



# UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

## Senate 11/06/2024

- **11/06/2024** at the Flying A Room in the University Center and on [Zoom](#)
- Minutes and actions recorded by **Alexandra Cervantes, Sydney Arbolado, Melina Magno, Hazel Gong**
- Call to order at **6:35PM** by **Presiding Officer Internal Vice President Pinto**

## A. Meeting Business

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### A-1. Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

“Before we begin, we call for students to acknowledge that the lands that the University of California locations were built upon were expropriated & founded upon exclusions and erasures of Indigenous people's human rights throughout California. UCSB is built on Chumash Land, specifically that of the non-federally recognized Barbareno tribe. As an association that pushes the student bodies’ voices to the forefront, we should aim to make strides past just acknowledgment to those who continue to fight for their right to be recognized & respected as the original stewards of this land. I ask you all to dedicate time & care to personal education & to advocate for justice alongside Indigenous peoples.”

### A-2. Roll Call

Name	Attendance	Position
Dalia Gerson	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Alexa Butler	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Letters & Science Senator & Second President Pro Tempore
Carly Lankarani	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Taylor Iden	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Advocacy Committee Chair
Enri Lala	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Outreach Committee Vice-Chair
Leiya Kadah	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Yasmine Suuck	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Liaison Committee Vice-Chair

Name	Attendance	Position
Levi Corlew	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Leah Khorsandi	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
Mariana Rosillo	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	University-Owned Off Campus Senator
Ella Yu	👍 Excused ▾	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	👍 Excused ▾	Transfer Senator
Alejandra Martinez	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator & Outreach Committee Chair
Dominic Wang	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Lily Habas	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Creative Studies (CCS) Senator
Paolo Brinderson	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Eemaan Wahidullah	✓ Present, 🌑 Late ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Jasmine Amin	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ Proxy – Ilai Tamari	Off-Campus Senator
Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator & Liaison Committee Chair
Aryaman Singh	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Engineering (CoE) Senator & Finance Committee External Chair

### A-3. Excused Absences

***Motion to add Senator Yu to excused absences.***

***Siddiqui-Gerson***

***This motion passed at 6:37PM.***

***Motion to bundle and approve all excused absences.***

***Siddiqui-Lankarani***

***This motion passed at 6:38PM.***

## A-4. Proxies

Ilai Tamari for **Senator Jasmine Amin**

***Motion to approve Ilai Tamari as a proxy for Senator Jasmin Amin.***

***Khorsandi-Wahidullah***

***This motion passed at 6:39PM.***

## B. External Reports

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B-1. Chancellor's Representative

B-2. UCPD Representative

B-3. GSA Representative

B-4. University Center Governance Board Representative

B-5. IVCSD Representative

## C. Public Forum

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 Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate

*Speaking agreements:*

*"You have two & a half minutes to speak, with two minutes for Q&A. Please state your name, pronouns, and enunciate, but refrain from yelling. Please know this meeting is being recorded. You may speak on any issue, whether it is on the agenda or not. Please include a content warning if it will be graphic. You may only come up once, and you may choose to not answer questions."*

**Motion to extend the speaker's time by three minutes.**

***Khorsandi - Gerson***

***Called to question - Lankarani***  
***Passed at 6:40PM.***

**MingJun Zha**

Zha

- If you scroll down on the agenda to old business, this version is a consensus amongst our parties
- In the past 2 weeks, I've talked with environmental affairs board, Iden, Lala
- We were able to come up with something everything is happy with
- Three overarching criteria for the award: effective communication and collaboration, inclusivity and representation, and responsible use of student fees
- After the BCU has satisfied the criteria, they are each to apply for the specific awards, which are the following
- First, student well being
- Second, professional and academic development
- Third, representation to their marginalized communities
- And since we already have that, instead of proposing the criteria
- How this works is the BCU must match the three criteria, and then they will choose a sub category to meet if they apply
- We believe that this subdivision will lead to more informed comparison
- Since we already have detailed criteria, the President's test, instead of proposing the criteria will be proposing an implementation plan of the award which has to be approved by the Senate before she can start the process
- Read a few words from Global Gaucho Commission
- "As chair of GGC, the establishment of the BCU award will recognize the hard work and impact of student organizations and BCUs on our campus."
- "This year plays a crucial role in fostering community, diversity, and leadership"
- "This award would honor efforts in organizing events, promoting student engagement and building inclusive spaces"
- "I believe this award would strengthen the campus community"
- At the end I just wanted to thank everyone that is involved in this project with me, Senator Siddiqui, Senator Butler
- I want to thank those who have a different opinion than me
- I really appreciate you all

Pinto

- Does anyone have any questions or concerns?

Brinderson

- Can I hear a little bit more of your conversation with the environmental affairs board?

Zha

- Topic of honoraria in general
- The main concern is about the competition it may create in the association
- Example of budget deliberation, it is a more brutal process
- Showed them the new changes
- In term of broader honoraria discussion, people don't really know how to fill out an honoraria form
- The recommendation is for honoraria committee to send out a pre-filled sample of honoraria form

Brinderson

- Thanks

Pinto

- Any further questions? Thank you

## **Eric Carlson**

Carlson (He/Him)

- I'm here as a student hope all of you are doing okay regardless of political belief
- There is something i would like to request from the Senate
- When I used to serve in your position I would be so incredibly happy if a positional resolution could come out that does not express any political belief on the election but reaffirms support for LGBTQ community, as well as any communities that could have been affected by the election
- Does not have to have any political leanings, only a reaffirmation to the communities that have been harmed. I would love to help if I could

Pinto

- Any questions?

Butler

- Thank you for coming
- I think that is a beautiful idea
- It doesn't have to be a certain tone or language just a statement
- I wouldn't mind a could resolutions coming forward
- I know we are supposed to be a project based senate but thank you for coming

Carlson

- Not focusing on anything, just reaffirming everyone that attends the university.
- Beautifully simple as that means so much. I love it
- Thank you

Lala

- Thank you for coming
- I really like this idea
- Potentially we could pursue multiple resolutions, particularly with the immigrant population
- I'm wondering more concretely
- I think I'm one of the thousand people on this campus that feels this rage
- I'm wondering whether I should arrange some space for people to gather to discuss some of these issues.
- Have you considered that in your current position?

Carlson


- I have an idea. I love data analysis, love the idea of rationalizing what happened. I'm an unaffiliated voter but I would love to know what brought every student to the poll and made them choose the candidate that they did
- And then use that to, for me as a student, to win elections in the future
- I'm toying with the idea of getting students together. If you want to come I'll shoot you an email

Pinto

- Okay thank you so much
- I know the MCC had a debriefing space for people to come in
- It would be worth a while to have communication LGBTQ resources
- About potentially organizing a space if we are going that route

## D. New Business

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 A Bill To Amend the Expansion of The Office of Senate Leadership

**Siddiqui - Butler**

Siddiqui

- It is a rewrite of a bill that we already wrote, the main difference is that our project specialist, initially they were intended to do more so on the ground work, in terms of different projects the Senate is pursuing.
- I wanted to reevaluate the role and make it more into a project director, so that they have more oversight and managerial roles. Both Alexa and I would get two of these roles, each of them would supervise 4 to 5 Senators.
- The current duties of a senator are impossible to complete and need to be reworked into legal code.
- At least just measuring the basic stuff of have you gone to 2 or 3 meetings that you are supposed to do per quarter.
- Are you writing legislation, contributing to legislation, working on projects, doing committee work, things like that.
- It's not going to be too much of a punitive thing right now because the duties of every senator are too much to individually manage, which needs to be reformed, and it will be, later on.
- But i think we need more staff overall to supervise.
- I want to emphasize the bylaws I'm writing in mind for next year.
- Or any large structural changes.
- Most of the time I write legislation within the context of it would work next year, not this year.
- The project director part is one aspect to this, the other part is the accountability directors position. Project directors will strictly pertain to monitoring and overseeing projects, while accountability directors will more so track if senators are doing their duties

Butler

- Definitely second all of Dan's points. We introduced this bill 2 weeks ago, it has been passed already, these changes are minor. I would say the largest change in the office are the two accountability directors
- Dan did a great job explaining it. I want to emphasize that yes, it is part of the office, but you all have access to people in our office as well.
- Make sure everyone gets the help and support that they need
- Thank you Dan for the great changes

Pinto

- We will now be opening up the floor to any whole group discussion

Brinderson

- At this point the committee chair takes the role of accountability director.

- Do you see that this paid position would work with committee chairs or take the accountability role away from the chairs? How do you see that?

Siddiqui

- I wish I could show you my full reports but I am tired of giving reports. I am waiting multiple weeks to give another report after last week. I wish I could show you the ideas that I put into a semi-finalized report.
- Right now the IB office has an accountability position in their office, but it is only one person, and they are meant to oversee all the BCU'S and senators, which makes no sense, who is humanly able to do that? So our idea, me and Senator Butler is let's get 2 accountability directors each, that would oversee 4-5 senators.
- In terms of committee work, I would expect all to still be overseen by the chair and vice chairs of committees. The director of accountability will more so pertain to other senator duties, whether it be constituent duties, holding office hours, writing legislation, working on projects
- I really want them to coordinate with committee chairs because that is a huge part of our responsibility as senate
- It would more so focus on the responsibility separate from the committees.

Pinto


- Thank you. Any further questions?

***Motion to table A Bill To Amend the Expansion of The Office of Senate Leadership.***

***Butler - Ganesh***

***Called to question - Lankarani***

***This motion passed at 6:58PM.***

 Bill to Establish Office of Student Advocate General Technology Subcommittee

**Siddiqui - Corlew**

Siddiqui

- Our student advocate general wrote this bill
- I left suggestions
- It has to be tabled anyways due to bylaws changes



- I think it is great, I loved using Go Gaucho as a freshman
- I love that that the office is trying to bring it back
- I like that the office is expanding beyond student legal issues as it is a huge untapped resource
- I think everything they are doing is great
- I think this is a solid bill
- I am excited to see it passed

Corlew

- It looks good

Brinderson

- It says that taking minutes shall not be necessary?
- Do you know the thought process behind that?
- Is it to keep it more casual?

Pinto

- Can you be more specific about what part of the bill?

Brinderson

- Section D1D

Siddiqui

- That would be a question for the other author but my assumption is that it would be redundant since his office would be taking notes
- The team lead of the Technology Committee will take separate minutes

Singh

- If the Technology Committee wants funding they would need their minutes
- I would ask them to reconsider this if possible.

Pinto

- I think it would be going into the OSA minutes

Singh

- Since it was passed by their committee the minutes would have to be from them

Siddiqui

- If they are requesting funds for the committee I can see your point
- But they would use minutes from their general office meetings

Singh

- They would have to make the motion again for it to be officially approved

***Motion to table a Bill to Expand the Office of Student Advocate General Technology Subcommittee.***

***Butler - Martinez***

***Called to question - Lankarani***

***Passed at 7:03PM.***

***Motion to add A Bill To Expedite The Usage of Student Fees to New Business.***

***Siddiqui - Singh***

***Called to question - Wahidullah***

***Passed at 7:04PM.***

Zha

- Why was this not submitted to the agenda deadline?

Siddiqui

- Thank you chair, in regards to why I didn't formally include this to the agenda, it is because I just wrote this like 5 hours ago in consultation with other professional staff, specifically because I was looking for a way to get funds from an undesignated unallocated account. It has been a popular topic of discussion amongst us as a body.

Pinto

- Thank you. Senator Singh, would you like to elaborate?

## Siddiqui

- I do want to speak a bit about the actual legislation and the purpose of it. I invite the executive director to come and comment on it as well after discussion is over amongst senators.
- There are 2 fundamental changes that are being made. The first one is that In current legal code it states that within our reserves account; for full context, we have over 7 million dollars but only a small part are accessible to us because the other funds are either capital reserves or they are tied to lock ins.
- This bill is simply changing the language from saying that reserves can only be transferred into other socially responsible investment projects to saying that they can be transferred to other accounts within ASU UCSB. I will say that the specific account that we are looking at is account 969 undesignated. We are not looking to drain the entire account as it would be very fiscally irresponsible. We need a decent amount of funds there. For context account 969 is our undesignated professional fees account. Meaning that it is a sweep account, I don't want to go too in depth on that but I can explain it in further detail to anyone who is curious.
- Essentially I intend to take out 1 or 200k, from that account, I don't think we should drain it. But I think it would be nice to have a bigger balance in the senate unallocated, this bill codifies it, because right now the language is a bit vague. I don't want to take any more chances with the attorney general. I think clarifying the bylaws is wise in this instance.
- The other change that I made is that of myself and Senator Corlew, Senator Corlew is the liaison for the AS investment advisory committee. They have some long term goals relating to investing and drafting a new investment policy statement in accordance to the new financial institution or bank that we partner with, in replacement of Montecito Bank and Trust.
- I am also amending the bylaws to give them more direct access to about 10% of the funds in our reserves account to actually invest, and make decisions on that, because these are student fees that undergraduate students are paying and we are collecting.
- Those are the only two major changes made in this bill.
- It has to be tabled for a week anyways but that is my intention with it.

## Singh

- Bill to transfer money from reserves to our AS UCSB account, including our senate unallocated, we are not draining all of it just taking a little

Pinto

- We are now in discussion

Khorsandi

- How does this stop from other years from taking money into this account and putting it into other accounts which is not necessarily what we planned on doing?

Siddiqui

- That is a great question and something that I thought of and pondered and what if we have a bunch of dummies next year that are just throwing money around?
- The issue with that is we are a student-led organization, and the reality is that students on campus elect senators and executive officers to carry out the will of the student body, and that includes managing student fees.
- If students make poor decisions, that is who the campus elected. That is the nature of democracy and the electoral system.
- It is one of the cons of being student run, we are all growing and developing, we make mistakes.
- It is also beautiful that this is one of the only institutions where we can truly run it ourselves. It is a learning experiment.
- It is possible that these fees can be spent irresponsibly, but this organization is built for us to make mistakes

Khorsandi

- I totally agree with you, i do think that it should be under the advisory fo the students taht the student body elected.
- Have you considered adding a fiscal cap of how much can be transferred out of the account? I am not sure of what that number would be but a number that is placed with an exception that would have to be passed by a vote if it wants to be exceeded.
- Some sort of accountability measure to make sure they are not irresponsibility spending the money

Siddiqui

- Those are great suggestions and this bill has to be tabled anyways.
- Right now we have the 10% amount allocated for the investment advisory committee.

- I think for the senate if we set a rate around 30-40%, obviously staff and the director are able to give us fiscal advice on what percentage to set it at and how much to spend.
- I think it is important to think about future senates and prevent from all the money from being taken from the account

Iden

- What is your timeline on this?
- I think it is a good idea to add some stop cap measures in the legislation. It was broad. I think it's a good idea to make it flexible but also add it so there are requirements on when to be able to do it.

Siddiqui

- I'm happy to make changes today but I want to sit down with professional staff because they are the ones that are the most knowledgeable. If anyone has other suggestions they are welcome to make it.
- I would like this to be passed next week, if not we can wait till the week after. As soon as it is done, we can make a motion to actually transfer the money.
- I don't want to rush it, we maybe have 2-3 meetings, we have time.

Executive Director Marquez

- Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this, maybe consider running this through the UCSB legal council in the chancellor's office.
- Mandatory student fees have a layered sense of responsibility and delegation
- However it winds up looking, i think it's good to run a draft before finalized by senate
- As well as a consideration that any kind of transfers are reviewed by Chancellor's office and legal council because the fees are mandatory student fees and they have a lot of layer of policies behind it
- That is just my preliminary, I wanted to put this on the record.

Siddiqui

- I agree with your sentiment, my biggest worry is that we should run through campus legal council and Chancellor, specially the transfer funds, which is

maybe more important than the actual legislation itself, however I worry that it will take a decent amount of time

- From what I've read in the bylaws, I understand that the regions delegated this authority to the Chancellor, who delegated it to us, and we delegated it to you.
- Within us rewriting bypass, from your preliminary asses, we are still acting within our rights

Executive Director Marquez

- I have little experience with this, I did it once,very early on, it was not appreciated by the campus and system. That is where my advice comes from.
- You are absolutely correct but the issue with delegated authority is that if you borrow someone's car you don't go through all the things that could go wrong. Delegated authority works the same way. I invite us to review the legislation itself as well as identify an element of oversight if and when we are making changes

Pinto

- Thank you for your expertise. Could you refer us to someone that could help from legal counsel?

Siddiqui

- It would be the chancellor office and Nancy Hamill, correct me if I am wrong

Executive Director Marquez

- Yes

Pinto

- We are still in discussion

***Motion to table A Bill To Expedite The Usage of Student Fees for one week.***

***Butler- Lankarani***

***Called to question - Kadah***

***Passed at 7:17PM.***

***Motion to reconsider Motion to table A Bill To Expedite The Usage of Student Fees for one week.***

Singh:

- Are you striking it or are we reconsidering?

***Siddiqui - Iden***

***Call to question - Lala***

***Passed at 10:44PM.***

***Motion to table A Bill To Expedite The Usage of Student Fees to the Finance Committee.***

***Siddiqui - Iden***

***Call to question - Lankarani***

***Motion passed at 10:45PM.***

***Motion to add A Resolution to Allocate Funds for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion events under new business.***

***Singh - Kadah***

***Called to question - Siddiqui***

***Passed at 7:18PM.***

Pinto

- Why wasn't this added to the agenda earlier?

Singh

- I only talked to CCO Sim on Monday evening
- And I have been working on other stuff

Pinto

- Thank you for that

Singh

- I mentioned that I wanted to introduce some equity in the finance committee since we operate at first come first serve basis
- Which means that BCUs or groups that happen at the end of the quarter don't get as much funding
- Usually impacts groups upholding minorities, because they don't fall into the other mission-centric funds we have
- This is proposing a new fund called the DEI fund
- Right now this would be a pilot program until week 6 of winter quarter
- Before making a bylaw change, I wanted to gather some data first
- At some point I plan for it to be in our bylaw, 35,000 instead of 15,000
- In week 6 of Winter I'll give a report to the Senate on the findings of this pilot program

Siddiqui

- I agree with the end goal and conclusion, but my issue is using unallocated funds from the senate.
- I want to pose a question, based on the minutes we reviewed we have a significant amount of rollover
- I believe a pilot program like this would have to be signed by the board
- Why do we have to use unallocated funds?

Singh

- SCORE stands for something else
- This would target specific groups like Women in Stem

Siddiqui

- I do think that it is a matter of interpretation. I would say that senate unallocated, we just spent 5k last meeting
- I think it is worth asking SCORE if it is in their mission
- While SCORE focus on racial equities, i don't believe that the mission is solely tied to racial equity

Singh

- The thing is that isn't a permanent fund of the Finance Committee to use
- Maybe next year we won't have these funds for DEI events
- We don't know if SCORE's rollover will be approved next year
- Would guarantee that some money would be used towards DEI events



Zha

- If you could scroll down to section 2
- I do advise against showing specific legislation
- The language has to be more

Singh

- I didn't know I couldn't do that
- Do I have to motion for it to be on the agenda?

Zha

- Yes it will be a motion to open the bill and make specific changes

Singh

- Please do. I wanted to also talk about the point Siddiqui brought up.
- The only reason it would come out of Unallocated is because all of the other funds come from that
- That is what it says in policy

Iden

- Do you have MOU? Can you share it with everyone?

Singh

- Yeah
- We check if your request aligns with financial policy, and SCORE checks if you align with the mission

Pinto

- I don't think SCORE has a chair appointed

Singh

- They do have one chair, Cecilia

Siddiqui

- Going back to Singh point to not having guaranteed access to funds
- I agree, the rollover we collected is temporary
- The program is also temporary so I don't see a problem using temporary funds right now

Singh

- Like I said this is a temporary thing
- I know DEI is controversial for some people
- I just want some data
- That's why I'm introducing a pilot program

Iden

- You're asking us to pass \$15,000 and we don't really know what it is
- She came with a pilot program, we corrected it and then funded her
- Would you be willing to have the same with you?

Singh

- Please, yes
- I would love opinions and feedback
- I would be okay tabling this for a week or two

Khorsandi

- In the future when you are evaluating specific groups that come to you for the funds
- What is the criteria for fitting under the DEI fund?
- What groups fit under DEI?

Zha

- We can't give special treatment to students

Singh

- We also have funds for academic teams and academic conferences

Zha

- If you go to page 9 of legal code, D
- All students should have the right to be free of discrimination

Singh

- Not taking any funds from any other groups. I'm creating a new type of fund

Siddiqui

- I'll be quick
- So you're talking about our accounts for Academic Teams then
- I would say no because that is against bylaws
- If we pass this resolution and then establish a DEI account in Senate committee, it is not giving special treatment
- You just have to be very careful of how you word your answer
- There are a lot of marginalized identities
- Even though you might not intend to, but it could come back to bite you
- We are under a Title-6 investigation
- We have to be extra careful

Singh

- I am open to feedback to make this resolution more specific
- I would invite any changes

Khorsandi

- I would like to work on this with you
- I want to know what your main goal is
- To fund DEI groups or make sure that people that come later in
- Or is it to make sure that people who come later in the year have access to funding

Singh

- Both
- Main mission is to gather data

Gerson

- How are you planning to gather data?
- I was wondering, it's just the same money put in a different location
- I'm not understanding
- Like what is the difference

Singh

- Right now they have 12 different funds that they use. 10 are mission specific, cannot break those and fund something different
- Not specific are SEAL fall, winter and spring quarter
- And the other one is Senate Unallocated
- These are general funds that can be used for everything

- DEI events would normally be funded out of SEAL
- But that is the fund that has been used the most. I would say 60%.
- We do run out of money
- Winter last year we ran out of money. We would be setting aside money for these events

Gerson

- The 10 accounts that have a mission, do none of those missions align with DEI
- If not who created them?
- And what are the purposes

Singh

- If the other accounts are academic teams, such as debate teams or academic conferences. It would be like sports teams and culture and Grad, very general and it would not fit
- Other ones would be program board, or score or cab, they don't fit in any of these missions.
- I didn't create these, these were already there

***Motion to table A Resolution to Allocate Funds for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion(DEI) Events to next week.***

***Iden - Singh***

***This motion passed at 7:37PM.***

Pinto

- Does anyone want to add anything? Let's move back to action items

***Motion to add A Bill to Improve The Outstanding BCU Award onto new business.***

***Iden - Lala***

***Call to question:***

***Passed at 10:43PM.***

***Motion to table A Bill to Improve The Outstanding BCU Award for one week.***

***Iden - Lala***

***Call to question - Kadah***

***Passed at 10:45PM.***

## E. Acceptance of Agenda

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***Motion to accept the agenda***

***Iden-Ganesh***

***Call to question - Khorsandi***

***This motion passed at 10:51PM.***

## F. Consent Calendar

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## G. Action Items

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 Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate

### **Senator Iden**

Iden

- I know Senator Siddiqui has had a lot of discussion around having people be engaged in meetings and holding people accountable so they are actively participating in legislation, resolutions, and finances on the floor
- So my goal in this is to make it so
- One, everyone's voice is being heard each time, and people who may not be familiar with parliamentary procedures or not want to engage in having to object to a call to questions.
- Situations where no one really wants to go against a motion to pass or whatnot, so we don't really get to hear people's opinions.

- This is basically to make it so motions for legislation, funding, whether it's the movement of funds or the allocation of the approval, we'll be doing a hand-vote
- So everyone's voice will be heard, and then the voting requirement will be based on two thirds, but that's not entirely accurate according to the legal code, because some requirements in legal code require different amounts of voting to pass.
- I'm more than open to feedback on this. I'd like to make it so everyone's okay with it.
- One of the concerns that Senator Siddiqui brought up with me was in case we have contentious legislation, and that people would like to do a secret ballot. That was one of the key issues that we wouldn't be able to do.
- But I'd also like to point out in our standing rules, certain of these rules can be suspended by the presiding officer.
- So should there ever be a situation that is needed to do a secret ballot, this could be suspended
- But that's all I have to say, I'd love feedback. Anyone who'd like to make improvements or they like how it is. I could also change it towards unspecified motions, but I'd like it to be where people all engage with the voting. That's my goal.

Pinto

- Thank you, Senator Iden

Lala

- I briefly wanted to say that I personally think that this brings us way closer to the Senate that we want to become.
- But I wanted to address just one potential objection, or one thought that people might have, is that we have so many things to deal with. Might this not make us a little bit slower?
- I would say that it would, and that's a good thing.
- There are certain points at which being slow and considerate about making decisions is the exact right thing to do.
- The check of the judicial and the executive and the legislative which we have in this association and nationwide is there by design, so that we're not able to make foreign mistakes, hopefully, because we're able to check one another
- With that same thought in mind, it's better, and I think this is our primary duty as a Senate to allocate the vast budget that we have.

- It'll be much better if we sat and thought about these things, even if it'll last for a few more seconds of thinking. That would be good.
- And I think that if an individual Senator disagrees with a certain motion, but to some extent they're not willing to die on that hill, they're probably not likely to make an objection to it in the way that it's currently stated, but they would be much more likely to address it and deal with in a much deeper way if this passes
- I think this is a common sense reform, and I'm in full support

Pinto

- For the future. I would just like to add, not referring to certain motions or certain actions on the Senate floor as common sense

Siddiqui

- So first of all, thank you Senator Iden and Senator Lala
- I will say I think the main comment that I left, or that I conveyed to Senator Iden was about the hand vote, just in cases of secret ballot
- I do think, and maybe the parliamentarian would have suggestions about this, maybe change to requiring a quarter vote
- that can encompass hand vote, that can encompass secret ballot, that can encompass other types of votes, that we want to do.
- You guys all know me. I'll speak interpersonally. You know that I have very strong opinions about most things. This is something that I don't have a strong opinion on, and I don't really have a super strong preference of the way that this goes.
- I will say that personally, and this is my own personal thoughts. I think changing the language to make it a recorded move is definitely necessary.
- I'd say I agree with Senator Iden and Senator Lala that participation across the board has to increase in the Senate. That was the entire purpose of me giving my report yesterday.
- I'd say the area where I disagree is that while I do think that participation needs to increase in the Senate, I do kind of see these amendments to the standing rules as kind of coddling people.
- And what I mean by that is that if a senator is afraid to challenge a motion that is about to go uncontested, the reality is that they're not doing the job.
- And maybe that sounds mean, maybe that sounds harsh, but the reality is that all of us here are elected officials.
- You were elected by students to fight for them and to represent them, and oftentimes that includes doing things that are scary, that includes doing

things that are controversial, that includes doing things that you're uncomfortable with, but that is one of the responsibilities of an elected official.

- In my mind, when I think about elected officials, I see us as people who are in service roles like we are making an active sacrifice, day in and day out, to dedicate our labor to the well-being of students and the well-being of the student body.
- Again, I really don't have strong feelings about this. If this is what you guys want to pass, I'm not going to fight to the death against it.
- However, in my personal opinion, I do disagree with this specific approach, just because I feel like the approach should be instilling individual confidence in each senator to make them confident enough to raise those objections, because those procedures are already built into Robert's Rules, rather than artificially raising the baseline and making it so that everyone feels comfortable.
- Because I believe part of this being a learning experience is that people have to learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable, and it's not something that I'm good at 100% of the time, nor is anyone else, because we're all human beings.
- I agree with the outcome this is trying to create in terms of a more participatory Senate, but I disagree with the method that it's going about being implemented.

I den

- I like the feedback. I would be more than happy to change it so it's a recorded vote.
- Regardless of whether or not this will be encouraging
- I do think it's a bonus to make it so that each senator's voice is heard.
- Also, going back to the point where you discuss this might not be the encouraging factor. I do agree with you that it does come down to the individual senator.
- But when it comes to a change like this, my hope is that, one, there can always be change in the future, if we find this to be repetitive or tedious.
- But my hope is that people can no longer just sit back and watch TV on their computer or just do other things during the meeting, because by the time we get to a vote, you either paid attention or you didn't.
- And over time, my hope is people start getting into the groove to pay attention so they know how they are going to vote. They can't just ask someone,



- But obviously, we won't know how that'll play out until this is passed, but I do appreciate the feedback.

Pinto

- Senator Iden, if I may,
- Considering that I drafted this alongside parliamentarian Zha
- I think a suggestion of mine is that we also add,
- Since a concern of yours was there to be like more engagement of the overall Senate body,
- Maybe amend this proposed amendment to also include round robin discussions when we are passing any form of legislation, so people may choose to yield their time or speak, but either way, it addresses each senator individually in a way where they can interact with what we are proposing.

Iden

- I'm not opposed to that.
- However, I'm curious, because, in the past, we've done round robin at the chairs discretion
- I'm honestly a little more okay with leaving it up to the chairs discretion, instead of having it be something that we have to do each time.
- Also, I do find when we go into round robin a lot of the times it's not exactly productive. I seriously don't know how many more times I can hear someone say "it looks good"
- Not to come at anyone, but I would appreciate some more constructive feedback
- But that's all I said

Butler

- I appreciate this.
- I do think there are a few issues that we're having with the focus, with the forum, with about respect, and I do think this is in the right direction.
- I do think we need to come together as a Senate to further discuss some of the larger concerns that are fundamentally leading to a change that would require hand-vote
- I agree with Dan when saying they should be recorded.
- I just feel that this necessarily wouldn't be correcting a lot of the issues, because I definitely agree that everyone needs to be involved in the discussion and be aware of the discussion

- But then, also echoing Dan's point, we are elected to do that.
- I feel like there shouldn't be a stipulation to where we are going to have to make sure you're involved in what we're talking about
- I feel a little bit conflicted. Thank you

Iden

- Just kind of jumping back to what Senator Siddiqui said.
- I appreciate your feedback. Senator Butler
- I want us to have a recorded vote.
- I'll have to think of the wording for this, because I don't want to reported vote to just be unanimous consent
- if we can just kind of revisit this after recess once I have a proposal, and we could do that really quickly, if people are okay with that.

Zha

- So in general, recorded vote refers to any kinds of votes that will clearly show signatures voting intention of the motion
- So hand vote would count

Khorsandi

- In response to Chair who was talking about the round robin,
- I do agree with Senator Iden when he said that it should be up to the chair's discretion and not in our bylaws.
- Because I agree If I hear one more person saying "yield"
- And I also think it's allows you to just echo from the person before you if they also said "yield"
- I just want to share my support for adding this into the standing rule, because I think it just adds a sense of accountability for all senators, like we actually will be engaged in all of the legislation or allocation of funds.
- I think we can all kind of recognize that there are dominating voices in the room.
- And I think this allows more voices to be heard, in more ways than one.
- And while, yes, they should be speaking up on their own, I think this gives them another way to do that.
- So I think this is a great addition to our standing rules, and I do think it allows us for more time to think about it
- I think it gives us a second to think about when we're making our decision to vote "yes", "no", "abstain"
- Thank you senator Iden

Iden

- I want to reiterate we can revisit after recess

Lala

- I wanted to add there was one really important point there about accountability, because I understand both Senator Siddiqui and Senator Butler's points about we should already be doing this, and I fully understand,
- But what really matters at the end of the day is not the characteristics of represented officials, but the results that we produce for the people that elected us.
- So anything that makes that process easier, in my opinion, should be pursued.
- Let's say you're a Senator in Washington, you have to walk 50 minutes to the Senate to cast your vote every day. You should be doing that.
- But if there's a proposal to build a train station that makes it 10 minutes, we should do that too, because that'll make you more efficient,
- So whatever the considerations of character or virtue ethics underneath it, what matters at the end of the day is that we're all engaging and representing

Siddiqui

- I agree with Senator Iden about revisiting this after recess.
- I do just want to address the point about accountability. and I see where people are coming from, and I don't entirely disagree with them,
- But when I think about how this plays out in a practical sense,
- Realistically, if someone is watching Netflix or goofing off and they're required to go into a hand though, people will continue doing what they're doing and just raise their hands.
- And maybe I'm wrong in this if someone disagrees, because let me know.
- But when I think about how this practically plays out, I don't think that this amendment, by itself, will automatically result in those accountability measures.
- Now, that doesn't mean this amendment shouldn't pass, right?
- But I guess the larger issue that I'm getting at, that I tried to get to in my report, is that we can pass this amendment. I'm not strongly against it
- I'm not strongly for it, but in terms of individual accountability, I don't want this to be the end all be all in terms of individual accountability, because I don't think this is enough to sufficiently ensure that

- The reality is that if people are blatantly not doing work or goofing off, they should be removed. That's the reality.
- They should be removed or kicked out of the meeting, or not paid half or all of their honoraria. That's the reality.
- The reality is that we all signed up to do a job and we're expected to do it, and you get paid in accordance, and if you don't do it, then you shouldn't be paid and you shouldn't have your job, and I think we need to start introducing penalties if this continues to be a pattern.
- And luckily, you know, this meeting has been much better than previous meetings, which I'm grateful for
- I don't see any huge issues right now, but I just don't want this to be thought of as the end all be all in terms of accountability.
- I think we need way more accountability measures put into place.

Pinto

- Thank you

### **Recommendation from the Controls & Compliance Office Regarding Legislation**

**Numbering:** [W](#) R-24QF10-301536 (Bill and Resolution Numbering System Specif...

Siddiqui

- I can speak on it a bit, I don't want to read out the whole thing. I hope everyone reads it. It is simple, David is a genius.
- I have not been 100% on top on legislation, that's why we have the CCO and their office
- Essentially this will provide basic structure on how to title and label bills
- This does seem insignificant but it is because we are working on digitizing everything
- New numbering system will make standardized to log
- It is essential to have a standardized system in order to organize everything
- Zha will look into the past legislation system
- That's the gist this report

Pinto

- I employ you all to read over main points and refer to document when you are creating bills or legislation.

- This is fundamental so people have something to refer to

Iden

- Senator Siddiqui, Is this the same system that was used in the past? It looks very similar

Siddiqui

- So based on my conversations
- The prior senate leadership created a new version
- I believe it wasn't followed by all the senators and people didn't like it. There are procedures in bylaws on how to name legislation but no one follows it
- This is kind of the same thing, after discussing this we should show this to the liaison committee
- Depending on feedback, we can work on standing policies or bylaws
- There are 3 different systems, this is separate from anything that has been used before

***Motion to table the Bill and Resolution Numbering System Specification v1.1.0 proposed by the Controls & Compliance Office to the Liaison Committee.***

***Siddiqui - Ganesh***

***Called to question - Lankarani***

***Passed at 8:01PM.***

Iden

- So this is just a recommendation from Controls and Compliance?
- Would we not want to direct Liason Committee to do legislation regarding this?
- What is the goal to table this to them?

Siddiqui

- My hope is that it's within the function of their committee to review any procedural or bylaw changes
- I want to get in the habit of tabling bills to committee, regardless of what's played out in practicality, because I want all committees to function as they're supposed to

- Going to make sure they start doing that
- I want them to give feedback on this
- Needs to be codified in the bylaws
- Hope someone form liaison committee volunteers

Ganesh

- To answer your question Senator Iden
- We looked through and we talked with our CCO
- Correct me if I'm wrong
- We can add it since it isn't technically a bylaw change

Pinto

- It can be a bylaw change or it can go into our standing rules

Siddiqui

- I don't think we have to run this by CCO, committees should review it. I don't think we necessarily need the feedback.
- I don't want to but if no one else I will do it
- It is not that intensive

*Moved here at 10:46PM.*

***Motion to open Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate.***

***Iden - Khorsandi***

***Call to question - Kadah***

***Motion passes 10:46PM.***

***Motion to amend Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate, striking 'requirement of hand vote' in C1A and replace it with 'requirement of recorded vote'.***

***Iden - Lala***

***Call to question - Wang***

***Motion passed at 10:46PM.***

***Motion to amend C1Ai from hand vote to recorded vote.***

***Iden - Wang***

***Call to question - Siddiqui***

***Motion passed at 10:47PM.***

***Motion to close Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate.***

***Iden - Wahidullah***

***Call to question - Rosillo***

***Passed at 10:48PM.***

***Motion to pass proposed amendments to Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate.***

***Iden - Khorsandi***

***Call to question -***

Wang

- There's another place where it says "hand vote"

***Motion rescinded.***

***Motion to open Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate.***

***Iden - Siddiqui***

***Call to question - Rosillo***

***This motion passed at 10:49PM.***

***Motion to amend C1 from hand vote to recorded vote.***

***Iden - Lala***

***Call to question - Siddiqui***

***This motion passed at 10:49PM.***

***Motion to close Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate.***

***Iden - Kadah***

***Call to question - Khorsandi***

***This motion passed at 10:49 PM.***

***Motion to pass Proposed Amendments to The Standing Rules of the 75th ASUCSB Senate.***

***Iden - Elkhatib***


***Call to question - Rosillo***

***This motion passed at 10:50PM.***

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## G-2. Old Business

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 A Bill To Reform Honoraria in ASUCSB Version 3

**Siddiqui - Singh - Butler**

Siddiqui



- First of all, thank you to the student sponsors.
- This is one of the more debated bills we have had this quarter
- Extensive work has been done to correct and make changes
- I want to applaud Zha for taking the time for meeting with these organizations and making these changes
- I always thought it was good
- I want to make bylaws change that are supported by the whole organization
- We are also considering that there are 33 functioning BCUs
- So I think that this is a no brainer
- We need to award people from going above and beyond in their duties
- I want to applaud student sponsors and specifically Zha for his work on this

Pinto

- Please refer from using terms like from "no brainer"
- Everyone has a right to an opinion

Butler

- One thing I am happy about is that our senators have been taking the needed consideration and changing it
- This is the 3rd version of this bill, thank you so much Zha for all your work and determination
- I finally think that this is a really sound version that is ready for the whole association
- I'd love to see this passed tonight

Iden

- I want to say thank you to parliamentarian. He was receptive of feedback.
- I am very happy where it is at now
- This will be tabled for the next meeting correct?
- I do believe that in the past this is what happened with the resolution

Zha

- I do believe that I recall him saying he has the authority to pass it

Iden

- Last time we had to table it for a week because it was considered a new bill
- Because there was changes that needed to be made
- For 11A, what was your intention?

Pinto

- I think that what this says is 200% for the honoraria for their position
- They wouldn't be receiving more than that

Iden

- 200% is not the same as 2X.
- It says "shall receive an additional 100% of the honoraria
- That brings us to 1500 dollars

Siddiqui

- Maybe I'm lost
- But it says additional 100% on top of their original honoraria
- Lets say a member gets \$300, they would get another \$300 dollars of honorary
- If I am wrong please correct me

Iden

- I don't think this is up to interpretation.
- I just would like it to be in a place where it is not misconstrued

Pinto

- It is 1+100
- I think the language is pretty self explanatory

Ganesh

- Can you give us an example where it wouldn't be 2x?

Iden

- The legislation state that the member shall receive one additional 100% of their honoraria
- They should receive \$1,000 on top of their \$500 honoraria

Pinto

- Now I understand. I had to reread it in Portuguese

Iden

- I would propose the change that it say and an additional 100% of their honoraria
- It would be \$1,000

Pinto

- So you're proposing the amendment of changing the language

Iden

- Yes

Siddiqui

- I want to caution that if we do this we have to table it for next week

Iden

- What if we pass this and I can change it later?

Pinto

- Does everyone understand?

***Motion to pass A Bill To Reform Honoraria in ASUCSB Version 3.***

***Iden - Wahidullah***

***Called to question - Kadah***

***This motion passed at 8:15PM.***

## H. Recess

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***Motion to enter a 15 minute recess at 9:00 - 9:15PM.***

***Butler - Rosillo***

***This motion passed at 9:00PM.***

# I. ASUCSB Reports

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I-1. Administrative Committees Reports

I-2) Boards and Commissions Reports

I-3) Unit Reports

I-4) President's Cabinet Reports

I-5) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Marquez

- I will do a brief synopsis. I had an opportunity to work in the back of the room and talk about the work that you all do. I am trying to find a way to show the community all the work that you do.
- And then I will invite you to finish up the process of approving the forms so that we can actually propel, distribute and inform everyone on campus of everything that you do.

Senate Media Coordinator

- Hi I am the senate media coordinator for this year. I work under the IVP. I am a third year english major, my minor is civic engagement, I want to work closely with students and communicate.
- I am here to discuss the topic of Senate outreach and all of your committees and projects.
- As a new role I want to evolve my responsibility to provide best communication to those that do not really care and do not engage with the senate and try to get Instagram pumping again because it seemed like it was at a halt last year.
- I plan on providing a channel of communication and relationships as well as overall support to the student body using your work.
- My main objective is to get your guys' faces out there and your goals of helping the community through the creation of instagram stories about bills you are passing.

- I hope to get students to learn more about the Senate's impact and how to interact with them on a personal level.
- Some ideas I have are a survey to the student body on what they think the Senate is and how it works. What they think senate can do better to engage students or if they want to learn more about the political science part of this.
- I have been looking for campus programs to collaborate with for this. So far only the media unit.
- Because everyone has different roles in Senate, and you are pretty important to the campus.
- Some requests I have is if you want to post on instagram, is to just send it the the DMs and I can post it on the story if you want.
- Another request is that when you create your bills, send it to me, say who's affected, what it does for students, how it affects them and why they should care.
- I agree with Senator Iden and Khorsandi that when you say "I yield" it does not look good. A little more input would be helpful for me and students.
- That is all I have, if you have ways to promote the Instagram account or anything else let me know.

Pinto

- Please make sure everyone fills out the consent form that is on the slack so we can take pictures, document, and post.

Lala

- I wanted to let you know that in outreach we do have a survey ready to send out by the end of this week about perceptions of the Senate, and what they want us to do by the end of the term.
- I would love to share that with you so we can promote it in time.

Wadullah

- How do we contact and stay in touch with you?

Senate Media Coordinator

- DM me, the forms have my email as well.

Pinto

- Also through me.

Martinez

- The outreach committee would also love to work with you on getting the student perception out there.
- We would love to work with you on instagram or any other social media you were thinking of.
- We would love to do a collaboration with that.

Khorsandi

- Just wanted to thank you. Your position is what we need. Many people ask me what is Senate and I want that to change.
- Thank you for the work you are doing.
- I know a lot of us have our own personal Senate accounts, what are ways our Senate accounts can help with your goal? Should we do anything in particular? Should we DM you on our senate account so that you can follow us?

Pinto

- I can answer that. I have reviewed all of the past Senate accounts back to 2010's. Something that was customary that hasn't been done in the past couple of years is senators would post bills that they are working on. No pictures, just hey I'm proposing this, we passed this, little blurbs underneath.
- That could almost serve as a portfolio of all the work you have done while in Senate.
- The direct communication through DMs is super valuable. We can go ahead and start the communication of reposting and uplifting everyone's social media presence.

Senate Media Coordinator

- I agree with all of that.

Executive Director Marquez

- The piece of paper that has been going around, the reason why i wanted to make sure that I mentioned it during my report, I wanted to emphasize the reflection part, that staff and as additional students in the audience come in, there is a whole piece that is missing; if someone could let us know where the paper is, that would be appreciated.
- The idea is that you have your own private accounts, but you are also doing a lot of work at the senate and I get to submit it, and all of our staff gets to

see it, but the campus doesn't necessarily get to see it. That was the idea of doing this presentation together.

- A large part of my job is advising student to come by my office and so we spend a fair amount of time making sure that the next step is positive
- Does that all make sense?

Senate Media Coordinator

- To add to that, I will make sure there all introduction posts for all the new senators.

Pinto

- But we do need to fill out that consent form first please.

Lankarani

- As part of the consent form, there was a part that asked for a professional headshot, I know we had some done at A.S. 1 but we never got those.

Executive Director Marquez

- Very good question, I will ask and get back to you.

Pinto

- I thought they were in a drive.

Lankarani

- The ones we took when we first ran we got, but the ones from A.S. 1 we didn't get.

Pinto

- I would refer to Sydney, their office would have a copy of it somewhere.

Executive Director Marquez

- Since it is November, we want to make sure it is fresh and you are in agreement. Any other questions?
- So one of the things I wanted to share with you all is in more detail, I will share during the closed session.
- In terms of all open sessions, our personnel matters continue, we have two searches that are continuing for IT and for Web Development. There are a fair number of applicants.

- There are a fair amount of folks that have come onboard and we have developed new methods of onboarding, wanting to detail more details.
- I wanted to ask for the chair's agreement to invite them to one of the meetings. Either pre-recorded that I could share and put a face to a name, or invite them to sit in a Senate meeting, if the Senate leadership thinks that would be useful.
- So those are two reports, I think in general In terms of new issues, a new vending machine has been ordered and it is ready to go. I mentioned it weeks ago and I haven't said more about it because it hasn't arrived. When it arrives I will let you all know.
- It will have a home in the pardal center to be a new distribution point.
- Another request for another vending machine to purchase or lease. I am looking into those options.
- Santa Barabra and Carpinteria area is a bit harder because corporations are much more tassel in Los Angeles or even Oxnard.
- Cooprotations don't come up here, we are going to try a new approach of a leasing option instead of purchase for the next vending machine. We are moving on that, the additional piece on that is the difference between using a card, or cash, or distributing things that are free. In any event, the policies that pertain to our distribution point, even if it is free, are items that are cash equivalent. If someone turns around and sells them there is a tax question about it. We have to be within those policies. Everything just takes a little bit of extra time but I think we are able to proceed from here.
- I don't think there are any other issues per say that are student initiated.
- I created a staff letter about A.S spaces, I brought that request, as we have never done it room by room in terms of exactly what is inside of every single room, in evert single space of A.S is responsible for.
- I am pretty certain that I wasn't going to make the deadline, I brought the document over.
- I wanted to invite Senators, if anyone is interested in sitting in on that committee, please let me know. There is also a staff lead initiative on experiential learning. That is also another opportunity for senators to work with career staff members, which we have not done before, outside of a crisis situation.
- We developed a whole new team during fires and the pandemic .
- I wanted to use that as practice now.
- That is my report.

Pinto



- Thank you so much.

#### Siddiqui

- I wanted to ask about the external and internal audits, I spoke to Michael a few days ago and he informed me that the new firm that we chose for the external audit has basically ghosted us. Seems like they won't come to attend in person.
- I wanted to ask, what has been your experience in terms of communication with this new firm?
- I know I spoke to Michael about myself and a few other Senators potentially helping find another local Santa Barbara auditing firm, just because I know that specifically the professional staff really wanted the auditor to be in the room. I agree with them on that. It is important for them to come in person to get an idea of what we do.
- I wanted to ask what has been your experience with the external auditor and second of all what we should do as students to help facilitate this process if we need to pick out a new firm. It is looking like the one we wanted to audit us isn't going to work.

#### Executive Director Marquez

- It has been my experience, and I inherited the procedure of the external audit which preceded me. I was used to a very responsive, very hands on, in person, external audit firm that would come in and attend meetings.
- The actual auditors would get to know our students and our procedures that you all are working on, which is crucial to understanding controls of any kind.
- When I was directed to not use that anymore, to not use the firm we had been using for 35 years, what I did was I opened up an inquiry at the system wide level for reputable accounting firms that could do an external audit.
- This particular firm had been recommended by the UC office of the president. They were very responsive at first and have been for months. Dialogue with me and Michael.
- On this point, I'm not willing to yield on it because I know the difference between getting you all to meet with folks that need to understand how you work versus someone who is going to receive documents and documents with no faces.
- So it is actually my request that they be in person.

- They had agreed to it but now they are not being responsive at sending date.
- My recommendation is to give them a call and speak to the leadership of the accounting firm because I have invested a long time into it.
- If they cant come in person that is ok, we will find someone else.
- I'll come back to you all with a bidding process that will open at the local level.
- I will Invite anyone to participate in that.

Siddiqui

- I would just ask again please keep us updated on your conversations with them,I really hope they reply and come in person because it would suck if they do not.

Executive Director Marquez

- We haven't paid them for any of their time. It is to their benefit to come meet you in person. Doesn't make sense otherwise.

Siddiqui

- I just wanted to conclude my thoughts. Please keep us updated, I wanted to make it aware that we had a firm for years, NHH.
- The prior Senate leadership wanted to move away from that external auditing firm and chose a new one.
- I believe we should stay on that path and choose a new auditing firm.
- I think we should stick with that plan.
- If the event occur that we have to accept other auditing firms we can but don't want to go back to NHH.

Executive Director Marquez

- It is a public agency so that is the ballot.
- We will divide the process.

Pinto

- Any further questions?

Executive Director Marquez

- Will the closed session happen later?

Pinto

- Yes.

## I-6) Executive Officers' Reports

Pinto

- No, my report is pretty chill.
- I'm just more so going over everything that my office has been doing, slash is done. This is also an opportunity to invite any of you that are interested in anything that my office is doing, just come to my office hours or reach out to me so we can work on these things together.
- I wanted to thank all the senators that have come up to me with questions about consultation or who to go to?
- Yeah. So I'm pretty much just going to be reading down a list of things that we've been doing.
- I want to start off with the most recent project, which we've been collaborating with a couple of senators, the pro temps, and then also the student advocate general.
- We're reviewing state policy one, that specifically refers to conduct. I feel like this space has created a lot of negativity in the past, and we just want to make sure that everyone has an understanding of procedure and also how to interact with each other in the space, and also how to navigate interpersonal harm
- Next I'm currently exploring the process for implementation of our ethical spending bill.
- Right now, we've kind of been in conversation about centering the bill around like not supporting corporations as a whole that have human rights violations as well as unfair labor practices,
- We have been noticing a lot of overlap in that.
- So yeah, especially with an emphasis on how to support local and small businesses.
- So just providing the student body with alternative options when we do educate on what our boycotts are
- I have worked extensively and advised extensively the creators of the JFIP program (LAU) and the Honoraria reform bill.
- Then again, checking with a lot of BCU, seeing how they feel, also reviewing the eligibility process and the overall criteria for what constitutes as an outstanding BCU

- I advise and am currently helping BWHC develop and instate the black hair care vending machine. This has been a demand of ours for a really long time, so I'm really excited for this project.
- Thank you so much for Director Marquez's help and wise words throughout this entire process, and also shout out to our black empowerment Task Force as a whole.
- I'm currently assisting the MCC in meeting accessibility needs.
- In the last year, they've applied for a grant to meet some of the accessibility needs. So if you're not familiar with the space, there's a stage, and there's no way to get on the stage if you have a wheelchair.
- So just reviewing a lot of options, talking extensively with code and reviewing a lot of online material and ethical sources to get that ramp.
- We've approved the retroactive summer honoraria elect show. And are currently reviewing the honoraria process as a whole. Thank you so much. Parliamentarian Zha. We could not have done it without you. I'm gonna miss you
- We have worked with senators to add the Abrahamic and non Abrahamic holiday in the IVP calendar, in order to be more conscious of student needs and student culture equity as a whole,
- I've been in talks with our VCSA (Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Office) about student rights and regental policy implementation at UCSB.
- So specifically looking at the time and place manner, as well as the mask bans, which has been a massive concern overall.
- If any of you would also like to get in touch with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Office, please reach out to me. I've also been talking to them extensively about the NAGPRA Compliance Office, which shout out to Senator Lankarani for coming to me for consultation and how we can develop that
- If any senators would also like to be part of that process, we've set up a pretty solid game plan. So really excited about that
- Like I said before, we're currently revising the honoraria process to better suit students' needs and overall dedication to the association.
- A product of that was parliamentary Zha's offering of the honorary reform bill, very happy to be a part of that
- So moving forwards, we would like to have a process where we don't have to wait so long to check students eligibility for honoraria and more so focus on chair reports and other things.
- But overall, just having more communication, more time communication with BCU as a whole,

- I'm also working with my head of accountability officer to see what needs BCUs have in terms of financial education as well as onboarding processes.
- A lot of our staff is stretched thin.
- So a lot of chairs come in at a loss for how to move forwards as a chair.
- So making sure that we have those resources, that people are aware to have to come in and give reports each quarter. To have to submit your minutes. To make sure that everyone has that knowledge
- I'm also currently working with my Internal Affairs Coordinator to set up an online anonymous grievances form.
- So this would be all AS internal grievances. This would be checked by my internal affairs officers, which I have two of.
- So if any of you would like to get in touch with me about that process, please let me know. This was a part of my platform. I'm really excited. We were just waiting for people to get their emails and now we do. Shout out to Jasmine.
- So we have that coming soon. Hopefully we'll be done by the end of this week, because I think we got our emails last week.
- I'm currently advising the creation of a new BCU. Thank you so much Senator Butler for bringing this forward.
- I'm really excited to see what that process will look like.
- I have been advising Senate Standing committees through onboarding and developing ideas for projects that meet the strategic vision plan. Thank you so much for Senator Siddiqui, for bringing this forward and also doing a lot of consultation with me. I really appreciate that.
- And I think that having this more focus on what we do as a Senate. Just ensure that we're kind of on the same page, We're all dedicated and that each of our visions are coming to life in tangible ways.
- I have worked with Senator Singh to revise financial policy regarding exceptions. Thank you so much for including me in that process and for the long, long, long conversations
- Another one, I've been supporting the black empowerment Task Force. We have some really great missions, and I've been reviewing all of that with the Vice Chancellor Student Affairs Office.
- We've been reaching out to the DEI office, reaching out to past Black Alumni, and that entire process has been giving us a really well rounded version of history at UCSB. So I really appreciate everyone who's been a part of that
- Also hiring and onboarding with the IVP staff. Everyone has been hired for a while, but I just wanted to announce that
- Thank you so much senators for coming today.

- Just bringing everything forward, we want to make sure that our Senate Instagram is a platform that people can consistently refer to.
- I swear, as soon as we get the back end access to our email, it's over for these people
- Yeah, so I'm really excited about all that finally getting updated
- Also we've created and recorded the foundations for abolishing anti-blackness bias training. I feel like that training went really well. Very excited to get back to the student body. Shout out to Sydney for working extremely hard, for the consistent back and forth, amazing communicator.
- Very excited about the work that the ASOC office is doing.
- Lastly, but honestly, the worst, was reviewing and improving the legal code for 24-25. Shout out to parliamentarian Zha for doing that with me.
- That process was so long, but so worth it. I'm very excited to be working alongside Holly, to get a live version, so we just have things that students are updated on.
- I know in the past, and being a member of the association, it was always really hard to kind of catch up with what was being introduced in the moment versus what was and is publicly available.
- So all of that is a lot, and I'm really excited for this digitization process as a whole, because it meets accessibility needs.
- So yeah, that's pretty much my report.
- If anyone has any questions, email me, please come to my office hours. They're usually four to six, but I do suggest making appointments because they do book up pretty fast.
- I also have sporadic office hours throughout the week, I'll be in there for a couple of hours at a time pretty much every single day.
- That's pretty much my report.
- Thank you so much to everyone that's been here for me, especially because I've been on and off sick for the past month and also grieving
- Shout out to parliamentarian Zha for bringing me blueberries for me. I need you to understand, I really appreciate you.
- Also I have been talking to Katya Armistead about the reflection room.
- We are currently doing a little bit of what Director Marquez said about reevaluating all the spaces we have available.
- We're currently looking at a space in the SRB.
- Has that been, has that been relayed to the committee?

Wahidullah

- Yeah, we pretty much confirmed that we have a spot at the ILP

Pinto

- Has there been any progress?

Wahidullah

- It has been going pretty well, we haven't had much time to inform rest of the committee about it
- Whether it's approval or feedback about a specific room I chose, I got to speak with my committee, reaching out to MSA board, drafting feedback towards it
- Meeting about operations, haven't had much time lately but I can also reach out about it

Pinto

- Thank you so much for the updates
- I just wanted to make everyone aware that things are moving.

Siddiqui

- Thank you Chair Pinto
- Pertaining to the reflection room, a few senators met with the President and organizing director for the EBPSA, and we met with the SRB operations team.
- So in our discussion with the operations team, they are essentially the first line of defense, for lack of better phrasing, to evaluate proposals to change up the space of the SRB, and then the governance board is the final board that approves it.
- So currently, our objective was to establish the reflection room within the Student Resource Building for a few reasons:
- Number one, because it's close to the men's art, which is primarily the community that will most likely be using it.
- Also because of its proximity to bathrooms and water. I know specifically for my faith, we do have to clean before we pray. I assume it's the same for many other faiths, but I'm not sure of the correct terminology, as I don't want to mis-speak.
- So those are some of the reasons why we considered the SRB.
- We were not able to convert any of the C glass rooms into a reflection room because it conflicted with the long range development plan with the university
- It's made in 2010 and will last for 15 years, so it's just about to expire.

- But we were able to convince the operations team to consider, there's a larger open space that is next to the C glass rooms, but it's not one of the C glass rooms.
- We're able to convince them into looking into converting that space into a reflection room.
- However, there is going to need to be construction changes that are made to the room in order to ensure that it can fulfill its purpose, and we will need to have a follow up meeting with the SRB governance board
- But that's where we are now in regards to the problem.

Pinto

- All right, thank you so much for those updates. I'm really excited.
- I do know some people on that SRB governance board.
- So communication dies, please let me know.
- I'm here to support all of you, not only a facilitator of the Senate, but a facilitator between all of our internal bodies, both like UC wide including AS
- Any further questions, comments, concerns?

Bulter

- You're working on so much here.
- I appreciate all the work that you're doing
- Also thank you for communicating it as well.
- Applaud to the chair of all the things and projects that you're doing and all the collaboration as well.

Pinto

- Thank you so much, Senator Butler
- It is a lot of work, and my work is not limited to the Senate.
- Another thing I forgot to talk about is that I am on the Academic Affairs Committee, and recently we have been talking about AI usage within the academic settings.
- We are currently drafting something that we will be proposing to the academic senate soon.
- For those that are not familiar with the Academic Affairs Committee, it is mostly internal vice presidents and presidents of each UC, so it's UC wide
- We just have pretty long conversations bi-weekly about any internal issues and academic issues that are coming up and how we can propose policy changes.



- So if there's anything that anyone would like to propose, please let me know.
- I feel like, especially now more than ever, we do kind of need those parameters to navigate through AI usage. But yeah, that's pretty much what came out of that really long meeting.
- So that pretty much wraps my report up, and now we have recess

I-7) Senator Representative Reports

I-8) Administrative Reports

## J. Committee Reports

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J-1. Standing Committee on Finance

J-2. Standing Committee on Outreach

J-3. Standing Committee on Liaisons

J-4. Standing Committee on Advocacy

J-5. Group Project and Other Temporary Committee Reports

## K. Minutes and Allocations

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### To Be Approved

***Motion to bundle and approve all minutes and allocations.***

***Iden-Kadah***

***Call to question - Khorsandi***

***This motion passed at 10:51PM.***

## L. Appointments

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### Office of the External Vice-President for Statewide Affairs

Community Outreach Liaison #2 - Ashley Agustin

Transfer Student Representative - Matthew Tede

Basic Needs Coordinator - Maya Clark

ACQUIRE Coordinator - Daniela Ortiz Mendez

FundTheUC - Salome Achury

Deputy Organizing Director - Ashna Ahmed

Racial Justice Now (RJN) - Shayna Gil

### Recreation Center Governance Board

Stella Haskins - Student Representative

### Office of Senate Leadership

Leslie Jimenez as Second President Pro-Tempore Outreach & Media Coordinator

### Black Empowerment Task Force

Leslie Jimenez as Member

***Motion to bundle and approve all appointments.***

***Khorsandi-Iden***

***Call to question - Kadah***

***This motion passes at 10:51PM.***

## M. Discussion Items

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***Motion to enter a Closed Session to discuss a legal matter inviting all senators and proxies, the Internal Vice-President, the Executive Director, the Associate Director for Governmental Affairs, the Associate Director for Student Engagement and Leadership, Senate Parliamentarian, minute takers, and the Attorney General.***

***Siddiqui-Rosillo***  
***Call to question- Ganesh***

***This motion passed at 9:19PM.***

***Motion to exit closed session.***

***Siddiqui/Lala***

***This motion passed at 10:42PM.***

## N. Remarks

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## O. Adjournment

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***Motion to adjourn at 10:51PM.***  
***Iden-Lankarani***  
***This motion passed at 10:51PM.***

***\*Meeting adjourned at 10:51PM\****