

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday June 29, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
6:00pm

PRESENT: Bhuiyan, Chan, Gaulton, Gomez, Gruenberg, Lee, Martinez, Palma/Saracho, Tuttle, Williams, Wood, Vu

ABSENT: Avila, Kurita, Nelson, Tripathi, Tseng, Villa rin

GUESTS: Janet Chiang, Tracy Ohara, Narges Zohoury

- I. A. Call to Order
 - Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.
- B. Signing of the Attendance sheet.
 - Palma/Saracho passed the attendance sheet around.
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there were changes to the agenda.
 - Wood said that she wanted to discuss changing meeting times. Palma/Saracho said that it would be discussed as Item C under new business.
 - Lee asked to be added to the Officers and Members Reports.
 - Lee moved and Vu seconded to approve the Agenda, as amended.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Council voted to approve the Agenda, as amended, with 6 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - *June 8, 2004**
 - Gomez said that on page three, on the bottom under fund allocations, fund is misspelled.
 - Williams said that he was concerned about humorous comments on page 7. Palma/Saracho recommended striking the line in parentheses, and "still present...lacking new guy."
 - Tuttle asked that on page two, four lines from the bottom, the following sentence be added: "Tuttle also said that there had been considerable debate (concerns raised) about communications board (being required to) reporting to council at all," the issue being freedom of press.
 - Vu said that on page four, third line from the bottom, NCORE is mis spelled as NCOR.
 - Wood moved and Vu seconded to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2004 as amended. Council voted to approve the motion with 6 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Special Presentations
 - Transportation Services Advisory Board Report, Joseph Vardner**
 - Palma/Saracho said that in Vardner's absence the presentation would be postponed.
- V. Appointments
 - Chan said that in the Agenda packet is the result of three days of ARC meetings. He said that the first person interviewed was Tyler Rasmussen for the position of Wooden Center Board of Governors. He said that two copies of all nominees and their applications are available for view. Chan said that Rasmussen is a first year who is very eager to work with the Board of Governors. Chan said that what stuck out was that he was a first year who had taken the initiative to get involved, and that he had good ideas for the Wooden

- Center to make it a more student-friendly environment. He said that ARC recommends approval of Rasmussen to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
- Vu moved and Gruenberg seconded to appoint Tyler Rasmussen to the Wooden Center Board of Governors.
 - Tuttle said that what happens in the summertime is that two of the basketball courts in Wooden are taken by camps – commercial operations taking two of the three courts. He said that this results in having only one available court, which causes fights. He said that the remedy is keeping the basketball courts open in the Student Activity Center. He recommended that if they install commercial ventures, then they see to it that the men's courts are opened and people redirected, reducing the pressure on the facility.
 - Wood said that it might be the UCLA Recreational Kids Club, part of UCLA. Tuttle responded that the camp is proprietary, but they are not UCLA students, staff or faculty. He said that the way out is to open other facilities. He said that the risk is when people get backed up waiting for an open court, and tempers flare.
 - McLaren said that UCLA does sponsor a camp for kids that may be linked to the campus and is UCLA run, and it may not be commercial. Tuttle said that he shouldn't use the word commercial, but it is a facility used for non-student staff and faculty. McLaren said that as she understands the camp draws upon the UCLA community.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to Rasmussen's approval. Being none, council voted to approve Tyler Rasmussen to the Wooden Center Board of Governors, with 6 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
 - Chan said that the next nominee is Joseph Vardner for the Transportation Services Advisory Board. He said that Vardner is looking to build on the work he's done this year, and strives to make BruinGo a free experience. Chan said that Vardner will be coming in today for a presentation on transportation issues. He said that he's already served with TSAB for two years and is hard working, so ARC thinks he's fit to keep working.
 - Gomez asked if it would be better to attach the applications to the agenda. Chan apologized for not getting them all in, but said that there were two copies available for review. He said that hopefully by next meeting Kinko's will have opened, facilitating the process.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, Wood moved and Vu seconded to appoint Joseph Vardner to the Transportation Services Advisory Board. Council voted to approve the motion, 6 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
 - Chan said that the next positions are for the Community Activities Committee, and the first nominee is Charito Vilorio, a returning member. He said that ARC was hesitant because she will be doing EAP this summer until Aug. 26, but she said that she went through the orientation with Pam Cysner last year and doesn't see it as being a problem. Chan said that she's had experience with community service and Samahang Pilipino, and has been involved looking after more than fifty budget proposals. He said that she hopes to get more involved in administrative activities and hopes to negotiate with fleet services, since a lot of money for community service projects is spent on transportation. She said that she wants to negotiate and reduce the fees. Chan said that overall, ARC felt that she was experienced and would like to recommend her for CAC.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, Wood moved and Vu seconded to appoint Charito Vilorio to the Community Activities Committee. Council voted to approve, 6 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
 - Tuttle asked that for each committee the number of spots available be disclosed.
 - Chan said that the next nominee was Saray Navarro, the vice president of her high school senior class. He said that she was determined to reach out to underrepresented communities at UCLA, and that while the committee thought she had good potential, they voted against her because she didn't have enough experience and knowledge to fill the position. He said that ARC felt that she needed more of a foundation before she could get started in a position that expects her to hit the ground running in August. He said that Palma/Saracho brought up the point that there will be two returning members who could usher her into the position, but as it stands ARC voted 0-2 for no recommendation of approval.

- Council discussed whether there exists an option to disapprove or rather to simply not approve. Gomez and Wood expressed that they meant to pass it along to council, as opposed to a vote of disapproval. Wood, Gomez, and Chan said that the final term is “no recommendation of approval.”
- Palma/Saracho said that in his conversations with Navarro he saw her as a good nominee, but after talking to her she’s also been hired in the Student Retention Center, and doesn’t feel that she would be able to complete the duties required of her. He said that his recommendation would be that council not approve.
- Tuttle said that the president can withdraw the nomination. Palma/Saracho recommended that council withdraw the nomination based on the fact that she has other commitments.
- Council withdrew the application.
- Tuttle said that at least as a courtesy you’d want the concurrence of the IVP concerning the withdrawal. Chan said that he had no objections.
- Chan said that the next nominee is Jennifer Blackwell. He said that ARC thinks she has a lot of leadership potential. He said that Blackwell is spending the summer in Berkeley in a public policy program, and she has worked for the Tom Bradley Legacy Foundation. He said that she’ll be gone winter quarter in Washington D.C. for the CAPP program, which raised some concerns, but ARC voted to approve based on her abilities, but with reservations because of her status for winter (absent all quarter). He said that they realized that the bulk of her responsibility is in August, so they presented her to council for approval.
- McLaren asked where Blackwell was at this time. Chan responded that she’s taking a public policy current affairs program, and she will be in Los Angeles in time for orientation the weekend before school starts.
- McLaren asked if anyone had checked with the CAC adviser about whether the orientation date in mind is the same as Cysner’s orientation date. Chan said that her program will be completed in early July.
- Wood moved and Martinez seconded to approve Jennifer Blackwell to the Community Activities Committee.
- Lee said that she’s concerned that the nominee will not be present all winter quarter. She said that even though the bulk of duties are in summer, there are duties that take place all year, including liaisoning. Gomez said that that was a concern brought up by ARC.
- Palma/Saracho suggested that she be approved as the alternate, but having spoken to her she’d be a good nominee. He said that they have two returning members that can facilitate, and her responsibilities can be delegated.
- Wood said that liaison duties can be done in summer and spring. Lee said that it’s supposed to be a continuous activity. Wood said that she can email. Palma/Saracho said that the recommendations are made in the summer.
- Tuttle asked what liaising involves. Lee responded that it involves one site visit per quarter at minimum, and meetings with the directors. Tuttle said that lots of virtual meetings over phone, computer, etc. have been developed, but having said that site visits are important - are they possible before or after she leaves? He said that council may want to work out some protocols for “virtuality.” He said that phone and email meetings can often take the place of physical meetings.
- Gruenberg said that if someone will be gone for a quarter to a third of their term, especially since council is only appointing three members, he’s hesitant to appoint someone to a position that would cause others to have to pick up the responsibilities of the absent member. Wood said that Blackwell is an extremely qualified candidate with a lot of experience, so she may not expect people to pick up her slack because she will add a lot. She said that it doesn’t necessarily need to be one liaison per organization.
- Gomez said that she could be appointed as the alternate; there are four positions but only three are voting. McLaren said that if one of the voting members is not there then the alternate steps into the voting position. Gruenberg said that the reason to have an alternate, in his opinion, is not to preempt a vacancy in service, but for an emergency, etc. He said that if you are planning on having an entire quarter where the alternative is a full-time voter, then there is no alternate for that period of time.

- Williams asked if there were a significant number of other applicants. Palma/Saracho said that there were but Blackwell was among the most qualified. Gomez said that Blackwell was very qualified to do a lot of the advising, while they felt that Navarro did not have that experience. He said that they felt she had more experience than some of the returning members, which is why they voted to approve her even with the quarter absence.
- Tuttle said that there might be things she could do in Washington that would be beneficial to community service. He said that looking at her background, she would be the sort of person who would do helpful things while away for the quarter, and it might be an opportunity to see other perspectives on community service via a report back.
- Palma/Saracho said that he feels Blackwell is very qualified, and that she would make the accommodations necessary to be a good member.
- Chan said that in his personal opinion, Blackwell is very well qualified for the job, but Lee has a point in that she will miss a third of her term. He said that while Council can pose options to her, they shouldn't appoint her based on an assumption that she will be able to fulfill her duties while out of the state. He said that Council should add a disclaimer to her position before voting.
- Lee said that she's going to be gone for a huge chunk of her term and even if she's very qualified, she won't be of use in D.C. She said that from her experience, she would strongly disapprove of appointing someone who will not be present for a third of her term.
- Wood said that Blackwell is extremely well-qualified, has worked with many CPO groups, and has a lot of financial experience. She said that it would be a loss to the committee to not have her on board. She said that there is an expectation that she would be in contact whether she was in L.A., D.C., or elsewhere.
- Gruenberg asked if Blackwell had committed to working for CAC while in Washington, or if that was speculation by Council.
- Council voted to approve Jennifer Blackwell to the Community Activities Committee as a Regular member, with 4 votes in favor, 3 votes against, and 1 abstention.
- Chan said that the final CAC nominee is Maricela Meza. He said that she has experience with CAC, is a second returning member, and intends to provide vision and guidance for all programs. He said that she wants to hold educational workshops for those interested in community service projects, and that ARC voted 2-0 to approve her.
- Martinez moved and Wood seconded to appoint Maricela Meza to the Community Activities Committee. Council voted to approve the motion with 8 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
- Realizing that he had not specified the type of membership, Martinez moved and Wood seconded to specify that Maricela Meza is being appointed to CAC as a Regular member. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approving the motion by consent. There being none, the amended motion was approved by consent.
- Chan said that the next three nominees are all for the Campus Programs Committee. He said that the first nominee is Mary Tran, who worked in Rieber Hall as the IVP. He said that she intends to further develop the position. He said that due to her experience and perspective, she knows what to look for in presentations and proposals, and she wants to make sure that funds are set aside for students. He said that the committee thought that she was very articulate, and that it was a good idea to have a returning member, so they recommended Tran for a position on CPC.
- Vu moved and Martinez seconded to appoint Mary Tran to the Campus Programs Committee as a Regular member. Council voted to approve the motion, with 8 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
- Chan said that the next nominee is Monica Bonilla, who this year was involved as co-chair of Raza Grad, giving her a better idea of what's involved with programming of large-scale events. He said that she has an excellent relationship with Pam Cysner and CPC, and that ARC found her to be very knowledgeable and cognizant what the position demands. He said that ARC therefore recommended that Bonilla be approved as a Regular member.

- Martinez moved and Lee seconded to appoint Monica Bonilla to the Campus Programs Committee as a Regular member. Council voted to approve, with 8 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
- Chan said that the final nominee is Hamilton Yuan, a first year pre-business economics major. He said that Yuan will be a Student Health Advocate next year, and hopes to intern in Palma/Saracho's office. He said that Yuan had relevant experience in high school working with the California Association of Student Councils. He said that as CASC Treasurer, Yuan created and reviewed budgets, and worked with the executive director to alleviate a \$50,000 debt. He said that Yuan wants to make sure that in his capacity as member of CPC, the guidelines for requesting funding are clear, and wants to increase awareness of different funding sources among students. Chan said ARC thought that Yuan had good ideas, knowledge and motivation, and that he was very clear and articulate, and thus recommended him for a regular position on CPC.
- Lee moved and Martinez seconded to appoint Hamilton Yuan to the Campus Programs Committee as a Regular member. Council voted to approve, with 8 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
- Palma/Saracho said that due to other obligations (MCAT), Shantanu Bhuiyan won't be able to fulfill the duties of his position on the Budget Review Committee and thus is resigning. He said that he would like to appoint Eligio Martinez to replace Bhuiyan, due to his experience with Academic Affairs and USAC, and a good understanding of CAC and base budget funding. He recommended that with Bhuiyan's resignation, Martinez replace him on the BRC.
- Lee moved and Chan seconded to appoint Eligio Martinez to the Budget Review Committee, to replace Bhuiyan, who resigned.
- Gruenberg said that Martinez's appointment would result in only two council members on the BRC. He asked how long council wanted to continue with so few council members on the BRC. Palma/Saracho said that J-Board's decision regarding the status of Villarin and Tseng should have been received by Wednesday, but that he had not received J-Board's Final Ruling on that matter. He said that if J-Board removed the stay on Villarin and Tseng, or if Council voted to overturn J-Board's ruling, Villarin would then resume her position on the BRC.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Eligio Martinez to the Budget Review Committee with 8 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

VI. Discussion of Judicial Board Ruling

- Palma/Saracho said that the oral arguments took place on June 8th, the order being that Tseng and Villarin would have a stay on their positions pending an Election Board report on vandalism charges. He said that the order said that the stay would be lifted if E-Board ruled not guilty. He said that Samaan is present to explain the E-Board's finding, the second document in the agenda packet.
- Samaan said that E-Board followed up on allegations that Tseng and Villarin had committed acts of vandalism. He said that because the allegations were serious, the matter was referred to the UCPD and Dean of Students' office. He said that in the course of their investigation, E-Board found that no hard evidence could be uncovered connecting the accused to vandalism, and the UCPD investigation could not move forward because of lack of evidence. He said that nothing was filed with the Dean of Students' office, so, because of lack of concrete evidence, no punitive action could be taken against the accused. Samaan said that the recommendation of E-Board is that both members be reseated on council in a probationary capacity until the J-Board releases its official ruling.
- Gomez said that the J-Board seemed to be very uptight, and asked how long they would make council wait.
- Palma/Saracho said that J-Board rules require a final opinion two weeks after the date of order, and that he had sent an email to the Chief Justice Belgen stating that the council and public needed an official opinion. He said that he had received no response.
- Gomez said that council cannot continue to function without the two members.

- Palma/Saracho said that he was under the impression that the J-Board claimed to be dissatisfied with the E-Board's recent findings. He said further that he questions whether J-Board has the jurisdiction to decide whether E-Board's findings were legitimate.
- Palma/Saracho recommended one of two routes: see what J-Board has to say, sending another email to seek more communication in order to set a deadline no later than this Friday, and have an emergency meeting next Tuesday to discuss the matter of the decision; or, exercise council's authority within the Bylaws to overturn the J-Board decision by three-fourths vote.
- Tuttle said that at this point there is a court order to stay the election results, but that the stay of election did not take place before certification of elections or swearing in of the duly-elected officers. He said that from that point on, there are two remedies: see if the court can be satisfied by E-Board, within a reasonable timeframe; or overturn via three-fourths vote, but, three fourths of what? Voting members, total members, etc. He said that there is the issue of whether the members in question can vote, and it's a close call, but he said he thought that they could. He said that Robert's Rules says that the people involved should recuse themselves, but don't have to.
- Palma/Saracho said that Samaan is present for questions, and that after consulting with Tuttle it would be his ruling that should council overrule the J-Board decision, it should be via a three-fourths vote of present and voting council members. He said that the reality is that there are two council members who are out of town, and therefore assembling all thirteen is not possible, so members present makes more sense. He said that Tseng and Villarin should be at their own discretion to vote, but it is also up to council's discretion whether to vote to overturn, or set a deadline and push for an emergency meeting.
- Palma/Saracho asked Samaan to explain if he could get access to UCPD documents pertaining to the case. Samaan said that UCPD only releases police reports to "need-to-know" administrative bodies, and E-Board is not included. He said that the only way to obtain the report is through those who filed complaint, and attempts have not been successful – getting the document is not possible. He said that as far as he could determine, no one had filed a complaint with the Dean of Students' office. In addition, he said that Dean of Students' office as well as the Student Conduct Committee have very strict privacy regulations. He said that E-Board has gone as far as possible with the investigation. He said that neither of the accused was present at the J-Board oral arguments on Tuesday, June 9th.
- Gruenberg asked whether the Student Conduct Committee had met on this matter, and if not, whether they were expected to meet.
- Samaan replied that based on the J-Board preliminary ruling, it appears that they don't understand the Student Conduct Committee process. He said that complaints are filed at the Dean Of Students, and then forwarded to the Student Conduct Committee as necessary; but E-Board has been unable to ascertain whether a complaint was ever filed with the Dean of Students.
- Gruenberg asked whether J-Board expected E-Board to see it through.
- Samaan said that it's not E-Board's responsibility to do so, and they communicated that to J-Board. Palma/Saracho said that this information is in the third paragraph, last sentence of the Election Board's Notice of Finding dated June 10, 2004.
- Gaulton moved and Martinez seconded to overturn the Judicial Board Order dated June 9, 2004, which placed a stay on Council Members Anneli Villarin and Tommy Tseng.
- Tuttle said that if there's a motion made, and there is no successful completion to the satisfaction of the court, and the motion fails, then there would be an election in fall for two seats on council. He said that when a certain line is crossed, Council wants to be sure that it's dealing with students, and not former students.
- Martinez said that Council needs to make a decision soon, because base budgets are due, and Council has more important things to take care of than discussing these matters.
- Gruenberg said that he's very hesitant to immediately overturn the decision, and that if Council tries another line of communication with the J-Board, it could lead to a final opinion. He said that not only would they be overturning the J-Board's remedy, they would be overturning the entire case and decision.

- Palma/Saracho said that the case ruling is in favor of the petitioner, but has no impact on election results. He said that the stay does not affect the petitioner.
- Gruenberg said that his impression is that you cannot overturn a particular part of ruling, only the entire case.
- Tuttle said that while the motion on the table is tempting, it may not resolve the issue. He said that if the outcome is not successful, the result will be new elections in the fall. He said that the president's original idea, to give a few days and then hold a meeting, will be better if the decision is put into writing.
- Palma/Saracho asked if council can vote to overturn a particular part of a ruling. Tuttle said that was a tough call, but if voted on tonight the answer would have to be yes. He said that it's a difficult question, as there is business to get done; but, on the other hand, the ruling incorporates a broader set of comments and that would have to be dealt with separately.
- Gruenberg said that it's important to note that overturning the results of the J-Board's decision should be a last resort. He said that he would recommend that the motion be withdrawn so that J-Board can provide Council with more information before the decision is completely overturned. He said that matters of convenience are not as important as council's role as a judicial body. He said that considering the number of votes needed, he would find himself more opposed to the motion. He said that all the issues could use more deliberation, hopefully with the consideration of J-Board, and that making the vote three-fourths of voters present requires only quorum, and three-fourths of quorum is not even a majority of total council members.
- Palma/Saracho said that ten members would be the most present, and it's important to remember that through his conversation with one of the J-Board justices, he's learned that the opinion has not been written or completed yet, and it may not get done by Friday, July 2.
- Gruenberg said that two things are at hand: the final opinion, and the issue of the stay, not necessarily completely dependent. He said that the justices could lift the stay without writing the opinion.
- Gruenberg asked how the three-fourths vote is handled. Tuttle said that the chair makes a ruling, which can be challenged by a majority vote of council, at which point the process would start again.
- Williams said that if council votes tonight not to overturn, that doesn't necessarily lead to an election in the fall.
- Samaan said that he had spoken to CSP representatives Nelson and Heller in an attempt to get access to relevant documents, and was informed that there are no documents to obtain.
- McLaren asked how abstentions would be counted. Tuttle responded that would be at the discretion of the chair.
- Gaulton said that the right to review is a normal practice and not an emergency situation. He said that it would take at least one week to resolve, and that at this point the evidence presented shows that investigation has very little to gain, while immediate action would have great gains.
- Gomez said that the E-Board tried extra hard to work with J-Board, and that it was considered insufficient. He said that J-Board's failure to present their decision is at this point disrespectful to the general population. He said that E-Board did work with J-Board to meet their needs.
- Martinez added that J-Board was supposed to render a final ruling a week ago, but they didn't; they didn't do their job, and they need to be held accountable.
- Wood asked if Council can overturn J-Board's Memorandum dated June 11, 2004. To clarify her question, Wood asked if Council would be voting to overturn the stay on Villarin and Tseng. Palma/Saracho said that that's the only thing they can overturn.
- Bhuiyan asked if the accused would become probationary members were the ruling to be overturned. Palma/Saracho responded that they would be fully reinstated.

- Chan said that since Tommy will be gone for the rest of the summer, reinstating him may not have any impact. He said that to overturn the ruling today would trivialize J-Board as a whole.
- Martinez called the question. Council agreed to the calling of the question with 6 votes in favor, 2 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
- Prior to Council's vote on the motion on the table, Tuttle noted that the president may vote in a super-majority situation if it would affect the outcome.
- Palma/Saracho said that his ruling is that three-fourths of present voting members are required to approve the motion.
- Council voted on the motion to overturn the Judicial Board Order dated June 9, 2004, with 6 votes in favor, 2 votes against, and 0 abstentions.
- Based on the statement of the Administrative Alternate that the USAC President may vote in a super-majority situation if it affects the outcome, Palma/Saracho declared that he was casting his vote in support of overturning the Judicial Board Order.
- Palma/Saracho's action resulted in the reinstatement of Anneli Villarin and Tommy Tseng as fully privileged Members of the Undergraduate Students Association Council.

VII. Fund Allocations

*Contingency

Asian Pacific Coalition

Requested: \$2,000.00

Recommended: \$600.00

Gomez authorized the allocation of \$600.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2003-2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of the APC Internship Series Finale on June 17.

UCLA Art History Society

Requested: \$720.00

Recommended: \$600.00

Gomez authorized the allocation of \$600.00 upon his own discretion in compliance with the 2003-2004 USA Finance Committee Guidelines for the partial cost of the UCLA Undergrad Art History Society Exhibit of African-American Art on June 19-25.

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

Internal Vice President

- Chan said that he is currently working with the ORL Leadership Committee for an expansion of the Leadership Internship Program. He said that within the next week he will send a proposal to the Leadership Committee, giving them until the Wednesday before next meeting to give him feedback on the proposal, at which point he will have the official revised proposal for feedback from council.
- Wood asked Chan to explain the program. Chan said that the ORL offers the Leadership Internship Program, which last year had 400 signups and 125 interns. He said that it is an internship with a series of workshops and an eventual project, and you shadow a person of your choice. Chan said that he hopes to extend the program to a year, giving council members, staff, and students experience, and serving to develop younger underclassmen so that they can lead later in their careers.
- Palma/Saracho pointed out that this would be in addition to USAC's existing internship program.
- Chan asked if anyone wanted help on websites, Bhuiyan replied yes. Palma/Saracho asked what kind of help, and Chan replied design help. He said that he can forward the email address and portfolio of his assistant, who is a tech expert willing to help with USAC websites.
- Gomez said that ARC recommended a "refurbishing" of the USAC website because it is not user-friendly. Wood said that the great changes made to the website by the USAC

Webmaster should continue, and council members should be more involved in that process. McLaren said that every office is encouraged to have a staff member specifically designated to update their page, and that the groups that have done this have excellent pages. She said that it makes more sense for each office to have someone on their staff to update their site, rather than to rely on one person not connected with their office to input all updates. Chan said that his assistant is willing to help train other offices. Chiang asked how the assistant would be paid, and Chan responded that it would be at the discretion of each office.

Community Service Commissioner

- Lee said that she is working on a Community Service Day in Fall Quarter and a Community Service Conference in Winter. She said that she plans to invite everyone interested in service. She said that she doesn't want it to be a CSC project, but a UCLA-wide Community Service Day and Conference. She said that her goal for her commission is to create a cohesive and unified community service presence on campus, with Community Service Day as the vehicle to show how strong and pervasive community service is on campus. She said that the Community Service Conference is a way for everyone to learn from each other.

External Vice President

- Vu said that on a state-wide level they ran around the Capitol. He said that he is on the steering committee of UCSA, and has been planning logistics for the Santa Barbara conference in August. He said that he would be attending a conference at UC Santa Cruz. He said that at the SCIU national conference, they blocked off the Golden Gate Bridge in support of health care for all, etc. He said that he is currently planning a delegation for Congress in late July and August. Palma/Saracho said that the SCIU action at the Golden Gate Bridge was very successful in that, because of that action, the Governor rescinded a bill that would have cut seven million dollars from health care.

President

- Palma/Saracho said that two weeks ago he attended a meeting with Queer Alliance leadership and ORL to discuss the LGBT sensitivity question on the housing application. He said that after a lot of good discussion an agreement was reached to start a task force among the QA, USAC, and ORL, to research the need for such a question and to try to find options to secure the LGBT living situation. He said that the housing application for this year is already in print, so the hope is that next year safety and comfort will be maximized. He said that the two questions are comfortability of living with a member of the LGBT community, and comfortability of living with a member of the transsexual community. He said that also involved in the conversation was Director of Housing Mike Foraker.
- Palma/Saracho said that after two meetings with Vice Chancellor Naples, there was a conference call with the UC Office of the President, in which they discussed groups' access to funds. He said that UCOP's basic point was that there had to be accessibility for all groups. He said that he had his first meeting with UCOP during finals week, and what the university has decided is that, as far as UCLA is concerned with CSP, in regards to both Independent and Officially Recognized groups, if a group signs a statement of non-discrimination, they are eligible for funding. He said that these groups can become like ORSO's, but in a different manner. He said that it was the feeling of the attorneys that it may be difficult for some groups to find a department sponsor. He said, due to that factor, in the mind of UCOP's representatives in terms of legality, while not including the issue of departmental sponsors, they didn't say that council should do away with it completely. He said that what this means for council is that UCOP is very cognizant about how things have been operating, and they don't expect overnight change; but for the base budget process, as things exist right now, council would have to make all groups that sign a statement of non-discrimination eligible for base budget and other sources of funds from mandatory fees.

- Gruenberg asked if that stipulation is something that will be in process for this year's base budget, and Palma/Saracho responded yes. He said that both groups fall under the special category of ORSO if they sign the form.
- Tuttle said that there will be some practical transition issues that the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor, Nelson, and he are addressing, and that what they are trying to do is move forward with the religious/political groups who are willing to sign the form. He said that there are going to be groups that aren't interested in funding or don't want to sign the form, but want to be entitled to operate on the campus. He said that it's necessary to have a robust outreach to Independent groups (religious, etc.), and that we need to ensure that strong efforts are made in good faith to reach people, in order to make them aware of this evolution, and to direct them to CSP. He said that another factor is the discussion within the university concerning the setting aside of some funds, so that when Independent groups get back to campus in Fall Quarter, there is base budget money available.
- Palma/Saracho said that Naples told him that UCOP understands that they have already begun a cycle, but that council's obligation is to make an effort, not to make a full change. He said that the maximum for each group has been reduced to \$4400 because the number of groups will increase. He said that of 500 ORSO's, 60 applied last year and about 100 are expected this year. He said that USAC exists as a university entity, and they can choose to change the way they function and operate as a funding pool only to university entities, in which case you could say that those are the (only) groups you can fund.
- Gruenberg said that any Independent group needs only the form, and they can receive funding. Tuttle added that that is the case as of now.
- Tuttle said that viewpoint-neutral doesn't mean that both sides need to be represented at every event. Palma/Saracho said that he's still waiting for a definition of viewpoint-neutral, and a definition of discrimination. He said the being viewpoint-neutral does not guarantee funding.
- McLaren said that to clarify, the form is only in place right now for ORSO's. The changes are not in place yet.
- Gruenberg asked if Independent groups will be able to apply this year. Tuttle responded that Nelson is the one to ask, but that right now individual groups can sign the non-discrimination form and become eligible for funding.
- Palma/Saracho said that he's sent emails for parking permits, and has received replies from about six members. He said that he has four left, and that the parking permits are effective immediately.

Finance Committee Chair

- Gomez announced his resignation from his position as Finance Committee Chair, due to conflicting commitments with the French Embassy that will require him to be in France. He said that he will continue to fulfill his duties until a replacement is found.
- Palma/Saracho said that he's sorry it came as such a shock. He said that he wishes him the best, and that another reason he wanted a special meeting is to find a replacement quickly. He recommended a special meeting next Tuesday.
- McLaren asked whether Gomez would conduct the Base Budget hearings. Palma/Saracho responded that his replacement would handle those duties.
- Martinez moved and Wood seconded that a Special Meeting be held on Tuesday, July 6th at 7 PM, to appoint of a new Finance Committee Chair.
- Martinez recommended and Wood concurred that the motion be expanded to include further discussion on funding guidelines at the Special Meeting, if necessary.
- Council voted to approve the motion, as amended, with 7 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

- IX. Old Business
 - There was no old business this week.
- X. New Business

Approval of 2004-2005 Base Budget Criteria, Priorities and Guidelines

- Ohara said that there were no major changes to the 2004-2005 Base Budget Criteria, Priorities, and Guidelines, but that all changes were clearly marked on the attached document in bold. She said that the criteria is from the bylaw, and the priorities are in addition to the bylaws and guidelines. She said that the funding cap is set at \$4400.
- Wood moved and Gaulton seconded to approve the 2004-2005 Base Budget Criteria, Priorities, and Guidelines. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

Modification to Meeting Schedule for July 27th and August 24th

- Wood moved and Vu seconded that the starting time of the meetings of July 27th and August 24th be set at 7:30 PM. Council voted to approve the motion with 7 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

XI. Announcements

- Gaulton said that an email was forthcoming regarding Welcome Week, with a list of possible bands. He said that input on the bands was welcome. He said that late night activities are to be set in stone soon, and that Campus Events has secured permission to use the Los Angeles Tennis Center until late at night. He said that there would be a dance at the LATC and a concurrent dodgeball tournament, followed by an outdoor movie at the Tennis Center, hopefully an advance screening. He said he's worried about the fair and could use help, so those who are willing and able should contact him.
- McLaren said that she requested a set-up for the All-USA account, and a test email is coming. She said that she expected a reply by return email.
- McLaren said that Pulse is now gone, and Kinko's will open on the morning of July 6th. She said that the card swipe system will continue.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

- Palma/Saracho passed around the attendance sheet.

XIII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Lee seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. There being no objections. Council voted to adjourn the meeting with 7 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Moshe
USAC Minutes Taker