

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

April 18th, 2007

Flying A' Room

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

ROLL CALL

Amanda Burlingame
Scarlet Chan
Claudia Garcia
Matt Jackson
Ferenz Potzi Laczko
Sam Marks
Deirdre Mathis
Samantha Nevels
Tiffany Pascual
John Paul Primeau
Jeronimo Saldana
Jason "JP" Slauenwhite
Julia Stephanides
Ian Taylor
Meri Telalyan
Alex Van Wanger

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Cecilia - I would like to recommend that Ajay, Maggie and Shahan be excused for this meeting and that Jessie Hurd and Jose Ragosa be the proxies for Ajay and Maggie, and that Jenna be excused at 6:50pm.

MC So moved. (Samantha)(Amanda)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Cecilia – I would like to recommend that Raymond Meza be the proxy for Evan for the rest of the quarter.

MC So moved. (Jeronimo)(Tiffany)

MCP Motion passes by a 11/5/3 vote.

Jason is recognized at 5:07pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raymond – Chaz told me that both parties must move their election signs away from HSSB and Stork plaza.

Carolyn – This is for a graduate consortium that will be to do outreach for graduate programs. They need to put their tables there. If you could put your signs as close to the bike paths as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Raymond – Please do this by 6:00am tomorrow. Please talk to Chaz if you have any questions.

Carolyn – Debbie Fleming wanted to be here to talk to you about this, but she had to be away. We are looking into implementing a student alcohol and drug information program. If you could please check out our ideas, that I am passing around, and tell us what you think.

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day and move to Acceptance of Agenda. (Jeronimo)(Jaclyn)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Jenna is recognized at 5:14pm.

Cecilia – I would like to recommend that you add Womyn's Commission 4/16/07, SCORE 4/16/07, SPF 4/9/07 and IVTU 4/12/07, and to remove FB 4/16/07 from Acceptance of Minutes.

MC So Moved. (Samantha)(Jeronimo)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to add as Action Item #3 the Discussion of AS Special Project SPSCM, to New Business #2 add a Resolution Allowing Workers at UCSB to Observe and Participate in May 1st Actions Without Fear of Reproach, and to have Old Business #2 to follow Public Forum. (Jeronimo)(Samantha)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to strike Action item #1. (Raymond)(Jeronimo)
MCP Motion passes by a 13/5/4 vote.

MC Motion to add as New Business #3 a Resolution in the Support fo the Virginia Tech Students and their Families. (Samantha)(Ajay)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to accept agenda as amended. (Amanda)(Matt)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Cricket – We are here to get the nuclear over sight committee up and running. I want to make sure that the labs are following all of the US legal policies.

Derin – We are hoping to put forward this bill and to have it passed tonight. We want this to start a new initiative. This council has a better sight of the activities of the UCs.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Bill to Create the UCSB Student DOE Nuclear Weapons Lab Oversight Committee

Matt - There was some structural changes that have been made to number 3.

Prof. Chef – I am a professor here on campus, and I am one of the faculty who is trying to get this committee running. I think that this approach is the best way of going about the creation on this type of committee.

David Creiger – I am the founder and president of the Nuclear Peace Foundation. We are working on numerous causes in the nuclear arena, I feel that this legislation is extremely important. This is a great University and the purpose of a university is to pass on the best of everything onto the students who will be able to pass the best onto the following generations. As a higher education institution, it is against your credo to create nuclear weapons. I do not think that a university should give credibility to labs that create the most destructive weapons that we can dream of. I believe that the students need to take the lead and that you need to say that you should say that, “I am not the leader of tomorrow but that I am the leader of today.” I feel that these secret labs are against an ideals of the University. The function of oversight is on the regents but the regents do not care about this issue. I feel that students will do a better job of this oversight and that you will be able to educate the students, faculty, regents and the broader population around you. Your education of the public can bring about changes, and I feel that it is your right to do so if you feel that you should take action on this legislation.

Amanda – I have a small issue, The bill says that this committee will be abolished when nuclear weapons do not exist.

Matt – It is formatted as a disjunction so that either or, or both are possible.

Will Perish gave a brief history of nuclear weapons research.

Will Perish - This has been asked for numerous times before, and i feel that this student legislation is the best policy and is able to set up the over sight that is currently needed.

Raymond – I want to apologize for not being here last week, so some of the things that I might say might have already been stated. I do not see in the structure how the students will influence the regents or the federal government. If this lab is for educational purposes, I do not see how this is the best route of going about this.

Derin – About 70% of the world population is anti-nuclear weapons, and there is a lack of information about the research that goes on at these labs. This committee will be available to find and freely give information about the labs. This information will be available for both student and for political purposes.

Amanda – I can not think of any committee in AS that is committed to one issue, if we pass this will we need to create a committee for all issues students feel passionately.

Samantha – I think that creating a committee will give the people in the committee legitimacy and people will take the people from the committee more seriously. This will also set a precedent that other campuses and the regents will have to follow. I also see the point that Amanda made, but there is a dissolve clause.

Will – Very few students know about the programs that is going on at these labs. This committee will be able to gather this information so that an educated discourse will be possible. The funds that the UC gives to nuclear research are taken away from our education and should be looked into.

Jeronimo – I think it is interesting that we are calling it an issue. I think that we should take a stand about this, and this is not about setting a precedent but about stopping the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Joel – I agree with Amanda, in that we do not have single focus committees. This is not to de-legitimize the issue that is at hand, but this is how AS is set up. We have committees that are versatile. I think that people should take the tools that we currently have and to use them as the means to complete this cause. I do not think that the creation of more bureaucracy is the right way of going about this. I believe that making this a UC advisory committee would be a better place for this issue, and to not have it as an AS committee.

MC Motion to approve as amended (Jeronimo)(Matt)
MCF Roll Call
(No) Amanda Burlingame
(Yes) Scarlet Chan

(Abstain) Ajay Deshpande (proxy Jessie Hurd)
 (Yes) Jaclyn Feldstein
 (Yes) Jenna Galoob
 (Yes) Claudia Garcia
 (No) Evan Ingardia (proxy Raymond Meza)
 (Yes) Matt Jackson
 (Yes) Ferenz Potzi Laczko
 (Yes) Sam Marks
 (Yes) Deirdre Mathis
 (No) Samantha Nevels
 (Yes) Jason Parnell
 (No) Tiffany Pascual
 (Yes) Margaret "Maggie" Pike (proxy Jose Ragosa)
 (No) John Paul Primeau
 (Yes) Jeronimo Saldana
 (Yes) Jason "JP" Slauenwhite
 (No) Julia Stephanides
 (Abstain) Ian Taylor
 (No) Meri Telalyan
 (No) Alex Van Wanger
 Motion fails by a 12/8/2 vote.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

none

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Marlyn Dukes

We met with the representatives of Parking Services, we are working towards a solution.

The All Gaucho Reunion is coming up.

We are working towards the temporary bike shop solution so that a permanent shop can be built.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jared Goldschen

I will talk about the budget shortly.

I would like to thank the people who attended the vigil on Monday night. And to the people who put it together. I would also like to support the resolution that Samantha wrote. I feel that it is extremely important.

The parking meeting went very well. Nothing is going on the ballot, so our fees are not going up this year. I feel that we should set up dialog between us and the

students. There will be night and weekend parking next year, so that miscommunication is fixed.

The next rate payer meeting is may 2nd at 9:15pm in the UCen.

The ED search committee is doing phone interviews this week.

The budget that you all have in front of you, please look at it and think about any line item changes that you might want to make. If you have any issues, please talk to Aaron, me, Nick or Raymond we will be able to answer all of your questions. I believe that you have to approve the budget by the 6th week, so it is up to you when you want to do it.

This quarter is very busy, I encourage you to experience UCSB in a way that you have not done yet.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Cecilia Perez

We will not be having a working meeting this quarter.

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

I will be attending IVTU later this evening. We will be discussing many key issues. We will be talking about the bringing back of Measure D.

This week is Take Back the Night week. Tomorrow there will be a rally in Anes'quo'yo park. IVRC will shortly discussing the IV master plan.

The council always discusses what they should talk about, these two groups are the local and the world at large. I think that the resolution that was passed last week about the Armenian Genocide was great, but I would like to know how the council chooses what issues will be discussed.

Meri – All issues that are given to the council will be discussed and pondered, because that is our place.

Scarlet – These issues affect us, which is why we vote and discuss all of them.

Jaclyn – I represent all students which is why I vote for all student sponsored legislation.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS' REPORT – Bill Shiebler

I have been traveling a lot. I have been trying to get UCD to rejoin UCSA. We are doing a lot of compromising.

I attended the CHUS conference this past week.

I also visited La Casa, here in SB, to start new outreach programs in our area.

The alliance for immigrant rights is meeting weekly in downtown SB. If you are interested in getting involved please come talk to me. They are planning events for May 1st, the week of the immigrant in SB.

I went to the parking meeting, I think that the options that were presented are a good start and I feel that we are coming to a solution.

This weekend on Saturday RCD is happening, we need volunteers so please come help out.

On Monday the 23rd, we are going to be lobbying the state legislature about our fees and funding of the UCs.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

Julia – COPS had a very successful meeting today. We are putting together know your rights bags. We will probably be coming to you to get funding to complete these bags.

Amanda – I was hoping to make this a group project. I wanted to put on a event at the University Owned Housing to educate them about AS. I was hoping to serve ice cream. We could also table at their spring event. We could also do both.

Sam – CODA is having our SAOP event, where we will be going to SBCC to talk to people with disabilities to discuss transfer to UCSB. If you want to talk to the SBCC people please talk to me.

Tiffany – SCORE is still working on their facing race conference. Queer Pride week is the week of May 1st, please help out.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Sam – COPS met, CODA met, and Committee on Committees did not.

Jena – IVCRC met and gave money to the bag project, who is working towards getting reusable bags in IV stores.

Deirdre – IVTU met and we are working on our recruitment drive to get new members.

JPP – COPS met and we worked on the packets.

Potzi – SPF met, they had 10 program submissions and about their new logo.

Jason – Gunther is May 11th, in the Career services building there will be a law information meeting. There will also be a grad school workshop in the SRB tomorrow.

Ian – The hunt for the On-campus Representative is on. We should put this in the Nexus, so I am looking for funds. RHA met who was approached by different people for this years elections and they were approved to talk door to door. I think that harassment of people who are running for positions is a disgrace.

Samantha – Finance Board met and gave out money to many groups. Committee on Committees will be meeting after the meeting.

Matt – Program Board met and have been meeting twice a week. May 20th will be Extravaganza. Dream Girls was last Tuesday. KCSB has been having a few issues with executive members resigning. I will be helping them with their upcoming projects.

Raymond – I attended Earth day, EAB worked very hard to plan this event.

JPS – Elections is going well. Finance Board will be working on policies at the next meeting.

Jaclyn – Last week we had a call-in day about the fees to our congress people.

Amanda – Student Lobby met, and we talked about the issues that we will be lobbying on next week.

Jeronimo – I have been working on the May 1st planning meeting, the current emphasis is on worker's rights. Campus Point is up and running, we are solidifying the web site and training reporters. I think that we should create a special project to help the digital editing lab.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

CAB 4/17/07, Student Lobby 4/12/07, LC 4/11/07, IVCRC 4/17/07, ASPB 4/16/07, KCSB 4/11/07, Queer Comm. 4/10/07, EAB 2/26/07, EAB 2/27/07, EAB 3/5/07, EAB 3/6/07, EAB 4/2/07, EAB 4/3/07, EAB 4/9/07, Womyn's Comm. 4/16/07, SCORE 4/16/07, SPF 4/9/07, and IVTU 4/12/07

MC Motion to bundle and approve the minutes. (Alex)(Samantha)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of IVTU Officers: Karala Rosa (Chair), Costanza Pampini (Community Outreach Coordinator), Gerson Sorto (Tenant Advocate) and Julio Vera (Event Coordinator)

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

2. AS Special Project SPSCM

Kira Strodes – My group and I will be putting on a concert. I am writing this grant proposal to put on a concert for Students for Peaceful and Socially Conscious Music.

Kira read her proposal.

Jeronimo – Since we have the special project to promote the NAPF.

Samantha – I think that Finance Board would a better place to ask for this money. They have a lot more money and it would be better to ask the money from them.

JPS – Just so that you know, we can not pay for revenue making t-shirts.

Amanda – I think that Finance Board is the place for this.

MC Motion to refer to finance board. (Raymond)(Ian)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bill to Change All Mentions of Committee on Committees Coordinator to Co-Coordinators

Samantha – This is pretty self explanatory.

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

3. Resolution to Support an Academic Forum Where Scientific Questions About 9/11 Commission can be Asked and Answered

Raymond – Shahan says that he really supports this.

Robert – There are a lot of issues with the 9/11 commissions report and this is why we wanted to talk about about this.

Daniel – Thank you for tabling this resolution so that you could research and discuss this resolution. We would like to point out the holes in the 9/11 commission report.

JPP – I spent a little bit of time researching this topic. After researching this and I can not support this bill.

Amanda – From what I understand, the UC have already looked at this issue, and I do not think that this is the UCs job to look into it. I do not support this bill.

MC Motion to not approve. (Amanda)(Samantha)

Daniel – We are asking that the UC researchers to state their opinion. I feel that there were too many anomalies that should be researched and discussed. This event influenced our generation like the JFK assassination and i feel that we should get all of the facts about its events.

Scarlet – I support this discussion.

MCP Motion is passed by a 9/5/2 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Resolution to Reclaim Squandered Student Money

Claudia read the resolution.

Tiffany – I feel that the people who are elected to a position of this magnitude should be willing to fulfill their duties.

JPP – I think that we should not publicly humiliate him in this way.

Samantha – I think that this might be more of a punishment than intended.

Jeronimo – I love this legislation, because it holds Felix accountable.

Matt – Personally, I ran with Felix, and I feel that his leadership was sub par. I think that the first year Legislative Council members needed more leadership and I felt betrayed with his leadership. This is a resolution so it is not binding, but it is a request.

Scarlet – He did not do his job, but I think that he should give the money that we gave him back. I expected him to do a great job, but he did not. I support this resolution.

MC Motion to approve. (Scarlet)(Tiffany)

Sam – I agree with this resolution. Felix has been a great friend but I think that this resolution has merit. I do not think that his performance was up to what it should have been.

JPS – The work that he put in was minimal.

Amanda – I was not here fall quarter so I do not feel comfortable voting on this resolution.

MC Friendly amendment add Felix to the CCs, and to let Constitution and By-Laws to change all grammatical errors in the resolution. (Samantha)

MCP Roll Call

(Abstain) Amanda Burlingame

(Yes) Scarlet Chan

(Abstain) Ajay Deshpande (proxy Jessie Hurd)

(Yes) Jaclyn Feldstein

(Yes) Claudia Garcia

(Yes) Evan Ingardia (proxy Raymond Meza)

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(Abstain) Samantha Nevels

(Yes) Tiffany Pascual

(Yes) Margret “Maggie” Pike (proxy Jose Ragosa)

(Abstain) John Paul Primeau

(Yes) Jeronimo Saldana

(Yes) Jason “JP” Slauenwhite

(Abstain) Meri Telalyan

Motion passes by a 11/0/6 vote.

2. Resolution Allowing Workers at UCSB to Observe and Participate in May 1st Actions Without Fear or Reproach

Jeronimo read the resolution.

Julian – I am the lost time organizer. I am grateful to be able to work with students at this level.

Scarlet is the second.

Scarlet – I really like this resolution.

Amanda – Did the workers get punished for participation?

Jeronimo – Yes, the UC workers were told that they were not allowed to take part in the protest.

JPP – I like this resolution.

Sam – I think that this is great resolution, it affects us all. This university could not exist with out the immigrants that work here.

JPS – What is the union asking from the Vice Chancellor?

Julian – We are asking that if the workers do not want to go to work to participate in the protest they should be able to with out rebuke.

JPS – I fully support this resolution.

Meri – I believe that we should pass this. I think that this is a great resolution.

MC Motion to approve. (Meri)(Ajay)

MC Friendly amendment to allow Constitution and By-Laws to make grammatical changes. (Raymond)

Scarlet – I really like this resolution, and I feel that everyone in this country is an immigrant. I feel that all immigrants should be able to participate in any protest or demonstration for causes that they feel is right.

Maggie – My mother is an immigrant, I know that if she had the choice she would take part in this protest. I think that we should all go to this protest.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

3. A Resolution in the Support of the Virginia Tech Students and their Families

Samantha read the resolution.

Amanda – I think that this is really important, and I think it affects all college students.

Marilyn – Please add condolences to the staff.

Samantha – It has been added.

MC Motion to approve with grammatical changes made by Constitution and By-Laws. (Raymond)(Ajay)

Ajay – The vigil was very moving and I think it is great that we are doing this.

Matt – I do not think that we should put prayers in this this resolution.

Sam – i think that thought and prayers should be how it is stated. I think that we should take note and pay attention when someone says that they are depressed.

JPS – I appreciate everyones words. I think we should constantly be looking at ourself and the people in you life and know that you do not know where they are in their lives.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day, to go back to Acceptance of Agenda add as New Business #4 A Bill to Create a Technology Services Committee, and to reinstate the orders of the day. (JPP)(Jeronimo)
MCC Motion is passed by consent.

4. A Bill to Create a Technology Services Committee

Bay – I feel that we are working with sub par technology on campus, and I feel that we should fix this.

Ajay is the second.

Raymond – As of right now we do not have enough Legislative Council representatives to attend all of our meetings. I also think that we should outline other options for this. I am very cautious about creating new committees on campus.

Samantha – I urge you to restructure the current Technology Committee and to restructure it to fulfill the duties that you think are needed.

Amanda – I think that everyone has made good points, and I think that we an talk out of meeting to fix our concerns.

MC Motion to table. (Amanda)(Jaclyn)

Matt – I appreciate your initiative.

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

DISCUSSION

Jeronimo – I think that we should meet the week after next at the teen center.

Amanda – I do not think teens would want to sit through our meeting.

MC Motion to end discussion. (Samantha)(Ajay)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please email me your bills.

REMARKS

Amanda – It's Jaclyn's birthday on Sunday. So happy birthday!

Council signs Happy Birthday to Jaclyn.

Sam – I think we passed some great resolutions today. I think that we should revisit the DOE Oversight Committee and possibly redraft this bill.

ADJOURNMENT

MC Motion to adjourn. (Raymond)(Samantha)

MCC Motion is passed by consent.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:58pm.