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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday June 30, 2009
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Flores, Bawa, Li, Farmer, Mullins, Faelnar, Banani, Huddy, Nguyen, Tep, Tuttle, Nelson, Tressel, Casillas

ABSENT: Lin, Tengco, Wu

GUESTS: Patty Zimmerman, Cameron Rice, Richard Stevenson, Ben Thaler, Aresha Martinez, Rohan Shamapant,

I. A. Call to Order

- Flores called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-The attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

-Bawa asked to add Patty Zimmerman to administrative report.

-Bawa asked to add USAC key access to computer lab as action item.

-Bawa asked to add ARC committee changes under new business as action item.

-Tep removed her Academic Success Referendum Fund and Academic Affairs Mini-Grant -Faelnar strikes report and adds special presentation.

-Tan added summer contingency allocations and Finance Committee report.

-Li removed her travel grants report.

-Bawa moved and Mullins 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.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. *6/2/09

-Bawa said it is LASA* no LASSA.

-Faelnar and Lin were present, and it should be CEC and CAC—not CPC.

-Farmer moved and Tep seconded to approve.

-The Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes, as amended.

B. *6/9/09

-Faelnar moved and Bawa seconded.

-The Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes, as amended.

C. *6/16/09

-Farmer moved and Bawa seconded to approve.

-The council unanimously voted to approve the minutes, as amended.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments this week.

V. Special Presentations

A. Iranian Student Group- Current Election Progress in Iran

-The Iranian Student Group had a presentation listing the current events taking place in the country of Iran. The events listed here come directly from the student group. On June 11, 2009 there was an election in Iran for the office of Presidency. Mousavi was initially told that he won the election, but the victory was later given to Ahmadinejad. The election results have been questioned and as a result, people in Iran began to protest the results. There are now demonstrations occurring throughout the United States and the rest of the world. The Iranian Student Group is here to alert students to the fact that the Iranian government is employing fear tactics to stop the protests. The group is here to address the issue of human rights for Iranians. People have been murdered, attacked, captured, and violence is now the prime method of the Iranian government.

-Bawa asked to explain the coalition how it has formed and how it affects the Los Angeles community.

-The Iranian Students Coalition movement has been founded to unite students from USC, UCLA, Santa Monica College, and CSUN. The group is concerned with the violence that is occurring. A number of students at these schools are on student visas from Iran, their concerns are very great. They fear going back to Iran and eventually leaving the country again. There is much concern throughout the entire Iranian Diaspora. There is also a growing sense of paranoia for family and individual safety.

-Huddy asked if there is any tension brewing between student groups on campus.

-The group responded that there has not been any tension. They also said that the major movement is not to question the election results, but to show support for Iranian citizens—to protect their human rights. There has not been much disagreement between other groups.

-Banani asked to explain some of the election irregularities.

-The coalition said that there were regions that ran out of ballots. The release of the election results was not based on precedent. In the past, the election results were announced from province to province, however this election did not follow that procedure. The city polls were closed a few hours before the rural polls. One of the opposing candidates has a list of Ahmadinejad receiving over 120 percent of the votes of certain provinces. The Guardian council has admitted to errors but is failing to act.

-Flores thanked the coalition for their presentation.

VI. Appointments

-Bawa read the following criteria which were used to evaluate all Presidential appointee nominees.

- 1. Candidate demonstrates a thorough knowledge of the position or committee (i.e. knowledge of the specific responsibilities and commitments which pertain to that committee or position).**
- 2. Candidate demonstrates broad and relevant leadership experience in serving the campus and community.**
- 3. Candidate demonstrates ability to effectively advocate for the students.**
- 4. Candidate demonstrates motivation, vision, and goals for the position or committee.**
- 5. Candidate demonstrates ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the committee or position, in terms of time commitments and other responsibilities for the upcoming year.**

A. Richard Stevenson- Student Advocate

-Bawa moved and Li seconded to approve Stevenson as a Student Advocate.

-Flores opened the floor for discussion.

-Tep asked for his past experience.

-Stevenson said most of his experience on campus has been spent advocating for students on campus. He said that this year was exemplary for student advocacy, such as the decisions of USAC. He said he feels well prepared to bring the position to a new level and bring new issues to USAC.

-Bawa asked Stevenson to provide instances where he has served to help students.

-Stevenson said that he was able to help advocate for students in Washington D.C. for UCLA day. He said that although he does not receive grants, he still met with congress members to make certain that students who

received financial assistance were still taken care of. He said he is also a supporter of the Iranian Students coalition.

-Tuttle said that this position is fairly new. Tuttle said that it is a work in progress. He asked Stevenson for his approach to deal with situations and issues.

-Stevenson said that his approach would be to go to elected officers to learn their stance on issues. He would like to re-evaluate their platforms so he can know who to go to.

-Tuttle said he would face a tough balancing act. He said that he will need to find his voice to advocate for students. He asked if he would be reporting to the President.

-Stevenson said that he will answer to the President.

-Bawa moved and Tep seconded to call to question.

-Stevenson was unanimously approved as Student Advocate.

B. Ben Thaler- ASUCLA Communications Board

-Bawa moved and Nguyen seconded to approve Thaler to the Communications Board.

-Bawa asked Thaler to give USAC a brief history of his involvement with the Communications Board.

-Thaler will be entering his fourth year. He has been involved with Daily Bruin since his 1st year. His main focus has been ASUCLA, but he has also worked with the Pledge Referendum. He said that he has concerns with the small size of the budgets of magazines on campus.

-Mullins asked how he will empower students to express their opinions through campus communications.

-Thaler said that any group that is in this community deserves their own magazine to express their ideas. He would like to work to make sure that their needs are served.

-Tressel asked how he plans to use raised student fees to benefit communications.

-Thaler said that he would like to continue stipends for the editors of the Daily Bruin. He would also like to provide additional funding to news magazines on campus.

-Huddy asked Thaler to relate his experience as a columnist to prepare him for logistics.

-Thaler said that he has gained a tremendous amount of knowledge from covering the events of ASUCLA and USAC.

-Faelnar asked what his vision for the Communications Board is.

-He said that there are many challenges to face. He that first he would like to address the low levels of advertising. He would like to create solutions to help deal with the state of the budget.

-Mullins asked what his opinion was of the shift toward digital media from paper media.

-Thaler said he supports it. He said that it is easier to read digital media, and it is more sustainable. He would like to work with groups to support digital media reporting.

-Mullins moved and Faelnar seconded to call to question.

-Thaler was unanimously approved to the ASUCLA Communications Board.

C. Aresha Martinez- Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

- Bawa moved and Tep seconded to approve Martinez to SHAC.

-Tressel asked her what she would like to do.

-Martinez said that she would like to work on the way that students evaluate services provided on campus. She would like to co-program with student welfare commission to create an online evaluation system. She said this method would create a more effective way to quickly evaluate physicians on campus; it would also create a more rigorous evaluation system.

-Flores asked how her personal background can prepare her.

-Martinez is a public health minor; she said she is very aware of the current health care reform plan and the theoretical knowledge of issues facing the country. She would like to work with SHAC to address some of the larger issues here at UCLA.

-Tep asked what some of the more pressing health issues were, in her opinion.

-Martinez said that she believes that college should prepare students for life. She would like to develop programs to educate students about the health care network, including insurance. She would also like to let students know about logistical issues of health care.

-Huddy asked how the recent stimulus package may affect student health.

-Martinez said that she does not know the amount.

-Huddy said that 19 Billion dollars was advocated for technology improvement, he said that it can really bring some improvements to the Ashe Center.

- Bawa said that her office is developing a program to address the affordability of health care.
- Martinez said that she would enjoy the opportunity to work with the IVP office. She said that this is a very important time to work to improve the student health care network.
- Farmer moved and Tep seconded to call to question.
- The council unanimously voted to approve Martinez to SHAC.

D. Rohan Shamapant- Campus Programs Committee (CPC)

- Bawa moved and Tep seconded to approve Shamapant to CPC.
- Tressel asked for his programming experience.
- Shamapant said that his first and second years have been spent working for Bruins for Burma, the Darfur Genocide coalition, and helping to organize Mighty Mic. He was one of the student directors for Mighty Mic. He said that he helped to put on a Darfur awareness week.
- Flores asked what he could improve while working for CPC.
- Shamapant said that 1) He said he would like to develop a program tailored to prepare new members of CPC. He said that information could really improve CPC. 2) He would like CPC to become a paperless committee. He said that will begin next year, and should be completed by the end of next year. 3) He would like to increase accountability. He said that currently there is only one program evaluation required. He would like to increase that number to 2 or 3 to increase accountability and create better programs.
- Mullins asked Shamapant what his number one goal would be to accomplish.
- He said that currently applications are running from 20-50 pages. He said he feels that this number is not only irresponsible, but very costly. He said his main goal is to make the application process more efficient.
- Huddy said that one of his main concerns is dealing with the budget situation. He asked how Shamapant will deal with ensuring that his office will succeed next year, and that other groups will as well.
- Shamapant said that it is not the job of CPC to make certain that an event succeeds. He said that every group has a right to receive money. He said that it is the job of CPC to make certain that event planners are accountable and responsible.
- Farmer asked if there will be any cuts to CPC funding.
- Shamapant said that he is not aware of any changes to CPC.
- Flores said that the bulk of the funding is managed by the CARE Referendum. She does not anticipate any cuts.
- Bawa asked if Shamapant had any knowledge of risk management.
- He said that his knowledge is low. He said that the bulk of his knowledge has been built by presentations delivered by the IVP. Shamapant said that CPC needs to educate members of the community about risk management. He also said that CPC should he would like to solidify a funding source for student groups.
- Mullins asked Shamapant how he deals with speaking with the minority or unpopular viewpoint. He asked how he would be the defender of those groups.
- Shamapant cited a group whose philosophy was not very popular. He said there have been situations where he has had to remind other CPC members that they are not in a position to judge other groups, and that every group has equal access to programming.
- Li moved and Tep seconded to call to question.
- The council unanimously voted to approve Shamapant to CPC.

E. Cameron Rice Campus Programs Committee (CPC)

- Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to approve Rice to CPC.
- Flores asked Rice for some improvements he would like to make.
- Rice said that he anticipates a huge increase in the number of students who apply. He would like to fairly allocate the funding that CPC provides to the additional groups.
- Bawa asked Rice to elaborate on his knowledge of student risk and liability, and how he promotes fair spending.
- Rice said that he and Shamapant and he had agreed to not take too strong of a stance on student risk, until UCLA develops a University plan. He said that fair funding is very important to him, and he would like to work on advocating for responsible and fair funding for all student groups next year.
- Farmer moved and Li seconded to call to question.
- The council unanimously voted to approve Rice to CPC.

VII. Fund Allocations

A. Contingency Allocations

There were no Contingency Allocations this week.

B. SOOF Updates

There were no SOOF Updates this week.

C. Academic Success Referendum Fund

There was no business for the Academic Success Referendum Fund this week.

D. Academic Affairs Mini-Grant

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

E. Travel Grants

There were no Travel Grants this week.

F. Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant

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

G. Summer Contingency Allocations

-Tan said that \$2840.00 was requested from Contingency; of that, a total of \$500.00 is recommended for allocation for this week.

-Bawa asked how many individuals were being sent from the organization requesting money for a conference trip.

-Tan did not fund any plane tickets because the members did not provide any documentation.

-Nguyen asked where the conference was being held.

-Tan responded that it was being held in Anchorage, Alaska.

-Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to approve the Contingency Allocation.

- Flores called for Acclamation. Flores asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Summer Contingency Allocations were approved, by acclamation.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President – Cinthia Flores

-Flores said that she will be a part of the Chief of Police interview process. She said that she will be communicating the results with USAC. She is also working to create the Principles of Community, a project run by Janina Montero. She also held one on ones with council members, and everything is running well. She was present for the DREAM Act action weekend.

Internal Vice President – Shahida Bawa

-Bawa said that she has been working on the Healthy Living Project, dealing with Cancer Survivors. She asked council members to encourage survivors to attend the event. She said that ARC will meet again to bring further approval recommendations for appointments. Her office is also working with the Iranian Students Group. She and Farmer were able to attend Summer in the Union events. She asked USAC members to bring information about their office to the events. She also reminded the council to register their offices for the Enormous Activities Fair.

External Vice President – Susan Li

-Li said from June 18-21 she went to USCA retreat in San Diego. She was able to discuss potential action items with other External Vice Presidents from other colleges. She said from August 6-8 the UCSA congress will be taking place in Santa Cruz. She encouraged council members to register for the event to get in touch

with other college council members. She said that full funding for Cal Grants will be secured for the next two years, however it is looking like Cal Grants will begin to be phased out. She said there is a bill being introduced in the State Congress to propose an end to UC autonomy; if passed, the state would then decide who has control over the University.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Layhannara Tep

- Tep is currently working with IDS Resolution group to further develop a resolution to cancel the suspension of the IDS major.
- Bawa asked what occurred on June 1st, 2009.
- Tep said that the suspension was not lifted and went on.
- Nelson asked if the budget cuts have affected the Resolution.
- Tep said that they will, because there are permanent cuts being made. These are affecting the faculty.

Finance Committee Chair- Brian L. Tan

- Tan distributed the guidelines for the Finance Committee. He said that his recommendation was to approve the guidelines, as they have proven to work effectively for the past few years. He said that the summer pool for contingency ends in July.
- Bawa moved to table the discussion until the next meeting.
- Tuttle said that it will take a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to make this an action item.
- Tan said that this was meant to show to USAC, not to be presented as an action item.

***Patty Zimmerman**

Student Support Services, Locknetics Action

- Zimmerman said that a previous meeting, USAC asked for a more exact quote of the cost to install Locknetics in Kerckhoff. She said that the total cost is \$20,758. Installation is 3,860. Each unit is \$1,207. Zimmerman said that the Locknetics system would really improve the system currently in place. She said by installing a system controlled by Bruin Card, it would create a much more secure and safe network. She came to the council to ask for their opinions on how to deal with the allocation.
- Bawa said that she would like to use the SPARK Referendum fund to cover the cost of this project.
- Flores said that the SPARK Referendum is established to cover maintenance of the building, and it is not under the discretion of the council. She said that she believes it would be premature of the council to come to a funding allocation decision at this point. She said that she would like to work on plans clearly stating where the funding will come from.
- Zimmerman said it is important to get the ball rolling on this issue, so she encouraged council members to come up with an idea of how much funding should be set aside at this point.
- Flores said that she would first like to break down the budget to clearly highlight the amount of money USAC has to spend.
- Faelnar asked how much time the council needs between coming to a decision and actually scheduling the project.
- Zimmerman said that she cannot guarantee that the project will be complete by move-in if a decision is reached after August 1st.
- The council decided to take the issue to a vote. The vote is to bring this point as an action item. In order to bring the topic as an action item, the council would have to reach a total vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ in favor. The total would be $\frac{3}{4}$ of 9 with Flores abstaining her vote. $\frac{3}{4}$ of 9 is 6.25, making the total number of votes needed 7. The item received a total of 5 council members in favor, 3 abstentions, and 1 in opposition. With that vote tally, this item is an action item.
- Zimmerman said that council should possibly consider updating the lock system for 5 or 6 offices that will be affected during the move-in process.
- Williams offered his suggestion to carry out the project. He said that there are many keys lost every year, and offices are not very safe at this point. He said it would be wise to carry out the project.
- Nguyen moved and Banani seconded to allocate \$20,758.00 to cover the cost of the Locknetics system.
- Li said that there are instances such as the textbooks scholarship and Bruin Bash that really concern her. She said that these events are dependent on the Surplus fund and she feels that by allocating to this project could threaten the operations of those projects.
- Williams said that there are always other ways to spend money, but he asked to consider the safety concerns.

- Mullins highlighted that this money could also be seen as a gift to students for future years. He said this capital improvement can really make the facilities better.
- Zimmerman said that the funding for this project would come from the budget for next year.
- Tuttle said that this allocation can be seen as a cost avoidance in the future, as well as a capital investment. He said that the expenditure would also improve the condition of safety currently in the building.
- Nelson said that before the Locknetics system was installed, items were constantly stolen. He noted that after the installation, there were no problems.
- Faelnar said that she understands the benefits of the system, but she just wanted a clear picture of the budget.
- Bawa said that she would like to see if there are any other additional funding resources that can be used to cover this project. She said her own personal sentiment was to first attain the budget and exact resources that USAC has access to.
- Zimmerman said that the complete breakdown may not be complete until the new school year.
- Banani asked if other groups are requesting this project, and maybe the council should consider investing. He said that due to budget cuts, USAC may have to adjust spending based on the changes.
- Huddy said that he feels there is a need for this project.
- Farmer said that he has concerns with understanding the resources for the following year. He said his desire is to spend money prioritizing student needs for the upcoming year. He said he has troubles with an increasing amount of the budget spent on capital investment.
- Mullins said by upgrading locks, it would address a student need. By addressing student office concerns, the investment could really prove to be beneficial.
- Tressel said there are good points on both arguments, and he believes it is time to move on.
- Banani agreed with Tressel and Zimmerman. He asked if council was going to put a priority on fear of what may occur financially in the next year. He said it is possible for this issue to come up again on the table again.
- Banani moved and Mullins seconded to call to question. There were 5 objections to the call.
- Nguyen and Banani withdrew their motion and second to allocate the funding to cover the project. This withdrawal has been made on the grounds to receive more information about the budget and other funding resources. Nguyen moved and Banani seconded to table this project to the next meeting—it will be an action item.
- Tuttle asked also to present police reports of stolen items to provide a background for council members.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

A. Resolution for Solidarity with Students in Iran

- Bawa said that there has been an updated version sent to all.
- Bawa said that there are UCLA students who are currently in Iran right now who are caught in the cross fire of violence. She said that this resolution aligns with serving their safety needs, without taking too firm of a stance.
- Bawa moved and Farmer seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of a cessation to the violence against students in Iran and recognition of the Iranian people's human rights.
- Tuttle asked whether or not the first two paragraphs should read that (UCLA) recognizes the Resolution. He suggested possibly editing the Resolution to reflect that the Undergraduate students recognize the resolution.
- Nelson pointed out a capitalization error.
- Bawa said that this document can be amended now that it has been seconded.
- Bawa suggested changing (UCLA) to (USAC) in the first two paragraphs of the Resolution.
- Farmer said that there are four instances with general (UCLA) references that need to be addressed.
- Huddy said he believed that a great point was brought up about students in Iran. He asked if they are safe.
- A representative from the coalition stated that everyone is in safe condition at this point, but not free from fear. The coalition members also noted that the USAC council would not be establishing a precedent by passing this resolution.
- Tressel said that the council needs to review changes that need to be made before going to a vote.
- Bawa proposed she would like to add [the Undergraduate Student Association Council]. She also proposed [University of California, Los Angeles] to cover the generality of the present statement.

-Mullins also proposed the idea of including a mention of the word “Bruins”. He asked for the council’s assistance in including the word.

-The coalition members proposed adding all UCLA students, including those studying in Iran.

-Huddy proposed adding “fellow Bruins abroad” to the second to last paragraph.

-Nelson stated that it may be putting UCLA students at risk by directly referring them to in the resolution.

Nelson also noted the significance of including signatory names from ISG members, as they are public record.

-ISG group members stated that they have discussed the risk, and have included their names.

-Mullins asked if the group feels adding specific terms, such as “Bruin”, could present additional harm.

-The group responded that they feel that danger will not be added by references of that nature.

-Flores asked if he would still like to include “Bruins” in the resolution.

-Mullins said that he does not feel the word excludes students, but highlights the fact that we do have students involved in the situation.

-Flores stated that the word could make students from UCLA of particular interest within Iran. She asked if there could be a motion to keep the word “Bruins” in the resolution.

-The council unanimously expressed their will to not include “Bruins” in the resolution.

-Tuttle said that the crucial decision is whether or not to pass the resolution. He suggested cutting the organization names, because it does put people at risk. He said he admires bravery, but he believes the resolution should stick to what is important. He believes the resolution is thoughtful and has a deep amount of depth to it.

-Flores asked the group whether or not they felt these amendments would alter the depth and weight of this resolution. The group responded that they felt the other groups signature really acknowledged the fact that there are students not of Iranian descent who also contribute to the resolution. They stated that it would also show that there are other cultural groups who offered their support.

-Tuttle said that the group really described the benefit well. However, he stated that the cost could also be very substantial. He stated that the Iranian regime has a very in-depth understanding of the Diaspora, and has agents that can deeply affect relatives and friends associated with the signatories of this document.

-Bawa applauded the efforts of the contributors, but said that the sentiment of senior members is a sentiment of worry for potential harm. She spoke for other signatories who may have not acknowledged the amount of risk associated with putting a name on a document of this nature. She proposed adding an amendment explaining that this resolution has been approved by a coalition of many student groups.

The council took a five minute recess.

-Bahmanyar said that the group would like to close the resolution with “Let it finally be resolved that a coalition of Iranian and non Iranian students at UCLA recognize the importance and gravity of the current situation in Iran”.

-The groups in the resolution under endorsements will be removed.

-Flores yielded the floor to Mohammad Humkar. He stated that he had issues with the facts put in the resolution. He said that a resolution could be disastrous. He said that support from the American people will create the opposite of what the students are trying to achieve. He said that the resolution makes it sound like the country is taking way too strong of a stance. He said that it is very political.

-Huddy asked Humkar if he had any source to back up his stance. He did not.

-Huddy said that he does not feel that this is a political resolution, and that is why he supports it.

-Banani asked the group if they had a response to what Humkar had to say.

-Flores said that this resolution is not saying that it anticipates any United States intervention, and that is where the strength lies. She said it called for an understanding of the issues and a call to the importance of the situation.

-Bakheshi spoke for the group. She said that because the news stories were clashing, they provided estimates.

-Bughodizadeh said that all non-Iranian news sources have been ousted from the country of Iran. That is why these networks (citing CNN and Reuters) have been relying on YouTube videos highlighting the violence.

-Flores said that she believes in the reliability of the sources and feels that this resolution does not take too strong of a stance. She said this is more a sign of solidarity between the students of UCLA. She offered Humkar the floor.

-Humkar said that the protesters could possibly be seen as puppets for the U.S.

-Bughodizadeh stated that they have spoken to people within Iran who are saying that the U.S. needs to take a stance because the Iranian government is already attempting to pin blame on the United States.

- Mullins said that he would like to add a point to the resolution calling for a complete U.C. divestment from Iran.
- Bawa again pointed out that the point should be that this is not a political document. She said it is important to make certain that the resolution is strictly calling for a cessation to the violence. .
- Bawa moved and Tep seconded to call to question. There were 5 objections.
- Banani proposed an amendment to the last clause in the paper document:

“LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) will support and promote unbiased and informative efforts, with peaceful grounding, that will be taking place at UCLA and in the Los Angeles community aimed at educating the undergraduate student population on the situation in Iran.”

- Nguyen said that he would like to friendly amend the clause. He proposed removing “in the Los Angeles community” to avoid liability for any other protests within the Los Angeles community.
- Flores said that the “peaceful grounding” addition eliminates the chance of a mistaken general support of *all* protests, violent and peaceful.
- Nguyen withdrew his stipulation.
- Mullins asked to add a stipulation calling for a complete divestment of Iran by the UC System.
- Bawa denied because 1) she did not feel it reflected the mission statement of the coalition, and 2) she did not feel comfortable calling for divestment for the entire university system.
- Mullins’ stipulation was not accepted, with a total of 6 in opposition.
- Tuttle said because the stipulation suggests divestment, it would be considered as a new action item. He said a resolution of that magnitude should include a mass of other students.
- Mullins moved and Huddy seconded to add a divestment clause to the resolution.
- Tuttle recommended to Flores to call the amendment as out of order. He said that it is not clear-cut.
- Flores said that it is not within the bounds of her control to include the amendment in the resolution.
- Mullins moved and Huddy seconded to overrule Flores’ decision to override the movement to include a divestment clause to the resolution.
- The council voted to uphold Flores’ decision with 2 in favor of overriding, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- Flores asked if there were any other proposed amendments.
- Banani moved and Bawa seconded to call to question to approve the resolution as amended.
- The council voted to approve the resolution as amended with a total of 7 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstention.
- Mullins said that he voted no on this issue not because of his opinion of this matter. He said he looked forward to use tonight to have USAC take a strong stance and actively advocate for student safety.*

-The following is the completed and amended Resolution, as passed by USAC on June 30th, 2009:

Undergraduate Students Association Council

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF: A cessation to the violence against students in Iran and recognition of the Iranian people's human rights

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Associate Council of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), recognizes that Iran is a sovereign and independent nation with a rich history and culture and whose people have helped advance the world in areas such as mathematics, astronomy, medicine, technology, literature, and human rights for thousands of years;

WHEREAS, the concerned Undergraduate Student Associate Council of UCLA recognizes the ongoing protesting in the streets of Iran starting June 13th, 2009, as a result of the Iranian June 12th election results;

WHEREAS, protests started after candidate and incumbent president Mahmood Ahmadinejad was declared the elected president of Iran while candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi had also been told to have won the election;

WHEREAS, two of the three candidates running against incumbent president Ahmadinejad, Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mehdi Karroubi, have repeatedly stated their beliefs in that there had been irregularities during the voting process and urged the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, and the Guardian Council, to investigate the claims and hold a new election;

WHEREAS, in response, the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, declared that there had not been irregularities and threatened the Iranian people not to hold demonstrations and that if they ventured out of their homes, whatever may happen to them was their responsibility;

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WHEREAS, the Guardian Council recognized that irregularities had in fact taken place, yet refused to further investigate all claims or to hold a new fair and transparent election;

WHEREAS, the continued violence used on the peaceful protesters, most of them students, by the riot police and Basij forces has resulted in hundreds of injuries and deaths;

WHEREAS, members of the police and the Basij militias have entered various universities, including the University of Tehran, Amir Kabir University, Sharif University, the University of Shiraz, Isfahan University, Hamedan University, Babol University, Tabriz University, and Ferdowsi University, attacking students and faculty, arresting citizens, burning residence hall beds, and destroying or confiscating property, starting this past June 14th;

WHEREAS, five university students have been killed due to these dorm invasions, hundreds of students have been arrested, and between 150 and 300 protesters, a majority of them being university students, have been killed (as of June 21st);

WHEREAS, thousands of students in Tehran and other major cities have held on-campus protests and other actions in protest to the current government's handling of the election and demonstrations;

WHEREAS, in response, the government has continued violently handling the situation and has taken down cellular communication, including text messaging, jammed online services, and attempted to cut off the citizens of Iran from one another and the rest of the world;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Student Associate Council of UCLA feel a responsibility to stand in solidarity with other students and faculty at Iranian universities that have been attacked, arrested, or harassed by the government currently in power;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Iranian people's human rights must be upheld and the Iranian government must be held accountable for its human rights violations;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council, as elected representatives of the undergraduate UCLA community, sounding a voice of moderation, calls for an immediate cessation of violence by the Iranian government on students and the greater Iranian population;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Undergraduate Students Association Council will support and promote peaceful events that will be taking place at UCLA and in the Los Angeles community aimed at educating the undergraduate student population on the situation in Iran.

LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that a coalition of Iranian and non-Iranian students at UCLA recognize the gravity and importance of the current situation in Iran.

-Tep moved and Li seconded to publish the resolution in the Daily Bruin on a full page.

-The council unanimously voted to publish a full page version of the resolution in the Daily Bruin.

Key Access to the Computer Lab

-Bawa asked for any suggestions that the council would like to have Flores and herself bring up to Champawat and Zimmerman.

Standing Committee Change

-Bawa said that Nguyen resigned from the ARC, and the council needs someone to take the open place on the committee.

-Flores said this assignment would not be applicable for the entire year. She said by the end of the first half of summer, the appointments should be handled. She asked if anyone was interested.

-Li said she could cover the post if no other council members could.

-Flores said that she would rather have another member take the place as the EVP travels frequently.

-Faelnar said that she will take the position on ARC if she has to do so.

-Flores appointed Banani to the ARC.

-The council unanimously approved Banani to the ARC.

XI. Announcements

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- Bawa reminded the council that the Healthy Lives after Cancer Seminar will be taking place over the weekend.
- Tan said that he is creating a safe partying film for upcoming freshmen orientations. He asked if anyone would like to have a role in the film.
- Farmer said he and Faelnar are working to spread the petition to include student voice supporting Cal Grants.
- Li said there is an action day to save Cal Grants on Tuesday July 21st.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XIII. Adjournment

- Mullins moved and Huddy 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 11:46 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casillas
USAC Minutes Taker
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