

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday November 12, 2002
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00pm

MINUTES

PRESENT: Clark, Cordero, Dahle, DerManuelian, Eastman, Harmetz, LaFlamme, Leyco, Neal, Nelson, Styczynski, Tuttle, Wilson, Yu

ABSENT: Diaz, Grace, Lam, McElwain, McLaren

GUESTS: Justin Levi, Ingrid Larson, Becki Kammorung, Casey Johnson, Kyle Baron, Sara Greenstadt

- I. A. Call to Order
 - Dahle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet
 - DerManuelian passed the Attendance Sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Dahle said that there was a nominee for the Outreach Advisory Board to be added under Appointments.
 - Cordero said that the Student Health Advisory Committee Report would have to be put off until the next meeting.
 - Dahle said that the Approval of Online Voting for Spring 2003 Election would have to be tabled until the next meeting because the Election Board Chairperson could not be here tonight.
 - Nelson said that the Swift Track Meet presentation would also have to wait until the next meeting because the presenters could not attend this meeting.
 - Harmetz, Styczynski and Leyco asked to be added to the officer and Member Reports section.
 - Dahle asked if there were any objections to approval of the Agenda, as amended, by consent. There being no objections the Agenda, as amended, was approved by Consent.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - There were no minutes this Week
- IV. Appointments
 - Cordero said that ARC's recommendation was for the Outreach Advisory Board. He said that the applicant was Muizz Rafique. He said that Rafique has been working with the Student Initiated Outreach Committee for quite some time. He said that this work has introduced Rafique to outreach efforts, and that he wants to bring more accountability to Los Angeles schools.
 - Neal said that Rafique has had experience working with poorer schools. He said that Rafique wants to help UCLA become more involved in poorer areas within the UCLA community.
 - Harmetz moved and LaFlamme seconded to appoint Muizz Rafique to the Outreach Advisory Board.
 - Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.
- V. Fund Allocations

- DerManuelian said that there were six requests, all of which FiCom was submitting to Council for consideration.
- Neal asked if FiCom would continue to disburse funds at a lower level even with the influx of money that will come from the referendum.
- DerManuelian said that since spring quarter is the busiest they are going to try to continue to set aside extra money for it.
- Cordero moved and Harmetz seconded to approve the Fund Allocations.
- Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 9 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

African Arts Ensemble

Requested : \$4041.76

Recommended: \$800.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$800.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for the African Arts Ensemble Showcase on November 22nd.

Community Service Commission

Requested: \$1000.00

Recommended: \$300.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for the “Why UCLA is America’s Best Hope to Save Our Ass in the 21st Century” program on November 22nd.

UCLA Nikkei Student Union

Requested: \$300.61

Recommended: \$231.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$231.00 for the full cost of Advertising for the 3rd Annual Fall Festival on November 21st.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Requested: \$845.00

Recommended: \$585.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$585.00 for the partial cost of Transportation for the National Community Tax Coalition Training on November 18th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$800.00

Recommended: \$300.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$300.00 for the partial cost of Honorarium for a Westwood Concert at Noon on November 20th.

Campus Events Commission

Requested: \$378.70

Recommended: \$100.00

FiCom recommended the allocation of \$100.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for the Janet Klein speaker program on November 19th.

VI. Officer and Member Reports

President

- Dahle said that the student who was to make a Special Presentation on the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) had just arrived and would give the report now.
- Sara Greenstadt said that she was a member of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). She said that the committee has elected a chair and that they are starting to make progress on several issues. She said that a sizable budget cut is expected this year and that they will be going over what will have to be done to work with a smaller budget. She said that

Council members were welcome to email her or all SHAC members with questions and concerns.

- Dahle asked if they were considering targeted cuts or just an across the board cut.
- Greenstadt said that they expect a 20 to 30 percent cut in funding and that they are considering options such as raising insurance fees or cutting back on the free programs offered at the Ashe center. She said that it is a difficult decision but it is a large cut.
- Nelson asked if this was the result of a cut in funding from the State government.
- Greenstadt said that yes this was only due to a cut in State funding. She said that their budget hasn't come in yet from the state, so they are in a state of limbo. She said that SHAC has been meeting often and hopes to make the best of this bad situation.
- Wilson asked if this was going to affect all of the UCs.
- Greenstadt said that it would. She said that no one was sure that it would be 10 to 20 percent but everyone knows that there will be some cuts. She said that the Ashe center provides one of the best health care services in the UC system but that changes would have to be made eventually. She said that SHAC is trying to get more publicity so that people will know what is happening. She said that any complaints about the quality of the medical service could be sent to the SHAC listserve and it would be responded to by an Ashe representative and a member of SHAC. She said that they plan to attend the USAC meeting every other week with updates because they want a feel of what the students want. She thanked council for their time.
- Dahle said that his office was working along with Harmetz and Styczynski's offices to finalize the student survey. He said that they plan to try and finish it up tonight and put it out 10th week. He said that he hopes to put out a survey next quarter as well. He said that he would be going to Berkeley to speak on behalf of the UC Go Solar campaign. He also said that he has been speaking with Charles Harless, the GSA president, about the possibility of the student governments cooperating on working out how to help students where the individual governments fail. He said that they came to the conclusion that one of these areas is the lack of mentorship from graduate students to undergraduate students. He said they have been brainstorming on ways to improve this relationship.
- Neal said that the graduate- undergraduate mentorship would be beneficial and said that there are some programs on campus that already work along those lines. He asked if Dahle would be sending out a copy of the survey before it is posted.
- Dahle invited any council member interested in seeing the survey to stop by his office after the meeting.

Internal Vice President

- Cordero said he has received a curriculum vitae of the candidate for the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs position. He invited anyone interested in seeing it to come see him. He said that the "Lets Talk About... War" debate would be on November 6th from 6 to 8 in Rolfe 1200. He also said that the USAC brochure was almost complete but that some offices still needed to contact him with the information they wanted on the brochure.

External Vice President

- Neal said that this weekend he would be attending a meeting to discuss the criteria for the selection of the student regent. He said that he wanted to tell council more about his trip to Ghana. He said that the conference was sponsored by the International Union of Students, which was founded in 1946. He said that a number of organizations had been spawned by that Union including USSA and several other regional organizations. He said that North America is somewhat unique in that it has national bodies rather than regional bodies. He said that the International Union of Students main purpose is to work towards bringing the international community together and establish common goals. He said that funding is difficult for many of the offshoot associations which meant that some regions were not represented in Ghana in person, but that the Union was in contact with them via email throughout the event. He said that in many parts of the world issues such as war

restrict the access that young people have to education. He said that many areas lack the resources to provide a quality education. He said that it was very interesting to talk to many of the people at the conference. He said that it was interesting to see that many of the people there thought that there were no problems in the United States. He said that he and the other individuals there from the USSA tried to explain concepts such as racism and differing economic levels to show that the streets of the U.S. are not paved in gold. He said that he discovered that in many areas education is free at all levels. He said that ultimately the International Union of Students decided that their immediate goals would be to build relations within the international community, to work towards increasing the rights of women and to work on the various health issues in the world. He said that this was a powerful experience for him and asked council to remember that the U.S. has a significant role in International Affairs and that we should try to work towards making a positive change.

General Representative - Adam Harmetz

-Harmetz said that questions for the survey would still be accepted. He thanked Dahle and Neal for speaking at the Student Leadership Networking Night. He said that the event had been a definite success.

General Representative - Michelle Styczynski

-Styczynski said that she had met with the Deputy Director of the Hammer Museum on Friday and that they hope to have a program there sometime during Winter Quarter. She said that on Wednesday she attended a meeting of the community leaders and that she noticed a lack of student input there. She said that her office tried to offer input wherever they could. She said that she will be attending a meeting to help organize a new Business Improvement District to replace the old one.

Student Welfare Commissioner

- Leyco said that anyone who missed the retreat could pick up a goody bag from her. She said that the Blood Drive had gone very well and that there will be another one next quarter. She said that there are 24 new CPR instructors and that they are still offering weekly classes. She said that the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament would be next week.
- Tuttle informed council that he was the second oldest full court basketball player in Los Angeles.
- Leyco said that he would be welcome to play at the tournament, which would be full court games, and that the last day to register was Friday. She said that next Sunday will be the Pre-Health Festival and that council could register at the website if they want to table at the event.
- Wilson asked how much it costs to register for the tournament.
- Leyco said that it was \$15 per person and that all proceeds will go to Mattel Children's Hospital.

Campus Events Commissioner

-Wilson said that there was a sneak preview tonight of El Crimen Del Padre Amaro . He said that this week the Trembling Blue Stars, Aberdeen and The One AM Radio would all be performing in the Cooperage. He said that the Thursday and Friday \$2 movie would be Lilo and Stitch. He also said that on November 19th Janet Klein and Her Parlor Boys, a Ragtime band, would be performing in the Cooperage. He said that tickets are available for the sneak preview of The Friday After Next. He said that on November 20th at noon Har Mar Superstar would be performing in the Westwood Plaza. He said that on the 21st and 22nd they would be showing The Good Girl as the \$2 movie and that during 10th week they would offer sneaks of Analyze That, The Hot Chick and Just Married. He said that it has been a great quarter for sneaks and that there had been a free movie almost every week except for one.

Administrative Representative - Berky Nelson

-Nelson said that he had been involved in a luncheon with several staff members from USC. He asked that Council try to help promote a calm demeanor during the upcoming game. He said that UCLA is normally very nice and cordial and that we are not normally dirt hurlers. He said that we should work to win on the field and in the stands.

Administrative Representative - Rick Tuttle

-Tuttle said that if things get rough at the game someone could get hurt and that everyone should keep that in mind. He said that the International Students Center's Symposium on Human Rights Issues Facing Mexican Migrants in the USA started today and will continue tomorrow. He said that we should keep in mind who is here and what rights they should have. He asked council to think of what it would be like to be in limbo relative to the law and other such issues. He said that an agreement was made today between UCLA and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico. He said that that university has been around for 400 years and that it had 150,000 students. He reminded council that in many ways this is a nation of immigrants. He said that there will be a free buffet at the symposium and asked everyone to try and attend.

VI. New Business

***Approval of The National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Resolution**

-Dahle said that the resolution was sponsored by himself, Cordero and Neal. He asked those present from CalPIRG if they wanted to speak.

-Ingrid Lavsson said that she was present on behalf of CalPIRG to speak about the national campaign against hunger and homelessness. She said that they want to organize an event with speakers to talk about these issues. She said that at the same time they will be having a food and clothing drive for a local shelter. She said that they would like to see USAC work with them and sponsor them.

-Wilson asked what activities this awareness week would include.

-Lavsson said that there would be a food and clothing drive on Sunday at local businesses, there would be speakers on Wednesday and that there would be an Awareness and Hunger Drive on Wednesday and Thursday.

-Yu moved and Neal seconded to approve the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Resolution.

-Dahle asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

VIII. Announcements

-Levi said that since the Fee Referendum passed, the BRC would be meeting to work on recommendations on how to allocate the money. He said that he hoped to have them ready for the next meeting. He also introduced his new staff members.

-Wilson asked if the BRC had solicited any input from student groups on how the funds should be allocated.

-Levi said that they haven't but that they will take that into consideration.

-Cordero said that there would be a concert tomorrow and next week in Bruin Plaza.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

-DerManuelian passed around the Attendance Sheet.

XII. Adjournment

-Styczynski moved and Wilson seconded to adjourn the meeting. There being no objection, the motion was approved with 8 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

XIII. Good and Welfare

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APPROVED: November 26, 2002

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Araiza
USAC Minutes Taker