

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

November 29th, 2006

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:12 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Felix Hu.

Alex Van Wagner was sworn in as Legislative Council member.

ROLL CALL

Shahan Ahmed
Amanda Burlingame (proxy Raymond Meza)
Scarlet Chan
Jaclyn Feldstein
Claudia Garcia
Molly Gilmore
Evan Ingardia
Matt Jackson
Sam Marks
Deirdre Mathis
Samantha Nevels (proxy Lisa)
Tiffany Pascual
Cecilia Perez
Margret "Maggie" Pike
John Paul Primeau
Jeronimo Saldana
Jason "JP" Slauenwhite
Julia Stephanides
Ian Taylor
Meri Telalyan
Alex Van Wagner

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Jason is recognized at 5:15pm.

MC Motion to approve Narain Kumar as Ajay's proxy, Daniel Komins as Jenna's proxy, and to allow Meri to leave at 6:30pm. (Shahan)(Cecilia)

MCP Motion passes by a 21/0/0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taryn Schultz – I am representing my class and our final project is to watch an organization on campus how that organization works. We have chosen to watch your organization. Our last portion of our project is to interview 5 of your members. If you are interested, please sign up for an interview it would be greatly appreciated.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Carlin and Mark Regis – We are from the Office of The Student Advocate. We wanted to come here and to tell you what the office has been doing, our budget status, and our current projects. We have produced a booklet that outlines our offices workings for the quarter. Currently we are working on a Fight Hate Crimes week. We are planning a week of talks and events for this week. The Gaucho Guardian is our latest project and it is meant to be a fun newsletter to reach out to UCSB.

Molly is recognized at 5:26pm.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

none

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Don Daves-Rougeaux

none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jared Goldschen

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving weekend.

We won the soccer game! That means that we are moving on to the final four. We believe most of the free tickets Finance Board purchased were used as there were close to 9000 people in Harder Stadium.

I met today with the coaches of our sports teams. We are looking to integrate our sports program into the students' life. To do this, we are thinking of integrating Gauchos Locos into AS.

The campus advisory committee on disability access just met. If you have any issues with accessibility please talk to either Sam or I.

AS Congress was a great success. The top three issues were sustainability, safety, diversity and outreach.

Today I created an email account called feedback@as.ucsb.edu. This account is so that the students can get back to AS with their ideas about how to change UCSB for the better.

It's been great to see all the new faces, and I love what you have been doing this quarter with all the bills and actions that you have taken. Keep up the amazing work.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Felix Hu

This is our last meeting of the quarter.

There have been issues with the approval of minutes. I will be calling a phone vote, next week, to approve minutes. If you have any minutes that need approval please send them out over EXOLC.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Joel Rodriguez-Flores

I am currently looking for someone to fulfill the position of Local Community Organizing director. This person chairs IVCRC as well as many other duties. If anyone knows anyone who is interested please tell me.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Bill Shieber

There was a regents meeting at UCLA recently as well as the Students of Color Conference.

I am going to Oakland tonight to take part in a budget campaign that will discuss how we will deal with this issue. (What issue?)

Next week in San Francisco there is a financial summit on Dec 8th. If you are interested in going, on this day outing, and learning about this system please talk to me. We will discuss a possible fee increase. Even though the regents didn't vote to increase the student's fees the governor probably will. We are also going to try to increase the Cal Grant B. We will also be discussing the diversity issues in the UC campuses.

After AS Congress I started doing some groundwork on the issue of diversity and outreach. I have been finding out what organizations on campus work on this issue. I want to put you in contact with these groups. Next Tuesday at 3pm in the MCC Theater, there will be a gathering of all these groups and to help create our plan of action.

Next quarter I would like to be more involved with Legislative Council and your agenda.

In February and March there are a few conferences, the Student Lobby Conference and then Leg Con in DC.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Sam – I have a proposal for a group project, the Campus Access Committee discussed an inter-campus transport system. If anyone would like to help with the idea, it would be a great project

JP – Pertaining to the toy drive. After speaking to local businesses, we were shot down because of it being a politically charged issue. So as of right now it's slow going.

Raymond - Our diversity project is going to meet with the groups that Bill talked to. If you could all please be there at 3pm in the MCC Theater, to help implement a diversity plan for the campus.

Deirdre is recognized at 5:49pm.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Sam – CODA talked about what we want to do next quarter. We are setting up a logo contest. We are having an alumni come and teach us about yoga.

Jeronimo – I wanted to thank everyone for helping the families.

Jason – Program Board had a few events since the past meeting. Both events and the movie went very well. There is a sneak preview on Sunday of Mel Gibson's Apocolipco.

Shahan - IVCRC met yesterday. Don told us about the structural changes that will happen to IVCRC. We also spoke about replacing the chair because he will be leaving UCSB.

Ian – I have been taking a pulse of the student body. Most of the ideas they state deal with the image of UCSB. I will be working on a more in depth report.

Julia – CAB met, but their business is dying down because it is the end of the quarter. We tabled a bill that would give money to America Reads/Counts/Sees because this organization pays tutors and we normally only fund volunteer organizations.

Lisa – Academic Affairs Board met and we are working on the Final Comfort Kits. We need people to help us to put these together, so if you have some free time please sign up.

JP – Elections met. Finance Board gave out a lot of money. Due to personal reasons I will have to resign my position as co-chair of Committee on Committees next quarter, but Samantha will be back to pick up where I left off.

Jaclyn – RHA gave \$100 to the Law and Society Journal. Student Lobby is working with all the testimonials we collected.

Deirdre – IVTU is still working on the Just Cause Ordinance.

Jason – AASO is having a few AIDS Awareness Day events tomorrow and next week. They will be wearing black and possibly wearing tape covering their mouths to respect the people who have died from this epidemic.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MC Motion to add to the Approval of Minutes, the minutes of SCORE 11/6/06, Queer Commission 11/28/06, and Finance Board 10/23/06, 10/30/06, 11/6/06, 11/13/06, 11/20/06, and 11/27/06 (Raymond)(Shahan)

Roll Call Vote:

(No) Shahan Ahmed

(Yes) Amanda Burlingame (proxy Raymond)

(No) Scarlet Chan

(Abstain) Ajay Deshpande (proxy Narain)

(Yes) Jaclyn Feldstein

(Abstain) Jenna Galoob (proxy Daniel)

(Yes) Claudia Garcia

(Abstain) Molly Gilmore

(Yes) Evan Ingardia

(Yes) Matt Jackson

(Yes) Sam Marks

(Yes) Deirdre Mathis

(Yes) Samantha Nevels (proxy Lisa)

(No) Jason Parnell

(Yes) Tiffany Pascual

(Yes) Cecilia Perez

(Yes) Margret “Maggie” Pike

(Yes) John Paul Primeau

(No) Jeronimo Saldana

(Yes) Jason “JP” Slauenwhite

(Yes) Julia Stephanides

(Yes) Ian Taylor

(Yes) Meri Telalyan

(Yes) Alex Van Wagner

MCP Motion passes by a 17/4/3 vote.

MC Motion to add to Approval of Minutes the minutes of Student Lobby 10/12/06, 10/19/06, 10/26/06, 11/2/06, 11/9/06, and 11/16/06. (Jaclyn)(Shahan)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add the resolution entitled “De prioritize Law Enforcement of Responsible Cannabis use in IV/UCSB; Lobby Government to Tax and Regulate Adult Recreational Use; Investigate Possible Rescheduling Marihuana Based on Recent Scientific Research” as New Business #2. (Jeronimo)(Cecilia)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to amend the minutes of LC 11/15/06 to have Maggie's absence excused. (Shahan)(Cecilia)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to approve agenda as amended. (Shahan)(Cecilia)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

IVCRC 11/28/06, CAB 11/28/06, IVTU 11/09/06, 11/16/06, ASPB 11/13/06, SPF 11/06/06, EAB 11/24/06, Student Lobby 11/5/06, SCORE 11/6/06, Queer Commission 11/28/06, FB 10/23/06, 10/30/06, 11/6/06, 11/13/06, 11/20/06, 11/27/06, Student Lobby 10/12/06, 10/19/06, 10/26/06, 11/2/06, 11/9/06, and 11/16/06

MC Motion to bundle and approve all minutes. (Jaclyn)(Shahan)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointments

MC Motion to remove Matt from the Elections committee. (Matt)(Lisa)

MCP Motion is passed by a 18/2/2 vote.

MC Motion to reconsider. (Jeronimo)(Jason)

Roll Call Vote:

(No) Shahan Ahmed

(No) Amanda Burlingame (proxy Raymond)

(No) Scarlet Chan
(No) Ajay Deshpande (proxy Narain)
(No) Jaclyn Feldstein
(No) enna Galoob (proxy Daniel)
(Yes) Claudia Garcia
(No) Molly Gilmore
(No) Evan Ingardia
(No) Matt Jackson
(Yes) Sam Marks
(No) Deirdre Mathis
(No) Samantha Nevels (proxy Lisa)
(Abstain) Jason Parnell
(No) Tiffany Pascual
(No) Cecilia Perez
(No) Margret “Maggie” Pike
(No) John Paul Primeau
(No) Jeronimo Saldana
(No) Jason “JP” Slauenwhite
(No) Julia Stephanides
(No) Ian Taylor
(No) Meri Telalyan
(No) Alex Van Wagner

MCF Motion fails by a 1/20/2 vote.

MC Motion to bundle and approve all appointments. (Cecilia)(Maggie)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bill Combining Isla Vista Tenants Union

MC Motion to table until next week. (Deidre)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Bill is tabled until the next meeting.

2. Bill Updating the EOP Financial Guidelines

Lisa – The guidelines need to be updated. EOP came to us to do this for them.

MC Motion to approve. (Scarlet)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

3. Bill to Restructure the Office of the Student Advocate

Raymond – I will adopt this bill, since the authors are not here to speak for it.

MC Motion to approve. (Shahan)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

4. Bill to amend Replacement Procedures

Shahan - I will adopt this bill, since the authors are not here to speak for it.

Felix – It has never happened that we have used our runner up system so fully. This is to set up guidelines to make it non-partisan.

MC Motion to table until next week. (Shahan)(Jeronimo)

Shahan – I believe that the author should be here to defend this legislation.

MCP Motion passes by a 18/2/2 vote.

Bill is tabled until the next meeting.

MC Motion to reconsider Old Business #1. (Evan)(Scarlet)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

1. Bill Combining Isla Vista Tenants Union

Deirdre – I would like you to consider this bill tonight.

MC Motion to approve. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

5. Bill to Create the Legislative Council – KCSB Liaison

MC Motion to table for a week. (Matt)(Shahan)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Bill is tabled until next week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Initiative Bill

Felix – This bill has no author, so the bill is stricken.

2. De prioritize Law Enforcement of Responsible Cannabis use in IV/UCSB; Lobby Government to Tax and Regulate Adult Recreational Use; Investigate Possible Rescheduling Marihuana Based on Recent Scientific Research

Julia – This is to encourage IVFP to de prioritize the fining of cannabis so that the money spent will go to more important issues like rape.

Daniel – This also promotes the legalization of marijuana. And lower the schedule rating so that it is not on par with PCP and Cocaine. The main purpose of this bill is to encourage the use of hemp. Hemp is considered pot even though it does not produce the same effects when smoked. The legalization will promote sustainability in our state.

Raymond – I think that this bill is great and that we should pass it today.

Raymond read the bill.

Shahan – This extends what was approved earlier this year with Measure P. I think that this is a good message and promotes good policies within IVFP. This is a step in the right direction.

Julia – I just wanted to point out Measure P.

Jaclyn – I think that de-criminalizing is a great idea, especially in our violent crimes. I think that we should include the studies findings and where the studies came from.

MC Motion to approve. (Raymond)(Shahan)
MCP Motion is passed by a 18/0/4 vote.

DISCUSSION

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I need a copy of every bill you have put on the agenda in the Drop Folder by 2pm on Friday.

REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Jeronimo)(Shahan)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:33pm.