

Persons Present: Gary, James, Jeremy, Jim, Mark, Maressa, Mika, Sam, and Tiffany

Last year, AS Congress took place and gave students an opportunity to express what they'd like to have AS work on during the school year. As you know, CODA's proposal was chosen as one of the top three goals, but we didn't get too far in meeting these goals.

DISCUSSED the mission statement and purpose for CODA, the overall apathy of the community to get involved with student government because they don't feel they make a difference. Discuss possible goals for the upcoming year's proposal from CODA to AS Congress.

James: Smaller goals that can be met in a shorter amount of time.

Event accessibility, safety, transportation

Transportation: A wheelchair-accessible van from transportation

Gary: Research and present proposals to make this an accessible campus.

UCSB has shared governance which means that we have a stronger voice with the administration than do students at Berkeley, UCSD, UCLA, etc. Maressa: Safety is something we may want to address.

Bikes riding on sidewalks, trucks parked in the middle of the sidewalk, etc.

We also need to have better lighting in certain areas because you could get hit by bikers at night.

We also went through a list of questions posed by AS regarding our goal/proposal.

Who has the power for getting this taken care of? Mark Fisher and Chief Bean

What can our organization do to help? What resources can we bring?
Knowledge, awareness, the geography department

How do you foresee AS contributing to accomplishing this goal?

Posting and publicizing our events (Disability Awareness Week), drafting up proposals, pushing the agenda for disability accessibility on campus.

What are some problems about accomplishing this goal?

Lack of awareness, inclusion.

Lack of interest, apathy, institutional malaise.

Is this goal realistic? Absolutely, and necessary and morally justified.

What part of the campus community will benefit from attaining this goal?

Everybody, grad, undergrad, staff, faculty.

To the best of your knowledge, has this issue been addressed in the past? Who is working on it?

Yes, CODA/Coda.

We also have an ADA meeting coming up pretty soon.