

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

October 3rd, 2007

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:04 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Matt Jackson.

ROLL CALL

Paulina Abustan
Liz Buda
Amanda Burlingame
Patrick Cahill
Ana Contreras
Husayn Hasan
Jessi Hurd
Sinead Kennedy
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
Alex Van Wanger
Chris Wendle

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Matt J – I would like to recommend that we accept the following: for Deirdre to be excused for the rest of the quarter from 6:00pm till 8:00pm for class, for Dan Plotkin to be Lex's proxy for the quarter due to her studying abroad, and for Jose Raygoza to be Matt W's proxy for tonight.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron – Hello and welcome back. For those who went to the retreat, please turn in your evaluations. We would love to get your feedback. Please meet with your groups, and let's get this year going. Please talk to Mike Rodgers to get your keys coded, so you have access to your office and to the copier. We have found some minor errors in the Legal Code, we are planning on giving you some inserts to fix this.

Varduhy Nalbandyan – I would like to be the proxy for Meri, the Committee on Committees co-chair, for this quarter because she is studying abroad.

Kathleen Minor – I would like to be appointed as the co-chair of the AAB.

Bee – I would like to be appointed as a Committee on Committees co-chair.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeremy Pemberton – I would like Led Council to adopt a project that I have been working on for the past 9 months. I have been to 5 different universities over the past 6 years, and I have come to love UCSB and want to call Santa Barbara my permanent home. I produce the West Beach Music Festival. I want to use the idea of last years All Sorority Volleyball Tournament for the possible AS involvement in the Festival. I think that AS could fund discount tickets or Bill's Bus for the students to be able to get there. The event will be on Oct 27th, and will give the students something to do over Halloween weekend. I have booked West Beach for this festival. I want AS to be apart of this and I think that it would be a great idea. This is currently a 21 and over event, but I have discussed it with the city and they are willing to have a segregated section for tose 20 and under. I would like to prevent drinking and driving, which is why I would like to get Bill's Bus for the event. I would like to get a larger headliner, but would need more money to do this which I think you have the ability to give. I would also like to give discount student tickets to AS members. I would like to move on this event for next year and make it a part of UCSB's Week of Welcome. Because of the potential of an event like this, I think that an event of this type would be the best thing for our school.

Hassan – Why are you asking AS to be there?

Jeremy – I just want AS to be involved in this event.

Jessi – I am a little hesitant to say that we will help you, without some of the information that you are not willing to give us.

Dan – I love this idea.

Jessi – What is the cost of the tickets?

Jeremy – Right now they are about 35\$, but this might change based on the headliner.

Gloria – I think that a beer garden would be a better way of going about this.

Jeremy – As of right now the entire area is a beer garden, but I would like to cut the area in half and make one side for the 20 and under.

JP – There might be some issues with our funding you, due to our constitution.

Dan – It will be a huge issue with segregating the population who are over 21.

Jeremy – This is the best that I can do this year.

Paula – Halloween is a huge event, and this would bring more people into IV. I'm worried about this and about UCSB, which could be a huge risk for everyone who lives here.

Alex – I am also worried about more people coming to campus for your Halloween celebration. I like my Nissan Sentra and I don't want to have to worry about it more because of more out-of-towners.

Jeremy – I would like to ask you to come on board this year, in the hopes that next year we can fix these kinks that you are addressing.

Liz – What is your purpose for having this event during Week Of Welcome next year?

Jeremy – I just think that it would be a good time for the students.

Amanda – Is this even legal given our legal code?

Jeremy – This is up to you. And how you want to help the festival.

Paulina – From the RHA perspective I don't think that this can be as accessible for the first year students. For the price, I do not think that this is accessible for students.

Jeremy – I want to give discounts on tickets, and next year we can work out all of the kinks.

Jessi – I love this idea. I understand the restrictions for this year. Are you going to make this more accessible for the coming years?

Jeremy – I have. All of the logistics have been answered, and I have those if you want them. I am planning on the event to be open to all in the coming years, and to make it more directed to students.

Matt J – Is it possible for us to see a formal proposal next week, to see if we want to get involved.

Jeremy – I need to know as soon as I can so that I can book the headliner.

Jeremy – I was thinking that if you take this on as a special project, and then as a student group you would be able to present it to Finance Board.

Pratish – If we do choose to fund this, I feel that you are trying to promote AS in the community. If we just get our feet wet, will our name get on everything?

Jeremy – Yes, I will follow the legal code.

Christine – This is just like Program Board, save for two differences. The alcohol and being not being on campus, which pulls, people away.

Jeremy – I am willing to not advertise certain sponsors on the fliers, such as Bacardi.

Liz – How is this helping you?

Jeremy – This is my career, I want to keep doing this.

MC Motion to limit discussion to 5 more minutes. (Hassan)(Jessi)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Samantha – Are you willing to work with AS next year to fix the kinks that we are worried about?

Jeremy – Yes. I want to work out the kinks to make it better for the coming years.

Samantha – Is it possible to work with you next year and not be apart of it this year?

Jeremy – If I can give this opportunity to a larger sponsor, I will have to because it is my career. But if this doesn't happen it is possible, but highly unlikely.

Dan – Would it be ok if we just sponsored Bill's Bus?

Jeremy – That would be great because AS would be apart of this event.

Jeremy – Please contact me, to address any questions.

Michael Lambright – I would like to be appointed to Attorney General.

Amanda – What is the Attorney General?

Michael – The Attorney General watches AS to make sure that everything is legal.

JP - What would you bring to the position?

Michael – I am a Philosophy major, and in this we learn how to mediate. Also in my personal time, I like to watch governments to learn how they handle problems.

Husayn – Will you been reading the minutes of all BCCs?

Michael – I will be a member of each committee and I would like to be a part of each.

Paulina – How long is the Attorney General's term?

Michael – It is a 1-year term of office.

Alex – How are you going to handle this huge workload?

Michael – I am entitled an assistant, but I want to do most of this myself.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Tuyen – I am the co-chair for SCORE, and I wanted to introduce myself to you. We want to keep you informed, so we will be coming to talk to you a few times a quarter. This quarter we are heading up the Student of Color Conference. It will be at UCSC this year. Please come to this event to learn about new and continuing student issues. On Oct 27th we are planning a retreat for our campus, and I would like for you to come. Please talk to me if you have any questions or would like to take part.

Chris W - Thank you for the workshop that you held at our leadership retreat.

Alina Aghazarina – I am from Media Relations. We will be meeting Wednesdays at 10:30am in a room to be determined.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marisela Marquez

I have met many of you over the summer, and it is nice to see you again.

I have been working with you fully over September, after my transition over July and August. I attended the Finance Board, Executive Officers and your Legislative Council retreat. I am working on everything that I have to learn to properly help you, and am looking forward to working with you. I am learning what you want to do with the new Student Initiative funds voted in last year.

We got part of the old Women's Center and we need to talk about what will be there and what we will be calling it.

I am meeting with the executive officers weekly. My office is always open and I would love it if you would come in to talk with me about what I can do for and with you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Stephanie Brower

Welcome to the first meeting of the year.

I have class from 7-8pm on Wednesday nights, so I will try to come back after class.

I wanted to bring you snacks, but the cost stopped me... It's the thought that counts, right?

I will be emailing you my lengthy reports every week, but I will be talking with you every week also. This way you can get all of the gritty details and will not have to write them down, and also be able to ask me questions.

I have a few appointments on the agenda, and I am asking for these few appointments because they are required as soon as humanly possible. Emily Cox worked with TGIF last year and I think that she would be a great fit for this year. She was unable to come tonight due to a class conflict, but last year she wrote up a business plan that would green our campus and save us money as well. She proposed that we plant only native plants on campus, which would reduce our water costs. Kathleen Miner wants to be on AAB, but she had to leave for class. She worked with them last year, and I think she will do a great job.

I am looking for a proxy for the Alumni Association, if you are willing please talk to me. This will not be an every meeting proxy; I just would like to open up this opportunity to anyone who might find these meetings interesting.

As for the proposition brought by Jeremy. Last year, our contract with Bill's Bus was as a second party, not a third party. This event was presented as co-sponsorship. How I am seeing this though is as a subsidy that violates our legal code. Taking on this event would also pit it against program board, which is not allowed under our legal code. Halloween is "mission critical". It is a scary time, our image as a party school is because of Halloween. If we fund this, we are "dunk asses" promoting the party school image.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Matt Jackson

Thank you for coming to the retreat. I think that it has helped ease the transition. Over the summer, I have been working on the lighting project and working as the External Music Director for KCSB. I am working with Lindsey to try to get a Queer GE going on campus.

The unit increase went through so it is now 15 units per quarter not 12 units per quarter to be a full time student.

I am not going to have a working meeting early this quarter, but I am planning on having one towards the end of the quarter.

I have made some changes to the committee appointments, which we will talk about later.

I am big on accountability. I am passing around a form of how we keep track of your boards and committees. I will be taking care of this through the quarter.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Lindsey Quock

There will be a dinner tonight at 7:00pm, to support the staff on campus. This is to help promote relations with campus employees. If you would like to come, please stop by.

The IVTU is sponsoring an exhibit at the MCC. This is an Anti **Judgification** Exhibit. This shows the progress of grass roots movements that fight large corporations.

Brooks Firestone will not be running for reelection this spring. We have a few candidates who are on the side of students, and who have lived in IV. Please talk to these people. This person is going to be our most direct support.

IV Parks and Recreation is working on tagging issues that are popping up in IV. We are trying to fix this problem through different legislation.

I am the AS student representative to our planning commission. UCSB just bought some new land and they want to put up new housing on it, so please talk to me about any concerns that you have about this.

Lately I have been working on Halloween for the past few weeks. Next Thursday at 6pm, there will be a Halloween town hall meeting. Please come talk to the representatives and to question the local authority. Please just come. I have been told that if one big incident happens, Halloween is over. I am working on trying to keep it really safe this year.

Beware of sponsoring an event that will bring more people in to IV this Halloween. We want this to be safe and the festival might not be the best idea. To keep our Halloween safe we need to keep the students in mind. Halloween weekend is not the weekend to hold another event in our community.

Alex – Are there any estimates of how many people come to town?

Lindsey – 33,000 come, and 82% of crimes are by these people. Our current plan is a “keep your friends safe” plan.

Molly – Halloween is what weekend?

Lindsey – It is the weekend before. The festival ordinance is Oct 26th through Nov 5th. So there are heightened restrictions. Please be careful.

Dan – I am worried about the weekend after Halloween. I think that might be the student Halloween. The weekend after is parents weekend, so maybe we should think about that.

Jessi – We should warn everyone about the new drunk in public regulations.

Lindsay – IVFP is moving to the torn up parking lot next to IV Theater. There will be a mobile jail there this year.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Christine Byon

Hello. The retreat was great. I was disappointed with the current issues discussion. Please keep up with these, and to please talk and push the chancellor and other authorities to help us.

Last year, the vice chancellor of student affairs passed a no camping policy for the campus.

Over the summer the UCSA congress took place. We voted to work on a fee freeze and academic preparation program funding, passage of the Dream Act, and on voter registration. Students can make or break the vote. So please push this.

The regents meeting was this July, and they did not mention the diversity report they were supposed to present. In September they had their next meeting in Davis, where they did unveil the diversity report. They want to adopt the Academic Senate statement and for the president of the UC to give a yearly report on the state of diversity. We need the regents to step up, and to take care of the diversity crisis.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Amanda – I have been working on an AS sponsored coffee house in University Owned Housing. I would like to make this a weekly event, and to get those students involved.

Chris M – I have been working with Stephanie on the skateboarding issue on campus. We are thinking of setting up an AS SKATES, which will be like AS BIKES.

JP - I want to set up a better way of searching for off campus housing. This would have the property prices; reviews and this could be **accessible** for students.

Patrick – I would like to tackle the price of textbooks.

Samantha – Chris W and I want to work on parking issues on campus.

Radhika – I want to work to get left handed desks in all of the lecture halls.

Jessi – I have been working on the 15-unit thing. I want to find possible solutions to the student problems that it will cause.

Pratish – I want to get AS out there more. I was thinking of setting up a monument or education program to raise awareness.

Matt J – In past years we have adopted a block in IV, as a group project.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Amanda – SAC met yesterday, their first event is Oct 20th. It is a Fall Harvest themed event. This is open to everyone. I have to switch out of AAB, because it conflicts with Student Lobby.

Deirdre – I need to get off of IVCRC due to a class conflict.

Sinead – I met with the Legal Recourse Center. We are planning door hangers for Halloween. We are planning an info session with lawyers to talk about dealing with the cops.

Alex – I have been working on wireless internet.

JP – Finance Board gave money to Real Life and MEVA.

Hassan – I met with Denise to start Constitution and By Laws Committee.

Trevor – OSA is taking applications for caseworkers.

Paula – Program Board gave money to a great Indian Association. The movies are free this year.

Jessi – I tried to go to CODA, but I couldn't find them. Committee on Committees met briefly over the summer, and we are going to do recruiting. CAB met and needs people to man a car show.

Gloria – Queer Commission is getting going, and it will be great this year.

Liz – I have been working in Lindsey's office as a coordinator, and we will be tabling with complaint forms in the arbor after Halloween. This is because the cops always say that there is no need to change their policies because they get no complaints.

Chris M – I am working on AS SKATES.

Samantha – RHA met and they are progressing.

Ana – IVTU needs a front desk position.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Matt J – I would like to recommend the following changes to the agenda: add to the minutes PB 9/17/07, add as Action Item #7 Removal of Keith Russel from Committee on Committees, add as Action Item #8 Appointment of Kathleen Miner to AAB, as Action Item #9 the Appointment of Bee Sliff to Committee on Committees, to strike Action Item #3 and to renumber them accordingly, as Discussion #1 West Beach Music Festival, and as Discussion #2 AdHoc Committee.

MC So moved. (Gloria)(Jessi)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept agenda as amended. (Dan)(Hassan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

LC 5/30/07, FB 10/1/07, LC Phone Vote 6/29/07, EAB 10/1/07, PB 10/1/07, CAB 10/2/07, PB 9/17/07

MC Motion bundle and approve all minutes. (Dan)(Jessi)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative Council Reappointments

Radhika – I can't make it to Student Lobby due to a class conflict.

Liz – The IVCRC meetings are Tuesday at 7:15pm.

MC Motion to approve. (Deirdre)(Radhika)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. Appointments to Queer Commission

Chris W – What is the relationship between Queer Commission and QSU?
Gloria – QSU is an OSL group, and Queer Commission is an AS organization.

MC Motion to approve Action Items #2 through #8. (Jessi)(Radhika)

MC Friendly amendment to exclude #4. (Amanda)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

4. Appointment of Michael Lambright

Hassan read a letter to the editor of the Daily Nexus by Michael Lambright regarding an allocation made by Finance Board and approved by Leg Council last Spring.

Hassan – He has a bias to that situation. And I want you to look at the Legal Code which says that he must be unbiased. He has a bias and I don't think that this is good for the position.

Jessi – I would just like to be the devil's advocate. Michael was a student and was allowed to voice his opinion. He was entitled to that. He was worried that the issue wasn't open to students. This position is a nonpartisan position. His issue with the action was because it was against the rules, which shows that he is for the rules.

Samantha – He based his information off of bad information, which he read in the Nexus. He didn't do any extra research on this topic. He should have done more research. A person who wanted to take on this role should have shown more initiative. We need to make sure that he does the research and doesn't jump to conclusions. He shouldn't jump the gun.

Jose – He is coming in with a bias, and this cannot be healthy for AS.

Deirdre – It bothers me that he didn't do any research on the issues that he wrote about. I cannot approve of him.

Dan – I don't think any of us are perfect at our jobs, and as you go you learn about what you should do. Should we strike him down because of this red flag? I've written stuff to just write it. I feel that he has the drive to do it, and I think he can be a good Attorney General.

Liz – We shouldn't accept someone who is flawed in his or her understanding. He meant something by writing this letter, and we should take that into account.

Gloria – I am not worried about his lack of research on the issue. I am more worried about how he is biased to racist, homophobic opinions. The groups that he is a member of as Attorney General are safe spaces. I would not want him in my safe space meetings.

Chris W – I think that there is a lot of apathy on this campus. For a first year to express his opinion is a stretch. He will have to take this position more seriously.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Chris W)(Amanda)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill to Improve Communications Between Campus Media and Associated Students

Radhika – AS and the Nexus don't get along too well. Matt W and I got together to write this bill so that we can improve relations.

Jose – I like this.

Amanda – I think that this is a good idea.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Amanda)(Deirdre)
MCC Motions is passed by consent.

DISCUSSION

1. West Beach Music Festival

Paula – I am concerned about bringing in more people into IV for Halloween. This does conflict with Program Board and I feel that we should give the money to Program Board for the headliner and not to this festival. Our welcome back show is free and is on campus, which is better for us. This is a third party event and they are making a profit, and we should support Program Board. This also conflicts with alternative programming.

Dan – I agree with all of these issues. I am most worried about the Halloween weekend visitors. We shouldn't step on Program Board's toes. I am going to take the leap that he just wants us there. But I don't think that we should support it. I am wondering how many students would want this. I am thinking that maybe we could support Bills Bus, so that our students are safe.

JP – I am worried about groups that could come to us to skirt over Finance Board's head. I don't think that we should fund anything financial in Legislative Council. I think that we should just refer them to Finance Board without question.

Alex – I take issue with funding Bill's Bus, and that he is setting up a segregated 20 and under section would not be enough.

Liz – I think that this is an insult to the IV festival scene. I am a member of ChillaVista. I think that we should not fund an event with alcohol as sponsors.

Amanda – I agree with everyone. By us going to Finance Board we will be supporting the event. But this is not what we might want. Last year we funded Nuclear Internship and we had to ask Finance Board for the money. We would have to adopt it as a group project, which I don't think that we want to do this.

Pratish – I don't think that we should do this at all.

Tuyen – Jeremy is the most critical person on Finance Board on accountability. I think that sliding an event like this over Finance Board kills what he was fighting for on Monday.

MC Motion to table indefinitely. (Hassan)(Rad)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. AdHoc Committee

Matt – I want a committee to discuss Honoraria within AS.

Samantha – I am interested in this.

Gloria – What are we doing?

Matt – I want the committee to rewrite the Honoraria section in the Legal Code.

MC Motion to end discussion. (Amanda)(Radhika)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We will be tracking your office hours starting on Monday.

REMARKS

Matt – Program Board minutes are a privacy issue. Do not discuss them with anyone.

Dan – I think that Tuyen made really good points. But I also do not think that we should not hold a voting record against them.

Amanda – We could use help tabling for voter registration, please help.

Aaron – Jeremy came very excited to try to get AS involved. I told him the policies. I told him that if you wanted to get a cosponsor on it that he would have to go to Finance Board.

Gloria – Could he have gone through Program Board?

Aaron – Program Board does not allocate money to other groups. Finance Board will not sponsor this event, because you did not take it in as a Special Project.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn. (Amanda)(Paulina)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:13pm.