

UCSA Board Meeting Report: UCLA GSA Forum Meeting  
Montgomery Lim  
May 10, 2006

- UCSA Board Meeting at UC Santa Cruz (May 5 – 7, 2006)
  - Visit by Student Regent – Maria Ledesma ([ledesma@ucla.edu](mailto:ledesma@ucla.edu))
  - Main issues: access, fees, funding and financial aid
- System-wide committee appointments
- Campaign Updates
  - Graduate student fee issue: Regent Marcus is a strong champion against the increase on student fees
  - Postcard campaign to Speaker Fabian Nunez about fees and Return-to-Aid (20,000 postcards)
- UCSA Action Agenda – Campaign Strategies
  - Voter Registration, Education, Turn Out, and Early Polling
- Goals for next year
  - Fee Freeze – currently in Governors budget
  - Restore Academic Prep Funding
  - Pass some of the following bills
    - ACR 34 – Student Compact – long term plan for higher ed
    - AB 1315 – Community colleges supplemental grant pilot program
    - AB 2813 – Expanding the benefits of the Cal Grant Program
- Tactics for pushing campaign agenda
  - Recruitment Drive
  - In-district visits
  - Op-ed/Letter to the Editor (LTE)
  - Educational Event
  - Vote Campaign
    - Electoral Action Training – Register by May 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Mobilize more student voters
    - Building vote coalition – partnering up with other organizations
    - Voter education
- Legislative Update
  - ACR 34 – in the Assembly Appropriations Committee – Deadline: May 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - AB 2813 – Cal Grant Bill: On suspense due to its high expense.
  - Executive Compensation Bill/Academic Freedom died
  - Budget Subcommittee hearings: Talking about fees, academic prep
  - Denham and Maldonado launched an initiative to ask Dynes to resign
  - Bills currently going through legislature
    - AB 751 (Chu) – Regulate private suppliers that “help” you find scholarship/financial aid
    - AB 2666 (Goldberg) – Members of recognized tribes will be charged in-state fees not out-of-state fees
    - AB 1896 (Coto) – All high schools in CA provide A – G requirements and the state would provide funding for the schools to be in compliance.
- UCSA Vote Project: Working with USSA to develop vote projects with other states (campus/state-wide)
- UCSA Graduate/Professional Committee Evaluation
  - Needs assessment and bringing ideas together; focus group to create agenda; fee waivers for professional fees; non-resident tuition
- Grad and professional subgroups (@ UCSA Retreat to decide issues)
  - System-wide health insurance (for TA’s); plan for students who come in later; specific actions for grads on campaigns; what grad committee will do before June 6<sup>th</sup> Congress; online techniques
- UCSA Retreat JUNE 22 – 25 – Important to find next year’s COD and LL before then
- Evaluations, Debrief on UCSA Committees (UA, CAC, LL), New Business