UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

May 23, 2006
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

Meeting of Incoming Council Members

PRESENT: Araabi, Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Jang, Kaisey, Malik, McLaren, Nelson, Park, Price, Sargent, Saucedo, Schuster, Tuttle, Villasin, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered to the 2006-2007 Undergraduate Students Association Council Members by Chief Justice Aaron Gershbock at 1:37 a.m. on the morning of May 24, 2006.

I. A. Call to Order
   - Kaisey called the meeting to order at 1:41 a.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

   Villasin passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

   - Herzog asked to have an item added under Special Presentations entitled, Election Code Discussion.
   - Sargent asked if there was going to be any New Business on the Budget issue, to which Kaisey said that there would, and it would be New Business Item F, Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.
   - Kaisey removed New Business Item B, Discussion of Date and Place for the USAC Retreat.
   - Zai removed New Business Item C, Discussion of USAC Welcome Week.
   - Cendana moved and Price seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
   - Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

   There could not have been Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

   Alma Mater
   - Tuttle said that the Alma Mater was, in essence, a song about a strong woman.
   - Tuttle then led the new Council Members in singing, “Hail to the Hills of Westwood”, the UCLA Alma Mater.

   Election Code
   - Herzog said that an important part of the election process was to revise the election code based on what had worked and what had not in the last election. She said that she would be presenting those suggestions at the meeting, and then having those changes provided as a document at the next meeting, and then having Council vote on them at a still later meeting. Herzog said that she had fifteen ideas about the Election Code. She said that the first idea would be to have a website with updated sanctions, a discussion board, and a forum such that people could discuss the
items. Herzog said that she also wanted to make it such that emailing student group leaders would no longer count as soliciting them for votes. She said that another idea was to expand the relationship with the Office of Residential Life (ORL), and institutionalize this relationship for years to come. She said that a specific position on OCHC would even be nice. Herzog said that the Election Board was also interested in making it such that slander and negative campaigning would be sanctioned, such that candidate information had to be cited in any claims made during campaigning.

- Kaisey asked if this could be done at the next meeting, to which Herzog said that it could, and said that she would email all the information to everyone on Council.

V. Appointments

- Kaisey said that Council was getting a late start this term because the elections had been held about a week later than last year. She said this meant that Council was a week behind in beginning to make their appointments. Kaisey said that she had spoken with Council Members about which of the standing committees they would like to be interested in serving on, and where they thought they would fit best. She then said that she would like to move ahead at tonight’s meeting by appoint the members of the Appointments Review Committee (ARC), the Budget Review Committee (BRC), the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC), and the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee.

**Appointments Review Committee**

- Kaisey said that Cendana, in his capacity as the Internal Vice President, he is designated in the Bylaws to serve as the ARC Chairperson. Kaisey then proceeded to announce her nominees for the other positions on ARC.
- She presented Zai as her first nominee, saying that Zai had been at the Council table last year when all the committees had been discussed. She said, for this reason, she knew that Zai would bring valuable experience to the ARC. Regarding her second nominee, Ravi Dehar, Kaisey said that could bring a fresh outlook on the appointments as a member of the ARC.

- Price moved and Malik seconded to approve the appointment of P.C. Zai to the Appointments Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of P.C. Zai to the Appointments Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Malik moved and Cendana seconded to approve the appointment of Ravi Dehar to the Appointments Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Ravi Dehar to the Appointments Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Kaisey said that the updated Presidential Appointment Application Form would be posted on the USAC website very soon, and asked that Council disseminate this information to any students they know who might be interested in applying.
- Doria asked if incoming freshmen were eligible, to which Kaisey said that they would be eligible if they met the minimum criteria, but she pointed out that there might not be any open positions available by the time the incoming first years actually arrive on campus.

**Budget Review Committee**

- Kaisey said that the three Council Members she was forwarding for the Budget Review Committee (BRC) were all familiar with the funding process. She said that her first nominee, Shaun Doria, was extremely qualified for the BRC. Kaisey said that her second nominee, Tina Park, had served on the USA/BOD Programming Committee in the past, so she was also extremely qualified. She said that her third nominee, Joline Price, had been Treasurer of several student organizations in the past, and was also very qualified
- Park asked if her appointment to the BRC would be a conflict of interest with her elective responsibilities. Sargent said it was his opinion that her appointment to the BRC would not be a conflict of interest with her duties as USAC’s External Vice President.

- Doria moved and Zai seconded to approve the appointment of Joline Price to the Budget Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Joline Price to the Budget Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Malik moved and Cendana seconded to approve the appointment of Tina Park to the Budget Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Tina Park to the Budget Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Schuster moved and Zai seconded to approve the appointment of Shaun Doria to the Budget Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Shaun Doria to the Budget Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Constitutional Review Committee

- Kaisey said that, because of all of Brian Neesby’s work on Council last year to revise and improve USAC’s Bylaws, she was hopeful that the members of the Constitutional Review Committee would have less work to do this year than CRC had last year. She said that, no matter what the work load would be this year, she felt Samer Araabi, Nat Schuster, and Farheen Malik were all qualified to sit on the CRC, and that they would all contribute much to the committee.

- Cendana moved and Zai seconded to approve the appointment of Farheen Malik to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Farheen Malik to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Cendana moved and Araabi seconded to approve the appointment of Nat Schuster to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Nat Schuster to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Park moved and Zai seconded to approve the appointment of Samer Araabichuster to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Samer Araabi to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee, Fall Quarter

- Kaisey said it was cool to serve on the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee because its members get to learn a lot about what programs were happening on campus. Kaisey then said that her nominees for the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee were Tamaron Jang and Marivell Caba.

- Cendana moved and Malik seconded to approve the appointment of Tamaron Jang to the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee for Fall Quarter.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Tamaron Jang to the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee for Fall Quarter with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

- Doria moved and Araabi seconded to approve the appointment of Marivell Caba to the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee for Fall Quarter.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Marivell Caba to the USA/BOD Programming Fund Committee for Fall Quarter with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

VI. Fund Allocations

There were no Fund Allocations at this meeting

VII. Officer and Member Reports

External Vice President – Tina Park
- Park said that the primary elections were coming up, and said that UCSA had developed a great Voters Guide, which included responses from the candidates to questions regarding education related issues. She distributed copies of the Voters Guide to all the Council Members.

President – Marwa Kaisey
- Kaisey asked that Council encourage everyone they knew to apply for the USAC Presidential Appointed Positions. Kaisey then said the outgoing Council members would be moving out of their offices over the Memorial Day Weekend, and said that the new Council would be able to move in during the rest of that week. She passed around a roster to Council, asking that everyone write in their name, email, screen name, birthday, and favorite baked goods, following what Kristina Doan. Had set in place last year.

VIII. Old Business

There could not have been Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion of Plans for the USAC Installation Ceremony
- Kaisey said that, after hearing back from everyone, it appears that the best day and time to hold the official USAC Installation Ceremony would Sunday, June 4th, at 1:00p.m. She said that formal invitations would be available soon for Council Members to send to their family and friends. Because that date was coming up soon, she suggested that Council Members make sure to tell everyone that they wanted to attend the ceremony to save the date. Kaisey said that the dress code was semi-formal, and said that the new Council didn’t have to say or do much.

D. Discussion of ‘Thanks for Voting’ Event
- Kaisey said she thought it would be a good idea for Council to thank all of their constituents who had taken the time to vote in the USAC elections. She said that she had discussed this with other Council Members and they were thinking about having the new Council stand out on Bruin Walk, near the entrance to Kerckhoff Hall, and hold up a large poster or banner with all the different slates represented. She said that the message on the poster/banner would thank all the voters for their efforts. Kaisey said one idea would be to have the a T-shirt from each of the slate on the banner, but have the Council Members dressed in plain clothes to demonstrate unity.
- Doria suggested cutting up the T-shirts and then sewing them together into one. Park suggested that they not use the T-shirts at all, as it might be nice to re-engage some of the candidates who had not won the election and those who did not have slate shirts to wear during the campaign.
- Schuster said that he liked the idea of the T-shirts, because that was what people seemed to associate with.
- Doria suggested that the various campaign fliers would also be easily recognizable.
- Zai said she liked the idea of using the fliers because every campaign had distributed fliers.
- Kaisey said that she thought the fliers would be too small to make a big banner out of.
- Kaisey said that they could work out the details later, but wanted everyone to know that the “Thanks for Voting” Event would be held on Thursday, and asked Council to let her know what time was best for them. She said that they were thinking of 11:30 to 12:30, if every Council Member could be there at that time. She asked that everyone send her any suggestions they have...
for what they could hand out to the students on the Walk. Kaisey then took a straw poll about attendance, and almost every Council member said that they would be there.

E. *Decision Regarding USAC Ad in Mortar Board
- Kaisey said that Mortar Board put out a publication every year, and said that USAC also put an advertisement in it every year. She said that the cost was $600, which had to be approved by Council. Kaisey said that it would come from the Notifications account, which would take any funds away from any office or commission.
- Cendana moved and Park seconded to approve spending $600 from the Notifications account on an advertisement in the UCLA Mortar Board.
- McLaren noted that Mortar Board has given a special low rate to USAC for this ad and, compared to the standard rates, USAC was getting a “real deal.”
- Council voted to approve spending $600 from the Notifications account on a full page ad in the UCLA Mortar Board with a unanimous vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

F. Proposed Amendments to the Budget Process
- Kaisey said that Terence Chan had sent her the PowerPoint presentation that he had given to the outgoing Council earlier in the evening regarding the Student Organizations Operational Fund (SOOF). She said that the new proposed system would include doing the bulk of the work for Fall Quarter early, which would then allow other groups to apply later for the Winter allocation. Kaisey said that the big advantage was that it also allowed for newly formed groups to apply at a later date. She said that she would have Chan’s presentation on SOOF emailed to everyone in the morning. Kaisey explained that this would be the one-week notice before the issue would be voted on at the next Council meeting.

X. Announcements
- Zai said that she had attended a meeting for a Westwood-based civic group, and said that the next meeting would be in two weeks if anyone wanted to go to it with her.
- Dehar said that the Short-Takes student film festival would be on Thursday if Council wanted to be put on the guest list.
- Sargent said it thought it would be really good if Council could meet over the Summer. He also said that there had been a lot of talk about making the appointments process more electronic and thereby more sustainable, and he thought that was a very good idea.
- Kaisey said that this week was Palestine Awareness Week, and passed out fliers to Council. She encouraged Council to go down to Bruin Walk to talk with the people there.
- Saucedo said that there would be an event at Covel Commons later in the week sponsored by the Queer Alliance.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Villasin passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment
- Zai moved by Unanimous Consent and Cendana seconded to adjourn.
- Doria called for approval by Unanimous Consent. Kaisey asked if there were any objections to approval by Unanimous Consent. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 a.m. by Unanimous Consent.

XIII. Good and Welfare

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker