

Senate Agenda 01/22

Associated Students

Zoom Link

This meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. in the Flying A Room by Internal Vice President Pinto.

Minutes/Actions recorded by: Sydney Arbolado, Hazel Gong, Melina Magno, Liliana Dritz CALL TO ORDER by Acucar Pinto, Internal Vice President, at 6:45 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 🕝	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	♠ Absent →	Off-Campus Senator

Name	Attendance	Position
Leah Khorsandi	Present, 🌞 Early 🕝	College of Letters & Science Senator
Mariana Rosillo	♠ Absent →	University-Owned Off Campus Senator
Ella Yu	🔽 Present, 🔆 Early 🕥	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	Present, * Early (zoom)	Transfer Senator
Alejandra Martinez	Present, 🌞 Early 🔹	College of Letters & Science Senator & Outreach Committee Chair
Dominic Wang	♠ Excused •	Off-Campus Senator
Lily Habas	Present, 🌞 Early 🔻	College of Creative Studies (CCS) Senator
Paolo Brinderson	🔽 Present, 🄆 Early 🕝	Off-Campus Senator
Eemaan Wahidullah	Present, 🌞 Early 🕝	Off-Campus Senator
Jasmine Amin	Present, 🔆 Early 🕝 (zoom)	Off-Campus Senator
Daniyal "Dan" Siddiqui	Present, 🌞 Early 🔹	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	♠ Excused →	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya "Sandy" Ganesh	Present, 🌞 Early 🕝	International Senator & Liaison Committee Chair
Aryaman Singh	Present, Late (excused until 7:45PM)	College of Engineering (CoE) Senator & Finance Committee External Chair

A-2) Excused Absences

Motion to excuse Senator Habas at 9:30PM. Lankarani - Iden Call to question - Lala Passed at 6:47PM

Motion to excuse Senator Elkhatib. Kadah - Martinez Call to question- Ganesh Passed at 6:48PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Wang. Siddiqui - Lankarani Call to question - Iden Passed at 6:48PM. Motion to excuse Senator Singh until 7:45PM. Ganesh - Lankarani Call to question - Kadah Passed at 6:49PM

Motion to excuse Senator Yu at 8:30PM. Iden - Gerson Call to question - Kadah Passed at 6:49PM.

Senator Singh arrived at 7:35PM. Senator Yu left at 8:29PM.

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Caleb Claro for Senator Dominic Wang

Motion to bundle and accept all proxies. Siddiqui - Lankarani Call to question - Suuck Passed at 6:51PM.

Motion to accept Kadah -Motion rescinded.

Motion to accept MingJun Zha as proxy for Ella Yu. Kadah - Siddiqui Call to question - Lankarani Motion passed at 8:34PM.

- B) External Reports
- B-1) Chancellor's Representative-
- B-2) UCPD Representative-
- B-3) GSA Representative-
- B-4) University Center Governance Board Representative-
- B-5) IVCSD Representative-
- C) New Business
- A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regar...

 Lala Iden

Lala

- This one is quite similar to the resolution that we brought last week in the sense that it's meant to get student voices institutionalized in a much stronger presence on the major housing projects that are going on in and around the campus
- But it's quite different in important ways
- In that San Bernardino project has actually been real attentive and responsive from its administration in what is happening with its proceeding on Munger Hall and the architects of the project
- Whereas the Ocean Road project, if you see the resolution, is shrouded in mystery in a few ways: How exactly the original private, public university partnership dissolved is not clear. Its impact on surrounding infrastructure is not clear. Its timeline is not clear.
- This idea came to me really organically. It was other stakeholders in the housing space who told me that they have no idea what is going on. Besides the Chancellor's meeting that happened last quarter, there is no real other indication of what is going on with the project
- So with some help from Senator Iden about softening the language to be requesting and not demanding, we will be sending this in tandem with the resolution introduced last week, and hopefully pass this to all the relevant authorities

Iden

- That was eloquently stated
- I think students deserve to know what is going on with that project, especially project at that scale
- One of the things we are requesting is a town hall to be held just so we can have some more student engagement, just give people an opportunity and space to ask some questions
- There have not been a lot of updates released on this. They have barely updated the website, which is a little disappointing, specifically with the ongoing housing crisis
- So just getting some clarification on the project would be awesome
- So if there any other things that people think would be pertinent to add to this resolution, especially like the requests at the bottom, we are more than open to any suggestions

Siddiqui

- Thank you both for this piece of legislation
- I would only recommend amendments to the therefore clause, just using more legal use
- I just like to use legal language as a practice
- So I would just amend number one, adding in a bona fide manner. What it means in Latin is provide the information in a way that is not deceitful
- I think that should suffice, and maybe just make it a little bit more specific

Motion to open A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regarding the Ocean Rd. Housing Project.

Iden- Lankarani

Call to question - Wahidullah

Passed at 7:00PM.

Motion to amend #1. under the first therefore clause from request the ucsb administration provide to a request that the UCSB administration provide the following information in a bona fide manner.

Siddiqui -

Motion rescinded.

Motion to amend #1. under the first therefore clause from request the ucsb administration provide to a request the administration provide the following information to the 75th senate in a bona fide manner.

Siddiqui - Ganesh Call to question - Suuck Passed at 7:03PM.

Motion to amend #1. Under "therefore" clause to a request the UCSB administration provide the following information to the 75th senate in a bona fide manner to request that the UCSB administration provide the following information to the 75th Senate in a bona fide manner and to meet the following requests.

Lala - Suuck Call to question - Lankarani Passed at 7:04PM.

Pinto

- What?

Lala

- The town hall is not information
- It's just a request

Pinto

- Thank you for clarifying that

Motion to close a A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regarding the Ocean Rd. Housing Project.

Iden - Siddiqui Call to question - Lankarani Passed at 7:05PM. Motion to pass A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regarding the Ocean Rd. Housing Project.

Iden - Kadah

Call to question: Lala Passed at 7:05PM.

Pinto

- Moving into another line item

Siddiqui

- Did we vote?
- For passage of any legislation

Pinto

- Would you like to rescind your original motion to pass the resolution?

Zha

- Since it's already passed, we need to pass a motion to reconsider to allow it

Iden

- In the past how we have done it
- We voted and the motion passes, but then we don't say the motion passes
- So we just rescind that and go straight into a hand vote
- I don't think we need to rescind anything because that's how we have done it in the past

Zha

- The chair can just ask unanimous consent, as long as everyone consents Siddiqui
 - Is that in the standing rules?

Zha

- It's in the rules that the chair can ask to temporarily suspend these standing rules Siddiqui
 - My thing is that if we are really abide by these standing rules, we either do it 100% or we don't

Iden

- I would just recommend maybe just rescind the statement that the motion has passed and then just go straight into a hand vote

Pinto

- I think we should motion to reconsider the passing
- And then go to a vote

Motion to reconsider motion to pass A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regarding the Ocean Rd. Housing Project. Siddiqui - Kadah Call to question - Lankarani Passed at 7:08PM.

Pinto

- We are now back into a resolution requesting that the UCSB administration ensure transparency regarding the Ocean Road housing project

Motion to pass A Resolution Requesting That the UCSB Administration Ensure Transparency Regarding the Ocean Rd. Housing Project by hand vote. Sidd - Lankarani Call to question - Kadah Passed at 7:09PM.

Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes at 7:10PM.

■ A Bill To Dissolve The A.S. Public Safety Commission & The A.S. Student Initiated Re...

Siddiqui - Singh

Siddiqui

- My second isn't here today to speak on this
- Pretty straightforward, two different units were speaking abt
- Public Safety Commision
- EVPLA does the entire mission of that org and does it 10 times better
- They have \$15000 sitting in their account right now
- When it comes to SIRRC(Student Initiated Recruitment and Retention Committee), they've been inactive for years now
- Mission of SIRRC is doing the exact same thing as CAB and Raices
- And other BCUs concerning philanthropy
- After conversation of multiple exec, or other senators
- Neither of these orgs are lock in
- Eliminates two orgs, making it easier to manage from a management standpoint
- Easier management
- Obvious, saving student fee
- Decrease the base fee that we charge to students and transferring it back to unallocated
- I think it's a good idea
- We are talking about that is been inactive for years
- Just collecting fees

Brinderson

- Thanks for doing this, noticed the same thing
- Ouestion
- They have a whole bunch of safety packets from public safety commission
- If they get discolored, who does that go to

Pinto

- From my understanding, that's AS property
- Go to whoever needs it

Brinderson

- Does that need to be written into the bill or is it assumed?

Pinto

- It's assumed

Ganesh

- Is there a way we can write into the bill that all that goes into UCIV instead?

Pinto

- Emergency packets?

Siddiqui

- We have to amend it cuz it's a bylaws change
- Should add that in there before next week
- We can transfer something saying that we transfer all their properties, capital, some legality sentence
- Either to us to redistribute to UCIV or to them directly

Pinto

- Do we feel like it'd be better as a resolution than in the bill?

Ganesh

- You have to table it anyway

Siddiqui

- You can add therefore when it dissolved in the bill

Ganesh

- Can we add that it goes to UCIV

Siddiqui

- I'm ok with either one
- Assuming that UCIV is best org to take it over, but maybe COSWB
- Keep it open a little bit

Marquez

- UCIV was initially created by public safety commission
- Umbrella under EVPLA office
- Probably be best for senate to consider consulting with EVPLA office

Pinto

- You are suggesting removing UCIV under public commission
- And making it an entity that lives within EVPLA?

Marquez

- It does now
- But you were talking about the holdings, in terms of talking about mission and responsibility
- To make it more streamlined, suggest senate does it with local authority

Siddiqui

- Since UCIV
- Legal code said UCIV is sub office
- Sub office

- If you just give all property of PSC to Owen, it makes sense

Pinto

- Motion to table this for a week

Motion to table A Bill To Dissolve The A.S. Public Safety Commission & The A.S. Student Initiated Recruitment And Retention Committee.

Kadah - Lankarani

Call to question - Wahidullah.

Passed at 7:16PM.

Lala

 This resolution was introduced last week, was tabled because we couldn't edit it on the spot

Motion to add A Resolution Demanding That the UCSB Administration Complete the San Benito Project Along Student Demands and Presented Timelines.

Lala - Kadah Call to question - Lankarani Passed at 7:19PM Motion rescinded.

Pinto

Technically old business

Siddiqui

- Would recommend senator amends motion, but we should probably stay in new business because I forgot about amendments
- We actually haven't done public forum yet

Pinto

- I know
- Im waiting

Motion to add A Resolution Demanding That the UCSB Administration Complete the San Benito Project Along Student Demands and Presented Timelines to the old business section of the agenda.

Lala - Kadah Call to question - Iden Passed at 7:21PM.

Motion to add a bill to update Article V.

Iden -

Motion Rescinded.

Motion to add A Resolution to Update Article V of the Associated Students' Constitution and A Resolution To Update Article VI of the Associated Students' Constitution and A Resolution To Update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution under new business

Siddiqui - Iden Call to question - Wahidullah Passed at 7:25PM.

Pinto

What is your reason in adding this

Siddiqui

- All the amendments, but particularly V need to be regarded as sensitive by the authors regarding usage of student fees

Pinto

I will allow it

■ A Resolution to Update Article V of the Associated Students' Constitution Siddiqui - Iden

Siddiqui (44:44)

- This might be the most impactful thing that I have ever pass if it ends up getting passed
- It address an issue that have been brought up historically throughout the years
- You can read through the entire piece of legislation yourself
- We charge the highest number of student fees in the entire United States for any student government. You can look it up. Not just in the University of California system, but in the United States
- Because of that and considering the fact that we have almost 10 million dollars of rollover sitting in a suspense account
- The consistent accumulation of student fees over time has rendered them unable to be able to actually tangibly benefit students
- Thinking about programs that Senator Singh recently established, like the UCSB AS rent program, giving hundred of dollars to students every single months to be able to afford their rent; Students who've been affected by natural disasters; students who have been affected by other issues
- We collect over \$18 million in student fees, yet we have 10 million that's just been sitting in the suspense account that's been accumulating for probably over a decade now
- We collect the highest fee in the entire United States, more than any other student government
- And we do closely to nothing to return back to the students
- So for those reasons, we believe that it's appropriate to amend the Constitution to increase threshold that it takes to propose new fees as ballot initiatives and also increasing the threshold for reaffirmations for all existing lock-in fees

- What this will also do, Senator Iden and I want to make sure this is also included in regards to reaffirmation, ensuring that they show up every year instead of every two years
- I'm not sure if that part is included on the Article Five Resolution i'm looking at right now, we can amend it
- That's the gist of my comments about this legislation
- It builds off prior pieces of legislation, i think it's impactful, and I defer to the second

Iden

- That was really eloquently said
- I think in terms of student impact, this could potentially be probably one of the greatest things we could pass as a Senate
- Just by changing it to every year that we have to reaffirm the fees, so students who are constantly going in and out dont have to be subject to what the older students and what they want to vote
- Because when a freshman comes in here, they don't really have a choice in what they pay
- And with the accumulation of rollover, oftentimes, a lot of groups will come try to get increases in their fees. And 9/10 times its going to be voted yes, because the threshold is so low
- So by raising the threshold, our intention is to make it harder for this to pass. If student body is really willing, then they are going to have more than enough ability to do so
- Again, this legislation and the rest of these resolutions for the Constitution are all up for changes or interpretations for what others might think
- We are definitely more than open to any feedback

Pinto

- Thank you
- Any questions?

Suuck

- I think this is great
- I think if you look at the ballot from last year, basically everything is above 75%
- Im pro going 75
- I know what might not be too popular
- But it's just an idea, definitely take it or leave it, I don't feel too strong one way or the other

Siddiqui

- Me and Senator Iden actually talked about this
- I'm willing to increase reaffirmations to 75%
- But our thinking is that it does make sense to have the threshold to implement a new fee to be harder than simply continuing an existing fee. If it's an increase to an existing lock-in fee that also be counted as a new fee
- I also reflects the ballots from last year and a lot of things passed with just 70%
- That margin by itself is pretty significant

- So I'm open to changing i but I want to hear more thoughts

Ganesh

- The only thing that passed by 70% was USSA fund
- So I recommend doing Senator Suuck's 75%

Lala

- All of these were needed like yesterday
- So thank you guys for working on this
- But I think it's a little bit broader than just looking at a narrow precedent that was passed last year. You got to think of it procedurally and that the lowest margin you can have is the simple 50+1, then you have ¾, then you have ¾
- I'm with you that I think we need the highest one possible when you introduce a new one
- But I think it doesn't make much sense to have the same category of reaffirmation and for bringing a new one
- I think it's a odd signaling front he Senate to have them be of the same
- Because one new fee might actually be much more valuable than an existing one
- So it is entirely logical that you would have a higher criterion for introducing one as opposed to reaffirming one

Brinderson

- I understand where this is coming from but it feels like incorrect solution to a different problem
- It seems like the problem is low turnout
- I don't feel like the best way to face low turnout is to increase percentages
- I understand the need for a wide consensus
- I feel like there's better ways to get to higher turnout that doesn't require setting margins to unusually high amount

Amin

- Think Senator Lala covered everything i had to say very well

Siddiqui

- I want to address Senator Briderson's comment
- This has nothing to do with turnout
- We are changing the percentage of students who vote for something
- Say we have 2,000 students vote in the election, we are changing the threshold for something to be approved from 50% to 75%
- So it's not increasing the number of people who vote at all
- If we think about a fee, every single students pay the exact same lock-in fee regardless of their income, regardless of their financial status
- A student fee is the exact same as a tex, it is no different than a city council or a county board of supervisors for implementing a local tax on their citizens
- All we are trying to say is that if you are to charge all students the same base fee for a lock-in fee, and a lot of these fees aren't being used to their full potential
- We are just saying that in order to do something like that, you need a higher approval threshold of the people that do vote, as compared to other things. That's all that we are trying to do.

Iden

- Just to add on
- All of these constitutional amendments will have to be voted on by the student body
- So ultimately, it's not our choice whether this passes or not
- It;s our choice whether or not this goes on the ballot
- So there is an opportunity for students to see if they want this
- I like the idea of having something like this, especially when it comes to finance, to give the students a choice on whether or not they want to make this harder. And if they don't, then it doesn't passes

Lala

- Low turnout is an issue on its own
- If the level of turnout we have here is for an actual local government, it would be seen as a clown short
- But that's not the direct problem here
- The actual problem here is that you have gym in five minutes or you have class in an hour, you just want to get it over with
- I think it's reasonable to deduce from this, people will pay closer attention to what is going on
- So the USSA fund is within a 5% margin of passing or not, if it's made very clear that now it's a 75% or 66% criterion, people will know that their vote matters even more
- I don't know if it will increase turnout but I think it's reasonable to conclude that it will make people pay closer attention to the fees on the ballot

Motion to pass A Resolution to Update Article V of the Associated Students' Constitution.

Sidd -

Pinto

- Needs to be hand vote

Motion rescinded.

Motion to pass A Resolution to Update Article V of the Associated Students' Constitution by hand vote.

Sidd - Lala

Call of question: Kadah

Passed at 7:37PM

Hand vote

Yes: 15 No: 1

Abstain: 1

Passed at 7:38PM.

Siddiqui

Siddiqui

- We been here before
- This resolution is formatting amending Article Six of the Constitution
- I kind of had rough ideas in my mind of how I wanted to change it but we never really put it forward into amendments
- Basically we decided that its wise for the constitution to be vague and when it comes to the issue of chairshop and the Senate, we think it's a Senate wide discussion that really needs to be had with everyone
- Possibility even outside of the Senate, thinking about an institution at large
- But what we want to do is to provide us the ability to have that flexibility to do whatever we want with the chairship in the standing policies and in the bylaws down the line
- And we think that in order to do that, we need to make a constitution more similar to the US Constitution be formally recognizing the internal vice president as President of the Senate instead of presiding officer
- This would entitle them to their normal role as chair. However, they would not be forced to chair the meetings but they would still have the right to chair, similar to the US Senate, now Vice President Vance, who would chair the Senate
- With this, everything would essentially stay the same with IVP chairing, it would just give them flexibility to, later on, implement a system in the bylaws or standing policies to do however they want. This would get rid of the hurdles that are already built into the Constitution to block it
- The next part of this is pretty significant, and I expected we will need to have a line by line discussion on why we made all of these changes
- We wanted to change up the compston of senators, we want to decrease them
- I plan on introducing bylaws to give every single senator three staff members next year. I think it's essential. I think it's impossible to do the totality of your job without staff
- But we are cutting out on campus senators because we never fill them
- Or cutting off campus senators to make the numbers work a bit more
- When it comes to the collegiate senators, I looked at the demographics by population in terms of what majors the UCSB population is enrolled in
- Right now, in terms of different divisions, the vast majority of students are enrolled in Letters and Science
- So what I did was that because Letters and Sciences is so cast, like almost 80% of the university is in Letters and Sciences, I think senators should be more specific than just Letters and Sciences
- I think they should cover specific divisions. Those divisions are already present on the Letters and Science website. You have the humanities and fine arts division, you have the math, life, and physical science division, and you have the social science division.
- This would just make it so that each senator, according to their position, they are supposed to be meeting with the deans. However, it just doesn't work out

- So having specific senators assigned to specific divisions and colleges that more accurately reflect the demographic of the student population will make it easier for the senators to meet with those Deans and the relevant administrators.
- Other than that, the main changes is increasing the number of transfer senators, almost tripling it because transfer students are about 40-50% of our student population and it's kind of crazy that we only have one senators
- So that's all the main changes that were made
- I defer to the second

Iden

- I had a lot of discussions with Senator Siddique on this and we disagree on the distribution of elected representatives
- I'd like to have more discussion on that within the Senate
- Im personally more favor of keeping it at a large number instead of increasing it
- Ut we have also discussed potentially is creating staff positions for senators in the future, to have more people to help you
- Also just going into this discussion, thinking about the compositional makeup of our student population and making sure everyone is equally reused as much as we can
- Obviously, there's some historical stuff about how for on-campus positions, those rarely gets filled and it's always had to be done through an ad hoc committee
- But again, this one specifically, i'd like use to take some time on, just to really hone out the discussion on the distribution of elected representatives, and once again, this will have to be voted on by the student population by a ½ vote

Pinto

That means we will have 18 senators in total?

Iden

That's what it says

Lala

- I have been one of the main partisans of reconstructing the Senate, i think it's completely necessary
- Thank you guys for the work
- I think both of you are open to changes and I think this one needs the change
- First, I have been involved in the housing space here since my first year. It doesn't make sense to me to have the distinction between on and off campus
- And i know there's professional staff who have been with the Association for as long as we have been alvie think the same thing
- There is no benefit to you representing one constituency based on housing that allows you to advocate for their interest
- I know because it's the main issue that I'm involved in. I don't really do off-campus more than I do on-campus. It doesn't work out like that, it blinds over
- So a few proposals, I'm not noticing anything right now, just putting out some ideas out there
- First, it makes more sense, instead of the on-campus and off-campus division, we settle out a number of senators at large, I personally think there should be 12 because it makes sense to shrink the Senate a little bit

- I'm on Senator Siddique's side on this one
- I think it would make more sense and be more efficient if we were a slightly smaller institution, I just don't see why we would keep that up
- Even if I love everything else about this bill, I would probably vote against it if it keeps the on-campus thing, because it just doesn't make sense
- The vast majority of people on campus are freshmen who were in their respective high schools planning their graduations and proms when we have elections. It's a very small minority who know that they will be on campus next year and it seems historically that they are not as motivated to stay on potentially. I love my work as the ad hoc committee for appointments, but it's just not necessary
- My next point is that I understand why you would want to expand the transfer Senator spot but I'm not really aware of the data, but it only only make sense if we've had three people run for Transfer senators in multiple pass here since the position has been introduced and I don't think that was the case
- If we substitute the need for an ad hoc committee on appointments from on-campus to the transfer senate spot, what have we accomplished? It's the exact same thing
- Finally, I think it makes sense to keep 12 senators at large
- 4 Letters and Sciences senators, 1 engineering senators, and 1 CCS senators
- I understand your breakdown of the idea that you would represent more closely the type of study you're involved in, but it seems entirely plausible that someone in the math, life, and Physical Sciences Division might be contacted to help from someone in the College of Engineering. They don't have any real expertise in either one or the other. So I understand the idea behind it. I just don't think it would work out very well. I think it would take people out of their zone of expertise.
- To summarize, I'm for reducing it
- I just think we should, one, get rid of the the housing distinction, two, to really reconsider the Transfer Center expansion, and three, keep the College Division, because that's the only one in my book that makes sense

McClintock

- I just think it's really interesting, because I was literally about to start talking about doing this bill of expanding the transfer seat.
- So thank you so much, Dan, or whoever introduced this.
- My one comment, I know Senator Lala was curious about how many people were running?
- I don't know about the year prior, because I am a transfer and I didn't know about the election of the year prior, but the year that I ran, three people did run.
- And when I was in discussion with several people during elections, they decided they didn't want to run for transfer senator, because there was not enough positions for people to run, and they had a better chance to do it in the off campus, which is one of the main reasons why I wanted to expand the seat, is because a lot of people see, "oh, there's only one seat. I'm not going to win", so they didn't run for that position

- I think there should be more seats for people to run, so there's more seats at the table.
- I agree with everything you said, with the recomposition of senators of different backgrounds.
- I just have a question, if this is voted on by the student body, will this change our upcoming elections in spring.
- So would this affect the spring elections?

Siddiqui

- We would need to enter a formal vote.
- A special election was set to be triggered this quarter because of the SAG, however, we don't need it for the SAG anymore
- But since the election board already put in all this work into doing a specific election, we thought might as well change the constitution so there would be an election this quarter, and
- Once everything passed, it would go into effect at the start of next quarter, for the spring election.

McClintock

- Thank you for the clarification

Pinto

- Thank you for the timeline

Amin

- First of all, I want to say thank you guys for bringing this bill.
- I really do think it is important.
- And I want to reiterate the beginning of what Senator Lala said. But where I'm going to disagree is that having a smaller senate is in the interest of the student body.
- We are a little over 20 senators and it's even difficult for us to get a lot of work done.
- There's a lot that needs to be done at UCSB, and there's a lot that needs to be done within our committees, and there's a lot of work for each individual senator.
- And Dan, you had ideas about bringing people like they do at UC Berkeley, and I think that that's a great idea, but you still need a lot of senators.
- And I'm not saying having 30 senators, but it's important to have a good representation of the student body, and you're not going to have that if you have 12 or 18 senators. It's just harder to do.
- I'm totally for having more transfer senators. I'm a transfer, more senators would be awesome. But I think making it smaller is not in the best interest of the student body.

Iden

- I'm also in favor of keeping it at a larger number
- Also just want to note for the transfer senators, in the past five years of data I've been looking at, it hasn't really been more than two or three running
- The most I see is three, it is usually about one or two.
- And off campus has been declining in recent years.

- My only point of contingency with the makeup currently is to have equal representation. There's 5,000 on-campus students and making sure that they have a spot on the table. Usually it's filled by ad hoc historically
- So I just want to be conscious of keeping some representation in that area, just that everyone has a seat on the table
- Do like idea of having an all around position, large position

Brinderson

- I think it's good to shrink the amount of Senators down
- But I think what Senator Lala said that I don't agree with is that is to shrink the size of our entire organization
- Having staff really do help
- I also like the idea of an at large senators, but I think there are certain groups of students on our campus that tends to be underrepresented and when there is not a set place for them, they will go underrepresented
- I'm thinking international students and transfer students
- I think what Senator Iden said was a good point, that not a lot of people have applied to these positions but it's also with thinking why this is not much people applying for these positions
- Especially like Senator McClintock is saying, people don't run when there is such a low chance of winning
- So I think expanding is a good idea, i think it's better than practically to have that close representation, at least to the less represented groups

Lala

- Two slightly separate points
- Zha just let me know that since the transfer senator spot was added in 2017, there has always been two people running with the exception of one year
- I'm sure McClintock has more insight on how transfer senators are run than me
- But it seems a little bit speculative to say that it's sole;y because they would otherwise un for off-campus or a less competitive spot, because you just don't know
- Maybe I'm just hypersensitive to this because I've been involved in the appointments committee, but I am so much more on the side of erring on the side of caution, rather than having to make up a post every year, because it just districts attention unnecessarily
- There is also a problem of double representation, transfer students still vote for Collegiate Center off campus
- That's to be considered to be true for a few spots
- I think it makes sense for international student spot
- Finally, this will not shrink us as an institution, it will shrink the amount of people on this table
- Think it's a semantic point
- Will do my favorite definition of technology: "do more with less"
- I know personally if I have a staff as a senator, as in UC Davis, I would be doing twice as I can

Amin

- I'm 100% all for staff
- One thing I want all of you to consider is how the specific position you've been in and the specific committee you are in allowed you to focus on what you are doing and how much more productive you are when you are a focused senator and not a general senator
- You are not supposed to be juggling 50 things at the same time, you are specifically here for blank

Kadah

- Want to go back to acknowledge expansion for transfer senators
- I personally would have considered running for a transfer Senator spot if there were more positions available
- And I think with the transfer student population being this large at the school, the amount of people representing transfer students could also be more broad in a sense that you could have transfers from different majors and different focuses, like different colleges
- Rather than having one student representing such a large population on this campus
- Also I know a couple of other people who have considered running for the transfer senator's position but didnt with the reservation that there is only one spot available

Pinto

- Just want to inform people that we have 4 senators that are transfers
- I am a transfer
- I think that is worthy of noting

Ganesh

- Want to talk about a different issue
- My issue is with having less senators
- Ready to have back and forth about this
- Division between CLS is not so clear
- Second, the more concentrated your electorate, the harder it is to fill those seats
- Say it's humanities and fine arts, you have to get just humanities and fine arts to vote for you
- Will be very difficult in the long run
- In the long run, will have the same problem of not being able to fill those positions
- My position can only be awarded by international students, so this position makes sense
- This division is completely arbitrary, not doing numbers, yall can do that
- Im saying this division is useless

Suuck

- I'm a little confused on how we are dividing these up
- Kow for transfer senators, it'd be 3
- But for off-campus senators, we are not thinking about the division anymore
- What is the thought process behind 3 and not 4
- Is 3 an arbitrary number?

- I'm not accusing, just curious

Siddiqui

- For the number of transfer senators
- With the chancellor committee, they gave us packet of updated data on student demographics
- Looking at the percentage, 3 is made to replicate that
- This is literally made to replicate exactly that, that's why number is chosen
- Idea of breaking down to divisions
- Expected it to get the most confusion
- Reason why I put it in there
- Looking at demographics
- We want the composition of Senate to represent student body
- Letter and science is student body, 80%+
- If we want to make these senators academically focused, being a Letters and Science senator is so general to the point where you're advising so many different majors across so many different fields
- I don't see how you can advocate all students in CLS
- Think if you put in bylaw requirements mandating that certain senators within letters and science have to meet with certain deans, that's fine
- You can take away the classification that they have to be with specific division
- As long as we can agree that later there's an agreement for these senators to meet with deans
- Biggest goal with this constitutional change
- Another issue with as is that we don't meet with academics at all
- Many organizations, vice president is specifically for academic
- In our association, our senators are supposed to do that be we can't
- I'm fine with getting rid of classifications
- Those division that I found is also listed is on UCSB website
- There's a separate dean for each division, can send out that link now

Lala

- Think you answered your own question
- By saying whether we should keep this or not, this would be most confusing change in history if we were to go through with it
- Simply solved by the other thing you proposed of making it extremely clear in legal code
- What they're supposed to do every quarter
- Making sure senators are doing their part in checking in with certain deans
- I personally know friends who are history major and engineering major
- It's extremely difficult to see what's in between or even categorize what these shoes would fall between
- In response to kadah
- Adding specific spot, like transfer spot, has to be 2 criteria
- It would have to meet specific requirements
- Previous housing experience, senators fought
- Huge demographic, tried it, failed

- No man power for people to run
- Go into this with criteria of one, representing decent population, secondly historical data, legit indication
- Know that these spots will be filled

Ganesh

- I agree with Lala and Siddiqui
- I'd rather that the CLS thing be bylaw change
- Strongly opposed to dividing electorate
- Because good luck filling those seats
- As opposed to transfer senator
- I'm proposing meeting in the middle
- It's a huge population
- We have to start somewhere
- I yield

Butler

Would like to invite marguez to comment

Marquez

- Happen to be a political scientist, have a lot of thoughts
- Also an alum
- In terms of this logic, looking at it closely is important
- You are asking all the right questions
- Don't typically share a whole lot about the written words in any of your work
- In terms of representing the school, there's specific tenants of responsibility and representation that you'd want to consider
- Representation by election, by governmental process, can be unique
- By delegation or appointment
- What you do 90% of the time, by delegation
- So if one is considering revising your own constitution, it would be a tenant
- Distinction of who's representing student body through election vs delegation
- In a very streamlining way, you actually do both
- Senate supports and ratifies others' decisions in how you're going to ratify responsibility
- In terms of elected folks
- Might not seem like anything, but it's a lot in the world of representation
- In terms of who gets to be elected and votes, my humble opinion as a campus
- There is one unifying decision you all share
- Before you ever met each other
- Now you chose to apply, were accepted, that as the unifying frame would carry forward in future decisions
- Meaning a very elegant distribution of interest across your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th years here
- And then billed across sections following that
- Logic behind where you live is born out of United States
- In this scenario, what you're governing here, you're unifying principle is your unifying principle, you become more invested in campus over time

- These are some principles the Senate might want to consider
- The articulation of the distinction between being elected vs being appointed
- Give equal liberatory effort
- To individual voices
- Whether ones elected or appointed

Siddiqui

- Think we've had really productive discussion
- In the divisions we've mentioned, there's links for everyone
- I'm in favor to motion to get rid of that
- Two aspects of discussions ot return to first is transfer senators
- I don't know if it will be out of order to go by hand vote
- First have to open it up
- Should make a decision on residential senators
- I think where the inspiration comes from by doing it by constituency
- However there's also RHA, designated body to advocate for all students in the dorms
- I think that we should have freshman and on campus senators who live in the dorms at this table
- I think they bring different perspectives
- We struggle however to recruit them every year
- So I personally am fine with Senator Lala's proposal to have general senators
- Mechanism works at lots of other schools
- Only con is off campus senator
- They will be going to IVCS meetings and take notes on that
- That's one aspect of the off campus senator conversation we should think about
- A lot of that work is absorbed by EVPLA
- If we have off campus senators next year
- IVCSD as a body is unlike anything else
- They practice a lot of self governance
- Benefit to having them
- Wish more senators were involved in going to Isla VIsta

Iden

- I think it is an very important constitutional amendment
- Do agree to make CLS senators an at large position
- As a senate, we can do a better job in recruiting freshmen
- Generally been through ad hoc in the past
- Students who live on campus, big disconnect people don't know who we are or what we do
- Put idea out there to add 6 at large positions
- Lastly, with chair's approval, if it's appropriate for MingJun Zha and Carlson to speak on this matter

Pinto

- Regarding what

Iden

Just the bill itself

Pinto

- Sure

Zha

- Personally, don't have really strong feelings going into bill
- Total number of senate provided staff percentages can be reduced without reducing total efficiency of senate
- With that aside, there's broader discussion that should be happening about specific allocations of seats
- Therefore, recommend senators to have more discussion about specific allocations

Siddiqui

- Under residential senators, there are graduate residential senators
- Senators that represent the undergrad apartments
- Weird scenario where that's the only underrepresented demographic
- There should definitely be a position allocated to that
- School owned housing

Zha

- Think we should take a holistic approach in terms of allocation
- Go with specific identity, transfer, residency
- With the first, second, third, etc
- Don't know if that's a decision for senate to make
- Very constitutional decision

Siddiqui

- I agree with senator Zha
- To keep it with certain distinction
- Will say only issue, think there's a designated org for students who live in university owned apartments
- It's called SAC or something
- Considering that fact, it is appropriate to keep liaison senator, international senator, expand transfer senator
- Collegiate senators, transfer senators
- Last piece about senator number
- Managerial perspective, a lot of times, less is more
- City councils who have 8 to 9 max, with only large ones being us senate etc
- But those are so large, they don't meet like this
- Like they meet in session, where you have individual legislators giving speeches, and they only meet at a round table in committee.
- Sorry, but don't feel like that's been here for last 5 years, get trapped in being unable to change
- I'd be in favor of cutting down to 12 senators
- 5 L and S, 1 from engineering, 1 from CCS, 3 transfer to international senators
- Many other schools only have 12 or 14
- When you have small number of senators
- You can put more detail and attention around them
- Issue with too many senators, now each has 3 staff members

- When we think when we do more, things get more effective
- They're not
- We have to say, less is more,
- Focus on depth, not breadth
- Focus on having 12 senators who each have 4 staff that can focus on tasks
- So senators elected can fulfill their duties in bylaw
- You've had 20+ senators for years, whichever one has fulfilled their bylaw duties
- None of them

McClintock

- Kind of seems irrelevant
- Want to set up meeting about transfer senator position next week
- If you guys are willing to table this
- Problem with transfer students I've seen is that there's lack of understanding of outreach and how to get involved
- Some process I'm considering is to have first year transfer to get involved
- Maybe means having staff members for students themselves
- Something if you guys want to hold on, I can talk about it next week
- Something going forward that has more intentions behind it, from my perspective

Pinto

- I think this resolution is urgent
- Meaning they have to pass or not pass today

McClintock

- Okay

Kadah

- Agree with Senator McClintock said
- Do want to acknowledge Lala's points
- One thing that does defer, transfers recognize they have a lot more limited time that freshman do
- So they are more inclined to get involved
- Also with removing so many different positions with off campus
- I think a lot of those students can be filled with transfer students who also live off campus
- But with also reducing those residency positions
- Majority of transfer positions in next year are put in these university owned apartments
- Being a transfer student they can advocate for housing as well

Lala

- 2 distinction points
- Senator Siddiqui, university owned apartment
- Just doesn't make sense not to represent housing interest elsewhere
- That election has historically been never competitive
- We should encourage free market of ideas
- Senator Kadah and McClintock, this is relevant to your point

- Kadah, want to clarify that I'm not against expanding, just think it should be 2, note 3
- If we make senate at large, opening to transfer to get involved
- Thats a category that's broader without any qualification
- That give them another option to run
- Hopefully to guide this discussion towards movement, made a few tweaks
- I'm thinking, with intention to shrink the senate a little bit
- Thinking of 12 senators at large, 3 L and S
- 3 CLS, 3 is more than enough if they have required staff
- 2 transfer senators, 1 international

Ganesh

- Can I have a little bit of back and forth

Siddiqui

Can I motion to suspend Robert's rules of order?

Motion to suspend Robert's Rules of order but require the chair to recognize senators to speak for this legislation.

Siddiqui - Ganesh Call to question - Kadah Passed at 8:27PM.

Lala

- Breakdown: 12 senators at large
- Willing to go 10
- 3 L and S
- 1 engineering
- 1 college of creative studies
- 2 transfer
- 1 international

Amin

- Not making a motion
- Might be good idea for whoever wants to make amendments to bill, talk to Dan and whoever the second is, just motion to move this bill to next week's agenda

Pinto

- We can't do this next week

Amin

- We can totally do this next week

Ganesh

- International should not be 1
- It should be 2
- Big demographic of international students
- Selective demographic
- For senate at large

Siddiqui

- Why are people in favor of the 20-22 senate?

Pinto

- Can we talk about that after we recognize Yu's proxy?

Marissa

- More questions I want you to consider about representation
- How to make sure those folks have a voice
- Encourage you to think about who doesn't have a voice on campus and how to make representation
- If you're earmarking a certain number of positions, how do those other folks get involved
- Encourage you to think about what is the most pressing issue for the past 2 years
- Are those academic based issues, identity based, social issues, basic needs issues
- Think about what kind of representation in senate to have robust conversation in decision making
- How do you get more people involved to vote
- If you don't have a party system, it impacts that
- Just from my experience at Berkeley, 20 senators and 5 elected exec positions
- Community who needs representation with issue that relates to them that year
- They caucus and pool together to represent a senator they choose to endorse
- So black community comes together, they get a Black senator
- An at large community
- Raices, the Latinx community caucuses together
- Would encourage you to think about who has representation who needs it
- How to allow for natural, holistic community to come together
- So many commissions but if those commissions don't have a voice in senate then how do they get those issues raised

Ganesh

- I have the floor
- Another thing, if you want to cut international to 1, do not do that
- I'm willing to have convo about undocumented representation
- Especially now

Pinto

- One thing to consider about having undocumented students
- That will put their legal status in question
- Put them in line for possible harm
- Allowing people to be in public not private spaces like schools, hospitals
- It is a direct threat to someone's safety
- If their status is revealed

Siddiqui

- We did discuss that, that's why we decided to not do it
- Think going back to topic of senators at large, noticed something problematic
- Under this framework, transfers under international centers and collegiate centers would all have way more responsibilities than, like, just the normal centers, but
- They all get paid the same

- That is also another thing to consider
- Don't know how we solve it

Lala

- That's one aspect that's worth considering
- I'm willing to work with you on this
- If you guys want to name them specifically, say including but not limited to x y z issues
- For international, he makes a great point
- For undocumented spot, that is overriding
- I understand you want people to be represented
- Supposed to be global in nature
- Something you have to get disciplined about if you think a smaller senate would be more efficient
- Question is if we think a small senate is necessary
- I sound like a tory
- If it is, I think a cut is necessary
- Willing to consider that
- Might be worth keeping anyway, especially if we're keeping transfer although international students are a much smaller demographic than transfer students.
- If that's case, would keep it 10 instead of 12
- Keep in mind, for each position we are considering, it's worth considering
- There are BCUs at admin level, very capable people tackling these issues
- Not everything needs to be expanded to the level we think it should

Proxy Zha

- For the record
- I'll be introduced from the vote
- Understand concerns about reserving senate seats for specific identity
- What I want to emphasize is that international students face a unique challenge
- Most of us, never set foot on this country before now
- Came here first year, language barrier, cultural barrier
- Myself, I was completely frozen in hallways when someone says hello to me, we don't do it in China
- In addition to all the challenges that prevent us from accessing AS resources
- I can say with confident 95% of international students only access rest areas and the rec center
- And that's all they get from AS
- Even though they pay a lot a year
- International students pay 50k a year to this school, which this school yields to research, professors, ILP
- Don't necessarily say that we contribute more
- It's important to keep number of international students to advocate for student community

Suuck

- Proposal
- 2 transfer

- 2 international
- Keep creative
- Up L and S to 4
- Senators at large to 10
- We're at 20
- Bylaws later
- Say that those 10 need to look at local community relations, like IVCSD and housing
- Senators look at community relations
- We don't need to figure it out
- I think keep at 20, but redistribute later

Pinto

- Would like to pose question about creating new category
- Zha raised important concern about residential status, in US nation and CA state
- How do we feel about possibly creating residential status of california, differentiating residential senators
- In that way differentiating residential senator
- Because we're having back and forth about on campus, off campus, uni owned housing
- What if instead we did residential status of california

Ganesh

- The thing is if you do residential status of california
- It would also absorb international scene
- The thing is the issues of someone coming from international is very different than someone coming from Arizona
- This is a whole different language
- I still think in rupees
- Whatsapp
- This will be a very finicky definition
- Difficult to tread this line
- Our issue is differently much broader

Lala

- Things are different in arizona
- Gas prices, more wild west
- I think my experience is similar enough is to someone who came here from Nevada
- Don't think that we should actually US senate it
- Fine with senator Suuck's proposal
- Feel like we're bargaining here
- Really funny sentiment
- Don't want to be an odd number of senators at large
- Real concern is total can't be odd
- You said 10.
- I know that, but I didn't want it to move by one
- Choice becomes 4 for CLS

- If we want to go down route of smaller, better working senate, we should reconsider and call it a day

Lankarani

- Going back to Ganesh
- Talking about residential distinction
- I'm not sure if it will work because this is a UC
- UC prioritizes california
- A lot of us choose UCSB because of in state tuition
- That residential distinction puts us in a position
- I know a good portion of us that is from California
- Unfair to students paying out of state
- Would be underrepped

Pinto

- My suggestion was not serious

Siddiqui

- I'm not fully onboard with the idea of general senator
- When you read constitution in by laws, strict duties for senator duties and then there's constituent duties
- It wouldn't fit with the current constitution
- What's written is that senator duties are coming to meetings, writing legislations, working with committee
- I also think if you are cutting down senators
- We should cut down on general slots
- If we're having general senators, rather than L and S
- Why's it better to have 20-22 senators than having 10-12 senators
- Don't see what current structure of senate has achieved ever

Khorsandi

- I agree with senator Siddiqui
- With that original makeup that senator Ganesh wrote, with the 10 senator at large
- Think we should cut it down to 5
- So we have 15 senators
- I feel like weekly attendance
- Doesn't pass 15
- Can we be honest
- Don't think it's reality
- Expression of too many cooks in the kitchen
- That's what's happening right now
- My response to in state out of state
- Think that we need to agree with before, what is the most pressing issue facing students right now
- Are out of state right now bringing up that they feel underrepresented
- Is that a big thing
- Personally, idk I'm not out of state
- Don't think that's a very pressing usse
- Would rather focus on specifications in senate

- In places we can hone into that need our highest attention
- Depends on if we want to split it up on campus off campus
- To me, housing is the most important
- Housing crisis to me is one of the biggest points we can focus on
- In favor on campus and off campus
- Understand the criticisms with tuition
- Disagree with out of state in state
- Think we should cut down number of senators

Lala

- Siddiqui, understand your concern about duties not being met
- Not that difficult
- On top of the duties the senators take on
- We enlist on you to represent student interests
- Including but not limited to these issues
- Housing one for sure
- And then whatever ones you think are relevant
- This is an opportunity to do something with housing that we are not doing
- Way of making a statement
- If we have senators at large, with understanding that they're meant to tackle housing, there's no real distinction in terms of work
- Think it's solved
- I understand why we are cutting down CLS
- We can have a very effective 2 person L and S delegation
- Let's ask them here
- Are you so unmotivated, that you're just like omg if you cut 2 I wouldn't know what to do?
- Small delegation and proper staffing
- Limit the people that wants to run
- I think both can get resolved

Siddiaui

- Quick thoughts
- When it comes to senators at large, would have to have 6 max
- Agree that larger category of senators is needed to attract people
- I don't like having the idea senators to have the freedom to choose what they want to focus on
- Giving senators freedom to choose oh I'm going to focus on housing, basic needs
- Way that senate works is constituent needs, then representative duties
- You have your normal representation
- Even having that in there, 4-6 senators, having these topics to choose from
- It feels inorganic to me
- Wouldn't allow legislature to legislate
- I would push make 6 senators Isla Vista senators
- Makes sense
- Would give broad category
- Separate org covering students in undergrad apartments

- Then you total 18 senators

Lala

- That's not a thing you can choose from
- No constitution in the world is oh you can cherry pick
- Constituent duties that you are apart of
- These senators at large will be tied to focus on these specific issues
- This would be, I'd add, an addition to rep in US congress
- Say I'm from 25th CA district
- We have lithium mining as a concern
- It's not list in the constitution that the senators need to focus on lithium issue
- We're going to step beyond that
- Don't need to reinvent wheel here
- Just look at berkeley model
- Working much better than us
- Not something to choose from
- A set of extra obligations
- The idea of making it off campus, doesn't make sense to me
- All constituencies or none

Iden

- I think it'd be good for at least at this point to start compiling the options of the proposition that we might want to before, just so we can kind of all see it in one place
- Arguing against downsizing
- Downsizing works great for different people, motivated people
- Differences between us and berkeley
- There's people in this senate that haven't submitted a single piece of legislation
- I would rather have 24 people
- In terms of compositional makeup
- More in line with what Ganesh is proposing
- 20-21 senators
- Via at least the bylaws requirements

Siddiqui

- Quick
- Thank you for describing that
- Able to visualize it more
- Don't like berkeley's structure
- In terms of general senate
- They're able to design their offices around the issues they want to work on
- I've looked at it a bit like, I'll be honest, like some of the senators are just setting up divisions in their office that are just not issues
- I can't give examples
- It's not a good system
- Invite marissa to talk about it

Suuck

- Making a google doc right now about office

- Throwing it out
- Thing with your suggestion, Siddiqui, it excludes freshmen
- Literally no place for freshmen to be except for international
- Very disproportionate
- 5k that live on campus
- Too exclusive
- Keep it 18-20 range
- That's what everyone's agreeing in

Lala

- Since we're not in roberts rules, can we do a quick vote to see where people are in the range thing

Iden

- Larger amount of ppl allows for more diverse crowd

Recess ended at 9:26PM.

Lala

- Has everyone gotten the doc that Senator Suuck sent? I think Senator Iden is leaning towards tabling this but we know this isn't only the amendment on there, or the only duty we have for today. It seems that we have very good middle ground today. Keeping it at 18, that is a substantial cut, it is 25%. It would maintain a big enough common demographic of senators at large that people would not be intimidated away from running. It would maintain for letter and sciences which reflects how large of a majority it is, it would be ridiculous for letters and sciences to have the same number as transfer and international students, it is just not the same demographic numbers. Instead of tabling this and wasting more time, let's vote on this and spend the small amount of time necessary to get wording right and go on with our days.

Pinto

To clarify, are we voting on all the options?

Iden

- I am not against voting for options now. This has been the most contentious debate legislation we've had. We talked with Caleb from the elections board that we don't have to pass this today. Most important thing with election is everyone that is motivated to do so and get boots on the ground. We table this piece of legislation to see if there's any more options over the weekend. There is no harm in tabling this, would prefer to take a smaller approach rather than tabling this

Butler

I just wanted to echo Iden's sentiments. This is a lot to digest, a lot to review, a lot to think about a lot. A lot of people are going to be affected by this, a lot of stakeholders, I think allowing for a week for legislation to be tabled to give it time to process and allowing more people to have a say.

Lala

It seems like there is an easy resolution, let's informally vote, if there's not a majority then table it.

Pinto

- Really quick, Ming Zha, can I ask you a question, if there's 2 senators that showed up late, should we formally recognize them or just move on?

Zha

- Yes we have to formally recognize them.

Pinto

- Senator Corlew and Senator Elkhatib joined in the zoom at 9:30pm.

Siddiqui

- We have a lot of other things on the agenda. To speed this up, would everyone be okay if I read A-D and we do an informal hand raise instead of Robert's rules?

Butler

- No, I don't have a concrete answer so I don't feel confident giving a vote.

Pinto

- How many of you don't feel confident voting on this and need more time?
- This is an informal vote just to see where we are. We will proceed, option A is 10 senators at large, 4 cos, 1 engineering, 1 ccs, 2 transfer senators, 2 international . Total of 20.

Siddiqui

- If you're in favor of option A raise your hand, B, C, D, E, abstain. Cool.

Pinto

- That gives us an idea of where we are at, but I suggest we table it for a week

Motion to table A Resolution To Update Article VI of the Associated Students' Constitution.

Ganesh - Iden

Called to question: Kadah Motion passes at 9:33PM.

■ A Resolution To Update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution Siddiqui - Iden

Siddiqui

I want to speed through this. The only article that is that controversial is article 6
in my opinion. If you read through, all it does is enumerates the power of the
president and internal vice president in a manner that is more fitting. It should
pass.

Iden

- This should be an easier discussion, I don't have much else to add, it just updates some duties. Touching on the concept of chairship at the meeting. I think right now, correct me if I am wrong, is taking the IVP out of chairship and getting a position where all they have to do is chair and be impartial.

Siddiqui

- For clarification, we are not making any decisions tonight. All we are doing is changing the constitution, one line, changing the presiding officer to president, essentially everything remains the same. So nothing would change practicality,

would just make it so the IVP does not have to chair the senate. Leaves the door open for us to make the changes we want to make.

Pinto

- We are in discussion so any questions, comments, motions, we want to make.

Proxy Zha

- Since we just spent a lot of time, I am going to announce a motion to vote. Feel free to object.

Motion to pass A Resolution To Update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution.

Proxy Zha - Ganesh Called to question: Wahidullah Yes- 18 No- 0 Abstain-1

Passed at: 9:37PM.

Motion to add A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution to the schedule Proxy Zha- Gerson Called to question - Lala Motion passed at 9:38PM.

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Khorsandi

- I just wanted to change this one line about elections on the constitution. With it saying that general elections shall be completed by the 5th week of Spring quarter, it does not allow for any room in case something happens that would need to change or amend the schedule. For me, the biggest case for that is that Passover, one of the holiest Jewish holidays, always overlaps with campaigning. Jewish students who observe Passover, it puts them at disadvantage as they can't participate in campaigning events. Last year for me, Passover overlapped with elections, which also persuaded Jewish senators not to run. After talking about it with Caleb in the election's board, this is the best method, in case of overlap and also natural disasters. Anything that should happen where we need to change around the schedule, this allows more leeway. We don't need to worry about hitting the 20% threshold while also accommodating Passover schedules. It's just in case that Passover or anything needs to change. The senate can vote to approve and give an extension so that it's completed and doesn't have to just be completed

by the fifth week of Spring quarter. Don't have to worry about the 20% for that deadline. I thought this was the best, broadest option.

Gerson

- This was something that was very hard to balance last year. Senators are sworn in on week 5, I do not think this will delay when the next senate goes into effect. I think it would be beneficial for a lot of students.

Proxy Zha

- I have 2 questions, first to the authors, I know this amendment comes from the best intentions. But I do think that there should be a hard deadline so it does not hold the elections indefinitely. We aren't holding on to week 5, should be by week 6.

Pinto

- If we were to have general elections completed by week 6, then by week 7 we would get results.

Proxy Zha

- Since the election is digital we can get results immediately. The same day as voting, is the day we get results. Would elections being postponed also cause administration issues?

Marquez

- Yes because we run elections for the graduate students and others as well.
- I have lived through several crises through the association, it's always more likely that it is actually not running, like someone from a committee is not running.
- The president should make that decision if there's a crisis and that's how we survive a crisis. The impediment of actually affecting the GSA and campus elections, we should check in with them about either them modifying their constitution as we wind up running it for them.

Proxy Zha

- I have a proposal for the authors. I'm wondering if it should be changed to general elections that should be completed by the first week of Spring quarter unless reasonable accommodation is issued and it's been in consultation with the executive director.

Marquez

- That would provide for administrative change.

Khorsandi

- I like adding reasonable accommodation and I think it's a good idea to consult the executive director. Basically I added approval by % of senate so this isn't used often but I see what you are saying. I see how in future cases would be like let's just extend this. For more reasoning behind, because when discussing this year's election schedule, Passover overlaps with week 3, which is when campaigning would start. We had to restructure the whole schedule, it was really difficult meeting this deadline of week 5 while also accommodating for Passover. Passover will overlap that is why I think having some sort of method to extend the deadline is necessary. I do like consulting the elections board and the executive board. What does everyone think about hard deadlines? I'm personally against a hard deadline because this puts us in the same place as we are now.

Iden

- I like Zha's idea of an executive director. I think it would be important to add stipulations as to what might entail reasonable accommodation as what is a reasonable accommodation and what that might entail. My understanding of the way it's set up as nothing is specified, is that if we are not accommodating everyone, we are the most fair to everyone. By adding in specified accommodations and meeting with campus to see what they think would be awesome.

Khorsandi

- Would we be able to detail the accommodation in bylaws instead of constitution? Or is it more necessary to have it in the constitution than the bylaws?
- Just so we can pass this and then consult the necessary people to write out the specifications, but maybe I'm just not understanding what you mean about specification.

Iden

- A lot of the constitution is vague intentionally. It's just an issue of interpretation. The way it is written now it is very susceptible to abuse of power because what is an accommodation. The senate could say whatever they want to be accommodated. I rather have it on the constitution, I want to have the executive director's opinion. I just don't want it to be easily abused without clear guidelines.

Marquez

- I might put a deadline in, leave it in, and add and or because you live on a 10 week quarter, it is always busy. Once there is an accommodation request, then that can be deliberated. Meeting the 5 week deadline is the only thing that moves things along sometimes.

Siddiqui

- Can proxy Zha state the motion for the record.

Pinto

- There was no motion made as far as I am aware.

Siddiqui

- What was the suggestion

Proxy Zha

- General election done by the sixth week of spring quarter unless a reasonable accommodation is approved.

Siddiqui

- I think a few things, I think that's fine but I think that's if it's in consultation, add senate as well, other than that it's fine. I think it would be helpful to know what specific accommodations there are because the issue is we want to make sure we are staying on the same timeline for elections.

Pinto

- Elections board chair Hansen, do you have any info you would like to share? Hansen
 - So you guys were talking about CDC and GSA, but I have been talking about making the Passover accommodation this time. They said that AS sets elections

and it just goes that way. So it's not that big of a problem. They said we'll just figure it out and keep them posted.

Brinderson

- Theres 2 issues, not one solution for both
- It seems like the elections conflict with Passover and we have a hard time meeting the ¾ limit. If there's a way to move it past Passover because these accommodations confuse me. An accommodation isn't going to change running on Passover. I think we have to move that, which I think it's probably a good idea. Honestly I think there should be a hard deadline.

Khorsandi

- I realize that the word accommodation is confusing. I think it is necessary to explain what an accommodation looks like. To me, accommodation is an extension but maybe we switch out accommodation for extension. I'm ok with adding a hard deadline. In the case of Passover, we decided to extend this year. Instead of starting week 3, we are starting week 2, when we are soft campaigning to give people that are participating in Passover can still participate. That was my vision for those who cannot participate in election events during Passover. We can move the election past week 5 so they can participate. Accommodation is a time accommodation.

Siddiqui

- We have appointments, we have a public forum, we have a closed section, I think we should table. I know its an important issue but i think we can get it done next week

Motion to table A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution for one week Iden- Brinderson Called to question - Wahidullah Motion passed at 9:53pm.

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. Speculation of a Senator's intentions and abilities is prohibited and will result in strikes, 3 strikes and you will be removed from the ability to speak on the floor. 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."

Attorney General Carlson

A lot of the issues about introducing constitutional amendments are the farthest reaching legal changes you guys can make. So introducing them spontaneously and passing them spontaneously prevents any form of discourse and dialogue even though it's an association wide change. Bylaws are often hyperspecific for a specific BCU. Standing policies are oftentimes specific to the small niche it represents. There's some questions I had that I can't remember what they were for. I think it was enforcement authority over how the Senate will be able to operate in those changes. I'll get back to you on that. Something that I think would've been really nice, for a lot of those issues in determining occupation of the Senate, like the Board of Directors, it would be cool if Mingjun and myself would be in that conversation. We sat in those seats for 2 years, a year longer than most of you. I respect Senator Martinez's time and commitment to the Senate but I didn't hear much of her input in that discussion. For the people in the room with the most readily available experience, it was not particularly heard. There were students who spread rumours about Senators wht weaponized the fact that the constitution included strict Senators appointed based on their constituencies. By focusing on specific contingencies you run the risk of that same issue. Another thing I'm not too sure about is what is on your guys' agenda for the winter special elections. You guys have a ton of time, week 9 is the deadline for lock ins and constitutional amendments. You have the entire quarter.

Motion to extend the speaker's time by 5 minutes Zha- Gerson Called to question: Wahidullah Passed at 10:11PM.

Carlson

I think Chair Hansen made an exceptional point about trying to build some type of motivation for students who are interested in bringing petitions. If something is really important to the student body, that they are going to get petitions, that could be something worth looking at. I would encourage you guys, in totality, to eventually reconsider and table and go at it step by step. It's an opportunity for leadership, an opportunity to convince the association that what you guys do is the right thing. That's an opportunity for you guys to set leadership goals and lead by example. The Senate space is the space that you could invite people into for projects. I was just talking to Senators instead of advertising projects, advertising high impact projects and hoping that a Senator, BCU members, or RCOs will join in. I hope to introduce a form of legislation like that that can help sponsor grant funding for students to participate in. Lastly, as you guys might see in your emails, this is a change of topic. I'm excited to announce that the president signed executive order 01-21-2025, which is the executive order authorizing the association in its disaster relief response to the LA County wildfires. We are super excited about this. We have senators at the table that have been instrumental in

- setting up a resolution for said executive order, and we hope to get that on the table as well.
- Much of this meeting was about constitutional amendments introduced with lightning pace. Take your time and people will come into the room, and this is an opportunity to teach the leaders representing your interests and duties that you've outlined in bylaws and standing policies as a means of getting the mission that we all know needs to get done. Like buying more overdose prevention medication, fentanyl test kits, condoms, feminine hygiene products restocks in all our buildings, things we could be spending our money with and leading by example. Lastly, don't be hard on yourselves, it's fine, you guys have already done amazing work and don't have people coming in here and yelling at you. You are doing a beautiful job running the association. Everyone is super well funded. You have learned financial policy and procedure. Chairs have chimed in insightful policies about how money works in Associated Students. You guys have learned so much in just two quarters. Relax and trust that people who come after you will do a good job. Have faith in yourselves. Thank you guys for being in the space and doing the work that you do. I'm excited to see the constitutional amendments because there are changes that need to be made. I'd encourage you to take a step back and celebrate your victories. Try to bring everyone else with you along for the ride

- I yield the Chairship to Senator Siddiqui.

Pinto

Hi everyone, I come here not as IVP, but as a member of the American Indian and Indigenous Student Association. Essentially we have been working with this multi-media artist Jackson Hunt who is a descendant of a bunch of tribes and of the Cherokee nation. He was a resident at a bunch of notable artistry residency programs. He received his MFA from UC Irvine and is based in LA. We are hoping to bring the artist on campus as well as his interdisciplinary practice. I come here for funding for a performance that will be done on campus that will be hosted at the College of Creative Studies. This performance is a combination of ancestral practices, contemporary dance, and a lot of cyclical storytelling. We just really need indigenous artists on this campus, and indigenous representation as a whole. We have a really small indigenous population, and we want support from the Senate to bring this artist and this group of dancers on campus. We want individuals to be able to interact with their culture in a way that is significant and builds more community with indigenous students as a whole. I'm open to questions.

Brinderson

- How much money?

Pinto

- We are requesting \$1,250 dollars for installation pieces. That goes for all the artwork in the space, some is canvas, some is video and requires equipment renting, and some of it we are mounting and installing on the walls.

Siddiqui

- Maybe Senator Singh wants to chime in here, but just to clarify this can only come from the senate unallocated and there's no funding from the finance committee?

Singh

- Is it okay if I ask the Executive Director about it?

Pinto

- I had a conversation with Michael before, and since we have our financial office here as senators, we could pull from the funds established in the Finance and Business Committee.

Singh

 We could do this through the Program Board but I'm guessing you need this on a fast track process. We can just go to the Seal Winter Quarter Fund.

Pinto

- Yes, today?

Singh

- Yes. Can we use the SEAL winter quarter fund

Marquez

- Yes, I do not see the request

Pinto

It's from ISSA.

Marquez

- If that organization matches that, then the Senate can because they need to ratify funds. If you know how much, it should be fine.

Singh

- You said \$1250? This is essential to your event?

Pinto

- Yes

Singh

- Equipment purchases are technically against policy unless they are purpose to your mission. Is it essential?

Pinto

Yes, just for clarification, what if it is a rental and not a purchase?

Singh

- That's fine.

- It is necessary because the artist is an interdisciplinary artist.

Brinderson

- What is the date, time, and location of your event?

Pinto

- It's February 1, at the College of Creative Studies Gallery. It will be from 9am to 4pm, but the dancing starts at 2pm and then we will have an artists talk at 3pm. It's a full day.

Singh

- I think the best way to go about this is sending an official email to the senate asking for it to be put on the agenda. Then we can motion it onto the agenda and put it under action items.

Pinto

- Right now?

Singh

- Yes

Finished at 10:23PM.

- E) Acceptance of Agenda
- F) Consent Calendar-
- G) Action Items

■ 2024/25 Elections Code Senate Version

□ Elections Board Schedule

Winter Quarter Special Election

■ 75th Senate Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Siddiqui

- As a body we need to declare if we are having a special election this quarter. This is just procedural and someone needs to make a motion

Motion to hold a special election for the Associated Students in winter quarter 2025

Siddiqui- Lala

Call to question: Lankarani Passed at 9:55PM.

Ganesh

- I need to make a report that would be in action items

Pinto

- We vote on your appointment

Motion to add a report for the liaison committee under Standing Committee Ganesh - Kadah Called to question: Lankarani Motion passed at 9:56PM.

G-2) Old Business [Debate Time Per Item- 30 Minutes]

■ A Bill to Amend AS Program Board By-Laws

Ganesh - Suuck

Ganesh

This is very simple, they want to pay themselves more, with their own funding, they can do that. Pass it and get it over with.

Motion to pass by a hand vote a bill to amend AS Program Board By-laws

Ganesh-Suuck

Called to question: Kadah

Yes: 19 No:0 Abstain:0

Passed at: 9:59PM.

■ A Resolution Demanding the UCSB Administration Complete the San Benito Project...

Lala - Amin

Lala

- Senator Iden wants to amend.

Motion to open A Resolution Demanding That the UCSB Administration Complete the San Benito Project Along Student Demands and Presented Timelines

Iden- Lankarani

Called to question: Gerson

Passed at: 10:00PM

Motion to amend any wording that says demand or demanding with request and requesting

Iden-Lankarani

Called to question: Lala

Passed at: 10:01PM

Motion to close A Resolution Demanding That the UCSB Administration Complete the San Benito Project Along Student Demands and Presented Timelines

Iden- Brinderson

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at: 10:02PM.

Motion to pass A Resolution Demanding That the UCSB Administration Complete the San Benito Project Along Student Demands and Presented Timelines By a hand vote Iden-Siddiqui

Called to question: Lankarani

Yes- 19 No- 0

Abstain- 0

Passed at: 10:03PM.

Motion to pass everything in old business by hand vote Siddiqui -Motion rescinded.

H) Recess

Motion to enter 15 minute recess at 9:00PM Butler - Martinez Call to question - Kadah Passed at 9:00PM.

I-3) Unit Reports-

Caleb

- Basically, I just wanted to make sure everyone was clear on the schedule we are going with. I put it into an Excel sheet so you can all clearly see it. This is what I'm asking you guys to vote on tonight along with the elections code, just so we get

- that all set. Especially if we are having a winter election, I'd like to have a firm election code before that election so if that could get passed, that would be awesome.
- One more thing is the timeline. We have an election board meeting tomorrow. You are all welcome to come if you care. We'll be figuring out dates and timelines, we are probably looking at weeks 5 or 6 just based on how we are timing things at the moment. Another thing is there will probably be a discussion about a resolution to you guys just about your guy's update to Article 5 because I have talked to a couple election board members and we have thoughts about how it takes away the petition process and any drive to do the petition process by making it the same as going to the Senate, because as it currently stands, there's incentive for going by the petition process. I didn't know it was going to be on the agenda tonight, otherwise, I would've brought a formal statement. We will be discussing and passing a resolution but just to basically say something, and it will be here by next time if anyone has questions. That's it, and I'm open to questions.

- Any questions?
- Anyone on Zoom?

Siddiqui

- Apologies for the lack of consultation. I guarantee you we just did it for security reasons. I would love to have a chance to talk to you about it, but I apologize because I know that can be unexpected.

Pinto

- No further questions.

Caleb

- 5PM in the National Room if anyone wants to come.
- I-4) President's Cabinet Report-
- I-5) Executive Director's Report-
- I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

Oseinou Diagne

- Summary of like the project I'm working on
- It's kind of like one and a half projects, basically
- But I want, like the Instagram to be more like informational hub for students
- All student government things
- More posts involving anything government related on Senate
- You have senate instagram
- I will message you on that
- If you have literally anything you're doing, we can share posts
- Just to get word out about instagram
- I've been looking at other schools
- Other schools also post senate meeting agenda the day of
- They post the agenda the day of

- Saying if you want to hear about this, come at this time
- Getting the other UCSB instagrams to repost, more of my thing
- UCSB life, wanna get them to repost more stuff
- I'm going to talk to UCSB page in general
- So that they're better at general in reposting things, don't see them being very useful
- I will be posting your introduction soon
- Those who haven't done it, please do it
- The actual project
- I want to do interviews with every senators
- Started with Enri, senator Lala, about his housing program
- Been in talk with media unit
- Want it to be a formal interview, where you're giving information
- Basically to the student but the interviewer
- What you have been in senate, to the legislation
- Going to try stuff out with UCSB TV first
- If failed, I will go to AS
- We were in talks with trying to make this a long term project
- Every quarter
- I agree, as a new role, I was told to just do whatever i want, I was like okay
- Not much to say senator interview yet
- Do want to try to have the UC instagram, the big one, repost that

- Any questions?

Kadah

- Sorry if this is a really silly question
- Think I missed the email where we do introductions

Diagne

- I can send it to you
- Send you one of the email of the QR code
- Rest of you, you can text me if you haven't done it
- You can text me
- I'll get to it

Pinto

- Thank you

- 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. Siddiqui - Butler Call of question: Martinez Passed at 6:56PM.

L) Discussion Items

Motion to enter a closed session discussion on the acquisition of local Isla Vista businesses & properties to expand the Association's impact on the community including all senators, proxies, the assistant directors, AG, ED, AGD, the minute takers, and Marisa Valdez Reynoso.

Siddiqui - Brinderson Call to question: Zha Motion Passed at: 10:25PM

Closed Session Statute Citation: Real Property Negotiations [Gov. Code § 54956.8]

Motion to leave closed session Iden - Lankarani Called to question: Gerson Motion passed at: 10:55PM

Ganesh

- We did the hearing yesterday in the National Conference Room. The committee voted unanimously to add Mingjun Zha to the board. All 8 of 8 committee members present want to add Zha to the board. The Liaison Committee seeks to name MingJun Zha to the Judicial Council. Regarding interpretation of fairness and justice the nominee agrees to the terms. In the judicial role, one cannot make policy decisions. It is at this junction that the committee wants to consider the appointment. It is important to state that this member follows the rule book. We, as the committee in charge of routinely updating legal code, nominate nominee Mingjun to help make the judicial process more speedy. We have concluded that his AS experience and vast knowledge of legal code can make him a good Judicial Council member. We recommend that the Senate take this decision into consideration.

Siddiqui

- I am in support of this nominee, but want to say this carefully as we want to treat all the nominees the same. To the point said about nominee Zha bringing originality, the Judicial Council interprets the law. We don't want the Judicial Council legislating from the bench. So I just want to thank the nominee for his originalist views.

Singh

- Thank you Senator Ganesh. In the report you said that the nominee is very rule focused. The Judicial Council is taken with judging cases with nuanced judgement. Do you believe that a rule focused rule maker will alienate students or those facing personal challenges?

Ganesh

- I will not rule out that possibility. This question came up before the committee that the legitimacy of his orginalistic views would surpass empathy.

Lala

- We have the privilege and honor of being lawmakers, and the judicial council can interpret to help meet student needs. I was at the meeting and can say that the candidate answered every question as thoughtfully as we can.

Ganesh

- You vote on it. Just vote.

Siddiqui

- Judicial council is not dealing with personnel matters. The Judicial Council relies on things from the past, and what that means today. I want to make sure everyone understands what the role is going to be.

Motion to add the nomination of MingJun Zha as the Judicial Council Member to the appointments

Iden- Lala Call to question: Gerson Motion passed at 11:00PM

M) Appointments

Motion to bundle and approve all appointments and resignations Suck- Siddiqui Called to question - Kadah Motion Rescinded

Motion to vote on appointment of MingJun Zha by hand vote

Ganesh - Iden

Called to question: Iden

Yes- 17

No- 0

Abstain- 0

Motion passed at 11:02PM

Motion to bundle and approve all appointments and resignations
Lankarani - Iden
Called to question: Kadah
Motion Passed at 11:03PM

TOCOMM

Kat Brydson resignation as Vice Co-Chair

SCORE

Ashna Ahmed- Education Coordinator Hari Priya Chipiri- Education Coordinator Haania Punjwani- Outreach Coordinator Astrid Pike- Outreach Coordinator Jeovany Tzilin Gomez- Admin Coordinator

Office of Senate Leadership

Ritisha Raj Kumar as First President Pro-Tempore Accountability Director #1 Keira Baden as First President Pro-Tempore Accountability Director #2 Ashley Brazell as First President Pro-Tempore Outreach & Media Coordinator Sohan Sunderrajan as First President Pro-Tempore Project Director Chenxuan Xu as First President Pro-Tempore Constituent Services Liaison Miko Curtis as a Pearman Fellow

Maya Kapoor as Second President Pro-Tempore Accountability Director Bethany Rivera as Second President Pro-Tempore Project Director Nyela Nesbeth as Second President Pro-Tempore Senior Advisor

Appointments Ad-hoc Committee

Resignation of Mingjun Zha as Parliamentarian

Black Empowerment Task Force

Dominick Wang as Vice Chair Eemaan Wahidullah as Member

Elections Board

Alexis Carlucci as General Member Deepthy Mukkara as General Member

Resignation of Grace Viega as General Member

<u>Transfer Student Alliance</u>

Sadie Harrison for TSA Health and Wellness Director Natalia Pascher for TSA Communication Director Connor Baydo for TSA Events Coordinator

Human Rights Board

Resignation of Kaele

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 PM

Iden - Ganesh

Motion passes at 11:07PM.