UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Thursday July 20, 2006
Kerckhoff Staterooms
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Caba, Cendana, Dehar, Doria, Malik, McLaren, Miller, Nelson, Price, Saucedo, Sargent, Williams, Zai

ABSENT: Araabi, Jang, Kaisey, Park, Schuster, Tuttle

GUESTS: Maryanne Cabrera

I. A. Call to Order

- Cendana, in Kaisey’s absence, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Miller passed around the attendance sheet.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Price moved and Doria seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted

- Before moving to the vote, Cendana said he understood that Kaisey, as USAC President, did not vote except in cases of a tie, and asked if he was entitled to vote at a meeting where he was serving as the Chairperson. Dr. Tuttle was not in attendance, so Cendana directed his question to McLaren. McLaren said she didn’t have the Bylaws with her, but said she thought the rule would be the same as for the President, and that he would not vote unless it was to break a tie.

- There being no objection to the motion to approve the Agenda as submitted, Council moved to the vote, and approved the Agenda, as submitted, with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no Minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

V. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

Approval of Student Government Operational Fund Allocations was dealt with as a New Business item at this meeting.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

There were no Officer and Member Reports at this meeting.
VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

IX. New Business

A. *Approval of Student Government Operational Fund (SGOF) Allocations

- Maryanne Cabrera, Budget Review Director, began by referring to the two documents she had handed out at the table. The first document, a summary of the USA Overhead Budget for 2006-2007, presented line item details. Cabrera referred Council members to information at the bottom of the form which said the Student Government Operational Fund had a total of $32,992.00 for allocation to the 13 USAC Offices and Commissions. Cabrera then read aloud the amount that the BRC was recommending for allocation to each of the 13 USAC Offices and Commissions, as set forth in alphabetical order below:

  Academic Affairs Commission       $2,910.00
  Campus Events Commission          $2,627.00
  Community Service Commission      $3,099.00
  Cultural Affairs Commission       $1,265.00
  External Vice President           $3,147.00
  Finance Commission                $2,601.00
  Financial Supports Commission     $2,058.00
  General Representative 1          $2,502.00
  General Representative 2          $2,199.00
  General Representative 3          $2,677.00
  Internal Vice President           $2,963.00
  President                        $1,927.00
  Student Welfare Commission        $3,017.00

  **Total Amount Allocated:**       **$32,992.00**

- Cabrera ended her opening remarks by saying that the BRC had used the allocation formula that was used by the Budget Review Committee last year for the Student Government Operational Fund.

- Referring to the information in the budget under the heading of Commission or Program Specific Fees, Todd Sargent, Alumni Representative, pointed out that four USAC Offices/Commissions received substantive amounts from these sources, while the remaining nine offices/commissions received nothing from them. He raised the question of whether Council Members were concerned about these inequities.

- Bob Williams, ASUCLA Executive Director, said that these fees had been approved by the undergraduate students, at large, through the Referendum process. He continued by saying that the language in each approved Referendum specified the amount, or percentage, that each office or commission was to receive.

- Sargent remarked that, when he had served on Council, all the offices and commissions got a lot more funding than USAC offices receive now.

- Doria replied to Sargent’s comment by saying that the process had been changed since Sargent sat on Council in that Operational Funding and Programming Funding are now handled separately.

- Berkly Nelson, Administrative Representative, said that his concern was whether certain offices had been allocated enough funding to run their offices. He then directed a question to Caba asking, “for instance”, if she felt she could run her office with the amount she had been allocated from the SGOF.

- Caba said she couldn’t say at this time, but was in the process of making that determination.
- Cendana asked Cabrera if there was anything further she wanted to report before Council took action on the recommended SGOF allocations.
- Cabrera replied that she had finished her report.

- Malik moved to approve the Budget Review Committee’s recommended allocations from the Student Government Operational Fund. Dehar seconded the motion.
- Cendana asked if there was any objection to moving to the vote.
- There being no objection, Council voted to approve the Budget Review Committee’s recommended allocations from the Student Government Operational Fund with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

X. Announcements

*There were no Announcements this week.*

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

*Miller passed around the attendance sheet.*

XII. Adjournment

- Malik moved and Price seconded to adjourn.
- There being no objection to the motion to adjourn, Council voted to approve the motion with 7 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat McLaren, sitting in as USAC Minutes Taker