

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCILTuesday January 11, 2005
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Villarin

GUESTS: Linda Chu, Thi Dao, Janina Montero, Brian Neesby, Saba Riazi, Christine Sol, Joe Vardner

I. A. Call to Order

- Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Wood asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Martinez asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Tseng asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Tripathi moved and Martinez seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Martinez 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 23, 2004

- Gaulton said that contrary to the attendance on the minutes, he had not been at that meeting.
- Martinez moved and Lee seconded to approve the Minutes as amended.
- Wood called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of November 23, 2004 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Special Presentations

There were no Special Presentations this week.

V. Appointments

USA Programming Fund Committee

- Palma/Saracho said that two USAC officers sit on the Programming Fund Committee. He said that last quarter the two appointees had been Tseng and Tripathi, and now he wanted to appoint Gruenberg and Wood for Winter Quarter.
- Martinez moved and Tripathi seconded to approve the Appointment of Jenny Wood to the USA Programming Fund Committee for Winter Quarter.

- Avila called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, Jenny Wood was Appointed by Acclamation to serve on the USA Programming Fund Committee for Winter Quarter.
- Wood moved and Martinez seconded to approve the Appointment of Alex Gruenberg to the USA Programming Fund Committee for Winter Quarter.
- Lee called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, Alex Gruenberg was Appointed by Acclamation to serve on the USA Programming Fund Committee for Winter Quarter.

Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)

- Palma/Saracho said, with regard to the CRC, that it is important for council to deal with constitutional issues as they come up. He said that it has worked well in the past when the CRC was given specific responsibilities. Palma/Saracho said that he thought it was a good idea to appoint most of the members of the Budget Review Committee (BRD) to the CRC with Chan serving as the chairperson. He said that Ohara, Villarin, and Lee were up for appointment to the CRC.
- Gruenberg said that he wanted to thank Palma/Saracho for bringing this up. He said that he did want to comment on the selection, however. Gruenberg said that it would be nice to have a voice on this committee that would represent council members other than those that served on the BRD. He said that while potential reforms are considered for the constitution, it is important to have a strong diversity of opinion. Gruenberg said that he would advise caution, and said that he was uncomfortable appointing those four members, especially with some of their involvement on other committees.
- Palma/Saracho thanked Gruenberg for his caution, but said that he appointed these members because these people will be looking at an issue that they dealt strongly with over the summer; Base Budgets. He said that Corella would also be appropriate, even though she was not there at the time, since she was the leading expert on funding procedures.
- McLaren said, as a Point of Clarification, that the Bylaws designate that the IVP shall serve as a member of the CRC, but they do not specify that the IVP shall be the Chairperson of the CRC.
- Palma/Saracho said that he would then leave the decision regarding the Chairmanship to the discretion of the committee.
- Tripathi said that he was not comfortable with Palma/Saracho appointing two non-voting, non-elected members to the committee, especially since they would be reviewing the constitution.
- Palma/Saracho said that both the Finance Committee Chairperson and the Budget Review Director serve as Ex-Officio members of Council, and said that they were both present at almost all Council meetings. He said that they would be a minority on the committee. In addition, he said, every decision brought before council had to be approved by council. Palma/Saracho said he would like them to serve on the CRC because of their expertise.
- McLaren, raising a Point of Clarification, said that the Finance Committee Chairperson does serve Ex-Officio, but the Budget Review Director does not.
- Palma/Saracho thanked McLaren for her Point of Clarification. He then reminded Council that, even 'though the Budget Review Director does not serve Ex-Officio, she had been appointed by Council to serve as the BRD.
- Gruenberg said, because of the fact that Ohara does not serve as an Ex-Officio member of Council, he would no longer consider her as eligible to sit on the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Palma/Saracho said that Ohara was responsible to Council, and said he thought it didn't make sense not to have her sit on a committee that will be reviewing the Base Budget process.
- Wood said that, even 'though the CRC members review the Constitution, every member of council is entitled to make suggestions to the CRC. She also said that anyone on Council who has questions or concerns would be able to attend the CRC meetings.

- Tripathi said that, while that was true, he still would prefer that the members of the CRC were all either elected members of Council, or serving Ex-Officio.
- Palma/Saracho said that Ohara is the most experienced person on Base Budget funding and has the most to offer regarding changes to the Constitution on that subject.
- Gruenberg said that, since all four of the individuals being named to the CRC had been involved in the Base Budget process, which had a controversial element to it, he thought it would be good to have the viewpoint of someone who had not been involved in the Base Budget process. He said that, since these people would be recommending changes in the way that Council handles the base budget, he thought it would be wise to have someone on the CRC who had not been a part of this year's base budget process.
- Palma/Saracho said he had considered that point, as well, and he felt that Chan would be playing a pivotal role in the discussions. He said that, for this reason also, Martinez would not be serving on the CRC so as to maintain a diversity of opinion.
- Gruenberg said that he did not question the integrity of the appointees; he was only trying to create the most balanced and equitable committee.
- Palma/Saracho said that there are many different ways that everyone on council could take part in constitutional review. With that in mind, he said he was confident in his designees, and asked if the appointments could be taken to a vote.
- Wood moved and Martinez seconded to approve the appointment of Crystal Lee to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Crystal Lee to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- Wood moved and Tseng seconded to approve the appointment of Tracy Ohara to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Tracy Ohara to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- Wood moved and Martinez seconded to approve the appointment of Ma.Raissa Corella to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Ma.Raissa Corella to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.
- Wood moved and Martinez seconded to approve the appointment of Anneli Villarin to the Constitutional Review Committee.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Anneli Villarin to the Constitutional Review Committee with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- Palma/Saracho said that he hoped the meeting with Bob Naples could be set up soon, and he invited council to sit in on any of the CRC meetings that they wanted to. He also asked to be notified of the CRC's decision regarding a chairperson.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that three of the five recommendations were via her discretionary authorization.
- Avila moved and Tseng 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.

Office of the Internal Vice President

Requested: **\$755.76**
Recommended: **\$455.52**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$455.52 for the cost of Graphics and the partial cost of Supplies for the UCLA Student Leadership Summit to be held on January 20, 2005.

MEChA de UCLA

Requested: \$1,000.00
Recommended: \$ 740.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$740.00 for the cost of Graphics and Transportation for the 12th Annual Raza Youth Conference to be held on March 5, 2005.

Hunger Project

Requested: \$90.00
Recommended: \$48.00

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$48.00 for the cost of Supplies for the Hunger Project Orientation Info Session.

Samahang Pilipino

Requested: \$780.00
Recommended: \$450.00

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$450.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for the SPACE Winter Staff Retreat to be held the weekend of January 15, 2005.

Latin American Student Association

Requested: \$1,500.85
Recommended: \$ 224.69

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$224.69 for the cost of Supplies for the Winter Retreat to be held from January 3 - 5, 2005.

VII. Officer and Member Reports**Administrative Representative – Berkly Nelson**

- Nelson said that this coming Thursday at 4:00 p.m., there would be four people from Hong Kong, two students and two administrators, who would like to talk with student leaders about diversity. He said that they would be here Wednesday and Thursday, and it was interesting to meet other students for reasons of comparison. Nelson said that students from abroad often look here at UCLA's broad approach, which is unique in comparison to other universities. He asked if anyone on council wanted to come by his office to meet the visitors from Hong Kong.

- Martinez, Chan, Vu, Gruenberg all indicated interest.

- Montero reminded council that the Administration would be hosting a dinner with the current USAC members and a group of UCLA Alumni who were former student leaders. She said that the planned date for this was February 1 at 6:00 p.m. She said that this would be a good way to get alumni more involved, and would also help to get the members of council more connected with former student leaders. Montero said that the Alums were interested in student affairs, and she asked Council members to let her know about the topics they would like to discuss at the dinner meeting.

- Wood asked how many people would be coming.

- Montero said there were 77 RSVP's to date.

- McLaren asked if the invitations had been extended just to former USAC Presidents, or if all members of former Councils had been invited.

- Nelson said that the list included all members of prior Councils, as well as other student leaders on campus who had left their respective marks. He said that this was essentially a group of leaders from 1980 to last year.

- Vu asked if Sheila Kuehl would be there.
- Nelson said that she had not been a member of student government, but rather an employee.
- Avila asked that, since the dinner was planned for a Tuesday evening, if there would be a conflict between the dinner and the USAC meeting.
- Nelson said that the Administration had scheduled the dinner meeting for a Tuesday because he knew that almost everyone on Council would be available to attend. He said that he figured that Council Members had to eat dinner somewhere, so was hoping that they could hold the Council meeting after the dinner meeting.
- Wood asked how long the event was planned to last.
- Montero said that she estimated 1-2 hours. She suggested that Council members let the alumni guests know that they would have to leave the dinner meeting between 7:30 and 8:00pm to attend their regular Tuesday night USAC meeting.
- Nelson said that this was a rare opportunity, and he had not seen a similar situation in which previous members of council could meet with contemporary members.
- McLaren mentioned that USAC Presidents have held two reunion dinners over the past 15 years, and that all of the former officers had expressed their desire to find ways to be supportive of the current Council members.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Eligio Martinez Jr.

- Martinez said that he had a lot of bad news. He said that the ECP survey had been submitted at the end of last quarter, and council's request for an exception was denied. Martinez said that it now had to be approved at a meeting on the 13th, so council would find out this week whether or not the survey could go out. He said that in addition to that, the diversity requirement failed this week. Martinez said that he would continue to work, pushing it in the School of Arts and Architecture and in the school of Theater Film and Television. He hoped that it would be in place by 2005.
- Gruenberg asked if there were alternate routes beyond the Academic Senate.
- Martinez said that it was ultimately up to them. He said that on top of that, he was losing faculty support.
- Nelson asked if Martinez knew why it was turned down.
- Martinez said that it was a vote, so it was confidential. But, people were complaining that it was too vague, and would not make much of a difference. He said that in the meantime, his office was working to raise awareness of different issues going on around the world. Martinez said that he might work with Gaulton on this one.

General Representative #2 – Tommy Tseng

- Tseng said that there was a short ECP report, and warned council that he would make a more complete one at the next meeting. He said that they had done some research over the break, and he had heard a lot from the university about how ECP was necessary to get more money from the state or from UCOP. However, Tseng said that based on some research by he and Wood, those claims were unsubstantiated. Tseng also said that he needed the signboards that council members had promised him. Tseng also said that he needed all Council members to send a representative from their offices to the ECP General Body meetings as they had promised him. He said that these meetings would be on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of the Student Activities Center. Tseng said that he would be in Washington D.C. during the first meeting of the quarter, but would be at all the rest.

General Representative #1 – Jenny Wood

- Wood said that there was going to be a Tsunami Relief Coalition meeting on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Student Activities Center. She added that a lot of organizations had come together to form this coalition. Wood said that she also wanted to tell council that Get Tested Week would be Third Week, and there would be testing from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as well as daily programming. She said that lots of

different organizations would be programming during the week. Wood also said that if council members had not paid for the USAC T-Shirts to please do so.

- Chan asked if the Student Health Advocates (SHA's) were going to help.
- Wood said that some of the SHA's were distributing fliers in the residence halls, and if Chan wanted to help that would be great.

External Vice President – John Vu

From John Vu's Weekly report to council

USSA Update

- This past weekend was the USSA board of director's meeting at Santa Monica Community College. The weekend comprised of discussions on the action agenda items and ways we can implement them onto our campuses. The details from this weekend's board meeting can be found in the report of Jeannie Biniek, National Affairs Director of the EVP office.

UCSA Update

- State Legislative Update

- As you all may know, the budget is out. There are some good, some bad, and some ugly. The good-An increase of 5.5% (\$4.781 billion) in total funds and 3.6% (\$2.806 billion) in General Fund over the 2004-05 budget levels and an increase of \$44.8 million in funding for the Cal Grant program.

- The bad and perhaps the ugly-\$17.3 million reduction to outreach and enrollment (together), the Budget Act was augmented by \$26.5 million for enrolment growth and outreach programs beyond the obligations of the compact (which provided \$0 state funding for outreach). The Administration will work with UC to develop performance measures to evaluate the cost effectiveness of all outreach programs. Also, there was a \$3.8 million reduction to the labor studies center (basically eliminating these centers), and the further implementation of a long-term fee policy for the UC and CSU systems.

- UCSA's response

- We are currently generating our responses and are beginning our lobbying and organizing efforts to increase in the areas that were cut.

- The next UCSA event will be the UC Lobby Conference, from February 4-6, 2005 at UC Davis. The UC Lobby Day will be February 7, 2005 in Sacramento.

- The next UC Regents meetings:

- January 19-20, 2005 at UCSF-Laurel Heights.

- Status reports and discussion on the grounds and buildings (basically facilities) of the University.

- March 16-17, 2005 at UCLA.

Travel Schedule

- EVP office retreat; San Clemente, CA; January 16-17, 2005.

- UC Regents meeting; UCSF-Laurel Heights; January 19-20, 2005.

- UCSA Board of Directors meeting; UCSD; January 21-23, 2005.

- Replenishing Democracy Conference; New Orleans, LA; January 28-30, 2005.

- UC Lobby Conference; UC Davis/Sacramento February 4-7, 2005.

- UCLGBTIA/Western Regional Conference; UC Davis; February 18-20, 2005.

- UCSA Board of Directors meeting; UC Riverside; March 4 and 6, 2005.

- UC Budget Summit; Fresno State; March 5, 2005.

- USSA Lobby Conference; DC; March 18-22, 2005.

**UCSA Lobby visits to Sacramento vary dependent on higher education committee meetings.*

Internal Vice President – Darren Chan

- Chan said that he would be passing out brochures for the Student Leadership Summit (SLS). He said that it was next Thursday, January 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He said that there was a schedule in the pamphlet, so that people could know what was going on and when. Chan said that there would be food provided by ASUCLA, and he

thanked Bob Williams for that support. He said that people could come for all or just part of the day, and said that there would be leaders from lots of different groups on campus. Chan said that the program had a wide-range of subjects, and said that the event had been planned to increase USAC visibility on campus. Chan also brought up the next USAC/OCHC meeting, and said that the earliest date discussed thus far was Wednesday, January 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. He said that, if it was alright with council, he would go ahead and book the same room where they met the last time. Chan also said that three of the rooms on the hill were being booked for the ECP workshops.

- Gruenberg asked if the meeting with OCHC could be in the DeNeve dining room.
- Chan said that he would work on it.

President – Allende Palma/Saracho

- Palma/Saracho said that last week they held the first leadership development session of the Presidential Internship Program. He said that 20 interns had shown up, and there had been some presentations made. Palma/Saracho said that the group went over goals and expectations. He said that this group would be meeting every Friday from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. if anyone was interested in coming. Palma/Saracho said that this week there would be some great speakers at the meeting. He said that they would either be meeting in Ackerman or Kerckhoff, and he could tell anyone where they would be on any given week upon request. Palma/Saracho said that most people had gotten back to him about parking, but if anyone had not and needed parking to let him know. He said that lastly he would be attending another Entities meeting this week, discussing the fee increase. He added that it would be from 10:00 to 12:00 in Ackerman 2408 on Friday if anyone was interested in attending.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business this week.

IX. New Business

There was no New Business this week.

X. Announcements

- Gruenberg said that Book Lending was going on for the winter quarter. He also said that two weeks from today there would be an event with the Scholarship Resource Center in the DeNeve Auditorium.
- Avila asked if council could create some form of a general USAC calendar or a mailing list or something.
- Gaulton said that he had hoped to get all of the events posted on the UCLA Happenings website. He told council to forward their upcoming events to him and he would make sure that the events made it on to the website. Gaulton said that “Hero” would be shown Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and next week “The Incredibles” would show on Thursday and Friday. He also said that there would be music in Ackerman Grand Ballroom on Tuesday at noon.
- Bhuiyan said that there would be Eclectic Open Mic Night at Kerckhoff from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Thursday.
- Montero asked if anyone on council would be interested in hearing a presentation about financial aid. Also, she said that the data from the UCSE Survey was being looked at, and the Administration would very much like to share that information with council if they were interested in hearing about it.
- Wood asked how many students filled out the survey.
- Montero said about 6,000.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Avila seconded to adjourn.
- Vu called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker