Report from David Sutton
SSCA Four Year College Representative to the NCA Legislative Assembly

On 16 November 2005, the Legislative Assembly of the National Communication Association convened at 12:30 p.m. in Salon E of the Marriott Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts. The following is a summary of major items from that session:

1. According to the NCA finance board and an outside auditor, the national association is on "fairly solid ground." The contingency fund is still a matter of concern. Efforts are underway to bring this fund up to a level that will cover at least six months worth of operating expenses.

2. The partnerships with Taylor & Francis and EBSCO Publishing received positive reviews from the Finance Board. These partnerships are providing a stabilized revenue stream of subscription income to the association.

3. The LA approved a motion from the Publications Board to establish a new NCA journal, to be called *Journal of International and Intercultural Communication*, and to cease publication of the *International and Intercultural Communication Annual*.

4. Discussion of a proposed undergraduate certification program was tabled until next year.

5. NCA Executive Director Roger Smitter gave a progress report as an information item concerning CommZine (working title), an NCA Web-based communication magazine. Each edition will contain three or four 1500 word summaries of research articles from NCA journals, re-written for a lay audience, as well as other features designed to make current communication research and researchers more accessible to a general audience. NCA's InterBoard will have oversight of the magazine, and a managing editor and 8-12 consulting editors from a wide range of NCA units will oversee content development.

On 19 November 2005, the Legislative Assembly of the National Communication Association convened at 8:00 a.m. in Salon E of the Marriott Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts. The following is a summary of major items from that session:

1. The LA voted to approve the James L. Golden Outstanding Student Essay in Rhetoric Award.

2. The LA voted to seek joint affiliation with the Rhetoric Society of America.

3. The LA voted to dissolve the Undergraduate Caucus from the NCA membership list.

4. David Zarefsky led a discussion on the concept of open access as it relates to the publication of scholarly research in the association's journals.

5. As a result of a motion from the floor, the LA voted to send the following items to the Executive Committee for discussion: (a) to freeze increases on student membership fees for three years; (b) to freeze student convention fees for three years; (c) to limit annual increases in membership fees to the rate of inflation for three years; (d) to limit annual increases in convention fees to the rate of inflation for three years.