

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

October 17th, 2007

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:05 p.m., by the **FIRST PROTEMP**, Hassan Naveed.

ROLL CALL

Paulina Abustan
Amanda Burlingame
Patrick Cahill
Ana Contreras
Lex Hamilton (Dan Plotkin)
Husayn Hasan
Jessi Hurd
Radhika Khosharay
Molly-Kate Lenahan
Trevor Lyon
Deirdre Mathis
Chris Meltzer
Hassan Naveed
Pratish Patel
John Paul Primeau
Paula Reeve
Gloria Schindler
Samantha Stinnett
Cici Uy
Chris Wendle

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Hassan – I would like to recommend that we excuse Jessi at 6:30pm, Pratish at 6:00pm and for Jennie to be his proxy at this time, Paulina at 7:15pm, Trevor at 7:30pm, for Liz to be 10 minutes late to the meeting, to excuse Deirdre at 6:00pm and for Cassidy to be her proxy and for Jose to be Matt Weisners proxy.

MC So moved. (Paula)(Amanda)
MCC Motion is passed consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

PUBLIC FORUM

Jennie – I was looking at things about Islamo-Facism Awareness Week as I started researching it this morning. We have recently funded two events that are promoting Islamo-Facism Awareness Week. I would like to show you this video that is about it because I feel that it shows the ludicrousness of it. I feel that we should know and understand Islamo-Facism Awareness Week, because we need to know what is happening on this campus. I know that Finance Board is not a place to be political, but Legislative Council is. I feel that you should know about these events and what they will do to the people on campus. Next Wednesday there is a wear green day to protest this week, please take part in it.

Jessi – What are you thinking about us doing?

Jennie – The Finance Board minutes are up for approval tonight, and I feel that we should think about what we are putting our name on. I don't think that we should fund an event like this because it is bad for the students.

Bee – I am one of the Committee on Committees coordinators. I want to recognize the Legislative Council members who are on Committee on Committees for all of their hard work. Thank you, you have gotten us up and running for the year.

Aaron – The first edition of the Bottom Line came out today. They passed out all of them, so there will be more coming either tomorrow or on Friday. I just wanted to thank Megan Barns and the rest of the Bottom Line for all of their great work.

Bee – Committee on Committees is going to have a recruitment fair this quarter in Storke plaza this Monday from 10am till 3pm. Please come help out.

June – I would like to reinforce what was said about Islamo-Facism Awareness Week. I think that it is really important for you to consider how your funding of these events affects the Muslim students on campus. These events have already negatively affected my life.

Beth Kerrans – I am a lecturer in the Women's Studies department and am the director of the Women's Center. I was asked to talk about Islamo-Facism Awareness Week. David Horowitz is putting on this campaign to instill fear of Muslims. This is under the guise of free speech. He talks about this under the idea educating around issues of feminism and racism among other things. This is false because all he is trying to do is instill hatred.

Liz is recognized at 5:20pm.

Guadalupe – I am Lindsay's new assistant. I just wanted to introduce myself, because you will be seeing me around the office.

Brenna Barber – I want to urge you to not fund Islamo-Facism Awareness Week events. I feel that Dennis Prager is here to only promote his own opinion. I feel that you should fund something else that will not cause fear and hatred on this campus.

June – Islamo-Facism Awareness Week is a week of indoctrination, to make all people think that all Muslims are terrorists. These events generalize the entire population of Muslims to be Islamo-Facisists. Horowitz is targeting the new students to indoctrinate them into this mindset.

Matt Kohnan – I do not feel that you should fund the events during Islamo-Facism Awareness Week. We should not help bring Dennis Prager to the campus.

Carlos – Money was requested by a student organization, and I do not think that you should not fund them because of what they are saying. What they are saying about Muslims is false, but because these groups want to have these events they should. By having this event, they are creating dialog. This is exactly what we need on this campus. I am an ally of the Muslim community, and I will fight anyone who will spew these falsehoods.

June – On a larger scale these events will cause more animosity than they will create dialog. This will only make the attitudes on campus towards Muslims worse.

Dan – All of these groups came together, and they are very active in the community. Do you feel that the students who are not involved will believe that this is the truth?

June – Yes, and because of this we are trying to reach as many people as we can so that we can show them the falsehoods that these events are promoting. We need to get together to be able to fight this event.

Dan – Do you feel that you are on the defensive?

June – Yes, we do as of now.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

none

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marisela Marquez

I wanted to invite you to tell me what you would like me to report to you on. Please send me a few emails so that I can better serve you.

These past weeks, the boards and committees have been coming together and getting started. AS is on the way to another great year.

I am working with the staff to help you and to get our priorities in line. We have identified these and are working on them.

I have office hours on Thursdays and Fridays from 1pm till 3pm. My door is open, so please stop by.

My main focus right now is Halloween.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Stephanie Brower

I seems that I have gotten Marisela's cold.

I had a great meeting with the folks of the Alumni Association. JP and I went to their meeting; they weren't too enthused with our idea for an AS Alumni Relations Committee. They have been working on this idea but not as such a structured committee like we proposed. They thought that we were just trying to get their money, and we explained our intension and they understood that this was not our intension.

Last year the RecCen got a portion of funds from the Students Initiative. But due to recent construction of the San Clamente apartments, they have lost a good portion of their facilities. This space was used during the summer and the school year for week long and day camps which brought in revenue for the RecCen. Because of this loss of income they are worried that their funds are going toward groups that are not benefiting the major population of the campus. We are currently working on either finding them more space or a way to supplement their income.

The UCSB Foundation is a collection of the biggest donors to UCSB, and they are having a Back to School night next week. I have been invited to go to this, and I will tell you all about it next week.

Jose – What is your office doing about Islamo-Facism Awareness Week?

Stephanie – I want to go to at least one event being put on by both sides. I want to see what everyone is saying.

Jose – What do you have to say about the people who voiced their concerns?

Stephanie – I appreciate everyone who wanted to come and talk, and I thank them for doing so.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Matt Jackson

Hassan – Matt is working with KCSB in Washington DC right now, and is having fun with it.

Sinead is recognized at 5:40pm.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Linsdey Quock

I brought you all snacks.

Thank you for coming to the IV Town Hall meeting. Please tell your friends about the new rules, they will affect us all. I feel that the cops gave honest answers to your questions.

I am passing around the final version of the door hangers. I am having a little bit of an issue finding people to hang the door hangers. If you know of anyone who is willing to help please send them to me. If I haven't found anyone by next week, I am going to ask you to do it with me.

The Legal Resource Center event is next Thursday at 7pm. There will be a lawyer there to answer any questions that you might have.

My office is funding the water bottle distribution center. I need your help getting the water bottles from Costco to the distribution centers. If any of you want to do a special project to help this event, it would be great.

We are coming out with t-shirts for the October voter registration drive. These will be orange with white writing.

UCSB has acquired a new property, the Devereaux area past West campus. I am on the committee for what the University will put there in the next few years. They are passing around a few ideas, but none of these have been approved. None of these ideas are for the students, and I feel that we should have access to these new facilities. This committee is also trying to make money to pay off their new loans, which is why a conference center is possible.

The workers meeting that happened two weeks ago was a success. There is another meeting tonight. Please stop by for dinner and to discuss the firing of a UCen employee.

And remember on Halloween, keep your cups upside down and drop them if the cops are at your door and you are underage.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Christine Byon

I would like to introduce Kelly Osmonson.

Kelly - I work for UCSA. I am the field organizer for this area and I am here to help you prepare for next week's Week of Action. This is a voter registration drive. We have been working on the Dream Act, which was sadly vetoed by the governor. I was so happy with the student participation in this initiative. I hope that you are all coming to the Students of Color Conference. Please come talk to me over the next few days or email me if you have any questions.

Christine – We are going to get more field visits from UCSA. They are a great resource and we like to have them here.

The Dream Act was vetoed this Saturday. We learned of this at my office retreat. Shortly afterward I started to get a lot of calls, people showing their support for the efforts that we put into this initiative. We got a lot of support from the legislature and from you, the students. Thank you for your support. The “Governator” will be hearing from us again.

Please help us support the National Dream Act. Next week there will be a movie about Undocumented Students, in the MCC. Afterwards there will be a Question and Answer session.

There is going to be a Week of Action, next week, for the registration of voters. We will be doing the same as we did during the Week of Welcome. Right before Student Lobby meets, this week, we will be doing vote work to help organize this event. Please come in and help.

Please come to the Students of Color Conference. This is the 9th of November through the end of the following Monday, the 12th. This is to educate about the marginalized people on our campuses and our lives. We have applications all over the AS offices.

This weekend I am going to the UCSA board meeting. We are going to discuss our other action items, and what do to during our other Weeks of Action. Next week we are going to get a lot of help from Courtney Weaver on voter registration, and she is also going to talk to students about anything legislative.

I was at the Finance Board meeting, and the presenter for the Islamo-Facism event said that this is an informational event not a hate inciting meeting. This is not Islamo-Facism but Islamophobia. We are entitled to see what is happening on our campus, and what is being spoken about on the campus. We have control over our funds. We should be in control of what our name is being put on. I know that a lot of people are saying, that if the other groups want to but on a rebuttal we will fund them. We should question why these groups are putting these Islamo-Facist events.

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

MC Motion to go to Acceptance of Proxies and Excused Absences, and to excuse Alex's and Sinead's tardy. (Jessi)(Liz)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to reinstate the orders of the day. (Amanda)(Liz)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Alex is recognized at 6:21pm.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Samantha – Hassan and I got together to work on the Honoraria rewrites.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Alex – I don't need surgery. I talked to JP about wireless Internet, and he said that maybe I should talk to the Alumni Association. I also spoke with CODA about setting up a shuttle service for disabled students.

Jessi – Committee on Committees is having our fair on Monday. Please come table and bring your friends. Dennis Prager stated that if you are not willing to swear on the bible then you should not serve in Congress. I don't like that we are giving him money to talk. I am going to email the Governance Board about our discussion item.

Samantha – RHA has a ton of things going on for Halloween. They are going all out.

JP – Committee on Committees is having their Recruitment Fair coming up on Monday. It is going to be from 10am till 3pm in Storke Plaza. The feed back from the boards and committees in AS has been alright, but it's coming along. The Alumni Association has a few concerns about our proposed alumni relations committee. Our new plan is to not have an AS committee but to have AS advisors on their board who will be appointed by AS.

Amanda – SAC met on Tuesday, their big event is going to be this Saturday. It will be huge and lot of fun. All money that they make will be donated to the Leukemia Society. I unfortunately cannot go, because I will be at the UCSA board meeting.

Molly – CAB met on Tuesday, a woman from the Multiple Sclerosis Society came to talk to us. At next week's meeting, we will be watching a movie about child trafficking. Media Relations met and we are working on the AS calendar.

Cici – EAB met and we are working on a lot of great events. Next week they will be doing a light bulb exchange on DP. Media Relations met and we are trying to get out there more.

Dan – Be careful in an environment where alcohol is everywhere. You hear about the horrible things that happen, but you are rarely affected by them directly. Please watch your friends, and make sure that they are safe this Halloween.

Hassan – Constitution and Bylaws met and we talked about the bills that are coming up.

Jennie – Queer Commission is throwing a blood drive, and at this event we will be petitioning blood banks to accept Queer blood. Just because a man has had sex with another man, or a woman has had sex with a man who has been with other men, does not mean that their blood is unusable.

Paula – I want you all to go to the Student of Color Conference pre-meeting which will be on campus.

Gloria – Queer Commission is meeting now at 5pm in the Queer Commission office on Thursdays.

Jose – Finance Board met and we will be having a closed session next week to discuss our policies.

Liz – Wednesday Bill's Bus is back up and running. It is free and on Wednesday and Thursday nights. I went to the IV Parking Meeting last night, and they essentially threw me out because they do not want student voice at this time. They want to create a plan without talking to students, so that when it comes time to pass it we have no time for input. They are trying to regulate parking in IV. They are also trying to basically institute UCSB rates for IV parking. They are trying to rush these things through the district supervisor's office.

Chris W – I have noticed a lot of Manzanita and San Rafael residents are parking in IV. Parking Lot 22 is never filled, and we should be able to park there. The Coastal Fund needs a new member. This is a voting position. BIKES met and discussed an accident that happened this weekend. We are hoping to get lights for all of the bikes on campus. I have heard that the Pardall Tunnel will be demolished, and that they want to put in a stop sign. This will not work, and we need to show them that it will not.

Paula – Next week Program Board will be showing Dan in Real Life, it is a sneak peak.

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day. (Jennie)(Paula)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to reopen Acceptance of Proxies and Excused Absences and to add that Trevor will be excused at 7:00pm and Brenna will be his proxy.

(Jennie)(Amanda)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to reinstate the orders of the day. (Amanda/Gloria)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Hassan – I would like to recommend that we add as Action Item #1 The removal of Jeremy Pemberton from Finance Board, the addition of CAB 10/16/07, Coastal Fund 10/8/07 and IVCRC 10/16/07 to Acceptance of Minutes, and to remove from Old Business The Bill Creating a Student Committee on Alumni Relations.

MC So moved. (Amanda)(Sinead)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

LC 10/10/07, FB 10/15/07, ASPB 10/15/07, CAB 10/16/07, CF 10/8/07 and IVCRC 10/16/07

MC Motion to bundle and accept all except for FB 10/15/07. (Jose)(Amanda)

Gloria – I would like to amend the minutes for LC 10/10/07.

MC Friendly amendment to exclude LC 10/10/07 from the bundled approval.
(Amanda)

JP – I understand for FB 10/15/07 we will be discussing Islamo-Facism Awareness Week. Because Finance Board is A-political we must fund them for what they are going to say. We give funds to everyone. The only constitutional way for Finance Board to not fund a group was for that group to have violated AS policies. This funding was approved by consent. We would be sending a bad bias by striking this funding.

Jose – It doesn't say anywhere in the bylaws that Finance Board cannot be political. Anything AS funds is what AS supports. Do we want our name to be on this? Should AS fund an event such as this? We are here to represent the voice

of the students. Do we want our name associated with this conservative viewpoint?

Paula – There are students on this campus who are conservative. As Legislative Council, I do not agree with this event but I feel they have the right to say this.

Amanda – This motion is to discuss LC 10/10/07 and FB 10/15/07 and to approve them, not to amend either of those.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to reopen the minutes for LC 10/10/07. (Gloria)(Amanda)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

1. Minutes of LC 10/10/07

MC Motion to ammend Gloria's statement during the discussion of the Appointment of Michael Lambright to be, "When I look at the members of the board who were snapping under the table in support of Lambright, I see what I assume to be white, heterosexual people. If you would like to claim that you are an ally, it is your role to listen to people of color, to listen to queer people when they say that they feel uncomfortable. Even if you don't feel like what Michael said was racist, homophobic, whatever, it is your job as an ally to support the people who are saying they feel uncomfortable. I know that Michael has read the Legal Code 7 or 8 times. And there is so much apathy on this campus, it is great that Michael has gotten so involved. I feel like the President could find a candidate who does not make people feel uncomfortable, someone that we all agree upon. I feel bad attacking him so harshly at this meeting, but I think we can find someone who makes all of us happy." (Gloria)(Dan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to amend Samantha's statement during the discussion of the Appointment of Michael Lambright to be, "First, I am sorry if anyone feels as though Michael would be a threat to their safe spaces because I really don't believe that was his intent with his statement in the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph. However I would like to say that, although I know some may not have read Jonathan Swift, that I read that libe as his eating babies proposal. And I have to reread that libe because it didn't flow with the rest of the ideas in the article and when I read it again I leaized that it was meant as sarcasm." (Samantha)(Dan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Amanda)(Gloria)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. Minutes of FB 10/15/07

MC Motion to reopen the minutes. (Chris W.)(Radhika)

JP – By removing this event's funding we are exhibiting a bias on this board. This is not a good thing. We are not supposed to be liberal, conservative, red or blue. This funding is to give students a voice. I feel that we should not change these minutes.

Chris W. withdraws his motion.

MC Motion to approve the minutes of FB 10/15/07. (Amanda)(JP)

Jose – We have to open up these minutes to strike this. AS should not support this event. Are you thinking about the students who are going to be targeted by this?

Amanda – I do not feel comfortable taking funding from a group, even though I do not agree with what they are saying. The Students Initiative is so that we can fund all groups who need funding to put on events. Those who are against this event should stand up against the speaker. Finance Board should fund based on our Bylaws. AS is not here to fund only things that we believe in. We have to let them put on their event, and we should fund them. If we do this, people can call us what we have called other people, like racist or homophobic.

Husayn – I agree with Amanda. Is it right to not fund a group because we do not agree with what they are saying? I am a Muslim student and I am afraid of these people gaining power, but this is free speech. This is not a “lets round up Muslims” event. We should speak and call out these people on campus. We should not step on the Republicans.

Trevor – We should follow Finance Board policy. I think that there will be enough counter protest that it will be a great event

Dan – By drawing attention to this we are giving it more credit that it deserves. We are giving it more credibility. We are at a school with an incredibly intelligent student body, we should trust them. I have researched fighting words and these speakers do not qualify as hate speech.

MCP Vote to vote passes by 14/6/2 vote.

MCP Motion passes by a 14/8/0 vote.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Removal of Jeremy Pemberton from Finance Board

Kevin – I am the chair of Finance Board. I just wanted to bring to your attention the removal of one of our members. He has missed two consecutive meetings. I have tried to get a hold of him and he will not speak with me. I feel that we should remove him so that we can get a member who wants to be apart of our committee.

MC Motion to remove Jeremy Pemberton from Finance Board. (Amanda)(JP)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

none

DISCUSSION

1. University Policy on Shared Governance

Aaron – Andrew Doerr found this, and I thought that you should be aware of it. This mandates the importance of student input in all decisions made by the University. I just thought that you should talk about this.

Amanda – I find it very interesting that we are supposed to adhere to shared governance. We have students on committees, but most of these students are not allowed to speak. I am very happy that Aaron brought this to our attention.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We are now tracking your office hours. Please check in with the secretaries as “I am so and so checking in for my LC/FB office hours”.

REMARKS

Hassan – I wanted to talk about the passing of the funding of Islamo-Facism Awareness Week's events. Racism is racism and is always an issue. I feel that we should support the freedom of expression. Unfortunately they are attacking my religion. Please read you legal code about funding groups like this.

Jennie – I feel embarrassed to be apart of AS. We will be on their fliers.

Husyan – I am morally against this, but I feel that we should fund his event as AS. I feel that we should protest this event and if we get enough people we

could remove our personal funding of this event. This can be done by a fee removal.

Gloria – I wish this could have come up last week. I wish that we could revoke funding for both events, but this is not about politics. This is about feeling unsafe on campus. I am curious if we are worried about the students?

Brenna – I am disappointed that the minutes were approved. I think, that with all of these students who came to speak, that we should have listened to them.

Hassan – Last week we passed the resolution for the Jena Six, this could become a resolution against Islamo-Facism Awareness week. This would be a good way of stating our opinion.

Jennie – Both of these events are paying extra money for security. They have been advised that they need it to protect the listeners. No one was here to speak for Islamo-Facism Awareness week, so why should we fund it?

Jose – I am not against conservatives. I am concerned with the ideology that is for Islamo-Facism Awareness Week. I was discouraged at Finance Board to not make this political. I was advised to for a few reasons, and I feel that I should have.

Dan – I think that we are attacking this the wrong way. You should thank the people who are putting this event on, this way you can say that they are the reason why we are at school. This is free speech and we should attack it as such.

Gloria – Passing a resolution against Islamo-Facism Awareness Week is the best option. This way we are not going against our Bylaws, but stating our stance on this event and week.

Samantha – I am very uncomfortable talking about this. I do not think that we should say that we needed to fund this, even though we are not for it. We should not lump everyone together as conservative, liberal, republican or democrat. I am offended by such a broad generalization. I do not support this and I am a republican. I feel that I wouldn't be listened to in the discussion earlier, because of this. We should not lump people in large groups.

Paula – There are a lot of groups who are combating Islamo-Facism Awareness Week, and I think that we should state that we are standing behind them.

Amanda – Remarks is not the place to rehash the arguments. This is not a good time because we are going to leave the room divided. If you have something to say please say it at the time we are discussing it.

Radhika – Do not judge Republicans as Queer and Muslim haters. I am a Republican and this offends me because I am neither.

Jennie – I wasn't trying to say that Republicans are that way. I realize that there are a lot of Republicans who are not like that, I was addressing the College Republicans for bringing the speaker on campus.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Alex)(Dan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:24pm.