

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday November 7, 2006
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Caba, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, McLaren, Miller, Nelson, Price, Saucedo, Schuster, Tuttle, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: Araabi, Cendana, Malik, Park, Sargent

GUESTS: Jennifer Han, Andrew Lewis, Steven Worth Ly, Anthony Pesce, Kimberly Young

I. A. Call to Order

- Kaisey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The Attendance sheet was passed around.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Doria asked to pull the Discussion of the Bylaws (III.C.2.b) off of the agenda and Dehar pulled his discussion item off of the agenda.
- Price requested an officer report as well as Saucedo, Doria, Jang and Schuster
- Schuster postponed the special presentation on the Business Management Minor.
- Doria moved and Price seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. There were no objections to approval by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of the Minutes

September 12, 2006

- Schuster said that he was absent for this meeting so someone else said what is attributed to him.
- Schuster moved and Saucedo seconded to approve the Minutes as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

September 20, 2006

- Schuster moved and Price seconded to table this set of minutes until next week with a vote of 4 in favor, 4 opposed and 0 abstentions with Kaisey voting in favor to break the tie.

IV. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

V. Appointments

Finance Committee Members

- Miller said that the first person he wanted to be appointed to the Finance Committee was Jeremiah Garcia.
- Saucedo moved and Schuster seconded to approve the Appointment of Jeremiah Garcia to the Finance Committee.

- Price was asked if he would recuse himself when groups that he was involved with applied for Contingency funds. Garcia replied that he would recuse himself. Council voted to approve Jeremiah Garcia's appointment to the Finance Committee with a unanimous vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- Miller said that his next nominee for appointment to the Finance Committee was Andrew Lewis. also applied for a position on the Finance Committee. He said that Lewis is the Finance Director for the Pre-Law Society and is a Business-Econ major, with a minor in Accounting. Miller said that Lewis is well qualified for this position..
- Caba moved and Schuster seconded to approve the appointment of Andrew Lewis to the Finance Committee. with a unanimous vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
- Schuster asked whether the Pre-Law Society has applied for funding. Lewis replied that he just became the Finance Director for the Pre-Law Society and doesn't think that they will apply for funding because they are pretty self-sufficient.
- Price asked Lewis if he would recuse himself if any group he was involved with applied for Contingency funds. Lewis replied that he would recuse himself.
- Council voted to approve Andrew Lewis's appointment to the Finance Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Price moved and Zai seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Miller said that there were 10 Contingency Programming Requests submitted this week. A total of \$8,217.72 was requested from Contingency; of that, a total of \$3,275.00 is recommended for allocation for this week.
- Zai asked if there was any documentation for the American Indian Student Association. Miller said they had asked for transportation funding but did not include the necessary documentation. He said further that they never got back to him when he contacted them about the documentation. For that reason, the Finance Committee was recommending that they not be given any funding.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations are attached to the minutes.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Academic Affairs Commission – Nat Schuster

- Schuster said that a film, called Yesterday, about AIDs in South Africa would be shown in DeNeve Auditorium. He said that, on Wednesday, there would be a workshop on Winter course enrollment and that it would be held in Bradley International. Schuster said that the Daily Bruin had a good article on Page 3 of today's paper about the USAC Faculty, Staff, Administrator Award which his office recently proposed and USAC approved. On another matter, Schuster said that the deadline to apply for teaching a one unit seminar is next Monday.

Student Welfare Commission – Tamaron Jang

- Jang said that there will a Blood Drive next week, in Ackerman 2nd Floor Lounge and that all donors will be given movie tickets and stuffed monkeys. She said people could sign up this week to participate in their 3-on-3 fundraising basketball tournament. She said that anyone who wanted to help with the Run/Walk event which will be held in May could sign up now.
- Jang updated Council on the status of the SHA program and said she was going to get as much information as possible on what needs to be done to provide services in the residence halls. She said her office was willing to have the SHA's housed in the SWC office. She said that she was planning to meet next week with Pam Viele and Jo Ann Dawson on this, saying that Pam Viele is

the Director of the Ashe Student Health Center and Jo Ann Dawson is the Director of Primary Care at the Ashe Center.

General Representative 1 – Carlos Saucedo

- Saucedo said that there will be AIDS Awareness Week during Blue and Gold Week. One day will be called "Beat STD's". He said there would be performances of the Vagina Monologues and Rainbow Monologues and films. He said they will also be passing out dental dams, lube and condoms. He asked for people to contact him if they want to get involved in any of these activities. He said his office will also be collaborating with the Student Welfare Commission to display an AIDS quilt in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery during AIDS Awareness Week.

Financial Supports Commission– Shaun Doria

- Doria said that he had met with Ron Johnson on Friday. He said Johnson was concerned about an editorial in the Daily Bruin about a company that had run offering a free trip to the Caribbean. The ad had a lot of misinformation, and it seemed like the trip was in the nature of a bribe. He said the matter was being looked into.
- Doria said that he and his staff have reorganized and improved the process for getting online information about the Book Lending Program. He said that the books will now be organized by subject. He said the database has a list of the books available through FSC, and also what's available in the ASUCLA bookstore. He said that books can also be looked up by class. He said they'd be handing out fliers on Book Lending and on the Financial Aid Fair.
- Doria said that there will be 10 or more tables on Bruin Plaza from 10:00am to 2:00p.m. during the Financial Aid Fair. He said that the Career Center and the Scholarship Resource Center were participating.

Facilities Commissioner – PC Zai

- Zai said that she will be meeting with the fire marshal in regards to the events of Blue and Gold week, and had spent about 30 hours on the event. She will be meeting with the John Wooden Center Board of Governors to discuss the changes that are being made on the hill to certain recreational facilities. She said they were talking about moving the tennis courts and changing the hours when the courts are open, and that these proposed changes were related to the new residential buildings on the hill.
- Zai said that she will also meet with the Westwood Council Administration to talk about ways to make the Undie Run safer because students had held an feedback session and found out that the students do not want to shut Undie Run down.
 - She asked Council members to keep on sending her their questions and concerns about the wireless issue on campus.

General Representative – Joline Price

- Price said that her offices was working on Mental Health Awareness Week and asked Council to let her know if their office wants to participate in it.

Administrative Representatives – Berky Nelson and Rick Tuttle

There were no Administrative Representative Reports this week.

President – Marwa Kaisey

- Kaisey said that there will be a Kerckhoff Haunt for the Fellows to learn more about what is USAC officer and commissioner does, and to also find out where each of the USAC Offices are located. She said the "Haunt" will be held next Tuesday, November 14th, from 10pm to midnight. She said the theme will be a haunted house scavenger hunt which will have all the Fellows visiting all the USAC offices on the 3rd and 4th floors of Kerckhoff. McLaren asked if there are any questions on the scavenger hunt about the Kerckhoff Hall Ghost. Dr. Tuttle remarked that Council probably shouldn't talk about this now because all the ghost in the building are probably listening!!

- Kaisey said that her office is planning the details and the entertainment for each day of the events in conjunction with SAA's Blue and Gold Week and that the energy level is very high.
- Kaisey next reported that her Program Director is making plans for the South Campus Fair. She said that they will be conducting a survey of South Campus students regarding vending services because of concerns about the poor quality of items in the vending machines. She said there will be comment cards for students to fill out which will include a place for them to indicate what they would like to have in the vending machines.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

***Resolution in Support of Changes to the Professor Evaluation System**

- Schuster moved and Jang seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Changes to the Professor Evaluation System.
- Kaisey said that this resolution was brought to Council because the administration wants to know that it is sponsored by all of USAC and not just by the Office of the President. She said she thinks that the current system on Bruinwalk is not serving the students well and said she feels strongly that students should have access to how Professors are evaluated by students who have taken their classes.
- Doria asked where students would be able to get access to the evaluations of Professors, to which Kaisey replied that the information would be available through My.ucla.
- Schuster commented that grades are also available on My.ucla.
- Tuttle said that, between 1965 and 1985, information on Professor Evaluations was published regularly.
- Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of Changes to the Professor Evaluation System with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

***Resolution in Support of Switching Between the 20 Series and the 14 Series of Chemistry**

- Schuster introduced the problem that there are two chemistry series, one with physical science majors and one with life science majors. He said counselors recommend to students that they take the series that will give them the most options. He said his concern was with once you start one series, there is no way to switch to the other series if it is necessary to do so.
- Schuster, Price and Kaisey said that they were all in the same Chemistry class as first-year students.
- Jang motioned and Price seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of Switching Between the 20 Series and the 14 Series of Chemistry.
- Zai asked how the ability to switch would impact the curve in the lower series and Price replied that further research has to be done in regards to that issue.
- Saucedo asked if a student could switch from one series to another once they start in one. Schuster said that the curriculum doesn't match up to make the switch feasible.
- Caba asked why USAC has made this a priority and Kaisey said that the UCLA administration would like to see something in writing about the issue.
- Schuster said he felt that it was worth the attention because it affects many students. He said it would save some students from having to take three more classes that they do not really need.
- Kaisey said that, as a Neuroscience major, she personally feels very strongly about the issue, and said it would not be a difficult change to make.
- Schuster agreed with Kaisey's remark that this would not be hard to fix. He said he was amazed at how many issues did not get addressed because the Administration said that the students never asked to have them addressed.
- Council voted to approve the Resolution in Support of Switching Between the 20 Series and the 14 Series of Chemistry with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Discussion on Late Summer/Early Fall USA/BOD Programming Funds

- Miller said that a lot of student groups can't hold events in late Summer/early Fall because there's not enough money available at that time. He said the only funding that is open then is through the Contingency Fund.
- Kaisey said that the problem is that student groups need to apply earlier, but that a lot of the groups aren't on campus then..
- Dehar asked if it is possible to do retroactive funding.
- Miller suggested that the Mini Fund be available earlier. Price commented that might overburden ASUCLA administrators.
- Schuster said that it would be a slippery slope to have retroactive funding.
- Williams strongly suggested that they talk to Jerry Mann and Deb Simmons about this matter to see if it would be a viable option for student groups to be funded retroactively.
- Schuster said he would talk to Mann and bring the issue back to Council at a later date.

X. Announcements

- Michelle Lyon said that the OCHC is in the process of getting in contact with USAC. They have a proposal for funding programs that they are doing with the Fellows.
- Kaisey said that she is working on a Bruin Bear Security Force for Blue and Gold Week and is showing a movie on one of the nights.
- Lyon said that there is also a programming idea in the works to have the away football games televised in Covell Commons. There will also be a Halloween program and an Open Mic Night.
- Caba asked where the Open Mic Night will be held and was told that it would be held on the Hill.
- Dehar announced that they have locked down a comedian who is the director of Arrested Development. He said he is not showing the actual movie. Dehar also said that his office will be showing the Haunting, DeJaVu, and a sneak peek of Apocolypto.
- Caba said that her office will hold an event called Night at the Art Gallery and that she is working with design and art. The reception is from 6-8pm.
- Jang announced that there will be a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. She said that the Student Welfare Commission wants to see how USAC can get more involved in this event because not a lot of students are serving on this committee. She said she is also working on the issue of with the Health Education on the Hill.
- Zai announced that she had baked for McLaren's birthday which is actually tomorrow, November 8th..
- Council sang "Happy Birthday" to McLaren.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

The attendance sheet was passed around.

XII. Adjournment

- Schuster moved and Jang seconded to adjourn.
- Kaisey called for Acclamation. Kaisey asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa M. Macias
USAC Minutes Taker