can see them. The deadline for parking permits was Monday, and she thinks one person might be able to switch from lot 4 to 5.

IX. Old Business

**A. Election Board Report**

- Mallory Wang said the current calendar has endorsements occurring week 4 and voting occurring week 5. They have rooms booked for week 5.
- Chacon said he is worried about turnout for week 5 due to midterms.
- Gonzalez said she feels pressured for a week 5 election due to midterms.
- Wang said rooms need to be booked before the week of voting can be changed.
- Roth asked if a change can be approved pending room checks. The week of voting has to be approved with the rooms in hand.
- Hosseini asked if it is possible to have hearings week 4 and start campaigning the end of week 5, so voting would land on week 6.
- Nelson said he is not sure if this is the best manner in which to approach the problem surrounding scheduling events during midterms.
- Wang asked if endorsements could be week 5. Chacon said he is fine with that.
- Hosseini said this should be tabled until next meeting.
- Wang said it is possible to move everything early two weeks. Birks said it is best to move forward with week 6, or possibly week 7, if need be.
- Sobhani said candidates might take a lighter load spring quarter. Gonzalez said this is about voters, not candidates.
- The matter was tabled until next week.
- Tuttle said the system that is used to choose general representatives will not change this year, which he learned from Wang, the Eboard Chair.

## X. New Business

*There was no New Business this week.*

## XI. Announcements

*There were no Announcements this week.*

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

## XIII. Adjournment

- Chacon 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 8:07 pm, by Acclamation.

## XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Mikal Saltveit  
Interim USAC Minutes Taker