

## **Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings**

January 17, 2007

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:03 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Cecilia Perez.

### **ROLL CALL**

Amanda Burlingame  
Scarlet Chan  
Jaclyn Feldstein  
Claudia Garcia  
Sam Marks  
Deirdre Mathis  
Samantha Nevels  
Tiffany Pascual  
John Paul "JPP" Primeau  
Jeronimo Saldana  
Jason "JPS" Slauenwhite  
Julia Stephanides  
Ian Taylor  
Meri Telalyan  
Alex Van Wagner

### **ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Cecilia – I have received the following requests: excuse Ian from 6-7pm for class, for Daniel to proxy for Shahan, for Molly to be excused tonight for work, for Samantha to be excused at 6:45pm for class, for for Scarlet to be excused at 6:30pm for class, for Yvonne to be Molly's proxy and for Yvonne to be excused at 7:00pm for class, and for Ajay to be excused at 7:00pm.

MC Motion to bundle and approve all proxies and excused absences. (Raymond)  
(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Ajay is recognized at 5:05pm.

MC Motion for Ajay to be excused at 5:50pm. (Ajay)(Scarlet)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Costanza Rampimi – I spent yesterday outside of Breakpoint fliering the potential renters. Conquest is scared of us and has sent a representative to negotiate with us. We should think of how we would like to deal with conquest. I think that we should try to make them a better company rather than try to kick them out of the community.

Britney Weinberg-Lynn – I am here on behalf of CAB. We are having a canned food drive and we are trying to make it a campus wide event. Our event this weekend is Trick-or-Can so please come with us to collect cans from IV, in costume if you like.

James – The Trick-or-Can project will continue until we get our 100K lbs of cans. We would like to thank the people who already contributed.

Matt is recognized at 5:09pm.  
Jason is recognized at 5:09pm.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

none

### **A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

none

### **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marilyn Dukes**

The orientation staff is looking for people; if you are interested in this position please apply.

I am hoping to put some AS sessions together for the leadership expo.

I met with Don today, and he is being very helpful for me and for everyone who has questions about AS.

Nexus sent me their latest audit information, and I will pass this information around during your later discussions.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jared Goldschen**

This Friday, I am going to Oakland to meet with the other AS presidents from all the other UCs. We are going to talk about current issues affecting students.

If you are interested in any of the activities that I mentioned last week, please talk to me.

### **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Cecilia Perez**

I will be in the office next Wednesday.

Next week it will be a working meeting.

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

none

### **EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Bill Shieber**

His report was e-mailed this week.

### **GROUP PROJECT REPORTS**

Samantha – We got our radio show, it is on Tuesdays 7:30-8pm. This past week was our first show. We had a few guests from AS, we talked about what AS does and about the boycott due to some call-ins to the show. We were planning on prerecording the show but due to the high volume of callers we are trying to not do that. If you have an idea for a show, please talk to us.

Jeronimo – I think that we should fund the arts on campus. If you are interested in helping me put on an alternative entertainment source, as well as putting on arts productions. Talk to me.

Scarlet – I think that we should help find funding for Kerr Hall's video editing program.

Julia – Molly and I were talking about a police awareness project. We are thinking that we should make this project into committee, better known as COPS. If any one is interested in this project please talk to Joel or I.

Tiffany – Herstory deadline has been extended. If you would like to submit please talk to me or go to the Women's Center.

Jared – I met with Denise about the search for the director. We are looking at the wording for our ad for the new executive director. The ad will run until March, so that we can interview people starting in April.

### **REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

Ian – RHA met.

Matt – Tickets to Moving Units went out today. The general public gets them next Wednesday. KCSB had their orientation for first time programmers this week.

Jenna – IVCRC met yesterday. We gave funding to NORML, for their joint rolling contest. The MCC is trying to extend their programming to IV, so we gave money to them. We talked about the roll of Conquest in our community.

JPP – FB did not meet. Committee on Committees has not met this week. Elections committee will be starting quickly.

Claudia – Committee on Committees did meet, we discussed the recruitment drive. We want everyone out in the arbor, to table for your committees.

Jeronimo – I have been talking to student of color organizations.

Jaclyn – RHA met and talked about programming for the students.

Amanda – The Student Lobby conference is coming up. Please turn in your application if you wish to go. The deadline is the February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sam – The Adaptive Recreation Program is possibly getting cut. The Rolling Goucho's first game is next week.

JPP – Last quarter we discussed a program where you could rate the police officers in IV, I am starting to work on it.

Alex – The Elections Committee is meeting tomorrow. If you are interested in UCDC the application is due tomorrow.

Samantha – Finance Board did not meet. Committee on Committees met and we have a recruitment fair next week. We need you to table for your committees. If we don't have committees tabling, you don't get new members. We are creating a new Committee on Committees staff position for clerical work. I am on elections committee and I need to get off of it.

Tiffany – SCORE met. QSU met and they are thinking of showing up at the Diversity Career Fair.

Deidre – IVTU met, and we were discussing the Home Grown Revolution. We are still talking about the Just Cause Ordinance. We also discussed the Conquest Housing boycott.

Julia – Please show up to the Committee on Committees Recruitment Fair. CAB is trying to attend the fair. The CAB Foundation is giving money to the student

memorial group on campus. They give flowers to families who lose their UCSB students.

Meri – RHA met. Media Relations is still not meeting.

Ian – Constitutions and Bylaws is still meeting. I need to get the emails of all the dead committees so that we can bring them back to life.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Cecilia – We need to add IVCRC 1/16/07 to the acceptance of minutes.

MC Motion to add as New Business #1 A Directional Resolution to Enforce the Rules of Associated Students, UCSB; to add as New Business #2 Associated Students Green Scheme; to add as Discussion #2 Nexus Audit and as #3 The Nexus' Perception of Students of Color. (Jeronimo)(Meri)  
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to have Discussion #2 item in 15 minutes closed session.  
(Scarlet)(JPP)

MC Friendly amendment to allow Aaron, Marilyn, Proxies and Yoni Harris in the closed session. (Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to make the following changes to the Student's Initiative Legal Code Changes:

1. To add to IV(1)(K) \_\_\_\_\_
2. (get from Raymond)

(Raymond)(Amanda)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to change Old Business #2 to a Resolution. (Matt)(Scarlet)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add as Discussion #4 A Working Meeting. (Ian)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept agenda as amended. (Amanda)(Raymond)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

CAB 1/16/07, Student Lobby 1/11/07, LC 1/10/07, IVCRC 1/16/07

MC Motion to bundle and approve all minutes. (Scarlet)(JPP)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 1. Appointment of Second Pro-Tempore

Cecilia – I would like to suggest Samantha Nevels be the pro-tempore.

Samantha – I wanted to do this last quarter but because I was in France I couldn't.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Jeronimo)(Ian)  
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### 1. Student Initiative Legal Code Changes

Raymond – Last week Jared and Keith came up to me with the changes that I previously listed.

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Samantha)(Deirdre)  
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

#### 2. Resolution Against POM Wonderful

Matt – This is the bill but in a resolution form. Not asking for a boycott but asking for a removal of POM from the campus.

JPP – I did a lot of research about this issue, so as a full turn around from last week I would like to fully support this.

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Jeronimo)(Deirdre)  
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Enforce the Rules of the Associated Students UCSB

Jeronimo showed a documentary about the Conquest Housing issue on campus.

Jeronimo - I wanted to show this to you, to show you that this is not an AS thing. This is a community issue. What the Nexus did is wrong, and it is not fair for any organization to profit from these evictions.

Jeronimo read the directional resolution.

Raymond – This very council is the one that passed the boycott against Conquest. I ask that we enforce this.

JPP – Attacking the free press is not the way to go. The Nexus is not governed by AS. They are governed by the university Associated Press. We are not required to help fund the Nexus but we cannot limit the Universities free press. Advertising counts as free press. I am questioning if we as AS can censor the free press.

Alex – I feel for this cause. I am appalled with what conquest housing did. I don't think that we should go after the nexus on this. We wouldn't have found out about many campus issues if the nexus wasn't in place.

Nexus – The lock in fees are 7-8% of our revenue.

JPS – I would like to ask if the Nexus already know that there was a boycott.

Nexus – Yes we did.

JPS – We are not telling them to not advertise Conquest. We are telling the Nexus that if they take Conquest's money then they do not get the AS lock in fee from us. We should follow the process of rules. We should enforce the rules that we set down and not let organizations not follow those rules. They broke the rules so they do not get the money. They are the only source of information on campus, but this also means that they go uncensored. This is not a moral issue this is about rules.

Sam – I originally saw this as a censorship issue. But I now see it, after a week of research, that this is a rule breaking issue.

MC Motion to approve. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

JPP – I think that it is time that the Nexus and AS break financially. Legally they have no reason to adhere to our motions as a press organization.

MC Friendly amendment to the bill, to change the \$800,000 to \$683,184, and to strike the last two therefores. (Jeronimo)

Marilyn – In the past we have only enforced boycotts to entities that are financially responsible to AS. Saying that, we have never enforced a boycott on the Nexus, and I am worried that we would be violating their first amendment rights. I would like to ask you to hold off on passing this until I talk to the Universities' Legal Council.

Raymond – I think the Nexus was reasonably informed last week. And the ad was still run this week.

MC Call to question.

MC Motion to go to vote passes by a 12/8/0 vote.

Roll call vote.

Shahan Ahmed (Daniel) (Abstain)

Amanda Burlingame (No)

Scarlet Chan (Yes)

Jaclyn Feldstein (Abstain)

Claudia Garcia (Yes)

Molly Gilmore (Yes)

Evan Ingardia (Yes)

Matt Jackson (No)

Sam Marks (Yes)

Deirdre Mathis (Yes)

Samantha Nevels (No)

Tiffany Pascual (Yes)

John Paul "JPP" Primeau (No)

Jeronimo Saldana (Yes)

Jason "JPS" Slauenwhite (Yes)

Julia Stephanides (Yes)

Meri Telalyan (Yes)

Alex Van Wagner (No)

MCP Motion passes by a 13/5/2 vote at 6:33pm.

## 2. Associated Scheme Green Scheme

Jeronimo read the resolution.

Raymond – Kelly wrote this.

MC Friendly amendment to add a space after 06 and to add "and" after each clause. (Samantha)

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

## **DISCUSSION**

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day. (Jeronimo)(Samantha)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to reopen acceptance of agenda. (Jeronimo)(Julia)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.



MC Motion to move Discussion Item #1 after Discussion Item #3.  
 (Jeronimo)(Samantha)  
 MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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

MC Motion to suspend the orders and exchange Discussion Item #1 and #2.  
 (Raymond)(Matt)  
 MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### 1. Nexus Perception of Students of Color

Jeronimo – I found six raciest articles in a quick article search. These I have passed these articles around.

Jeronimo, Scarlet and Matt read selected articles.

Jeronimo – I do not want to sensor the Nexus. I do not think that there should be a need to sensor the Nexus but we should not allow them to print such racist articles.

Raymond – We have never lowered UCSB's admissions standards. Only UCLA has lowered their standards because they were going to be sued by potential students. Black students go to college they don't go here because they feel threatened.

Joel – I thought it was very interesting that some people would write that black and Hispanic students are a waste of federal funds. If there are people of color who are dropping out it is because the campus climate is hostile towards them. We need to address this hostile atmosphere.

Scarlet – As a women of color on campus, I find this so offensive. I can't believe that any employer would want to employ someone who would write something so racist in their college newspaper.

Katlyn – This is the first time that I have head any of these accusations. Last year we fired the weatherhuman because the articles were so racist. If there is any concern about the articles please come talk to me, or yell at me, so that we do not print such racist columns.

Samantha – More women graduate college than men.

Joel – There are more women than men in the US. When stating this issue they do not bring up people of color. This is a consistent issue. There is a difference between freedom of speech and actively printing racist articles. I have read so

many articles that have made me feel so uncomfortable on campus. There is freedom of speech but there are also ethics and awareness and making students feel unwelcome.

Matt – There is a lot of hate against the Nexus. I am not saying that we should control the Nexus, but I think that the Nexus should take more part on campus. Leg Council is the student representation on campus. I think that we should have a better filtering process for their articles.

Deirdre – I am coming from a well off family, but I cannot believe how many times I have felt threatened on this campus and in our community. I cannot believe how many racist people we have on campus. This is nothing compared to what we see every day.

Meri – Articles like this promote hate talk, and I think that the Nexus should rethink the articles they print. The Nexus reflects that the student population has these views and this should not be tolerated.

JPP – I think when we see ignorance in the Nexus, as AS we should call out the racist articles and to write the Nexus. We cannot idly stand by as these articles are printed without rebuttal.

Raymond – I do not think that student of color need to defend themselves, I would like to see a white ally defend their friends.

Katlyn – I would love to meet with any group who would like to talk about this, to be printed about this. Please send me letters. I'll be there at any meeting that you set up.

JPP – I think that there needs to be more interaction in what is published in the Nexus.

Tyler – I have witnessed many times that opinion columns have been edited.

MC Motion to end discussion. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)  
MCC Motions is passed by consent.

## 2. Nexus Audit (Closed Session)

Closed session began at 7:13pm.

Time Limit was extended in closed session by 10 minutes.

Closed session ended at 7:37pm.

## 3. Working Meeting

Cecilia – I think that we should appoint the pro-tem tonight. I would also like for us to brainstorm group projects.

Amanda – I think that we should say what we are thinking now, concerning the pro-tem.

Jeronimo – We are missing a lot of people. So we should not discuss this issue.

Raymond – I do not think that the applicant pool was big enough.

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

Samantha – I do a lot of work in AS and I would like to add pro-tem to my job list. I want to make sure that everyone is accountable. I always do my work and I'd like to think that I do it well.

Cecilia – I would like to have this position filled sooner rather than later.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

#### 4. Weekly AS Column in the Nexus

Jaclyn – The Nexus was willing to have an AS column where we expressed our opinions. If we are going to do this we need to be consistent about it. Unless we make an alternative news source, this is a great way for accountability.

Amanda – I am willing to write a column if that is what it takes.

Raymond – I think that this is a great idea. I think that this is a good mechanism to set the Nexus right and to get the facts straight.

Jeronimo – We just froze their funds, I think that this is bad timing.

Samantha – Campus Point is ready to go, but we have no one to do anything with it. There will be a lot of logistics that will have to be worked out.

JPS – I do not think that having an article would be a good idea. I think that we would be overly scrutinized. I think that if we started up Campus Point it would be seen as propaganda. I think that media relations would be a great go through with articles to the nexus.

Ian – It sounds like everyone wants this, but can we still do it?

JPP – This is an opportunity to step forward. This is a unique opportunity to speak to the student body. We can self-monitor the articles that we submit to the Nexus. I think that this could be used as a healing process.

Matt – I think that this discussion should be in our working meeting.

Jeronimo – We are not on good terms with the Nexus.

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

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Please get me the bills that you wrote.

### **REMARKS**

none

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MC Motion to adjourn. (Raymond)(Matt)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.