

Legislative Council Minutes of Proceedings

May 25, 2005

Flying 'A' Room

The Council was called to order at 6:35p.m., by the **INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT, Adam Graff,**

ROLL CALL

Katie Bender
Jessie Howie Baker
Sarah Burnstein (Excused Absence)
Gina Fischer (Excused tardy)
Claudia Garcia
Ryann Gastwirth
Amelia Holstrom
Yeva "Eva" Kilamyan
Tuyen Nuyen
Etuajie Oiyemhonlan
Joel Rodriguez-Flores
Cordero Vigil
Rachele Weight (Excused early Absence)
Adriana Wianecki
Nathaniele Wood-Wilde
Jason Everitt (Excused Absence)
Romy Frazier
Sam Giles
Jennifer Greeley
Christina Leets
Raymond Meza
Felix Hu
Sam Marks

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES TARDIES, AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

MS Motion to excuse

- Sarah Burnstein's absence, as she has a dress rehearsal for a play that she is in.
- Gina Fischer, as she will come late as she has class.
- Rachele Weight, as she will be leaving early because she has an interview for the Ronald McDonald Camp.
- Jason Everitt's absent as he has work tonight.
- Sam Marks, as he has to leave at 7:30pm.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adrianna Wianecki- I'm Going to Kill the President will take place this weekend. Call 888) 475-6181 for more information.

Joel Rodriguez- Friday at 7:00pm, there will be a film festival at Campbell Hall. The films are silent, but there is a live accompaniment. People will be selling tickets by Buchannon and at the Arbor.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kaitlin Pike- Assistant editor of the Nexus.

If you want any stories in the Nexus about things that you or you groups are doing at A.S., let her know. Campus@DailyNexus.com. E-mailing her the information in advance is always a good idea. They can't always cover every event, however if you keep shooting them emails, chances are that you will get something in the paper.

Joel Rrodriguez mentioned that under Media Relations, one of it's charges in the Legal Code is to have a weekly column.

Kaitlin mentioned that A.S. has no editorial charge over the Nexus. However, chances are that this could get going.

Sam Giles- Brought the idea of Media Relations having a column to the Nexus. However, he was informed that in the past A.S. did not get their column in on time. As a result they are somewhat leery about starting the column up again.

Jenn Brown- Organizing Director for United States Student Association. (USSA) They are a National Lobby who tracks what the government does with regards to education. They want to inform people about what the government is doing with higher education. She wants to let everyone know what is going on at the federal level. They are focused on the federal appropriations process. This year we are probably facing the highest cuts to higher education in history. For the entire Federal Budget, the President said that he wants to cut 150 programs. Of these, 1/3 are education programs. A couple programs specifically related to higher education are:

LEAP- Funds the Cal Grant dollar for dollar. LEAP makes up half of the Cal Grant program funding, since they match dollar for dollar what Cal Grant earns.

Perkins- A laon program with a low, fixed interest rate targeted toward students.

GEAR-UP- Takes a class of low-income students and tells them about college.

TRIO- Is similar to GEARUP. They help fund Upward Bound and Talent Search program.

Thurgood Marshall- Is a grant program trying to help people be able to attend law school.

She briefly let Legislative Council know what USSA is doing about it. The budget passed through the House, however the Senate stopped this. It went to the conference committee. They decided to compromise, however the House did not agree. They passed the budget, without the higher-education programs being funded, by a vote of 214-211. 10 representatives were not present to vote.

Soon, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Related Agencies have to cut \$163 million dollars. June 9th the vote will take place. She passed around more information about the demands that USSA has. They work closely in coalition with people in Washington DC.

USSA is launching a USSA Action Summer campaign. The government decides whether to fund higher education while students are on summer vacation. This USSA Action Summer campaign will hopefully be a phone tree. No one person on this list has to make more than 6-9 phone calls. People on this list will call their representatives, telling them to be there for this vote, and to vote for the students. This lets them know that we know what they are doing. She thinks that we really can make a difference,

Her email is od@usstudents.org. Her phone number is (202) 347-8772. She is here if anybody needs anything, or has any questions.

Soumil Mehta-A.S. BIKES

A.S. Bikes is meeting tomorrow at 1:00pm. They will be bringing a resolution about the Pardall Tunnel and Ocean Road Bike Paths. The school is planning on removing the tunnels and adding housing. He likes that they are adding housing, however does not want them to remove the much needed bike path. BIKES is demanding a study, and the resolution states this. They want to make sure that the school is being up-front with the students, and not just trying to slide by. The Housing and Residential Services and Design and Construction Services came up with this plan. They are trying to move from a suburban design to an urban design. They are planning on having more open street access between UCSB and IV. They are saying that they want to build residential housing on Ocean Road. In order to do this, they will reduce capacity of the roads. This will be University Housing, basically for staff, faculty, and perhaps students. Second resolution is about reducing Fossil Fuels which he strongly supports.

Kamyab Sabaghiani- CSSU is a coalition of all the environmental groups on UC Campuses. They are requesting that all University Campuses reduce the use of Fossil Fuels, and utilize more transportation alternatives. They are basically asking for more support from Legislative Council, which would be key in what they are trying to accomplish.

There is a Sustainability Conference June 19, 20, 21, and there we will be discussing the plan with transportation services. If we want to avoid raising parking rates, we need to start supporting alternatives. Parking structures are very expensive, when we start creating structures, they get more expensive. He has fliers in the A.S. Main Office.

Aseye Allah- She is on the appointment list for Finance Board Chair. She wants everyone to know about her ability to be Finance Chair. Her contact information is ARKaa3@yahoo.com and (949)-294-7886.

Bill Shiebler- Wants to make an announcement about the strike tomorrow. Everyone will be meeting at the Arbor at noon, and everything will happen then. They will have their rally at this point. They are asking for people to get up at 6:30 am. If you do, they will be meeting at the gates of 217, at the gate by Harder Stadium, and at the gates over by the airport. They will be there until around 11:00am. He has a lot of signs that people can carry. He thinks that it is neat that Jenn could come, since they are trying to increase awareness.

Joel Rodriguez- Wanted to say that if anyone has any questions about the strike, they should ask Bill before he leaves.

Neil DiPaolo

Is being recommended for an appointment to the Students Advocate position. The job is to be an advocate for the students at UCSB, to go to bat with any individual that is having an issue with the University, or even A.S. He is excited for the opportunity to advocate on behalf of the students' rights. He would love to make a difference this year.

A.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS & EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Don Daves-Rougeaux

- None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Chaz Whatley

- She wanted to do something fun and cute. If you don't like it, let her know and she won't do it again. She named a list of things starting with the sentence "You know you're from L.A. if..."
- June 2nd from 4:00-6:00pm, they will be doing their policy recommendations.
- She is in an ESLP class "Police and Community Rights"
- As she said before, University, Technical and Professional Employees (CUPTE) are going on strike. She thinks that it is important to support the strike, since these employees are the backbone of our University.
- She left 2 spots open on Finance Board for Freshmen. Also, they have Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee positions open. If you know anyone who is interested in the couple of spots that are still vacant, let her know.

INTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Adam Graff

- He hopes everyone is happy with their committee appointments. He is sure that some people are not as happy as others, but he really tried to give folks at least something that they wanted.

- There is at least one change that needs to be made. Christina Leets will be a representative to Comprehensive Childcare.
- He will assign the people sharing offices by the end of this week.
- There are a couple of administrative things that need to be done. One is that someone gave him a request for Honoraria. He was disappointed that no one showed up for Honoraria Committee. However, this is understandable since they only had one days notice.
- The Legislative Council can assume the role of Honoraria Committee in order to give the girl that is applying honoraria.
- He was hoping that 3 Legislative Council Representatives will volunteer to be Honoraria Committee representatives.
- The honoraria committee reviews requests for honoraria. The committee decides how much to allocate to these people. It is a formality, and has to submit minutes to be approved by Legislative Council.
- Felicia Cruz described what Honoraria is.
- One idea which Don decided was that Legislative Council members could be granted up to \$100 of free note-taking and readers services as a sort of “honoraria” for Legislative Council, since there is a lack of money.
- This wouldn’t take away from the money that we take from students through fees.
- He wanted to know if there was a separate process of getting appointed to Student Fee Advisory Committee.
- Chaz Whatley responded that there is a separate process, and that they met this morning.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS’ REPORT – Kelly Burns

- None, as she is taking a midterm.

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATEWIDE AFFAIRS’ REPORT – Felicia Cruz

- She has been doing a lot of work with UCSA. She was really happy to have Jenn speak about USSA.
- Action 205 is to raise student fees by a certain percentage. 504 would be to charge professional students an extra \$1,000 for the next years. Professional fees have skyrocketed by a very significant amount in the past years.
- Anyone interested in attending the UCSA congress signed a list passed out. She and Adam Graff will come up with a way to decide who from Legislative Council will vote at the Congress. She named certain other organizations that would also be getting a vote, since UCSB gets 8 votes.
- UCSA Congress will occur August 12-14 at UC Berkley.
- USSA’s conference will occur July 30th -August 4th in Wisconsin. She is recruiting for this event, however she thinks that only one person from Legislative Council will be able to attend, since this is a pretty expensive process. If you are interested in attending this Congress, let her know. Both Congresses are pretty similar, however not the same.

- Most campuses come with Action Item Agendas. They submit them, and 120 people vote on what 3 action item agendas they want to run for the year. It is an interesting experience. In Santa Barbara, they will be submitting action agenda items.
- She named some things that they focused on this year.
- She is going to a retreat in July for UCSA, for their board transitioning.
- She spoke about the Student Lobby bill. She thinks that there are some problems within the bill that need to be changed, however, as a whole it is a good idea. She specifically wants to talk about the Legislative Liason- her job is to work on legislative issues on the statewide level. As well, he/she works with UCSA board. In the Legal Code as of now, the SAOD is chosen by the current EVPSA. This past year, the process that she and Lance created was that the Student Lobby Chair got to choose who would be appointed. It was decided that the External Chair gets to choose. She thinks that this is a problem, since it directly has to do with UCSA, which the EVPSA is a member of. She thinks that the EVPSA alone, or along with the External Chair, should assign this position together. The only problem she sees with having both positions decide together is that they could disagree. Her main recommendation is that the EVPSA does get a say in who is chosen for this position. She is very disappointed that no one spoke to her about this change being proposed.
- She basically agrees with most of the changes being put in. She has to meet with Jenn Brown in a bit, but she would like to be here for that discussion.
- Raymond added that, as a Legislative Liason, it is important that the EVPSA and Legislative Liason (LL) are able to work well together.
- She also thinks that, depending on the amendment made of who chooses the LL, one of the main reasons that Student Lobby is changing things is to make power rather equal within. She recommends that IVPSA and EVPSA also have input.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MS Motion to add Program Board minutes for 5/23/05 and Committee as a whole.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

MS Motion to add Shoreline Preservation Fund's minutes for 5/16, and to chance SPF's minutes from 05/10/05 to 05/09/05

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

MS Motion to add the bill about Supporting the UPTE Workers on Strike

MSC Motion is approved by consent

MS Motion to table the Student Lobby bill will be tabled until next meeting.

MSC Motion is approved by consent

MS Motion to accept the Agenda as amended.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

EAB 05/09/05, 05/25/05

SPF 05/09/05, 5/16

Honoraria 05/24/05

MS Motion to bundle and approve all minutes.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Legislative Council Committee Appointments

The appointments for 2005-2006 Legislative Council were:

Academic Affairs Board:

1. Claudia Garcia
2. Sarah Burstein

A.S. Bikes

1. Jennifer Greely

Business Services

1. Felix Hu

Committee on Committees

1. Felix Hu
2. Sam Giles

CODA

1. Sam Marks

C.O.P.S.

1. Romy Frazier

C.A.B.

1. Adriana Wianecki

Constitution/ By-Laws

1. Raymond Meza

Elections Committee

1. Ryann Gastwirth

2. Ameilia Holstrom

E.A.B.

1. Gina Fischer

Finance Board

1. Claudia Garcia
2. Eva Kilamyan
3. Nathan Wood
4. Howie Baker
5. Jason Everitt

Investments

1. Eva Kilamyan
2. Jason Everitt

I.V.C.R.C.

1. Tuyen Nuyen
2. Amelia Holstrom

Legal Resource Center

1. Rachel Weight
2. Cordero Vigil

Media Relations

1. Katie Bender
2. Sam Giles

Program Board

1. Adriana Wianecki
2. Katie Bender

Queer Commission

1. Joel Rodriguez-Flores

S.C.O.R.E

1. Tuyen Nuyen
2. Romy Frazier

Student Lobby

1. Rachel Weight
2. Ryann Gastwirth

Women's Commission

1. Gina Fischer

Shoreline Preservation Fund

1. Jennifer Greeley

Technology Committee

1. Christina Leets

I.V.T.U.

1. Etuajie O.
2. Howie Baker

A,S. Recycling

1. Joel Rodriguez-Flores

Student/ Faculty Conduct

1. Sarah Burnstein

Student Health Advisory

1. Etuajie O.

Arts/Lectures Gov.

1. Christina Leets

Faculty/ Issues Awards

1. Raymond Meza
- 2.

MS Motion to approve the Legislative Committee appointments, as amended.

MSC Motion is approved 17-3-0

2. Committee on Committees Appointments

The appointments for Student Lobby were stricken from the list, to be updated at a later time.

MS Motion to approve the appointments, as amended.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

3. Committee as a whole for the Honoraria Committee

MS Motion to become, as a whole, Honoraria Committee.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

MS Motion to approve Janet Cardiel \$300.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

MS Motion to move from acting as Honoraria Committee to acting as Legislative Council.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Establishment of the A.S. Composting Board- Jennifer Greeley & Felix Hu 051805:01
Automatically tabled.

MS Motion to change the name A.S. Composting to A.S. Department of Public Worms and to change, under the 4th whereas, Recycling Committee to be Capitalized.

MSC Motion is approved.

MS Motion to approve the bill as amended.

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

2. Updating A.S. Student Lobby – Claudia Garcia & Tuyen Nguyen 051805:02
Bill is tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Statement of Opposition to the Removal of the Pardall Tunnel and the Ocean Road Bike Path – Jennifer Greeley & Adriana Wiannecki 052505:04

MS Motion to make the following amendments: add, after the last whereas:,
“Whereas: Elimination of Pardall Tunnel means elimination of the safest route between

Campus and Isla Vista for students, staff, and visitors with visual and physical disabilities.”

After the last “Let it further be resolved” , “Let it further be resolved that we urge these campus planning officials to conduct comprehensive traffic analyses on the current traffic flow, projected traffic flow and alternative traffic flows (including bicycle and vehicle traffic), under proposed master plan.

MCS Motion to approved Amendments pass by consent.

MS Motion to approve

MSC Consent

2. A Statement of Support for Sustainable Transportation Regents Policy – Jennifer Greeley & Adriana Wianecki 052505:05

Amendments: After the word “requirements”, add a closing quotation mark.

After the 6th “Whereas”, add the word “lessen” after the word “and”, and before the word “demand”

After the last “Let is be resolved”, replace the word “it” with the U.C. Sustainable Transport Policy”.

MS Motion to approve the bill as amended

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

3. A resolution Supporting the UPTE Workers on Strike – Joel Rodriguez-Flores & Raymond Meza. 052505:06

MS Motion to pass the bill as amended

MSC Motion is approved by consent.

GROUP PROJECT REPORTS

- None

REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORTS-

All of those that are not below had nothing to report.

Christina Leets- Is excited to be tech community representative.

Adriana Wianecki- *I’m Going to Kill the President*, the play, will be taking place this weekend.

Ryann Gastwirth - Student Lobby Election was on Monday. It went smoothly.

Felix Hu- The SSACC elections were finally made official.

Sam Giles- Comm on Comm made their appointments. Media Relations is trying to do some training in the next couple of weeks.

Amelia Holstrom - No one has contacted Kelly Burns for the position she opened. If anyone knows anyone that would be interested in the position, talk to her.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Andrea Llovera

- Today is my last day as the secretary for Legislative Council. I hope everyone has a wonderful year, and I am excited to see what all of you do.
- I will miss everyone, and I really enjoyed the time that I spent as Secretary.

DISCUSSION

Carolyn Buford- Good luck on finals.

REMARKS

Ryann Gastwirth-

This is her last meeting until Winter Quarter, as she is studying in Washington D.C. for Fall Quarter.

Adriana Wianecki- Chaz' birthday is next Wednesday, everyone should celebrate with her.

Sam Giles- I am also not going to be here next quarter, since I will be studying in Germany. I am as of yet still unsure who my proxy will be.

Adam Graff- The tentative date for our retreat is September 24th and 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

MS Motion to adjourn at 9:00p.m.

MSC The motion is approved by consent.