



UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

11/20 Senate Agenda

Associated Students

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This meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. in the Flying A Room by Internal Vice President Pinto.

Minutes/Actions recorded by: Sydney Arbolado, Liliana Dritz, Melina Magno, Hazel Gong,

CALL TO ORDER by Açúcar Pinto, Internal Vice President **at 6:37 PM**

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.”

A-1) 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 ▾ Proxy – BoYi Wu	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
Levi Corlew	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Leah Khorsandi	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator

Name	Attendance	Position
Mariana Rosillo	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	University-Owned Off Campus Senator
Ella Yu	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	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, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Jasmine Amin	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ Proxy – Caleb Claro	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatab	✓ 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-2) Excused Absences

Motion to bundle and approve all absences.

Ganesh - Gerson

Call to question - Suuck

Passed at 6:39PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Kadah at 10PM.

Ganesh-Lankarani

Call to question - Suuck

Passed at 6:41PM.

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Motion to accept all proxies.

Ganesh - Kadah

Call to question - Rosillo

Passed at 6:40PM.

BoYi Wu for Senator Enri Lala

Caleb Claro for Senator Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui

Motion to accept Senator Alejandra Martinez as Second President Pro-Tempore for the duration of today’s meeting.

Butler - Wang

Call to question - Kadah

Passed at 6:41PM.

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

Omnibus Legal Adjustments Bill

Ganesh - Suuck

Motion to replace old version of Omnibus Legal Adjustments Bill with New version.

Ganesh- Kadah

Call to question: Wang

Passed at 9:10PM.

Ganesh

- The bill to see legal code changes for all the BCUs. We will be tabling this bill, because despite reaching out the entire quarter, most things have come up now

Su:

- Thank you liaison committee for contacting BCUs and asking for legal change. This is a quarterly change and next quarter we are going to have more changes. If anyone has ties to BCUs, they can let them know they can change their legal code at the end of quarter. If you can get in contact with the BCU that would be great.

Motion to table business Omnibus Legal Adjustments bill for one week

Ganesh- Butler

Call to Question: Lankarani

Passed at: 9:13PM.

D) PUBLIC FORUM

[1:30]

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."

Moved here at 7:38PM.

Erika Macias(she/her/hers)

- I'm Erika Macias, fourth year, pronouns she her hers
- Here to talk about why Raices should become a BCU
- First year here was difficult for me to find my community
- To work through the culture shock that a lot of us experience
- Raices De Mi Tierra was a home base for me
- I feel like it was very small first year and hard to find but second year
- Not very much tabling, still recovering from covid
- Was a home base and could branch out to other organizations
- Community here is wholeheartedly supportive of me
- It is an org that I'm very thankful for and hold to very high regards
- They collab with orgs in greek life, I'm from LSG and they've participated in our philanthropy here on campus
- They communicate and collab with other orgs
- Since Raices is a hispanic group here on campus
- They also do events with other hispanic based they are involved in off-campus education projects
- Involved in off campus programs such as teaching high schoolers dance
- I'm very passionate about this club and Raices has grown to make connections in this campus
- It's grown to make connections here on campus, but now we have such a community
- We have such large community that are willing to fight for us
- In essence, Raices is a diverse club
- Individuals from pro and non-pro backgrounds
- This means that Raices De Mi Tierra should become a BCU
- It would strengthen our connections and communities here on campus
- It'll help us become more multicultural and serve together

Kharys Ebert(7:42)

- She/her pronouns, I'm the BWHC current co-chair
- In no way i'm here to take the voices from the Raices community
- Rather to advocate as an ally

- I'm disheartened by the actions of anti blackness, blatant discrimination exuded by the Senate
- As someone present at last senate meeting
- I can say that I left with zero trust in what you guys can actually do for the community
- Ability to degrade and question work of a black woman was undeniable
- Hurt me to witness constant denial of work that Raices can do
- How can you so easily deny the transformative power becoming a BCU can be to an org?
- I can say that BCU status is not an easy win
- Here to echo the struggle of those who came before us
- By a simple google search, I was able to find the meaning behind Raices
- I did not know that it meant roots from my land
- And that the dance style folklórico was invented to resist colonial oppression and forced assimilation
- Do we not see this as a form of advocacy?
- Do we not see this as a driving force
- There was an argument that we cannot form a BCU around an org that "just dances"
- Remove cultural importance
- Denies power Raices has to educate on the history of oppression that brought their dance to life
- As a feminist studies student and someone who studies the history of social movements and activism, I can firmly say that art has been and will continue to be a driving force in building community and resisting white supremacy, patriarchy, capitalism, and racism
- I ask for senate to think of power that Raices can have
- We're not talking about their current work, they don't have access to resources that will help them with the work they do
- They have proven capability to function as a BCU
- Deserve to be allowed to provide for the community beyond just dancing
- The very reason the Senate feels Raices shouldn't be a BCU is the very reason they need the status
- I have firsthand witnessed the way Raices has brought communities together through their dance
- I see the potential that Raices has to unite communities
- They're already contributing their bodies and labor to events thrown by other Latin and Greek organizations, I feel they should be able to do more than that
- Especially as a latine serving institution, they should be able to have the funds to uplift other organizations and not labor their bodies for free

Motion to allocate 2 more minutes to the speaker's time.

Butler - Martinez

Call to question - Lankarani

Passed at 7:45PM.

- If you claim to uplift communities on campus, then give money to those doing the physical work that keeps and continues
- I want to echo the power that BWHC has on this campus, and I am brought back to the stories of BWHC fighting for BCU status
- Granted our grounds for creation are different, it doesn't remove the struggle for space by marginalized communities on campus
- Without them we would not be here
- For reference, my co chair and board has worked so hard for a recent Black Beauty Expo, and we had the best turn out this campus has ever seen for a black centered event
- Our attendance totaled to 111 people
- Actively advocate to the community and in turn had the largest number of our close to 2% black population show up
- Hope the presence of BWHC shows the power of the community
- Hope to bring to the light the way Raices can advocate for their community
- As a senate it's your responsibility to represent how communities should be respected
- If you didn't know this is what community looks like

Joel Lopez(7:47PM)

- He/him pronouns 2nd year
- Co director of Raices for this year
- Love dancing
- Helped me heal and express myself artistically and unapologetically
- Know many dancers feel that way too
- Believe this org should earn a budget for many reasons
- We aren't able to do more
- Due to lack of funds for wardrobe, transportation
- Teach high school students, community members, families and anyone willing to learn
- As an org that's been active for 30 years
- We are deserving of proper practice conditions for our members
- Don't deserve to get sick from cold, don't deserve to get tech wet from sprinklers
- They don't deserve to stress about financial hardships
- Don't deserve to suffer from injuries from being forced to practice on concrete
- They don't deserve to be subjected to our financial stress due to being a student fund
- Their students, have jobs, and personal responsibilities
- We welcome all individuals regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexuality
- If any student wants to dance skirts or suits,
- They will be seen, heard, and welcomed with open arms
- Hope for Raices becoming BCU is for future students to come and express themselves, free from daily stress

- I hope you can consider what this can bring for those after me

Celeste Cortez(7:49)

- I'm a third year sociology major and fundraising chair
- Fundraising chair for Raices
- For the past 35 years Raices has been here at UCSB providing students in marginalized community a safe space to come together, not only to dance and have fun
- More importantly, to feel sense of community and overcome hurdle that POC students face in higher education
- It is our home away from home, our safe space, latine community or anyone who wants to join
- Have seen the love and support that every single member has for each other
- Dance is a form of artistic resistance
- Through dance, we express strength, struggles, successes
- Direct opposition of this bill is a direct attack on us, our identity, blood sweat and tears that we have put into our work
- There's so much more that I can say about Raices, but I hope the presence you feel here shows you how important it is you recognize us as a BCU

Bentley Mendoza(7:51)

- First year she/her
- One of the publicity chairs here at Raices
- Within my first quarter Raices has helped me settle into this new environment
- Providing safe space and tight knit community
- First gen student, low income
- Come from close knit community back home
- Being away from home has been difficult since I was scared of losing my identity
- I immediately looked on shoreline in search of latinx orgs
- Raices was the #1 thing i looked forward to
- I'm happiest when I dance folklorico, combining my love for dance as well as my culture
- Two of my strongest values
- I have created a deeper connection with my culture
- Doing what I love
- Endless opportunities and possibilities if we were able to be recognized as BCU
- As a first year, I'd love to see the organization flourish and bring this cultural representation outside the college campus

Maya Karpoor(7:53PM)

- she/her
- Not only do I stand before you all today,
- Also stand before generations of members of Raices that have came before me
- Generations of faculty and members, who've seen the org flourish and fight to make ends meet

- Generational gift within our culture no outsider could see
- Here I stand before alumni, such as Dr. Marina Chavez
- Who was in my board position during her time here
- Dedicated to seeing low incomes flourish
- Two generations of academic chairs demonstrates this is a fight for the future members who will seek asylum in Raices
- One of the responsibilities was to organize workshops that would allow children to come to UCSB and learn about the Latina culture through dance
- This program has ceased due to a lack of funds
- With the funding, we'd resume projects that we started before covid
- To us this community program is more than teaching kids how to dance
- Allowing parents to imagine future they never thought was possible for their children
- These programs are about keeping kids off streets and away from systematic barriers
- As a first gen and graduating senior, I stand here for students who will come after me in Raices

Ignacio Rodriguez(7:56PM)

- I'm a third year transfer double major in sociology and anthropology
- Focus in archaeology
- Growing up in oakland I was always surrounded by diverse communities
- Moving to a PWI was a culture shock
- During summer, I struggled to build relationships
- As a mexican american I felt like an outsider
- Hard to relate to others with such different experiences and backgrounds
- Made me feel invisible and an outsider
- Sense of isolation and disconnect led to depression
- Even though I worked so hard to get here
- 4 years spent balancing online school and work
- Leaving little room for social connections
- I gave myself an ultimatum, if I didn't form connections by the end of the quarter I was going to leave
- To find sense of belonging, found the club
- Music caught my attention, it was folklórico
- Carlos, my co-chair approached me, assured me it was beginner friendly
- His encouragement gave me the confidence to try
- Attended first practice, everything carlos said was true
- The music, energy, and connection made me feel like home
- Didn't feel out of place
- Was more than just dancing, was a community
- My difficult experiences over the summer, combined with a sense of community
- Motivated me to take on officer role and join the board
- At the time, Raices was in desperate need of new members and overwhelmed
- Wanted to step in and contribute to keep it afloat

- Through Raices, found a true sense of belonging
- Being part of this group gave me something to look forward to
- Now as treasurer, I see it was my chance to give back
- I hope I can repay what Raices gave me
- Hope that senate takes into consideration the impact it's had on myself and other freshman on campus

Motion to extend the speaker's time by 2 minutes.

Wang- Ganesh

Call to question - Lankarani

Passed at 7:59PM.

- Take into consideration how we help students find a sense of belonging
- And how we helped in navigating life at UCSB

Grisel Jimenez (8:00PM)

- Here on behalf of Congreso to say that we support Raices in becoming a BCU
- 1/3 of student pop is Latine
- UCSB just got HSI director
- Latine students makeup of 23% of student body
- Therefore, student governing body should reflect that as well
- Heard senators don't think Raices should be a BCU because it's "just dancing"
- Let's not forget that years ago Raices held a conference for low income students to access higher education
- We can't do that as much because of lack of money and resources that we give to student entities
- Please pass this bill in favor

Chairship back to IVP at 8:01PM.

Grace Rincon(8:02)

- She/her, 3rd year undergrad major sociology minor applied psych
- Member for the past 3 years, secretary for the board
- Want to mention how amazing my experience has been with this org
- Provided me safe space and comfort for my Mexican culture
- Not only expanding my knowledge in dance, but has allowed me to become part of my community
- I believe this is a fitting org to be a BCU
- Being a hispanic serving institution, important to make orgs like Raices heard not only by word of mouth
- Advocating for equal rights within our organization
- Allow us the possibility to further expand our community
- Raices will be able to strengthen organization
- Continue to serve both institution members and members of the communities

Roxy Virgen(8:04)

- Here on behalf of M.U.J.E.R. and Comunidad Latinx Graduation Ceremony
- Completely endorse becoming a BCU
- How shameful and nerve wracking that the exact same senators the student body has elected continue to work against us
- We want to say that we completely endorse Raices

Lillie Benitez(8:05)

- She/her pronouns
- First gen student
- Have felt so welcome through the Raices
- Helped me explore santa barbara more often and allow me to come out of my shell as I'm a very anxious person
- Raices becoming a BCU will help support incoming students in the future as well

Ivan Rivera(8:06PM)

- 4th year, President of Theta Nu Kappa fraternity
- Can truly understand what members feel when they say they have a family here
- As a long term supporter of Raices, I see the impact they have
- The performance they had last year in spring, brought up younger children to perform with them
- Made me think that if these kids kept up their love for dancing, they can join an org
- They can look forward to orgs such as Raices
- Member of Raices also represents us in this organization as well
- Carlos has been a great addition to the org
- Can see his passion when it comes to dancing as well
- They're part of something bigger than themselves
- With proper funding they can continue to make a home to students that struggle to find their own community here at UCSB
- Also, can further passion to express their culture and beliefs

Emily Alvares(8:08PM)

- 4th year and social chair for Raices
- Why Raices is important to represent underrepped voices
- When I see other underrepresented minorities, it makes me feel safe
- Yes we are an org that takes our time to showcase folklorico to the student population and public
- This should not be a reflection of our impact that it creates for other minorities
- Being from a different demographic should not undervalue the importance of allowing other cultural groups to express their voices
- When I see other cultures such as African-American or Indian dances I feel protected even though I'm not a part of their culture
- This is what I want Raices to showcase, provide safe space for others

- You don't have to be mexican to be part of our organization
- We welcome everyone with welcome hands

Alvaro Marquez Jr (8:09PM)

- Wardrobe officer for Raices
- Coming off the year mark since I last joined
- Speak on the impact it has had on me
- My first three years being here
- First 3 years I was never involved in extracurriculars
- Very much a hermit, never found a connection with other clubs or orgs
- That was until I discovered this club
- I learned about myself that I love to dance
- New profound things about my culture
- Never really adamant about myself in that way
- This community has given me the courage to express myself, never feel any shame for the way I am
- To not feel ashamed for the way I am, my culture, where I came from
- Given me a connection with my parents which is fantastic
- Multitude of reasons as why we should be BCU
- Being wardrobe chair isn't easiest
- Transporting, hearing how much we have to pay for a storage unit
- Being solely student funded, it poses as a challenge

Ash Sanchez(8:12PM)

- Wardrobe chair of Raices, intern for Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students
- Work on campus hazing prevention, free speech, and restorative justice
- To the UCSB senate, your views of our organizations is misinformed
- Your reduction of our org to one singular event is an injustice to the broader latinx community
- An event that brings families together, many that are low income and first generation
- You see, many of Raices members come from East LA, South Central, Stockton, San Bernardino County, places that have historically suppressed the educational and socioeconomic interests of students
- They deserve better
- To say that our org does not advocate for the community is just criminal
- The dean Joaquin Becerra has expressed that what Raices does is in fact advocacy in an HSI
- This is more than just about funding, this is about advocating
- To not only be visible but uniquely unforgettable
- We persist, did you know that folklórico is a form of resistance against colonial power
- Look at me when I say this

- What your sentiments last week consisted of is what the conquistadors would want you to do
- Anthropologist Dr. Olga Nájera Ramírez in her article “Social and Political Dimensions of Folklorico Dance: The Binational Dialectic of Residual and Emergent Culture” discusses how
- “Folklorico dance has a tendency to be viewed as insignificant because it is a reconstructed tradition that is often associated with commercialization of folklorico for tourist consumption”
- The key point however is that it has been used and applied as folklore by various groups for different political ends and has played a pivotal role in the hegemonic struggle
- Need I remind you, art is a form of resistance and advocacy against suppression
- It's an act of advocacy for the broader community, used in protests, boycotts, petitions, sit-ins, so on

Motion to extend speaker's time by 2 minutes.

Butler - Wang

Call to question - Lankarani

Passed at 8:15PM.

- This is community advocacy at its core level
- Grassroots, if you will
- This isn't about colonial imposed sentiment of 'Viva la raza'
- This is not about being some cute little dance board
- This isn't about, believe it or not, getting some funding or being mexican
- Don't be part of the problem
- Your sentiments are representative of the colonial empire UCSB is founded upon and by your refusal to provide our community with adequate resources
- And a place in the AS community
- Show us that you care about the broader community

Teresa Chavez(8:16PM)

- Second year she/her
- First year with Raices, but known about it since last year
- Just this first quarter, as a Raices member, seen the amount of love and dedication that each member has
- I know the hard work that every member puts in
- Also know how much we would be able to do if we had the resources
- If we hadn't had to spend every two weeks having to do fundraisers that take up the whole day, having to do research
- Fundraisers that take up the whole day just to raise a few bucks that we need
- With the time that we would have instead of fundraising,
- We could be doing so much more for ourselves and for the community
- That would really help

Oseinou Diagne(8:18PM)

- Third year he/him
- I originally was going to talk about my plan for next quarter, but I'll just wait until next quarter
- Now I'm going to talk about what happened in the forum today
- My reaction to the conflict with this bill is astounding
- As a third party watcher and your media coordinator, I'm confused on why this bill will be declined
- I think it's kind of ironic actually
- I advocate for this org, when I witness senate, I feel like you guys are picky and choosy with what you want
- You guys are being choosy with what you considerate social justice
- You say you want to build and connect with students, yet
- I don't really see that, in general, in many of the meetings
- It's just like,
- Are you supportive of students?
- Also, funding, I know you have it

Iden

- Thank you for taking questions
- It's disheartening when no one wants to answer questions
- It's not nice when you're voting on something and you don't receive any reception
- My question for you and to everyone is there are so many cultural significant orgs on campus
- Filipino cultural night, rocky horror picture show, they all do a variety of things
- Why do you think should be prioritized and this opportunity of a lifetime, becoming a BCU, to only one when this hasn't been extended to everyone?

Diagne

- Not a part of them, first of all
- Secondly, performance is our whole identity, like the most important part of being human
- If they're going to dance it's obviously for a reason, cultural or art
- Art is so important
- Also they seem to be supporting each other
- I don't see the difference in advocacy

Wang

- Do you think that giving a very culturally relevant group an identity as a BCU would incentivize other culturally relevant groups?

Oseinou

- Well, I don't know
- Don't get why I'm supposed to be answering these questions on topics that don't really concern me

- If people want to become BCUS they're are going to try and advocate for it, I don't understand the issue

Viviana Martano (STAFF)(8:22PM)

- I am Dr.Viviana Martano, the assistant dean of civic and community engagement.
- I've been the advisor for Raíces for at least 15 years and I am not going to repeat all of the reasons why I feel that Raíces should be a BCU because you have an enormous amount of people who have testimonials to the merits of this. You have an enormous variety of student groups who are not only performing art groups, who have relied on Raíces for years and years. Raíces is the first group that gets asked to perform for open house, recruitment, and family weekend. Raíces is always there to showcase diversity at UCSB. I also believe that this is a critical moment to consider Raíces as a BCU. I am not aware if there are any other Latinx BCUs and I think that is a very good reason. Given that we are an AHSIE institution. We have the first AHSIE director here, Dr. Veronica Hermant. It is something important to consider. I think that Raíces is more than just a dancing group. I have witnessed; I have been on campus for 39 years. Raíces has existed for less than that. I would like to address and tell you things Raíces has done when they had the funding. A lot of people have talked about Raíces teaching high schools and stuff like that.I can tell you I've been a witness of that. Raíces has had two groups teaching three and four year olds, learning their culture, their dances. High school students that you can tell are shy and they came and flourished. Raíces paid for the community center in Goleta to teach these students. They pay for their uniforms and their costumes. They are doing recruitment and outreach for low income first gen students.

Motion to extend the speakers time by 2 minutes

Wang - Elkhatib

Call to question - Lankarani

Passed at 8:25pm

- I want to also mention that I am the manager of the student initiated outreach program, which A.S funds. These are RCOs registered campus organizations that do enormous work. They do outreach to low income first generation students who are not for sure bound to go to college. A lot of these groups do outreach. I also see Raíces as outreach. These high schoolers and little kids, they come to campus, and they want to be like their dance teacher. They see themselves in them. Later on, the parents of these students, a lot of them are low income parents, of which a lot of them are Laninx. They didn't even have the funds to pay for an after school program, let alone pay for dance and folklorico dance for their children. Their parents come to the show and see what a college is, what college students do. This really motivates them to try to push for their children to go to college. You have already heard about retention of latinx students. Even the mental health of some of our students that joined Raíces and felt that it had a good effect on them. The last thing I want to say is that alumni from Raices keep coming back, they

keep donating money to the university. I just want to say please consider making Raíces a BCU.

Dr. Marina Chavez (STAFF)(8:28PM)

- I am a recent PHD graduate from UCSB in 2023. My dissertation research was a case study of Raíces where I did 1.5 to 3 hour interviews with 40 Raíces who were active from the 1990s to the 2010s. A lot of what was shared today was consistent with my interviews. These trends are consistent across time. Some of the findings I found was that Raíces has helped with recruitment and retention of Latinx UCSB first generation transfers, and undocumented UCSB students, fulfilling a lot of the university values and mission statement. Another thing is that there's a history of Asian, Black, and White students in the group as well as Mexican Americans. It is in fact, not an organization that only serves Mexican-Americans and I have evidence of that. What has made Raíces a part of UCSB for 35 years. That is a long time. With very low funding, that really shows dedication and commitment. It speaks to its impact and significance. Raíces has a strong ability to foster community bonds as you have seen. This ability is why Raíces survived Covid. It is why alumni are interested in staying involved with current members across the years. It is why I came, as an alum, without question. What you need, I am there. I'm texting with Raíces alumni from early 2010, and they are very proud of you all. In fact, UCSB has used photo images of Raíces dancers for web pages in the past. Many of these events are representing UCSB for EOP, bienvenida for so many different offices on campus, as well as different student organizations. This institution's use of Raíces on the webpages and its frequent requests for performance at these major campus events is a clear testament that UCSB recognizes that Raíces represents UCSB in both the community and online as a whole. This is an organization that has contributed to the local community for 35 years. Their cultural work has contributed to UCSB becoming in AHSIE, and they should be invested in.

Motion to extend the speakers time by 2 minutes

Lankarani - Ganesh

Call to question - Kadah

Passed at 8:31pm

- I hope you make the right decision today, but regardless Raíces I speak to you, I am so proud of all of you today. You spoke so well. It doesn't matter what they decide, they have decided no in the past but you guys are still here, doing good work. Making good impact for yourselves, your family, and your communities.

- I hope you make the right decision, as it will make an incredible impact on everyone to come. Their families, their siblings, their children. I don't know who said Raíces is just a dance organization; but I have a 200 page dissertation that disagrees.

Amin

- If it is ok with the chair I want to do a dialogue, speaking at each other kind of thing, if that is ok with you.

Pinto

- I will allow it.

Amin

- Thank you all for coming, you all spoke so beautifully. As a Persian in a predominantly American school, everything you said was very true.
- Why would Raíces be better at serving the community as a BCU than a RCO?

Dr.Chavez

- Well funding is a major issue. As you have heard from fundraising chairs and other people, the time and effort that they spend fundraising takes away from the fact that they can be doing so many more events. There's been so many times where they have to say no. The fact that Raíces is no longer able to do the community organization, where they are teaching kids, from 3-15, many of whom actually decided to come to UCSB, and have become Gauchos in the future, because of that program, which we are no longer doing due to the lack of funding. These are some major impacts off the top of my head.

Amin

- One reason why I wanted to ask is because I am also a president of an RCO that serves the Persian community, and we get a lot of funding from school. I'm not sure where the disparity comes from, especially with you guys. The reason we wanted to stay as an RCO is because we get a lot more money as a club than we would as a BCU. All the funding we need for whatever events we want to put on, we come and ask for money from FMB. For the most part everything is approved. I want to understand why you aren't being funded because the school is supposed to give you funding as a club.

Dr. Chavez

- I can't speak to the current moment, but I can tell you that this is a long challenge for the organization, which is why it has largely been student funded through fundraising and people paying out of their own pockets.

Amin

- I know but that shouldn't be happening at all.

Dr. Chavez

- I agree with you, which is why I'm here.

Amin

- I know but I am saying that shouldn't be happening at all. As a BCU it is going to be much harder to get that funding and as a club, who is specifically supposed to be there for the students. You should get a lot of money from FMB. If you guys are going to FMB, I don't understand.

Motion to extend the speaker's time for questions for 3 minutes

Wang - Ganesh

Call to question - Lankarani

Passed at 8:35pm.

Singh

- The main difference between RCO and BCU is that RCO are not guaranteed their funding. It is completely up to the committee to fund them. You also have many limits that you have to abide by. You also only get one exception per year, BCUs get unlimited. BCUs are guaranteed that funding.

Zha

- The Senator's statement leads to a question.

Pinto

- I feel like it was relevant because the senator was not- it was basically a point of information. I feel like it is fine.

Singh

- BCUs have guaranteed funding, 30k every year. They don't have to come to my committee every single time they want to spend any money. With this, every single week, or every single day, if they want to pass any money for anything, they do not have to come to me, they do not have to fundraise, they can just spend their own money.

Amin

- They do have to come to FMB, you are absolutely right if they are a club.

Pinto

- We are not in discussion. The reason why Senator Singh was allowed time to speak was because there was a question made about his committee. I felt like it was relevant. We are now going back to just questions.

Iden

- There's over 50 culturally relevant organizations on campus...

Dr. Chavez

- Yes, so what you said before.

Iden

- I am not asking you a question, you will get your time to respond.

Pinto

- Senator Iden, that was rude, just letting you know.

Dr.Chavez

- He does not scare me.

Iden

- There's over 50 culturally relevant organizations on campus, each of which do their own fundraising. This is not a good example but the Rowing team every year fundraises 40k. Of course, it is a completely different scenario but it does not change the fact that each RCO does their own fundraising every year. How is the senate supposed to say no to those RCO, when they themselves want to become BCUs. We can't pick and choose

who we want to include. It is not equitable to everyone. I am curious as to why you think there should be this single exception, when there are so many culturally relevant RCOs. At the same time, we have over \$500,000 sitting in Senate FNB. Raíces hasn't gone to FNB since April of 2023 to request funding. My question is, how is the Senate supposed to say no, and why do you think Raíces should have an exception compared to the other 50 RCOs?

Dr.Chavez

- Your question of equity, Oseinou spoke to that and I completely agree. We aren't asking for special treatment, just for our organization's impact to be recognized and be treated fairly. Your vote, personally, I think I can guess what your vote will be, is up to you. You can vote no if you want. Fine. But that does not change any of the testimony that you have seen. I don't know why you have a problem with Raíces. Why do you seem to have a problem funding cultural organizations.

Iden

- Point of order.

Pinto

- How are you going to call point of order on the speaker?

Iden

- It is speculation of intent. It is not allowed in the Senate.

Dr. Chavez,

- I said what I said.

Pinto

- I have to rule on the point of order. The speaker is not a member of the Senate, they are coming to public forum.

Zha

- Anyone who speaks has to follow the program policy. Speculation of intent is prohibited.

Pinto

- I am going to deny it because the rules were not made clear to the public speakers. For the future, please know that these are our policies and you have to abide by them.
- Time is up, but thank you so much.

Dr. Veronica Fernalt (STAFF(8:41pm

- I am the inaugural AHSIE director and an alumni of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education where I received my PHD. I am here to read my statement. First I want to say that I'm here to support unequivocally the inclusion of Raíces de Mi Tierra.
- As a member of associated students BCUS for over 35 years, Raíces has contributed to the UCSB campus by promoting cultural awareness, fostering commitment, engagement, and providing a sense of belonging for Latinx students. All without institutional support. This recognition is long overdue. Raíces has proven to be more than a student organization, but the cornerstone for cultural preservation education at UCSB. Through its vibrant performances, it educates the campus about the historical

and regional significance of traditional Latino dances, showcasing the deep connections between art, history, and identity. For latinx community, dance and art are not just merely expressions of creativity but vital forms of celebrating love, solidarity, and heritage. Raíces embodies these values, creating a welcoming space where culture thrives for all students. The inclusion of Raíces in AS would mark a pivotal moment of equity and representation at UCSB. Although the campus achieved HSI status in 2015 and 28% of undergraduates identify as that name, A.S still lacks a latinx focused BCU. Raíces membership would fill this gap and the Office of the President's broader goal of positioning UC schools as a leading HSI network in the nation. Furthermore, research highlights the barriers that students experience at predominantly white institutions, such as microaggressions, stereotypes, threat, and the lack of inclusive structures. These challenges contribute to the diminishing sense of belonging and limiting opportunities for engagement. By formally recognizing Raíces, you have the opportunity to counteract these inequities. As the director of the HSI initiative at UCSB.

Motion to extend the speakers time by 2 minutes

Wang - Ganesh

Called to question - Lankarani

Motion passed at 8:44pm

- I urge the committee to practice inclusion and equity. Supporting Raíces is a statement about values UCSB upholds in these communities. The time has come to elevate Raíces to its rightful place in Associated Students. I strongly encourage the committee to take this opportunity to advance representation, and culture and affirm the voices of Latinx students. I will not be taking questions, because I am really insulted that someone in this room diminished the Latinx community by comparing it to "rowing" and "rocky horror show". I find that extremely insulting and I will not be taking any questions.

E) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to add funding request to the agenda under action items

Ganesh- Proxy Claro

Called to question Amin

Passed at 10:44pm

Motion to accept the agenda

Rosillo- Lankarani

Called to question Suuck

Passed at 10:52pm

F) Consent Calendar

G) Action Items

Motion to add SAGS funding request to agenda

Ganesh - Proxy Claro

Call of question: Amin

Motion passes 10:44PM

Singh

- I see tabling, you are purchasing Celsisu, snacks and flowers
- So giveaways are against policy. Would you want an exception for it?
- Exceptions to policies mean that we can override the policies for you, and you have more than one, technically, unlimited exceptions to policies.

Wang

- Yes let's do it

Singh

- Ok, just need to get that for the minutes
- Another thing, regarding catering options, are you having a public event?

Wang

- Yes

Singh

- Any public events need vegetarian and vegan options, so please make sure to do that

Wang

- We were just going to give out fruit baskets

Singh

- I like them too but we also have to follow policy
- Now, a yearly notion license for the entire office staff.
- If this is part of your own budget, you can do yearly subscriptions, that is fine.
- But since this has been granted, I think it's precedence that you get the subscriptions for one quarter instead for an entire year at once So we get you one for Fall, and then you come back in the winter, you come back spring

Wang

- Lets just say that 200 can just be extraneous items
- It might be some other arbitrary stuff that we have

Singh

- You still have to specify what you will be using that money for
- You can just ask for more money on different line items
- It doesn't have to be an exact amount, it can be an estimate. It can be more than what you really need, that is fine.

Pinto

- Is this the end of questioning Senator Singh?
- We have 8 minutes to leave this room

Singh

- You have to provide a design for what you will be using that for
- Please make sure you're using the funded by AS logo as well

Wang

- Okay

Singh

- I yield
- So \$4800 for you .

Wang

- I guess \$5000 is just a beautiful number

Singh

- I don't think I can do it

Pinto

- Please obtain the floor before you speak

Wang

- My bad

Pinto

- Not you, I asked you to approach the podium
- Alright, the spreadsheet is now on the agenda

Ganesh

- I rescind my motion

Motion to fully fund OSA's funding request for \$4,800 from Senate with exception for giveaways

Singh- Amin

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at: 10:50PM

Pinto:

- We have to go Hand vote now
- Yes: 13
- No: 0
- Abstain: 2

Motion passed at 10:51PM

Butler, Habas Martinez, Wang point of personal privilege at 10:44PM

G-1) Immediate Consideration

G-2) Old Business

[Debate Time Per Item- 30 Minutes]

A Bill to Create the A.S. Raíces de mi Tierra

Butler - Martinez [A Bill to Create the A.S. Raíces de mi Tierra](#)

Pinto:

- Now we have a bill co-authored by Chair butler and Senator martinez

Butler

- May I approach the podium

Pinto

- Yes

Butler

- Before I begin, I want to thank you all for coming and staying this long. Especially for staying this long on a Wednesday week 8. I can't believe how much stress this has built, but for you all to be here shows your passion and dedication to your community. I am so honored to be a senator for all of you. Second, I want to answer a question that has been asked throughout this night. Why is no one taking any questions? Last week at the Senate, it will forever be on the record that a black senator was belittled and no one stood up for her. That will forever be remembered and forever be on the record. Please keep that with you as I continue.
- My name is Alexa Butler, and I am a senior from Fresno, California. This is my last year on this campus—a bittersweet moment, as I reflect on a journey filled with love, growth, and the burden of constant challenges. Last year, I served as the third-generation co-chair of the Black Women's Health Collaborative, a role that would forever change my life. In that space, I learned love: love for myself, love for my community, and love for the fight.
- But with love came struggle. I was tasked with an impossible fate: to lead amidst constant questioning, doubt, and resistance at every turn. Yet, that struggle forged my spirit. It gave me the courage to join this Senate—a space that, by design, is the antithesis of the safe spaces I've known. The Senate is not a welcoming space for marginalized leaders. It is ego-driven, punitive, and exclusionary. So why, you may ask, would I step into this space? Because if not me, then who?
- I love helping people—always have, always will. I don't like seeing people suffer. I don't accept injustice. And I asked myself, "What would happen if I joined? Could the Senate change? Would it ever change?" Those questions haunt me to this day.
- During my time at UCSB, I've admired Raíces de mi Tierra from afar. I attended their events, saw their vibrant performances, and met their members—the most kind and welcoming community I have ever encountered on this campus.
- When I was elected to the Senate, several board members approached me, sharing stories of the struggles they endured for the love of their organization. They paid out of pocket for essential resources. They practiced in the cold, late at night, simply because there was no accessible space for them. They faced

barriers no student organization should face—especially one with a 30-year legacy of serving this campus and our local community.

- Hearing their stories reminded me of the Black Women's Health Collaborative—of the sacrifices we made, the late nights, the constant fight for legitimacy. It lit a fire in me. I remembered my campaign promise: "As a senator, I vow to bridge the gap. I will promote diversity and ensure that marginalized voices are heard." This bill is the embodiment of that promise.
- However, my work on this bill has not been met with support. Instead, I've been met with resistance, dismissal, and personal attacks. At the 11/13 Senate meeting, I witnessed a stark contrast between what we claim to stand for and how we actually operate. This Senate passed a resolution reaffirming our commitment to immigrant students—a powerful, necessary statement. Yet, when it came to Raíces, I saw the same Senate perpetuate ignorance, bias, and exclusion.
- How can we claim to support marginalized students in one breath and, in the next, question whether Raíces deserves support? How can we celebrate diversity but dismiss the cultural and educational contributions of one of our most impactful organizations? These contradictions reflect the broader systemic issues that plague this Senate and this campus.
- I want to take a moment to speak vulnerably about the toll this environment takes on Black students and Black leaders. The constant questioning of our abilities, the microaggressions, the blatant disregard for our humanity—it wears on us. It wears on me. And it wears on every marginalized leader who dares to step into spaces like this.
- Do you know what it feels like to be told you're not enough, over and over again? To be told, explicitly or implicitly, that your voice doesn't matter? That your fight for equity is inconvenient, that your presence is disruptive? It's exhausting. It's isolating. And it's dangerous.
- The mental health crisis among Black students is not abstract. It is real, it is urgent, and it is exacerbated by spaces like this. When you undermine our work, when you question our legitimacy, when you refuse to listen—you are complicit in that crisis. You create an environment where Black leaders feel that their only choice is to leave—where they are forced to protect their mental health by walking away from the very institutions they fought so hard to serve.
- And I won't lie to you: I have thought about quitting. I have thought about leaving this Senate, walking away from the judgment, the hostility, and the constant battles. Because there are moments when it feels like the fight is too much, like the weight of it all might crush me.
- I think about the Black leaders who came before me, who faced the same hostility and judgment, who gave everything they had to this campus and were left drained, broken, and unheard. Many of them quit—not because they lacked strength or resilience, but because they were forced to preserve what little of themselves they had left. And who can blame them? When the very institutions that claim to serve students actively harm them, what choice do we leave our leaders but to walk away?

- You need to reflect on that. You need to understand the cost of your actions, your words, your silence. Because it's not just me. It's every Black leader who comes after me, who steps into this space hoping to make a difference, only to face the same barriers, the same hostility, the same pain. And if you don't change, you will lose them. You will lose us. And you will lose the very diversity, the very equity, the very leadership you claim to value.
- Raíces de mi Tierra is not just a dance organization. It is a cultural institution. It is a bridge between past and present, between UCSB and the community, between identity and advocacy. Their mission—preserving the roots of Mexican culture—transcends performance. It is a form of resistance, a reclamation of space, a celebration of identity in the face of erasure.
- This Senate has an opportunity to affirm that mission, to support an organization that embodies everything we claim to value: diversity, equity, and inclusion. Or, we can uphold the status quo—a status quo that tells BIPOC students they are not worthy of investment, that their labor and love are invisible, that their culture is expendable.
- To my fellow senators, I ask: Do you support people of color? THIS is not a rhetorical question. They demand reflection. Because if you truly support marginalized communities, your actions must align with your words. Supporting this bill is not just about Raíces de mi Tierra. It is about the legacy you leave behind. It is about whether you choose to perpetuate harm or to create change. Will you fail to uphold the values you were elected to represent? Will you fail to support marginalized communities? That is what we are voting on, period.
- This is bigger than me. It is bigger than Raíces. It is about every student who comes after us, every leader who dares to step into this space, every community that deserves better.
- Pass this bill. Do the right thing. Make this Senate a space that reflects the values we claim to hold. Because if not now, when? And if not us, who?
- Thank you.

Martinez

- Hi everyone. My name is Alejandra Martinez and I am a first generation student from Los Angeles. To start it off, Raices de mi Tierra has always been more than a dancing group, as many others tonight have put this.
- As a first generation Latina, I also experienced culture shock when I came onto this campus. I was disheartened to be here as a freshman and to leave behind my community which was 99% Latinx to not see more people like me in the culture I'm proud of. Until I was lucky enough to meet people who were interested in reinstating La Familia de Colores, to meet people from El Centro, and Raices de mi Tierra.
- I found a struggling but continuing to strive community, and a community who refused to let themselves be silenced. And when I first began my career in AS, I knew I had to do more than outreach so I educated myself and began to attempt to push up and elevate the diversity in this institution.
- I'm beyond honored to be here to introduce this bill alongside Alexa and to meet the cultures of Raices, Sarah, Toni, and Carlos to see the unbreakable Latina

community. I have been more than honored to hear about their experiences, and see how they have struggled and how they continue to flourish. Raices de mi Tierra lifts up not only Latina voices, but also all other marginalized groups.

- I am thankful, so thankful, that everyone came and spoke so please pass this bill and thank you all.
- We will continue to move forward to push for more diversity, representation, and inclusion.

Pinto

- I would like to invite the student sponsors to the podium.

Vannessa Toni Valtierra

- Good evening everyone. I'm really proud of you all. I know how hard you all worked for this and I know how dedicated you guys are, and I am so happy you came to support us. It genuinely means everything to us so thank you so much. I just wanted to say that I think that is a testament to the community that stands behind us today.
- So again, my name is Vanessa Toni Valiterra. I am a third year undergraduate with a major in history of public policy and law, and I am one of this year's co-chairs of Raices de mi Tierra.
- I've been part of this organization for three years now, starting my first year. In this organization, I have found a community, friends, and acceptance on this campus when I could find it nowhere else. During my time here, I was lucky enough to help racies to expand and grow not just within itself but in its outreach to the community.
- As a previous social chair, I know that our work advocates for spaces for the whole of the Latina community through collaborative events we host and participate in throughout the academic year. I want to emphasize our group, although performance based, focuses on creating community, and advocating for the idea of cultural education and preservation on this campus. Because Folklórico is not just a dance, but it is a representation of diversity that survived a colonial world. UCSB is a place made up of a multitude of small communities, each with its own diverse background that enriches and benefits the campus community as a whole. In saying that, we do not advocate for the overall community implies a separation between us and UCSB. Although our organization is 100% made up of UCSB students. I want to share with you all that we, as Raices, are often called upon to represent UCSB's community through our performance to demonstrate diversity and inclusion on this campus. However, despite us being called upon to showcase the inclusivity, when it comes to being a part of the collective campus, we are excluded. Pulling from UCSB's current demographics, 26.3% of the enrolled student population is Hispanic or Latino. We are the second most common race or ethnicity here on campus, and yet we find ourselves diminished practicing in the parking lot of an institution that pretends to serve us. UCSB is again recognized as a Hispanic serving institution. An institution that for 35 years, Raices de mi Tierras has grown as an unrecognized pillar. Most of you all here are sponsored by the various communities here on campus and we ask to just feel as supported as your own sponsors.

- Ultimately, it would be a disservice to talent, interest, and motivation of the community on campus for Raices to be denied the opportunity to become a BCU and a disservice to the AS and Raices team which could be created from this bill. Again, we aren't here just for funds, what we're here for is to become a beacon for all students to engage and learn about a culture that encompasses the internal and external community here at UCSB.

Carlos Meza

- Good evening everyone. My name is Carlos Meza. I am a fourth year student and I'm one of the co-chairs of Raices de mi Tierra. I stand before you today to advocate for Raices de mi Tierra to become a BCU under AS. As a Hispanic Serving Institution(HSI), UCSB has a responsibility to support and represent its diverse student body. However, there are currently no Latina specific BCUs on campus. There has been a critical gap in resources and support for the significant Latinx population at UCSB.
- Our organization is dedicated to preserving traditional Mexican dance forms, while also embracing contemporary expressions, creating opportunities for both education and entertainment. Through performances, workshops, and outreach programs, we engage the UCSB campus, the surrounding Santa Barbara community, fostering cultural pride and intercultural dialogue. Our mission goes beyond just preserving dance traditions. As an organization, we embody a commitment to the preservation of cultural heritage drawing on century old traditions to showcase Folklórico's vibrant artistry. We view dance as a revolutionary act, a medium through which marginalized communities can assert their presence, resist systemic erasure, and celebrate resilience. Raices de mi Tierra has been a safe space for Latina students at UCSB for over 35 years. Fostering a sense of belonging through the promotion of Mexican dancing culture.
- By dismissing our organization's significance, we undermine the importance of safe spaces for marginalized students who rely on such spaces for communities and support. By recognizing Raices de mi Tierra as a BCU, UCSB would not only support the preservation and cultural heritage, but also provide a platform for Latina students to engage with their history and identity. Our organization has also been more than just a dance group. We are a vehicle for advocacy. Using the art of movement to assert the presence and resilience of marginalized communities. As UCSB continues to strive for inclusivity, the addition of Raices de mi Tierra as a BCU would fill a critical need for representation, empowerment, and support of Latina students on campus.
- Our mission aligned with the university's values of creativity, equity, and education. And we believe that this step would further elevate the voices of the Latina community. And also look around you. We have leaders from multiple different Latina organizations. And let me also remind you that Hispanics or Latinx students are the second biggest demographic here at UCSB. And they all came to support us. They didn't endorse their own organizations. They're endorsing ours. Thank you.

Vanessa Toni Valtierra

- Just briefly, before my co-chair Sarah speaks, I want to mention the questions that most of our members didn't want to answer. That was because if you looked at their body language, if you heard their voices, you would understand how anxious and scared they were to speak to you guys today. Look at them when they're talking. They were anxious. That is just a testament to the environment that you guys created. They're fearful of you guys. They're scared. They think this community, you guys as the Senate, are directly against them. That is why they refuse to answer any questions.

Sarah Rodriguez

- Hello everyone. My name is Sarah Rodriguez. I am standing before you not just as a student sponsor, but as a member of Raices de mi Tierra, an officer of Raices de mi Tierra, a first generation student, and a proud Mexicana and Chicana. The importance of raices goes way beyond dance. I personally have been doing Folklórico for the past 14 years of my life. I have seen how, not just dance groups, but groups in general, have systematically impacted student's lives, especially when it comes to gang prevention. I come from a small community of Los Angeles, and a lot of times these students do not have support that they have at home. So they turn to drugs, they turn to gangs to find a sense of community. By implementing programs like this, it helps steer them to the right path. I have seen how expressing your culture has helped people open up in the sentiments of some of my officers and members today.
- There was a comment made about why we do not come for funding. I will answer that as a prior fundraising chair. A lot of times when we have come up to propose a bill, it gets denied because: oh you guys don't really need new clothes, it's still good. A lot of the costumes in our storage unit are as old as our organization, 35 years old. They're tearing apart. Again, coming from experience, one costume by itself can cost upwards of \$300. So of course it is a big chunk of money we're asking for maybe 10 costumes, you can do the math, it's a lot. So often we get discouraged so we don't want to come back to you guys to ask for more money.
- When I joined Raices, I originally was not going to do any extracurriculars, especially when it came to dance and my culture. I told myself I'm going to quit folklórico, I did it for a long time. I don't really see the need for the community. My first quarter here, I wanted to drop out. I did not feel safe on this campus as a person of color. Again, coming from Senator Martinez's way, coming from where we're from, everyone looked like me. I was used to being in spaces where I was the only Latina in the room, but here, it was as if I had a sign that says "look at me, look at how different I am, and judge me based on that." I've been racially profiled a number of times since coming to the campus. It's been assumed that maybe I can't speak English that well, or assumed that oh you're really educated from where you're from. Sorry that LAUSD does not have the same education as some of your nice schools. I told myself I'm not going to go to practice. I went to one and had fun. I didn't go back. But it wasn't until I felt like I had no space on campus, I decided to come back and it's been the greatest decision I ever made.
- Additionally, we do a lot of community and advocacy. It is not also posted on social media. I come from working in nonprofits and I've been volunteering since

the age of six back in my hometown of Wilmington. I am not posting about the fact that I go home every weekend to help participate in programs and help feed my highschool's football team and help mentor students. I get asked during college application season to review applications and things. I take the time out of my own day. I am a full time student, I work, I hold a position in this board that demands a lot of time, yet I still make time for community members. Same with my organization. A lot of times they come to me expressing concerns, financial concerns, or that they are scared about passing a class and I redirect them to the academic chair. That's why we have an academic chair to help bring these resources that have been hidden. Because when I wasn't in an organization, I didn't know there were these resources and grants if I needed financial help. Having these organizations and officers who dedicate our time helps these students feel more welcome on this campus.

- Additionally, we got asked about fundraising. Again, look at us. A lot of us are first generation students, we come from low income backgrounds. I have members come up to me and say they know they are down a fundraising point, but that they don't have money to spend on a \$2 concha, what can I do? It was like pulling teeth for us to decide if we wanted to implement quarterly dues of only \$5. You think \$5 that's not bad, that's like a cup of coffee. But a lot of times our students don't have that money. I have come out of pocket \$200- 300 of my own money every year because I see the need, because my family back at home, my grandparents who only have a sixth grade education, see me and say I can see myself as a student because of you. When they wear that UCSB grandparent merch. I remember I gave my grandpa her shirt freshman year and she said "wow, I feel like a college student." My own younger brother was on the fence about attending college. It wasn't until he saw me thrive and find my community on campus that he decided to go. Now he is pursuing a marine engineering degree at one of the top Cal Maritime academies, doing better than I ever have as a student here. We inspire a lot of future generations. We used to have semillas. It disheartens me that we cannot continue this program after COVID because we do not have resources and support to do so. Everytime we perform for the local community you see the kids' faces light up. We've had children come up to us and say wow I can see myself as you or I want to go to college now. I am a testament to that. Back home I used to be part of a folklórico group and we used to practice with a college group. We used to perform together, and because of them I met my godmother. I wanted to go to college because I saw myself as her. That was 2014. Since then, it has been instilled to me that I am going to college. My parents always made sure we wanted to pursue a higher education, but seeing myself and these students succeed has made it so much stronger that I take up space at these institutions, and that I am a voice for those that are afraid to come to you guys to speak. As my co- chair mentioned, it is a really intimidating environment, but thankfully I am not afraid to publicly speak, or afraid to address issues at the core. There was one member here that spoke, that I barely have heard spoken at practice. The fact that she came up here to speak on behalf of this organization that she has only been a part of for 8 weeks, says a lot. I am proud of all my

members, and every single community member that has come to show support. Just know from the bottom of our hearts, we appreciate it.

- A lot of times you think, you just dance, that's one event. We only have support to cover one event. We have an annual budget of \$2,000-10,000. Our bank account never reaches past \$10,000 and that's all thanks to fundraising and student funds and donations. Our alumni connections are very strong. One of our alumni just graduated, and just barely got his big boy job, yet every month, we get a zelle notification of \$20 donation. He is always reaching out to share what he can do and connect students with his line of work. Alumni support is strong, they continue to come back. We get emails and DMs every single day of people who used to be a part of Raices de mi Tierra begging to come back, but unfortunately we have to turn them down because we don't have that support. This is not about money but about creating a safe space on campus that people of not just Hispanic and Latina descent, but for all identities.
- In our mission statement, you don't even have to be part of a Mexican background to join. Folklórico is a Mexican dance, but there are different styles of dance that we touch upon and we collaborate with other cultural dance groups. Again, they are practicing in a parking garage. Never in my life that I'd have to say we practice in the bottom of a parking lot, I can't use my shoes anymore. Most members have to use their shoes that they pay a fortune out of pocket for, for the first day ever at the showcase
- Practicing with these shoes is not easy. They have nails at the bottom and they are not used to those movements because we practice in our tennis shoes. When we practice, we come in our school clothes and tennis shoes. But wearing them down runs a lot of debt. Members historically come from low income areas. The comment about the rowing team, historically, I know people who are on the rowing team come from money. Our members don't have that money and they try to help out in any other way they can. That's why the fundraising points are the way we run our organization. We allow them to earn that point for incentives by just donating their time, time that they take out of their busy day that could be used for studying or homework just because they love this organization.
- I have taken a lot of time out of my day because of this organization. I am passionate about social justice, and marginalized communities. That is why I am up here asking you to vote yes. Just to add, I don't know if some of you have read the bill because the comments you are making are answered in plain text. We want to allocate some of our funds to uplift, not just hispanic organizations, but dance organizations. We're just people in general who needed the help. We want to be the stepping stone for other organizations so they feel comfortable asking for funding from the Senate. We don't want it to be a scary space for people to come ask for funding and support from you guys, and from a board that is supposed to serve us. I hope I have answered your questions. Again, if you have any more questions about this, we have an email, Instagram, and I am happy to give you my personal phone number and we can set up some time to talk about this organization.

- Anyone have advice? Sorry, point of personal privilege. We can now be in discussion.

Lankarani

- Thank you to everyone who came to speak today and showed support. I know it's intimidating to come to the Senate to speak. I don't want the senate to be a place where students feel like they can't come here to ask for support. That is the reason we are here. A lot of us made an effort and pledged to make sure this year's senate was different from past senate's. That we could be an open space for communication, for just getting things done. And what I'm seeing is that we are falling into old patterns of not putting our money where our mouth is.
- Like Alexa was saying, so many of us were willing to unanimously vote to support immigrant students. But when it comes to supporting a group like Raices, people are saying they are just another club. Raices is much more than that, I have never been a member but one of my focal points of my freshman year was coming from a predominantly white rural area, to a predominantly white institution, it felt isolating. Going into my Mexican History class, the Folklórico group came and opened my eyes that I'm not the only one on this campus as a Mexican student.
- I don't want the senate to be a place where we are scared to ask for funding because we were turned down in the past. We're not that senate and we don't want to be that Senate. Raices matter to so many people and we can't be picky and choosy. You guys are here now and have shown that you are willing to fight for it. And I want to fight for that cause as well, not only as a Mexican student, but for Mexican students everywhere. Raices has been a major pillar to Latina culture on this campus. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, it is embarrassing we do not have BCU dedicated specifically to Latina culture. It feels like a punch in a face
- Even though UCSB is a white institution, they emphasize so much that we are a Hispanic Serving Institution, but they refuse to serve Hispanic students. We can't be like past senates, we need to pass this bill. We need to serve hispanic students where they are right now because if we don't who will, just like Alexa was saying. I yield.

Wang

- I just want to say that i have been hearing a lot of sentiment that "I can't believe that people are thinking of us senate this way, that is not what we ran on
- If the shoes fit
- To be honest, I was not at the pervious senate meeting, but from what i heard
- I'm just absolutely appalled by what went on
- And i genuinely think that if we want to indicate that we are a better senate than the ones before us, then we need to actually do what we say we are going to do
- We can't simply go "we are better, we are different, we are not like the other senates
- And then go and refuse to support groups when they are asking for that support
- And when they are showing up like this to demand for that support

Pinto

- The clapping ends up taking up a lot of time

- So if we could save that to the end
- Again, we only has this room for another hour
- So I would like us to be mindful of that time

Elkhatib

- I just want to say thank you so much to all speakers that came and spoke on how much Raíces has impacted them in their community.
- I've been behind there before
- facing a Senate that I didn't feel represented me and I understand how scary it can be.
- So thank you.
- I also want to apologize for not speaking up last week when I witnessed fellow senators reduced raíces to just dance, when it's not just dance.
- And hearing you guys speak honestly, got me a little bit emotional, because I thought of how important being around people my culture is to me, and how significant the culture shock at UCSB is being a majority white institution, and the culture shock of America as a whole,
- also because I come from another culture that's constantly resisting colonial orator, also through dance.
- I think that is so important that this bill passed, because that would make raíces the first BCU, specifically representing the Latina community, which is really shocking
- And I want to say that I disagree with any attempt to deem raíces unworthy of the same opportunity, and I disagree with any attempt to minimize the significance of the Latinx people and their contribution to the greater BCC community.
- Thank you.

Ganesh

- Well, first of all, thank you everyone for speaking.
- I know this can look very intimidating, having been on the back of this room last year.
- I'm really sorry that we're continuing that environment.
- I will do better, promise,
- yes, UCSB is not fun for people of color
- I have one question for the authors of the bill.
- I see that your fiscal impact is stated zero, but the bill is getting anywhere between 15 to 22 positions for raíces, if it becomes a BCU.
- So are they not going to get paid honoraria?

Butler

- They will not be giving honoraria prize this year, in short
- Long answer, they will be applying for the budget process in the winter
- To that point, I changed this fiscal impact and jumped through a million hopes in about a week, and went to a concert this weekend as well
- All while being questioned if that was even possible
- But I did it and more
- And completed all the changes and met with all of the co-chairs
- And they are okay with this change, because they are committed to becoming part of this association
- I yield

Singh

- First off, thank you, everyone that came and spoke today.
- We are so grateful for your opinions.
- I wanted to get into some of the points that were brought up when we were in public comment.
- Why is it more beneficial to be a BCU instead of a RCO?
- First things first, RCOs are independent.
- Unlike BCU, which are part of AS
- RCOs are separate entities.
- They don't have the same institutional banking or automatic access to funding streams that BCU benefits from.
- I'm going to get into more about that later on as well
- RCOs have fewer access to resources, while BCUs enjoy support like staff assistance or administrative help, making their funding process much more efficient,
- while RCOs have to manage all of this on their own
- Even though BCUs have to have their funding approved by the AS Senate, and we do have the final say for every single financial transaction, it is still much easier for them to access money compared to being an RCO, what they are right now
- That is because BCU, as a part of AS, means that their funding requests are already prioritized during the budget process that we have in the winter,
- They benefit from the built-in funding streams and Senate approval is often just like a streamlined process, as BCUs are seen as essential entities.
- BCUs are a part of AS, they are designed to fulfill specific roles in campus governance and student life funding.
- They are part of the AS budgeting process which prioritizes their needs, and it means that BCUs are essentially guaranteed consideration, and their funding is often a continuation of established operational budgets.
- RCOs are independent organizations.
- They don't have built in access to AS resources, and they must apply for funding through competitive grant processes
- When BCUs submit their funding request to Senate, they are already viewed as an integral component of AS
- We already have pre existing knowledge of their organization, making their review process much more straightforward, and BCU also often have direct relations to the Senate, to the liaison committee as well
- further easing their approval process
- But I also noticed there were some questions on whether granting or giving raises recognition to becoming a BCU. Is that fair or not?
- But I'm sure all of us agree that fairness is not just about treating every single group the same. It's about equity.
- It's about providing resources to those who need them the most and whose work aligns with our association the most
- racist has consistently demonstrated its impact advancing equity, inclusion and cultural education in ways that no other organization on campus currently does.

- It's also worth noticing that if we do decide to make raíces at BCU today, it does not take away opportunities from other RCOs.
- Instead, it creates an example. It creates a road map for other groups.
- They can learn how they can grow.
- They can demonstrate their impact and align with UCSB mission to seek similar support.
- We are a federally designated Hispanic serving institution. We have an obligation to prioritize initiatives that uplift and celebrate Hispanic heritage. Raíces embodies this mission. It provides a platform for cultural advocacy, education and community engagement through dance. Recognizing this group as a BCU is not only a reflection of their past achievements, it's also a commitment of the Senate to ensure future contributions to our campus and beyond.
- It also sends a very powerful message to 25,000 students that have put their trust in this Senate, that we value diversity, we value cultural heritage, and we are willing to invest in organizations that make a lasting impact.
- I don't want us to be the same bag of dicks that we were last year, just in different packages.

Pinto

- Alright. Order

Singh

- Supporting races at the BCU is a step forward to creating a more inclusive and Representative campus. And this is not a free pass, by the way. It is a partnership.
- It's built on trust, transparency and mutual commitment to our values.
- Passing this bill is a chance to reaffirm our commitment to equity, diversity and cultural enrichment. It is our chance to provide meaningful support to an organization that has given so much to our campus, and it is a chance to show that we value the contributions from all students, especially those who are tirelessly to preserve their heritage and inspire others to art and education. And I urge every single one of my colleagues on this table to vote yes on this bill.
- Thank you.
- I yield my time

Pinto left for personal privileged

Chairship yielded to Senator Butler

At 10:01PM

Kadah

- I just also really want to thank everyone, and not only spoke, but just show your support for this bill by showing up today.
- I think Senator Elkhatib, who embodied a lot of what I have to say perfectly,
- and just to touch up on that more
- coming from that same marginalized community and not having many spaces to be just like organizing or even just existing within,
- I also would like to acknowledge and thank the fact that the Latina community has been so welcoming in that sense.

- So again, just thank you for that and everything that Senator Elkhatab says, I really want to echo as well

Bridgerson

- Thank you all for coming.
- This is one of the first meetings where there's more people in the room than there are senators, which is amazing. This is the whole point.
- Why have we become our predecessors?
- Why are we acting in the similar way the Senate before us, and it feels like it's kind of the institution that the Senate is
- So we must seek systemic change, and we're working on that.
- There's kind of this energy around Senate where everyone has to be theatrical, and there's drama, and there's emotion, and I'm not saying that there shouldn't be, but the way that this is magnified by silly things like Robert's Rules of Order and all these things that we're bound to and I have to respect
- But in a way these systems bear down on us, they restrict our way of communicating with each other, and they allow for things that are rude and hurtful
- And because this is a white-created institution for mostly white UCSB, we need to work on that. We needed to figure out some better ways to question each other and work together
- And, you know, I want to echo what Senator Singh, Kadah are saying, it's ridiculous that we don't have one Hispanic BCU
- I understand raíces is for Mexican dance, so I would expect at least another Hispanic BCU in addition to raíces
- There is this idea that, if we let them become a BCU, we have to let everyone become a BCU
- I think Senator Singh put this well, you guys show a path for how to become a BCU. That should be what strives for here as a senator, we want to engage greater interaction between the student body, and we want RCOs coming to us wanting to become a RCO. That's, that's kind of the point.
- So I really urge us all to vote yes. And I feel like there's a little bit of misconception. I think the minority voice is very loud here. I think the Senate has always kind of been in support of this legislation. And I think the questions that were originally brought up were resolved and they were addressed, and I think the needs could not be better demonstrated.
- And I thank you very much for coming. And I thank Senator Butler so much for her tireless work. Amazing. I'm just so proud. Thank you so much.

Butler

- I yield chairship back to IVP Pinto
- 10:05PM

Iden

- I really don't feel that I was treated fairly tonight
- Last meeting. Not once did I call the group just a dance group, or belittle your mission, your goals for the work that you do. Not once have I ever done that

- From the start, my inherent issue has been that we shouldn't make an RCO a BCU. I find it unfair that it wasn't presented to others
- I stated that it'd be a better idea to put you on a program border SCORE, and stated that our association has funding issues which we are still paying off a \$2 million debt while struggling to shed excess funding that needs to be spent on RCOs and campus works.
- This meeting, I was singled out as an apparent enemy, despite not once making this discussion about the work you do. I simply did not find it fair that this the opportunity was being offered to one instead of over 50 culturally significant RCOs
- It is my job and my goal and my work to the electors of consolidation effort through the Financial Committee. It's my job to question. It's my job to see if this is the correct decision for the student body. My issue has never been with raices, it has been with this legislation and this process
- To single me out as an enemy is unfair. I also just want to say I really do not appreciate people laughing at Rocky Horror Picture Show, which has historically been a place for LGBTQ+ individuals to express themselves. That moment had me at all. I would be happy to have a conversation with anyone after this meeting, I simply not the enemy that you think I am

Butler

- I just wanted to articulate some of the quotes that I took note from the 11/13 Senate meeting and also emphasizing that tonight, no other senators were targeted as I was last week
- "They don't advocate for the overall community"
- "Highlighting the generalization of the needs of BCUs", also saying that
- "This is undeserving of student fees"
- I yield

Amin

- so I want to start by thanking all of you guys for coming. Each and every single one of you spoke so, so beautifully. And listening to you guys speak was really heartwarming, especially like coming from a Persian background and coming into a space that is predominantly white, and getting to hear you speak was really, really beautiful.
- I feel like Aryaman answered a lot of my questions. So thank you for that.
- Really, my only questions that I have left, if the authors have a second to answer would be amazing, is so there are two BCUs that we have. One of them is the Student Commission of Racial Equality (SCORE), and the other one is commission of culture, arts, and joy justice (CCAJJ). Whatever is happening with this RCO should not be happening. I don't know why they're not getting funding. To me, this makes no sense. I don't know how they got to the point where they feel like they need to come talk to us like this to become a BCU. The whole point of being an RCO on campus is that you can go to our F&B, you can request money from these two BCUs. So the fact that they felt the need to come, I don't know if it's because they really need to become a BCU, or it's because we as an AS are not doing a good enough job of telling our RCOs where they can go get funding. So I'm confused why they can't go to these two BCUs.
- And whatever answer to my question, I'm telling you, I have an open mind, so whatever you tell me, I'm listening.

Pinto

- I personally would like to say that CCAJJ has no chair or board, and SCORE has only officially appointed their chair and not the rest of their board.

Butler

- This is not a funding issue, this is an equity issue
- That is why I'm making this a BCU, not because i want to find a temporary funding source
- Because i want them on this campus for as long as this campus exists

Ganesh

- About SCORE, yes they have money but they are also working with a board that has mostly graduated
- Also, I have been very strongly convinced by everyone that came here, this is not a funding issue.
- Knowing that UCSB is an HSI who refuses to call itself an HSI, just started calling itself an HSI, but also conveniently uses you guys for its photo ops, it's ridiculous.
- I hope that answers your question, Senator.
- Thank you

Gerson

- I just had a question, and whoever has an answer, I'm listening
- I obviously recognize that funding isn't a sole issue
- But if this RCO is having this problem of not getting funded properly as an RCO deserves to be funded, and because, at the end of the day, becoming a BCU is an answer to their financial struggle
- I want to ask, If other RCO are feeling the same way, and since people have mentioned that raíces can be seen as a pathway to a solution for other RCOs
- I know the Senate has a lot of internal finances, but I just want to consider board discussion. Is this the correct solution that we want to fulfill it financially, or do we want to tackle the systematic issues of RCOs not getting funded properly
- I just don't want this to be a band aid for the bigger systematic issue
- So can we just address the issue that RCOs are not getting funded properly

Singh

- So the Finance Committee, we get about \$110,000 from SEAL every single quarter.
- And now we have to split that up between 500-600 different RCOs, like raíces is right now
- With a mission so important like theirs, they deserve some sort of guaranteed funding, where their funding is prioritized
- Not your statement on how we should be bettering our system, that's literally what one of my goals for this year is, it's stated in the Senate division strategic plan as well, and the resolution we passed last week, which was to start a pilot program, seeks to solve exactly that problem.
- So we are finding solutions, and we are trying to make it better for every single person on this campus to feel most supported

Gerson

- So follow-up question, if we're finding different approaches to this problem, should we not try to see if those work to fix this problem before we start creating BCUs?
- I'm not saying this in the sense that I don't think raíces should be a BCU. I'm just saying there's clearly an issue with the way that the money is being used. And if there is other alternative ways to solve this problem, I don't see why we are not exhausting all of those options if they're less horrible to the Senate as a whole

Singh

- This is a slow process.
- My committee has a budget about \$2 million this year, and the funding of the BEI event cost about \$15,000
- A lot of people abstained on that bill as well, so seeing support for it now is great, but it's a week too late
- Could you repeat your second point please? I forgot

Gerson

- My point is we are not seeing through other options to solve this problem
- if we want to send a message as Senare to other RCO to try and achieve similar things, not saying that they're similar in the impact they make on campus or in their contribution to the community.
- But if other RCOs look at this and are going to go through this process, how is that going to work for the Senate?
- So if we are saying that's the best route for other RCOs to take, that's fine, because I don't understand money like you, sorry.
- But if there's an alternative way that we're pursuing that might help solve this problem at least a little bit financially. Why are we not exhausting them before attempting this?

Pinto

- Senator Gerson, I wanted to advise you
- That would have been a strike for speaking without obtaining the floor
- I'm just going to give you a strike, I'm just saying this for the future

Butler

- I feel like I keep repeating the same points. I feel like raíces we've been talking about the same thing over and over and over again.
- Yes, they experience issues with funding,
- But them becoming a BCU, that is not because of the funding issue.
- That's because they deserve to be a part of the Associated Students, as a BCU, as a unit, and also emphasizing two, this is the longevity that they've already had and that they've continued.
- I wrote this bill so the raíces can be a part of this campus for 60 more years, and then also one to bridge the gap, as I sought out to do. And then we as the association have the resource, raíces has the talent. They have the board. They have the hard work, they have the drive. And we're saying no to the resources that we offer to them?
- I yield

khorsandi

- So I also want to thank every single one of you who has come here to speak.
- I've been in your shoes last year a lot of times as a Jewish student. I've come to the last Senate many times to speak my truth and just talk from my standpoint, and it's really scary. I remember standing up there looking at all these people who probably didn't care about me and it was scary, and also someone who comes from a minority background, and I am also the daughter of immigrants and Persian. It was a culture shock coming to UCSB. So I fully, fully stand with you guys on it.
- I don't want the Senate to be as scary for you as it was for me. That's the last thing I want. I believe that after listening to all of your testimonies and I know that Hispanic students are a massive population on this campus, and I have the AS Jewish commission as a Jewish student, AS Jewish commission is a BCU that is set up to be supportive of all Jewish students on campus. That being said, I think it's important to reaffirm in the mission statement of Raíces that your organization serves all Hispanic or Latinized students, and I understand that it is a sentiment that has been shared multiple times throughout public forums. I understand that this is a sentiment that you all truly, truly believe in. I think it is important for me personally, this is further clarified within the legislation statement. I'm with you guys, you guys are not just a dance organization
- I hear you. I read through the mission statement. I just wanted to be a little bit more clear. Alexa, we can talk about it.
- Because I have the AS Jewish Student commission. This is how I interpret the whole thing. I have a Jewish commission as a Jewish student, which represents my needs as a Jewish community. There are other organizations, Jewish organizations are on campus. For example, Chabad is a Jewish organization that practices a more orthodox or different sector of Jewish students, Chabad is not an BCU for that reason, because not all Jewish align with the vision of Chabad. That's why I think it's important to have a Latina serving organization within AS that is welcoming to Hispanic students. So for me, that's what's important to see in order for your organization to become that BCU.
- And Alexa, I'm happy to talk about that

Singh point of privilege at 10:18PM

Singh came back 10:19PM

Butler

- Which part in raíces's mission statement doesn't fully articulate that they advocate for all Hispanic and Mexican cultures?
- Because I feel like the sentence and specifically their name, translates to roots of my land, underscores the organization's commitment to grounding its activities and cultural authenticity, historical awareness and pride in Mexican heritage. Does that not make sense?

Khorsandi

- Yes
- I love, love the sentiments written there. I really, really do.
- Forgive me if this is a little tone deaf, I really am not trying to be tone deaf at all.
- I just think there should be a little bit more, it's not just for Mexican students, but it's for all Hispanic students. I think more of an emphasis of that, if it's going to become a BCU, that's what's important to me.
- However, I understand you guys are different from me. I'm not in your shoes

Lankarani

- I don't want to sound like a broken record here
- I feel like so many people come here tonight specifically saying raíces is much more than a dance organization.
- It serves Hispanic and Latina students. Their goal overall is to provide educational support for not only Latinax and Hispanic students, but anyone who's interested in learning about the culture and assisting their mission

Gerson

- Thank you for all coming to speak
- I am with you and i understand that it is more than finance but equity
- I don't know all of the BCUs
- But do you think you guys are the most umbrella one, where you guys are able to represent the majority of Laintx students and serve as representation for your community and help other RCO organizations
- I know this is not just dance, but do you think there is something broader you can fall under?

Pinto

- Point of order
- You are not allowed to address the crowd
- That is a strike

Zha

- I was going to make the same point

Butler

- You cannot address to crowd
- But you can address authors though when you are talking
- Authors as in me and senator Martinez
- I do want to emphasize the lack of communication. Honestly, the only person who reached out to me wanting to discuss the bill further was Senator Iden, which I appreciate actually because we have a big issue here with communication. You're addressing the crowd instead of addressing your own peers.
- So yes, they would be serving as the umbrella, and yes, they're up for the task. And yes, they can do it, because yes, they've been doing it for 30 years, and yes, they deserve to be a part of the association to do it for longer. And yes, they're willing to expand. And yet, we already have expanded if you look at the bill. I've changed every position, every committee, every aspect, changed the mission, expanded it, put it to zero, and you're still questioning whether they are deserving of being a part of the association. If we extended every single last effort, if there's debating whether someone is deserving or not to an

association where it's their money. They paid the majority of fees to the Senate, not me, for sure not the black community, because there's only a few 100 of us here, it's them, and here we're still repeating the same issues. Well, if it's funding, why are we not going to F&B. Again and again and again, the lack of communication.

- Do you not hear me? Do you not hear us? Do you not hear raíces?
- What is the issue?
- I yield

Kadah

- I just wanted to further expand on Senator Lankarani's point and expand on my previous point.
- I think it has been proven on this campus historically, that the Latinx community has been given the space to foster their own community, they have been very welcoming towards other communities,
- So I think not only have they addressed it in their mission statement, but also, historically, they have shown that.
- So I feel like they've proven themselves, and they don't need to keep on doing that.
- I yield

Lankarani

- Can I motion to close discussion, and open to a vote?

Zhang

- I'm sorry to interrupt, but I have been reached out by multiple senators requesting that I render a recommendation at the voting methods as a parliamentarian, from my experience in the space and being a part of multiple meetings of great contention, this meeting is certainly one of them.
- Not every day that the Senate has a room of public forum speakers, not every day a senator it's singled out as trying to do harm, and not every day that the Senate has two clear sets of opinions that the consensus is impossible.
- This is the reason, as a parliamentarian, that I must recommend out records that the Senate adopt a secret ballot
- Of the previous instances of contentious meetings from the 73rd Senate to last year and to today's Senate, a secret ballot has always been adopted.
- The reason it's simple, senators here at the table, every single one is elected by literally hundreds of students. You got a seat at this table because hundreds of students cannot, every single one of you have a solemn responsibility to represent them, your electorates, your fellow gauchos, to the best of your ability,
- So during this meeting, I have observed the yields of its predictive language during the meeting, the considerable amount of microtransactions that have occurred, the debated nature of the topic and the high tension affiliated with the conversation, and only a secret ballot can allow the senators, the elected representatives, to make a decision on behalf the students as their trustee, freely, without fail
- I yield.

Motion to exist discussion and go onto a vote over the bill to create the AS raíces de mi tierra

Lankrani- Kadah

Call to question: Wahidullah

The motion Failed at 10:30pm

Butler

- Objection

Pinto

- An objection has been called
- We are now going to go into a vote on weather we go back into discussion or leave it

Zhang

- So now we are going to do a vote to vote
- Vote yes if you want to have a secret ballot
- Vote no if you want to go to the discussion of the secret ballot

Pinto

- Did you object to the motion or the call to question?

Butler

- Motion

Zhang

- Vote yes if we want to have to votes by secret ballot
- Vote no if you not want to vote by secret ballot

Vote to Vote

Yes: 7, including 3 from zoom

No: 12

Abstain: 2

Motion failed at 10:33PM

Pinto

- Motion failed, we are now back in discussion

Motion to enter vote by roll call on a bill to create raíces de mi tierra

Butler-

Motion dies

Zha

- Senator Lankrani has to rescind her motion

Motion Rescinded- Lankarani

Pinto

- Ok, the motion has been rescinded

Butler

- Motion to enter vote by roll call on a bill to create the AS raíces de mi tierra
Pinto

- Roll call?
- So i would call individual names to vote
- Senator butler I recommend you amend your motion to just a hand vote

Butler

- I amend my motion to change it a motion to enter vote by hand vote

Motion to enter vote by hand-vote on the bill to create AS raíces mi tierra

Butler - Habas

Call to question: Lankarani

Passed at: 10:30PM

Pinto

- Seeing none,

Hand vote to a bill to create AS raíces de mi tierra

Yes:17

No: 1, from zoom

Abstain: 5

Passed at 10:36PM

H) Recess

Motion to enter a 15 minute recess.

Butler - Wang

Call to question - Ganesh

Passed at 8:53PM.

I) AS UCSB Reports

Motion to add TSA to BCU reports.

McClintock - Ganesh

Call to question - Wang

Passed at 6:42PM.

Motion to add GGC to unit reports.

Proxy Wu - Rosillo

Call to question - Amin

Motion passed at 6:42PM.

- I-1) Boards & Commissions Reports-
- I-2) Administrative Committee Reports-
- I-3) Unit Reports-

Bike Committee (7:17pm)

Anthony

- Thanks for having us, I'm Anthony and this is Laney.
- Laney is going to go over the education and safety side of what the bike community does, and I'll go over our ongoing projects.

Laney

- A couple weeks ago for daylight savings time change we held a bike light giveaway, by Pardall center. It was pretty successful, we gave away 80 bike lights. In terms of other outreach, we have our education officers working on campus planning to do stuff around ILP and just some general bike safety tips on our social media.

Anthony

- We have also attended a couple of tabling events. We gave away some other stuff like pumps and bags.
- As far as infrastructure, we are working on renovation of the north hall loop area where there is bike parking. The path is really damaged. Hopefully this summer they'll redo the asphalt, repaint the path, and add some more bike parking racks.
- Another project we are currently working on is restoring the bike path between the ILP and library. The community has spoken about that issue, where there is overwhelming support for a bike path there. At this point, we are working with campus planners to see what we can do because they have their own plan with how they are going to be renovating that. That is related due to traffic diversion with UCen road. They are willing to work with us, we have to come up with a plan and assemble what they call a "hotspot" committee which is some campus planners, one of vice chancellors, and some other people.
- We are optimistic that we might get a path there within the next few years, but it might require a little extra funding.
- We are not requesting funding at this point, but it is a possibility that we might propose an additional temporary lock in fee over the course of the next couple of years to cover that.
- We are using our budget on the North Hall renovation.
- Last thing we are doing is minor path repairs over winter break. We just sent in our list of our top 10 spots around the bike path that need repair. Project management and campus planning are going to do what they can over Winter break for that.

Pinto

- Thank you. I did want to ask if you all have hired your vice chair and your project manager yet?

Anthony

- We are both new this year but last year we think there was a chair and vice chair, but it's been switched to 2 co-chairs.
- We do have a representative from project management on campus that comes but it is not a student position.

Pinto

- So far, the only chair we have listed is Laney. If you can send the other name so we can motion onto the agenda. Are you both the co-chairs?

Anthony

- Yes.

Pinto

- Ok so if you all can send me the other name so we can motion it onto the agenda. You can email either of us. Just so we can approve the honorarium and stuff, which is open by the way.

Wahidullah

- What is your email information? I want to know what is the best way to reach out to you

Anthony

- We have our email address, which should be listed somewhere.
- Our weekly meeting is also open, we will not meet next week but will be having week 10 meeting at 11am at the same office.
- Can also dm the instagram account , they will respond on there. We'll publish our new meeting time during the Winter quarter. Our meetings always have a public forum session

Iden

- Thank you for having me and Senator Lala the other day. I like the work you do
- Before you go in for a lock in increase, we've discussed the portion of your legal code. It also never hurts to get more money from campus, especially for an issue like this. Just get as much as you can from campus before you go for the lock in.

Environmental Affairs Board (6:43pm)

Bella

- My Name is Bella and I am one of the co-chairs. My co-chair Hattie, but our meeting is at 7pm, so she is getting ready for that, which is why I am here alone.
- EAB mission's statement promotes environmental, economic and social sustainability.
- This is my second year as the co-chair of EAB.
- I am just going to list some things we have been up to with the knowledge that it is in no means a comprehensive summary of everything we have done. We had kickoff at the beginning of the year, we started prep over summer although we do not apply for summer honoraria. We held orientation sessions for our new core members who were chosen at the end of last Spring. Our kickoff took place week one. We have been hosting our weekly general meetings on Wednesday and have

break out sessions for each meeting. We do post card writing to CalFire or other organizations. We have clothing swaps. We have representatives and guest speakers from the Board of Supervisors. We host events every single week, sometimes twice a week, social and volunteer events, as well as something called E coalition, which is our advocacy chair that hosts meetings with other organizations on campus such as CALPIRG. That is where we talk about things that are currently happening.

- We are trying to build a student based coalition to help stop the pipeline that is currently being proposed in the Santa Barbara county line.
- Some examples of events we do are study jams, pumpkin patch, volunteer events where students can get volunteer hours. These are things such as Stewardship Saturdays with IVRPD.
- Other highlights is that we recruited for 3 open positions during week 5. That involves having applications open, reading through the applications and hosting a 30 minute interview for each applicant.
- We have done a lot of tabling this quarter so far. We went to the A.S involvement fair.
- As I said earlier, we have a really big advocacy campaign happening right now against Exxon and Sable because they are trying to start another pipeline, or continue an old pipeline in Santa Barbara County. That involves collaboration with other organizations as well as the local Santa Barbara county.
- We are already starting to plan for Earth Day Festival which takes place in April every single year.
- We had a tik tok created. So far we have posted twice, make sure to follow us.
- For the budget, we haven't received a finalized budget yet from the finance office. All I can say about that is that we track our budget, and I know we have not spent more than our lock in. I don't have exact numbers because they weren't provided.
- Other budget stuff, we've been working with finance to sign an MOU revolving around our shared government funds, for funding projects. We are currently in the process of signing it.

Pinto

- Do you want to give people more information on how to advocate against the pipeline?

Bella

- We are going to start our student coalition tomorrow. It is going to be with the student based group who are working with the pipelines. It is the Environmental law club, SEAL and CALPIRG. It is the student leaders in those groups working together.
- I mentioned that we sent a bunch of postcards to Cal Fire. Right now the pipeline proposal is in a really strange place where we are just waiting to hear back information. There has been a lease transfer from Exxon to Sable. We are just waiting to hear more information.
- We have a discord where we connect to our general members.

Pinto

- Would you like any questions?

Bella

- Ya.

Pinto

- Seeing none. Thank you for coming today.

ASPB(6:48)

Montana

- My name is Montana, I'm the commissioner of the program board. A little information on what we've done this quarter and some information about our budget. I can also answer any questions since I heard there are some about liability and rollover. This quarter we've had 14 events and co-sponsored 7 events using our own budget. We hold a weekly general meeting. At that meeting there is also a public forum with groups that we've co sponsored, IV parks and rec, we did silent disco, Sabrina tqcomm, taste of the middle east event, which is happening tonight. UCRM, KCSE, the Morris Performance, and the formula at SAE group. So, in that public forum, people are welcome to come, if anyone needs funding they can come to us as we have a lot of rollover money. We are using rollover to mostly fund cultural type events. We want to make sure groups that want to do cultural events have funding since they are the groups that usually get overlooked. We also started planning a warm up and extravaganza, which are 2 big events in the Spring. This quarter we had lagoon on film, we had delirium night 1 and 2, Mike Sherm, spooky spectacular, pumpkins, photo booth, giveaways and etc. We are doing a free bagel day which we usually do during finals week. I Did a tabulation of how much we've spent this quarter, since I know it's a big concern for the Senate. Based on requisition, not all of the money we've spent so far. But we have spent roughly around 237k this quarter.

Pinto

- Any questions

Motion to add EJA to BCU reports

Butler- Lankarani

Called to question - Rossilo

Passed at 6:52pm

CAB (6:52)

Yami

- My name is Yami and this is Sophie. We are the chairs of CAB. Beginning of the quarter, it was a pretty good start. We helped A.S creative media unit in making an A.S comeback. We have done tabling at the distribution as well. We helped out with the AS welcome back lanyard. The transition of the board has been successful, we had a retreat during week one and constantly throughout the quarter we have had one on ones with the leader board. We are familiarizing them with A.S as a whole and their position in CAB. We have trained them with

funding, event planning, requisitioning, and so on. Helping them smooth out the transition. Made a collaboration with the finance committee to use our shared funds to fund some RCOs. Half of it has already been used. Also have had general meetings throughout the quarter, about 4. We have study nights where we provide CAB office to students to study and we provide snacks. We have collabed with AS president, CAB director and the director of non-traditional center for Legal Pro Changes in regards to the childcare brands. CAPS 320 which we kinda just help out with the distribution of those accounts. Thank you to the senator liaison committee for working on those legal changes. We are aiming to increase the amount we give to students who are parents because the legal code hasn't been updated. The expenses those parents are having doesn't match what it says in the legal code. Also have been collabing with other BCUs like IBTU. In fact we have a thanksgiving meal distribution this friday, at the Arbor. Also have one in IV targeting the houseless community. If you want a free sandwich, feel free to pass by from 10-11am, we are giving katz's bagels. Speaking on behalf of the leaderboard, they have done all the work but our family literacy program is run by two of our leaders board. They have been tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays at the community center. It is Free tutoring for kids. We also have our environmental coordinator who has done a bunch of stuff throughout the quarter. Such as halloween with IVRPD, tree planting with Santa Barbara Bucket and gardening with ECP. Our senior coordinator has had ongoing events since week 2. Recently they came up with a new social, where they do one on one with other students with an elder just to talk. Our special projects have been the You Matter campaign, where they have midterm essentials like snacks, scantrons, blue books. She also has a destress pastry catering during finals outside of the library. It'll be Monday December 3 from 10am-1pm. Since we are not actively working during the summer, so all the applicants that applied for grants, we take care of them during fall quarter. She is also working on proving suit passes for students who are parents. Have also worked on our upcoming volunteer trip that is happening during winter break. They are going to Joshua Tree National park, Joshua Tree to do some work there. Because we sent a mass email, we had like 100 applicants, but can only accept 8. It has been pretty successful. Our community outreach has worked with local non profits like wireless youth, which is an after school project. Apple zucchini cooking school which is an environmental defense center in Goleta. We are connecting our student body with volunteer opportunities.

Sophie

- With our budget, we are also providing funds for RCOs that align with our CAB legal code. Basically we founded a lot of acapella RCOs. This year we are suggesting acapella groups to go through finance first. Also we are funding RCO staff, and RCO that are promoting community safety such as UCSB red cross. We are also funding RCOs that promote outreach like freedom for youths. We fund RCOs that promote cultural exchange events. Now we have a comprehensive budget tracking all the funds externally and internally. For now, we have funded

60k. Roughly 25k for external events and 25k for internal events. We are still keeping track of budget since student groups are still requisitioning

Pinto:

- Any questions

Community Financial Fund(7:00PM)

Speaker

- Educating students on financial literacy
- 560 students attending our workshops
- We just finished approving and are going through financial aid office to approve their grants
- Passed 80,800
- Fall speaking events going on
- Thursday at 5PM
- Featuring UCSB campus resources such as Basic Needs, AS food bank, and health and wellness
- Takes place on zoom tomorrow 5PM
- Assisted other campus organizations, such as McNair by purchasing 5 financial books for them
- Welcome Day bags
- Have ongoing peer advising that can be booked through our website

Pinto

- Any questions?

Take Back the Night/ SASA(7:02PM)

Speaker

- My name is Evelyn I'm the external chair for Take Back the Night
- Had couple general meetings
- It's our first full year on campus
- Trying to really build up our membership and get people engaged
- A lot of people don't know us
- We've had a couple events such as meeting with representatives with different sororities and fraternities
- Led by our greek liaison coordinator
- Learned a lot of information and good ways to reach out with greek life
- We created a shoreline, something seems easy but was difficult
- Most of what we've done besides that was take a lot of planning
- April is SA awareness month
- Trying to do a lot in April, trying to build up sexual assault awareness
- Also have library art exhibition set up for April
- We've been collecting student artwork throughout the quarter
- Also currently planning our town halls with CARE

- Looking like it's going to happen next quarter
- CARE, Title IX, and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, setting up next quarter
- In the process of seeing that up and communicating that
- Communicating with CARE to implement board training and other BCUs as well
- So people are more aware of trauma informed care and stuff like that
- As far as budget, spent about 5,000 this quarter, I know it's not very much
- Allocating 10-20 thousand for our rally in april and other events that are taking place later in the year

Ganesh

- I emailed you guys I hope you got it

Speaker

- For those who don't know, we've merged with SASA now
- Still figuring it out
- Setting up subcommittee board, so SASA is still it's own entity even within our board

Pinto

- Are you bringing back that panel with faculty and admin?

Speaker

- Yeah, that's going to be the town halls in hopefully Winter and Spring
- Looking like there's a lot of things happening at those town halls

Pinto

- I definitely encourage everyone to go

Amin

- Thank you so much, really amazing and appreciate
- For the training if you want any of us to come, email us

Speaker

- Thank you we're trying to meet with CARE this week
- We'll have more solidified information on training soon, of course we want to do it with BCUs we'll reach out

Iden

- I have this huge box of night caps that I inherited from the last SASA members, it's just been sitting in my living room

Speaker

- Send me an email

Strategic Operations Office (7:06pm)-

Speaker

- My name is Abby, I am the Chief Operating Office for A.S.
- Chair of SOO

- Give little excerpt of what we are
- We are tasked with assessing and executing the 29 strategic goals of A.S.
- By doing so, we've been able to assess the association, entities, BCUs, in the background of different projects we're creating
- I've held this position for the second year now and been in this office for 3
- Been able to make some really great change
- iPads for equity project
- Basic needs vending machine is being delivered tomorrow I hear
- This quarter and basically whole year, focusing on making of new Strategic Vision Plan of the next 3-5 years
- For those who don't know, the Strategic Vision Plan was made in 2021, in 3 to 5 years a new consulting firm comes in
- With a bunch of different ways of service, focus groups, town halls we will be creating a new Strategic Vision Plan with the goals of community, AS, and the whole campus in mind
- That's our biggest goal right now
- We've been talking with the consulting firm
- We will be creating Strategic Vision Planning committee soon
- Which will consist of strategic operations office, executive board and 3-5 members of senate
- Any interest, please let me know
- That is what we've been focusing on
- Hoping to start first meeting in the beginning of the new year
- Other projects is Basic Needs Vending Machine
- Still working with Basic Needs technology for the iPad project
- That project brought 200 iPads to Basic Need
- Where THRIVE is basically, you can rent out an iPad for the quarter
- You can rent out iPad for the quarter
- Right now, about 150 ipads are being loaned up right now
- We are looking into meal swipes and rollovers with Alvin SAG
- Office is seeing where UCSB fits in category with other UCs and their rollover ideas
- We have been looking to revamp sustainable tech initiative since its' been dead for the past years
- Looking into that as well
- Looking into internet access grants
- Basic needs tech committee exhausted their funds
- They are no internet grants or accessibility ways or means that students can get at the university
- One of our main priorities
- Looking into murals, either in IV or campus
- That's exciting and going well as well

Pinto

- I have a copy of the strategic vision plan in my office if anyone would like to see that

Speaker

- Also online if you go to ASUCSB website
- Go to documents, one of the first or second tabs
- You could read the 200 pages, or just read the basic goals

Iden

- Who is the consulting firm that you've been working with?

Speaker

- It's called SUPIN
- They are the consulting firm that has done the last 2 years
- More to come on quotes, proposals from them
- Will bring that directly to you guys to ask for money

Khorsandi

- What are some ideas for the tech funding plan you had?

Speaker

- For the internet access grant
- What it looked like for basic needs tech was anywhere from a 200-500 subsidy
- Anywhere from 200-500 to give out to students
- It is still a really big need, people need that technology
- What it looked like before they paired up with some sort of internet company and they were able to get that for a good cost
- I don't know what it would look like if we couldn't do those grants, it would have to be physical
- It would have to be a grant based project

Pinto

- Does the office look at any other universities to see how they do this kind of thing?

Speaker

- We haven't looked at other universities besides UCs
- Haven't found much
- You have to meet with ppl to figure that stuff out
- We've been just in contact with basic needs

Pinto

- I know that SBCC has a really successful program

Speaker

- I've also heard that and we've been in contact with them as well

Transfer Students Alliance(7:13)

McClintock

- We are recovering from half of our board graduating so it has been a slow start. Our chair has also just resigned. Currently, our treasurer stepped up and has been directing meetings and getting everything ready for us to start recruiting.

- We've been in communication with committees on committees, they informed us that they are doing interviews this week for our open board positions, which are chair internal director, communication director, and just open general board members.
- If anyone knows anyone who is a transfer student who wants to come to our meetings. If you attend more than 3 meetings, you get voting privileges. If you don't want to be a board member but still want to be involved, come join us.
- We are hoping to have new members on board by next quarter.
- So far we have been having meetings regularly on Wednesdays, a few have been canceled due to our chair resigning. We have been having consistent meetings within the Transfer Student center which is amazing. We have been in person. We have had consistent attendance with our current board members, which includes our treasurer and external director. We've been voting on external matters and all that stuff.
- For our board activity we've been focusing on advertising and outreach with our Instagram. We are planning on tabling. We did table at Gaucho Transfer Friday last Spring to inform people that were coming to transfer this year but we have not gotten much word out.
- As for event funding we have passed 3500\$ to do a collaboration event with the Transfer Student Center, which will be planned to happen this upcoming Winter, which was delayed because of all our board stuff.
- We are starting planning for the annual transfer student graduation ceremony which will be happening in the Spring. We will be getting more information about that as soon as we get more board members.
- As for next quarter, we hope to continue with our full board. The unfortunate thing about transfers is that there is a quick turn over; We do tend to be rebuilding our board every year.

Amin

- I'm gonna send you an email right now, if you respond to me with the information for transfer stuff, I can send that out. I am a transfer and most of my friends are also transfers.

McClintock

- Okay cool. One thing is that I think it was in the office of president, we did the transfer torch, which was a project where transfers from the class of 2025 wrote advice for the class of 2026. That just came out recently, I posted on my Instagram.
- Email me and I will send you all that information.

Amin

- Sending it now.

EJA(Environmental Justice Alliance)

Katia

- Hi my name is Katia, one of the co-chairs.

- For a brief recap of this quarter, we started off with pretty much a new board. We spent the first few weeks getting everyone up to speed and also hiring two new project chairs.
- We have been holding weekly meetings with our board members, we have been attending a lot of tabling events just to promote the club and get our name out there. We have been to the MCT open house and a few others.
- We've also been doing internal work updating legal code and just revamping our board structure.
- We've been working on getting a new logo and also the promotional items that go along with that. We are ordering new tablecloths, alongside more promotional things such as stickers and pens.
- Last week we had our first general body meeting which we hold quarterly. That was successful. We were providing safe space for reflecting on the election and having some discussion surrounding that. We were talking about policy and environmental justice implications of this new administration. We talked a lot with the audience about steps to get prepared and organized.
- We've established a biweekly newsletter, we have been using that to promote our events and other organizations that are aligned with our mission.
- This year we've also been focusing a lot on addressing current environmental justice issues on and off campus
- Next quarter, looking to increase interaction a lot more with our general student body. Whether that is through volunteer opportunities or just having more direct engagement in communication with them.

Co-Chair Speaker 2

- We are an active MCP user group, and we are going to the Chancellor's Sustainability Committee meetings whenever they have them. We are serving on a sub working group for developing environmental justice elements from the UCSP updating climate and action plan.
- We are participating in coalition building with other campus organizations.
- Next quarter, we are adding extra meetings for project chairs to discuss their initiative together.
- This quarter we have had an urbanism tea event with EAB and we just focused on incorporating holistic health and de stressing. We are looking to do another tea event towards the end of finals week to help people calm down during a time where everyone is taking their finals.
- We are going to have a community sunset walk this friday, helping people think about the inequalities of access to green spaces on campus, and show some beneficial areas with connecting with nature, and cool places we have on campus.
- We are planning to collaborate with the A.S food bank in future to focus on food insecurity and one of the options is to have a takeaway food box that people can take with them, like a prepped meal.

Suuck

- I am looking at your appointments right now, and you have an advocacy chair and an administrator communications chair? That is not in your legal code; was there a bill that has been passed?

Katia

- We are in the process of updating our legal code and finalizing it. We still have to send it in. We are working on having 4 project chairs. They have eliminated community affairs.

Co-Chair Speaker 2

- We are also getting rid of the treasurer or any kind of chief.

Ganesh

- If you have your legal code all done and ready, you can send it to me or Senator Singh.

Pinto

- Our liaison committee is here to help you guys with that. It is definitely a beast, it is not a task you need to take on your own.

Global Gaucho Commission(GGC)

Billy

- Co-Chair billy
- GGC is dedicated to advocate for international student well being on campus
- Been doing a lot of great projects
- Gave out 400 goodie bags
- Including personal made pamphlets with directions and resources
- With notebooks, folder, pens, phone cards to create welcome to international students
- Have also hosted multiple tabling events to pass out those goodie bags
- We have hosted a midterm booth station where we passed out baked goods during midterm season
- We have also planned an event coming this week, panelist from different industries, education industries, etc
- To help guide post graduation picture for international students
- Secured partnership with IV restaurant to pass out 200 free meals to all students who are spending their Thanksgiving in IV
- This is a tradition we've kept for 2 years
- We have great events next quarter
- We have to maintain healthy working relationship with multiple on-campus departments, including Office of International Student and Scholars, Education Abroad Program, and UCSB student wellness
- Started pilot program pairing international students with junior or senior members of international communities to help guide them
- Integrating to UCSB atmosphere
- We've completed and redesigned Instagram account and our logo
- Rebranding project
- We are working on our website on the upcoming weeks
- Hopefully having website working by next quarter

Pinto

- Can you share which restaurants are participating and when/where?

Billy

- Partnering restaurant is Kaiju
- Have historically partnered up with them last year as well
- Have 250 meals ready
- Meal ticket will come with 4/different options of meals
- Paired up with 2 or 3 different boba teas
- We'll be sending out our sign up sheet
- School wide email on monday
- Taking place 28th and 29th during their business hours
- I encourage everyone to save a spot to people in need

Motion to add IVCRS to unit reports.

Singh - Gerson

Call to question - Ganesh

Passed at 7:32PM.

Motion to add Coastal Fund under Unit Report

Gerson - Lankarani

Call to question - Proxy Claro

Passed at 7:32PM.

IVCRC(Isla Vista Community Relations Committee)

David Sim

- Internal chair of IVCRC
- Connection between campus and the permanent and temporary residents of Isla Vista
- This year we have we have our IV week happening at Pardall Center
- Study jams
- Slime making
- Tote bag making, button painting
- Tomorrow is button making and friday is friendship bracelet
- Lock-in BCU, also are a grant BCU
- Give funding to community events in IV
- This year we have noticed there are fewer requests than past years
- If you guys would like to help spread the word, greatly appreciated
- We've only had 6, we've spent 30k out of 200,000 lock in budget
- Otherwise, starting to plan for Pardall Carnival
- This year not to clash with EAB we are going to be doing it hopefully beginning of May
- Heading our vendors as well as our ferris wheel
- Next quarter, Valentine's Day and maybe snow day
- We have a new board, kind of slow to start but we are meeting every single week
- Ready to take any questions

Wahidullah

- Where do you have your meetings?

David

- Have our meeting at the Pardall Center
- Thursdays 4-5pm

Coastal Fund(7:35PM)

Eva

- Chair of coastal fund
- We work to fund projects that fund coastal exploration, research, protection, education
- This quarter we had 32 grant applications for total of 306,000 in requests
- We are trying to keep it at 200k budget this quarter
- Right now we're in process of making our final decisions of where we're going to allocate that funding
- We train 3 new board members who are all doing great
- Started first quarter as chair, been on board since January
- Each week we discuss/prep for
- Presentations for grant applicants and grant applicants come and present their pitch
- And then we ask them questions we prepped prior
- We have another discussion of what we thought of their grant application
- Pretty much what we've been doing
- Happy to answer any questions

Pinto

- I know coastal fund has participated in the education panels that stand by nature reserves
- Is there a plan to renovate them?

Speaker

- To renovate the reservations themselves?

Pinto

- You know those plaques?

Speaker

- Oh yes
- There's two different projects that are working on that
- One is through CCBER(Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration)
- They have a cool project working on that
- They are working with connecting that with an app where viewers can scan a QR code
- Also have undergrad student spearheading his own project, creating his own signs, been preparing this project for a while
- These are both projects that we haven't made our final funding decisions on
- That's likely something we'll see in the next year

- I-4) President's Cabinet Report-
- I-5) Executive Director's Report-
- I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

8:47PM

Owen Meyers

- I wanted to give a general update on office activities. I wanted to talk about UCID. We were able to get a Narcan distributor. We have distributed over 100 units. The town hall went well, we were able to get our panelists set up for that. There will be a Deltopia town hall. 30 people were able to get tested last month. I think it was a very successful event. I am very happy to continue this and see how they progress. We had the Pardall center grand reopening. I believe that the vending machine will come on December 10. The grand reopening will be January 15. There will be a band and vendors. I am looking forward to having that for the community. I will be working with Stessa on a sexual assault prevention town hall. I am currently working on communication with the district attorney office about the restorative justice suspension, hopefully I can just give you guys this project proposal later.

Brinderson

- When you came here during week 2, you gave us the date when they shut down IV during halloween, you said it was the 26-4. But they changed it back to the 25th. The email only went out 3 days before.
- How do you explain that discrepancy?
- Is deltopia going to have more notice for the lock down?

Speaker

- I'd like to apologize for that, it was mainly a change of date that just kept happening. When I initially met with UCPD, they said it would be the 26th, which was changed to the 25th. Then it was kept at the 25th for a while, but wasn't until the community meeting that it was changed back to the 26th. UCP was telling me one thing and they were telling me another. It was confusing.

Amin

- Last time you talked about restorative justice and what that would like at Deltopia and now you are talking about a town hall. I don't think people are going to listen to students at the town hall when they are saying that they don't want restorative justice.
- What can you do?

Speaker

- I'm working on a letter to send to DAs office. I am also going to meet with vice chancellor Margaret and then Katia to discuss that part. I think the best thing is a multi step approach, DA office, the school, you guys, I know you mentioned before a survey, is there an update on that?

Amin

- You did say that. Honestly, it totally slipped my mind, I will write that down.

Speaker

- If not, it is ok. My office is working on a survey.

Amin

- I'd like to work on that.

Pinto

- That is a task designated to our outreach committee. Are you on that?

Amin

- Yes. Wait, no.

Pinto

- That is a task designated to our outreach committee.
- Any further questions?

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:

To Be Approved

Motion to bundle and approve all minutes and allocations

Gerson - Wahidullah

Call to question - Lankarani

Passed at 8:46PM.

L) Appointments

Motion to add resignation of Sheila Lockwood from TSA on Agenda

McClintock- Rosillo

Call to question: Wang

Passed at 10:38PM

Motion to add the removal Deanna Hu from the finance committee

Singh - Rosillo

Call to question: Ganesh

Passed at 10:40PM

Lala, Kadah, Zha, left at 10:40

Butler - personal privilege at 10:40PM

Motion to bundle and approve all resignations, removals, and appointments

Rosillo - Ganesh

Call to question: Wahidullah

Passed at 10:41PM

Singh:

- Point of order, it's spelt wrong.

Pinto:

- That's not a point of order. You can literally just correct that.

Singh:

- But it's the wrong person.

Pinto

- I am issuing a strike
- Don't piss me off, I have a headache right now.

Iden

- I was going to point of order

Pinto

- Be nice to the chair.

Global Gaucho Commission

MingJun Zha - Resignation as Policy Director

Creative Media Unit

Asha Bilimoria: UCSB TV Videographer

Emilie Harris: UCSB TV Editorial Reporter

M) Discussion Items

Senate Development Retreat

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

Motion to adjournment the senate at 10:52PM

Lankarani- Briderson

Call to question: rosillo

Passed at 10:52PM