

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

November 14th, 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
Lex Hamilton (Dan Plotkin)
Husayn Hasan
Sinead Kennedy
Molly Lenahan
Deirdre Mathis
Chris Meltzer
Hassan naveed
Pratish Patel
Gloria Schindler
Samantha Stinnett
Cici Uy
Alex Van Wanger
Matthew Weisner (Rafael Balboa)
Chris Wendle

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Matt – I would like to recommend that we allow Kevin Higuchi to proxy for JP, to excuse Ana at 5:45pm, to excuse Hassan at 8:15pm, to excuse Pratish at 7:00pm, and to excuse Husayn at 7:00pm.

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

MC Motion to accept Jennie Beason as Pratish's proxy when he has to leave.
(Hassan)(Pratish)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron – Andrew Door sent out an email about the AS bulletin. He has been asked to put together all of the AS BCC minutes to show everyone what AS has accomplished during this current quarter.

PUBLIC FORUM

Christine – Liz Hall, Executive Director of the UC Student Association, wanted to come and give a presentation, I will get her here as soon as I can.

Jose – I was at UCLA about an hour ago, and I sent you an email concerning Finance Board. Because of the short notice, I wanted to come and read the email to you. Because of the holiday, we could not meet and we are asking you to act as Finance Board today.

Levina – I am here for Delta Sigma Theta. We have used a portion of our funds that you allocated to us, and we will not be using the rest. We would like to ask you to reallocate these funds to our Thanksgiving Dinner.

Gloria – How much to you have left over?

Levina – We have about \$3000.

Jennie – I am a Queer Commission co-chair. We finally just got all of our leadership positions filled. We also sent all but one of our members to the Student of Color Conference that was this past weekend. We are currently working on our blood drive. We are going through the application process for our conference that is coming up in February. We are also working on our first student outreach program. This will be a queer based outreach program. We have also funded a few events that took place this quarter.

Tuyen, Justin – We are the co-chairs of SCORE. We went to the Student of Color Conference this past weekend. All the UC's were represented, and there were over 800 delegates. Thank you to all who attended. We were able to be at the conference from Friday night through Monday afternoon. A lot of the education talks were about labor issues and ethnic studies departments. We talked a lot about what spaces we have to use for mobilization. Our goal was to train people and give them the power to organize on their campuses. We talked about accessibility and affordability, as well as about groups that are not recognized as groups who need support. If any of you are interested in continuing the ideas that were discussed please come talk to us. We will be working on ending themes that marginalize minorities.

Deirdre – There will be a meeting Friday the 16th at 4pm, to work on the "Gangsta's and 40's" themed parties. We would love to have allies participate in this discussion.

Varduhy – I am here from the Armenian Sisterhood Association. Our event will take place tomorrow, and I would like for you to allow us to come next week and get funding at next weeks meeting.

Hassan – We cannot fund prizes.

Varduhy – That is ok.

Liz – Have you paid for this already?

Varduhy – After Dark has funded us \$900.

Dan – You are asking for publicity and for money for Kinkos.

Varduhy – The publicity is the line item that includes the banners that we will be using, and Kinkos is for the fliers that we have passed around campus.

Pratish – What are the CSOs for?

Varduhy – I feel that because there are more than 50 people that we should have CSOs, to make everyone feel safe.

Radhika – How are you going to pay for it if we do not fund this?

Varduhy – For now it is coming out of our pockets, and we will be putting on a fund raiser later this week to help fund our organization. If you do not fund this event, we will use the future funds raised.

Pratish – What is your event?

Varduhy – This is a Baklava event to raise awareness of the Armenian Sisterhood on our campus.

Amanda – What part of the budget do you want us to fund?

Varduhy – If you could pay for all except for food, prizes and the thank you gift.

Husayn – Who are the shirts for?

Varduhy – We are going to be wearing them, and giving out the rest to anyone who comes.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Samantha – I am the Program Board Commissioner. We have two appointments on the agenda today. We went through a big interview process and we all agreed on them. We also have new pens, you can pick them up in our office. As to our Honoraria, if you could count their quarterly reports in next quarters Honoraria requests and fund them based on when they started working and not when they were appointed. I have asked them to not do their quarterly report until next quarter.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marisela Marquez

I have been working on advising the executive officers. We have been working on the town hall forum; getting it set up.

Judicial Council currently does not have any cases. They are working on getting all of their positions filled.

I have attended two conferences over the past week. At the first, we worked on making the three segments of higher education in California, the UC, CSU and the Community Colleges, accessible and affordable. The other conference focused on child war and gang affiliation in our youth.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Stephanie Brower

My father really enjoyed the meeting last week, and he made me buy you more food. So here it is.

The AS Town Hall is happening next week. This will deal with the Minimum Cumulative Progress requirements. Please take some of these fliers and pass them around the campus. We want to address everyone's issues at our meeting.

This is a great place to discuss issues with your constituents. Please come to the AS Town Hall.

As to the parking issue on campus, I have mapped out the library parking lot. We are working on finding out how many spaces are taken during the night times. When you look at the cars, please take note of the different parking permits and how many of them there are.

Gloria – Why did you choose this lot?

Stephanie – Because this is a lot that students want, and because it is our people power doing this study and therefore makes it an easy study for us.

Paula – Why is Parking Services not doing this?

Stephanie – They said that it would cost too much, and they are not capable of paying for the extra people to do this study.

If you know of any other lots for us to work on, please come talk to me. The more data that we have the more likely this will work out in our favor.

All of the executive officers have been working on the Minimum Cumulative Progress requirement. We have found out that the Academic Senate is the board behind these changes. I have signed up to be our representative to the Undergraduate Council of the Senate. I would like to go, but I was wondering if anyone will object to my being appointed to be the student representative to this committee? I am willing to turn in an application, and have my appointment go through the legal AS process. I would just like to get this set up so that I can go tomorrow.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Matt Jackson

Please turn in your Honoraria requests by Friday at 4pm.

I went to RHA yesterday to introduce myself. I told them about the AS Town Hall meeting.

I also went to the Students of Color Conference that was this weekend. It was very wonderful. Thank you Tuyen and Justin for all the work that you put in. Also, thank you for those of you who went and participated.

There is a deadline for getting on the proxies and excused absences list. It is on Monday at 4:00pm. I need you to tell me by then, because telling me at the last minute is not working out.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Linsdey Quock

The KCSB fund drive is taking place this week.

IVTU is meeting with Wolf and Associates this week, because they charge a 15% administrative fee on deposits. This is highly abnormal, and we are going to fight it. I went to the small claims court today, and researched this.

Today we turned in the second round of petitions to the UCen. These are to try and get Zoila's job back.

I talked to Carolyn Buford last week, to get a student escort service started up. We are trying to get people to feel safe in IV and on campus.

At the IV Commission, it was decided that there was nothing exciting about Halloween. There were no deaths or serious injuries. There was also no talk about next year's festivities. Law enforcement is not planning on doing anything different. If someone feels passionately about this, please take this over.

The orange voter registration shirts are in my office. Please come get one.

Last week we met with two people during the executive officers meeting. The Minimum Cumulative Progress requirement will bring in \$10 million in revenue to our campus. We have no guarantee that this money will directly affect the students. Also the student representatives in the Academic Senate do not have a vote, which seems very backwards to me. I feel very disrespected by this whole process as of right now.

Michael Young – I do not know where the money will go. I would expect that the money would go to academic programs. This is not my area, but I would be

shocked if it did not go to the students. The academic senate is made up of the faculty, and it is just historical that there is no student vote.

Liz – I keep seeing that we do not hear about where our money is going. We hear this about so many boards on campus. Is this legal?

Michael – The best person to go to is the Executive Vice Chancellor. He cannot give you a dollar for dollar budget, but he can give you the general idea of where the money goes.

Lindsey - We are currently working on a county eviction order **that went out to make the complex more affordable housing**. I am working with IVTU to figure out all of the facts.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Christine Byon

The Student of Color Conference was a great learning experience. This was my second Student of Color Conference, and every time that I go I learn a great deal. I would just like to thank Tuyen and Justin.

We also visited E-squared this weekend, this is the student initiated outreach center on the UCSC campus. It is incredible and we should think about doing this on our campus.

I went to the Student Initiated Outreach meeting this week. These meetings happen every week in the old Women's Center. We are currently working on the logistics for this space. Tuyen has been working on it and she's done a great job.

Today, about 20 students and I went to the November Regent's meeting at the UCLA campus. This is when they create the budget for next year. It was a very good meeting. Public comment was excellent. There were very good personal testimonials, given by a few AB 540 students. There was a rare moment, where Regent Bloom was very defensive claiming that the Cal Grant is sufficient. This is not the reality and they need to realize this. The Lieutenant Governor mentioned this and advocated for students. He asked that the Regents do not put the burden on the students for the coming year.

Please ask me any questions that you might have about these decisions. We have determined that the Regents need to find different ways of funding the UC's. The Regents decided to postpone the vote on the budget until January. This is because the Governor will come out with his budget proposal by then. They want to be able to know what funds they can lobby for. I feel that this vote was because the students were in the room, and we were standing in solidarity.

There will be a 16% increase in chancellor salaries. They do great work, but if we can't pay our workers then they shouldn't raise these salaries. I found this very disturbing.

We were also there in solidarity with the AFSME workers. The Regents keep saying that to raise their wages, we will need to pay more in fees. This is not true, because the money is there. The union has also been pushing Senate Bill 109. This deals with worker salary increases, and says that all decisions that deal with salaries have to be public.

Jessi – A Regent just resigned, how will this position get filled?

Christine – They choose from applications, and the Governor makes the final decision.

The regents have 12-year terms, so it will be important to get a good one.

Liz Hall – I am the executive director of UCSA. I have been to 5 campuses within the past week. UCSB has a history of advocacy within UCSA. Within the past four years you have won best campus award twice.

Liz gave a presentation about UCSA.

Gloria – I don't feel the need to make the people here for Action Items sit through the rest of this meeting.

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day and go to Action Items.
(Gloria)(Jessi)

MC Friendly amendment to go to Acceptance of Agenda. (Paula)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Matt – I would like to recommend that we add the following minutes: BIKES 11/6/07, CAB 11/13/07 and EAB 11/13/07. I would also like to recommend that we add as Action Item #6 Funding the ASO's Baklava event, as #7 the Appointment of Paula, Husayn and Samantha to the Honoraria Committee, #8 the Appointment of Samantha Nevels and Bee Sliff to the Honoraria Committee, as #9 the Swearing in of Narain Kumar as On-Campus Representative, as #10 the Cancellation of next week's meeting, and as #11 the Budget for the Care Packages Group Project.

MC So moved. (Gloria)(Paula)

Samantha – I feel that Narain should be the first action item, so that he can take part in this discussion.

MC Friendly amendment to change Action Items #9 to Action Item #1, and to renumber accordingly. (Jessi)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add the Funding of the AS Coffee House with \$29.30.

(Amanda)(Sinead)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

LC 11/7/07, MR 11/7/07, CAB 11/6/07, IVCRC 11/13/07, BIKES 11/6/07, CAB 11/13/07, EAB 11/13/07

MC Motion to bundle and approve. (Gloria)(Hassan)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Acceptance of Narain Kumar as the On-Campus Representative

Matt swore Narain as the new On-Campus Representative.

2. Appointment of Hollis Nolan as Production Coordinator of Program Board

3. Appointment of Andrew Irwin as Lectures and Cultural Arts Coordinator of Program Board

MC Motion to accept Action Item #2 and #3. (Gloria)(Paula)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

4. Funding for Chinese Students and Scholars Association's "China Night"

Kevin – They came to me with an amendment to their budget. This is because certain parts went over budget. We should fully fund this request.

Hassan – So \$3290.18 is what they want in total? And you went through all of this and it doesn't violate anything?

Kevin - Yes.

MC Motion to allocate an additional \$576.18. (Hassan)(Dan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

5. Funding of Delta Sigma Theta's Thanksgiving Dinner

Larina – We are not asking for more funding, we just need a reallocation.

MC Motion to reallocate left over funds to their Thanksgiving Dinner.
(Jessi)(Sinead)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

6. Funding for PAZ's event, "Art in Rebellion"

Ulysses – We are having an event next Monday. We are having an independent rapper, come to campus and give workshops. We have these fliers. We are asking for \$1550.00 but we have amended the budget to be \$1500.00 because we only needed \$50.00 for fliers.

Amanda – Are you required to have a contract? Do you have one?

Ulysses – We do need one, and we do have one. I will turn it in when you allocate money for it.

Narain – How did you choose \$1200.00 for the artist?

Ulysses – That is what he asked for.

MC Motion to allocate \$1500.00. (Hassan)(Amanda)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

7. Funding of ASO's Baklava event

MC Motion to allocate \$1610.00, excluding food prizes and thank you gifts.
(Gloria)(Hassan)

Narain – I sit on the After Dark committee. They give money to fund specific line items.

Gloria – I was under the impression that After Dark was not for specific line items.

Amanda – I don't feel that we should fund them for more than they are requesting. I wish that we had that the After Dark allocation budget in front of us.

Kevin – We can fully fund them, or fund specific portions of the event.

Jessi – I felt hat we should only fund what is on the paper.

Narain – Do you know how the money was distributed?

Varduhy – No, I was not there and I was not asked to bring it.

Tuyen – They got \$900, and you can exclude the money for travel, prizes and thank you gifts. You should just fund what they ask for.

Gloria withdraws motion.

MC Motion to allocate \$1260.00 to fund all except for travel, prizes and the thank you gifts. (Amanda)(Sinead)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

8. Appointment of Paula, Husayn and Samantha to the Honoraria Committee

MC Motion to approve. (Jessi)(Chris M.)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

9. Appointment of Samantha Nevels and Bee Sliff to the Honoraria Committee

MC Motion to approve. (Paula)(Amanda)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

10. The Cancellation of Next Week's Meeting

Matt – I won't be here because of Thanksgiving, but you can come.

MC Motion to cancel next weeks meeting. (Sinead)(Paula)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

11. Budget for Care Packages Group Project

Sinead – I have a budget for the care packages. We are trying to give gifts to 788 soldiers. This is the brigade that my brother is in charge of, which is how we are able to send packages to them.

MC Motion to allocate \$2800 from Special Projects. (Chris M.)(Paula)

Amanda – What is the flat rate for the box and what is what for?

Sinead – That is for the box and for shipping.

Sinead – I would like to recommend that we include additional funds for tax. Which makes it come to \$3017.00.

MC Friendly amendment to raise the amount to \$3100.00. (Narain)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

12. Funds for the AS Coffee House

MC Motion to allocate an additional \$29.13. (Gloria)(Hassan)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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

GROUP PROJECTS

Amanda – The AS Coffee House was great. We had a lot of people who came. Thank you to Jessi for coming and helping. This was the first one of the year, so it was a little hectic.

Alex – I had a meeting with the UCSB librarian. They are very happy with the coffee house that we are funding. They now love me; they call me their sugar daddy. :)

Samantha – COPS submitted a “how to” to the Res Hall Times. We are trying to get more on-campus students involved.

Chris W. - The map for AS BIKES is going to be huge. It will be here the next time that we meet. Please keep your eyes open for trouble spots.

Jessi – The Minimum Cumulative Progress requirement stuff has been going nowhere. This is because they don't know what to do with it at this time.

Matt J. – Thank you to the three guests that were on RAS last night.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Chris M. – The Legal Resource Center is having a meeting on the 20th and we are working on the website.

Narain – RHA will be having a chalk art festival on Saturday. Thank you to Gloria for showing up to the meeting.

Dan – Finance Board almost got a week off. I went to a few events that we funded last week. I am getting in touch with my last few OSL organizations.

Chris W. - The casino night in FT will be on Thursday. RHA went to the PECUR conference, and Ashlee Day was recognized for her many works. BIKES met and they want to work on current peak areas on campus. There is a new CSO coordinator on campus named Rob Crew.

Kevin – Finance Board did not meet this week, but every time that we do meet we are getting more efficient. Thank you for taking the time on the proposals tonight.

Paula – Teddy Geiger will be here this weekend. Hairspray will be next week on Tuesday.

Radhika – For every two cans of food you bring to Casino Night, you get more chips. Investments is up and running as well.

Patrick – Committee on Committees took last week off after the rush of Finance Board appointments. We are working on creating rubric for the interviews.

Hassan – Constitution and Bylaws did not meet. I went to the Student of Color Conference this weekend. It was great. Thank you to Tuyen and Justin. I got to network with a lot of Middle Eastern groups at the conference. I want to thank Christine for the benefits that we get from UCSA.

Cici – EAB met, they are showing Planet Earth: Shallow Seas next week. They are currently having issues with their Adopt-A-Block. Media Relations' article was put in the Nexus today. It is about the Minimum Cumulative Progress requirement and the AS Town Hall. We will be tabling next week about the AS Town Hall.

Alex – AAB is working on putting together the Finals Packets. This is in the CAB office, please come up and help out. AS Elections is going to meet soon.

Molly – There is an IV tree planting on Friday. The Turkey Trot is also happening. Media Relations is working on getting shirts for all of AS. We are leaning towards blue and yellow.

Amanda – The AS Coffee House went very well. SSAC is moving forward with their date auction. They are also having a dodge ball tournament this weekend. We are having Electoral Action training; if you want to attend please talk to me. Charlie is working on getting the SRB open 24 hours a day for dead week and finals.

Gloria – I went to the Electoral Action training last year, it was very good. Queer Commission is accepting applications for the conference. I want to get going so that I can buy plane tickets. I missed Finance Board this week. I went to the Student of Color Conference; it was awesome and was an emotionally intense experience. I was the reporter for the ally caucus, so you will be hearing more about that. RHA met, it was long but cool.

Liz – The Student of Color Conference was a great and powerful experience. I feel that we are funding too much through Finance Board and they should look to IVCRC as well.

Sinead – The Student of Color Conference was great. The Legal Resource Center is updating their website.

Paulina – The Student of Color Conference was very emotional for me. I was able to connect with so many of the delegates. There are so many students who are thinking about their parents and therefore cannot go to college. I would not be here if it wasn't for financial aid, and this is why I am for voting and why I table to register voters.

Jessi – The chair of AS WORMS has gone missing, but he's in AAB so I will meeting with him there. IVCRC is working on doing Bill's Bus and setting it up for finals week too.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bill to rename Shoreline Preservation Fund to Costal Fund

Chris W. read his amendments.

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Chris M.)(Cici)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. Bill to add Voter Registration duties to Legislative Council members

Amanda – This is very important. I would like to accept the changes made by CBL.

Gloria – I think that this is completely doable. And it's a fantastic addition.

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Gloria)(Hassan)

MCF Vote to vote fails by a 7/14/0 vote.

Narain – Is the registration deadline the same every year? What does “on their own time” mean? How do you plan to hold them accountable to this?

Amanda – The deadline is set by the election date. This is widely publicized, so you would know. On their own time, means that they go home and get 20 of their friends to register. We will be able to find out, because the professors like to know who will be there and we can also email them.

Narain – Will we have to register people for each election? I'm curious if we should be requiring students to vote, and while it is important should it be required?

Jessi – I am worried about accountability. There is one particular election drive. What quarter will this fall in? And will we have to be doing it for this year?

Amanda – There is usually only one drive from September through October. This usually starts and ends in Fall quarter. Matt has said that you will not be held accountable for this quarter for your Honoraria.

Jessi – I feel that this should go into effect next year.

Jennie – It is not that hard to register people to vote. It is easy to get people to register. Voting is important, and we should make Legislative Council duties reflect that.

****Who made the second motion?****

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill to Modify the Title of Campus Point to The Bottom Line

Radhika is the first. Jessi is the second.

Radhika – They are changing the name to The Bottom Line.

MC Motion to table. (Chris W.)(Molly)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

DISCUSSION

none

SECRETARY'S REPORT

none

REMARKS

Aaron – I wanted to thank Media Relations for the work that they have been doing on the AS Town Hall. It is strongly encouraged that you participate.

Gloria – Welcome, Narain.

Matt J. – Honoraria is due on Friday at 4:00pm.

Narain – Program Board has new pens.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn. (Chris W.)(Amanda)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:58pm.