

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCILTuesday November 20, 2007  
417 Kerckhoff Hall  
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chang, Chibnick, Colosimo, Hotter, Iberti, Jang, Lyon, Mann, McLaren, Mossahebfar, Nelson, Pham, Rose, Sajan, Shaw, Sobhani, Tanjuaquio, Tuttle, Weintraub, Williams

ABSENT: Tressel

GUESTS: Edgar Alvarez, Flavia de la Fuente, Pardis Farhadian, Jeremiah Garcia, Sarah Jo, Jennifer Lorch, David Molmen, Neilda Pacquing, Julio Rodriguez, Galen Roth, Danny Torres

## I. A. Call to Order

- Rose called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

## B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The Attendance sheet was passed around.*

## II. Approval of the Agenda

- Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve the Agenda.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

## III. Approval of the Minutes

**November 6, 2007**

- Iberti asked for a change to be made on page 3, under his officer report. His first name is used, and should be changed to his last name.
- Iberti asked for a change to be made on page 3, under his officer report. There were only two major events, so "some major events" should be changed to two.
- Iberti asked for a change to be made on page 3, under his officer report. In reference to the concert for Blue and Gold Week, the word "talent" is used ambiguously, and should refer to the concert lineup.
- Hotter asked for a change to be made on page 3, under his officer report. The discussion concerning feeding abused and neglected dogs through the internet should reflect the poor state of the animals, along with the minimal effort one can exercise to help.
- Lyon asked for a change to be made on page 4, under her announcement concerning the San Diego fires fundraiser and the "Never Forget" event. The record should reflect that Jesse Rogel was helping with the San Diego fires fundraiser, and not the "Never Forget" event.
- Jang moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Minutes as amended.

- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of November 6, 2007 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

#### November 13, 2007

- Tuttle asked for a change on page 2, under the Appointment of Frank Refuerzo to OSAC. He asked, after "receiving voting records," to insert the clause "to ensure that no three members of any one group comprises a majority of the voting five." This is to maintain that the OSAC chair would be responsible for ensuring no group would comprise a majority of the voting panel.
- Jang asked for a change on page 3, under his announcement concerning the debt management seminar. He asked to change "said there is" to "said his office is hosting."
- Lyon asked for a change on page 3, under her announcement concerning the "Never Forget" event. She asked to insert that "the First General Representative sponsored the 'Never Forget' event."
- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the Minutes as amended.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of November 13, 2007 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

#### IV. Public Comments

- Flavia De la Fuente said that, since UCLA has been under the WASC reaccreditation, there have been multiple themes in its approach, but UCLA has been foregoing a diversity requirement. By overlooking such a requirement, she said she thought that UCLA may lose federal funding and would be at a disadvantage during the reaccreditation process. More importantly, she said she thought a diversity requirement would enrich the student body as a whole. She suggested that a solution might be for USAC to recommend to the administration that the diversity requirement should be addressed.
- Galen Roth expressed concern with the changes to the OSAC Guidelines. Roth said that their group is concerned that the only "safe space" office will be in Kerckhoff 300A, and that 300A may be the office they will be assigned to. Roth said that KH 300A would not be a safe space for members of the queer community, because it has a window and it is located in a heavily trafficked area of Kerckhoff Hall. Roth said the Queer Alliance would prefer to remain in Kerckhoff 136. Roth said further that QA feels they are being told what safe space is, when they already know what it is.
- Sajan asked what Queer Alliance considers safe space to be. Roth replied that a central location in a heavily trafficked area is not safe space.

#### V. Special Presentations

*There were no Special Presentations this week.*

#### VI. Appointments

*There were no Appointments this week.*

#### VII. Fund Allocations

- Sobhani said while reviewing some of the allocation requests, he noted the use of the term "fundraising." He said that the use of the term "fundraising" implies that there is more than one source of funding, and more money available for a group's disposal.

- Sobhani said that there were three Contingency Requests submitted this week, totaling \$3701.49. He said he was recommending total allocations of \$1263.27.
- Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve FiCom's Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- A concern was brought up about funding of events held in private venues. Sobhani said he was concerned when funding applications contain limited information about off-site events, and was looking into ways to improve this process.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Finance Committee's Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations were approved, as submitted, by Acclamation.

#### VIII. Officer and Member Reports

##### **President – Gabe Rose**

Rose said his projects were moving forward, and winter will be heavy in terms of programming.

Jang asked Rose when the Fellows he had assigned to each office would begin working with them. Rose replied that most of the Fellows have been contacted, with the exception of a few. He said that, after the meeting, he'll talk with any Council members who have questions about the Fellows that are being assigned to them.

##### **Internal Vice President – Dianne Tanjuaquio**

Tanjuaquio said her office had their staff retreat this past weekend at the UCLA Guest House. She said her Fellows were there, and were integrated in as new staff. She said it was a good weekend, overall.

##### **External Vice President – Justin Hotter**

Hotter said his main project coming up is the UCLA Lobbying Corps, and he is looking for a permanent foundation this year. He said that the University of California Student Association and the United States Student Association will be involved with it. Also, the first nationwide conference in Washington, D.C is coming up, and he will be emailing an application to Council tonight.

##### **Administrative Representatives – Dr. Berky Nelson**

Nelson said that he had recently attended a conference at the Asian Pacific University in Japan which is funded by 300 Japanese corporations. He said that 60% of the students who attend this University are Japanese, and that 40% are International students from many different countries. He said there might be some opportunities for student exchange between this University and UCLA. He ended his report by saying that he had some great stories to tell about this trip.

##### **General Representative – Michelle Lyon**

Lyon said her office sponsored the "Never Forget" series this past week, and the turnout was lower than expected. She said if anyone is interested in going to San Diego during Spring Break, they should let her know as soon as possible. She said her chief of staff is creating T-shirts for her office.

##### **Academic Affairs Commissioner – Addar Weintraub**

Weintraub said her office held the "Psychiatry vs. Psychology" event, and that many people attended. She said the event included a panel of five psychiatrists and four psychologists debating various issues in their respective fields.

#### IX. Old Business

**A. Discussion on WASC Reaccreditation "Capstone Experience" Essay**

- Council discussed the "Capstone Experience" essay for the WASC Reaccreditation application. One issue that was brought in from Public Comments was UCLA's lack of implementing a diversity requirement, instead of a Capstone Experience. However, if a diversity requirement was implemented, 95% of the students would already achieve this. Also, there are three other essays committed to diversity, so the Capstone Essay is not the place to discuss such requirements. The other concern about the Capstone Essay was student health and workload, and whether the implementation of this new requirement would push students over the edge in terms of their study load and their mental/physical health. The idea of stipulating approval of the Capstone Experience with a caveat concerning student health and workloads was generally accepted by the Council members.
- Sajan moved and Weintraub seconded to approve the "Capstone Experience" Essay with the stipulation that concerns are to be brought up regarding mental health, timely graduation, leniency with jobs, and other time concerns, and these are to be relayed to the University Administration.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the motion on the "Capstone Experience" Essay was approved by Acclamation.

**X. New Business****A. OSAC Guidelines Changes**

- Rose said the changes being proposed are amendments to the currently existing guidelines, and are meant to prevent any further misunderstandings, or vagueness found in the current guidelines. He said the changes require a 2/3 vote for passage, and suggested they deal with them one section at a time to allow for pertinent discussion on each of them.
- Tanjuaquio moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the changes to article I of the OSAC Guidelines.
- Iberti asked about the availability of mailboxes for the student groups that were about to be added. Rose said there are more mailboxes in the Communal Office Space which supplement the ones in the hallway on the third floor.
- Council approved the changes to article I with a vote of 12-0-0.
- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve the recommended changes to article II.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the proposed changes to article II were approved by Acclamation.
- Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to approve the proposed changes to article III.
- Concerns were raised about approving each section individually because the sections are interconnected in many ways. Officers who raised the concern said they thought that approving them individually would result in an inaccurate and unworkable set of guidelines. Officers who wanted to continue consideration of each section separately said that, even if they spent a lot of time in making the new guidelines perfect, it would delay the process too much, saying they thought it was better to lay some groundwork now.
- Council approved the proposed changes to article III with a vote of 10-0-2.
- Rose suggested that article IV be considered by subsection.
- Weintraub moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve IV.B.
- It was mentioned that USAC was taken out of the guidelines in IV. B. to prevent time delays in making applications available.
- Council approved IV.B with a vote of 12-0-0.
- Lyon moved and Jang seconded to approve IV.C.
- It was brought up that the guidelines should include the option of using alternative places to advertise outside of the Daily Bruin.
- Sajan moved to table IV.C and Shaw seconded.
- Council voted against the motion to table IV.C with a vote of 2-9-1.

- Mossahebfar moved and Lyon seconded to amend IV.C so that there are three numbered sections beneath it: #1 to state that at least \$100 must be spent on advertising in the Daily Bruin; #2, the OSAC Chair must request CSP to email all registered student groups; #3, the OSAC Chair must present to USAC an outreach strategy two weeks prior to the due date of applications.
- Chang noted that advertising on the tables in Ackerman Union is free.
- Council approved the proposed amendments to IV.C with a vote of 12-0-0.
- Lyon moved and Mossahebfar seconded to approve IV.D.
- A concern was brought up regarding the vague terminology of "multiple organizations." Some council members viewed it as a "backdoor" process in which more organizations could get office space by banding together. It was agreed to amend IV.D.
- Tanjuaquio moved and Mossahebfar seconded to amend IV.D so that there is one numbered section beneath it, to read: no group can be listed as a sponsor on more than one application.
- Council approved the amendment to IV.D with a vote of 9-0-3.
- Mossahebfar moved and Jang seconded to approve IV.E.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval of IV.E. by Acclamation. There being none, IV.E was approved by Acclamation.
- Shaw moved and Sajan seconded to amend IV.F so the sections would be worth the following percentages: 1 – Engagement with students (40%); 2 – Organization Structure (5%); 3 – Stability and History on Campus (15%); 4 – Utilization (40%).
- Shaw said student groups such as ASU, with a lower number of student members or student pool to draw from, should not be penalized so heavily. Another Council member said that the size of the organization does matter, because larger organizations with a larger board will require more office space in which they could work.
- Shaw moved to make a "friendly amendment" to IV.F.2 by removing any wording of "size" and "number" in relation to student groups, and to replace it with a ratio of active members to total members.
- Mossahebfar objected to Shaw's friendly amendment. Mossahebfar said her reason for objecting was that the main point of IV.F.2 was not about the size of an organization, but instead focuses on how a group operates.
- Sajan moved to make a "friendly amendment" to IV.F so the sections within F would be worth the following percentages: 1 – Engagement with students (40%); 2 – Organization Structure (10%); 3 – Stability and History on Campus (15%); 4 – Utilization (35%).
- Shaw said she still felt that Organization Structure is being taken into account too much and will still hurt smaller groups during the application process.
- Shaw objected to the friendly amendment.
- Tanjuaquio moved and Mossahebfar seconded to amend the amendment to IV.F. by inserting the wording that Sajan came up with regarding the percentages, as follows: 1 – Engagement with students (40%); 2 – Organization Structure (15%); 3 – Stability and History on Campus (15%); 4 – Utilization (30%). In addition, a subsection d would be added which would read: *OSAC will take into consideration extenuating circumstances in regards to potential size of organization, saying that this will be delineated as a question in the application and taken into consideration when scoring this section.*
- Shaw expressed concerns similar to her earlier concerns with regard to smaller groups being judged disproportionately.
- Council approved the amendment to the amendment to IV.F with a vote of 11-1-0.
- Council approved the amendment to IV.F with a vote of 11-1-0.
- Sajan moved and Shaw seconded to amend IV.F.1.a to add three subsections (e, f, and g): Subsection e – retention and academic success of members; Subsection f – open engagement with campus community; and Subsection g – provides avenues for undergrads to serve and assist in solving societal problems.
- While some members of Council felt it was necessary to add these subsections, other members found it repetitive, or exclusionary to some interest groups.



- Tuttle brought up the point that, because some information that was in the most recent version of the OSAC Guidelines is not included in the document before them, Council might have to take positive action to deal with those missing clauses. He said, if that isn't done, the clauses that are not included in the current revisions would still be binding.
- Council approved the amendment to IV.F.1.a with a vote of 8-3-1.
- Council approved IV.F so it would reflect both amendments with a vote of 12-0-0.
- Mossahebfar moved to amend IV.F.3.c so it would describe the last five years, and to add a subsection d to IV.F.3 which would call for a plan for the next five years. Jang seconded Mossahebfar's motion.
- Hotter called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, Council approved by Acclamation Mossahebfar's recommended additions to IV.F.3 of the OSAC Guidelines.
- Council approved IV.F to the OSAC Guidelines Changes with a vote of 12-0-0.
- Mossahebfar moved to strike all previous language up until this point and Jang seconded.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, all previous language up to IV.F was approved by Acclamation.
- Tuttle and Nelson noted that the problem with language will still be there for IV.G.
- Sajan moved to strike the previous language of IV.G and place in the new language from the proposed guidelines. Mossahebfar seconded.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, IV.G was approved by Acclamation.
- Mossahebfar moved to strike the previous language of IV.H and place in new language from the proposed guidelines. Lyon seconded.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, IV.H was approved by Acclamation.
- Rose mentioned that the old IV.I became the new IV.L, and that a lot of other letters got moved around during the drafting process of the new guidelines.
- Mossahebfar moved to strike out previous language of IV.I through IV.N and replace them with the new language from the proposed guidelines. Weintraub seconded.
- Iberti moved to amend IV.I, so as to insert a Number 1 before the first Number. Number 1 – mailboxes will be allocated per academic year. The old Number 1 will become Number 2. Mossahebfar seconded.
- Rose called for Acclamation. Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the amendment to IV.I.1 and IV.I.2 was approved by Acclamation.
- Williams pointed out that the information in IV.J is already stated in IV.G.1.
- Mossahebfar moved to friendly amend IV.J by removing it from the OSAC Guidelines Changes. Also, she said the first part of IV.K referencing section III.E.3.6 will be removed. In addition, IV.K.2 will read "Supporting information on the organization's campus funding will be sought from SGA and other campus funding sources." Finally, in regard to IV.M, the citation to Section IV.6 will be removed.
- All of the above friendly amendments were approved with no objections.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation of the "cleaning up" of the references. There being none, the previous language to IV.I through IV.N was stricken and the new language was approved by Acclamation.
- Rose suggested moving on to section VII, because it would be difficult to understand the rest of the changes without looking at this section first.
- Sajan suggested that a typographical error in VII.B.2 be corrected by changing "allocated" to "allocation."
- Sajan then offered a friendly amendment to VII.A by specifying "any vacant office over which OSAC has jurisdiction." There were no objections to this friendly amendment.
- Sajan moved to strike the previous language of VII.D, VII.E, and VII.F and insert the proposed language. Mossahebfar seconded.

- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, VII.D, VII.E, and VII.F were approved by Acclamation.
- Rose said VII.G contains the most important aspect of the proposed guidelines, and said that, without it, the rest of the guidelines do not mean much.
- Hotter moved to approve VII.G and Mossahebfar seconded.
- Rose said that the current situation in Kerckhoff Hall is that about 15 groups have office space, and that 12 of the groups share an office and 3 groups have solo offices.
- Sajan said that proposing only one solo office will be detrimental, because more than one organization needs a safe space. She said further that QA has told Council that they do not consider Kerckhoff 300A to be a safe space because it is in a high traffic area and it has a window. Someone suggested that the window could be covered or boarded up. QA representatives said they thought it was unfair to move them out of their current office, primarily because of safety issues, but also because of historic precedence.
- Nelson said there are certain imponderables that people can not understand because the imponderables are outside of their experiences.
- Nelson and Tuttle both commented that the health and safety of students in every group are of utmost importance and should be taken into consideration while deliberating these matters.
- Rose said this situation requires a compromise.
- A number of Council members commented on the fact that everyone was very tired, and that they might be at risk of making hasty decisions. It was suggested that they might want to table the remainder of the proposed changes to the OSAC Guidelines until the next meeting.
- Sajan moved, and Shaw seconded, to table VII.G.
- Council approved the tabling of VII.G with a vote of 6-3-3.
- Colosimo moved, and Sajan seconded, to table the rest of the OSAC Guideline changes until the next meeting.
- Mossahebfar objected to the motion to table.
- Council voted to approve the tabling of the rest of the OSAC Guideline changes with a vote of 8-4-0.

XI. Announcements

*There were no Announcements this week.*

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*The attendance sheet was passed around.*

XIII. Adjournment

- Jang moved and Lyon seconded to adjourn.
- Rose asked if there were any objections to approval of the motion by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m. by Acclamation.

XIV. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas King  
USAC Minutes Taker