

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday October 12, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Avila, Bhuiyan, Chan, Core Ila, Gaulton, Gruenberg, Lee, McLaren, Martinez, Nelson, Palma/Saracho, Tripathi, Tseng, Tuttle, Villarin, Vu, Williams, Wood

ABSENT: Kurita

GUESTS: Janina Montero, Brian Neesby, Roy Samaan, Nicolas Taborek, Joseph Vardner, Narges Zohoury

I. A. Call to Order

- Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Martinez asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Lee asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Wood asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Bhuiyan asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Martinez moved and Lee seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Martinez called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the Agenda was approved, as amended, by Acclimation.

III. Approval of the Minutes

September 28, 2004

- Lee said that on page two, the CSC barbeque was not scheduled from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., rather it was from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.- Vu said that on page 3, the word "chammy" should be spelled "shammy".

Council all enjoyed a good laugh at this.

- Lee moved and Tripathi seconded to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2004, as amended.

- Wood called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the Minutes of September 28th, 2004 were approved, as amended, by Acclimation.

October 5, 2004

- Lee said that on page 6, her comment about a Viewpoint article needed to be edited. She said she has actually written two Viewpoint articles, one of which would be running in the Daily Bruin on October 13. The other, which provided information about CSC's Community Service Day would be running in the Bruin on October 22, the day before the Community Service Day event.

- Avila moved and Martinez seconded to approve the Minutes of October 5, 2004, as amended.

- Lee called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the Minutes of October 5, 2004 were approved, as amended, by Acclimation.

IV. Special Presentations

Joseph Vardner – Transportation Services Advisory Board (TSAB)

- Vardner said that he was at the meeting to speak about transportation on campus. He said that the history of transportation on campus began in 1989 when UCLA make a deal with the city to cap the number of trips to and from UCLA and the number of parking spaces on campus. Vardner said that in 1995, UCLA agreed to extend that cap for another 10 years. Vardner then distributed information sheets to Council. He then continued his report by stating that, essentially, no more parking spaces can be added at UCLA. He said that if UCLA dishonors their agreement to cap parking spaces and trips, the city of Los Angeles could put a hold on UCLA's building permit, and all construction projects would be stopped. Vardner said that the trips number is now getting close to the cap. He said that UCLA has established and promoted various programs to mitigate the situation, such as UCLA vanpool, carpooling, and BruinGO. Vardner said that transportation services sent out an email questionnaire at the end of last quarter from which they had compiled the statistics that he was now presenting to council. He also said that much of the new parking that has been created at UCLA is prioritized for vanpools and carpools. Vardner said that also on the sheet was the administrative hierarchy, and pointed out that the TSAB is strictly an Advisory Board without any actual power. He said that BruinGO was one of the larger transportation projects on campus, and one of the goals this year was actually work on improving BruinGO! Vardner said that the Flex Car program had not been as successful as had been anticipated, perhaps because it didn't begin until Winter Quarter, after most people on campus had already established their transportation arrangements and patterns. He said that the program was designed primarily for students, as the cars were rented by the hour rather than the day, and would rent to 21-year olds, rather than the minimum age of 25 that is set by most commercial car rental agencies. With regard to graduate students, Vardner said that everyone living in Graduate Student Housing was guaranteed parking under the stipulation that they sign a contract agreeing not to apply to UCLA parking for a permit. Vardner also talked about the bicycle master plan, and said that the administration was working with the Bicycle Advocacy Coalition (BAC) to make cycling to campus easier and safer. He said that the plans have been produced, and now it comes down to implementation. Specifically, Vardner said that UCLA was working with the BAC to produce new bike lanes on Wilshire and Sepulveda, and perhaps even re-institute permission to ride bikes through the Veterans' Cemetery. He said that UCLA was also trying to work with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation District to get them to become more accessible to students. Vardner said that he also wanted to work with the payment process for BruinGO! He said that, right now, riders had to pay in cash, but he would like to implement a better system in which riders could just swipe their Bruin Card. Vardner said that the bus companies would track Bruin card usage, download the numbers at the end of the day, and send them to the appropriate department to arrange payment. Vardner concluded his presentation by stating that the University had was no longer allowing the purchase of 15-passenger vans because of serious safety concerns.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there were regular meetings of the TSAB.
- Vardner said that he was trying to get them to schedule 5 to 6 meetings this year, as contrasted to the once-per-quarter meetings they have held in past years. He said that he had been told that one of the major reasons that they met infrequently was because of the difficulty in getting all the Board members together.
- Tripathi asked about the USAC representation on the TSAB.
- Vardner said that USAC had believed that the President made one appointment to the TSAB and that, in addition, the USAC Facilities Commissioner served on the TSAB as

an Ex Officio representative. However, Vardner said, none of the Transportation Services documents supported USAC's view.

- Villarín asked if Vardner felt that his efforts have been ineffective, and asked if he would want any assistance.
- Vardner said that, when the BruinGO issue comes up, he thought it would be necessary for him to get assistance and support from USAC. He said that it has not been easy to get support from some administrators to let enough student voices in. Vardner added that the Graduate Students Association didn't even have a representative to TSAB until the end of last year. He said that, since Council had links to the Administration, it would be very helpful to have their assistance.
- Neesby asked why tracking the Bruin Card swipes for one day would be a problem.
- Vardner said that Transportation Services maintains that it would cost too much to implement the technology needed to track student ID's and then charge them to their SBAR accounts.

V. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that this week the Finance Committee met to determine funding allocation recommendations. She said that all of the information was before Council for their review and approval. Corella also announced, on behalf of the Budget Review Director, that the applications for USA Programming Committee funds were now available for all applicants.
- Martinez moved and Tripathi seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Villarín called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations were approved by Acclimation.

American Indian Student Association

Requested: \$298.21

Recommended: \$298.21

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$30.00 for Graphics, \$70.21 for Supplies, and \$198.00 for Transportation for the AISA All Leadership Fall Retreat to be held from October 15th to October 17th.

United Cambodian Students

Requested: \$714.37

Recommended: \$450.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$450.00 for the partial cost of Accommodations for the Fall Retreat to be held from October 22nd to October 24th.

Bruin Partners / Community Service Commission

Requested: \$195.09

Recommended: \$195.09

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$171.68 for Supplies and \$21.41 for Clerical Supplies for 2004-2005.

Armenian Students Association**Requested: \$396.00****Recommended: \$360.00**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$270.00 for Transportation and \$90.00 for the partial cost of Gasoline for the All-ASA Bayside Cleanup to be held from October 15th to October 17th.

Project South – Los Angeles Evening Tutorial / Community Service Commission**Requested: \$516.00****Recommended: \$516.00**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$516.00 for Transportation for Site Visits to be held this Fall Quarter on October 18th, 21st, 26th, and 28th, and November 2nd and 4th.

UCLA Men's Rowing Team**Requested: \$1,750.00****Recommended: \$ 650.00**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the partial cost of Accommodations and \$250.00 for Transportation for the Head of the Charles Regatta to be held on October 24th.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Cultural Affairs Commission – Shantanu Bhuiyan

- Bhuiyan said that last night had been the first of the Jazz series. He also said that Michael Moore had spoken at the Tennis Center today, which had gone well and on time. Bhuiyan said that the venue was only half-filled, but he thought that this was pretty good for an afternoon event. He said that tomorrow would be a concert by Ugly Duckling from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Bruin Plaza. Bhuiyan also said that on Wednesday, another concert would be held. He said that the staff retreat for his office would be October 23rd and 24th, and they would be going around LA to see the types of programming going on around the city. Lastly Bhuiyan said that during Week Four there would be another Monday evening Jazz Series program in the Kerckhoff Coffee House.

Office of the General Representatives – Wood, Tseng, and Villarín

- Wood said that there had been two programs yesterday. She said that lots of questions had been addressed about funding, particularly about the USA/BOD Programming Committee funding process. Wood also said that the Students of Color Conference would be November 20th and 21st, and encouraged everyone to attend. She said that this weekend had been the GenReps staff retreat, which had been very productive. Wood said that, at the staff retreat, they decided they would like to have USAC participate in the Homecoming Parade on October 29th.
- Villarín added that another concern of the staff that came from the retreat was USAC visibility, so one of the staff members, Jenny Cam, had come up with the idea of making a USAC T-shirt. *She showed council printouts of what would appear on the shirts.* Villarín said that the shirts would be \$10 each, would not be made in sweatshops, and said that order forms would be placed in each office. She also said that she and Tseng had made a presentation to IFC, telling them about Get Out the Vote and other Action Agenda Items of USAC. Lastly, Villarín said that she was also trying to do outreach on campus through their campus liaison.
- Tseng said that the General Representatives had also made the Get Out the Vote presentation to the Pan-Hellenic Council on Sunday.
- Villarín also said that she was working on a design for T-shirts to promote the ECP issue.

- Williams asked if Villarin had run the T-shirt designs by the Copyright and Licensing Department, and suggested that this would need to be done if they hadn't already taken that step. He said further that, if they needed assistance on this step, to let him know because he could help them with this.
- Villarin thanked Williams and indicated that she thought they had already taken care of this.

Community Service Commission – Crystal Lee

- Lee said that she would pass out calendars to council as she had promised last week. She also said that last weekend had been her staff retreat, and that the entire calendar for the coming year had been laid out. Lee said that the Recruitment Barbeque would be tomorrow night from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. She also said that next Wednesday would be her general meeting, complete with skits by her staff about community service. Lee said that Community Service Day would be on Saturday October 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and encouraged people to sign up for it. She said that there were other things coming up, and council could check them out on the calendars if they were interested. Lee also told council about "Crystal's Dinner Series", and said that at these get-togethers, she invites several friends to join her for dinner in Westwood and, during dinner, she talks with them about various USAC issues. On a more serious matter, Lee said that there had been another van incident, where one of the previously working vans had brake failure during a trip over the weekend. She said that she was talking with Georgine Piper from Student Government Accounting (SGA) about replacing vans, and she would keep council updated. Lee said that next quarter she would be initiating Advocacy Weeks, where people would receive education about the topic of the week. She said that, for example, one topic would be child abuse. She said that she was excited about this, since some of the CSC groups conducted advocacy efforts, but this would actually be the entire Community Service Commission doing the advocacy.

Academic Affairs Commission – Eligio Martinez

- Martinez said that council should feel free to take fliers that he had passed around the table. He said that they were about Academic Empowerment Week, where there would be a number of events to educate the students about Expected Cumulative Progress (ECP). Martinez said that there was a meeting in the Residence Halls on Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., an Open House on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a noontime concert on Wednesday, a recruitment fair on Thursday, and the Community Service Day on Saturday. Martinez said that the ECP survey had been updated and amended, and he would be meeting with administrators this week to finalize the survey. He also said he expected it to be finalized and sent out by Fifth Week of Fall Quarter. On another matter, Martinez said that an educational session about the Patriot Act would be held soon. He said that he was also trying to work a speaker into the Students of Color Conference, and that it would be nice to have someone who was actually involved in reform work. Martinez said that he would be attending a meeting in Oakland next Monday, but should get back to attend next week's USAC meeting.
- Gruenberg asked where the Monday ECP series would be held.
- Martinez said that right now it was in one of the Study Lounges in Rieber, but he was looking for other possible locations.
- Villarin asked if Judy Smith would be present at the Town Hall on Thursday.
- Martinez said that he was working on that with Palma/Saracho.

Executive Director – Bob Williams

- Williams said that, during his years at ASUCLA, there had been a number of times when ASUCLA employees had misused their Employee Discount privilege by purchasing items that their friends or family members had asked them to buy for them. He said that, in some of these instances, employees had been dismissed. Based on these situations, Williams said that he wanted to try something new which would

benefit the friends and family members of employees and perhaps decrease misuse of the Employee Discount privilege. He said that this trial program was being launched with a "Friends and Families Day" to be held on October 13 and 14. He then distributed 8-10 coupons to each Council Member so they could give them to their friends and family.

- Villarín asked if the 20% discount on these coupons could be combined with their regular 20% discount.
- Williams said that this could not be done.

Administrative Assistant – Dr. Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that he wanted to remind everyone that it was time for Student Groups to register with the Center for Student Programming. He said that groups can register throughout the year, but that the best time to register was at the beginning of Fall Quarter. He said that CSP staff would be available all week long, for extended hours, in the Kerckhoff Grand Salon.

External Vice President – John Vu

- Vu said that he had prepared a detailed written Officer's Report, and he then handed out copies of it to all Council Members. He said that he would try to make this a weekly thing.

VU's COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE INSERTED INTO THE MINUTES AFTER HE EMAILS IT TO THE MINUTES TAKER.

- Vu said that APC would be holding a Get Out the Vote Panel on Tuesday, October 26th.
- Chan asked what time the workshops were going to be.
- Vu said that the Labor Center workshop would be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and said that his office was trying to hold it in DeNeve. He said that any other events on his calendar that did not indicate a time meant that they were not yet finalized.
- Palma/Saracho said that Larry from the Labor Center was going to hold a mini-debate on the ballot measure concerning the Three-Strikes Law (Proposition 66) and also one on Proposition 72 concerning Health Care coverage.

Internal Vice President – Darren Chan

- Chan said that after last week's USAC meeting he went to the OCHC meeting and opened lines of communication there. Chan said that someone from OCHC had told him later that if he wanted to attend their meetings, he would have to submit a formal request. He said that the possible times were Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and asked for everyone on council to submit his or her availability to him. He said that the On Campus Housing Council (OCHC) would like to have USAC designate someone to attend the OCHC meetings as USAC's representative. Chan suggested that Wood send her liaison to the meetings. Regarding the ORL Leadership Program Chan said that 220 students had signed up for the internship workshops. He said he attributed this response to the recruitment efforts done on the hill. He said that the first meeting would be this Thursday, but said that what council needed to take note of was that the interns wanted to meet with Council on a Thursday evening, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., either on October 21st, October 28th, or November 4th. He said that this meeting would serve as a training session for council. Lastly, Chan asked if a representative from the offices could come.
- Wood asked if it was mandatory for all offices to take on interns.
- Chan said that it was optional, not mandatory. He also said that he had received information from some Council Members for the brochure he is working to give to the potential interns, and asked if everyone who had not given him their information would please send it to him by this Sunday. Chan said that he would need time to get the full pamphlet produced, and said that each office would get one page in the pamphlet.
- Villarín asked why council needed to send a formal request to OCHC to set up a meeting with them.

- He said that he would talk to Paul Marian, the OCHC representative to USAC, about why this was necessary.
- Palma/Saracho asked Chan if he would send out the date and time for the upcoming dinner meeting. Chan replied that he would.

President – Allende Palma/Saracho

- Palma/Saracho said that his staff retreat would be this coming weekend. He added that Wednesday of Third Week at 6:00 p.m. would be the due date for the President's Office Internship applications. Palma/Saracho said that he had talked with people from the Labor Center, and they said that they about 100,000 non-partisan voter guides available for distribution. Palma/Saracho said that the guide was very well done, with both sides presented, and that the information was in multiple languages. He also mentioned that he had talked to Kenn Heller last week about the fact that the signatories in the Events on Line system had not been updated yet to include the current year's officers. He asked Council Members to please email to Heller the names and contact information of everyone who should be on this year's list of authorized signatories. Palma/Saracho said that he had attended the ASUCLA Entities Meeting last week, and they had gone over the issues concerning a possible need for a mandatory fee increase. He said that without fees to create a reserve, it would be impossible to make necessary upgrades to ASUCLA facilities without going into the red.
- Williams said that a fee increase would also result in an increase in the hourly rates paid to student employees. He explained that, while ASUCLA's student employees had historically been paid well above the minimum wage, recent raises had been so minor that they have lost ground in relationship to the minimum wage and to inflation factors.
- Palma/Saracho said that he has asked members of the ASUCLA Board to make a presentation at next week's meeting so Council can talk about the Entities Committee and the issues it is dealing with. He said that there would be another Entities Committee meeting on November 15th. Palma/Saracho also said that they wanted to work on space allocation for the student governments and student groups in Kerckhoff Hall. He asked for council members who were familiar with the Student Union Space Initiative ("SUSI") documents that were talked about last year to take part in this project with the Entities Committee. Palma/Saracho said that council members could not send proxies to these meetings, so it was important for anyone who was interested in going to the Entities Meetings to make themselves available to attend every week. He said that the presentation at the Entities Meeting had been very good and had been in the right spirit, with everyone agreeing that increasing student fees should be a measure of last resort, and that fees should not be increased unless it was truly necessary. Palma/Saracho said that information on the possible fee increase was being worked on right now for presentation to council.
- Williams said that students had suggested some very interesting ideas about other ways to obtain funding, and he said that this had been very helpful to the ASUCLA Board Members. He said that, from a holistic perspective, perhaps some of these ideas could be implemented to offset a portion of the fee increase.

VIII. New Business

Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week

- Samaan said that he was presenting to council a Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week (NCOW). Samaan said that there are a lot of Christians on this campus, but not a lot of "out" Christian students on campus. He said that this was a hard time, especially with the recent attacks on the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Center and also anti-gay stances of certain federal government officials. Samaan said that he was bringing this resolution in hopes that council would take a positive and public stance that, as a student body, they recognize the worth of all LGBT students.

- Martinez moved and Avila seconded to affirm the Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week.
- Lee called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week was approved by Acclimation.
- Palma/Saracho asked if Council wanted to sponsor publication of the Resolution in the Daily Bruin and, if so, what size ad would they like to run. He pointed out that the soonest the ad could appear would be on Friday. He said further that, since the Friday edition has lower circulation than the Monday through Thursday editions, he wondered how Council would feel about running it next Monday, even 'though that would be after National Coming Out Week.
- Samaan said he thought this was acceptable because the ad could include a statement that the Resolution had actually been approved by USAC during National Coming Out Week.
- Gruenberg asked if there was anything else council members could do to show their support of the LGBT community.
- Samaan said that there was a whole week of events, and said that it would mean a lot to the LGBT students if Council Members would attend some of those events.
- Tuttle said he thought it would be good to have some kind of ad this week, even if it was on Friday, to demonstrate Council's support, especially in light of the recent attacks on the LGBT Center.
- On a related matter, Samaan said he was working with other LGBT students in trying to get a question added to on-campus housing applications which would hopefully ease the transition to UCLA for LGBT students.
- Nelson announced that an arrest had been made with regard to the recent vandalism at the LGBT Center, and the person had gotten an attorney, so he wanted to let Council know that something is definitely being done. He said that the police had really followed through on this matter right from the beginning.
- Martinez moved and Wood seconded to publish the Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week in the Monday, October 18 issue of the Daily Bruin.
- Vu called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the motion to publish the Resolution in Support of National Coming Out Week in the Daily Bruin was approved by Acclimation.
- In response to Tuttle's recommendation that Council publicize their action during National Coming Out Week, Wood said that her office could put out some signboards on Bruin Walk this week to notify campus of Council's unanimous support of the LGBT community.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

X. Announcements

- Gaulton said that "Touch of Pink" would be the movie of the week in Ackerman. He also said that there would be a prescreening of "Alfie" on Tuesday of next week, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Ackerman. Gaulton also said that there would be a screening of Fahrenheit 9/11 next week.
- Nelson said that he would be speaking Thursday at noon in the UCLA Bookstore on a subject related to getting out the vote. He said that the theme of his presentation was on the role of leadership and how it has evolved over time. He said his talk would also address individual responsibility, and how one person *can* make a difference.
- McLaren added that there would be a non-partisan student organization in the Bookstore during and after Nelson's presentation to register new voters.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved, and Lee seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
- Avila called for Acclimation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclimation. There being none, the motion was approved by Acclimation, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker