

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

February 6th, 2008

Flying A' Room

The Council was called to order at 5:06 p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT**, Matt Jackson.

ROLL CALL

Paulina Abustan
Ingrid Avison
Liz Buda
Amanda Burlingame
Patrick Cahill
Ana Contreras
Lex Hamilton
Husayn Hasan
Jessi Hurd
Sinead Kennedy
Radhika Khosharay
Narain Kumar
Deridre Mathis (Christina)
Pratish Patel
JP Primeau
Paula Reeve
Alex Van Wanger
Chris Wendle

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Matt – I would like to recommend that Kelsy be Cici proxy from 7:00pm till 8:30pm, for Faris to be Hassan's proxy for the evening, Pratish to be excused at 6:00pm, for Faris to be excused at 8:00pm, for Jose to proxy for Gloria until 7:00pm, and for Christina to be excused at 6:00pm.

Molly is recognized at 5:08pm.

Cici is recognized at 5:08pm.

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

MC Motion to have Michael Lambright proxy for Samantha. (JP)(Jessi)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to excuse Amanda from 7:15pm till 8:15pm. (Amanda)(Alex)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to excuse Alex from 7:57pm until 8:07pm. (Alex)(Jessi)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

PUBLIC FORUM

Amile – There will be an anti-war rally on campus on February 12th. It will be at 12:00pm at the Pardall Tunnel. This rally is to voice your opinion about the war in Iraq. I would just like to offer myself as an intermediary for you and the masses, so that you can voice your opinion. There will be a march from the tunnel and through IV after the speeches.

Alex – Are you encouraging a walk out of classes this year?

Amile – We were not planning on making that a large part of this event.

Amile - This will be a nonviolent action, and nothing illegal will be taking place.

Faris – Is this event specific to the war in Iraq, or just about war in general?

Amile – This is for the war in Iraq, but if you want to give a speech about war in general you are welcome to do that.

Mark Fisher and Gene Lucas gave a presentation about the Long Range Development Plan.

JP – By 2025, will our faculty to student ratio will go down?

Gene – The student to faculty ratio has degraded over the years, and we want to bring it back up.

Jessi – The growth is a part of the UC enrollment plan?

Gene – The IC plans all of its campuses to be able to grow, which is based on the yearly graduation ratio from high schools.

Jessi – You're hoping to increase to about 14,000 parking spaces. There are not enough parking spaces right now.

Gene – Sustainability is one of our major goals. We want to get people to park their cars and to walk or bike everywhere. We want to be able to cut the amount of cars that we would even need to house.

Jessi – How are you planning on taking care of the larger student services that will be needed with this growth?

Gene – We are planning on building other new facilities and increasing the size of the services.

Jessi – How are you planning on housing all of the students while you are doing this construction?

Mark – We will be building the new housing before we start to take housing off line for it's own construction. The housing will also be able to be given to all class levels, so that the freshman can live there as well as graduate students.

Narain – How are you going to enlarge the more impacted departments?

Gene – That is why we are planning on increasing the size of specific areas. We are planning on using the campus growth as the model of what departments will be given a larger space.

Narain – You mentioned more dorms on Ocean Road.

Mark – That is currently slated as faculty housing, but this housing will be set up as intermingled housing so that we can house all of the groups that will need it.

Narain – Are you planning on getting rid of the Pardall Tunnel?

Mark – The idea is that we open up more connections between the campus and IV. This will also rely on people not driving their cars, but using their bikes or walking.

Narain – There are plans for larger public transportation?

Mark – Yes, they are planning on a hybrid bus (possibly electric) that will be servicing the IV area. It has taken us a long time to work this out with MTD.

Narain – How are you planning on changing Storke Plaza to be a more usable space?

Mark – We are thinking of redesigning it to be a more green and comfortable space, that opens the space for comfortable seating.

Husayn – The 2025 plan, do you reference technology use, like wireless internet?

Gene – No, this is only dealing with how we use the space not technology.

Husayn – AS is currently paying for the bike renovations on campus, are you planning on helping us pay for this?

Mark – There are multiple departments on campus that put money in to bike improvements. We are planning on putting bike parking and lanes with all new construction and renovations. We have made this commitment because of our plan to sustainability. We are looking into setting up a capitol projects tax that will feed the bike plan.

Husayn – You spoke about how you want to preserve and turf the fields. Field 3 is slated for the new campus pool. Those fields were meant for general use turf

fields. Also, I have heard that most of your plans for housing were rejected by the Coastal Commission. You have destroyed some of the facilities that sports clubs used to use, but they no longer have the space.

Mark – We are trying to remove flat parking and make it the fields that we removed. Also we are planning on using the West Campus space for the fields that you need. We are trying to rationalize where all of these play spaces will go, so that they will not need to be moved for a long time.

Liz – The IV Master Plan has not been approved by the Coastal Commission, if this doesn't happen how will your plan need to change?

Mark – It shouldn't need to change it too much, because we have the space to do all of our plans without using IV space.

Liz – Housing costs keep going up. How are you planning on making this affordable?

Gene – We are planning on making these housing projects cheaper than the housing in IV.

Molly – I had a friend at UCLA, and when they were working on their housing they pushed 4 people in a 2 person room. I want to make sure that you are not planning on doing this?

Mark – We are not thinking of doing anything like that.

Molly – I do not think that your parking plan is outrageous, even with sustainability.

Mark – We are planning on expanding the MTD service. This will make it easier for you as students to find another way of getting to campus.

Molly – You will need larger bike parking.

Mark – We have a formula, that AS Bikes created, and we are working on using it to put in the proper amount of parking. We are planning on putting in more parking all over campus.

Paulina – Diversity on this campus is lacking. How are you planning on making this a higher diversity campus?

Mark – We are trying to build up a higher diversity in faculty and staff. This will hopefully make stronger role models so that minorities will feel more comfortable on campus.

Paulina – Why didn't the planners, of the past, use the ocean views?

Mark – There are multiple ideas on that one. One of which was that the ocean views would hurt the intellectual capabilities of the campus. Such as the engineering buildings, the dean of engineering during their building felt that if the researchers could see the ocean from their desks they would be less likely to do any work.

Christine – One way that our campus and the chancellor planned on supporting an increase in diversity, is in the support of the Student Initiated Outreach Program (SIOP). Our new space will not be available, why weren't we notified about this so that we could have worked on it?

Gene – The Planning Committee was not notified about the impact of the renovations, and we will continue to work on getting you into your building as soon as possible.

Radhika – How are you planning on using alternative energy?

Mark – We are planning on putting solar arrays on all of the buildings and on the parking structures. Sadly it is cheaper for us to have another company own the array and for us to buy the power that is generated. We are also planning on lighting most things on campus with LED lights, because of they use less power.

Radhika – How are you planning on setting up disabled students parking on campus?

Mark – This plan is also using MTD, and making more routes available for them.

Chris – What other construction will be going in on campus, in the next few years?

Gene – The Engineering 2 addition and the Library addition.

Faris – Where are you planning on the students being able to park their cars.

Gene – We are thinking that with the price of gas, fewer students will be owning cars.

Faris – Why would you put faculty in IV, because the faculty do not like the noise that IV produces?

Gene – The faculty also asked this, and the plan is to put students in the IV housing.

Lindsey – Where do you see AS fitting in to the LRDP?

Gene – We are planning on moving AS to a more accessible space for students.

Mark – We would want to put you in a more student accessible space.

Lindsey – The MCP will bring in how much money?

Gene – The .5 unit increase, that has happened this year, will bring in \$4 million in 2 years. This is based on a 2 year rolling average.

Lindsey – How was this LRDP created?

Gene – This has been worked on for the past 4 years. This was passed around the campus twice, and we were constantly looking for input from all people who would be affected.

Sinead – Where will all of this money come from?

Gene – Over the past 3 years, we have built about \$3 billion in projects. One third of the money that we get is state funded, some of it is donor funded and other parts are out of our research grants.

Lex – Is the faculty housing going to only have one parking space?

Mark – The plan is to have them bike to campus, and usually the partner of a new faculty member is usually get hired on the campus as well.

Molly – Are you planning on using UCen dining in more places on campus?

Gene – Yes, we are planning on this because it was such a huge success in the new Nano-systems Building.

JP – You said that it was up in the air for what departments will be placed where?

Gene – We do all planning for campus space, and what departments need at that time.

JP – Is there any plan of a professional school?

Gene – We were approved for a law school 20 years ago, but we did not build it. We did not want to build a professional school that is not top notch.

JP – Is there any other energy systems, that we have developed, that we could use practically?

Mark – We are trying to do that, by working with the Dean of Engineering. Also to reduce our carbon footprint we are trying to bring the campus closer together.

JP – Are you looking for an iconic building for the campus?

Mark – We have Storke Tower, which is the iconic building for the campus. Also, the new library addition has potential of being an iconic building on campus.

Narain – What departments do you feel that are the most impacted?

Gene – The social sciences are the most impacted. Sociology is the one that comes to mind, first of all.

Narain – Are there any solutions that will be for the tripled up undergraduate students?

Mark – We are trying to set it up so that fewer students will be tripled.

Narain – Are any of the new buildings able to be programming spaces.

Gene – This is a land use plan and it does not specify what will be in each of these building.

Mark – We have a plan, for if we get the money, we can demolish Campbell Hall and rebuild it so that it is a better space for events and programming, as well as classes.

Ingrid – We got one of the first platinum buildings in the nation, why not make all of our buildings that way?

Mark – This would require more funds, planning and space. Brenn wasn't planned on being green and then we made it green, but the SRB was planned on being green but not built that way. In building the SRB like this, it still has a Silver standing but it was more inexpensive for us to do it this way.

MC Motion to recess for 5 minutes. (JP)(Narain)
MCC Motion is passed by consent

Recess starts at 7:22pm.

Meeting is called back to order at 7:33pm

ROLL CALL

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Liz Buda
Amanda Burlingame
Ana Contreras
Lex Hamilton
Husayn Hasan
Jessi Hurd
Sinead Kennedy
Narain Kumar
Molly Lenahan
Hassan Naveed (Faris)
JP Primeau
Paula Reeve
Samantha Stinnett
Cici Uy
Alex Van Wanger
Matt Weisner
Chris Wendle

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

none

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marisela Marquez

Updates:

1. On the issue of the elections software, we have been in contact with the software program developer and are scheduling a time for him to visit UCSB to help install and test out the program. Before finalizing this, however, our own techno specialists are reviewing its code and are seeking additional help from cold fusion specialists.

2. On the issue of our current personnel searches – are still pending final approvals and will be posted as soon as possible.
3. On the issue of space for Associated Students, including “the annex” in Bldg 434; we are continuing to seek out and negotiate space for the 5,000 square feet that we have not been assigned; and seek surge space for the functions that will go into Bldg 434 in the next few weeks.
4. On the issue of the space for the bike shop, I am looking into discussing another space for its location because it’s current location will be turned into an academic bldg, rendering any improvements that we make obsolete. More on this in the upcoming weeks.
5. Attended a retreat with the Execs group last weekend (Sunday evening) and a retreat with the AS student initiated outreach student groups.
6. A.S. Flacks Intern—Amy Lee—is sending out a query of the AS Boards, Commissions and Committees for an AS Assembly to be held this quarter, please watch for it and respond.

New features:

Each month I will begin to bring to you relevant statistics from around our departments. To begin this process, I’m bringing to you today the statistics from the legal resource center. As you are aware, this AS service is located in Isla Vista, and shares space with IVTU. Please find on the reverse a table describing the general nature of the issue that the LRC helped students with during the month of January 2008.

MC Motion to have group reports and representative reports over email.

(JP)(Ingrid)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Stephanie Brower

Carolyn just told me that Mark and Gene said that you were the most engaging council or group that they have presented to in 2 years.

Budget hearings went well.

We had our executive officer retreat, and we were able to work on our projects that we are not able to work on during our weekly meetings. We talked a lot about space and how it should be used.

I have an Undergraduate Council meeting tomorrow. I have noticed that you have emailed Maricela many times to try and get a vote on the Academic Senate committees. We are most worried about the Undergraduate Council because without that vote, it is just disrespectful to us.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Matt Jackson

Thank you for being so respectful during the presentation. They were happy with the feedback.

I have had some questions about working meetings, and I am setting aside a part of the retreat as a working meeting. This way we do not have to set aside business for a week.

The Tech Fee's petitions were due today. It will be going through a review process, and approval for the number of signatures.

SFAC didn't meet yesterday because there are some conflicting ideas as to where AS fits into the SFAC meetings. Many of the current members feel that AS shouldn't be there at all. We were asked to not come this week, because they had a closed meeting.

I will send out an email tonight about policies about tardies and excused absences. It will be simple and require that you do not abuse excuses.

I will need the Honoraria Committee to meet next week.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS' REPORT – Linsdey Quock

none

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Christine Byon

none

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Matt J – I would like to recommend that we add the following to Approval of Minutes: SCORE 1/29/08, SCORE 2/5/08, CAB 1/22/08, CAB 2/4/08, IVCRC 2/4/08, AS Recycling 1/30/08, EAB 1/28/08, and IVTU 1/17/08; to add as Action Item #1 the Appointment of Husayn to the RecCen Governance Board, as Action Item #2 the Appointment of Narain to the Undergraduate Student Housing Committee, as Action Item #3 the Appointment of Dan and Hassan to the Executive Sub-committee for the MCP, as Action Item #4 the Removal of Jessi from Worms and to Appoint Ingrid to Worms, and as New Business #2 A Bill Calling for Members of Legislative Council to Serve on University Decision Making Committees.

MC So Moved. (Chris)(Paula)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add as Action Item #5 The Approval of Honoraria for OSA members. (Chris)(Paula)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

LC 1/30/08, FB 2/4/08, ASPB 2/4/08, COC 1/29/08, SCORE 1/29/08, SCORE 2/5/08, CAB 1/22/08, CAB 2/4/08, IVCRC 2/4/08, AS Recycling 1/30/08, EAB 1/28/08, and IVTU 1/17/08

MC Motion to bundle and approve. (Paula)(Chris)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of Husayn to the RecCen Governance Board

MC Motion to approve Action Items 1 through 4. (Amanda)(Narain)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

4. The Approval of Honoraria for OSA members

Chris – The honoraria changes that were needed was passed last week. Was that was the Honoraria committee was to meet about?

Matt – Yes, that is why they will be meeting.

MC Motion to table. (Chris)(Paula)
MCC Motion is passed by cosnent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. A Bill to Restructure the Committee on Committee's

JP – I expanded this with the notes that I said that I would do last week. This expands their duties and how we recruit members. Also, I changed the naming for the chair in the entire Legal Code. I also would like to recommend that we change the honoraria amount because they practically live in the AS office.

Narain – I like it, and how it does it. I also feel that they should be going to the AAB meetings. I also think that the freshman recruitment person should be called the first-year recruitment person. I think that changing the honoraria amount is why we have the honoraria committee.

Chris – I think that the chair is a vital part of AS because they get people involved. I was worried about the honoraria amount, but that is why the honoraria committee is there.

MC Friendly amendment to make the Committee on Committee's chair honoraria amount \$600. (Chris)

Paula – I think that this is a good idea.

MC Friendly amendment to call the Freshman Recruiter the First Year Recruiter, and to have the Academic Senate and Administrative Advisory liaison to attend all AAB meetings (Paula)

MC Motion to approve as amended. (Husayn)(Jessi)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Bill to Hold Legislative Council Member Accountable for Retreat Attendance

Narain – This is to deal with the retreats being mandatory. We are being held accountable because it's in the honoraria form, but I feel that this should be in our job description as well. On this topic, I also felt that we should approve the dates of these retreats so that we all know about them ahead of time. I also set up a way for people to be excused from the retreat.

Samantha is the new second.

Samantha – I feel that this is a great idea, and it makes planning easier for everyone.

Amanda – I have a few concerns, because the fall retreat is set up with OSL, so we could not approve the dates. I almost feel that this should be taken off of the honoraria form and it shouldn't be a requirement.

Jessi – I had a few questions about the approval of the dates, but other than that I like it. I feel that this is something that you should go to because it trains you for your job.

Narain – The fall retreat it will need a phone vote for the approval of the date. Also, maybe Legislative Council should have their own retreat. You can get your absence excused after the meeting.

Paula – I think that this is a good bill, but I think maybe we should add a provision about the time before hand that you can approve a date.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Sinead)(Jessi)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

2. A Bill Calling for Members of Legislative Council to Serve on University Decision Making Committees

JP – This is the most important bill to be brought before Legislative Council, ever. This says that all of the Academic Senate committees that we have spots on, not votes, but spots, that a Legislative Council member has to serve on one. I want to expand on this, and I need your input during this week.

Narain is the new second.

Narain – I really agree with this. This is one of the most important things to come to us for a while. We need more representation. We need to know what is going on with the rest of this campus. Most of these meet once a quarter, and they give you lunch.

Matt W – I like this bill.

Husayn – I think that this is great. If I didn't know about the RecCen Governance Board I wouldn't have known about the pool issues on this campus. I think this makes us better Legislative Council members.

Paula – I think that this is a good idea because we need more reporting to us to keep us informed.

MC Motion to table for a week. (Paula)(Snead)
MC Friendly amendment to have changes sent out by Saturday at 5pm. (Alex)

Paula withdraws motion.

Chris – Could this be too much of an extra burden for the Committee on Committees?

JP – We are expanding the Committee on Committees to better facilitate these types of changes. We had this in mind when we wrote the bill that we passed earlier.

Jessi – Who will be deciding who will be going to what committee?

JP – The Committee on Committees will be advertising these positions, and then the Internal Vice President will take all that were not filled and then decided who goes where.

Amanda – My concerns are it might be too much for Legislative Council members. I feel that we should know what the committees are and the time

commitment that they have. We need to not have Legislative Council do everything.

MC Motion to table for a week, and have the amended bill be sent out by Saturday by 5:00pm. (Amanda)(Sinead)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

DISCUSSION

1. Honoraria Ad Hoc Committee – Mandatory Review of AS Honoraria

MC Motion to end discussion on Items 1 and 2. (Alex)(Ingrid)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

3. General Discussion

Alex – This is the AS Free Coffee campaign add that will be in the Nexus. I am thinking of making a few small changes to the add.

Samantha – I have a class at SBCC, and that is why I am not here for the beginning of the meeting, please approve Michael Lambright as my proxy for the quarter.

Jessi – Debora Blake is the head of the Undergraduate Council, and she is really looking forward to being here next week. Please send Radhika your questions for her, so that Debora can prepare her presentation.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

none

REMARKS

Amanda – SAC wrote you guys a thank you note. The Student Lobby conference applications were due yesterday, but I will accept them until Thursday night.

Husayn – I feel that representative reports and group project reports are needed in the meeting. If not, it's just an email. Next Tuesday, MSA is putting on an event Extremism in Islam.

Paulina – I think that we should be required to recruit more people to AS.

Narain – I have counted that we only have 11 more meetings after this one.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn. (Sinead)(Narain)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:49pm.