

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday November 30, 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, Villarín, Vu, Williams, Wood

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Jenny Kim, Daniela Chavez, Joe Vardner

I. A. Call to Order

- Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Villarín asked to add a Special Presentation with regard to the USAC T-Shirts.
- Tseng asked to add a report by the ECP Task Force under Old Business.
- Tseng moved and Lee 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

November 9, 2004

- Avila asked that "Red Blood Cell" be changed to read "Blood Drop", and that "Squeeze Bottle" be changed to "Nalgene Bottle". He added that 11:30 a.m. was the time for groups to show up on World AIDS Day for the march.
- Martinez asked that "failed" be changed to read "fell through" with regard to his project in his Officer Member Report.
- Williams said that on page 3, with regard to the proposed ASUCLA Student Fee, it was actually \$50 per student.
- Villarín said that on page 9, with regard to the march, it should have read Phillipino Town.
- Wood moved and Avila seconded to approve the Minutes as amended.
- Tseng called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of November 9, 2004 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Special Presentations

Office of the General Representatives

- Villarín introduced Jenny Kim to council.
- Kim said that she had worked to create these USAC T-Shirts, which were now in and needed to be paid for. She said that she was here to get the money and hand out the shirts tonight.
- Wood asked if everyone could please get the money in by Monday.

- Kim displayed the shirts.
Council applauded her efforts.
- Villarín asked Wood if council should wear the USAC T-Shirts to the AIDS march.
- Wood said council should wear the USAC T-Shirts to the march, and then wear black during the march.

Office of the President

- Palma/Saracho introduced Daniela Chavez from his staff to help with his presentation on the President's Internships. He said that there would be an outline of the curriculum and also preliminary office assignments for the interns. Palma/Saracho said that anyone could come to him later if they had problems or wanted to make changes.
- Palma/Saracho said that as an intern, one of the first things expected of them was to rank the offices in order of preference. He said that he then tried best to place the interns in one of their top three choices if possible. Palma/Saracho said that the second component of the internship would be Leadership Development Sessions. He said that these would include learning about social issues, going on field trips, hearing speakers, undergoing skill development, and more. He added that his office was trying to get this seminar counted for course credit, and said that it would meet for four hours every Friday during Winter Quarter. He also said that if the interns had too many credits, they would not be forced to receive credit for the seminar. Palma/Saracho said that the third component of the internship would be a Community Service Requirement. He said that Interns would be required to participate in three sessions during the winter quarter, but that this was negotiable if they wanted to be in a program that made them work much more or all at once. He said that his office was very excited about this, and he said that the next orientation with the interns would present them with their options.
- Gruenberg asked how much reading would be required for the seminar.
- Palma/Saracho said that the reading would be more of a supplemental option, rather than a requirement.
- Tseng asked if the class would be graded or if it would be pass/no pass.
- Palma/Saracho said that this was still being decided. He also said that he did not want to overlap with any other programs that offices were holding. Palma/Saracho said that the way the interns work in each office would be determined by that office, as this seemed to work better than putting requirements on the office.
- Chavez said that she had broken the session topics down into 10 groups, since there would be 10 classes during the quarter. She said that each had its own topic and its own facilitator(s).
- Palma/Saracho went down the list of each week and spoke briefly on the topics that would be covered.
 - Week 1: Introduction to the class
 - Week 2: Pyramid of Power – What can we do as students?
 - Week 3: Organizing 101
 - Week 4: Educational Systems
 - Week 5: Sisters at the Center
 - Week 6: Environmental Racism
 - Week 7: LGBTQQ Issues
 - Week 8: Institutional Issues of Race and
 - Week 9: Workers' Rights
 - Week 10: Closing Presentation
- Palma/Saracho said that the seminars were geared toward putting things in a local context, and humanizing the issues so that students would see the connections between themselves and the issues, now and later.
- Gruenberg asked if the internships were still open to applicants.
- Palma/Saracho said that if people wanted to come submit an application, they still could. He said that if people wanted to just sit in on a session, then they needn't fill out an application. He added that he just wanted an idea of how many people would be at the meetings, and how many readers would be needed. Palma/Saracho then showed

council a list of which interns had been assigned to which offices. He said that every office had at least one person, and some had more if they were larger offices that needed more manpower. He asked council if they could let him know by the end of the week if there were any problems, or if they wanted to have him contact the interns instead of offices contacting them directly.

- Tseng asked when he would meet his interns.
- Palma/Saracho said that they should do it as soon as possible. He said that all of the students were very impressive, and had all come from very different backgrounds. Palma/Saracho added that they were all very excited about working in the offices to which they had been assigned, and encouraged council to use the interns as a resource instead of seeing them as a burden.

V. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that 1 of the 5 recommendations were via her discretionary authorization.
- Tseng moved and Vu seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Wood 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.

Community Service Commission

Requested: \$278.58

Recommended: \$139.29

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$139.29 for the partial cost of Transportation to WYSE (Women and Youth Supporting Each Other) to be held on December 8th, 2004.

Pilipino Recruitment and Enrichment Program (PREP)

Requested: \$1,213.00

Recommended: \$ 450.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$450.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for the Winter Staff Retreat to be held January 8th and 9th of 2005.

Yukai Daiko

Requested: \$360.73

Recommended: \$250.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$250.00 for the cost of the Honorarium and the Facilities for the Yukai Daiko Fall Leadership Retreat to be held from December 15th through December 18th, 2004.

UCLA Special Olympics / CSC

Requested: \$1,334.66

Recommended: \$ 379.53

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$379.53 for the cost of Transportation and the partial cost of both Food and Supplies for the Holiday Barbeque to be held on December 11th, 2004.

Music Club

Requested: \$256.00

Recommended: \$256.00

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$256.00 for the cost of Facilities for Band Night, held on December 3rd 2004.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that on February 1st, he had lined up an opportunity for USAC to have a dinner with some of the student leader alumni. He said that he thought council would be amazed by what the Alumni were doing. Nelson added that everyone would get to see where these people had come from and where they were now. He said that another nice thing was that there would be free food. Nelson said that it would probably take place before the USAC meeting, but that council could decide whether or not to make the meeting part of the event. He said that he hoped it would become an ongoing thing, and said that these Alumni were very impressive.
- McLaren asked if all of these were previously on USAC.
- Nelson said that most of them were former USAC officers, but those that were not were leaders on campus. He said that he had spoken to one today who was a business consultant for legal firms.

External Vice President – John Vu

- Vu said that he was currently working on writing policy proposals for the University of California Students Association (UCSA), along with the EVP at USC. Vu said that he was also scheduling another Legislative Conference to take place February 4th through 7th, and that it would be like the Students of Color Conference only with UCSA. Vu said that he was also working on recruiting more schools to get on board with this project.

Internal Vice President – Darren Chan

- Chan said that the joint USAC On-Campus Housing Council (OCHC) meeting would be tomorrow, at 5:30, at Covel Commons. He said that the Agenda was dominated by Expected Cumulative Progress (ECP), and said that Tseng would be giving a presentation. Chan reminded council that if anyone had a program in the winter that they wanted OCHC to help with, to please bring pertinent materials to the meeting to talk with them. Chan said that at 9:00 tomorrow night, there would be the planning meeting for the Student Leadership Summit, in a room with a 45-person capacity. He said that the basic structure of the conference had been decided, and that the purpose of the meeting would be to brainstorm more ideas for the Summit. Chan then introduced Joe Vardner to council.
- Vardner said that much to the frustration of the Transportation Services Advisory Board (TSAB), there are about 30 residents on the East side of campus who complain about the Hilgard Bus Terminal. He said that as a result, a lot of the major buses now do not go there in the evening. Vardner said that a viewpoint had been published today to bring this to the attention of the students, and tell them that the terminal would not be removed; rather they would only go so far as to stop service at nights and on the weekends.
- Palma/Saracho asked how many students would be affected by this cutback.
- Vardner said that he did not have that information, but he would get that information by Winter Quarter.
- Villarín said that some people have told her that the UCLA shuttles do not stop at Lot 6 anymore, which has been quite a hassle. She added that stations had been built so that MTA buses stopped in the Shuttle stops, which got in the way. Villarín asked if this could be reconfigured to make it easier for the shuttles.
- Vardner said that the shuttle restructuring had not been an initiative by Transportation Services, but rather as a result of budget cuts to save \$200,000. He said that the routes had been restructured to make them shorter.

- Gruenberg asked if this could be integrated into the CPA campaign.
- Vardner said that he thought this would actually hurt CPA, and he recommended getting statements from students on campus. He said that with the support of the students, perhaps they could make a difference.
- Nelson said that students needed to think about playing politics off of campus. He said that 30,000 students could certainly offset 30 complainers. Nelson said that if this had to do with votes, then the students were a force to be reckoned with, and their vote should count more than a small group of complainers.
- Wood asked when the Student Leadership Summit was.
- Vardner said it would be Thursday of second week. He said that the format was still being decided, but it would run from either 12:30 or 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- Tseng asked why people were complaining about the bus terminal.
- Vardner said that it was a matter of property value and noise, and if the bus terminal was removed, it would not be an eye-sore or source of noise.

President - Allende Palma/Saracho

- Palma/Saracho said that there would be a Board of Directors (BOD) Entities meeting tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to talk about the proposed student fee, and said that he would be sure to update council. Palma/Saracho also said that he would be attending another unrelated meeting next week, and would continue to keep council updated on his work.

VIII. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

IX. Old Business

A. Expected Cumulative Progress (ECP) Task Force Update

- Tseng said that the task force was now meeting on a regular basis, and he said that he would be making a report to council every week. Tseng said that there were three requirements; To follow-up on tasks, to update council on ECP, and to hold an OCHC and USAC discussion. He said that he thought it would be good to talk about the agenda for the OCHC meeting tomorrow, so that there would not be any questions amongst council at the meeting. Tseng said that there had been a language problem with some of the campaign advertising, and said that production of ads needed to stop until that was cleared up. He said that there would be five-minute presentations on the hill for different organizations on the hill, and asked Chan to update council on that.
- Gruenberg said that they would hold the five-minute presentations and hour-long seminars on ECP.
- Tseng asked Wood about the Greeks.
- Wood said that she spoke with the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic, and though the terms were ending, council would be able to make a presentation to them in Winter Quarter.
- Tseng asked Chan about the other student groups.
- Chan said that he had only gotten commitments from 3 of the student groups thus far.
- Tseng asked Wood about the Liaison to OCHC.
- Wood said that they had begun the process of getting the information out there.
- Tseng said that per Tripathi's recommendation, the workshops had been cut down to three in number, and asked him for an update.
- Tripathi said that he was working on it.
- Wood added that she had gotten computers from a company called Green Bear, and said that they would have extension cords and wireless capabilities.
- Lee asked how much it would cost.
- Wood said that the email invoice was in her computer, which had died, so she would get that information as soon as her computer was fixed.

- Lee asked if it would be cheaper to get them from the CLICC Lab.
- Wood said that she would look at the cost.
- Lee said that 4 of her people worked in the CLICC laptop checkout, and said that they recommended checking computers out from the Geology Library.
- Tseng asked if there was any price information from Green Bear at all.
- Wood said that it was a three-digit figure.
- Tseng asked council what they thought would be the best way to keep people updated and on task.
- Villarín and council agreed that the emails Tseng had been sending out were fine.
- Tseng said that he would go over the ECP task force structure, and again reminded council that ECP was one of Council's Action Agenda Items for the year. He said that this was a structure, not a hierarchy. Tseng said that the Steering committee was in charge of guiding the others. He said that under this were the Publicity, Media, and Education groups. Tseng went over some of the responsibilities of each of the groups, and talked about what each committee was expected to produce. He then moved on to the last page of his handout, and explained the differences between the Steering Committee meetings and the General Body Meetings. Tseng said that the purpose of going over all of this information should be important for everyone, because they could now show their staff members a little more about the ECP campaign. Tseng moved on to the format of the report for the joint USAC-OCHC meeting. He again said that it was broken down into three categories, and restated them; Tasks, Task-Force Updates, and OCHC-USAC Discussion. Tseng said that he would like to establish a contact person in OCHC to be on the Steering Committee. He then opened the floor for discussion about the meeting.
- Wood said that it would be a good idea to ask OCHC what the RA's and ORL staff would be able to do to contribute to this.
- Tseng said that since there were 3 Resident Advisors (RA's) on council, he asked them what they thought they could do.
- Tripathi said that OCHC and the RA's were very separate. He said that the RA's were employees of the Office of Residential Life (ORL), whereas OCHC was just made up of students.
- Chan said that he didn't think any of the things outlined in the discussion were beyond the abilities of OCHC, and said that he thought council should inform OCHC but also allow them to give feedback about their intended involvement in this. He added that as a means of getting information out to the students, going to OCHC would be the best way since council would not have to go through ORL.
- Wood said it might be neat to talk about the OCHC programs coming up in Winter Quarter, like casino night, and suggested that this be combined with advertising about ECP. She also said that they should try to direct it more at the student leaders, not just OCHC, but rather floor governments.
- Tseng asked council to please say something and show more interest in this.
- Wood said what a great job Tseng has been doing.
- Tseng said that he thought Chan was right about what OCHC could do. He said that council needed to think about what level of assistance it needed from OCHC to make this campaign successful.
- Gruenberg said that he thought it would be good to get OCHC to use their resources to work on ECP.
- McLaren asked if there was anything council could offer to help OCHC with if they helped council in return.
- Villarín disagreed with Gruenberg, and said that she thought OCHC did think this was important, as they had agreed to hold this next meeting. She said that the students affected by ECP were the very constituents represented by OCHC. Villarín said that the more people council can get involved the better.
- Tseng clarified what he had said earlier by saying that rather than having a list of things they wanted from OCHC, he just wanted to have some goals going into the meeting.

- Palma/Saracho said that an overall goal should be to get a partner in the ECP campaign, and have some ideas of things to do in the coming quarter. He said that it should be outcome-oriented, with commitments made for what will be done next quarter.
- Tseng said that there were four big items on the Agenda, and asked if there were recommendations about restructuring of the Agenda.
- Palma/Saracho said that the meeting should be more interactive, rather than just having someone talk to them.
- Avila asked what the poster machine mentioned earlier was.
- Wood said that it was a machine that scanned an 8.5x11 document to make a large poster.
- Tseng asked if it was too late to get equipment for a PowerPoint presentation during the meeting.
- Chan said that they needed a two-week advance notice for that.
- Wood said that she could try to get it from ASUCLA.
- Chan said that if a presentation was printed out, then OCHC could take it home too.

X. Announcements

- Gaulton said that on Thursday, from 12-1:30 a Vietnam Veteran would be speaking in Kerckhoff Grand Salon. He also said that on Thursday at the Coop, there would be "Advantage", who remixed old Nintendo tunes. Gaulton said that for Beat 'SC Week, on Thursday, Campus Events would be sponsoring the bonfire. He encouraged council to go to the game on Saturday.
- Avila said that tomorrow was World AIDS Day and also the last day of the blood drive.
- Bhuiyan said that "A Closer Walk" would be shown tomorrow, in keeping with World AIDS Day.
- Wood offered council fliers about the cool things happening on World AIDS Day, and encouraged everyone to come to the marches and to get tested.
- Tseng said that last week there had been the presentation about the underpaid UCLA workers, so there was a toy drive being held for the UCLA workers who could not afford to buy presents for their children.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Villa rin 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 8:35 P.M. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker