

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

October 12, 2005

Flying 'A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:09 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Adam Graff.

ROLL CALL

Jessie "Howie" Baker

Katie Bender

Sarah Burstein (Excused Absence)

Jason Everitt (Unexcused Absence)

Gina Fischer (Excused Tardy)

Romy Lea Frazier

Claudia Garcia (Excused Tardy)

Ryann Gastwirth (Excused Absence – Proxy Samantha Nevels)

Sam Giles (Excused Absence)

Jennifer Greeley

Amelia Holstrom (Unexcused Tardy)

Felix Hu

Eva Kilamyan

Christina Leets

Sam Marks

Raymond Meza

Tuyen Nguyen (Excused Absence – Proxy Delaina Contreras)

Etujie Oiyemhonlan (Excused Absence – Proxy Nora Kobashigawa)

Joel Rodriguez-Flores

Cordero Vigil

Adriana Wianecki

Rachel Weight

Nathaniel Wood-Wilde

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

- Tuyen Nguyen's proxy is Delaina Contreras.
- Etujie Oiyemhonlan's proxy is Nora Kobashigawa.
- Claudia Garcia will be coming in at 5:25 p.m.
- Sarah Burstein has an excused absence.
- Gina Fischer will be late because of class.

MS Motion to bundle up and approve all proxies and excused absences. Motion made by Sam Marks.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christina Leets – She was delivering a message for James To. There will be a Hurricane Katrina panel discussion sponsored by Red Cross on October 13, 2005 at 6 p.m. in the Hatlen Theater.

Aaron Jones – He passed out a Student Leadership Retreat form to fill out. The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be hosting a Stride & Ride event on Saturday October 29, 2005 at Chase Palm Park and they would like to know if A.S. wanted to sponsor a team. Sean Lieberman wanted to invite anyone to join a kickball squad.

Nora Kobashigawa – There will be a National Take Affirmative Action Day meeting on October 13, 2005 at 9 p.m. in the A.S. office.

PUBLIC FORUM

Carolyn Buford – There will be an Activities Fair next Wednesday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Storke Plaza. Approximately 150 groups will be participating.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- none

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Don Daves-Rougeaux

- A few executives attended the A.S./GSA/SA meeting. One of the topics discussed was the idea of using part of the Recreational Center area for after hour activities from 12 a.m. till 3 a.m. For example: disco.
- At the IV Commission meeting, there was discussion (Kelly Burns) about creating an IV Student Commission in order to bring together students, gather their opinions, and present it to the IV Commission.
- Your meeting with the auditors was postponed until November 2, 2005 in order to allow the executives to meet with them in advance.
- Notetaking and Publications is doing great. There was a total of 130 readers for the fall quarter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Chaz Whatley

- none

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Adam Graff

- Jason Everitt, Romy Frazier, Claudia Garcia, Raymond Meza, Samantha Nevels have not posted their office hours. If it is not there by tomorrow morning, they will be given an unexcused absence.
- The auditors will be coming next week.

- Some of the executive officers met with Brooks Firestone. His administration was very responsive to the issues brought to them. If anyone has any kind of issues, they should consider contacting his office. Firestone wants to create a video to show at orientations regarding the danger of drinking in Isla Vista.
- If there is a tabled bill going to be discussed during a meeting, please keep the previous agenda. There will be no extra copies of the bill handed out.
- A reminder to the Boards and Committees chairs to proofread the minutes before they sent them over.
- The Reader Core project he was previously working on needs new members. The main goal of the project is to get professors to use A.S. publications to print out their readers.
- The Constitution needs to be rewritten. Approximately 13 different things need to be amended. He wants to fix everything all at once, set up a Congress meeting to allow students to bring up their suggestions, and ratify the changes for the spring election.
- The Election code needs to be rewritten. The Election committee itself as well as the by-laws of the judicial council needs to be rewritten.
- He proposed a new project where A.S. will help provide information to students who want to buy used books online for cheaper prices. Another idea is to speak to the administration and have the faculty post reading materials a quarter in advance so that students can order their books earlier.
- A proposal was brought up in Finance Board to set aside a part of their budget each quarter to fund A.S. boards and committees. If the money is not claimed by the 6th week then it would be rolled back to the Finance Board fund. Academic Affairs board has a budget of \$50 and because of the low funding, it is very difficult for them to function effectively. Boards and Committees need more money to put on events that were not foreseen during the budgeting process.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Kelly Burns

- none

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Felicia Cruz

- She will be leaving at 7:30 p.m. tonight to give a presentation to the UC Davis Senate.
- There will be an “Ask Me” Statewide Union Representative meeting on Friday as well as a UCSA board meeting.
- Next Wednesday she will be meeting with Regent Odessa Johnson at the UCI campus to talk about financial aid and student fees.
- UC Regents will be having a meeting at UCI during its visit of the campus. Anyone interested in attending should contact her.
- UCI and UCLA will be having a discussion regarding student cuts. Anyone interested in attending should contact her.
- UCSB will be having a discussion about the federal loans being cut.

- On Tuesday she will be meeting with Chancellor Yang about student fees and try to gather support to return financial aid return-to-aid to 33%. Basically they will be advocating for a fee freeze.
- One of the projects she is working on is getting funding to upgrade buildings that students use more often as oppose to buildings used as research labs.
- The UCLA Senate meeting is next Tuesday.
- The National Take Affirmative Action Day is on October 27. The meeting regarding the event is on October 13, 2005 at 9 p.m. in the A.S. office.
- Voter registration sign ups to replace office hours. Currently there are approximately 3,200 students registered to vote. UCSB's goal is 5,000 and the system wide goal is 20,000 students.
- A.S. is currently trying to find funding for a charter bus to go to the UC Regents meeting in November.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MS Motion to add minutes from Program Board for 10/10/05, Shoreline Preservation Fund for 10/3/05 and 5/16/05, Environmental Affairs Board 5/9/05 and 10/11/05, Isla Vista Tenants Union for 10/10/05, and Women's Commission for 10/3/05 and 10/10/05.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

MS Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion made by Adriana Wianecki.

MS Motion to question. Motion made by Joel Rodriguez-Flores.

MS Motion to consent. Motion made by Felix Hu.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MS Motion to a bundle and approve all minutes.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

- none

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Updating A.S. Student Lobby.** Authors: Raymond Meza and Amelia Holstrom.

MS Motion to add "three or more meetings per quarter." Amendments friendly by Raymond and Amelia.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

MS Motion to approve the bill as amended.

MS Motion to question. Motion made by Cordero Vigil.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

- none

DISCUSSION

Prioritizing Our Boards and Committees

- Set aside a part of Finance Board budget for A.S. Boards and Committees.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Amelia Holstrom – There was a low turnout at the Dia De Los Muertos meeting. A.S. still wants to put together a photo booth for the festival. She will email A.S. Legislative Council members with updated information. There is a mandatory meeting on Oct 28 at 5 p.m. in the MCC theater for anyone interested in taking part in the festival.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Raymond Meza – He is the Student Representative for the Undergraduate Council. The Law and Society department is redesigning its curriculum. There will be two sets of curriculum requirements; one for students new to the major and the other one for the students in the major right now. The department is very low funded and is short on FTE (Full Time Equivalent) faculty. They are proposing a method to be taken into effect from 2006-2008. No one will be admitted to major during that time unless they applied for the major as an incoming freshman. Transfer students will not be allowed to switch their majors to Law & Society. The department wants to find ways to make it more difficult to get into the major.

Nathaniel Wood-Wilde – Finance Board gave \$500 to bring Shihan the poet to UCSB and \$150 for the Delta Sigma Theta Thanksgiving dinner on November 17 at the MCC. Residence Halls Association had its meeting yesterday. It gave a total of \$400 including \$200 for RAs that wanted to put together a Fright Night.

Amelia Holstrom – A.S. Recycling is hiring Route Riders.

Jennifer Greeley – Shoreline Preservation Fund met on Monday. There was a total of \$116,000 in request for fund. There is approximately \$80,000 left in SPF budget allocations available. They will need to be strict about what they will be funding in the future. They are thinking of other fundraising opportunities. There was a mistake with the calendars of IV sorority girls. It was not suppose to be A.S. approved. Overall the calendars are not selling too well. She wanted to know if anyone was interested in helping get rid of the no sea otter zone position. A.S. Bikes have not officially met.

Cordero Vigil – RHA met. Legal Resource Center will be meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the office.

Joel Rodriguez-Flores – The Queer Coming Out Day dance is on October 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the GSA lounge. It is free admission for anyone who is dressed in 80's costume otherwise the admissions is \$2.

Felix Hu – Single Student Apartment Committee Counsel met yesterday. They just had their spring kickoff event. It was a good turnout. Students expressed outrage about the increase in parking fees and visitors now have to pay for parking on weekends. Committees on Committees met on Monday. They will be interviewing Freshmen on Friday to appoint new members for the 1st year council. Business Services still have not met.

Gina Fischer – Environmental Affairs Board will be building worm bins for the worms project on Sunday at 12 p.m. at 6651 Abrego. On Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., people will be gardening at the community garden and there will be a potluck afterwards. Look out for a legislation in a few weeks regarding the protection of the coast and sea otters.

Katie Bender – Media Relations met on Thursday and Tuesday. They only have 4 members so if anyone is interested in joining, contact her. On the Tuesday meeting they talked about the committee's purpose and goals. They want to table monthly and utilize the A.S. column to try to recruit people.

Adriana Wianecki – On Friday October 14, People Under the Stairs will be in the Hub. Tickets are \$10. The Program Board movie next week is Wedding Crashers. There will be a storke show next week. The band has not been determined yet.

Rachel Weight – The Legal Resource Center is meeting tomorrow.

Christina Leets – Community Affairs Board had 80 members at its last meeting. The CAB Fair was today. CAB's 3rd meeting is tomorrow. The Technology Committee is still in process. The committee will be helping A.S. with its technological issues and work on Resnet. It has not officially met yet, but if anyone is interested in joining let her know.

Howie Baker – IV Tenants Union will be tabling on Thursday from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Pardall. IVTU is also working on a testimonial video about crappy landlords.

Sam Marks - RHA met. He wanted to know if anyone would be willing to be his proxy for the next RHA meeting. CODA met today.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- none

REMARKS

Amelia Holstrom – There will be a t-shirt design contest for the Dia De Los Muertos festival. Winner will receive \$50. The back of shirt needs to have the word volunteer on it and the front has to have IV Safe Halloween Festival 2005 on it.

Christina Leets - CAB wanted to thank the Daily Nexus for its wonderful article.

Jennifer Greeley –Surf Rider will be showing a movie about India.

ADJOURNMENT

MS Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.