

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 9, 2004
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Paul Marian, Janina Montero, Brian Neesby, Tina Park, Menaka Fernando, Roy Samaan, Yousef Tajsar, Joseph Vardner

I. A. Call to Order

- Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Martinez asked to remove the Presentation on Expected Cumulative Progress, and to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Villarin asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Avila asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Lee asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Gaulton asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Bhuiyan asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- McLaren asked that the spelling of Berky Nelson's name be corrected on the Agenda.
- Martinez moved and Tseng seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Avila called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Agenda was approved as amended, by Acclamation.

III. Approval of the Minutes

There were no minutes this week.

IV. Special Presentations

Center for Student Programming Presentation – Berky Nelson, Director, CSP

- Nelson said that he would have done a Powerpoint Presentation, but instead he was passing out literature about some rules and regulations that Council should know. He said that he would not spend too much time on this, but the aspect of posting fliers on campus should be discussed. Nelson said that first off, all items funded by USAC need to state that they were paid for by USAC. Also, he also said that any text in a foreign language needed to be translated into English. He said that his office was the one that posted fliers on authorized bulletin boards around campus. Nelson said that there was not supposed to be any chalking, and the size of the poster boards that were allowed depended on several factors. He stated that people from off campus are often given

more leeway with regard to the rules than are on-campus people. He pointed out that this is because the Administration can regulate UCLA students, but not outsiders. Nelson said that UCLA had been sued because of a poster board issue. Nelson said that everyone could read the rules and regulations themselves, but said he'd like to address some frequently asked questions. He said that he was sure that Council understood the regulations about Official Recognition, email accounts, and group Advisors. Nelson noted that these Advisors are a valuable resource for organizations, and said that students should not hesitate to ask their Advisor about any issues they were not certain of. He said that the reserving of facilities was pretty straightforward, and said that some of the only problems had been with religious groups and the volume of their music. Nelson said that this situation, which interferes with the academic mission, would not be allowed to continue in the future, beginning next quarter. Nelson said that any questions about advertising off-campus should be guided by the group's Advisor because off-campus advertising draws non-students who can be more difficult to manage. He pointed out that non-students are not afraid of losing their academic standing at UCLA. He elaborated that this can create a problem if an event is sold out by the time off-campus individuals arrive and are unable to gain entrance. He said that such a situation can lead to vandalism. Nelson said that fliers are posted by the Administrators in authorized locations rather than by the students. Nelson said that tax I.D. numbers would continue to be used, and also said that new rules may continue to develop as they do each year. He said that a major role of the CSP office was to make sure that everyone's rights are protected, which ensures that the University honors everyone's opinions. Nelson said that CSP has a very multi-cultural staff because UCLA has a very multi-cultural student body. He said it is important that there is someone in CSP that everyone can identify with. Nelson quoted a former chancellor and encouraged council to not be afraid of doing anything even 'though it might fail.

- Wood asked if there were any major changes to the rules and regulations from the last two years, and also asked if student organizations could reserve Bruin Walk to post signs on the lawn.
- Nelson said that the first organization that posted signs on the lawn put up wooden crosses, each one of which had the name of a person who died in the desert while trying to cross the border from Mexico into the United States. Nelson said that one of the things he was always concerned about was being fair with everyone, and he did not want to set a precedent that would be disadvantageous at a later date. Finally, in response to Wood's questions, Nelson said that there were not really any big changes in the guidelines. Nelson said that one change did occur regarding scheduling of events in Wilson Plaza due to the new parking lot which is under Wilson Plaza.

ASUCLA Board of Directors – Yousef Tajsar and Bob Williams

- Yousef Tajsar introduced himself to council as one of the undergraduate representatives to the ASUCLA Board of Directors (BOD)
- Tina Park introduced herself as another undergraduate representative to the ASUCLA BOD.
- Tajsar said that he had promised to update council after any BOD meetings, and he had not done this since the last meeting, so he was here to make that presentation.
- Park said that the BOD had met on October 29th, and they had discussed the financial condition of the association. She said that textbook sales were decreasing, which was resulting in decreased revenue for ASUCLA. Park said that she did not want to raise the price of textbooks, but said that revenues earned by ASUCLA would come back to the students in services.
- Tajsar said that professors are going more toward using the Internet and readers, which was good for students but hurting ASUCLA's revenue.
- Park said that the decline in enrollment has also hurt ASUCLA's revenues. On another matter, she said that Taco Bell is no longer on campus, and that Shorty's Subs is now located at Campus Corner in place of Taco Bell. She said that a new ASUCLA eatery,

- Mucho Taco, has been set up in the Coop, in Shorty's Subs old location. Park said that, to dispel any rumors, she wanted Council to know that none of the Taco Bell employees had been fired, rather everyone who still wanted to work at UCLA was placed in other jobs elsewhere on campus. She also said that Taco Bell was not kicked out, but that their contract was simply not renewed. Park said that this had been a two-year process in deciding whether or not to renew the contract for Taco Bell.
- Tajsar said that the Taco Bell decision had been hard, and they had tried to keep the best interest of students in mind.
 - Park said that she was still open to student feedback, as she worked for the students. Park next said that the Space Committee had met twice now, and they had looked at all the entities of ASUCLA and their space allocation. She said that the Entities Committee would be meeting tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Kerckhoff State Rooms.
 - Palma/Saracho said that he knew that some folks had been protesting the non-renewal of the Taco Bell contract this week, and he asked if there had been any forum for these students.
 - Tajsar said that the BOD had not received any petitions or requests for formal hearings, only public comments. He said that if anyone had concerns it might be a good idea for them to attend one of the subcommittee meetings, as they would be able to give more input there.
 - Williams said that he had seen a petition at Campus Corner, but it had not been brought to him or to anyone else at ASUCLA.
 - Tajsar said that, when the Board prepared its five-year forecast, they factored in the possibility of a fee increase, but they did not want to proceed on this assumption without having open discussions with USAC and GSA to obtain their input on the matter.
 - Tajsar said that, as a brief history, ASUCLA runs the Student Union and that the revenues from ASUCLA's Services and Enterprises, such as the UCLA Book Store and Computer Store, support the services provided by the Student Union. He said that it costs more and more each year to provide the services students want, which is why the Board is looking at the possibility of a fee increase. Tajsar said that, in earlier years, ASUCLA had operated high revenue-producing services such as parking and athletics, but that those had been taken over by the University. He also said that there has been an increase in On-Campus housing, creating more of a live-in school than a commuting school. He said that, despite these negative impacts on their revenue, ASUCLA is doing well and is sustaining itself. Tajsar said that one problem, though, was that ASUCLA was unable to make capital expenditures on such things as the construction of new buildings or improvement of existing ones. He said that a reserve policy had finally been established around 1996, and the reserve was now up to about \$10 million. Tajsar then moved on to a financial history of ASUCLA, which he said was relatively stable, with spikes for good Athletic Seasons, and dips for years where capital expenditures were made.
 - Williams added that it felt it was important not to increase student fees unless it was absolutely necessary. He said, when a fee increase is discussed, the first thing he always did was to make sure that the problems were not internal. Williams explained that there had been a five-year period when there had been an extra \$50 per student to pay for the building of the new Union, but that this fee had been removed after the construction was completed.
 - Tajsar said that the annual fee had been fixed at \$7.50 for many years. He said that this had not kept up with inflation, but if it had, the fee would be almost \$50 by now. Tajsar said that ASUCLA had tried to do the best that it could for the students with what it has, and it was very competitive amongst the other UC Student Unions.
 - Williams said that the cost of running the Student Union was increasing, while the fees received from the students had remained constant.
 - Tajsar then showed a slide showing that UCLA had one of the lowest student union fees of many of the California schools. He said that there is now a new structure, with net

income going into a reserve cash balance, which would then be used to pay for capital investments, which would bring money back in. Tajsar said that there are a couple of reasons why an increased fee is needed, as it is time to make capital investments. He said, for example, that ASUCLA has not renovated its food facilities in years. Tajsar said that it is normal to have to reinvest periodically in infrastructure to keep it functioning.

- Williams said that it is typical to renovate every ten years, which Panda Express was doing right now. Williams said that there had been a call for increasing the fee some years ago, but this had not been done. Williams said that the proposed estimate was \$16 million to renovate ASUCLA's food facilities, but that there was only \$10 million in reserve. Williams also said that there were certain services that Student Unions normally provide, but that UCLA's Student Union was not able to provide because of its very low fee.
- Tajsar said that most of ASUCLA's mission was serving students, giving examples of the Interaction Fund and Waiver Pool. He said that there are costs associated with doing things with ASUCLA, and the Waiver Pool helped to pay for that. Tajsar said that this pool was higher 20 years ago, but it has steadily declined and had now finally leveled out. He said that they did not want to have a repeat of the time when the Union was being when money had to be borrowed from the University. Tajsar said that the space in Ackerman Union for student union functions has steadily decreased over time, because space has been rented to businesses from off campus to make money from the rent paid by the businesses. Tajsar said that this is not fair for the students, because there should be enough space for services the students want. He then moved on to ASUCLA minimum wage, which has stayed above the California Minimum wage since 1988. Tajsar said that though the gap used to be larger, it was now shrinking so that students were not being paid as much above minimum wage as they used to be.
- Williams said that these are all things that were done strategically because they had to be done, not because anyone wanted to do them. He said that if the funds to pay back loans from the chancellor could not be generated, the Chancellor could put people onto the ASUCLA board and essentially take it over.
- Tajsar said that without increasing student fees, then the ending cash balance would be way in the hole. He said that there were a lot of projects that ASUCLA wanted to do, and without raising the fees then ASUCLA would have to go into debt.
- Williams said that this would be relatively complicated, but the net income was going down with depreciation on the facilities, and with capital expenditures, the ending cash balance would become extremely low.
- Tajsar said that with an increased fee, the ending cash balance would remain not only in the positive, but also add to the cash reserve. He said that UCLA has one of the lowest student fees, but that students should only be asked to pay more if it is the last option. He added that any increased fees should only be focused on critical issues such as student wages, career wages, programming support, space issues, and capital improvements.
- Williams offered a clarification regarding "career wages". He said that, in this instance, "career wages" refers to full-time employees of ASUCLA who are paid on an hourly basis, rather than on a set salary basis.
- Tajsar said that the focus was being put on Ackerman Student Union and helping out the students, with Student Union Initiatives being a major focus.
- Williams said that this needs to be a covenant with the students, and the students need to see and understand exactly why this is happening.
- Tajsar said that the proposal was to develop a fee committee with USA, GSA, and the Communications Board, to develop a list of needs and ideas. He said that they also wanted to examine different fee levels and yearly steps while meeting fiscal expectations of the 5-year plan. Tajsar closed by saying that this would be a student directed future, and he then called for questions from council members.
- Wood asked what the increase would be in the next couple years.

- Tajsar said that the fee would be staged in over several years, eventually bringing it to \$55.
- Wood asked over what time period.
- Williams said that there would be a thorough discussion before setting a precise timetable.
- Tajsar said that there had been consideration of an increase of \$27 next year, with a six-dollar increase each year after that until they reached the maximum. He said that after that the fees would be indexed for inflation.
- Palma/Saracho asked how much additional capital this would produce.
- Williams said it would be about \$1.5 million. He said that this is about the amount that it costs to run the Student Union.
- Nelson said that the presentation had been excellent. He added that something for the students to consider is that, unlike in corporations where the money goes into the hands of stockholders, the money from a fee increase would go into services for the students. He said he had visited many other campuses and, in terms of the fees that students paid elsewhere, UCLA students had it really good. Nelson said that what the administration would like to do is maintain the quality that students have become accustomed to without increasing the fees any more than is necessary.
- Tripathi asked how exactly the funds would be returned, as had been alluded to in the presentation.
- Williams said that this would have to be determined at the time, but the main thing was that a covenant needed to be made with the students where they understood what was happening and why a fee increase was being proposed.
- Tseng asked what other options the board had considered, or actions they had taken.
- Williams said that many people have been laid off, space has been rented out, and the infrastructure has been decreased. He said that the cost of some food service items had gone up, as well.
- Paul Marian, the OCHC Representative, said that for students living on-campus, this issue was very much on their minds. He said that the on-campus groups may be more affected by this, and he said that they did not have as big an interest in on-campus investment as much of the services provided by the Student Union were already available on the hill. In light of this, he asked if there were any other options aside from a fee hike.
- Tajsar said that the dorm students are also members of student organizations, and they use the space, so they, too, would benefit from improved services. He said that ASUCLA's services were provided to the dorm residents, and that it was important not to create a divide between students who live in the dorms and those who live elsewhere. Tajsar said that there was a lot of space that was being underutilized in the dorms, and said he thought that a discussion needed to be held about addressing the needs of the dorm residents.
- Marian asked if these capital investments would be made all at once or a bit at a time.
- Tajsar said that it would be done one area at a time, so that there would be enough services available that were not under construction. He reiterated that it would be financially risky for ASUCLA to make major capital investments without a fee increase.
- Williams said that, to offer some perspective, the ASUCLA model was just about the only one left. He explained that ASUCLA's student-majority Board of Directors has significant involvement in oversight of all operations. He said that it was unique, and that it made UCLA unique. Williams said that the students needed to decide whether they wanted to continue with a model which he felt made ASUCLA great. He said that, if the students wanted ASUCLA to be great, then he felt they would do what needed to be done to bring this about.
- Tripathi asked if there was a specific plan for the renovations.
- Tajsar said that there was no specific plan yet, but that designs for each facility that was being considered for renovation were being developed.

- Williams said that the plans have actually been developed, but that they were probably a month away from cost estimates. He said that the Board's Space Committee is involved in the process of maximizing space for student organizations and activities.
- Tripathi recommended that students be told exactly what was being done. He then asked if there were plans to have a pub.
- Williams said that there was not going to be a pub, but that there might be an eatery with beer and wine service.
- Gaulton said that he was upset at the framing of the fee increase, calling it a "last resource" instead of simply "common sense". He said that he thought a fee increase was not only a good idea, but also was smart business practice.
- Tajsar said that he did not want to have to ask students for any more money unless it was absolutely necessary.
- Gaulton said he believed that the students wanted to benefit from this business, so they should understand that they must make some investment in this business.
- Tajsar said that the chancellor also had a stake in this, and he said that a lot of the resistance that they had met with was with regard to the fee increase.
- Gruenberg said that housing has decreased due to infrastructure cost, and the new dorms being built for Graduate Students were not even done yet. He asked if they had thought about this and figured this in.
- Williams said that, as more people move into the residence halls where their meals are covered, ASUCLA's eateries might take a hit. He said that, if the student population continues to increase, there would be more people on campus which eventually should bring the total back on par. Williams said that the idea was to become smarter and more efficient.
- Marian asked if perhaps students saw these things as a luxury item, and asked how students would be affected financially if the administration were to take over ASUCLA.
- Tajsar said that if the administration were to take over, then the Chancellor would probably raise the fees.
- Williams challenged anyone on campus to be run as efficiently as ASUCLA.
- Tuttle said he was confident that the Student Affairs division was run well enough.
- Villarin said that, if there were questions about what the Chancellor would do if given this decision, to remember that this was the same Chancellor who proposed a \$15,000 fee increase in tuition over the next 5 years. She asked if there was any plan for ASUCLA to present this to the entire student body.
- Tajsar said that they wanted to present the information to USAC and GSA first, to involve the separate entities of ASUCLA to implement a plan, and then take the information to the students.
- Marian said it would be nice if this could be discussed in a public forum.
- Williams said that he felt it was very important for the Student Governments to discuss this before it was presented to the public.
- Nelson asked if they were looking for some confirmation tonight.
- Tajsar said that the Entities Committee would do the nitty-gritty work. He said that they could come up with the formal proposal that would then be brought to USAC and GSA.
- Tripathi asked if there was any more space that USAC could get in Kerckhoff.
- Palma/Saracho said that the primary purpose of the presentation was to give Council general information on the overall situation.
- Park said that this was just a presentation of a proposal, and that none of the numbers were finalized.
- Tajsar said that there had been a Viewpoint in today's Daily Bruin that mentioned him a lot with regard to his Students First! Platform and how he was using it as a member of the BOD. He said he wanted to assure everyone on Council that his commitment was strictly in the interest of all UCLA students, not just of those students who were involved with Students First!.

V. Appointments

- *There were no Appointments this week.*

VI. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that 2 of the 10 recommendations were via her discretionary authorization.
- Corella said that the packet was split between the recommendations that had been made before the meeting that was cancelled on election night and the recommendations that had been made before this meeting.
- Lee said that for the Asian American Tutorial Project, the numbers did not match up.
- Avila said that there were actually several of these instances.
- Corella said that she thought the right numbers were in the box, and the numbers in the comments were probably wrong.
- Lee asked if the APC application for their program on October 26th had been turned in before the day of the event.
- Corella said that it had.
- Avila moved and Martinez seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Lee called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations were approved by Acclamation.

Cultural Affairs Commission

Requested: \$540.00

Recommended: \$316.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$316.00 for the partial cost of Advertising for the Cultural Affairs Commission's Comedy Series to be held on November 17th.

Bruin Partners

Requested: \$688.88

Recommended: \$516.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$516.00 for the partial cost of Transportation for Site Visits during Fall Quarter to be held from November 15th to November 18th.

ACM

Requested: \$270.90

Recommended: \$180.60

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$180.60 for the partial cost of Accommodations for the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest to be held on November 13th.

Blood Drive Committee – Student Welfare Commission

Requested: \$1,520.63

Recommended: \$ 474.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$474.00 for the partial cost of Advertising for SWC's Fall 2004 Blood Drive to take place on November 12th, 15th, 18th, 30th, December 1st, and December 3rd.

Vietnamese Language and Culture (VNLC)

Requested: \$1,548.00

Recommended: \$ 258.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$258.00 for the partial cost of Transportation to the Saturday Vietnamese Tutorial Event, to be held every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Vietnamese Language and Culture (VNLC)

Requested: \$1,548.00

Recommended: \$ 258.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$258.00 for the partial cost of Transportation to Rendering Encouragement in Academic Commitment for Higher Education, to be held every Saturday.

Asian American Tutorial Project

Requested: \$200.00

Recommended: \$200.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for the cost of an Honorarium for the Field Trip to the Japanese American National Museum to be held on November 20th, 2004.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

Requested: \$1,600.00

Recommended: \$ 400.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the cost of Registration for the AISES 26th Annual National Conference to be held from November 11th to November 13th.

Vietnamese Language and Culture (VNLC)

Requested: \$1,195.31

Recommended: \$ 393.93

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$393.93 for the cost of Facilities for the Second Cinema Symposium held on November 7th.

Asian Pacific Coalition

Requested: \$1,028.00

Recommended: \$ 400.00

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the partial cost of an Honorarium for On the Table... A Voter Issues Panel held on October 26th.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Cultural Affairs Commission – Shantanu Bhuiyan

- Bhuiyan said that the next Jazz Series would be on November 15th, and this was now a weekly event due to an increase in turnout. He said that there was a noontime concert on the 17th, and a comedy show in the Cooperage later that same night. Bhuiyan also said that on the 19th there was a show in the Coffee House. He said that there was an art exhibit on display by the UCLA Hunger Project, and there would be films every Thursday and Saturday. Bhuiyan said that Worldfest would be from May 2nd to May 6th. He added that he was talking with Santa Monica Cultural Affairs to work together on this, as they wanted the event to be really big this year. Bhuiyan said that each day of the week would correspond to a different region. Bhuiyan said that the Special Events staff was meeting on Tuesdays now, with an attempt to get the Hip-Hop Explosion scheduled. Bhuiyan also said that they were recruiting more people for the Jazz Series.

Campus Events Commission – Jason Gaulton

- Gaulton said that “Before Sunrise, Before Sunset” would be tonight and tomorrow. He also said that there would be a free concert by “Everybody Else” in Bruin Plaza. Gaulton said that on Monday there would be “Aqueduct” in the Coop, and there would be a sneak on Wednesday for “Alexander” followed by “National Treasure” on Thursday. He also said that there were free tickets for Vanessa Carlton at Third Street.

Student Welfare Commission – Jason Avila

- Avila said that he had a guest, who he led into the room.
It was someone dressed up as a Blood Drop.
There was much laughter.
- Avila passed around fliers for the blood drive, and said that anyone who gave blood could get a teddy bear or a nalgene bottle. Avila said that the cooking class was coming up on Thursday November 18th, and there would be a basketball tournament with cool prizes being given out. Lastly Avila said that World AIDS Day was coming up, and that this would be in conjunction with Dance Marathon and the AIDS group on Campus. He said that people were asked to wear black and show up at 11:30 a.m. that day, to promote AIDS awareness on campus.

Community Service Commission – Crystal Lee

- Lee said that there had been forty people from different campuses this weekend for her event. She said that there had been a good discussion on activism, and they had opened a forum on their website about activism. Lee added that the Hunger Project was doing an Art Exhibit in Kerckhoff as part of the national Hunger and Homeless Awareness. She added that the art on display had been made by the service recipients.

Office of the General Representatives – Anneli Villarín and Jenny Wood

- Villarín said that last week the Advocacy of Arts and Get Out the Vote Concert had been very successful. She said that the capacity had been set at 1,000, and the final attendance had been 600 people. Villarín said that See L.A. had been a good event on Saturday, and said that the Veterans parade had been the largest ever in Pilipino Town. She said that right now she was working on a new campaign, after a lady had been chased by someone coming down from the Library. Villarín said that the woman was rescued by a group of residents, but this indicated a lack of emergency phones, with a lot of them even being broken. She said that she would be doing an investigation on this.
- Wood said that she was passing around a flier about the Students of Color Conference. She said that registration was free, and due by November 15th. Wood said that she was expecting about 500 students from around the state, and added that there were only about 100 spots left for UCLA students to get free food. She said that she hoped everyone could make it to at least a couple of workshops.

Academic Affairs – Eligio Martínez Jr.

- Martínez said that the project he was working on fell through. He also said that the ECP survey had been delayed again, but hopefully by Friday it would be able to be finished. Martínez said that it was no longer feasible to do it this quarter, as about two-weeks were needed after the survey went out. He said that it would be postponed until next quarter.

External Vice President – John Vu

From the External Vice President Report of John Vu
Students of Color Conference

- We are currently on the last stretch for planning the students of color conference. We are meeting daily to update on the logistics of the conference. We need as many volunteers as possible for this conference, so if anyone has volunteers from their staff-please come talk to me afterward!

UC Regents

- The three items that they are discussing that will greatly impact students are students fees, return to aid, outreach, and the option of having a multi-racial box when self-identifying
- As a reminder, the UC Regents meeting will occur in Covel Commons, Wednesday, November 17th and Thursday, November 18th.

UCSA

- The next board meeting will occur Friday, November 19th. It will be here, at UCLA following the Regents meeting and preceding the Students of the Color conference. We will reassess our GOTV campaign and make plans for the rest of the year. This will be our last meeting of the quarter!

Sacramento

- Following the Students of Color conference, I will commence my frequent Sacramento to build relationships with key legislators and their staff and introduce UCSA's priorities for the year.

Other

- We will have a discussion tonight on USAC supporting a resolution in support of the action agenda items for UCSA and USSA. All UCLA students are members of both of these associations.

Reminders

- November 17-18, 2004-UC Regents Meeting
- November 19-21, 2004-Students of Color Conference
- November 25, 2004-Jason Gaulton's Birthday
- December 18, 2004-Pavan's Birthday

Internal Vice President – Darren Chan

- Chan thanked everyone that was able to make it to the joint On-Campus Housing Council (OCHC) and USAC meeting. He said that a variety of issues had been discussed, and that they had agreed to work on some things together. Chan said that they were trying to figure out another time that they could meet in December. He also thanked everyone that was able to show up to the leadership/internship fair. Chan asked for the names of the interns that signed up at everyone's office and their availability. Chan thanked council for the blurbs about each office, and said that these would be sent to the potential interns. He said that the deadline for the application to be submitted was November 8th, at which point he would receive the applications for the preferred committees. Chan said that at that point, the members of council who wanted to take interns would need to hold some kind of draft pick.
- Vardner said the Office of the Internal Vice President and OCHC would be putting on the UCLA Student Leadership Summit the third week of Winter Quarter. He said that this was a good opportunity for student leaders to learn how to hold retreats, and to get other useful information. Vardner said that this would be a great opportunity to learn skills not otherwise available at UCLA, and these were very practical rather than idealistic. He said that this was also a great opportunity to work with other groups on campus, and co-program with one another. Vardner said that this would get student leaders to know other student leaders. He said that leadership does not end with one's title, as real life does not end with the termination of a class, and leadership is a continuing learning process. Vardner said that the workshop list was a tentative one, and he was constantly getting new people who wanted to hold workshops. He said that there was no limit to the number of people that could do this. Vardner said that this would be held the third week of January.
- Chan said that the Summit would not just be a seminar for soaking up of information. He said that this was a place for each group to talk to other groups to share what they know about leadership and group dynamics. Chan said that there would be lots of student leaders in addition to professionals present.
- Wood asked what day it was.

- Vardner said that they were still finalizing that with the Center for Student Programming (CSP). He said that one side was arguing for an all-day conference, and another was arguing for an evening of a weekday. Vardner said that if anyone felt strongly one way or another, to let him or Chan know.

President – Allende Palma/Saracho

- Palma/Saracho said that he had met with one of the assistant librarians, and that the college library was interested in getting some feedback from a board, if some council members could volunteer. He also said that he had gone to the meeting of the ASUCLA Board's Space Subcommittee where they had made a wish-list for space. Palma/Saracho asked Council members to prioritize their space needs. Palma/Saracho said that he and John Vu had met with Dr. Naples to discuss some of the holdups on sending funds to the United States Student Association (USSA). He said that they had done everything requested of them, and they expected an update from the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) by the next meeting. Palma/Saracho thanked everyone who had come to the orientation for the President's Office interns, and said that he thought the interns had enjoyed everyone's stories. He added that there had 25 applicants yesterday, but now had 30 because more applications had come in. Palma/Saracho asked for everyone on council to submit a calendar to him so that they could schedule some events that they could go to as a group. Palma/Saracho said that he would be going to the Alumni Association Board Meeting tomorrow, so if anyone needed him to pass anything along to the alumni to let him know.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

A. *United States Student Association (USSA) Resolution

- Park said that they had presented to council Resolutions in support of the Action Agenda Items for USSA and UCSA, and were asking USAC to approve them.
- Vu said that UCLA was a founding member of USSA, which made them a very important member of that Association. He said that UCLA had already done a lot of work toward these Action Agenda Items.
- Samaan said that it was important for each school to pledge its support to the Action Agenda Items because they needed the support of the universities.
- Martinez moved and Avila seconded to approve the USSA Resolution.
- Tseng called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Resolution to Adopt the 2004-2005 United States Student Association Action Agenda Items was approved by Acclamation.

B. *University of California Students Association (UCSA) USAC Resolution

- Samaan said that he was here as the UCSA Campus Organizing Director, to make sure that the Action Agenda Items were being carried out at UCLA. He said that the Get Out the Vote Campaign had been very successful, but reminded council that there was still more to do. Samaan added that students could learn more about Eligibility Reform on UCSA's website.
- Martinez moved and Lee seconded to approve the UCSA Resolution.
- Wood called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Resolution to Adopt the 2004-2005 University of California Student Association (UCSA) Action Agenda was approved by Acclamation.

X. Announcements

- Avila said that pizza was going to be donated from Enzo's Pizzeria for the blood drive, so if anyone gives blood on Monday they could get fed. He added that there would also be a drawing for a free prep course for the LSAT or MCAT.
- Tuttle said that this summer there had been a very strong series of programs held at Bradley Hall. He said that there was an international connection program, with Ambassadors to other countries, and Ambassadors from other countries coming here. Tuttle said that there had been a wonderful reception, and said that if anyone was interested in being an Ambassador, they should email him at rtuttle@saonet.ucla.edu.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Villarín seconded to adjourn.
- Tseng called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 P.M. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
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