

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

January 10, 2007

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Cecilia Perez.

ROLL CALL

Amanda Burlingame
Scarlet Chan
Ajay Deshpande
Jaclyn Feldstein
Jenna Galoob
Claudia Garcia
Molly Gilmore
Matt Jackson
Sam Marks
Deirdre Mathis
Samantha Nevels
Tiffany Pascual
Cecilia Perez
Margret "Maggie" Pike
John Paul "JPP" Primeau
Jeronimo Saldana
Jason "JPS" Slauenwhite
Julia Stephanides
Alex Van Wagner

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day. (Jeronimo)(Scarlet)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to move acceptance of agenda to after the acceptance of proxies and excused absences. (Jeronimo)(Sam)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Cecilia – The following requests have been made: Due to a class conflict Evan can not make it to the meetings for this quarter, he has asked that Raymond Meza be appointed him proxy for the quarter. Ajay is to be excused at 7:30pm, Jason Parnell has a class conflict and will be arriving at 6:50pm for the remainder of the quarter. JPS is to be excused at 6:15pm, and to excuse Julia's tardy, she will be arriving at 5:30pm.

Jason was recognized at 5:08pm.

MC Motion to bundle and approve all mentioned proxies and absences.

(Sam)(Ajay)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MC Motion to add CAB 1/9/07 and ASPB 1/8/07 to Acceptance of Minutes.

(Samantha)(Ajay)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add a closed session, lasting 10 minutes, for Leggies, Aaron and proxies to after Acceptance of Proxies and add as Discussion item #1 Conquest Housing. (Jeronimo)(Molly)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add under Action Items the appointment of Chaz Whatley to the Academic Senate and Advisory Committee Liaison to Committee on Committees and to add Cory Huber to Finance Board. (Samantha)(Tiffany)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to move Public Forum and Announcements before the closed session. (Sam)(Maggie)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept agenda as amended. (Samantha)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carolyn – I am here to speak for Michael Young.

Jared – Don resigned as Executive Director, the acting Executive Director is Marilyn Dukes.

Carolyn – Michael just wanted to say that we've been working on this and we feel that this is best. We are working on the process for the recruitment of a new director.

Marilyn – I'm looking forward to this opportunity and to get to know you all.

Cassidy Zanko - Due to current occurrences on campus, CAB feels that we as a campus should support the families and students during hard times. We are setting up a fund to help people during their hardships. We are currently helping the students who lost their home in a recent fire and also we are sending flowers and cards to the families who lost their children in a car crash this past weekend.

Yoni Harris – We just learned today that another one of our students was killed last weekend in a car crash. Her and her mother were hit by a car who was evading the police. I think that the support of the students families is lovely idea and that we should have been doing it a while ago. So far this year we have lost 11 students; we try to support the families as much as we can and to help them through their hard time. The chancellor sends the families flowers and this program will help to give our lost students the respect they deserve.

MC Motion to invite Marilyn to join the closed session. (Maggie)(Claudia)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Entered closed session at 5:25pm.
Left closed session at 5:35pm.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Jaclyn – Student Fees were hiked by 7% so we are having a call in day tomorrow where we will bombard the governor's office with calls.

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marilyn Dukes

The last interview for the Nexus Publications Director is tomorrow.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jared Goldschen

Welcome back. Thank you to the five Leggies that were able to come to the retreat. At the retreat we went over the Staff Master Plan. This document, which was emailed to everyone, will give you an idea of how the staff sees AS and where we are going. We also discussed the direction of AS.

I have been thinking that should set up some sort of spirit committee, to raise awareness of our sports teams and to congratulate our competitors.

I would like to create a graduating senior week and/or trip to create a tighter sense of unity.

I would like to see everyone to stay active in the process of choosing the new director for AS.

Jared swore Cecilia Perez in as Internal Vice President.

At the retreat we started thinking about a summer program to continue the office so that when we come back everything is still running.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Cecilia Perez

We need a new pro tem, so please email me with why you want to do it by Wednesday at 5pm.

We need to fill an On-Campus Representative position.

I was thinking of having a working meeting during the third week of school.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Joel Rodriguez-Flores

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EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Bill Shieber

Emailed report.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Samantha - Matt and I are starting a new project; we will be having a half an hour radio show on KCSB. It will be once a week and is called RAS. We will be discussing upcoming AS events.

Raymond – Last quarter there was a SIO meeting. The next meeting is 1/18 in the GSA lounge from 3 to 6pm.

Jaclyn – I have hit a wall with the Lights Project so please talk to me if you have ideas.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Jaclyn – FB met. Student Lobby is meeting with Assembly member Nava next week. We are having a “learn to lobby” retreat.

Molly – I am disappointed in the people who didn't make it to the meeting on Sunday. With our new funds we need to step up our game.

Jeronimo – I feel that the Nexus is disregarding our boycott. And that's very wrong.

Raymond – FB referred a bill to LC by consent. This bill was crafted with great care please take the time to read and consider it.

Ajay – Investments committee is going to start meeting in the next few weeks.

Matt – Next Wednesday, PB is handing out free tickets for Moving Units. The show is Feb 2nd. SAW 3 is playing next week. DUB in the Hub is starting up with the Extendibles. We are working with KSCB and the Nexus to advertise our open positions.

Samantha – Committee on Committees is going to go to all the Residence Halls to support AS and to promote signing up for committees and running for positions in AS. We are thinking of having an orientation meeting to get to know everyone and to tell all about AS committees.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

CAB 11/28/06, 12/5/06, 1/9/07, ASPB 12/4/06, 1/8/07, KCSB 10/16/06, SCORE 12/4/06, BIKES 5/22/06, FB 1/8/07, LC 11/29/06

Matt – I think that it's odd that we are willing to fund a single person for a conference.

Scarlet – We as FB, roasted him, to make sure that he did what we wanted him to do.

Raymond – This is a student staff position, we are stewards of the organization and we should fund our organizations. We will do this for staff and to people who are bringing back valuable information for the campus and our organizations.

JPP – We should watch out that we do not start to look like we are giving money to individuals.

MC Motion to bundle and approve all minutes. (Jeronimo)(Raymond)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Removal of Scarlet Chan

Cecilia – Last quarter Scarlet missed all of her meetings for RHA and one of her FB meetings. As in the legal code these are grounds for removal.

MC Motion to table action indefinitely. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

Samantha – Why did you miss those meetings?

Scarlet – I had missed two meetings so I lost my vote for RHA so I did not see the point of going.

Raymond – We didn't remove an IVP when we should have, so why remove one of our active members.

Matt – Did you go this week.

Scarlet – No.

Matt – You should go even if you do not have a vote.

Sam – I feel that you should go to these meetings because it is your job.

Jeronimo – Call to question.

MC Motion passes by a 15/3/1 vote.

2. Appointment of Local Affairs Organizing Director – Lindsay Quock

Cecilia – Joel appointed her to this position.

Lindsay introduced herself.

Lindsay - I have gotten involved with campus workers as well as IVTU because of the current living conditions in IV.

MC Motion to appoint Lindsay Quock as Local Affairs Organizing Director.
(Raymond)(Ajay)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

3. Appointment of Chaz Whatley to the Academic Senate and Advisory Committee Liaison to the Committee on Committees, and to appoint Cory Huber to Finance Board

MC Motion to bundle and approve appointments. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bill to Amend Replacement Procedures

MC Motion to approve. (Jeronimo)(Deirdre)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. Bill to Create a Legislative Council Liaison to KCSB

MC Motion to table until next week. (Jeonimo)(Scarlet)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill for Student's Initiative Legal Code Changes

Raymond read the whereas' as well as highlights of important parts.

Tabled for a week.

JPP – Please read this.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Joel Rodriguez-Flores

MC Motion to get Joel's report by email. (Scarlet)(Raymond)
Motion withdrawn.

Thank you for withdrawing that because you do not read your emailed reports. There is a local affairs meeting next week in the MCC lounge. I am inviting all of our committees and groups so that they can take part in our discussions. It is on the 21st, from 1-4pm in the MCC lounge.

We started planning for our second homegrown conference. This is to teach people grass roots politics.

IVTU meetings are Thursday at 5pm. IVTU is organizing a boycott of Conquest housing. We are trying to remind the students of the people who were evicted from the Cedarwood Apartments.

I think that we should hold everyone accountable in their jobs, as Leggies. If you are to hold someone accountable please start with yourself.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Bill to Boycott POM Wonderful

Matt – I sent this out over email. This is a change to the legal code. They went public with these tests this year and one of their VP's quit due to this newly released information. This is a national campaign, and we are asking for them to sign a written agreement to stop animal testing.

Jaclyn – We have supported our country, other countries, why can't we also help animals?

Ajay – We should add more CCs, like all the other UC schools.

Raymond – I think this is horrible that a company would do this, but we should not boycott too quickly. We should look into all the campus organizations to see who is using POM Wonderful.

Matt – My idea in pursuing it this way, was to see if it was what the students wanted.

Raymond – I think that a resolution would be a better way of doing this at this time.

JPP – I think that we should look at animal testing in general. Most medical breakthroughs are found with some animal testing. We have testing on campus, and we should really look at this not as animal testing.

Molly – We should write resolutions to reflect the will of the students, rather than write a resolution to see if you have support. I think that generalizing all animal testing is good is a very bad outlook.

Julia – I think that the generalizations are horrible, and that we should pay attention to this atrocity.

MC Motion to table. (Jeronimo)(Scarlet)

Sam – I like this bill, I like being educated about these issues.

Raymond – I think a resolution about this would easily pass this council

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Tabled for a week.

DISCUSSION

Jeronimo – I saw the full page add for Conquest Housing in the Nexus. We passed boycotts against Conquest. We supported the families, who some are now homeless. It's bad taste of judgment and it is wrong to do this to the families.

Raymond – The Nexus does have a lock in fee through AS. Because it is an advertisement, we cannot be accused of censoring the media. Our bylaws state that AS funded organizations cannot be doing business with a company we boycott. We should audit the Nexus, to show where our funds are going to them. We could freeze their funds.

Molly – We can talk to the legal resource center to find out if we can be sued if we take action on this boycott.

Matt – The Nexus is our voice in this community, and we should be sensitive to the community and the evictees.

Samantha – We should start taking action now on this issue.

Raymond – The first step is to have an independent audit of the Nexus to see where the fees go.

Marilyn- You should ask the Nexus to give you their audit information.

Jeronimo – I think that we should boycott the Nexus because there are so many organizations that are unhappy with the Nexus' job in reporting.

Molly – We did not want Conquest in our community and now they are being advertised to all of our new students. I want the advertisements to go away.

Raymond – I think that we are the only voice of the students, because we are the ones that were elected.

MC Motion to end discussion. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

Scarlet – I think that the advertisement is offensive.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please send me your bills.

REMARKS

Cecilia – I will not be around on Wednesdays so please call me if you need to talk to me on Wednesdays.

Aaron – Please send any changes to the front desk to any of your bills. The budget process for next year is about to get started.

Cecilia – I think that everyone should hold everyone and themselves accountable.

Matt – Thanks for the interesting meeting.

Jeronimo – I had my doubts, by I feel that Cecilia will do a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Ajay)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:05pm.