

FINAL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Farmer, Lin, Huddy, Banani, Wu, Li, Tep, Nguyen, Mullins, Tengco, Faelnar, Sobhani

PRESENT: Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Champawat, Dehar, Jang, Kaisey, Macias, McLaren, Miller, Nelson, Price, Dehar, Saucedo, Sargent, Schuster, Tuttle, Zai

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Chris Grays, Yannina Casillas, Abdallah Jadallah, Brian L. Tan, Sean Scott, Christian Alfaro, Van Hyunh, Jesse Rogel,

I. A. Call to Order

*- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.*

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The Attendance sheet was passed around.*

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bawa said it should appointment G should read Student Fee Advisory Committee.  
-Tep said to strike her officer report and funding reports.  
-Faelnar said to strike her officer report  
-Bawa said to strike her officer report  
-Flores said to strike her officer report.  
-The minutes for 6/2/09 will be approved at the following council meeting.  
- Bawa moved and Nguyen seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.  
- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores 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 to approve this week,*

IV. Public Comments

*There were no public comments this week.*

V. Special Presentations

*There were no special presentations this week.*

VI. Appointments

-Flores said that the ARC committee has reviewed the committee applications. She said that Bawa will be reviewing the results with the council and then the floor will open up for council to ask questions. After the questions, the council would move to discussion. She said that because

the interviewees had already gone through rigorous interviews, and because it is finals week, to please limit questions to three.

**[ASK BAWA FOR REQUIREMENTS]**

- Candidate demonstrates knowledge of committee and or/position
- Interviews were held on June 3,4, and 5 by the ARC.

**A. \*Chris Grays- Budget Review Director (BRD)**

- No recommendation. 1-1-1 in the votes. In the deliberation the applicant said that he is very knowledgeable of the funding process. He said that he has a good vision for prioritizing student needs and revamping the allocation process. Flores opened the floor for questions.
- Tengco asked Grays why he thinks it is important to have an effective advocate for student groups to serve as BRD.
- Grays said he feels it is important to have a BRD who is involved in a student group, so he is in touch with the needs of students. He also said that while it is important to have a knowledge of the methods for directing funds, it is also important to be objective when determining funding.
- Li yielded the floor to Brian Tan, the present BRD.
- Tan said that this year, he noticed that there is a lot of quantitative work, rather than qualitative works. He asked what experience Grays had in the quantitative sphere..
- Grays responded that he is an Economics major and has an internship in accounting. He is also the Financial Director for the African Student Union (ASU). He deals with budgets and finances for the group.
- Faenar asked what his priorities would be as the BRD.
- Grays said that he would like to prioritize student needs, including the sources it takes to fund events put on by students. He said that this would prove to be very beneficial to USAC, because it potentially could create partnerships.
- Huddy asked what his biggest budget he ever handled was. He also asked which firms he had worked with in the past, and what the nature of those firms was..
- Grays said that the largest budget he has worked with was a \$100K budget, as Senior Class President in High School. He also worked with the River City accounting firm, in Sacramento. The firm budgeted for Petroleum companies. Grays has also worked for the accounting division of the California Chamber of Commerce, which lobbies to the Governor. His mom is an accountant and he has always been around the field. He said that those qualities attribute to his passion for numbers.
- Bawa moved, and Tengco seconded to approve Chris Grays for Budget Review Director.
- Mullins asked Grays what his commitments would be in the future.
- Grays said that if he is appointed, he would take a less time consuming role in the ASU.
- Mullins asked Bawa why the vote was not unanimous.
- Bawa said that there was a no recommendation because the reviewers said that the applicant did not have a clear understanding of the committee, but could potential bring a fresh outlook to the committee because he did have a very clear understanding of the application process. She said the committee also found that he has worked very hard to develop a plan to revitalize the program.
- Bawa moved and Tep seconded to call to question.
- The council voted to approve the appointment of Grays to Budget Review Director for the upcoming year with a total of 9 in favor, 3 against, and 0 abstentions.
- Those voting in favor were Bawa, Lin, Wu, Tep, Tengco, Faenar, Banani, Li, and Farmer. Those against were Nguyen, Huddy and Mullins.*

**B.**

**[ASK BAWA AGAIN]**

- Flores opened the floor for questions.
- Tengco asked what student leadership experience Jadallah has had.

-He has been very active with Muslim Students Association (MSA) and Magazine. He said that he is very experienced when it comes to working with money. He said that it is important to keep student needs in minds. He said that there was a \$12,000 debt at the beginning of the year, and now the group is operating with a \$4,000 surplus.

-Mullins asked what experience Jadallah had with time management, and how he would manage an additional commitment.

-He said that he anticipates fewer responsibilities in his student groups as a fourth year. He said that third year is usually the most difficult for engineers, and he said that the rough road that he has already faced would help him to balance an additional commitment.

-Tressel asked what his understanding was of the most profitable institution of the university.

-Jadallah said that he does not know for certain what the most profitable wing of the University was, but he said that he would guess that merchandising could be.

-Flores said that that was the most profitable institution.

-Faelnar asked what his ideas were for student advocacy.

-He said that he would like to work on prioritizing student needs first. He said that he would like to work on student scholarships such as the textbook scholarship, as well as investing more into the sustainability effort.

-Bawa moved and Tengco seconded to approve Jadallah to the Board of Directors.

-Huddy offered an objection. The council voted to approve the objection to allow for further discussion.

-Huddy asked Jadallah what experience he had to prepare him to manage an \$80 Million dollar budget.

-Jadallah again mentioned that he worked with the \_\_\_\_\_ Magazine, a \$20,000 project. He said that it was very difficult to sell subscriptions, but the newspaper has managed. He said that his past projects on a smaller scale could help him to develop a clear understanding of the position.

-Huddy asked what his ideas were.

-Jadallah said that he wants to garner more student voice to incorporate into his plans. He said that his main concern is helping students economically, and his main goal is giving back to the community.

-Flores asked if any member wished to call to question. There were none. The council went on with the discussion.

-Tressel asked how he would deal if the overwhelming majority on a town hall meeting was in favor of having a pub on campus.

-Jadallah stated that if the majority did not agree with his opinion, he would still have to advocate for the majority opinion.

- Bawa asked Jadallah to speak about how he will advocate student needs on BOD.

-Jadallah said that because he comes from a tough background, and he understands that he needs to serve his community. He said that he has met many students on campus who are homeless, and he would like to prioritize helping students in such situations. He said that he has really grown into a leader at UCLA, and he feels that becoming active in student groups can help others grow.

-Faelnar moved and Bawa seconded to approve Jadallah to the BOD. Flores asked if there were any objections to calling to question. There were none.

*-Tuttle said to not allow frustrations with procedure to interfere with the merits of the individual.*

-The council voted to approve Jadallah to the BOD with a total of 9 in favor, 2 against, and 1 abstention.

*-Mullins and Huddy voted no; Nguyen abstained. All others were in favor.*

#### C. \*Yannina Casillas- Student Fee Advisory Committee

[ASK BAWA AGAIN}

Received a unanimous recommendation of 3-0-0. She demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the committee, and has many intentions to implement student needs into the program.

-Flores opened the floor for questions.

-Tressel asked what the Student Fee Advisory Committee does.

-Casillas said that the committee makes recommendations to the chancellor of how to monitor student needs.

-Tengco asked what her vision is.

- Casillas said that she wishes to retain the system that is currently operating. She wishes to sustain the foundations in place. She does not feel that the university is in a position to create new institutions, due to

- the nature of the economic times. She said that she feels that it is very important to maintain funding for the Center for Student Programming (CSP) as it serves as the foundation for many other groups on campus.
- Farmer asked how the committee can affect students' experiences.
- Casillas said that a committee serves as a student voice. She said that it is an important role of the committee to maintain institutions that fund student groups, because those groups are what keep the community running. She said that student groups are the foundation of the university, and it is very important to her to keep funding in place for the groups.
- Tep asked what advocacy experience Casillas has had.
- She said that she has worked with student groups, such as the DREAM act campaign and the recent trip to the capitol to advocate for saving Cal Grants. She also played a role in the planning of BruinTent.
- Nguyen moved and Tep seconded to approve Casillas to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.
- Mullins objected to the call to question to allow for additional discussion.
- Mullins asked Casillas to elaborate on her mission to also serve students who are not having struggles with access and retention.
- Casillas responded that she would like to continue their success by maintaining the funding to their groups. She said that it is very important to her to keep access alive to student group advisors, as they can also help. Casillas also said that she would also like to make more services on campus visible to students, and add more transparency to her plans.
- Faelnar moved and Banani seconded to call to question.
- The council unanimously (12-0-0) voted to approve Casillas to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

#### **D. \*Christian Alfaro- Board of Directors**

- Received negative recommendation of 0-2-1.
  
- Li asked how Alfaro would like to engage his experience to help serve students on the Board of Directors.
- Alfaro said that his past experience in student groups would help him to serve the student groups.
- Wu asked Alfaro where he has worked in a corporate setting, and what he would like to accomplish in the Board of Directors.
- Alfaro said that he has three main points to address. 1) Achieving partnerships with different companies. He applauded the decision to end the partnership with Russell athletics. 2) Working more on sustainability effort. He noted the compost facilities now available in dining halls on the hill, and would like to continue adding additional facilities on campus. 3) Helping students manage during the economic crisis.
- Nguyen asked him for specific ideas.
- Alfaro said that the school needs to work around the budget. He said that students are first, but first the university needs to work around the crisis to continue to move forward. Alfaro said that money needs to be used for necessary institutions.
- Flores asked if he meant cutting current programs.
- Alfaro said that it would take clear review of programs before ever making choices of that kind.
- Li asked Alfaro to elaborate on his family business, as listed on his application.
- Alfaro said that his family owns a number of properties and his father has asked him to help with finances.
- Sobhani said that he would like to know some of the criticisms presented of Alfaro.
- Bawa again read the criticisms presented from the ARC. She opened the floor to other members of the committee to elaborate on the decision.
- Tressel asked Alfaro to explain his understanding of the BOD.
- Alfaro said that he understands the BOD handles the budget of the university. He said that the committee handles the funding of many organizations and institutions on campus.
- Tengco said that he is researching the Rockstar energy drink company. He said that the CEO of the committee widely supported the Proposition 8 campaign and asked how he would deal with this type of responsible partnership matter.
- Alfaro said that town hall meetings would be very critical in determining the way the school deals with partnerships, like the partnership with Rockstar.
- Nguyen asked what he specifically would like to do to further his ideas.
- Alfaro said he would like to expand the textbook scholarships, ASUCLA coupons, and other smaller projects. He said that town hall meetings, and operating on the smaller scale is one of his main concerns. He also wishes to further the span of the sustainability project on campus.

- Faelnar asked him why he would like to expand the textbook scholarship.
- Alfaro said that it is not a very visible scholarship, and that he would like it to be advertised more to students.
- Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to move to discussion. There were no objections.
- Nguyen said that it is very important to maintain a diverse BOD, and he did not feel that Alfaro brought any new perspectives to the table. He said that at first his intentions were very general, but then when asked for specifics he brought up the same ideas that Jadallah presented.
- Li said that it is unfair to base a decision on that perspective. She said that Jadallah spoke first and it does not necessarily mean that he copied the idea.
- Bawa said that she would like to emphasize that although the ARC did present negative recommendations, he does have admirable experience at the university. She said that she recognized Alfaro's perspective to bring a more academically driven campaign to the BOD.
- Mullins said that it is fairly easy to look good on paper. However, he mentioned that it is also very important to be able to respond and think critically on the spot.
- Farmer said that it is also important to consider that paper can exhibit the mission of the applicant clearly. He said that nerves can have a tremendous effect on the applicant's mindset when speaking publicly.
- Huddy said that he agreed with Farmer. He said that the applicant does have a good understanding, and does have an active past in organizations.
- Bawa moved and Li seconded to call to question.
- The council voted to approve Alfaro to the Board of directors with a total of 6 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions.
- Lin and Mullins were against. Banani, Farmer, Wu, and Nguyen abstained. All other voting members were in favor.*

[ASK BAWA AGAIN]

**E. \*Brian L. Tan- Finance Committee Chair**

[ASK BAWA AGAIN]

- Unanimous recommendation. 3-0-0.
- Flores opened the floor for questions and discussion.
- Mullins moved and Lin seconded to approve Tan to be the Finance Committee Chair.
- Huddy asked Tan why he would like to be the Fi-Com chair.
- Tan said that he would like to expand the voice of the committee to reach all of the university.
- Tengco said that some of the General Representatives do not receive budgets. He asked how Tan felt about the allocations of SGOF.
- Tan said that some commissions do have large budgets, and he feels that those commissions do deserve the budgets. He also said that he would consider the merits of other committees to offer budgets to them as well.
- Bawa asked if Tan is prepared to attend USAC meetings every Tuesday night.
- Tan said that he is prepared to attend. He said that he is also aware of meetings that he will have to attend on Monday evenings.
- Sobhani gave his complete recommendation to Tan. He said that when he wants to do something, he will do it.
- Bawa moved and Faelnar seconded to call to question.
- The council unanimously (12-0-0) voted to appoint Brian L.Tan as the new Finance Committee Chair.

**F. \*Sean Scott- Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)**

[ASK BAWA AGAIN]

- Scott was unanimously recommended by the ARC.
- Tengco moved and Nguyen seconded to approve Scott to the Student Health Advisory Committee.

- Wu asked Scott for some of the health issues that he has seen on campus, and how he would like to advocate for those issues.
- Scott said that he has seen advocacy for transgender persons, and the ongoing effort focused on improving the Student Psychological Center. He said that he would also like to decrease the prices of medications.
- Huddy said that employees of Ronald Reagan usually say that the Ashe center delivers questionable care. He asked how he would like to ensure quality services at Ashe.
- Scott said that he would begin addressing service at the Ashe center by incorporating more efficient measures to make certain that student voice is heard. He would like to further develop the student feedback forms in Ashe, and make certain that those opinions are heard and considered.
- Farmer asked how his past experiences would help him to improve SHAC.
- Scott said that he worked this year with the nursing club and worked in the community, including serving people at skid row. He said that his hands on experience has given him a fresh perspective into some of the major health issues that we are facing today.
- Bawa asked Scott to explain how he would prioritize confidentiality.
- Scott said that confidentiality needs to be prioritized to make sure patients are comfortable coming to receive care. He will work with Ashe center administration to brainstorm and establish new means to make sure that all patients receive quality care, and that their privacy is respected.
- Flores opened the table for discussion.
- Bawa said that the ARC gave Scott a unanimous recommendation. She said that he could prioritize health care on a holistic scale.
- Bawa moved and Huddy seconded to call to question.
- The council unanimously (12-0-0) voted to approve Sean Scott to the Student Health Advisory Committee.

**G. \*Van Huynh- Student Fee Advisory Committee**  
[ASK BAWA AGAIN]

- This applicant received a recommendation of 1-1-1.
- Faelnar moved and Tep seconded to approve to move to discussion.
- Bawa said that in the interview, Huynh appeared to be very passive. She asked how she would tackle strong issues dealing with students. She asked if there were any events that occurred in the past that motivated her to advocate for student needs.
- Huynh said that although her demeanor may appear passive, she is very aggressive when it comes to important measures. She said that she is prepared to meet with administrators and wholeheartedly serve the students.
- Flores said that student fees are due to increase by 9.3 percent this upcoming year, and asked how she would advocate to make certain that money set out to be utilized for student services would continue to be utilized in the same manner.
- Huynh said that those funds need to be secured. She said that there were units on campus that were affected by decentralization of benefits, and she feels that it is very important to advocate for it.
- Tep asked what her priorities would be, and how she would advocate for them.
- Huynh said her priorities would be to make SGOF allocations more visible. She said that it is also important for students to know what they are paying for, and how to take care of resources that funds are going toward.
- Flores reminded the applicant that it is important to be an advocate during the economic crisis, and that it will take a strong voice to make sure that undergraduate needs are fully addressed.
- Li moved and Tep seconded to call to question. There were no objections.
- The council unanimously (12-0-0) voted to appoint Van Huynh to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

**H. \*Jesse Rogel- Board of Directors**  
[ASK BAWA AGAIN]

- The committee presented a negative recommendation of 0-1-2.
- Mullins moved and Bawa seconded to approve to move to discussion.
- Mullins yielded the floor to Rogel.

-Rogel said that he is applying to a one year term on the BOD. He said that his opinion might not necessarily be the opinion of the board. He said that it is an \$80 million dollar committee, and that he has been very active on the board for the past years. He said that he was appointed to the board as an alternate as a second year. He said that he did not have the best experience on the board, because he felt he was the only person on the board asking questions. He said that many of his opinions were not being considered. He said that he now has strong networks within the board, and he has a strong work ethic. He said he played a strong role in the \$650,000 textbook price reduction and served as Chief of Staff for the USAC President during his second year. He said that he has done work with a lot of different entities on campus and would like to create awareness for many groups on campus. He said that he would like to be the strong student voice to advocate for student concerns.

-Tengco asked Rogel for his opinion of responsible partnership. He asked how he has, and will continue to advocate for fair trade on campus.

-Rogel said that as a Global Studies major, he constantly considers these issues. He said that he advocated for the Russel issue. He said that in the end, he felt that the committee made the right decision, and did look at both sides of the issue. He said that he is very aware of the Rockstar issue, and has noted that it does not in fact violate policy. However, he has stated that the main concern is that it is a social equality issue.

-Huddy asked what his two priorities would be.

-Rogel said that it is textbook price reduction and improving the state of the student union. He said that currently the University is not in a financial situation to be able to offer as many services. He said that there are some professors who make some profit from textbook ordering. He also said that the Student Union Master Plan Initiative is also very important to him. He said that office space, study space, and accessibility are also very important to him. He said that these problems would not go away, they need to be handled. Rogel said that he has looked at the services provided by other universities to consider how to implement ideas.

-Bawa said that he has had a tremendous amount of experience. She asked Rogel to elaborate on how he would like to advocate student needs as an Undergraduate Representative.

-Rogel responded that he would like to improve transparency of groups on campus. He said that he worked with the current chair to discuss concerns with the Student Worker Front, which advocates for student concerns. He also said that he has the capacity and ability to reach out to students. He cited his position as a Resident Assistant as an example of his ability to address student needs. He said that there should be a balance of people who acknowledge the structure of the board, as well as a body who are capable of bringing a new perspective.

-Bawa asked Rogel to discuss more in depth how he can advocate for students.

-Rogel said that he has been an advocate, and will continue to be an advocate. He said that he learned that the students do not have a majority on the board, and that he has done well to work for students.

-Faelnar asked what he expects from a third year on the board.

-Rogel said that it helps to have people who have knowledge to sit on the board. He also said that he does not see himself doing exactly what he has done in the past, he would like to present a stronger and more experienced voice on the committee. He said that there will be an increased cost of living both on and off campus and said that he would like to address that while on the board. Flores asked for questions. The floor was now open for discussion.

-Nguyen said that he abstained on the ARC, but now he feels that he believes Rogel will be able to speak for the student on the basis of experience. He said that his past experience on campus is a strong foundation. He asked Flores to speak about her opinion.

-Flores said that she is in a binding position and would not like to offer her thoughts on a public scale.

-Bawa said that she respects the leadership and experience, but does question Rogel's ability to face the very contentious issues that students have to address. She said that the applicant has not really proven that he is willing to take a tough stance to serve all students fully. She also stressed the idea that three years on the board is unprecedented, and that the council has a duty to allow other students to sit on the board of directors. She said that the applicant has done a very commendable job, but it is important to allow others to have the same voice.

-Huddy said that a BOD member is present to serve students needs and make sure that students' careers at UCLA are the best they can be. He said that it is important to look at who can get the most done in the next year. He said that given the qualifications, it would be a good move to appoint Rogel to the committee.

-Mullins said that Rogel has proven to be effective on the board. He said that it is important to have strong leaders to help deal with the financial task at hand. He said it is also important to note Rogel's willingness to serve a third term on what promises to be a very rough experience in the following year.

-Lin agreed with Huddy and Nguyen. She said that his experience proves his ability to be a viable candidate for continued student advocacy.

-Mullins said that administration goals are not to directly serve the undergraduate population and it will take strong voices to be able to compete with the mentality.

-Nguyen said to look at this candidate with a consideration of other applicants. He said that he does not have criticisms against him in comparison to some of the others.

-Mullins yielded the floor to Rogel.

-Rogel said that there are 8 Undergraduates on the board, six reserving a vote. He said that his primary goal was not to solely be a mentor, but he also has major issues that he would like to address. Rogel said that as of now, there are only one graduate and one undergraduate set to return.

-Farmer said that because there are returning board members, the argument for institutional knowledge is no longer valid in his mind.

-Bawa agreed with Farmer and said that there are many issues that need to be tackled. She thanked Rogel for his services but also said that she would like to see a new representative to the board. She said that because there are returning students, they could bring guidance to the applicants and those already appointed to the BOD.

-Mullins said that this applicant is the most qualified and has the most experience. He said that Rogel, by advocating for lowering textbook prices, has demonstrated that he is willing to have a business operate at a loss. He said that that is an example of a strong voice that he will continue to put forth on the BOD.

-Tengco reiterated that his personal stance was to continue to promote student involvement. He said that the applicant does not need a title to advocate. He said that it is important to allow another student to serve in order to allow for a consistent rotation of leadership.

-Huddy cited President Franklin Delano Roosevelt as an example of a leader who went past the established limit of term, and proved to be successful. Joseph Casillas mentioned that FDR did not go past any term limit because there was no limit established until the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment was ratified in 1947, after his time in office.

- Lin moved and Farmer seconded to call to question.

-The council voted to approve Rogel to the BOD with a vote of 6 in favor, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention.

## VII. Fund Allocations

*There were no fund allocation approvals or reports this week.*

## VIII. Officer and Member Reports

### **External Vice President –Susan Li**

## IX. Old Business

*There was no Old Business this week.*

## X. New Business

*There was no New Business this week.*

## XI. Announcements

-Bawa said that ARC will be conducting summer interviews, so to ask individuals to apply.

## XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*



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XIII. Adjournment

- Banani moved and Tep seconded to adjourn the meeting.
- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare