

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings  
November 12th, 2008  
Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:03 p.m., by the FIRST PROTEMPORE, Chris Windle.

ROLL CALL

Josue Aparicio  
Liz Usedom  
Topher Kindell  
Darshan Grover  
Sinead Kennedy  
Jose Magana  
Ally Olney  
Becca Huebsch  
Stephanie Fitch  
Ashley Day  
Faris Shalan  
Chris Wendle  
Husayn Hasan  
Radhika Khosharay  
Paula Reeve  
Amy Elvidge  
Donald Byers  
Andrew Picard

Kenisha Day here at 6:01  
Joe Cole here at 5:05  
Stephanie Golden here at 5:30  
Carla Perez here at 6:15  
Molly Lenahan here at 6:00

Absent:  
Steven Wolfson  
Raymond Collins

ACCEPTANCE OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Chris: Molly and Husayn have to leave from 6-8pm, Carla same, Stephanie Golden said she would be a bit late.

MC Motion to accept all excused absences (Donald)(Topher)  
MCC Motion passed by consent

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES

Chris: No proxies today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan: Quickly, AAP members I need a first and second on the resolution, this is the reaffirmation of our united stand against the idea of raising the overhead administration costs from 1.1 percent to 3.3, this has been in the making for a few weeks, there are a few things of which you may not be aware, during discussion won't be here, and I only emailed this to Kevin about 10 minutes ago, but the goal of the Coordinating Committee

on budget strategy is to deal with the budget crisis.

Chris: Do you want this on the agenda for action items, it's already there.

Marquez: Since this is a resolution there are a few things that you need to clarify, such as the whereas when you state that student affairs office will be receiving cuts of 8-12 percent, we haven't actually received our cuts yet and we don't know what they're going to be, should say that various student affairs offices are expected to be cut 8-12 percent, that's good. Also says on second whereas that the administrative overhead cost has held at 1 percent, about average for the school but for AS it's .47 percent which is kept low because we don't receive any services.

Hassan: I'll go over the completed amendments for Students for Mental wellbeing, which I've passed around, thank you for your support, we're very happy with the positive response. This is on your old business, Topher can answer any questions you have.

Sinead: One concern, how would you respond to the idea of groups wanting to become a BCC because of getting money?

Husayn: Yes, what makes a BCC a BCC? Maybe, why do student groups want to become a part of AS more than just a student club?

Hassan: It legitimizes what they are doing, institutionalizes them and gives them a vast amount of resources, one of them being money. What makes SCORE a BCC is because it provides representation for students on campus, and any interests that affects all students should be a priority.

Topher: Just to clarify, I went to Active Minds with this idea, they didn't come to us, wasn't just a fancy oh, here's an OSL lets turn it into a BCC.

Husayn: I'm just concerned with AS funds being allocated before the year even starts to all our BCCs.

Darshan: how much would they ask for an annual budget?

Topher: Suggested \$5,000 per quarter, we don't know the capacity of this BCC, and we'd have to present an itemized budget for all of their spending, including honoraria, which would be about 250-300 for each board member.

Marquez: Just to remind everyone, what we're doing here don't abridge the normal BCC process- it has to be approved by you, agreed by the president, goes through a budgetary process, there are a lot of other steps and you can't just package everything right now.

Radhika: I still don't understand the difference between this committee and what you will be doing that's different from other groups, seems like a lot overlaps.

Topher: They are not a counseling group, it would be a reference point for students, come to us and we'll give you a list of your options, will also put on programs throughout the year to make people aware of mental health.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker: Special events program coordinator, we have an announcement, last Friday we heard that Berkeley had surpassed us in voter registration and won the Death Cab show, but today we got a call saying they had gone through them again and there were a lot of duplicates in both Berkeley and UCLA so we had 358 more voter registration cards than Berkeley, total of 10,859, we're getting a confirmation in writing. We had awesome time with Lupe Fiasco, we have one more Storke show next weekend and we'll continue planning shows and dances throughout the year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

None.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Maricel Marquez

Marquez: We welcomed the new Associated Director for Community Affairs, Aaron Jones, we're seeing if we will hire someone temporarily for the student government advisor position, but for now we'll be distributing his responsibilities among ourselves.

For me, still working on the same set of contracts, we've almost finalized the appointment for the grad student who will organize the IV Teen Center, the IV Teen Project, and the American Reads tutors, we'll bring her at a later meeting. AS Recycling contract still working on it, the electricity and disability acts have to be finalized, still doesn't have a home. Today is the first day of the KCSB pledge drive, will go for 10 days, will raise all their funding with this hopefully. Our staff meets the second and fourth week of every month, if you have anything to add to our agenda please contact me.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – John Paul Primeau

JP: Again, I'd like to congratulate Erin Jones. I'm perusing some different avenues with the pact, going statewide, to see if the taxes are legal in the realm of the president, working closely with the student regent, and getting him to look into on his level. Since this summer, we've been talking about AS going wireless on FB and LC, together spend \$4,000 on paper during the year, if anyone is interested in demo-ing this small laptop for a week and write a one page paper. Josue, wins lottery, I'll send you an email about what I'd like in the paper.

Ashley: I have concern about when we're fighting taxes, if mini laptops is a good use of student money right now.

JP: I know how it might make us look, but it would save us money in the long run, and we'll trial it for a while to see if it makes us more productive and efficient- if not, it's not worth the project. Will cost about 3,000 for the laptops, which will be good for about three years. FB and LC will be able to check them out before meetings and then return them after the meetings. Granted will only save money if each group doesn't use paper at all. I preferably would want them to be a supplement not that every member is required to bring a laptop.

Tophers: In the Leg Office, I know people use the computers to do school work, I fear that if we do all have laptops, we'll be distracted from the meeting.

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

Kevin: Congrats to Aaron Jones. Director for development and outreach, Kim Thompson, introduced the UCSB Reads project, putting out a book every year to promote, that serves some academic interest. This year is one by the Dali Lama, about consumerism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Need feedback on the books by undergrad student leaders, if anyone is interested in reading and commenting on the book. I had idea to have another retreat prior to winter quarter, the weekend before we return to school. Today was supposed to be the day I send out a list with office hours where I could discuss your group projects, I'll send it out tonight for one on one meeting times. The UCen governance board meeting was on Friday.

Radhika: In regards to the leadership retreat, it's not specified in our legal code.

Kevin: I was thinking of making it part of the honorarium process.

Ashely: Is it fair to make the retreat mandatory, when some of us have already booked to be out of the state or country.

Kevin: I haven't decided yet, but it would be my tendency to include it for accountability, you could ask for an exception.

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

Zekee: The safety coordinator is working to increase blue lights on campus and updating the emergency light system on camps. Some of the off campus apartments are having issues, we went door to door to ask the residents about their situation, it's resolved now. In Fountainblue handful of residence have come in with complaints, but it's different than the normal apartments, so we're looking into how to proceed. We're interviewing for the housing position. Student lobby is now on board, ADAP, Alcohol Drug Abuse Program allegedly introduced a teen coalition into their legislation, haven't responded to us about meeting, or why their goals are not reflected in their legislation. Trying to establish better

relations with the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta. Beginning talks with MTD about the new bus route for next year, and about the fee increase if it's the correct proportion for us. IVCRC is putting together their IV calendar, there's been about 60 submissions already. Contest ends this Friday, will be sold to the public in December, any proceeds will go to a local charity, hasn't been decided which one. Labor coordinator is attending a convention to lobby for service workers, for those who have not yet been paid, trying to get their pay increased, patient workers contract has been settled, service workers have not agreed on a contract yet. Would like a follow-up survey to see what can be improved for Halloween, although UCPD reports that it was one of the calmest Halloweens, even though we had the most people, about 45,000 people on Friday at midnight. We'd like to work on safety for next year, because many people were leaving at 4 in the morning in unlighted streets, very dangerous for them. Taxies weren't accessible because there were so many people. IV Commission funded the pretzels and water bottles we handed out. We've started an environmental education program at IV Elementary. Sinead is organizing the Western Regional Conference to be a sustainable event. Ocean Road project under evaluation right now, would be 530 additional housing units along the road, student health would be relocated, and they want to take out the bike tunnels. Right now environmental impact reports are getting put together, said housing would be primarily for staff, faculty, and grad students, want to change the culture of IV, put older and younger people together. I'm meeting with Mark Fischer, any concerns. Also I have office hours also at the IV Tenant's Union, Thursdays from 2-5 pm.

Chris: For the ocean road presentation, did they announce another rescheduling time to talk with students reps.

Zekee: no, they've scheduled a meeting on Dec. 15 to talk about bike paths and parking, they want student representation, there's no way they'll get it because it's during winter break.

Ashley: How are they paying for the housing units? Also ask Fischer about when they're planning on building undergraduate housing, because that's the most important.

Zekee: they said that housing is a separate entity, won't come from student fees but from the housing fees of the student apartments over there.

Darshan: I've heard a rumor that AS students would be moved to that area between SRB and the bike path.

JP: They requested that AS partner with another entity, they brought up the UC police, I'm very against it, and made that clear.

Kevin: I recommend that you have this conversation outside the meeting to solidify your information.

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

Corey: I heard Program Board stole my thunder, we won for numbers and percent of our campus that registered, we won't hear about the Face book competition for a while. The UC Regents meeting is Nov. 18-20 we'll be there but not in large numbers, the only things they'll be discussing is revised 08-09 operating budget for UC, and the proposed 09-10. The governor cut about 10 percent of the UC budget. For convention we weren't able to narrow it down, bringing about 120 people, with 5 to a room. I'm financial aide advisor committee appointment, at the state level UCSB governing body, have control over policies. Labor workers came to an agreement on their contracts, 5 year retroactive contract to increase salaries 5 percent over 5 years, since October 2007, first \$14.50 state minimum wage. Other than that, pretty calm.

Paula: Do you know how many UCSB students actually voted?

Corey: Thousands of ballots are still getting counted won't know until Dec. 2 when the CA secretary of state has to make them official.

#### STUDENT ADVOCATE GENERAL'S REPORT – Scott McDonald

Scott: Have only gotten a trickle of cases so far, not many from Halloween. We're moving from larger scale policy things, and this week we're doing an advertising campaign, making announcements at every Hall Council, issuing the letter that should have been sent out months ago for everyone with an issue with Judicial affairs, with the changes in the policy, but it's stuck in beurocratic limbo. We're working on the grievance process, on those things that don't fall specifically into Judicial affairs or Housing process, like random issues. We're reaffixing the websites, in the planning stages, want to be make some legal observers or people who are trained to watch protests, and take public action and see if there are any problems with the state/local authorities at rallies. All this should be done by the end of the quarter.

#### GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Darshan: I've been approached by the administration office, they have a bunch of AS notebooks for winter quarter, got about 15,000 free from the printer, want to distribute them around evenly.

Molly: Working on what I started over the summer, for requirement for freshmen, will be doing it over the winter, but next quarter I won't be at the meetings until 8:30, just to let you all know.

Sinead: Been meeting Frankie Pike about the website for Legal Resource center, would like to know what would make it look appealing, or if there's any requests to add to the website.

Carla: Would like you to include laws about the workplace, because lots of people get jobs here for the first time, maybe include pictures of confused faces.

Andrew: Scales of justice, would like to see consequences for your actions, like an average fine, and what the definition of property is, and basic rights.

Molly: No one knows about the Legal Resource Center, you need to advertise

Sinead: that's the point of creating the website, will heavily advertise that as well.

Aaron: Maybe Law and Order theme, when you switch windows plays the theme song.

Faris: I'm thinking about the Environmental GE, will bring it up later.

Liz: Creating a pamphlet for visiting high schools

Becca: Working on campus safety, meeting with RHASLC, to do environmentally friendly things in the residence halls.

Ashley: Social host ordinance, meet on Friday to write about the resolution on that topic, continuing to research the constitutionality of it, other areas of the country have similar ordinances, we can use that for our benefit. For the financial crisis thing, have 400 on Face book page, been a draft of a formal proposal for tax on fees.

Jose: Second skateboarding workshop 40 people showed up.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Kevin: There's a problem with the copy of the agenda, some of the minutes didn't get added in.

(LC 11/5/08, FB 11/10/08, EAB 11/3/08, CAB 11/11/08, Qcomm 10/16/08, IVTU 11/4/08, Bikes 10/28/08, CF10/27/08, SIRRC 11/9/08)

MC Motion to make the amendment of minutes (Chris)(Paula)

MCC Motion passed by consent

MC Motion to add Environmental GE under discussion (Faris)(Molly)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept agenda as amended (Chris)(Paula)

MCC Motion passed by consent

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MC Motion to approve all minutes that went out (Chris)(Stephanie)  
MCC Motion passed by consent

MC Motion to table minutes from 10/29/08 which have not gone out (Chris)(Faris)  
MCC Motion passed by consent

#### ACTION ITEMS

Tax on Student fees resolution

Jose: since it wasn't passed out for people to approve it as an action item on behalf of AS, not technically new business.

Paula: If we don't pass it today, will that affect the ability of the undergrad council to use it.

JP: We want to put it out there asap, and the official resolution has already been put out by the administration.

MC Motion to table until next week, under new business (Chris)(Paula)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

Appointments for technology committee, haven't been ratified.

MC Motion to approve Bay Grabowski to Chair and Andrew John Paul to Vice Chair of Tech committee (Chris)(Ashley)

MCC Motion passed by consent

#### OLD BUSINESS

Bill to create commission on student wellbeing:

Topher: Given the high rates of mental health problems at UCSB, more so than other campuses, we can educate these students who have problems and needs.

Ashley: I like the idea, have concern that it is going to overlap with a lot of services already provided, can you give a specific example what its going to do extra.

Topher: the only other groups that's similar is Active Minds, which reacts to situations on campus.

Faris: We've had three weeks to talk about it, shouldn't be any discussion now.

Topher: Marquez just informed me that one of the main functions of our hefty lock in fee to Student Health director of administration, they don't have any student oversight about where their money goes into helping UCSB students, this new commission could have jurisdiction to oversee where that money goes and give recommendations, giving more power back to the students. Not an issue that we have the expertise of where the money has to go to do the most help for student health, but to make sure that money is going directly to help the students.

Topher: This should be tabled, I would like to amend it with this new information.

MC Motion to table for a week for amendments (Ashley)(Andrew)

MCC Motion passed by consent

#### NEW BUSINESS

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day, and add under the minutes to approve positions for IV Tenant's Union, ratify Ana Contreras as Vice Chair, David Preciado as Community Outreach Coordinator, and Raquel Granados as Tenant Advocate (Faris)(Liz)

MCC Motion passed by consent

MC Motion to close acceptance of agenda and reinstate orders of the day (Sinead)(Faris)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

## DISCUSSION

Faris: This was brought up last year, it barely passed although there were a few thousand signatures in support, went to the undergrad council, subcommittee was made but no progress was made past that. I'm hoping to introduce a position that calls upon the undergrad council and academic senate for them to look into the feasibility of creating an Environmental GE, calling them to come up with something on it, saying please try and figure out if this works, find a list of the GE major subject areas that can overlap and take care of this special subject area at the same time.

MC Motion to limit discussion on matter to 10 minutes (Radhika)(Josue)

MCC Motion passed by consent (end at 7:24)

Paula: My concern is that UCSB already has the most prerequisites than any other UC school, would just be another hole for people to jump through to graduate.

Becca: I'm worried that Academic Senate will interoperate our statement as something different.

Faris: We not endorsing adding a GE, we'd be endorsing the study of possibly having a GE. This wouldn't be a call to implementation, especially before we don't know fully if it would work yet. It would just be a good idea.

Ally: Would it be retroactive?

Faris: No, would probably just apply to freshmen and sophomores.

MC Motion to end this discussion (Sinead)(Molly)

MCC Motion passed by consent

## REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Molly: Next week the recommendations for positions and chair of Rally Committee will introduce themselves, I have the minutes from the last two weeks.

Andrew: Calendars for IVCRC will probably cost about \$4 to pay for cost of making them, some local charity, will probably get about 800.

Josue: for student lob, ran though mock lobby things, FB had a one hour meeting, this small laptop died and won't charge.

Jose: Working on MCP stuff, RHAJRB appointed collaborating with one of their reps for an education program, skate boarding went well. For student faculty coordinating committee, I'm working on a bill.

Stephanie: still working on Regional Conference, applications process, working on website.

Radhika: SRB governance board looking into putting in a BBQ pit and changing the rental process.

Ashley: TBTN is starting their t-shirt contest.

Paula: Putting together Extravaganza lineup, if anyone has any suggestions.

Becca: Business Services is still working with their co chair, RHA meets two more times before end of quarter.

Sinead: for the Legal Resource center, for Halloween advising, not many showed up. I'm working to make those better, I'd like and try and keep Halloween local next year.

Chris: Ocean Road meeting was the biggest concern, Mark Fischer, said that he was flexible on who lived in that housing and now he's solidified it, upsets me that he did that. Hopefully they'll meet with students before winter break. For the position on FB, narrowed it down to four people, with paper application and questioned submitted by FB.

Topher: For academic advisory committees, you will be getting email with contact information on your academic advisor, be aware you have to contact that person.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

None.

## RERMARKS

Kevin: Honoraria process is coming up, Sinead, Chris and I on Friday will start the honoraria process itself, we'll get all the info we need put out, will set up the process this year, will be doing essential things, next week is the dead line, for you to request how much honoraria you would like, the form will outline what responsibilities you have completed, if you haven't we'll analyze it from there, about 20 percent haven't done a good job signing in and out for office hours, if you've been going, talk to me about it during one on one time with me.

Ashley: how do we make up office hours?

Kevin: Just make a note of it, let us know either in the application or during the honoraria process, in the remarks section.

## ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn meeting (Chris)(Paula)

MCC Motion passed by consent

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm