# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

May 30, 2006 417 Kerckhoff Hall 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, Malik, McLaren, Nelson, Park, Price,

Sargent, Saucedo, Schuster, Tuttle, Villasin, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jeannie Biniek, Constance Dillon, Kristina Doan, Julia Erlandson, Nancy Greenstein, Anat

Herzog, Isidro Mariscol

- I. A. Call to Order
  - Kaisey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
  - B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Villasin passed around the Attendance Sheet

- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - Park added an Action Item to ratify the UCSA Budget following its corresponding Special Presentation. Kaisey said that this would be New Business Item C.
  - Sargent asked to be included in the Officer and Member Reports.
  - Cendana called for approval of the Agenda, as amended, by General Consent.
  - <u>Kaisey asked if there were any objections to approval by General Consent. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by General Consent.</u>
- III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

# Wedding Event, Student Coalition for Marriage Equality

- Isidro Mariscol said that he was from the Student Coalition for Marriage Equality. He said that on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> they would be holding a same sex marriage in Bruin Plaza. Mariscol said that the couple would be Dr. Keating from Student Psychological Services and her partner. Mariscol said that the point of the ceremony was to raise awareness about the need to legalize same sex marriages. He said that the ceremony would be at Noon, and there would be punch and pie.

## **Election Board Final Report, Anat Herzog**

- Anat Herzog, Election Board Chair for the 2006 Elections, said that she would be giving Council a post-Election report as well as her proposal for a revised Election Code. She then quickly stated that any changes would ultimately be up to the Council Members and next year's Election Board Chairperson and E-Board Committee members. Herzog passed around an outline of her recommendations to Council and the next Election Board, and also a copy of the Election Code with the proposed amendments. After referencing Item A in the handout which indicated the 17 major changes that had been made to the Election Code in the last year, Herzog suggested to

Council that they might think about revisiting these 17 changes to decide if they were, in fact, for better or for worse. Herzog then moved on to her 13 suggestions and observations from 2006. She said that these were, (1) Multiple candidate names on signboards should be prohibited: (2) Classroom announcements should be allowed, at least to educate students about the existence of elections; (3) Non-UCLA campaigners should be prohibited; (4) The emailing of student groups/student group leaders should be allowed; (5) Posting on personal profiles [e.g., MySpace/Facebook] before campaigning time should be allowed; (6) Official candidacy should begin once a candidate packet is submitted; (7) Changes to the Election Code should come through the Election Board Chair; (8) An institutional relationship with the Office of Residential Life (ORL) is needed to find a way to engage students on the Hill in a non-biased way; (9) Campaign representatives should be required to present accurate information; (10) There should be longer campaigning time; (11) There should be a comprehensive Election Board website; (12) Endorsement Hearings and the Candidate Debate should be combined, which would eliminate the unnecessary and arbitrary stand-alone Endorsement Hearings; and, lastly, (13) Students should be better educated about the USAC Election through such means as creating a Voter Guide, publishing the information on the Election Board's website, advertising in the Daily Bruin, etc. After summarizing her thirteen points, Herzog gave detailed descriptions of each of them, explaining why she felt each was a good solution, and qualifying each in its own regard. She said that each of the thirteen points were also in her proposed Election Code for the 2007 USAC Election

- Doria asked why Herzog thought that MySpace and Facebook fell under the realm of websites. Herzog replied that there were rules governing websites in the Election Code, and those rules could be applied to profile pages as well, because those pages do have a website address. She said that her idea was to create an exemption clause, such that profile pages on networking pages would be treated separately.
- Kaisey asked if Herzog would be around until the end of the year to field questions and assist with transition, to which Herzog said that she would.
- Doria asked if Herzog was proposing that the Election Board Chair had to bring forward all proposed changes to the Election Code with his or her opinion of that proposed change, to which Herzog said that she was. Herzog explained that it made more sense that the expert on the issue has some advance access to the proposed change(s), saying that, prior to the 2006 Election, she felt somewhat powerless to influence changes made to the Election Code that she had been appointed to administer.
- Sargent asked Kaisey when she was planning to appoint the next Election Board Chair. Kaisey said that she wanted to do it as soon as possible. She remarked that, in prior years when the appointment had been delayed, it had been detrimental to the election process.
- Saucedo asked if the new Election Board Chair would take these recommendations into consideration, to which Herzog said that she certainly hoped so. She said she felt that she knew a thing or two about the election process, and wanted to share that information with her successor in hopes of avoiding perpetuating the mistakes that had been made in the past. Sargent reminded Council that this was not an Action Item, and that it was more like a standing recommendation.
- Tuttle asked if it was agreed that any changes to the Election Code would require a 2/3 vote, the "Neesby Cuffs", if you will, to which Kaisey said that they were all in agreement on that requirement..
- Herzog made a final plea, saying that nobody at the table won by a very wide margin. She recommended that the victors acknowledge the constituency whose candidates were not present on the Council. Herzog asked that the Council came to the table not knowing how they were going to vote, saying that there were a lot of students who did not vote for these leaders who were also having these decisions made for them. She said that Council should consider that fact every time they come to the table, and said that they should consider the opinions and mind set of everyone else.
- Kaisey thanked Herzog, after which Council applauded Herzog's work and accomplishments.
- Kaisey said she had just learned that Villasin had to leave at 8:00 pm For that reason, she said that Approval of the Contingency Fund Allocations would be dealt with before the remaining Special Presentations.

#### V. Fund Allocations

## **Approval of Contingency Fund Allocations**

- Villasin said that a total of \$10,829.63 had been requested this week from the Contingency Programming Fund, with \$3,425.00 recommended for allocation. Villasin said that there had been just one Contingency Capital Items request submitted this week, totalling \$1,123.60, for which the Finance Committee was recommending an allocation of \$1,050.01. She said that, upon approval of the Finance Committee's recommended allocations for both the Contingency Programming Fund and the Contingency Capital Items Fund, the remaining combined balance for the Contingency Programming Fund and the Contingency Capital Requests Fund would drop from \$4,475.01 to \$0. With regard to the Contingency Capital Items allocation to the Interfraternity Council (IFC), Villasin noted that there were several errors in the "Total Amount Recommended" column. She explained that the item entitled, "Computer", included the cost of the computer (\$749.99), plus the Sales Tax on the computer (\$61.87), for a total of \$811.86. She said further that the second allocation, entitled "Computer Lock" should have been listed as a "Printer" at \$220, plus Sales Tax of \$18.15, for a total \$238.15. She said that the "Total Amount" of \$1,050.01 was accurate.
- Sargent asked how the allocations were going with the money running out. Villasin said that the allocations were proceeding as they normally are, as it was first come, first served, and she would continue to allocate until the funds ran out.
- Doria asked if the submitted applications could be reviewed, to which Villasin said that they were in the public records in Student Government Accounting. Villasin said that they were working on also getting the allocation forms put on the website.
- Sargent asked when Summer Contingency was available, to which Villasin said that Summer Contingency requests could be submitted June 19.
- <u>Price moved and Cendana seconded to approve the Finance Committee's recommended allocations for the Contingency Programming Fund and for the Contingency Capital Items</u> Fund.
- Council voted to approve the Finance Committee's recommended allocations for the Contingency Programming Fund and the Contingency Capital Items Fund with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- The Contingency Programming Fund and the Contingency Capital Items Fund Allocation Recommendations are attached to the Minutes.

# VI. Special Presentations (cont'd)

#### Campus Safety, Nancy Greenstein, UCPD

- Nancy Greenstein from UCPD said that she was present to talk about Campus Safety, saying that she was the Director of Community Services at UCPD. She said that she handled grants, outreach, public relations, and also dealt with student issues as a liaison for UCPD. Greenstein said that crime statistics were compiled by each calendar year, and reported that 2006 was going pretty well, thus far. She said that most of the crimes at UCLA were "crimes of opportunity," most of which occurred when someone walked away from their property which was then taken. Greenstein said that the most salient crime of the year had been committed by the North Village Groper, saying that the individual who committed those crimes had not been caught. She said that there had been a sketch of the groper on the UCPD's website, posters had been put up all around campus, and a number of ads had been run in the Daily Bruin. She said that, in spite of all these publicity efforts, the perpetrator had not been apprehended. Greenstein invited Council Members to go on a ride-along in a UCPD car some night, saying that it was not only a great way to get a new perspective of the UCLA campus, but would also give them first-hand experience on the UCPD's job. She said that, contrary to popular opinion, the primary role of the UCPD officers was to protect the students. She said that, in the carrying out of that role, UCPD officers sometimes encountered students who were breaking the law. Greenstein said that another of her responsibilities was to oversee the on-campus ambulance service. She pointed out that all the employees who staffed the ambulances were UCLA students with EMT-training. She then shared some statistics which she thought might be of interest to Council Members. She said that they had received more than 75 alcohol-related calls, 15 of which involved injuries and about 15 of which were because of students vomiting, She said that the mean age of those individuals had been 18.9 years of age. Greenstein continued her report by saying that she and her fellow officers tried to act as partners with the student body members, not as regulators of them. She said that UCPD was available to work with the students in ways to conduct effective demonstrations that would not result in them being arrested.

- Kaisey thanked Greenstein for her comprehensive presentation, saying that Campus Safety was a major issue, and that Council would be working with Greenstein in the coming year..

# University of Californi a Student Association 2006-2007 Budget, Jeannie Biniek

- Biniek said that she was at the meeting to give the new Council members some background information on UCSA, after which she would be asking them to approve the Budget for the 2006-2007 year. She outlined UCSA's mission, and explained that its goals were met through the efforts of the 19 dues-paying campuses. Biniek said that the liaison at most of the campuses was the External Vice President of their Councils, but said that those campuses which do not have an EVP could appoint someone else as their liaison. She said that it was a student-run educational organization, which also employed 5 full-time staff members. Biniek explained that the UCSA Board of Directors set policy and developed campaigns, and then these were helped to be carried out by a full-time lobbyist in Sacramento, the Executive Director, the Organizing and Communications Director, the University Affairs Director, and the Field Organizer. She said that UCSA was important to create a unified student voice, as UCSA became the unified student voice that represented the more than 200,000 students in the UC System. Biniek also said that UCSA acted to pool resources and money to build student power system-wide, and to win victories. She said that members were represented by being granted access to University Officials, be UC Regent Meeting Whiteliners, influence the Student Regent Selection, and conduct system-wide appointments to various committees. Biniek went over some of the recent UCSA accomplishments, including halting the elimination of Academic Preparation, helping UC Professional Students to sue the UC Regents, spearheading a fee freeze for 7 years in a row, and working to win many other smaller victories. Biniek said that in the current year, UCSA's efforts were focused on increasing financial aid by 33%, securing \$40 million for graduate financial aid, establishing the student vote project for 2006, and creating an online legislative action tool. Biniek said that in 2005-2006, UCSA had voted to work on Building Student Electoral Power, Freezing UC system wide Fees, and Restoring Academic Preparation Funding. Biniek said that Building Student Electoral Power would institutionalize voter registration on campus, ensure that voter education was guaranteed, and the Get Out the Vote Campaign would increase student voter turnout by 5%. She added that UC President Dynes had agreed to work with UCSA on accomplishing these goals. Biniek said that UCSA had accomplished the fee freeze, but the governor was still planning to make the fee cut to academic preparation. She said that in 2006 UCSA also organized and sent 200 students to the November Regents Meeting, and conducted more than 100 lobby visits to Sacramento over the course of the year. Biniek gave Council a number of ideas on things that they could do to support the UC Student Movement, including the supporting of UCSA through membership dues. She said that there were many things that the dues paid for, including website development and maintenance, the quarterly newsletter, membership database, and more. Biniek said that she had attached the UCSA Budget to the Agenda Packet, saying that the dues had already been approved by UCSA, though it had to be ratified by every Chapter. She said that the per-student fee would be going up from \$1.20 to \$1.30, 'though this would not affect UCLA, as UCLA students were already paying that amount.
- Doria asked if Council had to approve this. Biniek said that Council needed to approve the budget before UCSA could spend the funds.
- Sargent asked how much of the referendum dues were going to UCSA, to which Biniek said that 100% of the applicable referendum dues were going.

- Kaisey asked why UCLA's dues were twice as high as everyone else's, to which Biniek said that UCLA had voted for that.
- Williams asked if UCLA's extra dues got UCLA anything, to which Biniek said not really.
- Doria asked when that referendum was approved, to which Biniek said 2004. He also asked if the net income went up every year, to which Biniek said that the surplus each year went into the reserve, which she said that UCSA was trying to build up.
- Price asked how much each UCLA student paid, to which Biniek said it was \$2.91 each year.
- Price asked how she or other Council members could go to the UCSA Congress, to which Biniek told her to talk to Park, and Park would select people based on their relevant interest in the issues being discussed at the corresponding meeting.
- Tuttle added some historical information by saying that UCLA had been the intellectual seed-bed of UCSA. He said that there had subsequently been a couple important votes in California, in which the student vote had been proven to swing the vote the way that it went. Tuttle said that the principle of UCSA was based on the pressure coming from all of the different Universities, and what was important was to keep the quality up.
- Park said that, in the past, UCSA had not been a very strong lobbying group, although that was changing. She said that, in the last year, UCSA had proven itself to be a very effective voice in the state. Biniek added that, as Dr. Tuttle had pointed out, UCLA had always been very involved in the organization, and she hoped that would continue.

## VII. New Business

## C. \*Approval of the University of California Student Association 2006-2007 Budget

- <u>Doria moved and Cendana seconded to approve the University of California Student Association</u> 2006-2007 Budget.
- Council voted to approve the University of California Student Association 2006-2007 Budget with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- After the vote was taken, Price said that she had forgotten to announce that it was Cendana's Birthday, and Malik then passed around cookies to celebrate the occasion.

# VIII. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week

## IX. Officer and Member Reports

#### Alumni Representative - Todd Sargent

- Sargent passed out the Alumni Association Board of Directors roster. He said that he had been appointed to his position on USAC, and explained that the Alumni Association was organized by being broken into different standing committees. Sargent said that one key thing with the Alumni Association that Council might like to know is that the President of the UCLA Alumni Association sits on the UC Board of Regents. He said that he would appreciate receiving all ideas that the incoming Council Members have on how the Alumni Association could help Council more.

#### External Vice President – Tina Park

- Park said that the new Student Regent had been selected. She said that, following their appointment, this student would shadow the current Student Regent for one year. Park also said that the Student Compact would be moving to the Assembly Floor, and said that this was cool because this was a bill that the students had drafted. She said that it had been developed to accommodate what students and their families needed. Park also told Council that she thought the budget might actually be approved by the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, even though this rarely happened.

#### **Internal Vice President - Gregory Cendana**

- Cendana said that he was passing around a new USAC Roster form, and asked that each Council Member fill in all the information that was requested. He said that his office would also be taking care of producing and distributing the USAC Agenda for each meeting, and asked everyone to send him all items they wanted on the Agenda no later than 5:00pm on the Thursday prior to the Tuesday meeting. Cendana next announced that the IVP Staff Applications would be available soon.
- Kaisey told Council to make sure that the email address they gave to Cendana was the one that they wanted to receive all their USAC-related messages.
- McLaren said she noticed that at least four of the Council members had listed their personal email accounts. Saying that she didn't think they would want to have their USAC-related messages mixed in with their personal messages, McLaren recommended that everyone set up a USAC-only email account through something such as G-mail.
- Zai said that if anyone wanted to open a G-mail account, she could refer 47 more people.

#### President - Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey said that the Student Psychological Services (SPS) Director Search Committee had invited USAC to meet with the final candidates. She said that there were several meetings and receptions that USAC was invited to, and said that she would be sending out that information to everyone. Kaisey said that USAC Office Staff Applications would be posted on the USAC website, and asked that anyone who had not already sent theirs to her to please do so.
- Cendana asked if they were in .doc or .pdf, to which McLaren said that they were in .pdf.
- Kaisey told Council that the Office Key Request forms were available in McLaren's office.
   Williams added that the Key Request Form had a special section on it regarding after-hours access, and reminded Council Members to complete that section if they wanted to have afterhours access.
- Park asked if staff members could get after-hours access, to which Kaisey said that they could.
- Doria asked if signatory power had been transferred over, to which McLaren said that it had.
- Saucedo asked about the mailboxes. McLaren said that they were working on getting new locks installed for all the mailboxes.
- Kaisey continued with her report, saying that the USAC Installation Ceremony would begin at 1:00p.m. on Sunday, June 4, in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon, and asked everyone to arrive on time. McLaren added that she would be emailing detailed information about the event to everyone on Council, including the non-student members.
- Kaisey finished with her report, saying that the deadline for submitting Presidential Appointment applications was this coming Friday by 5:00p.m. She said that, over the weekend, she would forward to the ARC her nominees for the most time-sensitive appointments. She said she was hopeful that most time-sensitive positions could be approved at the next meeting. Kaisey also noted that the application process might have to be reopened because, with the elections being pushed back this year, there was a shortage of applicants.

#### X. Old Business

#### A. Discussion of Summer Retreat and Meeting Schedule

- Kaisey said that she was planning on a three-week recess at the end of the school year, and then meeting every other week in July and August. With regard to USAC's Summer Retreat, she said it appeared that the time that would work for most people would be the first weekend of September.
- Price asked if the retreat could be held any sooner, saying that she thought that was a little late.
- Malik said that she could not be there September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Zai said that a lot of leases started on the weekend, and suggested moving the retreat so that it wouldn't be held over Labor Day Weekend.
- Kaisey said that she, too, wanted to have the retreat as soon as possible, but that she also wanted to make sure that it would be held when they could have the highest level of participation.
- Park asked when classes would begin, to which Zai replied that they would start at the end of September.

- Kaisey said that there were a lot of problems with having the retreat right at the beginning of the school year, and recommended that Council look at the possibility of holding it the latter half of August. She also asked for volunteers to help plan the retreat.
- Cendana, Zai, and Malik expressed interest in helping to plan the retreat.
- Kaisey asked Caba if she would get in touch with Todd Hawkins and ask him to send her any information he had on the planning of last year's retreat. Kaisey then said that Council would be talking about setting the quorum for Summer.
- Saucedo asked if the retreat would be an overnight thing, to which Kaisey said that it would, and that it might even be for two overnights.

## **B. Proposed Changes to SOOF Guidelines**

- Kaisey said that this item concerns a presentation that was made by Terence Chan, USAC's Budget Review Director, to the outgoing Council at its final meeting, May 23, 2006. She said further that last year's Council had talked about revising certain aspects of the allocations process for the Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF)
- <u>Park moved and Caba seconded to approve the Proposed Changes to the SOOF Guidelines as</u> presented in Budget Review Director Terence Chan's Power Point presentation.
- Malik said that she did not feel comfortable voting on this since the new Council Members had not seen what Chan was proposing. Cendana reminded Malik that Chan had emailed his PowerPoint presentation to everyone on the current Council, and said that Chan's presentation included all of his proposed changes to the SOOF Guidelines as well as the minor change he was proposing to the section of the USAC Bylaws on financial reports.
- Doria asked for more details on the proposed changes.
- Kaisey said that one of the changes Chan was recommending concerned the number of funding periods to apply for SOOF, changing it from Quarterly to what Chan referred to as "Main SOOF" and "Second SOOF." Kaisey said that another of Chan's recommendations was to change the timeline when every organization that received SOOF funding would be required to submit a written evaluation of what they had done with the funds they received. Kaisey said further that, if the change to the SOOF Guideline concerning the written evaluation were approved, it would result in a minor amendment to Article VI.C.14.a(4) of the USAC Bylaws.
- Tuttle said that he had not seen the wording of any of the proposed changes that were being discussed regarding the SOOF Guidelines and a change to the USA Bylaws that would result. He asked that Kaisey make sure to submit the exact wording of the proposed changes to the USAC Minutes Taker for the permanent record.
- Kaisey said that she would do so .-
- Council voted to approve the Proposed Changes to the SOOF Guidelines as presented in Budget Review Director Terence Chan's Power Point presentation with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

#### C. Discussion of USAC Welcome Week

- Dehar said that last year there had been a huge Activities Fair on the weekend of Welcome Week. He said that, this year, there were two major religious holidays occurring at that time. For that reason, he said they were thinking they should push the Activities Fair back to the Monday of Zero Week.
- Schuster said that the concern he had heard from the Jewish Community suggested beginning the Activities Fair on the Tuesday of Welcome Week because people would be moving in on Monday following the Holiday over the weekend. Dehar said that the reason they were recommending that it be held on Monday was because the Greek Community was beginning rush Monday evening, and other student groups had also expressed their preference for Monday.
- Kaisey said that there were lots of opportunities for Council to get involved with the activities that take place during Welcome Week. She said that there was plenty of room for everyone to get involved and also to serve all the students.

#### XI. New Business

#### A. Discussion of UCLA Admissions Yield Task Force

- Sargent said that this item was the continuation of a discussion that begun with last year's Council members which had gotten sidetracked during the USAC Elections. He said that neither he nor the Alumni Association had a lot of power on campus, but they did have some good ideas which an empowered body, such as USAC, to employ. Sargent said that all of the programs that were used on campus to encourage admitted students to attend UCLA (increase yield) were very compartmentalized. He said that, right now, the UCLA Yield was around 44%, and UCLA really needed to do a better job to leverage resources to consolidate all efforts into a single effort, which could be more successful.
- Tuttle thanked Sargent for his work and his ideas and said that, since this subject was being discussed, he had a suggestion to make. He said he thought that there ought to be two or three different maps created that would give potential students who were touring the campus a better idea of where they would fit into this particular campus.
- Sargent said that he had been in touch with the UCLA Orientation Program, and had found out that there had been some efforts to work toward yield, but there had been little traction on the issue. He said it was his impression that there had been some difficulties in communication among the various entities on campus. He said he thought that USAC could be the common link among these groups. Sargent noted that the most sought-after students were the very ones who were deciding not to come to UCLA, and said that this was one of the things that was causing perpetuation of the diversity crisis. He said that the reason he was interested in this was because he believed the Alumni Association could be very helpful with this issue. Sargent remarked that USC's Alumni Association had mastered how to accomplish increased yield, whereas the UCLA Alumni Association was more of a punch and pie organization, which really did minimal advocacy on the UCLA campus. Sargent then distributed to Council a list of several recommendations which included goals and timelines. He said that the goals included identifying current yield activities within the UCLA community by July 2006, bringing representatives of all programs together to identify the best practices by August 2006, and to critically analyze current programs for gaps in the University's needs by September 2006.
- Park said that it was her understanding that student organizations were working together. Sargent agreed, saying that he felt that the shortcoming was that community leaders and prominent Alumni were not being leveraged and utilized to their full potential. Park said that she knew some of the groups did utilize some of the sub-alumni associations. Kaisey pointed out that Sargent's suggestion was to just review the current practice and also try to improve upon it, not to discredit what was already being done. She added that it was also not an effort to detract from the work the students were doing to increase yield.
- Schuster said that when the Chancellor had talked about this issue at Governance Day, he had complained that lack of funding was the problem. Sargent commented that the Alumni Association could find ways to fund events without charging the University. He said that this was a good reason for the Alumni Association to work with the students on this issue.
- Kaisey said that she thought the Chancellor's comment that Schuster referred to concerned the University's inability to raise more funding for scholarships. Sargent said that might be a future goal, once more people were brought into the ongoing process.
- Kaisey suggested that the short-term goal for Council on this matter would be to think about how
  they wanted to deal with it. She said she knew that the Student Initiated Access Committee
  (SIAC) would be interested in working with Council. Kaisey recommended that Council
  members think about this and that it be discussed at the next meeting.

## B. Discussion of Student Central Database Inclusion of Service/Activities Record

- Sargent said that this had been one of Joseph Vardner's issues last year, and that he would like to speak to it in Vardner's stead. He said that many of the people who received 'phone calls from UCLA asking for money often replied that they were already giving a lot of their time to UCLA. Sargent said that this was great, but pointed out that there was no centralized database of service or activities taking place on campus. He said that one of UCLA's big criticisms was that their Alumni did not give enough back to the campus. He said he thought that it would be great to offer the Alumni the opportunity to work on campus with the current students. Sargent said that it would be great to have a record of all of the Alumni who had worked with on campus service

- organizations. He said that this would be very beneficial for all the student groups, because they could invite all of their Alumni to come attend their new or continuing events. Sargent said that some goals might be to identify by July 2006 the type of information that is available and desired for inclusion in a central student database, to facilitate a resource discussion on technology and personnel needs to make the information available in the central student database by August 2006, and to incorporate the change into the Fall student organizations' registration process by September 2006.
- Park said that she would recommend asking students for their involved organizations at the conclusion of their tenure at UCLA, which could then be put into a centralized database. Sargent said that, at present, there was no mechanism in place to do that, although that could potentially work as well.
- Williams asked McLaren if there was any official database which included information on what every student leader who had passed through Kerckhoff Hall had been involved in. McLaren said that, when they were compiling the invitation list for ASUCLA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the Alumni Association had offered to search its database for current addresses and other contacting information on former students. She said that, unfortunately, the percentage of return was very low.
- -Tuttle said that he was respectfully cautious of establishing such a database. He said that, if what they were talking about was a periodic sweep of data, which could easily be done, there could be disadvantages to doing this. He said his concern was that there was the potential for some former students to be discriminated against at a future date because of organizations they had been involved with when they were an undergrad. He said that, on the other hand, if someone chose to be on a list, then that was their prerogative.
- Carivell asked if Council would have to pay for any of the cost of establishing and maintaining such a database. Sargent replied that was one of the things that needed to be figured out.
- Nelson said it seemed to him that, if a database were to be set up, that what the information that was input should stress the students' volunteerism. He said that one of the unfortunate things about public schools instead of private was that legacies did not matter, and said that in private schools relationships with Alumni were often very important for connections and getting good jobs. Nelson said that USC had the saying, "You're a Bruin for four years, but you're a Trojan for life." He said that, unfortunately, there was some truth in this saying because USC drew on such a powerful Alumni base. He said that UCLA students did not work with their Alumni as closely and effectively as they might.
- Kaisey said that what she would recommend would be for anyone who was interested in this issue to get in touch with her, and then she would get them all together to they could come up with a list of specific recommendations.

#### XII. Announcements

- Zai said that she and Kaisey and other members of last year's Council used to go out for Boba after every Council meeting. She suggested that the new Council continue this tradition. She also told Council that Nancy Greenstein was very excited about working with USAC on campus safety. Zai said that she was working on "apron parking", which was the term used to describe the practice of parking a car half in the street, or squeezing in a third parking space in stacked parking garages. She said that the issue was being brought up with UCPD, and they might be enforcing the illegality of apron parking, to take effect on June 1. Zai said that if anyone wanted to discuss this matter, they could talk to her about it.
- Malik said that CSC's general meeting had gone really well, and her staff training would be completed later in the week. She also said that she was working on the Service Activities Record update for Council.
- Schuster said that he was excited to announce that Monday would be the first day that Kosher and Halal sandwiches would be offered in Bruin Café. He said that everyone was being encouraged to get together and enjoy a Kosher or Halal meal at 7:00pm Monday, June 5, at Bruin Café.

- Dehar said that OZMA was Wednesday at noon, and Phantom Planet would also be playing at noon in Bruin Plaza.
- Caba said that *Mad Hot Ballroom*, an independent film, was being shown on Thursday night at Sunset Recreation Center.

# XIII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

# XIV. Adjournment

- Park moved and Zai seconded to adjourn.
- Council voted to adjourn at 9:39 pm with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

## XV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Keesler USAC Minutes Taker