

FINAL

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL

Tuesday May 10, 2005
417 Kerckhoff Hall
7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Gruenberg, Wood

GUESTS: Melinda Dudley, Ashraf El-Naga, April Graham, Todd Hawkins, Steven Ly, Paul Marian, Georgine Piper, Debra Simmons

I. A. Call to Order

- Palma/Saracho called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

B. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the Attendance Sheet

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Gaulton asked to add a New Business Action Item: Campus Events' Request for Additional Funding.

Campus Events' Request for Additional Funding was added as New Business Item E.

- Martinez asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.

- Lee asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.

- Avila asked to be added to the Officer and Member Reports.

- Vu asked to table the items on Presentation and Approval of the UCSA Budget until next week's meeting.

Special Presentation A and New Business Item B, Approval of the University of California Student Association 2005-2006 Budget were removed from the Agenda.

- Tseng asked to table the ECP updates.

Old Business Item B, ECP Task Force Updates was removed from the Agenda.

- Palma/Saracho suggested moving up New Business Item B, Approval of Undergraduate Students Association 2005-2006 Budget, to follow Special Presentations.

New Business Item B, Approval of Undergraduate Students Association 2005-2006 Budget, was moved to directly after Special Presentations.

- McLaren asked to add Installation Information under New Business.

Installation Information was added under New Business Item F.

- Martinez moved and Tseng seconded to approve the Agenda as amended.

- Villarin 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

May 3, 2005

- Gaulton said that, on Page 3, under his Officer Report, the movie he mentioned was

“The Sea Inside”, not “CSI”. He also added that the underestimated cost for The Roots Concert had been for the cost of Facilities, not for the whole concert.

- Gaulton moved and Lee seconded to approve the Minutes of May 3, 2005, as amended.

- Tseng called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of May 3, 2005 were approved, as amended, by Acclamation.

March 15, 2005

- Lee moved and Tseng seconded to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2005.
- Villarin called for Acclamation. Palma/Saracho asked if there were any objections to approval by Acclamation. There being none, the Minutes of March 15, 2005 were approved, as presented, by Acclamation.

IV. Special Presentations

Cultural Affairs Commission's Jazz/Reggae Festival – Shantanu Bhuiyan, Todd Hawkins, April Graham

- Todd Hawkins said that they were there to request additional funding from council for the Jazz/Reggae Festival. He said that this year would be the 19th annual festival, and they wanted to make sure that it would be one of the biggest yet as they approach the 20th anniversary. Hawkins said that they wanted to make sure that the students were interested, and they also wanted to reach out to the larger Los Angeles community. Hawkins said that one of the main goals was to increase Jazz Day, which usually lost money. He said that the goal this year was to make Jazz Day a success, partially by embracing the fact that Jazz had changed into a new kind of fusion. Hawkins explained that Jazz Day would be highlighting some of the roots of jazz, while still embracing its new fusion style. He said that India Arie would be there, and he guaranteed that this would draw at least 15,000 people. Hawkins also said that Roy Hargraves' R.H. Factor would be there. He said that R.H. Factor included hip-hop, rappers, and poets all performing under one jazz artist. Hawkins said that Dwele would also be there, and he had not performed in the Los Angeles area in years. He said that Unwrapped All-Stars, who remade hip-hop songs into jazz, which made them more enticing to adults who traditionally do not like hip-hop, would also be performing. Hawkins said that they did not think the audience would be upset about a changing of the format since there would still be elements of the old format. Hawkins said that they also wanted to support UCLA, so the UCLA Jazz Ensemble would open the whole festival. He said that the Festival would close with India Arie. Hawkins said that Reggae was in an uproar right now, with lots of problems in the industry. He said, however, that they had a lot of great acts lined up. Hawkins said that a detailed attachment of the expenses had been passed out to USAC, and that they were asking for a total of \$100,000 from USAC. He said that the tickets would again be free to students, and that the price of tickets for non-students would be \$10 for Jazz and \$15 for Reggae, with a two-day ticket costing just \$20 for non-students.
- April Graham said that there would be other cool new things at the festival. She said that there would be a cool-zone, with misters to keep the audience cool. Graham also said that the festival would be sponsored by Naked Juice, and that they would be giving out free juice to all attendees.
- Hawkins said that they had also added a press pit to the backstage, with preferential treatment being given to Bruin Reporters to allow the media to interview the artists. Hawkins explained that the cost labeled as "miscellaneous/reception", was for a reception at "The W" the night before the festival for the artists and the sponsors. He said that they wanted to bring these individuals together so that they could see just what UCLA was doing. Hawkins also said that a tribute would be paid to Kenny Burrell, a strong supporter of the Jazz Festival and still head of the Jazz Studies Program at UCLA.
- Avila said that he was really excited about this, and congratulated them.
- Lee asked who the people from the UCLA Jazz Ensemble were.
- Hawkins said they were all students.
- Lee said that council could not pay students with mandatory fees.

- Hawkins said that the money would not be given to the student members of the UCLA Jazz Ensemble, but to the UCLA Jazz Department to fund various programs.
- McLaren asked, for clarification, if the reception was for invited guests only, or if it was possible for others to buy tickets.
- Hawkins said that it was by invitation only and, since this was a new thing, they had decided not to sell tickets. He said that, in the future, however, this might be an avenue through which they could raise money for various organizations.

*Palma/Saracho moved up New Business Item C, *Request for USAC Support of 2005 Jazz Reggae Festival so that Council could move to a vote on CAC's Request for USAC Support*

V. New Business

C. *Request for USAC Support of 2005 Jazz Reggae Festival

- Villarin moved and Tseng seconded to fund the Cultural Affairs Commission for the 19th Annual Jazz/Reggae Festival in the amount of \$100,000.
- Palma/Saracho asked Simmons how this would affect the reserve.
- Simmons said that it would come out of the Contingency reserve.
- Council voted to fund the Cultural Affairs Commission for the 19th Annual Jazz/Reggae Festival with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.
- Hawkins thanked council and then distributed posters and fliers about the Festival for Council Members to post and distribute.

B. *Approval of Undergraduate Students Association 2005-2006 Budget

- Ohara said that they would be talking about next year's budget cycle.
- Georgine Piper from Student Government Accounting (SGA) said that, included in the Agenda Packet were the enrollment figures and the membership fees before the election. She said that, since the PULSE referendum had been approved by the undergraduate voters, she had incorporated resulting changes into the new budget. Piper said that undergrad enrollment for this year was predicted to increase by 132 new students which would provide some additional revenue for next year. She said that 67% of USAC's funding was derived from student fees. Piper said that this was put into Overhead. She said that, in the future, there would be a Line Item in the Overhead Budget to pay for phone lines in Kerckhoff. She said that this would decrease the amount in the bottom line by \$30,000. Piper also said that a recommendation to increase each Officer's stipend from \$275 month to \$325 month had been approved, and that the Payroll item had been increased to reflect this change. Piper said that there was a slight increase in the cost of Maintenance, and an increase in the Budget Review Director's line item. She said that, in prior years, the Budget Review Director's stipend had been just \$200 a month but, due to the increased responsibilities for this director, the stipend was being increased to \$275. Piper said that, with all these changes, there is an increase of approximately \$60,000 in Administrative Costs.
- Ohara said that, instead of allocating the telephone expenses through Base Budget, the decision had been made to transfer them to Overhead. She said that this would be similar to what was done this year, so next year's committee would not have to deal with this issue.
- Tripathi asked if it was implicit that each office could use a certain amount.
- Piper said that, if a group decided to go over its allowance, then the overage would have to come out of their office's operational fund.
- Villarin then commented on funding of the Student Organizations Operating Fund (SOOF) by noting that SOOF would be allocated \$60,000 more this year than last year. She elaborated by saying that, for the past year, approximately \$75,000 was distributed to the student organizations through the Base Budget process and that the new funding process would give the organizations approximately \$60,000 more.
- Palma/Saracho asked if that was recognized in the Base Budget.
- Piper said that this would go to various groups.

- Tripathi asked why there was \$3.5 million dollars in 2003-2004 and now there was only \$2.6.
 - Piper said those figures were from the Year-End Financial Report for that year. She said that the Year-End numbers were not available yet, because the fiscal year has not ended.
 - Ohara then moved to talking about the new budget cycle. She said that, during 9th Week, the Budget Review and Finance Committees would hold mandatory Budget Workshops to teach students how to complete their applications, to provide them with funding packets and to answer any questions they might have. Ohara said that emails had been sent out by BRC and FiCom, and would also be sent to all registered undergraduate organizations through CSP. She said that, for the Student Government Operational Fund (SGOF), the due date would be somewhere around July 8th, and that she has reserved rooms for hearings to begin on July 11th. She said that there would be a second application process in the Fall, so that groups which did not exist in July, or were not on campus during the Summer months, would be able to apply. She said that applications for that round of hearings would be due around November 11th.
- Tseng stepped out of the room before the vote*
- Tripathi moved and Villarin seconded to approve the Undergraduate Students Association 2005-2006 Budget.
 - Council voted to approve the Undergraduate Students Association 2005-2006 Budget with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VI. Appointments

Judicial Board

- Because Darren Chan was not in the room at the time, John Vu spoke on behalf of the ARC. Vu said that Ashraf El-Naga had a diversity of experience, including being an Orientation Counselor, has worked with an outreach program through the University, and has been involved in other endeavors as well. He said that the Appointments Review Committee had voted unanimously to approve El-Naga for a seat on the Judicial Board.
- Tripathi moved and Avila seconded to appoint Ashraf El-Naga to the Judicial Board.
- Tuttle asked if El-Naga knew what he was about to ask.
- El-Naga said that he did, and he was willing to accept his responsibility and act in accordance with all Bylaws and other guidelines. He said he recognizes that the Judicial Board is one of the few appointive positions that is black and white, and said that, if appointed, he would act accordingly.
- Tripathi expressed his excitement about another engineer getting involved with council.
- Council voted to approve the appointment of Ashraf El-Naga to the Judicial Board with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

VII. Fund Allocations

- Corella said that there were a total of 14 recommendations, with one being discretionary. She said that the Ben Stein Speaks program had been cancelled, so that \$1,600 would go back into the pot. She reported that there had also been one Capital Item request. Corella reminded Council that there was no deadline for Capital Item Requests, and said that offices could apply until all the funds were allocated.
- Avila moved and Vu seconded to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations and the Capital Items Recommended Allocation.
- Council voted to approve the Contingency Fund Allocation Recommendations and the Capital Items Recommended Allocation with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Student Coalition for Marriage Equality

Requested: \$2,124.66

Recommended: \$ 707.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$707.00 for the cost of Facilities for the SCME Gay Marriage Wedding to be held on June 3rd, 2005.

Project W.I.L.D.

Requested: \$303.47

Recommended: \$303.47

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$303.47 for the cost of Travel for Project WILD Spring Field Trip to be held on May 21st, 2005.

Community Service Commission

Requested: \$722.32

Recommended: \$495.32

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$495.35 for the cost of Hospitality for Women and Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE) to be held May 15th, 2005.

United Khmer Students

Requested: \$544.00

Recommended: \$304.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$200.00 for the cost of an Honorarium and \$104.00 for the cost of Transportation for "The Roots" band for their concert to be held on May 14th, 2005.

Kappa Kappa Psi, Psi Chapter

Requested: \$3,343.00

Recommended: \$2,080.80

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$2,080.80 for the partial cost of Air Travel for the 2005 Kappa Kappa Psi National Convention to be held from July 26th to 31st 2005.

Asian Pacific Health Corps (APHC)

Requested: \$821.72

Recommended: \$611.72

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$611.72 for the cost of Transportation for the 3rd Annual Chinatown Community Health Fair to be held May 18th, 2005.

Vietnamese Student Union

Requested: \$211.56

Recommended: \$211.56

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$211.56 for the cost of Transportation to Higher Opportunity Program for Education (HOPE) conference to be held May 15th, 2005.

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

Requested: \$396.00

Recommended: \$198.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$198.00 for the partial cost of Transportation for Give A Push Weekend from May 13th to 15th 2005.

USAC General Representative s Office

Requested: \$474.00

Recommended: \$474.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$474.00 for the cost of Women for Change Week to be held May 13th, 2005.

American Indian Students Association

Requested: \$6,568.16

Recommended: \$2,610.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$2,210.00 for the cost of Travel and \$400.00 for the partial cost of Accommodations for the 20th Annual AISA UCLA Pow Wow to be held May 21st and 22nd, 2005.

African Men's Collective

Requested: \$2,742.84

Recommended: \$ 598.84

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$598.84 for the cost of Supplies for The Beautiful Struggle: Molding Black Men to be held May 21st, 2005.

Bruin Republicans (Event was Cancelled)

Requested: \$2,000.00

Recommended: \$1,600.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$1,600.00 for the partial cost of an Honorarium for Ben Stein Speaks to be held May 17th, 2005.

Queer Alliance / La Familia

Requested: \$1,167.00

Recommended: \$ 700.00

The Finance Committee recommended the allocation of \$700.00 for the cost of an Honorarium for Trans/Giving to be held on May 18th, 2005.

Women for Change Student Committee

Requested: \$326.50

Recommended: \$326.50

In compliance with the discretionary authorization granted to her in the 2004-2005 Finance Committee Guidelines, Corella recommended the allocation of \$326.50 for the cost of Facilities for the Women for Change Student Festival to be held on May 11th.

Chicanos for Community Medicine (CCM) – Capital Items Request

Requested: \$985.03

Recommended: \$985.03

CCM requested Capital Funding for a Lexmark multi-purpose printer (\$199), a 17" Flat Panel LCD Monitor (\$329), and a heavy-duty metal mobile storage cabinet (\$379).

VIII. Officer and Member Reports

Student Welfare Commissioner – Jason Avila

- Avila said that the Blood Drive was going on this week, and held up his arm to show the bandage which indicated that he had given blood today. He said that UCLA Run/Walk was approaching, and passed out more flyers. He urged everyone to register and participate. Avila also passed out recycling guides for off-campus students. He said that there would be a Week of Fun, with a different restaurant sponsoring the program each day of the week, including California Pizza Kitchen and Acapulco, among others. Avila ended his report by saying that SWC was celebrating its 40th Anniversary, and told Council that there would be fun activities and giveaways on Bruin Walk.

- Martinez asked which restaurant would be sharing their Monday profits next week.
- Avila said it would still be South Street, and thanked Martinez for taking his whole staff there last week because South Street donates 10% of its Monday dinner revenues to the UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital.

Community Service Commissioner – Crystal Lee

- Lee said that this weekend had been the Parental Involvement Through the Arts (PITA) family program. She said that there had been workshops and cultural performances, and that it was a very uplifting experience overall. Lee reminded council to RSVP for CSC's Year-End Banquet.

Academic Affairs Commissioner – Eligio Martinez Jr.

- Martinez said that he had spoken with the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC), and there were a couple of issues he wanted to report on. He said that the idea of having student-initiated classes had been talked about. He said that they had also talked about the Late Drop Policy and, thanks to the work done by the Academic Affairs Commission staff, it looked like the Faculty Executive Committee would not be voting on this, but that it would be going to the *entire* Faculty for a vote. He said that a response had been drafted to the entire Faculty, and said that he would show it to any Council Members who were interested. Martinez said that the committee had seemed pretty receptive to some of the ideas in the students' response, and said that they agreed with AAC that the full effects of the policy change were not understood. Martinez said that the other issue his office was working on was the Diversity Requirement, and said that the task force within his office would be meeting with the Faculty Executive Committee and bringing the issue to a vote. He said that he would also be speaking with the School of Theater, Film, and Television to see if they wanted to add their support to this issue.

Administrative Representative – Berky Nelson

- Nelson said that there had been two outreach events put on by the College, one for Blacks and one for Latinos. He said that the results for Blacks had been negligible, with very few attending. Nelson said that the key to this institution was its diversity, and if the word in the community was that UCLA was not amenable to diversity, then students of color would not want to come here. Nelson said that he also wanted to speak about last week's election. He said he felt there had been some serious misinformation being distributed about this year's Council. He said that he wanted to go on record by saying that this was the *hardest* working Council that he had seen in all his years. Nelson mentioned one Letter to the Editor which referred to the lack of funding of certain groups and said that, while this may be true, there were more than 800 groups to fund, and there simply was not enough money for all of them. Nelson said that he brought this up because he wanted to tell this council objectively how he felt about what had taken place last week.

Administrative Representative – Rick Tuttle

- Tuttle reiterated Nelson's statement about this Council being a very hard-working body. He said that he was not present at the USAC Retreat, but was aware of the Council-wide goals they had set. Tuttle said that the efforts by the Academic Affairs Commission on several important issues were a perfect example of substantive matters that members of this Council have been actively engaged in. He said that there is something very commendable about students trying to leave a place better than they found it.

External Vice President – John Vu

- Vu apologized for again putting off the UCSA Budget Presentation and its Approval. He said that a lot of other campuses were holding elections and approving new budgets, which was why the UCSA Budget kept changing. Vu then moved on to report

on other matters and said that, yesterday, there had been a rally to keep elected officials honest to their commitment to prioritize higher education. Vu said that May 21st would be the next meeting of USSA. He reported that the celebration, Long Beach Pride, would be held this coming weekend, but said that he would be missing it so that he could attend the meeting in Berkeley. Vu said that the upcoming Congress would be held in Madison, Wisconsin, and explained that Congress was a time for representatives of member campuses to meet and hold workshops to determine issues they wanted to work on during the coming year.

Internal Vice President – Darren Chan

- Chan said that the Bruin-up Books drive would be held next week, and that he would be asking Council Members to participate at that time. He said that this program had begun four years ago and that, in its first year, they provided 5,000 books to schools. He said that no drive since that time has been as large. Chan said that, this year, they would like to double the quantity they got during the first year. He said that packets had been created to let organizations sponsor a set of books, so that an entire set could be purchased for a classroom. Chan said that the contributions this year would be specific titles, not just random books, and hoped that this would help to “brew up” more books. He closed by saying that these books would be going to school districts that were very under-funded, and pointed out that the price of the books started as low as 99 cents.

IX. Old Business

A. Election Board Updates

- Lam said that voting for candidates in the Runoff Election had begun tonight at 7:00 p.m., and would end on Thursday at 7:00p.m.

X. New Business (continued)

A. Approval of the USA Spring 2005 Primary Election Results

- Lam said that the Primary Election Results were included in the Agenda Packets. He said that the Election Code required that Council approve the results of the election.
- Palma/Saracho asked if they had to wait until after the Runoff Election to approve all the results at the same time.
- Nelson said that they are usually approved all together, but he wasn't certain if that was mandated.
- Avila moved and Vu seconded to approve the USA Spring 2005 Election Results.
- Council voted to approve the USA Spring 2005 Election Results with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

E. *Campus Events' Request for Additional Funding

- Gaulton said that CEC didn't have enough money to pay for The Walkmen and Todd Barry. He said that these events had been booked before “The Roots” event was but, because the estimate of the cost of facilities for “The Roots” concert turned out to be almost twice the amount they anticipated, Campus Events needed to come up with the money to fill this “hole.” Gaulton said that he was only asking for \$13,000, not for \$15,000 which was the amount he had mentioned at last week's meeting. He distributed a sheet with his calculation of what they needed, and said he'd be happy to answer any questions Council Members might have.
- Villarin moved and Tseng seconded to allocate \$13,000 to the Campus Events Commission from Contingency Surplus to “help Jason get out of the hole”.
- Council approved the motion with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

F. Discussion on USAC Officer Installation

- McLaren said that she wanted to talk about the two different installation events that were traditionally held for new USAC Officers. She said that, as soon as the Final Election results were certified and approved by the Outgoing Council, members of the Incoming Council would take the Oath of Office, as administered by a member of the USAC Judicial Board. She explained in more detail that there would be *two* meetings on the same evening, where the Outgoing Council would hold its final meeting, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and the Incoming Council Members would hold the first meeting of the 2005-2005 term immediately after taking the Oath of Office. With regard to the Installation Celebration event for family and friends to attend, McLaren said that, based on prior years, she had reserved Saturday, June 4. McLaren asked if that date worked for everyone and, if so, what time would be best.
 - Palma/Saracho said he would prefer an early hour, such as 10:00 a.m.
 - Gaulton said that he was taking the LSAT that day.
 - Nelson said that he would be in Texas grading AP History exams.
 - McLaren asked how Saturday, June 11th, beginning at about Noon, would be for everyone, since Gaulton and Nelson could not participate on June 4th.
- It seemed to be okay for everyone, except for the fact that Finals would begin on the 13th.*
- Palma/Saracho said that he would still prefer a date when they could begin around 10:00 a.m. He asked McLaren to check into other possibilities and email Council with other options.

XI. Announcements

- Avila said that he had mentioned a month ago about promoting mental health issues. He said that he had been talking with a group about whether or not to make them an SWC group, but had decided to make them an SWC affiliate, instead. Avila said that, this way, the group would be given a year's trial before being incorporated into SWC.
- Tuttle asked if Student Health Services (SHS), the Office of Residential Life (ORL) and Student Psychological Services (SPS) supported this effort.
- Avila said that Ronni Sanlo, Director of the LGBT Center, had worked with them in an informal advisory capacity, and that ORL had sponsored them by donating the use of the Northwest Auditorium for the event. Avila said that about 60 students attended, which was a very good turnout considering it was their first meeting.
- Tuttle said that if this was going to get set up and become a regular thing, he hoped that the leadership would give careful thought before incorporating this group into the SWC. He said that, once things become too well-established, they tend to take on a life of their own. Tuttle said that he just hoped that the best support structure possible would be in place, particularly since it dealt with such a serious topic.
- Gaulton said that The Walkmen and Todd Barry would perform for free this Thursday in Ackerman Grand Ballroom. He said that the \$2 film this week would be "In Good Company". Gaulton also said that poet Buddy Wakefield would be appearing soon.
- Bhuiyan passed out fliers for the Jazz Reggae Festival.

XII. Signing of the Attendance Sheet

Corella passed around the attendance sheet.

XIII. Adjournment

- Martinez moved and Lee 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 8:46 p.m. by Acclamation.

Reflectively Submitted,
Michael Keesler, USAC Minutes Taker