

FINAL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday April, 14, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Champawat, Gonzalez, Birks, Williams

GUESTS: Brenda Aguilero, Yvette Aragon, Ronald Arruejo, Claudia Bautista, Sean Carroll, Yannina Casillas, Stephanie Castro, Nancy Cruz, Sarah Dobjensky, Barbara Dube, Esther Flores, Christian Garcia, Jen Kim, Susan Li, Mayra Lopez, Salvador Mesinas, Amy Miner, Rosemarie Molina, Ethan Nguyen, Juliet Ovalle, Rhusheet Patel, Judith Perera, Fausto Reyes, Frank Rodriguez, Leslie Shim, Diane Valencia, Bailey West

I. A. Call to Order

- Hosseini called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Chacon moved up the Resolution to Save the Labor Center
- Melgar added the Budget for UCSA under New Business. He sent it out before the Agenda, but it was not put in.
- Hosseini removed A from Special Presentations, and she is adding Bruintent.
- 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

- Nancy Cruz, Juliet Ovulle, and Frank Rodriguez from Conciencia Libre all gave comments in reference to the UCLA Labor Center. They said it was cut from Schwarzenegger's budget, which is the only program to be completely cut, and they asked for USAC's support in keeping the labor center as it is an invaluable tool for student experience and research.

- Sarah Dobjensky from CALPIRG gave a comment about the Resolution for CALPIRG, saying this would work to promote open source textbooks and send a message to professors at UCLA.

V. Special Presentations

A. Bruintent

- King Kideframparej, Saloman Hossein, and Yannina Casillas gave a presentation about Bruintent. The goal is to address issues of homelessness on and off campus. It gives a chance for students to spend a night in a tent to see what its like, and the entire event is focused around learning about homelessness. Donations of \$6 are highly encouraged.
- Hosseini said they are recording a documentary to show a day in the life of a homeless student.

VI. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

- Sobhani said there were 7 recommendations. A total of \$17,757.03 was requested, and he recommended an allocation of \$3,215.00.
- Reodica asked why ASU did not get any money for supplies. Sobhani said if there was no documentation for supplies, no money can be allocated.
- Reodica moved and Kohles seconded to approve the Contingency Allocations of April 14, 2009.
- Council approved the Contingency Allocations of April 14, 2009, with a vote of 10-0-0.

B. Academic Success Referendum Fund

- Garcia said he gave \$1,000.00 to AISA for advertising and \$1,000.00 to Bruintent for supplies.

C. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

- Garcia talked to the Office of Instructional Development to see if they could get more funding, seeing as how they lost \$6,000.00 this year because no report was compiled last year.

D. Travel Grants

- Melgar said \$50,709.73 was requested, and he allocated \$750.00. As more people apply, he gives out less and less.

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 her office has been promoting and registering people for Bruintent. They have been getting a lot of help from people who were or are homeless also. She and Garcia will be meeting with the GE Governance Committee at 2:40pm to discuss the diversity requirements and GE changes.

Sien asked if you can get into Bruintent after the opening date. Hosseini said you can. Hosseini said she is in contact with a donor to set up a grant for homeless students.

Internal Vice President – Evan Shulman

Shulman said CRC will be meeting Friday at 11:00am with Champawat and Nicole Stednitz to go over the last pack of minutes for bylaw discussions. Also, Roth and he will be helping out a local city council debate occurring in Kerckhoff Grand Salon.

External Vice President – Jesse Melgar

Melgar said next Friday is In-District Lobby Day. This year there is a real chance for the Dream Act to pass, and they will be lobbying for it then. He also forwarded an email about systemwide committee appointments for UCSA.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Resolution to Save the UCLA Labor Center – Chacon, Reodica, Shulman

- Rodriguez said the resolution would send a message to the government and other influential people.
- Chacon said the last Whereas should be removed from the resolution.
- Melgar said they lobbied when they heard something happened to it.
- Cruz said cuts have been happening at the Berkeley Labor Center, but that center is mostly research.
- Chacon said he will send out a final draft.
- Chacon moved and Tsai seconded to approve the Resolution to Save the UCLA Labor Center.
- Council approved the resolution with a vote of 10-0-0.
- Rodriguez said printing the resolution in the Daily Bruin would be a good way for people to know about the issue.
- Melgar asked where the funds for the advertisement came out of last time. Sobhani said it came out of general contingency, and the fund is fine.
- Melgar moved and Chacon seconded to have the resolution printed in the Daily Bruin.
- Council approved to print the resolution in the Daily Bruin with a vote of 9-0-1.

B. Resolution in Support of CALPIRG Open Textbooks – Hosseini, Reodica, Shulman

- Sean Carroll said the resolution would give more credence to CALPIRG's work.
- Tressel asked if the textbook companies have been making money these days. Carroll said he does not know, but there are three textbook subsidiaries that run the show.
- Tuttle asked if there is an intellectual property issue to this. Carroll said open textbooks are being used elsewhere, such as the CSU's.
- Tuttle asked about who licenses the textbooks. Carroll said the professor is allowed to license it for open use.
- Tuttle asked if this is not a resolution for someone to take another's book without permission and then publish it openly. Carroll said that is correct.
- Tressel said it should be thought if ASUCLA would be negatively impacted by this.
- Carroll said the biggest issue is the publishing company, not ASUCLA.
- Tuttle said the textbook's business plan is to not sell the textbooks for a profit.
- Hosseini said it is important that council supports the resolution. She said to change the periods and commas to be in compliance with the normal formatting of resolutions.
- Council approved the Resolution in Support of CALPIRG Open Textbooks with a vote of 7-0-4.
- Shulman said the general focus of the resolution is for faculty as opposed to the community in general. There are more effective ways of getting in touch with the faculty than through the Daily Bruin.

- Hosseini said she liked Shulman's approach, and, if need be, the resolution can be printed in the Daily Bruin later.
- Kohles said it would be a great idea for the Daily Bruin to write an article about it.

C. Budget for UCSA

- Melgar said the document in front of council is the UCSA budget proposed for next year.
- Melgar said, due to the 2002 referendum, UCLA pays direct dues. The highest paying campus is UCSB, at \$75,450.00. Dues are determined by the total paid divided by the student population. UCSB happened to pass a referendum to increase the amount they pay.
- Birks moved and Melgar seconded to approve the UCSA Budget for 2009-2010.
- Council approved the UCSA Budget for 2009-2010 with a vote of 10-0-1.
- Tuttle asked if the 2009-2010 financial year begins October 1st, 2009. Melgar said it does.

XI. Announcements

- Tsai said Earth Day will be next week in De Neve Plaza, where people will be doing crafts and giving out other cool stuff. Super CPR had a large turnout, around 150 people, which was over capacity. There are CPR classes ever Friday and First Aid every other Tuesday.
- Shulman said 1Fest will be this Sunday.
- Hosseini said there will be a meeting wit the Chancellor about the budget at 5:30 on April 21st.
- Chacon said the Around the World Fair is going until 9 o'clock in Drake Stadium., and tomorrow Jazz Reggae tickets go on sale and there is a Social Justice fair at noon in Bruin Plaza.
- Reodica said the FSC will raffle free preparation courses from Kaplan for any test the recipient wants.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King
USAC Minutes Taker