

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday June 17, 2003
417 Kerckhoff Hall
6:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chen, Chiang, Grace, Kaczmarek, Kozak, Lam, Lawson, McKesey, Nelson, Palma/Saracho, Saldaña, Schreiber, Wynn

ABSENT: Eastman, Gaulton, Husse-Jerome, McLaren, Nguyen, Tuttle

GUESTS: Menaka Fernando, Zara Bukirin, Paul Marian

I. A. Call to Order
-McKesey called the meeting to order at 6:13pm.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
-Chen passed the Attendance Sheet around.

II. Approval of the Agenda
-Chiang asked to be added to the Officer and Member Report section.
-Kaczmarek asked that a discussion of the Summer meeting schedule be added under New Business.
-Palma/Saracho asked that an ASUCLA Board of Directors appointment be added under Appointments.
-Kaczmarek moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes
-There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations
-There were no Special Presentations this week.

V. Appointments
***ASUCLA Board of Directors; Campus Program Committee; Community Activities Committee; Community Service Mini Fund; Student Fee Advisory Committee; Student Initiated Outreach Committee**
-Palma/Saracho said that the ARC used the same criteria for this set of interviews as it had for the all the previous interviews. He said that the ARC had two interviews today and that the rest took place on Monday. He said that their first interview was Emmanuel Martinez for the ASUCLA Board of Directors (BOD). He said that Martinez was well versed and seemed to be a good applicant for the position. He said that Martinez is currently attending the BOD retreat as a guest so that he will know the procedures of the Board in case he is appointed.
-Palma/Saracho moved and Lam seconded to appoint Emmanuel Martinez to the ASUCLA Board of Directors.
-McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

- Palma/Saracho said that they next interviewed Genevieve Espinosa for the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC). He said that she gave an impressive interview. He said that she has a thorough understanding of the position. He said that she has worked as a peer counselor in the past and that he felt that Espinosa would be an excellent addition to SFAC. He said that Espinosa is being recommended for a two-year term.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Kaczmarek seconded to appoint Genevieve Espinosa to the Student Fee Advisory Committee to serve a two-year term.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 5 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- Palma/Saracho said that the next three interviews were for the Campus Programming Committee (CPC). He said that the first applicant was Pedro Gomez. He said that Gomez has relevant goals and is a strong applicant.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Kaczmarek seconded to appoint Pedro Gomez to the Campus Programs Committee.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Palma/Saracho said that the next applicant for CPC was Monica Bonilla. He said that her major critique of the committee was that it has seemed unwelcoming in the past. He said that he thinks Bonilla would be a great applicant.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Lam seconded to appoint Monica Bonilla to the Campus Programs Committee.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Palma/Saracho said that Mohamad Ahmad was the final CPC applicant for this round of interviews. He said that Ahmad is young but has a great deal of experience in writing proposals. He said that Ahmad wrote a proposal for which his High School received a large grant. He said that he feels that Ahmad is more than qualified for this position.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Kaczmarek seconded to appoint Mohamad Ahmad to the Campus Programs Committee.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Palma/Saracho said that the next interview was with Andy Ramirez for a position on the Community Activities Committee (CAC). He said that Ramirez is very aware of the projects that the CAC has. He said that he has a great deal of experience and is well versed in this field.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Lam seconded to appoint Andy Ramirez to the Community Activities Committee.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Schreiber asked if Ramirez had any knowledge of the Community Service Commission's projects.
- Palma/Saracho said that Ramirez was more knowledgeable of the Campus Programs Office. He said that the next applicant to the CAC was more knowledgeable of the CSC.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the motion with 5 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.
- Palma/Saracho said that the candidate for the CAC was Charito Vilorio. He said that she has been involved in the Pilipino Recruitment and Enrichment Program in the past. He said that he thinks that she would do well on the CAC.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Lawson seconded to appoint Cherito Vilorio to the Community Activities Committee.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Palma/Saracho said that Joel Verceles interviewed for a position on the Community Service Mini Fund Committee. He said that Verceles has worked with Samahang Pilipino in the past and is a good, well-rounded applicant.

- Palma/Saracho moved and Lawson seconded to appoint Joel Verceles to the Community Service Mini Fund Committee.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Schreiber said that Verceles' application doesn't mention any interest in the CS Mini Fund. He asked if Verceles became interested later.
- Palma/Saracho said that Verceles has become interested.
- McKesey said that she spoke to Verceles and felt that he would serve USAC better on the CS Mini Fund.
- Schreiber asked if he will be representing CSC or CPO.
- McKesey said that she believes he will be one of the CPO representatives.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve Joel Verceles to the CS Mini Fund Committee with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- Lawson apologized for missing the ARC interviews yesterday. He said that he had a doctor appointment.
- McKesey said that the SIOC appointments will be forwarded to the ARC soon along with the five other committee appointments.

VI. Budget Review Committee

***Proposed Base Budget Priorities and Guidelines**

- Bukirin said that she had the Budget Review Committee's (BRC) proposed priorities and guidelines ready for Council's approval.
- Chen said that the BRC looked at the priorities for the past two years. She said that they changed the wording some but that she thinks that the priorities encompass what USAC stands for. She said that the priorities will be used to rank groups on a number scale.
- Lam said that she would explain the guidelines. She said that the BRC set a cap for each line item as well as a cap for the maximum overall allotment. She said that that maximum allocation is \$8,600.
- Schreiber said that they set new deadlines. He said that everything has basically been pushed back by one week from the original calendar.
- Palma/Saracho asked how the BRC is advertising these new deadlines.
- Bukirin said that all of the information will be forwarded to the groups.
- Chen said that they pushed things back because there was some confusion earlier and they felt that the groups deserved more time.
- Simmons said that the new dates can also be posted on the website and advertisements can be placed in the Daily Bruin.
- Chiang asked if the one to five scale would be used on the overall application or on a line item by line item basis.
- Chen said that the one to five scale would be used to measure how well the group satisfies each of the BRC's priorities.
- Bukirin said that the scores for each priority would then be added together to compare the groups to each other.
- Lawson asked if the maximum allocation is the same as last years.
- Lam said that it is double that of last year.
- Chiang asked if there is a minimum allocation.
- Schreiber said that there is not. He said that the BRC did not want a group to apply and put out little or no effort and then be guaranteed a minimum allotment.
- Chiang said that the number 11 under the caps and guidelines section reads "Exceptions will be given to the above line items that are an inherent part of the commission, office, or group or are essential to the existence of the organization". She asked if the BRC could explain this clause.
- Chen said that certain exceptions will be made for groups that need more money than allowed by the caps in certain areas, if the line-items in question represent an important part of the office operations. She said that an example would be that travel is an inherent part of the EVP office so that office may need more than the travel cap allows, in order to get by.

- Lam moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Proposed Base Budget Priorities and Guidelines.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Lawson asked what mechanisms have been set in place to ensure that new groups receive an equitable distribution. He asked if there is anything to protect the new groups from being elbowed out of the running by the older and more experienced groups.
- Schreiber said that the main deterrent for that scenario is that the priorities are not based on what a group has done in the past and are instead based only on what they plan to do in the future.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the Proposed Base Budget Priorities and Guidelines with 6 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

VII. Fund Allocations

***Finance Committee Guidelines**

- Chen said that in order to arrive at the Finance Committee guidelines she looked at the past two years. She said that there were a few changes; one being that a one-half page advertisement is now \$476. She said that the cap on travel was also increased somewhat. She said that the Finance Committee Chairperson's discretionary power is Council's decision. She said that Simmons mentioned that in the past it was lower.
- Chiang asked what discretionary power is.
- Chen said that if a group does not have time for Council to approve their application before their event takes place the Finance Committee Chairperson can approve their request up to the discretionary amount without needing Council's approval. She said that discretionary allocations are usually due to a time constraint.
- Palma/Saracho moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Finance Committee Guidelines.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Kaczmarek asked if travel could be used towards a rental car.
- Chen said that it could.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the Finance Committee Guidelines with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

***Contingency Application**

- Chen said that there were some changes made to the Contingency Application. She said that groups will now have to sign off that they have read the criteria. She said that more information was added and a check list was added to make sure that groups included everything that is needed.
- Chiang asked why an exception is made for CSC to be allocated money for certificates of appreciation. She asked if that exception could be made for others.
- Simmons said that in order to extend that exception to other groups the Bylaws would have to be changed.
- Grace said that in order to change the Bylaws Council would have to have a discussion period of one week before they voted on it. He said that the exception arose because historically CSC has had many more volunteers than other groups.
- Lam moved and Schreiber seconded to approve the Contingency Application Form.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Chiang asked when the application will be posted online.
- Chen said that she is not sure yet.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

President

- McKesey said that she met with Bobby Grace and the president of the UCLA Alumni Association today. She said that they would like to put on an event co-sponsored by USAC, GSA, the

Alumni Association and CSP. She said that the event would be a networking night. She said that the tentative date is October 22nd and that it would be a place for student leaders to come together with Alumni and others. She said that the Chancellor will be there and the incoming Vice Chancellor has been invited. She said that nothing has been completely confirmed.

-Palma/Saracho asked McKesey to repeat the date and time.

-McKesey said that the tentative date is October 22nd at 6:00 pm. She said that she will be emailing people with more information on the event. She said that the Friday before finals there was an ASUCLA Leadership Committee meeting. She said that they talked about the role of ASUCLA in the campus community. She said that she will be sitting on this committee for the duration of the year. She said that the Student Activity Center Board of Governors will be beginning this year. She said that when the SPARC referendum was approved, the student group tenants of that building were given positions on the Board of Governors by USAC. She said that she will continue to uphold that policy. She said of the four positions USAC is allowed to appoint to the Student Activity Center Board of Governors, three will be given to the tenants of the building.

-Saldana asked if the other tenants got anything.

-McKesey said that the other tenants are not student run committees.

-McKesey said that she is still working on the retreat agenda. She said that some of the Council Members will be in charge of running team building exercises and ice breakers.

Internal Vice President

-Palma/Saracho said that he is trying to schedule more ARC interviews. He said that he would try to keep Council aware of the times by email.

External Vice President

-Kaczmarek said he had attended the UCSA Executive Director hiring session. He said that he cannot say who was chosen yet but that he can say that it was a great applicant. He said that he also attended the meeting to announce of the new UC President, Robert Dynes, the Chancellor of UC San Diego. He said that Dynes held a press conference afterwards and said that his main priority is to maintain quality. He said that the students expressed their concerns and Dynes seemed very open. He said that Dynes will take over the position beginning on October 1st. He said that his salary will be \$398,000 a 10% increase from Atkinson's salary. He said that he is going to a Jobs for Justice Conference in Miami tomorrow. He said that he will then be heading to Europe on vacation.

Student Welfare Commissioner

-Chiang said that the SWC has a multi-cultural planning guide available. She said that it lists many of the cultural eateries in the Westwood area.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that the issue of free speech is an ongoing struggle. He said that UCLA has specific areas designated for speeches and that those areas where speeches are not allowed can cause problems and even lawsuits. He said that he was absent at the last meeting because he was grading AP examinations. He said that the groups taking the exams are growing. He said that his book is now out at an exorbitant price. He said that he will be flying to Russia tomorrow to visit a group of students that participated in an exchange program four years ago. He said that the students came over to work with the Daily Bruin and study the free press. He said that the tentacles of UCLA are indeed broad and wide. He said that he would give an update upon his return.

IX. Old Business

-There was no Old Business this week.

X. New Business

Discussion of the Summer Meeting Schedule

- Kaczmarek said that his travel schedule for the summer has changed and he will be forced to miss most of the meetings if they continue on the current schedule. He said that he would like the schedule changed to every other week beginning next Tuesday, June 24th.
- Lawson asked if that would mean that Council would have one less meeting over the Summer.
- Kaczmarek said that it would give them one more meeting.
- Palma/Saracho said that he was fine with the change.
- Kozak moved and Wynn seconded to switch the Summer meeting time to 6:00 pm, every other week beginning on June 24th.
- McKesey asked if there was any discussion.
- Kaczmarek said that a lot of meetings were also scheduled during conferences and this would fix that.
- Schreiber asked if that would mean that Council would meet during zero-week.
- Kaczmarek said that they would under this new schedule.
- There being no further discussion, Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

XI. Announcements

- Lawson said that he wanted to get some pictures of the officers for the USAC brochure. He said that they will also be needing statements from the Council Members.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Chen passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XIII. Adjournment

- Palma/Saracho moved and Chiang seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker