

## **Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings**

October 15, 2008

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:02 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Kevin Higuchi.

### **ROLL CALL**

Josue Aparicio

Donald Byers

Joe Cole

Raymond Collins (Proxy)

Ashley Day

Kenisha Day

Amy Elvidge (Proxy Andrew Parkart)

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

Chris Wendle

Steven Wolfson

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

Kevin: Sinead is very ill and Amber Baily will proxy for Kenisha Day until she gets here, Faris needs to be excused early, Steven has to leave early, and Molly-Kate does as well.

MC Motion to excuse all proxies and absences

MCC

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matthew: I would like to propose a silk-screen club, where we could have access to the equipment that AS would buy.

Cindy: You would have to form a business plan and you would need to find the chair of the business services committee and propose this idea to him.

Radika: You should talk to JP because we haven't bought the material yet.

Becca: I am a rep for business services and I will stay in contact with you.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Jessi Hurd: I read an article in the Nexus about taking out the requirements for SAT II for the incoming freshman and did some research and found that they almost dropped the SAT I's because SAT II's showed more correlation to how well students will do in school. This affects us because if they are letting more people in with lower G.P.A.'s and this will compromise the quality of our education.

Andrew: How will this cost us money?

Jessi: It will affect our quality of education because teachers will have to back track more.

Molly: Our diploma will be valued less.

JP: I have the opposite opinion. I saw quite a bit of data, anyway, talk to me if you are interested after the meeting, because this is something we should talk about.

Jessi: I just wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

Becca: With the G.P.A. thing many schools do not have enough 5-point classes to raise the student's GPA.

Jessi: I agree. I had to fight against that as well to get into UCSB.

Carla: I don't think this will be a huge deal because of our huge amount of support services on campus like CLAS.

Darshan: I thought UC's were considered to be a higher education than CSU's and by accepting these students will we be going into CSU's territory?

Jessi: I can find that information for you.

Ally: I am confused as to what we are discussing, you are giving us information but what do you want us to do?

Jessi: When I was on Leg Council one of the problems was that things were being passed under our noses, like the MCP, and it is your job to do this work that I've been doing by researching the issues that will involve students.

Liz: I wanted to point out that these applications are just being considered, not accepted, they are just getting the chance to apply.

Jessi: I looked into that, and we have to pay for the admissions board to go over these extra applications.

Topher: Do you know what percentage we accept to the school based on GPAs? I don't feel that we would be disregarding students with higher GPAs, but more people would be gaining from it by the application process.

Jessi: I actually have this information, so I will be back if you want to discuss this later.

Charlie Areola: I am from RHA. We got all the hall councils together and it was a lot of fun. I wanted to come by and introduce myself.

Cindy Lopez: I went to FB on Monday and told them too. Something came up that is important for you to know about. You probably know the CA state budget came to the UC's and UCSB has been cut \$9 million, and in the past the University has never put a fee on student lock ins, but because of the severity of this cut, they may have to do this. Lock in fees are fees paid by student's tuition. It is just in the talking stages now, but there may be a chance that there will be a fee on your lock in fees before they get to AS.

Husayn: So this is like a tax?

Cindy: Yes.

Husayn: Who is making this decision?

Cindy: I am not sure; I know individual campuses are making the respective decisions.

Husayn: Whom do we complain to?

Cindy: I am not telling you what to do or how to do it but the leadership needs to know what is going on.

Faris: Is there a legality clash by placing a fee on our lock ins? Because this money was voted on, a specific amount is supposed to go to the specified programs.

Cindy: This has never been done before; right now we are charged service fees for things like computers.

Ashley: I wanted to know about service fees, but you answered my question, so should we talk to the university lawyer?

Cindy: I am not sure, but it will be decided here.

Carla: Where did you find out about this?

Cindy: Budget officers meeting.

Ryan Kintz: I am the new AS recycling program coordinator and a UCSB alum. AS recycling was a committee supervised by facilities management, but this past summer we have been classified as business management and merged with AS Public Worms. We service the "Berthas", the bins where people recycle. We also have an electronic waste program, we have 16 locations for this. We also have party bins where people can recycle at events. We are also recycling consumer food waste and taking it to WORMS and we are doing a Recycle Mania competition. It is our first year for participation. It runs January 18 thru March 28. We are weighing all our trash and recycling every week and we will be putting this against all the other schools so we can see where we stand. For more info [recyclemaniacs.org](http://recyclemaniacs.org) or [asrecycling.as.ucsb.edu](http://asrecycling.as.ucsb.edu).

Darshan: What happens with the recycling?

Ryan: We take them to the Marborg dumpsters and then they pick them up and go to their center in Goleta, and their biggest buyer is China.

Molly: For the party bins, how can you get them?

Ryan: Any students can use them; our staff will take them away and set them up.

Kelly: I work for UCSA.

Bill: I work for USSA.

Kelly: We are the official voice of student governments. We do lots of workshops and conferences. We are the student governments of student governments. We are around if you have any questions.

Bill: We are a coalition of student governments to the Department of Education, Congress, and the White House. We increased Pell Grants and decreased loan prices. We have a lot going on post election. We wanted to introduce ourselves and be a resource for you all.

Carolyn Buford: Was there any changes on Sinead's Bill?

Molly: Yes, we fixed it.

MC Motion to reinstate the orders of the day  
MCC

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

None.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marisela Marquez**

None.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JP Primeau**

JP: The potential tax on lock ins is very real. This would mean that AS budget would be cut, and the larger implication would be CLAS, RECCEN, and Student Health and the Mental Health program, would all be cut. You as students, pay fees to University for the things you want and need. If these fees didn't go there anymore, the independence of student referenda would be lost. I can't think of a bigger issue or threat that you would face on campus this year. How many of you went to AS Congress know exactly what you want to work on and have legislation on? It should be all of you. I am creating a sub committee on Campus Budget for the issue I just talked about. There is a lot of work to be done. Campus Pool, we want to come up with a compromise so that everyone will be happy. The meeting with Mark Vissari will be on November 13. The Controller, Matt Jackson, is concerned about the money being spent in AS, he wants everyone to be accountable. Rally Comm will be meeting tomorrow. A bus is going to Cal Poly on Friday, only 47 spots are available and it is first come first serve.

Joe: Who goes on the bus?

JP: First come first serve.

Ashley: I was under the impression that there was going to be a new pool.

JP: There is, but it is where we want the new field there, the field we raised money for, and we want to build the field there and locate a new spot for pool.

We have the money now for the field and they do not have the money for the pool.

### **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Kevin Higuchi**

Kevin: Today we had the activities fair and almost everyone showed up. Good job everyone. I will be going to the Office of the Student Advocate retreat where we will work on the budget process. We will be presenting in front of the transfer students tomorrow so that they have an opportunity to get involved. There are some fiscal things in the minutes that we need to take care of. Only the IVCRC and Finance Board will be allowed to submit their minutes after 5pm on Mondays because they are consistently passing money out. Also, adding in minutes late is a sloppy and dangerous process. The most important thing is that we all need the time to research the BCCs minutes. You need to tell your respective BCCs that they will need to turn in their minutes by 5pm on Monday to be considered in the Leg. Meeting. You need to work on your special projects.

Paula: I want to add Program Board to the exception list. Please give me your BCC meeting times. Also, when you have the floor please refrain from addressing anyone.

Kevin: That is a good point.

Husayn: SCORE also has funds we give to students and we meet on Monday nights.

Kevin: I will consider this.

### **EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Zekee Silos**

Zekee: We are going through the lighting in IV and making sure the county is up to date with the safety codes. Be the Change, Live the Dream is happening November 11-15 and we are targeting racism, sexism, it will basically be an expansion on Stop the Hate. The Party Ordinance is going to meet soon; they are trying to crack down on underage drinking. Tuesday, 7pm, we are having a town hall meeting at Embarcadero Hall with IV Foot Patrol. The following Tuesday the Legal Resource center will be putting on a workshop about knowing your rights.

MC Motion to go back to Public Forum (Molly, Chris)  
MCC

### **EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Corey Huber**

Corey: The deadline for voter reg. is 5pm on Monday October 20. We are in the lead for the contest, so as of now Death Cab for Cutie is coming for free. Floatopia is happening on Sunday. Mike Lambright and I are working on the Voter's guide and it should be done on Thursday. Please watch the Presidential debate tonight. We cannot endorse candidates, but we can endorse propositions. UCSA puts students on UC systemwide committees and there are several big openings if you are interested. It is a big deal and they are looking for undergrads. I had meetings with Jesse Bernal and he knows they are under budgeted and he has an idea to raise money campus by campus and maybe put a measure on the ballot to tax California residents. They showed the statistics of raising the student fees 7-10% every year for 20 years and the difference between raising the price and not, is so small that there is no legitimate reason for them to raise our fees. I met with Ron Cortez and we are making the text-message alert system a requirement for UCSB students. The important thing is there will be an additional 31.1 million cut in January.

Paula: How are you going to distribute the voter guides?

Cory: Tabling, going to door to door.

Andrew: What about Floatopia?

Cory: We wanted an educational event where it has a casual feel to it. This Sunday from 12-4pm in Anisq'oyo park. We are talking about propositions and the upcoming election.

Faris: We need to get more people to vote, how can we help?

Cory: Just make sure everyone you know is registered, come help us when we table, go to the dorms with us.

Paula: Where can people go to vote?

Cory: You need to go to your registered voting place. People that registered to vote in the dorms before this year need to register to vote again.

Carla: Can we have people stationed places to tell people where to vote?

Cory: Yes we will be having tables for get out the vote, and telling people where to vote and handing out our guides.

**Student Advocate General- Scott McDonald**

Scott: Next week we have a meeting with the Ombuds, so we can make some critical reform to our judicial process. We have our training Friday. About voting, it is important to get UCSB students educated about voting. We are having an event with the Honors Program on October 23 in Embarcadero Hall at 7pm. It will be a debate moderated by John Woolley.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

MC Motion to accept the agenda (Chris, Darshan)  
MCC

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

MC Motion to bundle and accept EAB 10/13, PB 10/13, CF 10/6, Womyn's comm. 10/13 (Darshan, Molly)

Ashley: I want to take out Leg minutes from last week

Darshan: I withdraw my motion

MC Motion to bundle and accept all minutes except Legislative Council minutes (Paula, Molly)

(FB-10/13/08, Student Lobby- 10/8/08, TBTN- 10/9/08, Q Comm- 10/8/08, SCORE-10/14/08)

MC to reopen the minutes and under page 10 instead of RHA it should be On Campus Representatives.  
MCC

MC Motion to accept and bundle the new minutes (Chris, Ally)  
MCC

(Leg Council 10/08/08)

MC Motion to suspend the order of the day so Molly can be here with her bill (Molly, Paula)  
MCC

### **ACTION ITEMS**

MC Motion to approve the new appointments for IVCRC Vice Chair: Konina Biswas, IVCRC Treasurer: Carilyn Lantz, Local Affairs Organizing Director: Susan Gieg (Ashley, Chris)

Andrew: I have been working with these ladies and they are great.

MC Motion to ratify these appointments (Andrew, Faris)  
MCC

MC Motion to add Erica Rengal to Action Items for approval (Chris, Radika)  
MCC

MC Motion to approve Erica Rengal for Chair of Business Services (Faris, Becca)  
MCC

MC Motion to add discussions for admittance policy to discussion section (Ashley,)

Molly: I think Corey answered many of our questions

Darshan: I don't think there is much that we can do about it now. I don't know what we can do about it now.

Ashley: I withdraw my motion.

MC Motion to table Summer Internship selection Committee (Husayn, Stephanie)  
MCC

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Molly: I hope that it will help with elections last year.

Paula: I think we should pass this bill.

Topher: My suggestion is to table it for one more week, just so Sinead can be here to answer questions, it will not affect anything because elections are not until spring.

Ashley: We should take this to equal representation and work together so we can pass something we all agree on.

Chris: Alex did exceptional work last year, it is a great bill, it does not need to be tabled anymore.

Paula: It is our job to read them every week, and if Sinead had any objections to it being passed tonight she would let us know.

MC Motion to pass the bill (Husayn, Paula)

Josue: Where it says on the first Sunday of the first week of the quarter does that mean that that is when campaigning will start?

Michael: You can campaign before but distribution of stuff cannot happen until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of spring quarter.

Josue: I don't think a week is long enough to campaign.

Darshan: It is not an urgent bill, but we need to get this right, if we pass it now when Sinead is not here and she can't defend the bill it is not fair. If we want to have a lasting effect on elections we need to make sure it is absolutely correct. There are issues that still need to be addressed.

Paula: So many people worked this on and at this point we are all not going to agree.

Josue Aparicio: Nay

Donald Byers: Nay

Joe Cole: Absain

Raymond Collins: Yay

Ashley Day: Nay

Kenisha Day: Nay

Amy Elvidge (Proxy Andrew Parkart): Yay

Stephanie Fitch: Yay

Stephanie Golden: Yay

Darshan Grover: Nay

Husayn Hasan: Yay

Becca Huebsch: Yay

Sinead Kennedy-A

Radika Khosharay: Yay

Topher Kindell: Nay

Molly –Kate Lenahan: Yay

Jose Magana: Nay

Ally Olney: Yay

Carla Perez: Yay

Paula Reeve : Yay

Faris Shalan: abstain

Liz Usedom: Yay

Chris Wendle: Yay

Steven Wolfson: Yay

MP 14-7-2

2. A Bill to Change the On-Campus Representative Job Description

Ashley: I talked to other people and they were against it. We may not be as in tune with the issues they were talking about; we are here to represent all of the residents. It is our duty as On Campus Reps to represent the students and report to you.

Becca: Since there are five on campus reps, it is unnecessary for us all to go to the meetings.

Andrew: RHA should be running the boards, not AS, and the meetings are insanely long, so that is two long meetings.

Chris: I am strongly opposed to this. When it comes to too much work, we can solve this. We could raise the honoraria. Every On Campus Rep needs to go to the RHA meetings because last year we built a relationship that is really valuable to both RHA and AS. And by missing the meetings you are going to miss a link. I just think that every On Campus Rep needs to go to the meetings.

Josue: I oppose this bill as well. When you are an On Campus Rep you only see things from one point of view, and when you go to RHA you see it from the whole perspective.

Radika: I think it is important to go to the meetings.

MC Motion to table this bill indefinitely (Radika, Paula)

Ally: I will fight you to the death for this one. I understand you all have BCCs and this is an extracurricular activity, but school comes first for me and it is becoming hard to handle it all. I have two BCCs and RHA and last year you had only one BCC. With missing RHA meetings, we can easily find what has gone on and be represented without being there. You can still be contacted without being there. We are only two more votes on RHA.

Ashley: The reason I wrote this bill was to get the focus for On Campus Reps off of RHA, and with representing the students, it would be good to use this time to work on special projects and BCCs and regardless of weather or not this bill passes, I will be at the RHA meetings. It is impossible for us to change our voting status this year because it is in the Legal Code of RHA.

Chris: I would recommend anyone who is in favor of this bill to look at this bill again and cut something else out besides RHA meetings, maybe a BCC. We could recommend to RHA to pull AS voting ability.

Paula: The RHA meetings are very important to go to. This is your most important duty.

MF: 5-15 (vote to vote)

Josue: Attending RHA is more important than going to BCCs

Becca: We are on the list serve for the minutes for every week. We also have contacts that update us. RHA is one avenue to learn what is going on in the residence halls.

Charlie: I agree with Chris when he opposes this bill. Right now we have four leg members involved with RHA on the board. AS needs to be represented at RHA meetings.

Husayn: I think we need to vote on this

Vote to Vote: 12-9

Passes

Roll Call vote:

Josue Aparicio: Yay

Donald Byers: abstain

Joe Cole: Abstain

Raymond Collins:yay

Ashley Day: Nay

Kenisha Day: Nay

Amy Elvidge (Proxy Andrew Parkart): nay

Stephanie Fitch: nay

Stephanie Golden: yay

Darshan Grover: Yay

Husayn Hasan: Yay

Becca Huebsch: Nay

Sinead Kennedy-A

Radika Khosharay: Yay

Topher Kindell: Nay

Molly –Kate Lenahan: abstain

Jose Magana: Yay

Ally Olney: Nay

Carla Perez: Yay

Paula Reeve : Yay

Faris Shalan: abstain

Liz Usedom: Yay

Chris Wendle: Yay

Steven Wolfson: Yay

MP (12-7-4)

MC Motion to reinstate the orders of the day (Chris, Paula)

MCC  
7:44pm

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**None**

## **GROUP PROJECT REPORTS**

Kenisha: I am working on going to inner city high schools and giving them presentations on college and SAT's, I will be targeting sophomores and juniors.

Carla: For winter break I was hoping to get packages of things from the police departments to keep homes and apartments safe during winter break.

Becca: Ally and I will be doing outreach to the resident's hall.

Paula: November 2, 3, 4 the library will be providing coffee. We are also going to do it in the SRB.

Molly: We tried to have a meeting for Greeks Go Green. We will try to work in the Party Bins and continuing our summer work for rating the landlords.

Andrew: Darshan and I want to make a Bike Path Etiquette Guide.

Topher: It is difficult to get funding for research and I don't know if it is possible but to start something up where students could come to AS to get money for research. Maybe we could make a committee.

Ashley: We are looking into the summer internships process.

Radika: We are updating the lighting in IV.

Josue: We are one of the first Chicano/Chicana studies departments and they are looking to demolish this. We are also having free pizza and making an effort for not banning skateboarding.

MC Motion for a 10-minute recess (Paula, Andrew)  
MF 7-7-6

## **REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

Paula: Big announcement in the Nexus tomorrow, this Friday there is a Dilated Peoples Concert and on October 30 there is Jack's Mannequin concert.

Andrew: IVCRC is doing a calendar we can hang up. CAB is going great as well. We have been approving lots of projects.

Darshan: We are doing well, trying to look after our money and funding good events.

Faris: COPS has set some goals and EAB is awesome, over 100 people have showed up, people seemed really interested. We are organizing a Critical Mass Rally for Prop A. The Board of Supervisors is reconsidering the decision on Naples. Naples is the second most ecologically diverse area in the world. The meeting will be Tuesday, October 21.

Ally: Coastal Fund met on Monday and we got all the proposals so starting next week we will be doing interviews. Coastalfund.org is now up and running.

Stephanie: Queer Commission had a successful Stop The Hate, Spread The Love march.

Ashley: Take Back the Night gave \$200 to Students Against Rape. Media Relations does not have a chair so we will link up with business services advertising, maybe.

Radika: We got ten great new members and Legal Resource Center met this week.

Josue: Student Lobby is focusing on Voter reg.

Jose: Be ready for the new event coming up, its awesome. The leadership forum for RHA was awesome.

Husayn: Recycling is kick ass now and check out the Nexus yesterday because Stop the Jihad is not true!

Joe: WORMS is affiliated with the Recycling program.

Donald: SSACC may be changing its name.

Kenisha: SCORE had a great turn out and we are having a conference in UCLA on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Carla: SCORE went well.

Liz: I have been in contact with Womyn's Commission.

Becca: Business services has a new appointed chair and RHA is trying to decide if they can endorse presidential candidates.

## **DISCUSSION**

Husayn: Would you like me to write a column for AS for the Nexus?

Faris: I don't feel comfortable with one person representing us like this.

Topher: If we were going to have someone write for the Nexus why would someone from the Nexus come to every meeting?

Darshan: Maybe we should have a requirement that everyone writes an article once a year.

Joe: If someone wants to write an article they should and if someone has a problem with it they should write another one.

Husayn: Its true that a writer comes to every meeting but it would be more thorough and representative of AS because I am involved. Anyone can write for the Nexus to get publicity. I just wanted to get your thoughts on it, I didn't ask for approval. I have already submitted a piece, and if you are all very against this then I will remove it.

Paula: I feel like the Nexus writes about us like we are not students, and it is important to point that out. Sometimes the points that are really important to us don't even get acknowledged.

Becca: I think as long as you identify yourself as an individual its fine.

MC Motion to end discussion (Andrew, Paula)

Faris: I still have things to say.

Andrew: I withdraw my motion

Liz: I think it is great that you came to us, even though it is an opinion piece and you didn't have to. Please be careful, but thank you.

Faris: I understand your purpose, but it will still seem like Husayn is Leg Council. I just don't feel comfortable with him being the only face of Leg Council. Since we do have to do one public address per year it would be nice if there were a rotation.

Husayn: If anyone wants to do a rotation I will be busy and not be able to write it some weeks so that would be great if people could do it. I will also try to be objective as possible.

Topher: Is there a way articles could be submitted without names? This way it is objective and beneficial to all of us if there are only cold hard facts and no names involved.

Faris: I don't feel you can write objectively especially after last year with the environmental bill.

Kenisha: I don't feel like he is representing AS, but everything he is involved with. And as long as he is objective and fair I don't have a problem. You can use your AS title as well to write for the Nexus.

Husayn: I could write bi-weekly or weekly or have someone else write for me, I would like it to be consistent.

Liz: I would think many students who are not involved with AS would read this and I think this is a good idea for us to let the student body know what is going on.

MC Motion to end discussion (Radika, Husayn)  
MCC

MC Motion to reinstate the order of the day and reconsider and re-vote on the Van Wagner-Kennedy Bill (Andrew, Josue)

Paula: Molly is not here and this changes the voting dynamic.

Liz: I think this is bullshit because Molly left and Sinead isn't here.

Ashley: He does have the right to reconsider this vote.

Husayn: Why are you changing your vote?

Andrew: I talked to Sinead and she would like to be here for the vote.

Darshan: Andrew should have the right to change his vote, and he has had information from Sinead and this changes things.

MF 10-9-2

MC Motion to reinstate the order of the day (Paula, Becca)  
MCC

Ashley: Dan Plotkin came in to remind us to re-visit the GE requirements; we should all do our research.

Darshan: I am disappointed in the recalling of the elections bill. We have had a huge amount of people warn us that this is important and we should consider this carefully.

Husayn: I just want to say good job everyone so far this year!

Topher: I really wish that people would consider how many people are on the speaker's list before making a motion.

### **REMARKS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MC to adjourn at 8:42pm (Husayn, Becca)  
MCC