

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

October 1, 2008

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:06 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Kevin Higuchi.

ROLL CALL

Josue Aparicio

Donald Byers

Joe Cole

Raymond Collins

Ashley Day

Kenisha Day

Amy Elvidge (Proxy Andrew Picard)

Stephanie Fitch

Stephanie Golden

Darshan Grover

Husayn Hasan

Becca Huebsch

Sinead Kennedy

Radika Khosharay

Topher Kindell

Molly –Kate Lenahan

Jose Magana

Ally Olney

Carla Perez

Paula Reeve

Faris Shalan

Liz Usedom-late

Chris Wendle

Steven Wolfson

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Faris: I will need to be excused at 6.

Ray: I will need to be excused 9.

Molly: I will need to be excused at 9 as well.

Kevin: I would like to recommend that Faris be excused at 6, and Ray and Molly be excused at 9. Liz and Megan will be late due to a class scheduling conflict. I would also like to recommend that Andrew Parkart is the proxy for Amy Elvidge who is studying abroad.

MC So moved. (Husayn, Josue)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lt. Olmstead: I just wanted to come here tonight to let you know that I am available to help you out, and so that you could put a face to the name. I'd like to be here for you all if you have any questions/concerns.

Jane Foal: I am a librarian here at UCSB and last year AS supported us for our free coffee nights which became hugely popular and we would like to offer it this again this year. Although we are not a restaurant, we have good students that help us out and make it work. Last year you gave us \$2,700 and we are so grateful and this year we want to do it again with your support and we are here tonight to see if anyone would like to sponsor us.

Amber Gonzales: I am the GSA president and excited to work with you in the future, I am here to just put a face to the name.

Kim Thompson: I am also from the library. The 24hr room is under construction, and is newly painted and remodeled, with new furniture on the way. We are also starting a student council for the library; so if anyone knows students who would like to get involved, please encourage them to apply! We are also putting on a Game night on October 16 from 6-9 with free pizza, and poker. We need experts to show us how to play poker.

Joel Rodriguez-Flores: We want a fair measure A, measure A is important initiative on the ballot, it includes an extension of .5 cent sales tax which funds highway expansion and maintenance and road maintenance. MTD also receives funding from a previously named measure D. People have been working hard to put forth a proposition that would pass. We need this because MTD is already operating on a deficit and has discussed raising fares. Santa Barbara is in a big budget crisis and this would be a huge revenue loss. We want to do everything we can to get this passed. We need road maintenance and public transportation. If you want to find out more visit YesonmeasureA.com.

Ashley: You said it was for "fair measure A", what are the objections?

Joel: The controversy was because it was mostly for just car drivers, and a sales tax should be going to everyone: bikers, public transport, pedestrians, working family organizations, and there is a wide range of organizations that got involved to make sure that more funds would be spent for alternative transportation. Measure A funds bus service for commuters that work in SB but do not live here. It should include many components including commuter rail, bus, and more. There is still a concern about money for alternative transportation, but if this does not pass it would be detrimental to our community.

Steven: How can students get involved?

Joel: The campaign is going to be calling people and getting out the vote. So basically you should sign up with Kelly Burns.

Carolyn Buford: I assume many of you are involved with campaigns, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm. One thing to remember is when you put up signs you need to put your student orgs name on it because if not, we will be taking them down. We want activity but we need an affiliation.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chris: We are trying to registrar voters at Zodo's.

Gloria: One of the items of business is for the Hate Crimes in IV this summer. Two weekends in a row there were Queer parties going on and 1st weekend people walked by and yelled "fag" and a man from the party came out to inquire and then got beat up. The next weekend 3 people have left the Queer party and got yelled at from a balcony and then got beer cans thrown at them and one of them was chased and the only reason he got away was because he was fast. Yay for being fast. We will be doing a march through campus to let us know that violence will not be tolerated to our group. It is our community and everyone should feel safe.

Edgar: In the SRB multipurpose room, Oct. 8, we will hold a Stop the hate workshop. This is something that needs to be addressed, I have had students come to me in fear of their lives, it is a concern for future students and our safety as a community now.

Ronnie Harris: I am the Dean of Students, and Chancellor Young and I wrote a letter to the students of UCSB and it speaks of no tolerance for intolerance, and we felt it was an important occasion to do this, though we have done it several times. We are in no way okay with this.

Sinead: Lt. Olmstead can you come up here? What are your goals this year? How will you improve communication between students? And about this situation, what would you do to prevent this?

Lt Olmstead: Our primary concern is to keep IV safe, that is why we crack down on the small crimes because it shows that large crimes are less to happen. I'd like to get more communication with the students and work with them at Town Hall meetings. Whether it is a hate crime or violence in general, we have a lot of

violence in IV, we even had a situation last night where a kid got his skull cracked. Foot patrol does not just deal with alcohol, we get sexual harassments, fights, violence, there are a lot of crimes that go on. People carry guns around here, IV is not just a college community that drinks a lot we have had homicides, where people get beat up and get killed. That's why we enforce small crimes, so these big ones will be less likely to happen.

Faris: How many officers do you have stationed in IV?

Lt Olmstead: We have 21 sworn officers and now I have extra funding for overtime positions, so we have about 10 to 15 extra deputies out on a Friday or Saturday night, there is more officers per square mile than anywhere else in SB. 20% of serious crime that happens in SB happens in IV. That's why we want to work with students and the university police to lower this number.

Darshan: What could you do to work on?

Lt Olmstead: We have been working on a new station. But we want increased town hall meetings, we want to work with the Greeks, and some officers work with the Nexus, we want to go to more groups to explain what the laws are. A lot of times, the people who get in trouble are asking for it. We had many cases of alcohol poisoning on the weekends, and we need more alcohol education.

Andrew: In relation to the Queer comm., what can we do to classify a hate crime for this past weekend?

Lt Olmstead: If someone has been calling names it is a hate crime, and they hurt the person because of their race, sexual preference, ect. But in IV it is hard to get solid evidence. Thought the crimes are investigated the same way.

Steven: In addition to classification of hate crimes, what has the response been to this?

Lt: I only read one, I can't tell you if some crimes have been misclassified, or not reported at all. Any violence is too much violence, because we have so much here.

Gloria: The officers from Queer comm. are here so if you need questions answered later

David: I am the Student Lobby Chair and we are here to talk about USSA and we went to DC, we represented our campus and voted on issues. We are running seven campaigns so we need major help. Regional Day of Action for the Dream Act, we are trying to promote the Federal Dream Act.

Jacaline: Our main goals are to make school affordable for students.

Edward: I work in SCORE and I recruit and try to get orgs involved with us, so look forward to working with you.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

David: Student Lobby is meeting tomorrow at 6pm at the conference room, we will be doing voter turnout, we are working on getting out the vote, Oct. 23 we are doing a press conference, really fun. They make up half a volunteer list (freshman) for getting the vote out. We are here for you to get your issues out.

Sarah: This week we allocated money. We give \$250 as a start up fund to orgs, we have handed out \$3500 in start up fees. Monday we passed out \$3820 to different groups for cool events and orgs.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marisela Marquez

Marisela: If you need to talk to me make an appointment or come to my office hours. I usually come here with a written report for you to read. We have had several new hires to AS and active searches going on right now. My style has been to pair a student with a staff member, and all the searches and hires have had students on the interview, so the new hires have been actually appointed. We are going to move into building 334, to be the AS Annex, and last year we were discussing going into an overflow space while 334 got ready, so now we were in building 377 while the Annex gets ready. There is also space on the 3rd floor of the UCEN, but it is currently occupied by the storage of some orgs stuff. We need to find a place to store this while we move in. We found a room by AS Bikes, but it is not a physically "safe" to be occupied by humans. We are upgrading this into a more livable space with the university. AS Recycling works with the facility management to pick up the recycling, process it and send it away. In early June we discussed taking more control over that process, so we could play a major part in recycling. We have been updating the web development over summer, you need to fill out a work order to have us work on your websites. I attended a Global youth enterprises conference and our staff is going on a two-day retreat soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JP Primeau

I am happy we have an unprecedented level of student appointments this year. I ask that you table those for one week, and come back to them next week, as that is the formal process.

Hope you all had a good summer. On Sep. 19 Gov. Schwarzenegger passed the budget, and as a result we are going through a tremendous budget crunch. All our departments are looking at a 4-8% cut. We as students can be involved by fighting for what we believe is essential.

As for skateboarding, the admin is re evaluating this law. In my opinion this is one of the best way to get around. This is an important issue to keep this a viable means of transportation.

The campus planning commission: Campus has realized that our situation of budget cuts will continue into next year and the year after. Still, the library project is moving forward, while others are being pushed back. At AS we are looking at projects that will be important, so we created a committee that is looking at the need for students 10 years out.

Building 406 has been slated to come down in the library renovation and biotech renovation.

I have been sitting on the MCP committee, and have been talking with the AI Winers, about exceptions to the MCP. We want to make sure that students are thought of.

UCSA president's meeting: we wanted to re invent the conference to bring presidents from GSA and undergrad so that we can use the president title to really help us.

La Cumbre yearbook is looking at recreating a committee to help this yearbook because numbers has been declining over the years.

Rally comm and Gaucho locos are getting together, so show some support! We bought freshmen and transfer students shirts to feel like they belong to UCSB.

UC Davis has an 11 million dollar budget, and only 1/3 of it comes from students. We want to be like them, by setting up some means of revenue, and also we want to set up some services that are cheap and give students experience. We want to go wireless and I will unveil the solution next week, it will be paperless, and it will help you be better leg council members. We will be going through the trial run to see if it will in fact be better.

Sinead: If the productivity level stayed the same, wouldn't the environment be happy?

JP: If your productivity goes down it is not worth it.

I am looking for qualified students to sit on the Program review panel; we go over the programs at UCSB.

50% of California's energy has to come from renewable resources by 2025, I am holding on workshop prop 7 at 6554 DP ap. # 102 at 8pm.

Ashley: How are the relations with the gaucho locos and rally comm. going?

JP: Good: they have a liaison

Darshan: What sort of procedures are in place to help projects go forward?

JP: some of the buildings are state funded, and some are from lease revenue bonds, essentially they increase the campuses total debt, and it is a combo of those two.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kevin Higuchi

I've been working with Trinidad all summer to change the procedure by which comm. on comm. does appointments. Still working on revising honoraria, I've been researching individual positions and to improve the honoraria process in itself. I've been working on educating you and conducting the application process for 1st and 2nd pro temp, Sinead and Chris are appointed. We worked with Kim on creating the library student council so that the library works in the best interest for the students so that this is a permanent process. We are working on an interactive guide for new members to AS, it is interactive and will help new members get familiar with their setting. It will introduce staff members and different offices to the new person. We need 5-6 recruitment officers that would go to all the student orgs projects and recruit members. I've heard concern about BCC's members' spending money, because there is not a lot of accountability as of now. Marisela is working on it with Cindy right now. I am working on a list of projects that you all could be working on for your group project throughout the year. It is traditionally an issue that affects you personally, but it doesn't have to be. I should have this list by the next meeting.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Zekee Silos

This year we are having a "keep it safe" campaign. We want to educate everyone. Mondays and Wednesdays we will put an ad in the paper " don't be that guy don't be that girl". There is light construction on Pardall. Water, condoms and snacks will be pass out on DP on Halloween. Training is required to be involved. Clean-o-ween will help clean up DP after Halloween. There is a Noise Ordinance that will be in effect 10/26/-11/4. We are also doing collaboration with SBCC which has never happened before.

Kenisha: Will there be incentive for people to attend?

Zekee: All the info will be on line. We are also doing door hanger. If anybody wants to get involved the info is on line.

Topher: Is there any way we can get this website attach to a common website?

Zekee: We are working on it.

Master plan is in effect. If you want to know what is going on with Pardall the info is online. The water structure is being fix. Pleas visit the RDA or me if there are any questions. If there is a light out and you want to report it tell me it only takes about 3 weeks. We are working on a no hate week in November.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Corey Huber

We went to UCSA, and a board of directors retreat , we have been doing vote training, and have two board meetings, we did well with our voting turnout. It has been a huge group effort, sharing resources, and our theme this year is "Voting is Sweet, Apathy Isn't" and we have sweet shirts. We are entered into a national contest that could get us a free concert, or scholarship money. By Monday we expect to be over 5,000. I have looked at the safety on campus, like the text messaging, email, and other contacts. Prop 6 and 9 info meetings, I went to them. I have restructured the office internally, and there are some positions I am not sure about, but almost all the positions are filled. For the first time the office is going to have it s own website, links to virtually everything, from videos of what we do to blogs, and we have a facebook group. We are getting involved in the issues that are directly connected to SB, the drilling issues and more. We meet with the execs pretty regularly. I am going to Pepperdine to speak on voter registration. It will be history. There will be another UCSA board meeting this Friday. The Monday, October 20, before Floatopia we are going to have a concert in Ana'squioa park.

Scott McDonald

Our big thing going on is a negotiation to make our role larger. I want to mention the MCP exceptions: ICA (intercollegiate athletes), DSP, ASAP, Academic probation, our satellite process, or through the MCP petition: medical, work (20hrs + has to be paid), and misc. (having a kid, long commute). Deadline for voter reg. is October 20, and on October 22 Jonathan Alter, a Newsweek writer is coming to speak on the presidential election, and finally John Wooly will moderate the event between three conservative professors, and three liberal professors on the 23.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Kevin: I recommend a 7-minute break to get something to eat
MC So moved. (Molly, Husayn)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

Kevin: We will reconvene at 7:46
MC So moved (Molly, Josue)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

Kevin: I recommend we accept the agenda.
MC So moved. (Chris, Paula)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chris: I suggest we add the FB minutes from September 29, 2008, and the Queer Comm minutes

MC So moved. (Chris, Husayn)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

Molly: I would like to add the Queer Comm minutes.
MC So moved. (Chris, Paula)
MCC motion passed by consent.

Molly: I want to approve and bundle all five minutes.
MC (Chris, Paula)
Ashley: I would rather not bundle the Legislative council meeting minutes because there is a change. Instead we should to approve all minutes with the exception of LC minutes from 28 or May.
MC So moved. (Paula, Sinead)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

Ashley: I move to amend the statement made by me on page 25 where I said, “ I know we are only in our second meeting people aren’t incompetent” to are incompetent.
MC So moved. (Paula, Ashley)
MCC Motion Passed by consent.

Kevin: I suggest an amendment to amend these grammar errors in the minutes.
MC So moved. (Chris, Molly)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

Molly: I want to motion to approve minutes as amended to LC minutes.
MC So moved. (Molly, Paula)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

Chris: I want to approve the three action items besides the new mission statement.
MC So moved. (Chris, Husayn)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

Mission Statement: The Associated Students Legislative council is a group of elected representatives, which serves as the policy-making body of Associated Students. As a governing body, we strive to open lines of communication between students, the administration and our greater community. Members of the Legislative council seem to be proactive in addressing student needs and providing and facilitating services and resources that enhance the UCSB experience.

Kevin: I recommend the approval of the rewritten mission statement
MC So moved. (Molly, Faris)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

8:24

1. Summer internships:

JP: We have to be very good about this and there can't be any mistakes and right now there are many holes in our research. This list is very inaccurate, and I think we should table it.

Faris: We can't just trust your word; you need to give us a reason.

Paula: It has been a month since we have not worked, I don't understand why it will take a week to get this info.

Zekee: The internship reports are not accurate and some have not been submitted so we cannot give the money out.

Molly: Can you get it done by the end of the week instead of next Wednesday?

Faris: We reviewed the initial proposal and some overlapped so they were given the option to re-do theirs.

JP: I suggest that you let the summer internship committee meet once and then we have a phone vote.

MC to postpone the appointments of the summer internship committee until the committee can meet and then a phone vote (Faris, Husayn)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to go to discussion item 2 (Chris, Molly)

MCC passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Van Wagner-Kennedy Blueprint for AS Election Act

Sinead: I think we should table this because I have more work to do on it.

Molly: I believe that this should be tabled. Also, Marilyn brought the GPA idea up to Paula and if you have any qualms with this bring it up to us.

MC So moved. (Faris, Paula)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution to condemn hate crimes against members of the Queer Community

Edgar: We want to increase awareness, security, and safety for these students

Edward: We wrote this resolution to show this community that there is a lack of security and feeling of respect.

MC Motion to approve this motion (Husayn, all)

MCC Motion passes by consent.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

None.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Molly: I did a 6 week summer internship, we worked with landlord and did landlord evaluations and I worked on rally comm., and a few things on Halloween, and some voter reg, and last thing I think we should invest in a fan for in here

Paula: I did a 6 week summer internship and worked on Halloween. We are doing a red alert so there is a sober presence in IV during Halloween. You also all have comp. tickets for shows in the Hub and other activities.

Andrew: CAB was amazing. They are doing BOO at the ZOO. IVCRC we gave away money to the teen center and there is going to be a haunted house, there is a lot going on during Halloween to promote sobriety during

Becca: Comm on Comm was busy going through applications and Business services haven't met yet, but should be a good year.

Stephanie: FB met this Monday and we have less money. RHA meets a week from Tuesday

Kiesha: SCORE is meeting on Tuesday at 4

Topher: Comm on comm. Is trying to get everyone with an app in to get involved with AS. Judicial council went to the dorms showing a power point on the MCP and how to get out of it if necessary

Radika: Investments has had wealth managers come in because we only get to do one investment a quarter.

Stephanie: Comm on comm. Is doing good on apps, SCORE is having a march though campus

Darshan: Comm on comm. Is already covered, FB is more poor this year, but we are able to fund the events that we feel are important and there are other good funding sources the ones we can't fund can go to.

Jose: Working on skateboards, though there might be a chance to ban it from campus, the admin is being good about giving education first.

Josue: FB has less money, but we had a conflict with a group about possible funding, and

Ally: Comm on comm. Is getting going and CF has reviewed my duties and we are getting the applications in for funding.

Carla: We already have a case this week for judicial council

Ashley: I had a 3 week internship this summer and talked to the BCCs and for take back the night they wanted me to look for speakers and music artists, met this last week, there is only 4 of us and we are working with EVPLA to raise awareness on Halloween. Media relations committee I can't find who to talk to even.

Faris: EAB is having a bike through IV in support of measure A, and we are providing ashtrays in the parks to keep it butt free. October 4 will be the first meeting in the Hub. COPS should be exciting though we met yet.

Sinead: FB is awesome this year. Legal resource center is meeting today at 6, and I am working on the website.

Chris: Constitution and Bylaws will be meeting at Tuesdays at 5 in AS Main Office. AS BIKES didn't do many projects last year because they want to do large projects around campus this year. Comm on comm. We have heard already. ADA is about trying to get disabled students around campus better.

Steven: FB met Monday. CODA doesn't actually exist, but will.

Husayn: Rec Cen Governance Board The pool will be closing this fall and winter to be fixed

DISCUSSION

MC Motion to add the discussion of Matt Bataro Nexus article (Faris, Sinead)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to re-consider the approval of the appointments of the summer internship selection committee (Sinead, Husayn)
MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to table the appointments of the summer internship selection committee (Husayn, Steven)

Ashley: Will this affect the review of the interns?

Kevin: My recommendation is to table it; even though it will be pushed back it will now affect the evaluation of the interns.

Molly: Is there any way this could be fixed and do a phone vote so the honoraria is not affected?

Kevin: Yes.

MC Motion that we have a closed meeting to address this immediately (Darshan)

Withdrawn: I would like to withdraw my motion
Withdrawn (Husayn, Chris)

MC Motion to table the appointments of the summer internship selection committee until JP came back with the correct info. (Chris, Faris)

MC Motion that if we do not have the correct info by today we will move to a phone vote (Faris, Molly)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to pick up where we left off at discussion (Chris, Ashley)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

1. 5:30/6:00 meeting time?

Kevin: due to those who have meal plans, we would like to push back the meeting time.

Molly: I would not like to meet at 6, if any earlier that's fine.

Chris: Other on campus reps have made it work, you can get take out.

Husayn: I agree with Chris.

Ally: I want to meet at 5 and I am a on campus rep, I want to get on with my life.

Darshan: We have already organized our schedules to meet this time.

Joe: I just think that we should get food for all of us.

Sinead: As much as I'd like to get food, we really want to focus on fiscal responsibility.

MC Motion to suspend discussion on topic and bundle all these motions into one (Faris, Molly)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

(and back to Action items)

8:33pm

2. Matt Bataros Discussion:

Faris: I was personally offended, but I do not think we need to have jurisdiction over the Nexus, instead we need to make a point that we are against it.

Andrew: I wrote for the Nexus and the more extreme the point of view the more they like it, we have no jurisdiction over this.

Stephanie: It is important to remember freedom of speech and press, and that it is a hard line to draw for newspapers.

Molly: Nothing said in there was quite “PC” but I don’t think it is appropriate for leg council to take action against him or the Nexus. I don’t know if this is a battle we want to take on.

Husayn: if we should do anything, is to educate. That’s what we do, to prevent this ignorance

Keisa: I was offended, especially because it was printed, there are a lot of words that are common insults, but the purpose of the Nexus should not be to perpetuate these insults, but instead if they had a culture section where they can highlight the beauty of diversity.

Carla: People have come to me and asked about what leg council can do, but we should all be offended because he represents us all. In terms to how address the issue, we need to step up the education because it is not actually working.

Raymond: The only thing we really could do is what happened today with the people writing back.

Sinead: We should not censor what anyone says, I do not respect him. I want to point out that we have no affiliation with him, and it makes me feel good about the people I surround myself with and you too probably

MC Motion to limit this discussion to 10 more minutes (Sinead, Molly)

MCC Motion passes by consent.

Paula: I think it is unfortunate that these are the times we live in where this gets printed simply because it is extreme. I think that all we can do is encourage these sorts of people to come to the awareness events we put on.

Radika: Well we could write a letter as leg council to condemn, not him, but his words.

Darshan: There is a fine line when it comes to newspapers. I feel disturbed that something like this has been published by student money.

Andrew: The only way you can prohibit freedom of speech is if it directly is dangerous to a group of people, or person. To quote Hermione Granger “to put fear in saying the name is to put fear in the thing itself”.

Ashley: It may be a good idea to put a small statement in the Nexus to say that we do not support these views and we should be making this place a safe space.

Steven: We should battle this with education.

Ally: As a government body within the school we want to address everything, but we can’t. There is very little we can do, and to a certain extent maybe we should mind our own business. I don’t think he was looking for our agreement, but he was looking for a reaction and it may be better to just let it go.

Liz: I think it is our responsibility to let the school know we are not okay with this.

Becca: We should work with our BCCs to help this situation instead of keep dragging it up.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None.

REMARKS

Kevin: It is important for everyone to get legislation in on time and please be on time to meetings and also the proxy deadline is Monday at 4, so please do not notify me later, absences will dock your honoraria, or can be removed from the board. Each officer needs to limit his or her reports to 3 minutes.

Paula: This is not the time to get work done for outside, talk to Zekee about Halloween on your own time.

Ally: Just want to clarify that we are meeting at 5 next week.

Kevin: Yes. My office hours are Monday 11-3, Tuesday 2-3, Thursday 2-3.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn at 9:41. (Paula, Molly)

MCC Motion passes by consent.