

UCLA Coalition against Budget Cuts

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Meeting

February 20, 2004

1. Introductions (see sign up sheets)
2. Review of minutes
3. Action Items from last meeting:
 - a. **Meeting with Chancellor**
 - i. Jeannie Oakes is working with Leo on the information gathering and messaging. She thinks that someone other than herself should meet with the Chancellor because he knows her well and her issues in regards to outreach. Faculty we listed included: Pat McDonough, Danny Solorzano and John Rogers.
 - ii. **Action Item:** We need a more comprehensive faculty list.
 - iii. UPTE offered to coordinate sending delegates if necessary.
 - b. **Website** – Santi and Florence have redesigned and improved the site. All information and links should be forwarded to Santi. (www.nobudgetcuts.freesevers.com)
 - i. **Action Item:** Add links of other existing websites regarding Outreach cuts, including Teaching to Change LA Special Edition on Outreach.
4. Update from UNLOC:
 - a. **UNLOC Petition:** There is a petition being circulated and all completed forms should be forwarded to UNLOC. The petition will be revised to include a forwarding address. (This was e-mailed out by Alfred, along with several other UNLOC documents, if you did not receive it, please let us know)
5. Follow up with Legislators:
 - a. Contact people who signed the cuts in the last budget cuts.
 - i. Hugo contacted Martha Escutia's office; apparently her assistant was unaware that she signed anything in August endorsing the cuts. Hugo was given several specific people to follow up with including Carrie Kuger in the Sacramento Office. Overall it was expressed that if we understand why representatives did not show previous support, we could plan accordingly to gather information and present our arguments. However, there was a strong

recommendation not to link our arguments to last year's actions, but rather to present, "this is where we are today, and this is what we are advocating for."

ii. **Action Item:** Michelle, Jack, Derek and Debbie will work on an educational packet to present to legislatures. The target date for the packet to be complete is Friday March 5th. This group will also identify targets.

Various suggestions for what should be included in the packets are: the numbers, these are who it affects, these are the programs, and this is the impact on the schools in your district. There was also a suggestion to consider the other misleading information they may be getting (ie.) Piglet book and counter these wrong and misleading numbers.

We also the EAOP packet to help guide this process. Please let us know if you did not receive the EAOP packet.

We also identified targets for this information including:

1. Republicans
 2. Budget Committee
 3. Higher Education Committee
 4. Minority Caucuses
 5. All of LA County Reps (local too) and prioritize
6. Training on do's and don'ts for UC Staff – Cliff and his colleague passed out a sheet of information for employees.
7. Other Updates/Upcoming events
- a. Rally: April 24th UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UCLA and Puente are coordinating this effort
Action Item: Add California's for Justice link to our website
Action Item: Will get a legislative calendar (Belinda)
Action Items: Make a visit to local legislative offices (as a private citizen vs. coordinated coalition), but important to have the same message and link it back to how it effects that specific district
Action Items: Put the web site address on every set of minutes
 - b. Importance of February and March emphasized: Critical as it looks like April will be target date for May revise.
 - c. UPTE Lobby Dates passed out. They include:
 1. Monday March 8th
 2. Monday March 15th
 3. 3 Lobby Days in Washington D.C. in March**Action Item:** Link to UPTE the "Save Outreach" Sheet