



# UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

## Senate Agenda

Associated Students

August 20, 2024

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*This meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. over Zoom by Internal Vice President Pinto.*

### **A) MEETING BUSINESS**

“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. I call on our association to acknowledge & fight against our University’s neglectful behavior towards meeting CalNAGPRA Compliance.”

#### **A-1) Roll Call**

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Dalia Gerson	Present	Isabella McClintock <u>She/They</u>	Present
Alexa Butler <u>She/They</u>	Present	Alexander Arambula <u>He/She/They</u>	Present
Carly Lankarani <u>They/Them/Their</u> <u>s</u>	Present	Dominic Wang <u>He/Him/His</u>	Proxy- Yao Yao Xiang
Taylor Iden	Present	Joshua Medeiros <u>He/Him/His</u>	Present
Enri Lala	Present	Paolo Brinderson <u>He/Him/His</u>	Present
Leiya Kadah	Present	Eemaan Wahidullah <u>She/Her/Hers</u>	Present

Yasmine Suuck <u>She/Her/Hers</u>	Present	Jasmine Amin <u>She/Her/Hers</u>	Present
Levi Corlew <u>He/Him/His</u>	Present	Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui	Present
Leah Khorsandi <u>She/Her/Hers</u>	Present	Noura Elkhatib	Present
Mariana Rosillo <u>She/Her/Hers</u>	Present	Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	Excused
Ella Yu <u>She/Her/Hers</u>	Present	Aryaman Singh <u>He/Him/His</u>	Present
Lily Habas <u>She/Her</u>	Present	Alejandra Martinez <u>She/They</u>	Present

#### A-2) Excused Absences

***Senator Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh***

***Motion to excuse the absence of Senator Sandy Ganesh.***

***Siddiqui-Lankarani***

***This Motion passed at 6:46PM.***

*Senator Gerson arrived at 6:47PM.*

#### A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Yao Yao Xiao for Senator Dominic Wang

***Motion to accept Yao Yao Xiao as Proxy for Senator Wang.***

***Siddiqui-Lankarani***

***This motion passed at 6:47PM***

#### B) External Reports

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) New Business

## A Resolution To Explore Alternatives to Montecito Bank & Trust

Siddiqui - Lala

Siddiqui

- Since there is a lot of legislation maybe public forum first

Moved here 7:02PM.

Siddiqui

- Since there are lots of resolutions would appreciate if people would click on the legislation to show respect
- Had in mind for a while after convos with many stakeholders, staff, senators
- Important because the greatest tool of leverage we do is collect student fees, over 18 million from undergrads
- Our responsibility is to make sure our students are getting the most back
- Reason why were seeking to move away from montecito bank and trust, there's a plethora
- One-the money that is in our accounts with this bank, oftentimes they're not even collecting market rate, interest returns
- Bc it is a regional bank and not nationally accredited, there's lots of services we're missing out on
- In the resolution, we cited that we as senate are a legislative body
- Makes sense that we want the highest quality bank with the best return rates for UCSB students

Lala

- Dan put it really well
- This is just basic step in upholding our judiciary and representative duty to the student body in the best way possible
- Returning highest rates possible
- Financial transparency, organizational function
- Important resolution

Siddiqui

- Since it's a resolution, can we just go ahead and vote on it before the MIP resolution?

Pinto

- Think that's fine
- Zha should we hold room for discussion then

Zha

- Typically yes a discussion

Pinto

- Lets go ahead with that

Khorsandi

- Wondering have you guys looked into alternatives
- Just lost
- Have you started or gonna pass it to michael to look into alts
- Who's responsibility does that fall under?

Siddiqui

- If you read it it's a directional res, directing executive director and michael
- The therefore clauses specify that as they engage in their research processes they should consult senate, maybe via marisela's reports
- There's also a committee made by me to do this
- Staff have much better skill set to find the right bank for this association
- Obviously our voices as elected officials are important so they will engage with us during the research process

Khor

- Yes thank you

Motion to pass A Resolution to Explore Alternatives to Montecito Bank and Trust by unanimous consent.

Siddiqui-Lankarani

Call to question- Iden

This motion passes at 7:11pm

Pinto

- Seeing that it was motion to pass by unanimous consent, doesn't need to be seconded, right?

Zha

- Only chair can ask for unanimous consent without second
- Still have to follow normal procedure and motion just no hand vote
- Normal procedure, second to motion, call to question, consent

#### A Resolution To Adopt The MIP Cloud Financial System Software

Siddiqui - Singh

Siddiqui

- Similar to last piece, would appreciate if everyone clicked on link as show of respect
- Been working with finance team and others in association to figure out how best we can serve students
- A lot of issues that we see happening in association due to fact that were still on paper and pen requisition system
- Two, our training resources, websites, management systems, TLDR: we are vastly behind every other AS
- TLDR we are vastly behind in terms of technology especially moving our finances to the internet
- Digitizing our financial system, something that vast majority of non profits have done in this day and age
- Micheal has been working w/ UCSB admin to see if we can adopt MIP cloud financial system software
- Essentially change AS as we know it

- Digitize finances
- Requisitions signed online, senators viewing entities' budget accounts and transactions online
- We would be able to go into any entities account, view budget, transactions, etc
- Get us back up to date with other AS'
- Marissa and Sean working to update BCUs and upload them to shoreline and have accessible roster lists of members
- Kalia(previous IVP) worked on two major projects during his term that he wasn't able to implement
- One, accounting rework act, kind of similar to what MIP is doing, except there were other things in there that would allow units to earn money on their accounts when storing them
- There's also the data management system that he created that is kind of similar to what Marissa and Sean were doing
- Along with MIP, this committee is gonna hold meeting with Sean, other stakeholders, making sure we're cohesively digitizing association
- Our project isn't interfering with another but overall goal is that by start of 76th Senate and fall 25, everything in AS would be digital, trainings, FnB, purchases
- Think this is monumental, no brainer
- Shouldve been done a while ago

Singh

- Nothing to add, you covered everything

Iden

- How many ppl have seen the actual proposal?
- Assuming its limited number
- I'd like to have everyone have the information available to them
- Very upfront cost
- 98,000 for the first year
- Everyone should be informed on this decision
- Would like to have michael come and talk to us

Siddiqui

- In my convos with michael, he made it apparent that this is a time-sensitive legislation that needs to be passed
- I understand your concerns abt cost, but it's not coming from senate unallocated or FnB
- Didn't specify which account it would be from
- We need to look at ROI
- If we're gonna spend 98,000 on something that will change the way AS works forever then
- Want to say I understand where you're coming from about Michael but the committee has had a lot of time to talk to michael
- Would like to see this go to a vote today

Pinto

- Is 98,000 yearly or just to obtain the software for life

Siddiqu

- Recurring cost

Iden

- Upfront, every year after is 35,000
- I have some issues
- Never met with michael
- The fact no one has looked at it and we're asked to pass almost 100k
- Very unethical to me, floating it as a big rate thing
- Feels very strange that michael isn't presenting to us
- No one really knows how accounting software works
- These procedures are not okay

Pinto

- Marissa would you like to provide insight

Martinez

- Met w/ michael, did talk about this as well, marissa can go first before my opinion

Marissa

- MIP is also used by berkeley AS
- Did put michael in touch with berkeley FnB
- Did have convo abt pros and cons of it
- Not an expansive search, narrowed down to two softwares
- Want to provide that I know the accounting software works well
- Didn't use cloud while at berkeley so the version ur doing is better
- I do agree it's a big upfront cost
- Can text michael to see if he can pop on
- Know it works in other AS

Martinez

- Haven't been as exposed to all of the conversations and research they've done
- Have had pleasure of meeting michael, did speak about system relating to financial questions I had toward association
- Strongly feel like this would be a very good investment
- Especially for FnB
- Outdated, need twice as many ppl to work on paper
- It's important to take into consideration the cost, but should also speak to michael
- Good investment to make for AS
- Think this would be very helpful in the long run
- Doing as much research as possible
- From what I spoke with michael, think it's a good investment to make

Khorsandi

- Want to echo what senator Iden said
- I do agree that we need to be digitized
- Bc of the weight of the finances of this, lot of money, think we need to place importance rather than passing it faster
- Need to take a little more due diligence, have Micheal come speak to us
- Don't even know where this money is going to
- Where is the money coming out of?

- So many unanswered questions
- Would be more appropriate if we got more info before we rushed to pass it

Pinto

- I would like us to consider how deeply understaffed AS professional staff is
- Consider this investment into software as having to not need that much staff
- Do currently have a member of FnB despite being temporary position, here to share some insight

Amin

- Completely agree with Iden and Khorsandi
- Will say that pushing this so quickly is not in our best interest or the student body's
- If we take more time and we're actually able to bring Michael into senate meeting next week and then vote it'd be better
- Don't think rushing 100k is good idea

Lankarani

- Agree with sentiments of being rushed
- Want to echo Acucar, our professional staff is very understaffed
- Perspective from my last requisition work, was on CAJJ
- Mostly in charge of requisitions cuz we didn't have anyone looking to be treasurer
- That's where we struggled the most
- Ran the series on frequent basis where we would be paying musicians to come to event
- Our requisitions were not getting processed in a very quick manner
- These are people's livelihoods and jobs
- They need this money to pass their bills
- Having more expedited process for requisitions sooner the better
- If we can't get Michael here to do presentation, we could do email vote
- Would just like this resolved as soon as possible

Pinto

- Want to remind everyone we do have a member of AS financial team here
- Doesn't all fall on Michael
- Very understaffed, fact we don't have digitized systems makes it slow to get paid
- Shoutout to Michael
- Onboarding process is 9-10 months long for staff member
- This process could make it easier
- Would like to invite Vincent Ton to speak

Vincent Ton

- Before I get to the questions, do want to acknowledge the great points being made on two sides of this debate
- Important that it happens as soon as possible
- I was apart of AS, currently serve as staff advisor for BCU
- I get the embarrassment of dealing with 3rd party vendors
- Bc of the process we have, 3rd party vendors get paid late

- We've all gone through that where someone's emailed us asking where the check is
- Always been a paper check
- Us as student leaders explaining to members in our group, bc we don't have association wide credit card, it takes a while for students we work with to get reimbursed
- To senators who raised point of this being traced back to pen and paper system
- Understanding concern of high price tag
- One of the first times you deal with big contract price tags
- At caltech lots of software has big prices
- I don't even know what the upfront installation charge is, something from 90-100 thousand
- With clear conscience, you should vote on this
- Clear conscience will come to you when you vote
- Marissa mentioned software was used at berkeley
- Its been used at University of Georgia, other big universities are using MIP software
- You should all take the time to review what it looks like on other college campuses
- Wrote down notes on points raised
- Micheal is leading the charge yes, kudos to him
- All staff hands on approach
- Gonna answer questions
- Hope that a decision can come quickly
- When academic year hits, we find ourselves with a lot of work
- Look into what could be a fundamental change within association

Michael Cea

- Happy to take quick questions

McClintock

- Just wanted to bring up from my POV as board chair
- Having something digitized would be so helpful in getting events to happen
- Didn't have ability to pay our vendors
- Multiple ppl had to pay out of pocket on our credit cards
- We talked a lot during budget cycle aboutt boards not spending their money
- We weren't getting the money to spend
- Talked to marissa last quarter about digitizing
- Coming from great stand point
- Think about it today and maybe do email vote
- Current software cost 50k a year, this new way will save us money
- Vote before first october meeting before school starts

Pinto

- Yes the current money being spent is an excellent point

Ton

- One of the big features of the new software implementation will be direct deposit



- Thinking about all the checks made, lost, students scrambling to find money for their own rent
- As student myself, I valued the students who were able to put down their credit cards for the association
- This is an equity issue
- Direct deposit is big plus

Pinto

- One question repeated is where is the funding come from

Ton

- Will defer to whatever michael says on that

Michael Cea

- The idea of where the money comes from
- 3-4 months of evaluations
- 30+ page document I've circulated
- If we don't start implementation during september then we're delaying implementation
- We have a spring target to test the software
- If we don't meet our deadlines we won't have it for the next cycle
- Certainly have to design the work flows, lot of committee effort and student groups
- Gonna need to be integrated with our existing data
- Important to get started on
- Why we need it has been raised
- No way to have transparency until you have a digital real time system
- No way to know your budgets unless you're able to log into your specific accounts, what your remaining budgets are, what's learned and therefore what's available to spend
- As vincent points out, the direct payment model is essential to any modern system, ACHs, batch uploads, direct bank connectivity, reconciliation
- Whole many reasons we're doing this
- Failed to implement infrastructure upgrade for decades
- Other campuses leapfrog us multiple times
- Paper workflow delays everything
- All criticisms are real, justified
- Lot of waste in our current system
- The build up of capital is where the funds will come from
- We have a reserve account, over 2 million dollars in it
- 9-10 million dollars in general in terms of all the lock ins
- Focus on our core mission of delivering results

Marissa

- Question in chat "So would the 50k annually for the current system be replaced by the 35k or would the 35k be an additional annual cost?"

Micheal

- Current market license calls for similar systems

- Blackboard system costs more than MIP, this is a good deal
- The cost of implementation has built in hours and hours of software engineers
- The idea of saving money over time is real
- Optimize our funds if we adopt new sysetm

Marissa

- “Under this we will be more efficient and save money over time?”

Michael

- Yes

Vincent

- I’m happy to take notes on any further questions, will relay those to michael, will circle back to you guys as soon as possible

Michael

- Last point, if there is possibility of circulating the documentation I’ve supplied, there is a time frame
- Needs to be considered reasonably quickly
- That would help

Zha

- In interest of time may I propose that we skip the resolution for the moment to give time to digest the information just learned, and read the valuable document
- Can circle back to resolution at the end

Pinto

- Will revisit this resolution

Siddiqui

- One last comment

Iden

- Point of order, I’ve had my hand up, don’t feel it’s fair to move on without the last final thoughts being on this

Pinto

- As long as it’s relevant and adds more points rather than repeating

Iden

- Issue is that for future meetings if you’re gonna bring something with 100k price tag
- I’m all for online honoraria
- No one has looked at it, and I didn’t know there was a time frame on this
- If were going to be working for the rest of the year, you want senators to know the info
- Software looks great, things on it are awesome
- For future, someone needs to have info brought out sooner
- Majority of senate hasn’t seen this
- This doesnt happen in the real business world
- You dont get told there's a deadline and then have to force everyone into voting a decision when they don’t really know about it

Pinto

- This was sent out a few weeks ago

- I have checked it personally
- It's a responsibility as senators that we're taking on, important to stay on top of that
- Also Senator Medeiros brought up that we're not in regular meetings so that does give us more opportunities to go ahead and review the material ourselves
- Goal is to serve fellow students
- I hear your concerns on price tag, overall, does seem more cost efficient
- We'll be replacing an inefficient system that will overall be allowing AS staff to have more room and have these convos with us

Siddiqui

- Two quick points
- Thank you for bring up the fact this was emailed weeks ago
- In the real world, it is your and your responsibility alone to check your emails
- Be aware of all legislation brought out
- This piece has been on the agenda for 10 days
- Every sole person's individual responsibility to keep track of emails sent out to them
- With all due respect, this is an individual responsibility
- I understand it's summer, but your terms are year round
- If you're getting paid for summer, you should be doing your job

Iden

- Nothing in my email but the initial one.

Pinto

- If any of our staff members or pro temps have that readily available, please send that out again to our current senators
- Maybe some type of email list mix up

Motion to pass A Resolution to Adopt The MIP Cloud Financial System Software.

Moved here at 8:46 PM.

Zha

- At page 138, of the digital code, where it says we're discussing the implementation
- Basically decides authority of the decision making for new procurement procedures first under FnB
- Might be able to circumvent that by calling special meeting of FnB, just realized we don't have enough for that
- Senate can only pass this by majority vote to interpret this clause as not including the new procurement system
- Senate is responsible for interpretation of legal code unless challenged
- If senate wants to interpret this clause in a way that doesn't interfere with the passing of the new procurement system
- It's your choice
- I'm referring to MSI procurement system resolution

Siddiqui

- Confused as to why you said the finance committee couldn't meet quorum

- To my understanding they have their officers and chairs more than 2/3
- Why would they not be able to call quorum to hold a special meeting

Zha

- Let's say the FnB committee only had Senate senators, then we could call FnB meeting within senate meeting
- Since there are 11 or 13 ppl under FnB, we cannot just call special meeting of FnB within the Senate meeting
- So they can meet outside, but we cannot call special meeting

Siddiqui

- In that case, finance committee chair can hold email vote for this, they propose amendments, then it comes out of the committee, and then we'd have to come back to Senate for us to pass with amendments or not pass

Zha

- FnB has exclusive jurisdiction and decision making over new procurement procedures
- FnB alone is entitled to make that decision without any input from the Senate

Siddiqui

- So they can pass without a committee?

Zha

- Yes

Pinto

- So seeing we have this bylaw
- Would someone motion for the resolution to be sent to FnB?

Zha

- It would be a motion to refer this resolution to FnB

Motion to refer A Resolution to Adopt The MIP Cloud Financial System Software to the Finance Committee.

Siddiqui- Singh

Call to question Lankarani

This motion passed at 8:52 PM.

 A Bill To Restore and Repair ASUCSB Online Presence

Siddiqui - Iden

Moved here 7:56pm

Siddiqui

- This leg is aimed at correcting a plethora of issues
- This is a bill so i think it'll be tabled, more amendments to be made
- 8 total viewers on agenda, would like to see people looking at legislation your fellow senators worked hard on

- Main objective of this legislation is to fix our broken online presence
- Completely outdated
- Marketing is vastly behind at where it could be
- Could be having way more social media accounts
- Could be posting way more
- Reason that it'd be beneficial is bc we're the premier institution
- We are the premier institution on representing undergrad students
- Undergrads are either unaware or unable to truly comprehend what AS and its entities do
- One of these examples is the AS food bank, since its introduction it's cut down food insecurity by 50 percent
- Ppl don't know about that bc we don't do a good job of marketing ourselves
- That's why we have low voter turnout besides this current one
- Lots of senators, hardworking executives, BCU chairs, who put on great programming for student body
- This bill takes away the two public relations and media coordinator positions in the IVP office
- Delegates it to a senate media coordinator and an IVP media coordinator, manage social media websites
- Senate media coordinator would run Senate instagram and websites, same with IVP media coordinator
- The chief compliance officer position is weird
- It was put under FnB
- Within its legal code under FnB, says that the IVP is the person who appoints them, and that they're in the IVP office, but there is no CCO description within the IVP's office's legal code
- I think no one just added this
- What this does is get rid of that redundancy
- There was a bill passed last year that allowed CCO to create their own office
- David Jr. Sim is CCO this year, he's fantastic
- There's a part in here pertaining to go gaucho
- Pertaining to go gaucho, alvin and SAG office working on that, will contact him

Iden

- Going into start of school year, this is something we need to think about
- Making yourself known and putting yourself out there is important

Khorsandi

- Wanna say thank you for writing this bill, really important to maintain online presence, its really bad
- Not sustainable for how we are trying to show ourselves
- Senator Butler and I had idea of ppl being able to transparently see the legislation that were passing, that's the most important part
- Reading through the bill right now, will the senate media coordinator be responsible for the website?
- How is that different from the web developer director?
- Do you wanna absorb them?

- Would that be more beneficial
- Or are we keeping them separate

Siddiqui

- Better to keep positions separate bc reason our marketing efforts have been so bad
- The responsibilities have never been delegated to a specific person
- Reason why it hasn't been update in so long
- All those positions are busy doing something else, don't think about doing it
- Web development director should upload the minutes and agendas of senate each week
- In past, put too many responsibilities of a position
- When khorsandi and butler created the web developer position, was there a financial impact for that?

Khorsandi

- Wrote yearly financial impact of 900\$

Butler

- I think you're correct but I'd definitely check my answer

Siddiqui

- Ok would just be something to correct in later meeting

Khorsandi

- Confirming yes in bill it says \$900 impact

Siddiqui

- Yes we need to figure out where the money is coming from
- Need to figure out which honoraria account
- Each account only has a certain amount of money

Pinto

- Would suggest we keep 'head' or 'position' of internal compliance officer because chief is disrespectful
- I suggest someone motions to table the bill into our next Senate meeting

Siddiqui

- If we leave it does it just get tabled automatically?

Zha

- It will be better if you pass motion to table it until next meeting

Motion to table A Bill to Restore and Repair ASUCSB Online Presence until next senate meeting.

Butler - Amin

Call to question - Lankarani

This motion passed at 8:10 pm.

 A Resolution to Establish a Temporary Black Empowerment Senate Committee

Butler - Siddiqui

Butler

- Essentially this is a temporary standing committee established last year by the president
- Not a lot of changes I made for this year
- Had meeting with our president a few weeks ago to understand this space
- Do wanna open up conversation, there was a portion that I took out and I want to hear your thoughts about it
- Yes there are black spaces in UCSB: RCOs, clubs, BCUs, offices
- Those more are black spaces that are community spaces that are catering towards each other
- But black empowerment task force is a space focusing on the betterment of the black community
- Yes it will be a space to be safe
- Sole purpose is towards making systemic change for following years
- Question that I would like to ask senators
- Originally it was senators as chair and vice chair but I took out the 3 additional senators
- I did this bc I am the only black senator and I wanted this to be a majority black space
- I didn't know which senators were gonna be passionate about this
- If any senators, more than one, is passionate about this, let me know

Brinderson

- Saw that
- You have honoraria of 1200, with 4 ppl splitting it
- You're just gonna split it between you four, 300 each?

Butler

- Yes it would be 400 each
- All of the other seats get honoraria, the others don't get honoraria
- Just for fall, will have to come back to make adjustments so they get paid throughout the year

Pinto

- So this fiscal impact is quarterly?

Butler

- Yes, as of right now

Pinto

- So we need to amend that, would someone like to motion?

Pinto

- So since this has an fiscal impact of over 300 a year we have to table it until finance committee can give their recommendation
- Legally means we can't pass it as of right now

Zha

- I have just been texted about exception of the legal code, which I'll send in chat
- Under pg 138 of legal code

- Basically says everything that's related to procurement above \$3,000 has to be tabled to FnB for their recommendation
- Apologize for confusion, but it's not related to resolution
- Fine because it's not about that
- We can pass the black empowerment committee resolution
- When we come back to MIP it will become a problem
- Procurement relates to anytime you purchase anything
- I apologize for confusion

Pinto

- Since we have FnB chair here, Singh maybe you give recommendations

Zha

- Sorry for confusion
- Black empowerment we can pass there's no problem with that
- But when we come back to the MIP system, it will become a problem

Singh

- That was it, not procurement
- But MIP system does need to be passed through FnB

Siddiqui

- Important to remember procurement isn't just a financial impact
- Procurement specifically pertains to ability of someone to make their own independent purchases
- For example if we were to look at a campus department
- Procurement mainly pertains to the individual ability to purchase something

Motion to pass A Resolution to Establish a Temporary Black Empowerment Senate Committee.

Amin-Lankarani

Call to Question- Lankarani

This motion passed at 8:22PM.

#### A Bill To Amend the GPA Requirement for Receiving Honoraria

Butler - Siddiqui

Butler

- Try to keep it short
- Multiple ppl came to me to address
- Ppl have different ideas of honoraria, I think honoraria's very important
- Lots of ppl rely on honoraria
- Last year, honoraria, which was money that I relied on, it was the most tumultuous process
- Took very long, lost of barriers, lost of ppl I had to talk to
- I think taking out the GPA requirement is a step in the right direction
- I know it goes through office of registrar which is why it's so tedious



- Lastly, I do consider yes being senate is a service position we chose to be in but
- I'm working here and I consider this position a job, I don't think our disbursement and process of getting students the money they deserve is adequate

Siddiqui

- This legislation would vastly improve the speed at which the association established honoraria
- Anything we can do to make sure ppl are paid for the work they do

Lala

- Really appreciate this effort to make this process more efficient
- Have you guys checked whether there's something in university policy that makes this impossible?

Holly

- The only potential conflict I see is that there's a bit of a conflict between this by-law change and constitutions
- Constitution does require that GPA status
- I have no vested stake in honoraria process and am interested in seeing you guys have an improved process and having access to funds seamlessly
- potential legal conflict
- Idea is that honoraria is earned by members
- Potentially be conflict between meeting the membership of the association requirements if students that are earning honoraria are paying those fees
- Pretty nuanced, potential area for discussion
- In terms of university policy, I'm not aware of any conflicts happening above this level

Khorsandi

- Had an idea, if the problem is the GPA requirement
- A workaround would be, instead of saying maintain at least a 2.0, you could say ensure that the person receiving honoraria fits the requirements for being a member
- So it's not as specific

Holly

- If the by laws state that the eligibility for honoraria is in alignment with the requirements for membership, would actually mean that we could continue to check GPOA
- doesn't mean it can't be changed
- Would require a petition from student body at large or constitutional bill essentially
- If your intention is to remove the GPA requirement, don't know if referring back to the membership requirements would meet that goal

Vincent

- We're gonna work our hardest to expedite honoraria processes

Marissa

- Wanna share, I took to some of the advisors to come up with more approved process for honoraria
- Main concern of when we do eligibility

- We proposed different ways
- Check at beginning of each quarter to see if they're able to do their position
- The suggestion that we're proposing is to do the eligibility process beginning of quarters versus doing it when requested

Vincent

- From my perspective we would like to connect this to the digitization of the financial system
- Think you all would benefit from the checks to be deposited directly to your account
- From my understanding it's a possibility from all the new systems we're proposing

Pinto

- I don't think passing this would affect any of our constitution
- Looking at legal code, this seems like a bylaw that would be changed

Siddiqui

- Because this is a bylaw change
- It has to be tabled anyway
- We'll likely have another zoom, or at least an email vote
- We already have to table this bill
- Any concerns can be worked out in interim period before we pass this

Amin

- Directed towards holly
- Is there not a GPA requirement to run for Senate, is that same GPA requirement not the same thing that's on the bill?

Pinto

- This bill is specifically targeting honoraria
- Goes for Senate, as well as BCUs
- Impacting every student engaging with the association


Amin

- Yes

Pinto

- In order to be in a BCU or run for Senate there are those checks and balances
- This handles the arbitrary checking of gpa to receive honoraria

Motion to table A Bill To Amend the GPA Requirement for Receiving Honoraria

 A Bill To Amend Grant Disbursement Policies

Singh - Siddiqui

Singh

- director of Educational Opportunity Program claimed option for grant disbursement is no longer available
- By removing the option to issue grants based on estimates, system ensures that funds are only dispersed for actual verified expenses, minimizes misuse or fraudulent claims
- Ultimately requires proof of payment before disbursing funds
- Also adds EOP to financial policies of association

Siddiqui

- Also change made to our financial policies and procedures
- Overall purpose is to create more financial transparency
- Establish into legal code stricter requirements for documentation
- As association and senate, should be aware of how our 18 million is spent
- This just makes sure there's added requirements to actually document the expenditures of these loans being given out

### A Bill To Improve The Outreach Committee Structure

Siddiqui - Martinez - Lala

Siddiqui

- In contact with lobby corps and EVPSA office
- The outreach committee used to be called External Affairs Committee, or EAC
- They had a lot of suggestion of how they thought EAC could be more effective and have a better relationship with senate
- There was 4 policy analysts
- Kind of up to vice chair and chair to determine what policies to do and what we wanna do research on
- So many different levels of government that affect the quality of life of UCSB students
- Important to make these policy analyst positions more specific and more targeted in the levels of government they are analyzing and researching and writing policy briefs on
- Disabled communication
- With lobby corps chairs and EVPSA director, further amendments being made that they suggested to me
- There was a bunch of resolutions' co-authored by us, reiterating stance that lobby corps were taking stance against certain CA legislation
- Another amendment would be writing letters of intent, emailing legislators and letting them know the UCSB student senate said they're in support, or they're in support for whatever reason

Martinez

- Think Siddiqui hit everything
- Welcome to read up more on it

Lala

- This is really common sense

- Encourage all committees to do something like this
- Might be equivalent to other committees
- Think this a really positive change

#### D) PUBLIC FORUM

##### *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."*

Eric Carlson (6:51)

- Good evening glad to see you guys
- First thing not here as AG but student
- I need your guys help with retroactive requisition done on part of memorial in may
- Something where i thought staff members had submitted a requisition on my behalf
- Miscommunication on my part
- Bc of that it would be as simply as motion to grant carlson retroactive honoraria or request whatever
- Micheal said as long as it's on the minutes it's good
- Gonna give report as AG

Iden

- What was the amount, do you want us to do it next meeting?

Carlson

- You can do it whenever
- I'll pull up the exact requisition

Amin

- Can I make a motion while asking questions

Pinto

- Not yet, still in public forum
- Strongly suggest against just going ahead and accepting retroactive reimbursement without seeing it

Iden

- Meant to ask was this already allocated?
- Or do we need to approve the request

Carlson

- This would be coming out of a previously allocated
- According to talk with Micheal, still have money leftover in senate unallocated

- Just need a motion to be attached to senate minutes
- I'd attach minutes into requisition and it would get filed
- Many staff members helped with acquiring the t shirts and tote bags for iv memorial
- I have the requisitions and the invoice is already attached and the pdf
- Sending it to IVP right away
- Total sum is \$4,287.47

Vincent Ton (He/Him)

- Wanted to come bc its the first time since my appointment to say hey
- One of two special program advisors the association has hired
- Part time 50 percent capacity roles
- Role is to provide guidance to associations financial operations unit
- Working closely with michael and you all as you navigate quick changing financial landscape
- Just seeing 2 bills on tonight's agenda: one about the budget cycle process, other looking at a new financial system
- Proud ucsb alum graduated couple years ago
- This position is my way of giving back, I do have a full time job where i'm conferencing from right now
- Based in LA, worked at caltech
- If you have questions lmk
- Send me or michael or ashleigh an email
- When I was a student I was in AS, chair of community financial fund
- Any CFF related questions, can ask me as well
- Email: vincentton@ucsb.edu

Amin

- Wanted to say thank you so much for coming

Singh

- No question, thank you for coming by
- As chair of finance committee really excited to meet u

Ton

- Congrats on being new chair, think we'll be working closely

End of public forum 7:02PM

E) Acceptance of Agenda

*Motion to accept agenda*

*Siddiqui-elkhatib*

*Call to question lankarani*

*This motion passed at 9:18pm.*

G) Action Items

*Motion to grant Eric Carlson a requisition reimbursement for the IV Strong memorial project for the amount of \$4,287.47*

Amin- Siddiqui

Call to question - Lankarani

This Motion passed at 8:56pm.

Motion to direct the Executive Director to post the job description for the Human Resources and Payroll Analyst position on the University Website.

Pinto

- Where could you find these jobs posted?

Siddiqui

- New ucsb jobs might be posted on jobs.ucsb.com

Marissa

- Another way to say that would be to convene the search committee for the position

Motion to direct the executive director to convene the search committee to fill the vacant position of the Payroll analyst and Human Resources position.

Siddiqui-Lankarani

This motion passed at 9:00PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Medieros for the rest of the meeting.

Lankarani - Butler

This motion passes at 9:01pm

Motion to excuse Senator Brinderson for the rest of the meeting.

Lankarani- Butler

Call to question- Lankarani

This motion passed at 9:03pm

Siddiqui

Motion to direct executive director to provide written or oral explanation explaining the removal of the legislative liaison position from the staff organizational chart, as well as any other position previously removed from staff organizational chart.

Siddiqui- Butler

Call to question

This motion passed at 9:17 pm.

Holly

- Can add context about legislative liaison position
- Am the supervisor of that position and actually formally held it
- Just so you understand the structure, i supervise that position, marissa supervises me
- One of the projects this summer has to been to revise the job descriptions in my area
- The intention is for that position to be next up for recruitment, were in progress of reevaluating that position
- I've been covering that area of vacancy for a while
- The needs of that area have kind of adjusted and changed
- The work ups surrounding travel, honoraria, document management, those roles are going to be incorporated into that job description
- Want to share that that position is currently under review by marissa and i

Siddiqui

- Quick question
- You said you and marissa were reviewing responsibilities of position and realloacting it
- Am familiar with exec director's preference, focusing on functional areas
- All of us are grateful for your work, you do a lot in terms of travel

- As well as all you do for us as senators, maintaining the bill book, keeping track of everything
- Better to have more staff to support you
- My question is tht my understanding is that when creating new staff organizational charts, the only person involved in creating new descriptions is the executive director
- If you have more context can you talk more about who is involved in creating this new organizational chart

Holly

- Will ask marisela to confirm all the ppl that participated in this
- Sean participated in tech side, had support from anthony prior to his departure
- Updated staff chart includes excerpts from folk's job descriptions
- The vision of the function and look of it was marisela
- As department head, she has the vision and responsibility for the staff functions
- Helps guide what that looks like
- Pretty collaborative team of staff
- Feedback is welcome
- My understanding is that there's positions not listed bc of that function area assessment
- We are adding two new program advisors
- Our staff is divided into 3 different units, for context
- Marissa is director over community affairs, student development and leadership
- So that is my team, governmental affairs
- Other portion of our unit is community affairs
- 2 program advisors before beginning of fall
- Staff org chart will be reflected to include those different areas of responsibility
- Part of the work marissa and i do is figuring out where we can plug those special program advisors in
- What internal process can be process mapped and evaluated, what projects need additional support
- When those folks are on the team, we've assigned them areas of work, which our chart will reflect
- We're also in the process of checking 'are things working?'
- Like I said that's just one portion in the larger staff
- For our team that's the focus were having
- We're evaluating the needs in terms of committees, BCUs, different projects, what's needed either from legislative liadon or special projects advisors
- Or an entirely new person which would go through new bureaucracy

Siddiqui


- Have questions but will wait for executive director to answer them
- Ty holly and the rest of the staff



G-2) Old Business

 A Bill to Push Back Budget Hearings

Singh - Siddiqui

 A Bill to Improve Finance Request Handling for Increased Requests

Singh - Siddiqui

[H) Recess

I-3) Unit Reports-

I-4) President's Cabinet Report-

I-5) Executive Director's Report-

I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

I-7) Senator Representative Reports-

I-8) Administrative Reports-

J) Committee Report

J-1) Standing Committee on Finance -


J-2) Standing Committee on Outreach -

J-3) Standing Committee on Liaison -

J-4) Standing Committee on Advocacy -

J-5) Group Project and other Temporary Committee Reports-

K) Minutes and Allocations:

 8/20/24 Minutes

Pinto

- UCIV and pardall center minutes

Motion to bundle and approve all minutes.

Siddiqui-Rosillo

This motion passed at 9:27 pm.

L) Appointments

***Motion to add the following appointments/resignation to the agenda under L)***

***Appointments:***

***Office of the President***

***Resignations***

***Gabriela Salazar - Special Assistant***

***Mia Paul - Coordinator of Artistic and Cultural Affairs***

***Appointments***

***Osmanthus Lynch - Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability***

***Ella Sadock - Director of Alumni Affairs***

***Mia Paul - Executive Assistant***

***Megan Lee - Senior Advisor***

***Jonathan Hsueh - Coordinator of Artistic and Cultural Affairs Raya Kessel - Transfer Student Coordinator***

***Eva Makarevich - Special Assistant***

***Aairs Raya Kessel - Transfer Student Coordinator***

***Eva Makarevich - Special Assistant***

**Pardall Center Governors Board**

***Samira Casillas - Vice chair***

***Hannah Adam Claros - Chair***

**UCIV**

***Samira Casillas - Chair***

***Kaleb Baladez - Vice Chair***

***Butler-Siddiqui***

***Call to Question-Lala***

***This motion passed at 9:22pm***

***Siddiqui***

- Eric said he's unsure if he's able to be chair because of his personal workload

***Pinto***

- We should go office by office approving appointments bc we have a lot to get through

**Office of the President**

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***Aairs Raya Kessel - Transfer Student Coordinator***

***Eva Makarevich - Special Assistant***

***Motion to bundle and approve all resignations under Office of the President.***

***Lankarani-Elkhatib***

***This motion passed at 9:24pm***

***Motion to bundle and approve all appointments under Office of the President***

***Rosillo-Lankarani***

This motion passed at 9:25 pm.

Pinto

- We have clarification that Eric will chair the committee

#### Coastal Fund

Vice-Chair - Iriana Tarmoh

Graduate Representatives - Michaela (Kaley) Sten, Madison Heffentrager

Undergraduate Representatives - Avery Carlson, Avery Morgan, Santana Sujeet

#### Black Women's Health Collaborative

Finance Director - Anais Cooper

Retention Admin - Leah Jackson

Internal Needs Advocate - Fatoumata Kere (Fati)

Marketing and Social Media Director - Josephine Barton (Josie)

External Needs Advocate - Queen Allah

Sex Positive Health Director - Kaitlin Lewis

BCU Liaisons - Elisha Christensen, Keylaan Edward

Administrative Directors - Jolie Pierre-Louis, Amina Ahmed

#### Senate Liaison Committee

Vice-Chair - Senator Yasmine Suuck

#### Senate Executive Committee

Member - Senator Leiya Kadah

#### Senate Outreach Committee

Member - Senator Leiya Kadah

Member - Senator Mariana Rosillo

#### Technology & Media Services Committee

Member - Senator Taylor Iden

#### Investment Advisory Committee

Member - Senator Levi Corlew

#### Rules & Administration Committee

Chair - Attorney General Eric Carlson

Vice Chair - Senator Alexa Butler

Office of the Internal Vice-President Representatives (2) - Açucar Pinto, Dan Siddiqui

Senate Liaison Committee Representatives (2) - Senator Isabella McClintock, Senator Carly Lankarani

#### Elections Board

Member - Senator

Member - Senator

#### Committee on Committees

Member - Senator

#### Senate Ad-Hoc Committee On Appointments

Chair - Senator Dan Siddiqui

Member - Senator Enri Lala

Member - Senator Levi Corlew

Member - Senator Ella Yu

Member - Senator Paolo Brinderson

#### Controls & Compliance Office

Chair - David Jr. Sim (CCO)

#### Commission on Disability Equity (CODE)

DSP Liaison - Ashlyn Shelton

Gender and Sexual Equity Coordinator - Max Le

Historian - Lizbeth Medina

Public Relations - Emily Libal

Programming and Marketing Coordinator - Amina Ahmed

Basic Needs Accessibility Coordinator - Maya Clark

#### Book Bank

Outreach Chairs (2) - Vince Fong, Alexa Parikh

Secretary - Cameron Curtin

Treasurer - Riya Sharma

Marketing Interns (2) - Erika Cortez, Emily Perez

#### Community Affairs Board

Co Chairs (2) - Xue Shi and Yamileth Marroquin

#### UCIV

Vice-Chair -

Pardall Center Governors Board

Vice-Chair - Samira Casillas

N) Remarks

L) Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm.**

**Siddiqui-McClintock**

**This motion passed at 9:29 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned.**