

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 18, 2005
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Gaulton, Tuttle

GUESTS: Aliya Haq, Melissa Dudley, Tyson Evans, Paul Marian, Brian Neesby, Saba Riazati,
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 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.
- Tseng asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Villarin asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Wood said that she was waiting for someone to help make the Tsunami Relief presentation, and asked that the presentation be held until the guest's arrival.
- Gruenberg asked that a Discussion for a new Election Board Chair be added under New Business.
- Lee 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

NOVEMBER 30, 2005

- Gruenberg said that Jenny Kim's last name was misspelled on the attendance list and throughout the minutes.
- Martinez moved and Vu seconded to approve the Minutes of November 30, 2005, as amended.
- Lee called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of November 30, 2004 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

DECEMBER 7, 2004

- Martinez said that the meeting he mentioned at the bottom of page three was a meeting of the University's Committee on Educational Policy.
- Avila said that the SWC "party" he mentioned had actually been a "study party".
- Vu moved and Martinez seconded to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2005, as amended.

- Avila called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of December 7, 2005 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Appointments

There were no Appointments this week.

V. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that two of the five recommendations were via her discretionary authorization.
- Villarin moved to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Tripathi asked Wood where the General Representatives' retreat was going to be held.
- Wood said that it would be in San Diego
- Wood seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations.
- Avila 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.

United Khmer Students

Requested: \$500.00

Recommended: \$ 50.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$50.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for their Winter Retreat to be held from January 28th to January 30th.

General Representatives Office

Requested: \$869.42

Recommended: \$450.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$450.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for General Representatives Winter 2005 Retreat to be held in San Diego from January 21st to January 23rd.

Asian Pacific Coalition

Requested: \$540.00

Recommended: \$400.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$400.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for the APC Winter Leadership Retreat to be held from January 21st to January 23rd.

UCLA Association of Hmong Students

Requested: \$450.00

Recommended: \$274.00

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$274.00 for the partial cost of Facilities for the AHS Winter Retreat held from January 14th to January 16th.

Queer Alliance

Requested: \$1,287.00

Recommended: \$ 428.00

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$428.00 for the partial cost of Travel and the partial cost of Hotel accommodations for the National LGBT Students of Color Summit held from January 15th to January 17th.

VI. Officer and Member Reports

General Representative #1 – Jenny Wood

- Wood said that she wanted to remind everyone about “Get Tested Week”, dedicated to testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. She said that there would be a music performance, a presentation by Dance Marathon, a presentation by a former USAC President, a forum on sexual behavior, and another concert on Friday accompanied by testing. Wood again encouraged everyone to come to the events, and also asked if anyone could volunteer to help out. She said that they would be distributing safe-sex kits, and if anyone was interested she asked that they volunteer.

General Representative #3 – Tommy Tseng

- Tseng said that he would talk later about ECP. He said that for now, the Student Labor Teach-In looked like it was going to be a successful conference. He said that it would be on Tuesday February 15th.

General Representative #2 – Anneli Villarin

- Villarin said that she had another tour of downtown Los Angeles planned, and this would be accompanied by education about the workers’ struggle. She said that this would be taking place on Saturday, February 19th, probably starting at about 9 or 10 in the morning.

Community Service Commission – Crystal Lee

- Lee said that this weekend had been the CSC Staff Retreat, so all the planning had been done for the quarter. On that note, she then passed out schedules for the CSC’s activities for the entire quarter. Lee said that next week there would be a bagel sale, and added that CSC would be helping out with Get Tested Week. She said that she was meeting with professors this week to see if they wanted to help her out with an advocacy campaign later in the quarter, and promised council more information on that later. Lee said that there would also be another hot dog sale during Week 7 during the advocacy campaign. She said that there would be cheap hot dogs, sodas, and chips for a low, low price.
- McLaren asked what the February 3rd entry on the calendar, entitled “Memorandum of Understanding” was.
- Lee said that she wanted each of her groups to write a contract with their sites, so that each knew what was expected of the other.
- Wood asked about the advocacy campaign where she would be having professors speak.
- Lee said that these would be forums open to the whole student body, where the professors would speak on various educational topics.

Financial Supports Commissioner – Alex Gruenberg

- Gruenberg said that he might not be present next week because his Scholarship Resource program was taking place during the next meeting. He said that he was expecting to fill the De Neve Auditorium, and mentioned that the speaker had been featured in the LA times. Gruenberg also said that this quarter he was working closely with the Financial Aid Office to increase awareness about financial aid opportunities in the community. Gruenberg said that there would also be some workshops held by his office later in the quarter, and added that textbook lending was still taking place, despite it being officially closed.
- McLaren asked how many books had been lent out this quarter.
- Gruenberg said more than 100, but he wasn’t sure of the exact number.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Eligio Martinez Jr.

- Martinez said that he received word today that the ECP survey was approved. He said that the necessary arrangements would be made to get the survey out.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that Dr. Tuttle's wife Muff passed away over the weekend. He said that the funeral services would be held tomorrow.
- McLaren gave council information about the services.
- Palma/Saracho asked if the university would be holding any receptions or services.
- Nelson said that he had not heard of anything yet.

External Vice President - John Vu

From John Vu's weekly report

UCSA

- This week, there will be a UC Regents meeting at UCSF-Laurel Heights where they will be discussing the progress of the facilities of the University.
- There will also be a board meeting at UC San Diego, and we will be debriefing on this week's UC Regents meeting, updating on the progress of the UC Student Lobby Conference at the end of this month, and there will have a mixer with the California System-wide Student Association (CSSA) to build relations between these two powerful student organizations.
- We will have a UCSA report ready for next week.
- UC Student Regent applications are out. For those that are interested, you can ask me after the council meeting.

EVP office

- This weekend, we had our office retreat in San Clemente, CA. We implemented and set plans of actions to the UCSA action agenda items (eligibility and the state budget) and USSA action agenda items (Higher Education Act Reauthorization and Fighting for Immigrant Rights to Education campaigns).
- We also have planned a week of education and action called the "All Access" series during week 7. Each day is dedicated to a specific issue pertaining to access to education. Tuesday will be our California budget day. Wednesday will be our ECP day. Thursday will be our Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) education day. Finally, we will end our week, dedicating it to the Higher Education Act Reauthorization. Each day, will have activities or educational forums to get students thinking and involved with UCSA and USSA. For any more questions or to get involved, please let me know!

Upcoming Travel

- 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.

Internal Vice President - Darren Chan

- Chan said that the OCHC/USAC meeting would be tomorrow. He added that Paul Marian, OCHC representative, had been able to reserve the Hedrick dining room for the meeting. Chan asked council to come at 5:15 p.m. so the meeting could start at 5:30 p.m. Chan said that they would talk about ECP, the working relationship between OCHC and USAC, and the proposed ASUCLA student fee referendum. Chan said that if anyone had something that they wanted on the agenda to please email him by tonight. Also, he said that on Thursday, January 20th, the Student Leadership Summit would be taking place. Chan said that there were already 42 groups registered, and said that everyone should have received a brochure about the details of the summit. He said that the workshops are scheduled to end 10 minutes before each hour, like classes,

- so students could get to their classes on time. Chan said that it would be taking place in Ackerman, and invited anyone to contact him for details.
- Palma/Saracho asked what time it would be taking place.
 - Chan said that it would be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a break in the middle for refreshments and networking. He added that the registration would be opening half an hour early for groups that did not register online. Chan finished by saying that he wanted to make this a recurring event.
 - Wood asked if there were particular times for particular workshops.
 - Chan said that there were, and those times would be available at the event.
 - Tseng asked what the menu for the OCHC/USAC dinner was.
 - Chan said that he did not know.

President – Allende Palma/Saracho

- Palma/Saracho said that he attended the ASUCLA Entities Committee meeting this week. He said that the proposed referendum had been talked about, both in regard to its language and the specifics. Palma/Saracho said that they also talked about student wages, and set the goal of making wages so that they were always consistently competitive. He also said that facilities had been talked about, since that was a big part of the proposed fee increase. Palma/Saracho also said that they talked about the composition of the Entities Committee, and said that the undergraduates at the meeting felt positive about the proposed fee. He added that it was in the language that if the Student Union were taken over by another entity on campus, the fee would be removed, so that the students were not losing their investment. He said that Chan and Vu could also take questions since they were also at the meeting.
- Gruenberg asked if the amount of the fee increase had been set.
- Palma/Saracho said that it was still being worked on, but he thought it would be about a \$12 increase yearly until it reached a total increase of \$55 by 2009.
- Gruenberg asked if there would be another Entities Committee meeting before the decision.
- Palma/Saracho said that he expected that, because the committee had made a lot of suggestions for editing the draft. Moving on, Palma/Saracho said that the second leadership development workshop of the President's Internship Program had been held on Friday, and it had been another success. He said that there would be another one this Friday, and said that from now on they would be discussing issues of identity, social class, power and privilege, and then moving on to issues like campus and the community. Palma/Saracho said that there were also training sessions for the interns. He said that next week's section would be about organizing. Lastly he said that there had been a President's Office retreat this past weekend, and a lot had been accomplished.

VII. Special Presentations

Tsunami Relief Coalition

- Wood passed out a hand-out of what she would go over.
- Aliya Haq from CalPirg introduced herself. She said that this coalition was formed because 5 million people were homeless. She said that the scary thing was that the toll could double if the epidemics got out of control. She said that the best thing students can do is to raise money to help rebuild the affected areas. She said that the coalition's goal is \$10,000, and added that she was trying to think of a big event to help raise money. She said that there would be a Dodgeball tournament as this event.
- Wood said that many groups were already involved, and listed them. She said that some of the things done thus far include asking for donations on Bruin Walk, and said that \$1,300 had already been raised this way. Wood said that meal tickets had also been donated, an idea taken from UC Riverside. She said that this did not work at UCLA, though, so new ideas were being accepted. Wood said that the Panhellenic Council was also doing a clothing drive.

- Haq said that there were lots of different things going on, but they also wanted to unite everyone on this fundraising effort.
- Wood said that there would be a silent auction next Wednesday at 9:00 p.m., and encouraged people to come. She said that there were also donation stations located in the Residence Halls.
- Haq said that the Dodgeball tournament idea was to get several hundred teams registered, hopefully raising \$8,000 or more. She said that the target date for the tournament was February 4th, and said that this was soon, so a lot of coordination needed to be done. Haq said that they were trying to get professors on teams playing against one another, which they were sure would draw a crowd. She passed around a sheet for people to sign up on and also on which they could pledge money from their office's budget.
- Wood said that other ways that could help included coming to coalition meetings at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Basement. She suggested that Council put together a USAC team, registration costing \$100 per team. Wood added that, if anyone had corporate contacts, it would be very helpful if they would get in touch with them.
- Avila asked what would be sold at the silent auction.
- Haq said that the best person to talk to about that was Jeanne Biniek.
- Tripathi asked if there was a contact email address.
- Wood said that she or Haq could be contacted for more information.

VIII. Old Business

A. ECP Task Force Report

- Tseng said that he would be presenting some data about ECP. He said that, after that, he would be talking about the ECP Task Force. Tseng said that the data on ECP yielded four major findings. He said that these were (1) that FTE as a percentage of Head-Counts had been increasing steadily before implementation of ECP, (2) that UCLA enrollment significantly exceeds the budgeted FTE space, (3) that students in the college are more likely to be registered for more than 12 quarters than those in TFT but less likely than engineering, and (4) that AAP students are three times as likely as honor students to be on ECP, while CAC students are twice as likely as honors students to be on ECP. Tseng said that all of the data in the packet was taken from the UCLA and UCOP web pages. He said that, to illustrate his points, enrollment had been growing steadily with the only exception of last year. On another graph, Tseng made the point that the higher the percentage of students accepted, the more students were on Full Time Equivalency (FTE) Status. On another graph, Tseng said that the average percentage FTE always exceeded the budgeted FTE. Tseng said that campuses get an additional allocation for each student over the budgeted FTE. On another graph, Tseng showed that Theater students were the most likely to graduate in 12 quarters or less, and Engineering students were the least likely. On still another graph, Tseng showed that students in AAP were the most likely to be put on ECP Probation or ECP Subject to Dismissal. Tseng told council that the remaining six pages were just the raw data that the tables were based on.
- Chan asked if the Y-axis on the last graph represented percentages.
- Tseng said yes.
- Chan told Tseng that he had calculated the percentages in an inaccurate way.
- Wood said that the percentage was of the total population of AAP students. She explained that 9% were affected, and that the two sub groups of 2% and 7%, respectively, would add up to 9%. *When subcategories of a larger statistic are "mutually exclusive", in that there is no overlap of data between them, they can be summed together based on a commonality to get an overall statistic.*
- Neesby asked if the 12 quarters chart included Summer Quarters.
- Tseng said that he did not think that Summer Quarters were included.

- Gruenberg asked if any conclusions were drawn between counseling units and number of students on ECP Probation or Subject to Dismissal.
- Tseng said no analysis had been done yet.
- Wood said that if there was a disparity between counseling departments, then this was a problem. She said that, ideally, from the university's perspective, ECP helped students uniformly.
- Gruenberg said that he disagreed with that. He said that, for example, the honors program required a certain number of classes and a GPA cutoff. Thus, he said, honors students are the least likely to be under ECP restrictions. *Gruenberg's point was that Tseng's data was potentially confounded by the fact that honors students usually do not fall under academic restriction before leaving the honors program. A confounded statistic is one in which the data cannot be controlled for by the variable under examination. Rather, other variables affect or, "confound", the data.*
- Palma/Saracho said that there is a "red flag" when you see that AAP students are three-times more likely to be affected by ECP than other students. He said that none of this information was definitive but, he said if ECP is affecting students from different communities, this should be taken into account with regard to UCLA retention issues.
- Tripathi said that the School of Engineering had a very different curriculum, so they did not have ECP and students were not expected to graduate in only four years.
- Nelson said that the bottom line was that students needed to know what the expectations were for each division. He said that if they were similar, then that was fine, but if they were different, then there was a problem. Nelson said that someone needs to figure all of this out and put it together before any conclusions can be drawn.
- Vardner said that, for an engineering degree to be complete, there was a certification that UCLA requires classes to qualify for. He also said that engineering was currently in the process of reviewing its curriculum so that there could be graduation within the four-year curriculum.
- Wood said that, in bringing up the facts on graduation rates, the ECP Task Force was not trying to encourage engineers to graduate faster. Rather, their point was that students in other departments have justifiable reasons for needing more than 12 quarters to graduate. She said that the average graduation rate before ECP was in 12.9 quarters, which did not seem like an excessive amount of time.
- Palma/Saracho asked if there was a limit to how much the state would give per FTE's.
- Tseng said that he thought it came from UCOP, and if a school exceeds a budgeted FTE, then UCOP will give the campus an extra amount of funding per student.
- Gruenberg asked why there was no data before 1997.
- Tseng said that it did not exist or could not be found. He said that just getting the data that they had was an uphill battle.
- Wood said that they had to search and dig for what they had.
- Martinez said, with regard to the School of Engineering, he thought that it was unfair for some students to fall under ECP and others not to fall under ECP. He said that, right now, Engineering is the only school that does not have an ECP requirement. Martinez added that it was just plain unfair, and some students should not be given special privileges.
- Gruenberg asked if the College of Letters and Science or Judy Smith would now be approached.
- Tseng said that they would be approaching them, but said that a strategy had to be formed first.
- Neesby said that he might be able to answer some of the FTE questions based on his experience in community college. He said that schools get money based on a percentage of how much a university exceeds FTE. Neesby said that it may be a little different for the UC's, but that was how the community colleges worked.
- Tripathi asked if there was a breakdown by major or department for ECP-affected students.
- Tseng said that data was not available.
- Gruenberg acknowledged how hard it had been to get the data and thanked Tseng for it.

- Palma/Saracho said that this was incredible, especially on the eve of preparing to get the ECP survey out to the students. He said that this spoke to the premise of ECP and some of the good reasons for getting rid of it.
- Tseng said, regarding the direction of the ECP Task Force, they had decided it would be best to have the survey to go out Fourth Week so that the students could be prepped Third Week. He said that, as soon as the survey goes out, he can ask that an email be sent out from the Registrar to notify all undergraduates that the survey is available for them to take. Tseng said that it took time for this request to process, however, so it was best to wait until Fourth Week to send the survey out. He said that the data could be compiled Sixth Week, and then they could start to advocate on the findings. Tseng finished by saying that they would be lobbying the faculty members and finding out what their stances were. He said that there would be an ECP meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the third floor conference room of SAC. Tseng warned that next week he would have a chart reflecting attendance at the ECP General Body meetings.
- Wood said that the ECP Education Committee had met last week. She said that, basically, they would be working on outreach to students, teaching students about ECP, and encouraging them to fill out the survey. Wood said that there would also be a group of students working on educating the faculty about ECP, as many of the faculty members probably do not even know very much about ECP. She said that Lee would be working to make sure that the USAC website was kept current, including general information and responses to "Frequently Asked Questions". Wood said that the USAC website would have a link to the survey. She said that they would also be working on the language of the survey, and finished by asking if the facilities on the hill had been booked for the planned ECP Education meeting.
- Chan said that they were waiting for confirmation of time and date. He said that they were tentatively holding the Northwest Campus Auditorium and also the Hedrick Auditorium.
- Palma/Saracho said that they were also working on a brief little statement that people could present at the beginning of classes in large lecture halls.
- Wood said it would be amazing if everyone on Council could be involved with the classroom presentations. She said it would be great if everyone could make announcements at the beginnings of their classes.
- McLaren asked if the committee still planned to have computers in central locations for students to take the survey.
- Wood said that they planned to have computers in Ackerman Union, probably on A-Level as was done in the last USAC election.
- Villarin said that publicity for ECP was going well. She said that she and Bhuiyan completed the design for the flyer and poster. Villarin said that they would go out Third Week. She said that there were 8 members on the Publicity Committee, but they wanted to increase that number. She said that volunteers were needed for flyering, advertising, and spreading the word. Villarin said that she wanted a comparable number of people as were out during the USAC elections, hopefully 10 to 20 people from each office. Villarin said that there would be a Flyering Coordinator, and said that there would be a meeting in Bhuiyan's office tomorrow at 5:00 pm. She said that there would be table-tents in some eateries, which had been approved for Week 4. Villarin reiterated that it was important to have a lot of people go out and flyer, as it was potentially the most important method of outreach. She said that if enough students do not take the survey, then all else will have been in vain. Lastly Villarin said she had created a chant for ECP a la Aretha Franklin. She said that it went: "R.E.S.P.E.C.P., Find out what it means to me", and added that it doubled as an acronym for "Recognize, Evaluate, Survey, and Probe Expected Cumulative Progress."
- McLaren asked if they would be singing this chant out on Bruin Walk.
- Vu said that he would be choreographing a dance routine.
- Palma/Saracho said that he went to the last ECP General Body meeting and there had been a great representation from all of the offices. He said that even more people were needed to make campaign really huge and successful.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion of Election Board Chair

- Gruenberg said that it had come to his attention that, in light of the two proposed referenda, it was very important to get the Election Board Chair appointed. He said that the sooner this person was appointed, the sooner he or she could start learning about the position and what is expected of them. Gruenberg said that it was better to appoint someone sooner rather than later, so he asked Palma/Saracho to please forward a recommendation.
- Palma/Saracho said that he had been looking at some candidates, and he hoped to have someone to present for Council's approval by next week.
- McLaren pointed out that the E-Board Chair would also need to find students to head up the various functions of the Elections Board, and said that usually takes a week or two to accomplish. She also mentioned that the staff which oversees MyUCLA wanted to know by February 15th if USAC intended to have them conduct an online election again this year.

X. Announcements

- Bhuiyan said that there would be a noontime concert tomorrow; Eclectic Thursday night; an exhibit starting on Monday; and a concert on Wednesday.
- McLaren asked if that was an art exhibit that would be held in the Kerckhoff Art Gallery.
- Bhuiyan said that it was.
- Wood said that people should register for Dance Marathon.
- Tripathi said that Campus Safety Week was coming up, and that his office, working with UCLA Facilities Management had planned a lot of special events throughout the week.
- Gruenberg said that the ORL holds an oratorical contest each year in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and said that this year's would be held on Thursday of next week, January 27th, at 7:00 p.m. He said that it was a great presentation, and encouraged council to attend.
- Lee said that there would be an event in Santa Monica this Thursday to raise money for the Tsunami relief fund.
- Tripathi said that he had sent out an email already about the event Lee mentioned.
- McLaren announced that the memorial service for Muff Singer, Rick Tuttle's wife, would be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., and said she had printed out maps and directions to the mortuary for anyone who wanted to attend.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Tseng seconded to adjourn.
- Avila called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 P.M. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker