

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday March 31, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Liu, Shulman

GUESTS: Argie Mina, D'Artagnan Scorza, 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

- Reodica added her officer report.
- Kohles added her officer report.
- Hosseini added OSAC to Special Presentations as an action agenda item.
- Hosseini added USAC Memos to New Business as a discussion item.
- Tsai added his officer report.
- Birks moved and Reodica 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. Mallory Wang – Election Board Calendar and Election Code

- Wang said they booked rooms for Week 6.
- Hosseini went over the calendar, and she said it is exactly like last year, except moved up one week.
- Reodica moved and Tsai seconded to approve the Election Board Calendar.
- Council approved the Election Board Calendar with a vote of 8-0-1.
- Wang said the election code has not changed since last year.
- Roth moved and Chacon seconded to approve the Election Code.

- Council approved the Election Code with a vote of 5-0-4.
- Tuttle asked if there is some underlying problem concerning the Election Code that merits 4 abstentions.
- Birks said he does not think the single transferable voting system is a fair voting procedure.

B. D'Artagnan Scorza – Student Regent

- Scorza said the National Conference of Student Regents and Trustees is coming up, and they are looking to bring together a national advocacy strategy. They will be looking at issues of diversity, affordability, and accessibility. He would like it if council attended, as well as some other students. Registration fees will be waived.
- Chacon said Scorza asked for council to cosponsor the event, but he does not know what this sort of cosponsorship would entail. Scorza said the idea behind cosponsorship is to get more people to come to the event.
- Tuttle asked if the private schools will be attending. Scorza said private schools will be attending a similar meeting at a later date.
- Reodica asked if community colleges were being invited. Scorza said community colleges will be attending.
- Melgar asked if it is same day registration. Scorza said it is.
- Chacon asked if registration is online. Scorza said it is posted online.
- Chacon moved and Reodica seconded to have USAC cosponsor the conference.
- Council approved to cosponsor the conference with a vote of 9-0-0.

C. Brian Tan – BOD Spring Allocations

- Tan said 68 groups applied for BOD Spring Allocations, and there was a total allocation of \$206,021.90. The formula they used was a derivative of the previous formula used, with some added steps. Committee scoring was reflected at four different points in the process. The highest allocation was Jazz Reggae Festival, and the lowest was Zeta Beta Tau.
- Reodica commended them for making the allocation process as fair as possible.
- Tan said they channeled money from events cancelled last quarter to this set of allocations.
- Chacon said he feels groups need more money for programming, and he would like to see more money channeled from surplus into the pot.
- Tan said about \$100,000.00 is from surplus, and he said it would be good to see this approved tonight because some groups have programs coming up.
- Birks asked that they keep an eye out for any groups that are struggling with their programs due to money.
- Tuttle asked who sits with FiComm from ASUCLABOD. Tan said the undergraduate representatives sit with them, and it cycles each day when making decisions.
- Birks moved and Chacon seconded to approve the BOD Spring Allocations.
- Council approved the BOD Spring Allocations with a vote of 10-0-0.

D. Argie Mina – OSAC

- Mina said he has an email he will send out, detailing a time line for OSAC, a Daily Bruin advertisement, and a space application. Sunday of week 1 is the deadline for committee member applications. He asked CSP to help send out emails, but they are a little jaded from last year, so hes hoping they may still help him out. CSP will post flyers around campus on bulletin boards.
- Hosseini said the new safeguard of flyers at the organization orientation should help alleviate any worries.
- Mina said he has turned the guidelines into questions for the application.
- Tuttle asked how long Mina's term is. Mina said his term ends July 1st.
- Tuttle asked if there is a receipt feature of CSP when it sends out an email. Hosseini said the hardest part of the process is getting the receipt.

- Tuttle asked if the guidelines are online. Mina said they are.
- Hosseini asked if Mina talked to CSP to see if they could document the emails. Mina said there is a feature, but with so many emails being delivered, its hard to use practically. Tuttle said at least there is a way to show your end was putting in the effort to contact the groups.
- Mina said the OSAC budget has enough money for two Daily Bruin advertisements in week 2 and week 3.
- Nelson said CSP took the heat because they did not want students at each other's throats over the issue.
- Reodica moved and Chacon seconded to approve all documents present as a whole, with the stipulation that page 2 gets an exception and the possibility of more Daily Bruin advertisements in the time line.
- Council approved the documents present with a vote of 9-0-1.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

- Sobhani said this week was the biggest allocation so far.
- Sobhani said that there were 12 Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$37669.31. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$6410.73.
- Birks moved and Chacon seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations for March 31, 2009.
- Council approved the Contingency Allocations with a vote of 10-0-0.

B. Academic Success Referendum Fund

- Garcia said there were 3 requests from the Academic Success Referendum Fund. A total of \$2142.75 was requested and a total of \$16482.15 was allocated.

C. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

D. Travel Grants

- Melgar said there were 15 Travel Grant requests. A total of \$22,128.47 was requested, and a total of \$2230.00 was allocated.

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 met with a director from the endowment committee about the responsible endowment campaign. It was the first meeting with a student, and they hope to collaborate more with students in the future. There will be a budget meeting Tuesday, April 21st.

Janina Montero says she hopes to see representatives from USAC, GSA, and other student groups.

Hosseini said it is from 4:15pm to 5:30pm. She also talked to the fire marshall about the Bruinent event in order to finalize logistics. Also, this coming Saturday is the student regent choices from UCSA. Thursday at 2:00pm in the Facilities Management Building, she will be meeting with David Burns about Bruin Alert. There will be a

sustainability meeting from 3:00pm to 4:00pm right after. She will also be having office hours, and the times will be sent out in an email soon.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said from 5:30pm to 7:30pm next Tuesday there will be a UCLA policy forum on the California master plan. The Friday of 4th week will be an interdistrict lobby day, and the Dream Act was reintroduced at the federal level, and it may pass.

Birks said USSA LEGCON was a good experience, as they got to lobby congressmen about the Dream Act.

Financial Supports Commissioner – Elaine Reodica

Reodica said they gave away parking and textbook scholarships at the end of last quarter.

They have relaunched the book loan program, and all the books available are up on the website. Her office has also started building a relationship with Kaplan. Kaplan donated several LSAT preparation books, and they might donate scholarships to preparation courses in the future.

Student Welfare Commissioner – Jonathan Tsai

Tsai said Bruin Health Week is all next week, which will have a ton of events and activities. He asked that council spread some of the flyers around.

General Representative 1 – Monica Kohles

Her office has been working on the entrepreneurial fair, which will be April 23rd, beginning at 8:00pm at Anderson in the business school.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. USAC Memos

- Hosseini said no one has their memos ready, but they should be ready by next week.

XI. Announcements

There were no Announcements

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Melgar 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 8:13 pm, by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King

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Approved: May 12, 2009

USAC Minutes Taker