

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday January 25, 2005
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Gruenberg, Tseng

GUESTS: Melinda Dudley, Tyson Evans, Heather Hemingway, Charlotte Hsu, Saba Riazati

I. A. Call to Order

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

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Gaulton asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Villarin asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports. She also requested that a discussion on the Constitutional Review Committee be added under New Business.
- Wood asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports. She also requested that a Special Presentation on Dance Marathon be added to the Agenda.
- McLaren noted that Kinko's made a mistake in the Xeroxing of the Agenda Packets. She said that one page was missing from the Contingency Allocations, and handed out complete sets to everyone.
- Avila asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Tripathi asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.
- Palma/Saracho said that he would be removing the appointment of the Election Board Chair because his recommendation had not been given to the Appointments Review Committee in time.
- Lee moved and Avila 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

September 21, 2004

- Avila said that on page 8, he was quoted as making a comment after having left the meeting.
- Gaulton said that it had probably been him rather than Avila.
- Chan said that on page 3, Daryl Molina is a girl but was incorrectly referred to with the pronoun "he".
- Gaulton said that he was quoted as saying something on page 2 that he did not say.
- Avila said that it had probably been him rather than Gaulton.
- Martinez asked if Gruenberg also left the meeting with Tripathi.
- Tripathi said that he had left much earlier in the meeting.
- Lee said that Gruenberg left after his long statement on page 5.

- Gaulton said that, on page 11, the number should have been 5,000, not 500.
- Wood moved and Avila seconded to approve the Minutes as amended.
- Lee called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of September 21, 2004 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

IV. Special Presentations

UCLA Dance Marathon

- Heather Hemingway passed out information to council about Dance Marathon. She said that it was a 26-hour Dance-a-thon, to be held on February 26th and 27th. She said that Dance Marathon benefits the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and said that a lot of support would be needed by student leaders to make it a huge success. Hemingway said that if anyone wanted to dance, then they could sign up on the website. She elaborated that registration required a \$30 registration fee and a mandatory pledge to fund raise \$200. Hemingway explained that if someone didn't want to dance, then they could still be a "morale" for \$20.
- Palma/Saracho asked what the difference was in the fund raising goal this year versus last year.
- Hemingway said that they were trying to match last year's fundraising despite moving into Ackerman Grand Ballroom, a larger and more expensive venue. She said that with the larger venue, the amount raised would begin to increase more rapidly in the coming years. Hemingway said that people were still signing up to dance, with 400 dancers registered thus far.
- McLaren asked for a list of the themes and the times that they would apply.
- Hemingway said that the overall theme was "Time to Take a Stance", but there were 3-hour themes that could be found online.
- Wood said that she wanted to propose a competition between USAC offices to see who could get the most staff members to dance.
- Hemingway said that there would also be a prize for the group that sent the most dancers, perhaps Magic Mountain Tickets or a catered dinner.

V. Appointments

There were no appointments this week.

VI. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that no recommendations were via her discretionary authorization. She said that last week there were 16 applications from Fraternities and Sororities requesting funding for the UCLA Impact Conference, and one application from the several Fraternity and Sorority umbrella organizations.
- Tripathi asked what UCLA Impact was.
- Vardner said that it was a conference held once every 2 years during which every Greek organization on campus gets together to discuss the Greek community as a whole and to work together for its improvement. He said that a national group, with paid facilitators and a set curriculum, conducts the sessions at the Impact Conference.
- Tripathi 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.

Z Y - Zeta Psi Fraternity**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$75.00 for the partial cost of Registration for the UCLA Impact Conference to be held January 28th and 29th, 2005.

D T D - Delta Tau Delta Fraternity**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 50.00**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$50.00 for the partial cost of Registration for the UCLA Impact Conference to be held January 28th and 29th, 2005.

F L R - Phi Lambda Rho Sorority**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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W S T - Omega Sigma Tau**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 50.00**

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Asian Greeks of Los Angeles**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 50.00**

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D K E - Delta Kappa Epsilon**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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A F A - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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A W A - Alpha Omega Alpha**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 50.00**

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National Pan Hellenic Council**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 50.00**

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A E F - Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$100.00**

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S L G - Sigma Lambda Gamma**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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N A K - Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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D F B - Delta Phi Beta**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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C A D - Chi Alpha Delta**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 50.00**

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S P B - Sigma Pi Beta**Requested: \$150.00****Recommended: \$ 75.00**

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Panhellenic Council, IFC, Asian Greeks, National Pan Hellenic**Requested: \$4,209.45****Recommended: \$ 450.00**

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$450.00, the Retreat Cap, for the partial costs Programming for the UCLA Impact Conference to be held January 28th and 29th, 2005.

VII. Officer and Member Reports

Facilities Commissioner – Pavan Tripathi

- Tripathi said that UC Merced was trying to set up a student government. He said that they had sent a letter to council asking for information about how undergraduate government is structured at UCLA, and said that they wanted feedback by tomorrow.

Tripathi passed out copies of the letter and asked that everyone who had time to respond to please do so. Tripathi also updated council on the John Wooden Center, saying that the SPARC Fee had been refunded for Winter Quarter since Wooden Center West had not opened yet. He said that the fee would be reinstated next quarter. Tripathi also said that Student Psychological Services had moved into the Wooden Center. He explained to council that based on national guidelines, there is supposed to be 2.5 square feet of gym space for every student on the campus. He said that the John Wooden Center was not meeting even half of this requirement. While they work on this, Tripathi said that personal tours for USAC were available. Tripathi said that next week would be Campus Safety Week, and said that there would be programming all week.

Student Welfare Commissioner – Jason Avila

- Avila said that he had printed out a calendar of all the events that Student Welfare Commission was putting on this quarter. He talked about Campus Safety Week and some of the programs that were being offered, as shown on the calendars passed out to council.

General Representative #3 – Anneli Villarin

- Villarin said that this weekend had been the General Representatives' Office Staff Retreat. She said that a lot had been decided on for the Winter and Spring Quarters. Villarin said that her staff was thinking about having an event at the Bradley Center and in the Residence Halls, but they were also looking at Ackerman facilities.
- Chan said that he would help with the booking of Bradley if Villarin needed it.

General Representative #1 – Jenny Wood

- Wood said that Get Tested Week was going well, with about 200 students tested so far. She said that there had also been a great event last night, and passed out some cool refrigerator magnets. Wood said that there would be continuing events throughout the week, and thanked Gaulton for the entertainment his office had provided. With regard to the Tsunami Relief Coalition, Wood said that there would be a Dodgeball Tournament in early February. She encouraged council to make teams in their offices, and asked people to please get involved and donate money from their accounts into the relief fund. Wood said that ASUCLA was also helping with Tsunami Relief by setting up a system in the student store and in the ASUCLA restaurants for customers to make donations.

Campus Events Commissioner – Jason Gaulton

- Gaulton said that The Motorcycle Diaries would be playing on Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. He also said that on Friday, "French Kiss" would be playing in Westwood Plaza. Gaulton said that if anyone was interested, an HBO special was going to be filmed on Wednesdays of the next three weeks. He said that this special was a satiric look at American History, ala The Daily Show with John Stewart. Gaulton also said that this Tuesday would mark the beginning of War Awareness Week, and there would be programming in response to the War in Iraq and America's Foreign Policy. He said that if people were interested, the planning meeting would be on Tuesday, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Ackerman 3508. Gaulton also said that next week would be the next meeting of UCLA Happenings if anyone wanted to go with him.
- Villarin asked if Gaulton could send another email about the War Awareness week.
- Gaulton said that he would. He said that he would also be meeting with Nelson to talk about the third Action Agenda Item.
- Villarin asked if he would send her an email about that too.
- Nelson said that he had been talking with Gaulton, and they would be working to put the best spin on what was to be presented. He said that they would put together the best argument possible before sharing it with council.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that Vice Chancellor Montero wanted to know if USAC could meet on February 15th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with Student Affairs Administrators. He said that he assumed they would be serving dinner, but for now they just wanted to know if this date and time would be okay. Nelson said that get-togethers like this have been held periodically to give student leaders an opportunity to discuss with Administrators issues of concern to students. On another topic, Nelson said that most of the USAC council members had agreed to the February 1st meeting with the USAC Alumni, and said that there were already 20 alumni who had confirmed attendance. He said that Palma/Saracho, Chan, Vu, and Martinez had not yet responded. Nelson said that they would be meeting at 6:00, with the start of the council meeting being delayed until around 8:00 p.m.
- Martinez said that he was told that everyone from 1980 on had been invited, but Sophia Kozak had not been invited and she was upset about this.
- Lee said that Justin Schreiber had also not been invited, and had been very sad at being left out.
- Nelson apologized and said that he would pass that information along to Student Affairs' staff so they could take care of these oversights. He added that the meeting would be at the Faculty Center at 6:00 p.m.
- As a Point of Clarification, McLaren asked Nelson if all USAC members from 1980 on had been invited, or if the invitation had been extended just to all former USAC Presidents, plus the sitting members of USAC.
- Nelson said that it had been a big mix but he thought it was to be all USAC members. He added that many former officers had changed addresses and/or phone numbers, and could not be reached.
- Palma/Saracho said that John Du was excited about coming.

Administrative Representative – Rick Tuttle

- Tuttle took a Point of Personal Privilege, thanking council for all of their support.

External Vice President – John Vu

- Vu asked Roy Samaan to begin with a report on the UCSA meeting.
- Samaan said that the UCSA meeting had been held this last weekend. He said that the January budget had come out, and some things had worried him and Vu. Samaan said that there had been cuts made to some key programs. He said that the Labor Centers had been cut by 3.8 million dollars of their 4 million dollar total budget. Samaan also said that Schwarzenegger had combined Outreach Groups together, hurting everyone involved in order to save money. He said that the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) was trying to get that money back, but UCOP was always bad about outreach. Samaan said that they have since targeted their efforts towards these affected areas. He said that they were working on the Prioritization of Higher Education Campaign, which was a lobbying and advocacy-based campaign. Samaan said that students would be lobbying legislators at the Capital after a training session. He said that the backing of all the student voters empowered the student lobbyists. Samaan said that the students had been working on admissions eligibility reforms. He said that he could furnish these details if anyone was interested. Samaan said that lastly, UCSA and California State Students' Association (CSSA) were able to hold a joint meeting where they outlined some specific concerns that affected each group. He said that this was exciting because UCSA did not incorporate even half of the California State universities. Samaan said that they were focusing on the issues of the amount of debt accrued by students by the time of graduation, as well as the inaccessibility of higher education. Samaan said that he had made some joke checks, which would be distributed to students, to show the governor how much debt students have accrued by the time they leave the Universities. He said that there were samples of these on the back page of the EVP handout.

- Vu said that these checks would be given to the legislators to show them that many students feel strongly about this problem.
- Samaan said that they were trying to convey their points in a more visual way so that students would get interested and involved.
- McLaren said that this was a very impressive campaign, and asked if the Graduate Students were also working on this.
- Samaan said that they were, but that their goal of participation was lower than the undergrads goal.
- Vu said that the lobby conference was the weekend following this, and asked to make sure that people signed these checks quickly.

The following information is from External Vice President John Vu's written report to council.

UCSA

- Roy Samaan, the Campus Organizing Director will give an update on this weekend's Board of Director's meeting at UCSD. See handout.
- Currently, I am working with students systemwide on financial aid. On a Regental level, students and I are working to lobby the Regents to support Outreach. From last week's report, I mentioned there was a \$17.3 million cut to outreach/enrollment, but making the cut on outreach/enrollment is at the discretion of the Regents. Currently, UCSA is working to ensure the Regents are aware of the value of student initiated outreach. Outreach is in a dangerous situation because the University's priority is enrollment and not outreach.
- On a congressional level, the EVP office and students from a variety of organizations campus wide are going to lobby the state legislature next weekend at the UC Lobby Conference. We are lobbying our elected officials to reinstate the amounts cut from the UC Labor Centers (\$3.8 million) and Outreach/Enrollment (\$17.3 million)

USSA

- This weekend, I will be attending the Replenishing Democracy Conference in New Orleans, LA to strategize and discuss new methods to bring connections between students, institutions of different faiths, and communities of color to labor. It should be a great conference and I'll update you all next week on it.

Upcoming Travel

- 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 thanked everyone for coming to the joint USAC / OCHC meeting. He said that the next one would be on February 16th at the same time. Chan said that this meeting would be during Sixth Week, immediately following the distribution of the ECP surveys. He said that the Student Leadership Summit last week had been a huge success with 61 student groups showing up. Chan said that people had responded with enthusiasm and interest in making this event annual. He thanked Bob Williams for the food and Jason Gaulton for helping to facilitate the event.

President – Allende Palma/Saracho

- Palma/Saracho said that the President's Internship Seminars were continuing. He said that this week's seminar would be Organizing 101, with Palma/Saracho's father as the special guest. Palma/Saracho said that there would also be a strategy development seminar from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. afterward. He said that his office was trying to get the website up this week, doubling as a syllabus and a class website. Palma/Saracho said

that if anyone was interested in coming to one of the workshops they were more than welcome.

VIII. Old Business

ECP Task Force

- Wood said that Tseng couldn't be here because he was working with OCHC and the ECP Campaign. Wood said that the ECP Survey would be up next Monday, January 31st, and there would be survey stations all around campus. She said that there would also be 12 people distributing flyers during the entire time that the survey is up. Wood said that the Registrar might also send out a second email reminder during 5th week to encourage people to take the survey. She said that she and Tseng had also met with one of the Resident Directors, and he had agreed to put up a bulletin board on every floor about ECP. Wood said that there would also be programming to encourage students to fill out the ECP surveys, including flyering, floor parties, and tabling at dances. She said that she also asked the Internal Review Board if they could reward students for filling out the survey, and said that she was working on getting a \$300 gift certificate from ASUCLA. She said that the Welcome Page to the Online Survey could be turned in rather than taking the survey on the spot so that students who took the survey online would still be eligible for the gift certificate. Wood passed out some fliers asking more people to come to the ECP Task Force meetings, and asked council to post these in their offices. She said that she was asking for at least 10 volunteers from each office to volunteer a part of a single day during the two-week survey period. Wood said that getting the sheets filled out and back to her by Thursday would be much appreciated.
- Villarín thanked Lee for emailing her back. She also said that all 10,000 ECP fliers were in, and the table-tent was being set up. Villarín said that a schedule for distributing flyers had also been created, complete with sign-up times and locations where the flyers would be distributed. She reiterated that they wanted 10 volunteers at all times on all days. Villarín said that there was another set of sign-ups for manning the three testing stations.
- Wood then showed council the ECP Budget. She asked council to be sure to sign the Budget Transfer Forms. Wood then surprised council by handing out Budget Transfer Forms, politely asking them to fill them out immediately and pass the forms to Corella to sign. She thanked council in advance for filling out the transfer forms.
- Villarín said that there would be smiley faces for commissions that sent lots of people to the ECP General Body meetings at 8:00 p.m. and the ECP Steering Committee meetings at 7:00 pm.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion of the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC)

- Villarín said that she had heard from everyone except Chan about available times for the CRC meetings.
- Chan said that all of the emails he was getting were being put in his bulk folder, and said that he was working on correcting the problem.
- Villarín said that Monday night seemed to work best for everyone on the CRC, so she would send out another email regarding times and availabilities.
- Tripathi asked Villarín if she could send out a notice to everyone on council once the meeting times were finalized.

B. Discussion of Council's Meeting Time for February 1st, 2005

- Palma/Saracho said that council had talked about delaying the start of next week's meeting to 8:00 p.m. because of the Alumni gathering taking place beforehand.
- Vu asked what the Dress Code was.

- Nelson said that no formal dress code had been announced but, as a rule, he always dressed to impress. He said that some of the Alumni who were coming were real movers and shakers. Nelson added that Council members should dress in a way that they felt comfortable.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if anyone objected to moving the February 1st meeting time to 8:00 p.m.
- Upon no objection, the council meeting time for February 1st was moved to 8:00 p.m.*

X. Announcements

- Lee said that next week would be the CSC's Advocacy Week. She said that there would be events all week, starting with a Daily Bruin Ad on Monday that listed the other events. Lee said that educational brochures would be passed out, speakers would hold panels, and a recruitment fair would be held on Thursday.
 - Ohara said that she was distributing copies of the Winter Quarter Programming Fund Allocations. She said that 26 organizations had applied, asking for well over the \$50,000 amount they had available for allocation.
 - Nelson asked how this amount compared to Winter Quarter Allocations last year.
 - Ohara said that there had not been as many applicants last year.
 - Nelson said that he was only asking because he was curious to see if the numbers were increasing.
 - Ohara said that a lot of the applicants were repeat applicants, and added that a lot of groups forgot to attach supplemental documentation from vendors. She said that the groups had been evaluated on a point scale, and the committee had given them feedback forms so that they could improve their applications next time.
 - Palma/Saracho said that this seemed like a lot more groups than applied last year.
 - Nelson said that he was curious about which groups were applying, why there were more, what had changed, and simply understanding these findings better.
 - Palma/Saracho said that there had been an increase in cost for facilities like Royce. He said that perhaps this had something to do with the increase in funding requests.
 - Nelson said that he had seen a large increase in the number of groups that were registering, and he wondered what this was saying about the students coming in and whether or not the university was meeting the needs of the students.
 - Tuttle commented on the "robustness of the evenings out on Bruin Plaza" and the significant increase in resident hall population. He said that these conditions may reflect not only an increase in student enrollment, but also an increase in student involvement.
 - McLaren said that she noticed that only 2 of the 26 groups that applied would have formerly been ineligible as "Independents", and said that she had expected that more groups from that category would have applied for funding.
 - Nelson said that a case was about to go to the Supreme Court regarding the battle between the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the US Constitution. He said that this was significant because it addresses the issue of whether or not religious groups could limit their membership to members of their religious faith. Nelson said that this had implications for groups' eligibility for funding. He also said that the only thing the university had in place right now was the non-discrimination pact, which some groups were refusing to sign based on the belief that they should be able to limit membership. On another matter, Nelson asked council to email him about their availability on February 15th for the dinner meeting with the Administration before the council meeting.
- Villarin, Wood, Gaulton, Palma/Saracho, Lee, Tripathi, Avila, and Chan all indicated that they could come.*
- Palma/Saracho asked Nelson if it would be OK for him to email a list of topics that Council might want to discuss that night.
 - Nelson said it would.
 - Palma/Saracho asked if the meeting was confined to Student Affairs issues.

- Nelson said that if there was an issue of interest outside of Student Affairs, it could still be brought up that night.

XI. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Avila seconded to adjourn.
- Wood called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M. by Acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Keesler
USAC Minutes Taker