



UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

Senate Agenda 02/05

Associated Students

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This meeting was called to order at 6:43 P.M. in the Flying Room by Internal Vice President Pinto.

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

CALL TO ORDER by Açúcar Pinto, Internal Vice President **at 6:43 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	👍 Excused ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Advocacy Committee Chair
Enri Lala	✓ Present, 🌑 Late ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Outreach Committee Vice-Chair
Leiya Kadah	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Yasmine Suuck	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Liaison Committee Vice-Chair
Levi Corlew	✓ Present, 🌑 Late ▾	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	👍 Excused ▾	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Transfer Senator
Alejandra Martinez	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator & Outreach Committee Chair
Dominic Wang	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Lily Habas	👍 Excused ▾	College of Creative Studies (CCS) Senator
Paolo Brinderson	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Eemaan Wahidullah	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Jasmine Amin	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ Proxy	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator & Liaison Committee Chair
Aryaman Singh	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Engineering (CoE) Senator & Finance Committee External Chair
OlaBisi Ola-Olaitan	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Nadine Malhis	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Amna Chaudhry	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Kamela Dali	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Ashley Valenzuela Balderrama	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator

A-2) Excused Absences

Motion to excuse absence of Senator Yu

Wang- Ganesh

Call to question: Gerson

Passed at 6:45PM

Motion to excuse Senator Habas at 8:30PM

Lankarani - Ganesh

Call to question: Wang

Passed at 6:45PM

Motion to excuse Senator McClintock at 8pm
Lankarani - Ganesh
Call to question: Wang
Passed at 6:46PM

Motion to excuse Senator Suuck at 9:30PM
Ganesh - Wang
Called to question Wahidullah
Passed at 6:46PM

Motion to excuse Senator Siddiqui for the rest of the meeting
Singh - Elkhatib
Called to question: Butler
Passed at 6:47pm

Motion to excuse Senator Iden
Butler - Lankarani
Called to question: Wang
Passed at 6:48PM

Motion to excuse Senator Lankarani after 9:30PM
Martinez - Elkhatib
Cakked to question - Wahidullah
Passed at: 6:48PM

Motion to excuse Senator Lala after 8PM
Amin -
Called to question:
Motion rescinded

Motion to excuse senator Lala's tardiness and also
Amin-
Motion rescinded

Motion to excuse Senator Lala until 8PM
Amin - Lankarani
Call to question: Ganesh
Passed at 6:51PM

Motion to excuse Senator Kadah post 8PM
Ganesh - Wang
Call to question: Amin

Passed at 6:51PM

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Motion to accept Noah Luken as proxy for Senator Siddiqui

Wang- Lankarani

Called to question: Wahidullah

Motion passed at 6:50PM.

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

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."

Motion to add 3 minutes to the speaker's time

Lala - Lankarni

Call to question: Amin

Motion rescinded

Motion to enter a 15 minutes recess at 8:56pm

Butler - Wang

Called to question Lankarani

Passed at 8:56PM

Back at 9:14PM

E) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to Accept the Agenda.

Butler- Wang

Call to question - Wahidullah

Passed at 10:08PM.

F) Consent Calendar-

G) Action Items

Swearing In Of Senators: OlaBisi Ola-Olaitan as an On-Campus Senator

Nadine Malhis as an On-Campus Senator

Amna Chaudhry as an On-Campus Senator

Kamala Dali as an On-Campus Senator

Ashley Valenzuela Balderrama as an On-Campus Senator

Pinto

- Should I swear in the new people one at a time or all together?

Marquez

- Usually we just swear all of them together.

Pinto

- All new senators come up. We will be swearing on Robert's rule of order.
- I hereby affirm that I will fulfill the duty of on-campus duties for 2024-2025 academic year to the best of my ability. I will see to facilitate the associated students and the university, community that is consisted with ideal of academic community
- You are officially on-campus senators.

Motion to adjourn the senate meeting from 1/29/25 officially at 1:30am

Martinez - Suuck

Called to question: Wang

Passed at 7:01PM

\$1000 for Rules & Administrative Committee Honoraria coming

\$2800 for Office of the Attorney General Operation Expenses & Honoraria

Attorney General Carlson

- I want to clarify the request
- What is it on again?

Pinto

- It is one request for \$2800 and another for \$1000
- One is for the committee and the other is for your office

Carlson

- I have \$2800 in honoraria to pay for my research associates
- That is for students who are conducting the water qualify tests, we have crime logs going back to 2018 now for UCPD, etc.
- We are pulling all of that information into the spreadsheets
- Those student's workload warrant honoraria, thats where the \$2800 comes from
- The \$1000 is for operational expenses relating to either requisitioning test kits, or office supplies, just a bunch
- Because AG's office wasn't awarded anything last year for the budget
- So our budget was strictly for honoraria only
- So just hoping that will cover us for the year
- I am getting around asking BCU for funding for various other things
- IVTU is the one I made for all of the water kits, radon kits, water test kits, etc.
- Working together with other boards, potentially the Pardell Center and IVCRC to do more outward community facing stuff
- So im trying to keep it cordoned off by impact area
- So for this specifically, I was hoping just to get that approved for the office, not rules committee specific
- I recommended the appointment with people I already worked with to get it done

Pinto

- And the \$2800 is for rules and admin?

Carlson

- For everything we see fit, rules and admin, or office Attorney General, projects related expenses, things for operation

Pinto

- So it is turned around?
- One is for the other and the other is for one?

Carlson

- I would hope to keep it kind of relatively undesignated for obvious reasons
- The \$1,000 I would like to put in rules committee
- I would appreciate both in the office of attorney general

Pinto

- So it will be \$3,800 in total for the office of attorney general?

Carlson

- That is correct

Butler

- For operating

Carlson

- And honoraria

Pinto

- Thank you for the explanation
- Where are these kits available?
- The mold and other testing kits that you mentioned

Carlson

- The EDTA is acquiring 500 mold test kits
- We are acquiring 20 water test kits and 20 radon tests kits
- The idea was that everyone would be able to sample them, and we would be able to say out of this proportion, X amount has been positive for some sufficient concentration of radon that is below the county safety requirement limit

Pinto

- Who is conducting these tests?

Carlson

- The office of the attorney general

Ganesh

- What is the breakdown for the \$2800?

Carlson

- It should be 4x2x300

Ganesh

- If there is 9 people, it should be \$2700, so there is an extra \$100
- So is there one person getting paid more?

Carlson

- I don't think so
- Let me double check

Pinto

- I just want to clarify one more time
- In our legal code it does states that rules and admin committee honoraria would be coming from the Senate Leadership Fund
- That's why I broke it down the way I did

Carlson

- Be totally on the record
- I personally think the burden of rules committee is relatively easy
- I don't think we need to pull in the honoraria area
- If you guys are comfortable, we can open that up to my research associate that someone will help with their workload
- And then that will be double dipping
- So I am fine without honoraria for rules committee
- Im fine with just office of attorney general honoraria

- Is the civil society project on the agenda today?
- Because there were some ideas about including more funding opportunities for students who might be interested in doing more research channeling reports

Pinto

- When is this sent to me?

Carlson

- I was just wondering

Pinto

- We are just figuring out where to pull the funding from
- Executive Director Marquez
- Could you please clarify where you find information on the Senate Leadership Fund, if there still is one
- Because it was in the legal code

Marquez

- My understanding is that the Senate Leadership Fund is used for retreat
- Or townhall
- The chair of finance committee might have some additional information
- I think its fine either way, honoraria typically comes out of unallocated

Singh

- I do find the description of the fund but cannot find how much money is in there
- I don't know how much money is actually allocated in that fund

Marquez

- I'm not sure

Singh

- It's not on the budget from last year either
- I can't find it

Pinto

- We should just pull from unallocated then

Marquez

- On an annual basis is usually 60-65k
- But I don't have the amount
- AS1 is also funded out of there

Singh

- Unallocated have about 60k

Motion to allocate \$3,800 for Office of the Attorney General Operation Expenses & Honoraria from Senate Unallocated

Butler - Wailadula

Call to question:

Singh

- We usually table funding requests for a week?
- And resume for next week

Pinto

- That's only a bill for any type of motion where we accept money, we vote on it

- Like campbell

Sing

- If I remember correctly
- Last quarter
- We had the office of student advocate come in
- We had to table them for a week and then approved next time
- Same thing for GIFID
- Where we waited, we tabled them to next week, and then we passed that
- Is that not the accepted practice, or is that just what we did

Wang

- GIFID wawa table a week because we felt that it had been fleshed out
- I don't know about the other one

Singh

- The point of tabling for a week so we can get more information

Pinto

- Considering AG Carlson gave us a robust explanation of what he plans on doing with this fund
- I feel like it's appropriate to vote on it now
- Would you like to table it?

Singh

- It's Senate's wish

Motion rescinded

Motion to table the Office of AG request for \$3,800 Operation Expenses & Honoraria for one week

Singh - Wahidullah

Call to question: Lankarani

Passed at 7:15PM

Returned here at 9:38PM

Motion to table the approval of the [A.S. Strategic Vision Plan 2025](#) for a week.

Butler- Wahidullah

Called to question: Lala

Passed at 9:39PM

Motion to open the  Winter Special Election - Elections Supplement

Singh- Khorsandi

Called to question- Wahidullah

Passed at 9:41PM

 Winter Special Election - Elections Supplement

Pinto:

- Senator Lala, I believe you access to that document

Lala

- Yes.

Pinto

- We need to make changes to it.

Singh

- Section A is struck out so B should be where A is. I'm confused what the motion language would be to fix this.

Butler

- Maybe change from blank to blank.

Pinto

- Yes but then it would change everything that follows suit

Lala

- Are you currently proposing a motion or are you just talking about it? I can propose one if not. We can just word it as 'motion to change letter subheadings under Section 3 to correspond with their new order'

Motion to change the lettering headings under Section 3 distribution of elected representatives to correspond with their new order

Lala - Singh

Call to question: Wang

Passed at 9:43PM.

Motion to close the  ***Winter Special Election - Elections Supplement***

Khorsandi- Luken

Objection Singh.

Motion rescinded.

Singh

- In Article 7, Section 2, Section b, j-k-l-m. K is struck, so L should be K

Motion rescinded.

Motion to amend all letter headings to correspond with their new order throughout the document

Lala - Luken

Call to question: Wang

Passed at: 9:46PM

Motion to close the  ***Winter Special Election - Elections Supplement***

Khorsandi-Singh

Called to question: Wang

Passed at 9:46PM.

Pinto

- We are still on that line item of approving the Winter Special Election Ballot Language.

Singh

- Are we tabling this right now or do we have to pass it?

Pinto

- We are in discussion and making motions if you want to do that.

Singh

- I am not completely caught up because I missed a couple meetings.

Pinto

- Yes, we are in the stage of approving or not approving ballot language

Butler

- Also don't we have to let Caleb Hansen know for the meeting tomorrow whether we are having the election or not?

Hansen

- If you guys want the election, you guys need it to be approved tonight.

Lala

- And by approved, you mean just the Winter Supplement Election Supplement

Hansen

- Yes

Motion to pass Winter Special Elections Election Supplement

Lala -

Motion rescinded.

Motion to approve the Winter Special Election Ballot Language

Lala - Elkhatib

Called to question: Wang

Passed at: 9:49PM.

Pinto

- Is a handvote necessary?

Lala

- Yes, but this is contentious, and we've had people report on it before

Hansen

- I misspoke earlier. You have to approve these and the ballot as a whole. It's just two motions. You need to approve the 3 as the ballot so I can send the ballot to UCOP for editing .

Pinto

- Has this change been sent to senate leadership?

Hansen

- It's basically just two motions that would need to be made. It's approving the ballot language and then approving them as the ballot.

Lala

- Would this need to be approved next week once you run it through the system?

Hansen

- You guys are approving the ballot so I can send it, and then you'd need to approve it again once it gets sent back.

Lala

- But the second approval is for next week? Is this all we need to do this week?

Hansen

- Yes. You need to approve the ballot language, which is what it does, and then the ballot as a whole.

Lala

- I'm unsure about the ballot currently.

Hansen

- The ballot is just the three of them

Marquez

- The additional comment would be to the chair to make sure that the body may want to change the protocol. There was discussion for authors to see to the elections board the ability for the elections board necessary edits so it doesn't elongate it even further

Pinto

- Can we please have a copy of the ballot?

Hansen

- Put it all in one document and send it?

Pinto

- We have Article X ballot language and the supplement. The only thing we're missing is the actual ballot.

Khorsandi

- Just add Article X onto the actual supplement

Hansen

- Yes, they can just be combined

Pinto

- Alright. Senator Lala, would you want to rescind your motion?

Lala

- Is it necessary? Could we not refer to the two documents collectively as the ballot when we approve it or does it have to be a singular document?

Hansen

- I'm being told it should be a singular document.

Lala

- Then it should be a new document

The chairmanship yielded to Senator Butler at 9:54PM.

Suuck

- Didn't chair Hansen talk about not having an indefinite election. Do we determine that? Or does someone else, like setting an end date? Do you determine that or do we decide that?

Hansen

- The Executive Director has a term for it, something like board supremacy or something.

Marquez

- It's the precedent. It holds the power to make decisions independently.

Suuck

- Okay, great.

Hansen

- For special elections, there's nothing said about it in the bylaws or anything. It's up to the elections board

Khorsandi

- I put it all onto one document and I will share it with the Senate right now

Butler

- I will add that to the agenda.

Lala

- Does she have to motion it on?

Butler

- Yes she does

Butler

- Would the Senate make the motion for the ballot language, and then the one Senator Khorsandi is making? Like make two motions?

Marquez

- If it's easier to do that then yes.

Butler

- Senator Khorsandi is making a document. So would we just motion that?

Marquez

- It would be two separate motions. Let me say why.

Butler

- Yeah, sure

Marquez

- The ballot is a constructed document that you all have. It's one body. The supplement has yet to be finalized because it can be skewed and explains a lot and has pieces missing. But the supplement is independent of the ballot, that's why it's two motions.

Butler

- Thank you.

Motion to add Winter Special Election Ballot to the agenda

Khorsandi - Luken

Called to question: Wahidullah

Passed at 9:57PM.

Butler

- As the Executive Director has recommended, we would make two motions, one like Senator Lala made, and one to this new document.

The championship yielded back to IVP Pinto at 9:58PM.

Motion to approve Winter Special Election Ballot.

Khorsandi - Wang

Called to question: Brinderson

Passed at 9:59PM.

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the Winter Special Election Ballot Language

Khorsandi - Gerson

Called to question: Wahidullah

Passed at 10:00PM.

Recommendation to approve Billy Wu's Retroactive honoraria (Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Summer 2023)

Motion to approve Billy Wu's retroactive honoraria(Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Summer 2023).

Butler - Malhis

Called to question: Lala

Passed at 10:02PM

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 2

Passed at 10:03PM.

Wang

- Should we tell Billy Wu to apply for retroactive pay if he hasn't already?

Pinto

- We confirmed that he will do that because it is open now.

Hansen

- The Executive Director has recommended one more motion that just allows the Elections Board ability to edit the ballot language.

Pinto

- The ballot language that was just approved?

Hansen

- So you guys approve it and then it gets sent to us.

Pinto

- Oh, like for future revision?

Hansen

- Yes, it allows us to make revisions and take any bias out. You guys do get final say.

Pinto

- There has been a recommendation made by Chair Hansen

Lala

- So you just need a motion from us directly, allowing you the freedom to edit the ballot language.

Hansen

- Yes

Motion to allow Elections Board permission to revise the Winter Specials Elections ballot language while maintaining the spirit of the authors

Lala - Elkhatib

Called to question: Butler

Passed at 10:07PM

Butler

- What does spirit mean?

Lala

- It's a term in legal philosophy. It's the letter of the law, the spirit of the law.
- There is the letter of the law, where you have to follow exactly what the author wanted. Or there is the spirit of the law meaning to understand what was meant by accomplishing it. By requesting the elections board spirit of the law, is to maintain what the authors meant when we passed these amendments.

Pinto

- Just to clarify, this will still come back to the Senate for final approval. Let's let Senator Lala theorize.

Butler

- So the general theme, overarching ideas?

Lala

- Yeah

G-2) Old Business

[Debate Time Per Item- 30 Minutes]

H) Recess

I-3) Unit Reports-

Motion to add following appointments to the agenda

Martinez - Elkatib

Called to question: Butler

Motion passed at 6:52PM

Motion to bundle and approve all appointments and resignations

Butler - Wang

Call to question: Lankarani

Passed at: 6:52PM

Siddiqui (proxy)

- I want to object that on behalf of Siddiqui, he would like the attorney general to give legal advice on the appointments for Raices as it seems that three co chairs and multiple positions with chair names is against our legal code. According to it, BCU should only have 1 or 2 co chairs at max.

Pinto

- The chair appointments have been sent in their letters of recommendation. In terms of chairs, it is not foreign to the association to have a chair or leadership position within a committee within a BCU. Raices have specific people designated for different positions. That is something we can revise in their legal code.
- I am objecting to your objection.

Proxy for Siddiqui

- Siddiqui is saying that there are 2 external chairs and 1 internal co-chair. He says we should wait for attorney general Carlson to give his opinion.

Pinto

- Butler, would you like to rescind your motion?

Butler

- No.

Wang

- Point of order, it was already passed so it cannot be objected

Pinto

- True so we are moving on. .

Report from Elections Chair Hansem

Hansen

- So fair for planning spring election, before, I came and told you it was unfeasible, then it was going to happen in week 4, moved to week 5, then week 6, now week 7
- At this point, we have moved to week 7
- With consultation with advisors and the attorney general, we determined that it is infeasible to have an election that never ends. We need a hard deadline
- If it doesn't hit 20% by a hard deadline, the election will be invalid, nothing on the ballot will matter.
- Starting week 7, Monday, If the ballot language gets approved, you decide to go with the election today, we would have the ballot ready by week 7, finishing it by end of week 8. That is 2 weeks
- Election will be voted on by people who care about
- We risk it not hitting 20%, it was expensive, loot point, Eric and I talked about this
- I worked at your pleasure, we follow your directive
- Giving you analysis of what this election is to bring
- On the agenda today, we have all the language that would be on the ballot for the 3 amendments you passed
- There has been concern from multiple members from A.S
- The language is too charged to be on the ballot
- It's not impartial enough to give student body fair representation of the ballot
- You guys will be voting on that today
- After you do, we have elections board tomorrow, will make edits to make it more impartial
- At this point we have two path
- You guys can elect to make the ballot measure write the language
- If we go back to it it will be infeasible to have a winter election
- You guys approve ballot language, we move forward that way
- We don't hit 20% it was a loot point
- You guys don't move forward with Eric's strategy of not having a special election
- We have week 9 of the last day any of you can put anything on the spring general ballot
- You can put these constitutional amendments on the spring election by week 9. We will give you a ballot by week 2 of spring quarter
- Like I said it's up to you, I'm happy to take questions

Pinto

- Presence of senator Lala and Korlew recognized at 8:44pm

Lala

- It seems to me since we voted and decided to have this election in winter quarter
- That the only solid path and consideration, is to make changes today or give it up
- I'm one of the senators that did edits to the language of the ballot

- I saw changes you made on article 10. Thought they were completely reasonable and well thought out
- I'm all for give you the power to make the change
- We have the association and university to deal with
- You are the best suited to deal with it
- I'd urge you to keep vast majority of changes made by you and your committee and frankly minimally by the office of the president
- The point of the association is for us to be an institution obviously within boundaries represents our fellow students interests
- Ultimately we should go ahead with the winter quarter election
- I'm hoping for week 6, but it is not feasible
- Week 7-9
- Is it possible to have an extension?

Hansen

- It's not impossible but the advisors and election board
- If we don't hit 20% in two weeks, we'll get into finals, no one will vote during it
- No one is going to vote spring break
- We begin campaigning week 2 spring quarter
- To have 2 elections running at the same time screams issues with the student body

Lala

- That is why we should go ahead with winter election
- Candidacy opens week 9 of winter quarter, for us to carry on week 2 of spring quarter while preparing for the other one is unfeasible
- What I'm asking is not to extend it indefinitely but we say we need 23k votes and we are close on friday, would we be willing to extend it?

Hansen

- It's hard to talk in absolute. Not an absolute no in extension. If we are in that situation, we will work with the election board and advisory to extend it If it seems feasible.
- The other issue we have is our guys last day is up in the air
- You guys have Wednesday week 9 as your last meeting, where you can put anything on the ballot
- The reason we have % rn is if we don't hit 20% you can still put them in the general election

Briderson

- Thank you for coming
- I'm wondering about ballot language
- Theres winter special election supplement

Hansen

- That will be article 6 and 7
- There should be one more that is article 10

Brinderson

- I'll defer to senator Lala, what exactly is the language bias problem?

Hansen

- We see this across the country, when people write ballot language that's charged, it can have a significant outcome in an election.
- Example is ohio last election had a ballot to end jerrymandering but it was worded very weirdly to make it seem like it was going to be less democratic because it was going to be an independent commission
- The republican attorney general was against this change, so he worded the ballot super weird to sound undemocratic
- Even though the idea was very supported, it ultimately did not pass because of the ballot language
- Ballot language is given as clearly and unbiased

Briderson

- What particular ballot language is biased?

Hansen

- There were some parts of article 10 I edited. By the language for 6 and 7 came out I was informed by the advisory that without a full vote of the Senate on the language, it was unrepresented. I didn't even try to edit those ones
- It's up to you to edit
- I briefly looked at the language
- I heard there was some questions that there was some questionable statements in it
- I don't fully know
- The main thing is that it is constitutional amendment put on by the senate
- The ballot language should be approved in full by the senate
- Make adjustments and send it back to you
- Circle back to you guys by next senate
- Make sure too much hasn't gone away from your original intent

Lala

- If we decide if has gone too far from our original language
- Does it have to follow that cycle again?

Hansem

- Yes
- Nothing can go for election that isnt approved, its just how the UCs work

Pinto

- If you can approach the today, i can confirm with you that this is the ballot language in question

Strategic Operations Office

Abby Coleman

- Im the Chief Operations Officer for AS
- This is the strategic operation office behind me
- The strategic operations office assess and execute the goals within the strategic vision plan

- I highly recommend reading the strategic vision plan or just familiarize yourself with the goals
- There are 29 goals
- You can find it on ASUCSB website, in the governing documents
- One of our goals and tasks for our office is to create a new strategic vision plan every three to five years
- The last one was created published in 2021, end of 2021 school year
- So now is the time to create a new one
- What is the strategic vision plan?
- The consulting firms we considered, the recommendations, the next steps we have, and a Q&A / discussion with everybody
- The strategic vision plan, it has 29 strategic vision goals
- If you open the powerpoint, you can read what each goal is
- Throughout these years, we have been assessing each goal and assessing different entities within the association of how to create these goals and make sure they are executed to the extent we are hoping for
- The original strategic vision plan was created by Jonathan Abood in 2014, he was inspired by the University of Sussex
- I was recently talking to him this past weekend about this and got some more insight
- Watauga Consulting has been the consulting firm that we have worked with for the past two strategic vision plans, so about eight to ten years now
- Led by Elise Dale and Wyatt Dale, also Jane Shin part of the time
- So as we have partnered with Watauga Consulting, they help come up the majority of the vision plan
- They help with the focus group surveys, how to get these goals, how to create them into what we want
- The strategic vision plan is almost 250 page documents, so they are responsible for creating that document
- About our office internally
- So we are in charge of executive and assess the 28 strategic vision goals of AS
- So we are outcome based
- We are executing these goals, for example, with our IPAD for equity project
- We are also process oriented
- We assess the goal and in the implementation stage, that is creating the new strategic vision
- What is a little bit about us
- Next slide is a bit more information about previous vision plan
- How the data was collected, it was a campus wide survey
- There was a town hall, focus groups, faculty and staff surveys and conversations
- You can read all about this, every survey response, every town hall, I don't think staff responses are in there for anonymity purposes, but all of this information is in the strategic vision plan if you are curious
- But we want to ensure that the data is comprehensible, inclusive, accurate vision of what the student body wants to be presented within the association

- So the pricing for the previous strategic vision plan was between \$49k to \$70
- The actual cost the AS was billed was \$79k
- The timeline for the creation of this was about five to six months, January to May 2021
- In the process of creating the new strategic vision plan
- This is a lot of money, we wanted to make sure that the consulting firm that we worked with was the ebay and most accurate with the best product that we will be given for what the association needs and the students want to see from the association
- We met with multiple consulting firms and narrowed it down to three consulting firms and met with them multiple times to determine the best fit for the association and in order to get the best productive out of the consulting firm

Nena

- We have three main consulting firms that we considered
- The top one being Watauga Consulting Firm that we used the past two vision plan
- This is a consulting firm led a team of two individuals, Jean Suuk and Elise Dale
- It's a very small firm based in North Carolina because Jean is there and then Santa Barbara because Elise is here.
- Elise will not be working with us as she has another job and project
- So we will be led by Jean and Wyatt this time around
- We have worked with them previously so we know that the product is reliable
- The next group we met with the Next Gen consulting, which is actually a student run consulting organization based at UC Berkeley with about 30 undergraduate members
- They have experience with startups, private businesses, nonprofits, large fortune 500 companies, and then offer many services pertaining more so towards financial modeling and analysis
- And the last one we met with was Credo, which offers strategic and campus planning services and specializes in working with students and universities in particular
- It's a smaller firm with about 40 employees and they work with 500 affiliates
- They aim to create actionable, measurable, and impactful vision specifically
- They emphasized the importance of community focus against voices
- We definitely met with them all several times, got their takeaways and what their visions were for the specific plan
- We'd love to kind of dive deep into the hackers

Abby

- Each of these consulting firms gave us a proposal plan and a proposed budget
- So first Watauga Consulting Firm

Nena

- This is the consulting firm we went with the last two strategic plan
- In 2000, they charged us about \$80,000
- But our new estimate was about \$145,000
- Near doubling
- So to break down the prices

- They are charging us \$12,000 for four onsite days
- About \$300 per hour, which means \$ 150 per person
- We are going to work with a two person team

Ragoff

- Going to the next point
- Their limited expertise as well as lack of transparency
- They do not work with other institutions on a consistent basis
- That is definitely something that stood out to us
- Compared to the other two consulting firms that we will mention, this will only be a team of two consultants
- Whereas we will work with larger teams with other potential firms
- And lastly, was just the lack of ability to provide credentials for some of the consultants that would be on the project
- Something to know that their quoted price will be \$145,000

Nena

- Next Gen is a student run organization within UC Berkeley
- If we worked with them, they would give us multiple project teams and project managers and five to six analysts
- They would dedicate a minimum of 1,000 hours per project over their semester
- This is the cheapest option
- Its \$20-25K

Jeff

- This is the cheapest option
- We do have two caveats
- Some hesitation in working with this organization
- First and foremost, the group has never actually worked on a university strategic vision plan
- So this gives us a gamble where we work with them, we might receive unsatisfactory work and then potentially lose those \$20 or 25k when we have to come back to square one
- On top of that, Next Gen consists of mostly second year students at UC Berkeley
- So from our perspective, it could be somewhat comparable other on campus consulting groups such as One Junior Degrees consulting and Gaucho Creative

Anu

- Credo consulting
- Credo is providing us with a group person team, including the lead consultant from strategy team, and there is going to be multiple associate consultants that we work with and a project manager
- They follow a more organized process, with strategic alignment, strategic building, and then strategic action
- They quoted us with a larger range of \$75k to 110K

Jessie

- Credo submitted a draft proposal for us
- It is very comprehensive
- It included a lot of things that align with AS and or vision

- Some of these things that they included focus groups, community seminars, town hall, community day, a strategy map, and different tracking tools so we could track how well the strategic vision plan is going throughout the three to five years that we use it
- They quoted us \$75k-110k, which is in between the two other consulting firms
- But based on their proposal, we were really satisfied with how comprehensive it was and how it matches AS's vision

Abby

- It is also worth mentioning that they are a very credentialed team with PhDs in strategic planning and consulting
- So therefore our recommendations and our next steps, we work with Credo

Nena

- After a comprehensive comparison between the three consulting companies, we recommend Credo Consulting as our choice
- Because, despite the higher costs, we believe that this is a reasonable budget for the strategic vision plan, as we paid about \$80,000 five years ago
- We also believe that their firm is reputable and will give us the best product with the professionals that we work with
- And they do want to partner with AS and our strategic planning team to create a comprehensive and tangible vision plan for the next five years from 2025 to 2029
- Getting into the phases that they proposed as a new kind of touchdown regarding strategic visioning, strategic build and strategic action
- That's what we will work with them across the next six months
- Each phase has multiple deliverables to ensure that the new plan is reviewed by the committee, finalized and completed by the end of this year
- So by June 2025
- They have worked with a lot of higher education, which is valuable
- They kind of went into curriculum and culture, campus
- So we think they can really touch on everything in their vision plan

Abby

- One more thing about Credo is that we have met with them a lot of times and they have also worked with other UCs
- UCSF and UC Santa Cruz
- So we know and we have seen different examples that they have given us regarding their proposals and their strategic vision
- We have been in communication President Broadway about the best way to get the money from
- We do recognize that it is a lot of money, but it is a lot of money for the entire student body
- It is what the students want and how they get their voices heard in the association
- So it is an extremely important document and vision plan for the next 3-5 years
- President Broadway suggested to get the money from the AS Reserves Fund

Pinto

- When do we receive a final quote?
- Is that when they completely finish or after we dedicate this specific firm?

Abby

- Credo has explained to us a lot of times that it is the range that they quoted us
- If we give them a set number of say, we can only work with \$80,000, then they will not exceed that \$80,000
- Timing wise, we can get billed in chunks or during different stages, so it wouldn't be all at once
- There will be a cap, so our final bill is what we decide

Singh

- Thank you for coming
- Great presentation
- Going to the Credo draft plan
- I see the implementation takes six months
- After six months, is there any follow up support after that?

Abby

- There is
- Credo, different from the other two consulting firms
- If we choose to work with their tracking software and tracking tools
- They will actually help us for however we want
- To help track those goals throughout the three to five years
- So its up to us if we want to keep working with them
- They have expressed that within the previous strategic vision plans that they have done
- They have kept in contact and consistently kept doing their work as the task goes on
- Especially because 3-5 years is a big chunk of time
- So it's good to maintain that contact and have their services

Singh

- I also see that there are three different phases for deliverables and the outcomes
- Are there any specific time frames for each phase?

Abby

- The previous strategic vision plan about six months
- While we don't have a specific month by month plan, because we want to make sure that the budget from five years ago have been approved last week
- So we are on the right timeline
- We should be finished around May or June, early June, late May
- Other than that, each different stage should take about two months

Singh

- There are mentions of KPIs
- Is there any information?

Nena

- That is in regards of their tracking tools
- Im not sure
- But this was just a draft proposal that they sent us
- So in the next meeting we can definitely bring that up to them if that is something that people are interested about or want answers about

- But im pretty sure that is in regards to the tracking tools that they would give us
Khorsandi

- My question is about the price range?
- What differs in the services depending on the price?

Abby

- The reason the maximum price is \$110,000 is if they come for onsite days
- If we wanted the full package, we want them to be here for multiple days, that could be closer to \$110,000
- And also some of the tracking software is more expensive if we wanted to do that long term
- If we wanted the minimum of what they think we could do
- With all of the information that we already have and give us the product that we want, the basic product that is \$75,000
- So \$110,000 is the full package
- And honestly, I don't think we need the full package, I would do a buffer a little higher than \$75,000 just in case we have any mishaps or anything
- But we told them that we are not interested in onsite days
- Because they are based in Texas or Michigan, and since ZOOM is so easy nowadays

Wang

- Do you know if any of the tracking tools involve the usage of AI?

Abby

- I don't know
- I don't think so considering that they have been using the same tracking tools for many years now and considering that AI has just been popular recently
- Also he did not mention that
- So I would be surprised if it was

Wang

- Can you make sure to ask?

Abby

- Are you interested in AI or not interested in AI?

Wang

- Not using AI

Singh

- Under strategic action, I see there are two options
- Is there any option that you guys are particularly using?

Abby

- We will be doing option 1
- The virtual implementation

Singh

- A comment, not a question
- I think using the Senate's designated fund would be more appropriate

Khorsandi

- Followup question about the onsite

- Based on your recommendation, would you say that it is important to have the additional technology that they wanted to add on?

Abby

- Im not super familiar with the technology
- That is also something that if we work with them, we learned more about that
- We don't think onsite days is necessary
- We have a great team behind us that can do onsite days
- He called a community day, it sounds great
- We have seen some of their previous community days and it looked great
- But because it is so student oriented, we don't think we need that
- Regarding technology
- He said there is a range of what technology that is available to us with a higher price
- It is more up to you guy to decide what technology will be at use
- Again, at base level, \$75,000 would be basic technology
- If we were to go higher, there would be better technology
- But the \$75,000 is not getting us nothing
- There is still technology, it's just a range

Singh

- How much do you think we should spend on this?

Abby

- I think \$75,000 is a lot of money
- I fully recognized that
- We spent \$79,000 five years ago, I do believe that could be some room for adjustment
- My personal idea was to spend around \$85-90k on this project

Gerson

- What is your ideal to ask \$75,000 right now and ask for more if you need more?
- Or is that something you would want to start with \$80k?

Abby

- I have honestly not thought about that
- Of doing it in two separate ones
- Of doing \$75,000 and then adding more later

Gerson

- I just asked so you guys wont have the excess money

Abby

- It will just go back to you guys
- It will not stay in our account, it will go back to you
- So I don't know if it matters
- But im happy doing either options

Ganesh

- In their proposal there is DEI language
- Ask them to take that language out

Abbey

- Okay

- Question, if they don't want to take that out because it is their company policy
- What do you guys want to do?

Ganesh

- We would be the client and they would deliver what we want

Pinto

- As a private company they are allowed to have those policies
- But because we are a public university
- We cannot address that
- They can keep that in the policy
- But what they deliver to us cannot have that language
- I saw a lot of their missions were very specific to certain missions of departments on campus, what does that communication look like?

Abbey

- In Credo?
- Or our department?
- Communication to specific departments

Pinto

- In terms of your office and communication with bCUS and departments to understand what we are moving towards?
- How's that decided?

Abbey

- First previous what we have done
- When we are assessing the goal, we reach out to BCUs that works with that goal
- For example, we have sustainability on campus or composting projects on campus
- We have reached out to department of public works and AS Recycling and other BCUs like Environmental Justice Alliance
- So we focus on the goal and the reach out to different BCU and entities
- For the future, to get the word out that we are creating this new strategic vision plan and to make sure BCU's goals and visions are heard, we will be sending out an email
- I know that is not a lot but we are also going to do focus groups, surveys, town halls, and anything else you guys might have an input on
- We also have the strategic vision planning committee, an email will be sent you those who have demonstrated interest previously regarding that
- All AS execs are automatically invited
- Senator Iden, Khorsandi, Sensor Siddique all expressed interest
- And Khorsandi is our liaison
- So that is the three senators that we will have on the strategic vision planning committee
- But after we decide on the consulting firm, we will then meet either biweekly or monthly

Singh

- Add presentation to the agenda

KCSB

Nyla

- We have an activity report for you. We have not done this in awhile. So we would like to catch you up. We also have a quick question about fee increases, just for transparency reasons. I'm KCSB general manager for the 24-25 school year. KCSB was established in 1962, first UC radio station, in 1964 we became officially licensed by the FCC as a noncommercial educational licensee. Today we broadcast a range of 75 miles in each direction with over 100 volunteer programmers. We serve the student body in various ways. The main purpose is to train our volunteers in broadcast media. Our training station receives anywhere from 75-90 applicants a quarter, which we narrow 30 students per training quarter. This 8 week program teaches students the ins and outs of radio broadcasting, legal training, how to operate the studio and edit remote shows. Each quarter we host orientation where every department talks about various ways to get involved. KCSB news welcomes new reporters every quarter, no experience necessary. We train them in best practice for conducting interviews, ethics, media literacy, just to name a few things. Each quarter we have 15 reporters. Our sports department covers games all year around. These volunteers get trained on how to set up equipment. Many of these volunteers can go on to run the department. Oscar Garcia, who was the sports director for KCSB is now editor for the sports department for New York Times. Our music department hosts 2 meetings every week. They host library meetings, where they learn cataloging, sorting physical media that we have at the KCSB library. We also offer assistant internships on a quarterly basis where 2 student volunteers get to work with staff on outreach, record labels, and talking to promoters. Our publicity provides opportunities as well from covering concerts, tabling, festivals. Our student volunteers have many ways to get involved. Our blog is open for all students to submit their writing. Each of our 14 executive committee members interact with various students through various avenues. All of these departments work together to engage our student body and larger 805 community. In the fall quarter, we host the UC radio conference, an annual event hosted at the UCSB campus, a conference put together by students for students. Here college radio stations from all over California came together to share best practices for the new year. This event is open to all KCSB volunteers, staff, casters and programmers. This year we collaborated with the A.S Program Board. We also had a screening of the history of public radio that was open to the public. KCSB held a 2 days event called Gaza is Our Home. We brought palestinian American film maker to showcase his films. On night 1, showed clips of his last to Gaza back in late 2010. Interviews with his family members about current genocide. Night 2 he had a public forum for attendees to talk and meet family members that are currently living in Gaza. This event was open to all students as a way to humanize Palestinians. This was done in collaboration with various student groups for Palestine and Israel. This is just the tip of the iceberg. KCSB just does many collaborations with local venues to provide free giveaways for students. We do this multiple times a week. We are an essential communication service in times

of emergency. We have done this in recent years with flood warnings, fire etc
Radio continues to be a reliable source of communication.

- Even though we've been functioning in a deficit. KCSB provides a lot of important services to this campus. We've been able to cover the deficit with the rollover, but now that's over. We want to raise our budget to what we actually need to continue operations.
- Question, who do I follow up with senate?
- Who would I follow up with to get this on the agenda for approval?

Pinto

- That would be us
- If executive director would like to chime in

Marquez

- How would you do this?
- The election chair is sitting right here. You are going to be involved in the annual budget. Depends on what categories and what kind of funding you need.
- If it is an increase in lock in it is with an election board question.
- If there are new categories you want to put in the budget then that would be in the budget. If it is a personnel item, go to career staff.
- And I'd put it into the staff to be presented to the finance committee.
- Let me know what kind of fund you need.

Nyla

- Would I need to come to a senate meeting with a proposal to be put on the ballot to get an increase?

Pinto

- It depends on what kind of funding you seek.

Marquez

- In spring there's a spring election, the timeline is for special elections. Spring election is still coming up. That time line is true for this but not for the Spring.

Hansen

- I can talk more about the application process as well

Nyla

- Give general report out to the senate
- Since it has been a minute as a general manager I haven't spoken to you yet

Pinto

- I wanted to ask, appointments have not been made for your unit.
- Let's touch base after this meeting about your role as general manager, and what the process looks like for your unit in terms of hiring and communication
- I want to put that on your radar to schedule something

Ganesh

- Early last year, August 2024 I had sent out an email. I have sent out to Jennifer, you were cc'd. This conversation started, after that, I didn't get any response. Who should I email?

Nyla

- If you could email Jennifer and me as well that would be great.

Done at 7:59pm

Back from recess at 9:14PM.

Billy Wu

- Good evening everyone. I am the co-chair of the Global Gaucho Commission
- I'm here to appeal my denied honoraria request. My honoraria request was denied for \$1,950. I was able to reach an agreement with IVP during recess that I will submit a denied request during this upcoming honoraria season and I just want to put it on the record. Thank you.

Pinto

- Thank you. Do you want to answer any questions?

Wu

- Yeah.

Lala

- This is retroactive honoraria for quarters and quarters of work that he has done, not just for international students but also for everyone. Billy is the first connection and friend I made in Associated Students working at the Office of the President. He is competent and down to earth and one of the kindest human beings I know. It would be an injustice for his honoraria not to be approved.

Lankarani

- Why did you not get your honoraria?

Billy

- For at least 3 or 4 quarters, I did not apply, and I applied everything retroactively last quarter. I understand there are some financial constraints for getting honoraria from different fiscal years.

Wang

- Can I ask Senator Singh a question?

Pinto

- Yes

Wang

- At a previous Finance meeting we were discussing honoraria from past fiscal years. I think Billy should get honoraria, but how should we go about it?

Singh

- Can I state when or which quarters you are asking for honoraria for?

Wu

- Yes

Singh

- I see you are asking from Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Summer 2023.
- In my conversations with the Associate Director of Budgeting and Finance, I was told retroactive, when it's not from the quarter just before, causes lots of

problems for admin to go through records to see if this person actually exists or not.

- Not sure you are aware, but we don't have a digitized system to track everything. That being said, there is no official implementation of that policy so it should go through and not be a problem, but the Senate should consider that this causes a lot of problems for the admin. It slows things down for all of us.
- At the end of the day it is the responsibility of every member of the association to apply for honoraria. I understand you can miss it, I miss it as well. It should go through but in the future, try and stay on top of honoraria notifications you get. We should consider an upper limit to honoraria.

Wu

- I appreciate your understanding and explanation.

Johnny from CALPIRG

- My name is Johnny, he/him pronouns
- Updating you on CALPIRG things
- CALPIRG is state wide student activist group started in UC in 70s, worked on variety of campaigns notably where we converted the UC to clean energy
- Responsible for some of Biden's executive orders while in office
- Finished our pledge drive
- Pledged over 900 students on a campus and this is how we get our support from canvas
- This weekend we will have a basic needs campaign
- For some LA fires related needs
- For hunger and homelessness campaign
- Biggest campaigns this quarter is Stop Sable campaign
- Targeted at oil rigs off of our coast
- Inoperable since huge 2015 oil spill
- A company coming from Texas is trying to restart the pipelines
- So running a campaign to ensure that does not happen
- Talking with country board of supervisors
- Should be sending you all a resolution that sometime next week

Pinto

- Thank you any questions

Lala

- Tell me more about the resolution

Johnny

- The resolution would just be illustrating your support to not restart the pipeline off our coast
- The Refugio oil pipeline
- Any other questions

Lala

- Would love to help on that

Pinto

- Any more questions?

- Looking forward to working with y'all

I-4) President's Cabinet Report-

Attorney General

Eric Carlson

Moved her at 8:05PM

- Im here to give a cabinet report today, generally about some of the work on the ongoings of the office, as well as some things I've been helping out with on the side
- So to start, thank you senators for adjourning last week's meeting, super crucial to keep a nice, consistent record of the work that we are doing
- In addition, I'd like to address very briefly the letter that was erroneously distributed last week
- I would recommend striking that from the agenda if it made its way there or from the minutes
- And I motion to append to the record in its place that a draft memo advocating for financial discretionary autonomy is distributed and is still in the work or something of that nature
- Next I want to discuss a larger fish, which is the elections
- Chair Hansen will discuss this more in detail the actual happenings and the logistics of what is going on there
- But the body has made it very clear about the intent to hold a special election
- Put it bluntly, I recommend not going forward with a major specific election
- I will defer chair Hansem on kind of the specific and logistics when he comes up and gives his report
- But there are a couple of things I want to suggest
- Typically we have these pro con statements that general public, students, are allowed to make on any ballot initiative and they could put out their opinion to try to encourage their peers to vote on one way or another
- Its a very beautifl phenomenon
- As much power as this grants student body, the student body does not have the power over yes, no statements appended to the ballot
- I will refer that as ballot language
- When you pass a resolution, as we have in this space
- Resolution to update an article of the constitution
- In that resolution, if it does not contain yes, to initiate these changes, or no, to deny these changes
- If it doesn't have some type of summary or synopsis that seeks to summarize the changes made, try to provide context to the student body
- If you guys aren't approving of that language yourself, someone else along the way is going to be able to have that power
- They are going to be able to decide what a vote yes means and what vote no means

- So the power of that framing, even if one good to do Senator at the table was ultimately taken on the charge of executing on that, there is no accountability
- We have no record give years down the line, or even one year down the line
- To point to who and where did that language come from? Who wrote it?
- Was it just the inking of the election boards?
- Anybody has ultimately the power, if it does not come from the table
- I would feel vastly more comfortable if you guys voted on as a body to approve that set ballot
- What does a yes vote mean? What does a no vote mean?
- Summarize the changes
- This constitutional amendment seeks to increase executive authority, decrease executive authority
- Increase the size of the legislature, decrease the size of the legislature
- However you choose to go
- But the student body, the people who are voting, they need that context, they need that information
- And because we don't have that ready to go now, the timeline for professing with a specific election is extremely contracted, so I would just advise pt it off until spring and work together in regards to those yes and no statements
- I want to read out loud an opinion that my solicitor general had written
- Unfortunately, Ms. Sandy is not in attendance today, but she gave me permission to read this on her behalf
- "Hello senators. My name is Sandy Grees
- My pronouns are she/her
- Im the solicitor general
- I have come today to deliver some remarks regarding the proposed amendments to the articles of the constitution and of the legal code on half of the office of attorney general
- This is in response to the context from BCU chairs and some concerned students
- Who aren't even affiliated in AS, they know me by proxy as someone in AS
- In some cases, they don't exactly know what is happening
- As you all know, these amendments concerning student fees, legislative representation, and executive power
- Carry significant implications for the governance of the association
- When constitutional amendments, which ultimately impose sweeping changes, are proposed, we risk overlooking how they interact within the broader framework of our legal code, including university policy
- A single contradiction or oversight could render parts of the Constitution ineffective or lead to unintended consequences, such as arguments made to challenge the validity of said document. It is critical that we ensure internal coherence and accountability in all the changes we make
- Regarding Article Five addressing student fees, we must consider not the immediate financial adjustments, but the long term fiscal responsibility of the association. While the amendment seeks to enhance financial transparency and address the issue of rollover funds, we must engage with our budget teams, our

campus collaborators who work in managed finance as well as the finance committees to assess whether this truly aligns with student interests

- Article Six, which restructures Senate representation, there are concerns about the proportionality of representation and whether it sufficiently reflects the diverse constituencies of the student body. The amendment significantly alters how our legislative body is composed, yet it appears there has been limited outreach to affected groups. Before finalizing this change, we should consult directly with relevant stakeholders, including these views to ensure fair representation.
- Further in Article Seven, which expands executive authority that presents its own concerns, there are shifting powers to the President and internal vice president. We must predict, evaluate whether this benefits students will nearly consolidate while efficiency is important, governance should not come at the cost of oversight.”
- Before I continue on with the solicitor general’s opinion, there are additional concerns that even myself and my office have in regards to some of the construction of those articles.
- We are at a point within our realm of kind of setting up this constitution where we are in direct conflict with state law, federal law, UC regional policy, university policy itself
- Staff members, career staff members have a designated supervisor that supervises their work for the association.
- In the proposed constitutional amendments, we are trying to increase that supervisory role to include elected officials.
- The elected officials represent members of the association.
- They represent students.
- They are not necessarily staff supervisors
- They're not directly within the association.
- This creates grounds for, ultimately, HR dispatch power. If the IVP were to go in and request one thing from a staff member, then the President requests a different thing. Who are they supposed to listen to?
- At the end of the day? The answer is neither, because they're not required to.
- It's not in their job description that they have to report to any student elected official.
- It only exists in one very kind of interesting caveat, which is the President's relationship with the executive director, or the Senate's relationship with the executive director.
- We already have these mechanisms that exist, and we should make use of those.
- Where we allow students to supervise other students, where we allow staff to supervise other staff
- It creates better working environments.
- It prevents this idea of students encroaching on the autonomy of staff members, and ultimately, it's the only legal option
- “Beyond the substance of these amendments, we face procedural issues.

- It is unfair whether the vote on Article Six was properly conducted, and the minutes simply do not accurately reflect what was decided.
- Additionally, I have been informed that the senate meeting location changed without popular notice or accurate documentation in the meeting minutes,
- this compromises the transparency of said process and risks losing a lot of the things that happened into oblivion
- Can anyone even know when the meeting was adjourned?
- This compromises the transparency of our process, and if we cannot confirm whether an amendment has not been passed, how can we stand by its legitimacy?
- The Attorney General's office would like to strongly recommend that we redo these votes, rethink the amendments holistically, and perhaps most importantly, invite BCUs and other relevant stakeholders.
- Invite our staff members, who have been here to promote continuity of the Association for years and years and years, to engage in the process.
- It's not enough to vote on changes in isolation
- We must review our Constitution as a whole before ratifying any modifications. I urge this body to prioritize transparency and shared governance.
- To that end, I, Sandy Grees, address Senator Sandy Ganesh, according to my records, who serve as the chair of the Liaison Committee
- I recommend that you take the lead in engaging BCUs and working with them, such as committees on committees, and ensuring that all parties are properly informed and how its proposed changes will affect their operations.
- The Senate must operate with a share of consciousness.
- Every stakeholder should know what is happening and why, as it stands, we're leaving people in the dark, and that is simply unjust.
- In closing, I urge the Senate to take a step back and ensure that these amendments serve the best interests of the student body.
- It is acceptable to pass individual amendments before we finalize anything, we must review the Constitution in its entirety, eliminate inconsistencies and reaffirm our commitment to democratic and transparent governance."
- With that, I conclude Sandy Grees's report.
- And in brief, I want to just illustrate some minor points on what I think, as the attorney general, would be best.
- I recommend the following: I believe it's fair and prudent that to call for total and complete withdrawal of all constitutional amendments for final review by some review committee come week 9 or week 10 of winter quarter
- For final approval of week 2 of spring quarter as stipulated by our bylaws
- I make this recommendation because during my tenure at Associated Students, it's become abundantly clear that, and especially within the last couple weeks of all of the different arguments made, every single constitutional amendment is important
- From article 10, finding a way to codify accommodations for students who are forgot, forgotten during the process when we first set out to create government
- To article 5 when it comes to counteracting the problem of student fees and their shipping away by inflation, because we're sitting on millions and millions of

dollars without having any real plan for it, and therefore losing upwards of \$100,000 a year to inflation, when that could fund staff members, more student groups, capital investment projects, rental programs in IV

- It's simply irresponsible, and as many of you incredibly talented, incredibly intelligent, incredibly competent human beings to sit at this table
- We have so much to change, so much good to enact for our campus peers
- Let's take a step back and dream a little bit bigger
- And with that, I would like to invite you guys to complete withdrawal of those resolutions.
- Identify a way forward to better reflect the kind of the campus constituencies that we do represent here.
- And again, very, very, very importantly, when it comes to the breakdown of the Senate body, we've made arguments about not having freshmen on the board. And yet again, in another round of constitutional amendments, we failed to find a way to implement freshmen on the board
- Passing those bills only sought to redistribute the seats and not really find a way or solution for freshmen senators.
- In terms of our internal policies, every single one of those amendments are valid, every single one of them has a really raw and true spirit that needs to be defined.
- There's an infinite number of ways to pursue this type of change that we're looking for, truly infinite.
- Not one have considered the idea of having two year Senate terms, where half the body is elected one year and then the other half is elected in the following year
- This way
- And you could do it from December to December.
- You allow training to happen during winter quarter, when everybody's back on campus.
- You have project planning during the spring. Senators can take the time off in the summer. They can do whatever they want
- And come fall, another round of elections, and now you have an entire half the Senate is trained and half the Senate is untrained.
- It solves the problem with continuity.
- It solves the problem with student staff relations, because you're curating similar faces within the space for a little bit longer,
- Students who are incredibly passionate about the space will continue to stay and make the change that they believe is accurate
- Ultimately, the only way to go about something as sweeping as that change is to go as slow as you can
- Invite as many eyes onto the project
- And build collaboration.
- Finance Committee has the Associate Director for finance Michael Cea, is sitting there
- The Finance Committee is one of the many committees that is incredibly successful in trying to navigate the barriers, obstacles in the association, how we exist within financial policy, within the UC regional policies,

- They are actively reckoning with all of those different caveats and how they overlap and how they interchange with one another every single time we have a meeting
- That happens, in my opinion, not just because of the money, but because we have staff collaborators with us every single step of the way.
- And I think we want to engage truly inspiring goals, sweeping changes that we want to make to the association.
- I think the only way we're going to do that is walking hand in hand with the staff that are here to help us, with the staff that we hire out of our own student needs, we have to make use of them, we have to look out for their interests
- When we have student leadership retreats, where we go off and learn, we have to invite them with us.
- It's crucial, not just for the students and staff environment that we have here in the Associated Students, but it's crucial for how we all work together as well.
- So I urge you to reconsider totally and completely all of the resolutions that were introduced.
- Hold off until spring quarter.
- Come together, work on one beautiful Constitution.
- It must be total, full and complete, and it must be self consistent in its entirety
- No part can contradict itself.
- Everything has to be accounted for in something as important as a constitution, anything procedurally we can define in the bylaws
- Anything that we want, that we dream might be useful, put it into standing policies so you can override it with a single motion on the Senate floor.
- The structure by which we have already set out the Associated Students has been outlined for us for years and years and years
- We can trust the system to save us, and I believe that the best way to do that is to go a little bit slow.
- So thank you. I conclude my report. I will be taking questions.

Lala

- Thank you, I want to start by saying there's always some friction between branches of government. There is disagreement, that is completely fine.
- That being said, yourself, Siddiqui, Khorsandi, and I had a conversation with you prior to today. You did not once mention that you want to revoke these motions. Having established that, we appreciate the challenge and the urge. This reads rather like a challenge for something that has already been litigated. Something we have decided and voted on. That part I sincerely don't understand. On those grounds, I think I speak for Siddiqui and Iden here, we would have appreciated some consultation on this.
- We can argue all the fine points you said, I know there is some truth. We litigated all of this, freshman representatives, very strange back and forth, we've gone through all of this. I don't understand why we have to bring it up again. I'm going to withhold myself from going to various points. I think this is reaching into something that on one hand you say that the rule of the associated has sustained us for as long as it had. On the other you urge us that this is not enough

and we should redo the whole thing by spring. How will we have time? The answer is we won't. These changes we have seen. I don't understand about challenging the vote either. So many things have been decided after the time runs out here in A.S main, including the AG appointment in fall quarter. We litigated this, we have decided on this. We should keep every amendment on the special election

AG

- The reason why it didn't come up in today's meeting is because I was the active facilitator. Facilitators don't like to illuminate their opinion when they are trying to bring collaborators together. As the Attorney General, I'm here today to bring that up. I imagine you're referring to the exec center and judiciary, does anyone want to tell me how many sub-judicial councils we have in the association. We have 0. There are no balance in power. The senate operates with impunity relatively. That's why I'm here. Have any of you had a bill vetoed? No. There's no balance in powers. When it comes back to A.S main, we had to redo entire agendas, because we didn't advertise when we changed location. And we did it. That is not something that is alien. Entire meetings had to stop, and we had to redo. For things like AS Main, you will find it in your agenda, may 31 that was the senate agenda we had to redo because we kept moving around. I have that in my memory because I lived through it and it took me 2 months to figure it out. Again, these are not the types of things to throw at you. When I refer to trusting the system to save us, I'm referring to staff members. Staff members work day in day out to make sure minutes are kept up to date. They make sure everything is codified. So when it comes to the audit in Spring, we make those ends meet.
- I applaud the finance committee with their efforts to digitize how they do things, but so far we've tracked every single dollar amount thanks to staff. When it comes to these issues, there are a lot of unintended consequences. Even if the effect of legislation is not what you are dealing with. When we cut \$100k to staff salary. We spooked staff and they all thought we were coming for them, they thought they were getting their salaries lowered. That damaged the association.
- The following year, salary increased from 2.9 million to 3.5/3.6, we have those records. We learned from those mistakes. Even though those are not the intended effect. It harmed how the association worked together. When it comes to when we are dealing with unenforceable change through the constitution, where the president will be supervisors of career staff. Comes 2,3,4 years, when IVP comes and says I'm going to fire you, to staff members, we have student staff disputes quite frequently. What happens when the iVP comes back and says that the constitution is a lie, thanks to the 75th Senate. That kind of what we are asking for.
- We need to make sure that it is legal. If we can't do that, nothing matters. It's the social contract we are filling together. If one section is incorrect, the whole thing is incorrect Senator Lala, you mentioned we iterate that we talk about this
- How many freshmen senators are going to serve next year?

Lala

- How many freshmen are serving right now?
- How were they appointed?

AG Carlson

- Add Hoc committee

Lala

- The one we are working with left those species unassigned. The issue of freshman is completely redundant, in the US senate you have to be 30 years of age to be there in the first place. Integrating first years is not one of them, there's a thousand opportunities for freshmen. Then you can work your way up to elected office. There's no workable way. Maybe there's something to be said. I think this has all been litigated and I don't think it's worth debating .

Lankarani

- In addition to us cutting down senate seats, we are adding staff seats, so if freshmen want to get involved we have alternative routes for freshmen to get involved.

AG Carlson

- Senator Singh. Have these positions been discussed from a financial perspective?

Singh

- No

AG Carlson

- It's \$900 per person in honoraria. 18 is the new size
- 2 staff member per senate
- 36x900
- \$32,000, is this budgeted for?
- This is a lot
- I understand all these issues you wish to address
- I've seen them, I've lived them, I understand them
- In the current steps of these amendments, they do not address the issues you are looking to address
- It does not address the root issue you want to address
- I made my recommendations, I'll take questions about anything else.

Brinderson

- Question relating to outreach to BCU.
- What outreach do you think it's necessary for a change that's fundamental within the senate?
- Relating to the structure of the senate, your solicitor general would have thoughts on that, what sort of interaction do you think it's necessary for that to be sufficient

AG Carlson

- Every single amendment will affect every single BCU. If you are giving supervisory capacity, which is not enforceable and illegal. You're making the president, IVP, responsible for those BCU advisors.
- It is going to effect them
- We need to be able to handle these things with them
- They need to be made aware of what is happening

- When i said we cut 100k from staff salary, there was 0 outreach. No one said anything.
- No one made that distinction, made that effort.
- Therefore it looks like it's supposed to be doing which is cutting money from staff salaries
- Whatever you wanna do, don't forget about the people you represent and the people supporting the people you represent

I-5) Executive Director's Report-

Marisela Marquez

- Hi there. Thank you to every new member of the student senate and for being sworn in today
- Office hours Wednesdays 1-3PM
- And by appointment
- Before y'all leave, we could schedule a bit of time
- I think over time one of the efforts i have appreciated are the moments we can see real change
- We can decide for ourselves exactly what AS and undergrad student government recognized by state of CA can and will do
- It has always been a hallmark, not just of UCSB, but of the system and the state
- This particular association has been active
- I'd like to work with everyone
- Particularly if you are joining the senate 2025, it may seem like nothing else we have never done
- May seem like nothing else you've ever done
- Introducing myself
- Doctorate in political science and executive director
- Executive director since 2007
- Teach in department of Chicano Studies and political science
- I want to be formal even though I know everyone else here
- Report includes personnel, ongoing issues and new issues on a weekly basis
- Not always invited to present at the senate meetings
- When and if they do not have enough time I submit my report anyway
- Even if you don't see me here, the word will be there
- In terms of my update for you all this week
- I'll focus on personnel
- Not much has changed
- Some issues
- When it rains in the central and south coast, all kinds of things go wrong
- Particularly with things around the buildings
- Which particularly AS inhabits, 7 different locations
- In it of themselves they are occupied by career staff and student staff
- We employ 300+ undergrad students and career staff

- I think that if you go to our home page, you'll see the entire staff group that is serving this association
- In terms of this week and rain, the Pardall Center has taken in water
- They are not supposed to be taken in water
- Wasn't even from this rain, we're clearing it out from before
- An example of the associated staff and working with students includes the Pardall Center
- Working for a satellite space in IV that is
- Collaboratively developed and collaboratively functioning does the best it can
- In the short term, trying to fix that particular matter
- My work involves extending its lease
- Actively working with contracts office and extending and reviewing lease
- In any event, that we have a method by which we can prevent the water coming into that building that isn't supposed to be there
- Correcting any leaks
- You think that would be super easy
- Not super easy
- It is not even understood where the water is coming from
- Involves number of departments
- Involves reviewing the lease
- Certain I'm not gonna fix it
- I have to figure out who is going to, and how much
- And what is a fair way of going about that
- An example of an event that's ongoing
- Another new issue is we are transitioning AS rides
- We reimburse students that are disabled or short term disabled get around campus
- That particular program has for many years, 9 years, has been in collaboration with DSP office
- Collaboration with DSP
- DSP has suggested we collab with different department
- Special program advisor Sophia Lee Park
- Met with director of veterans affairs and military science
- Who's actually managing transport on campus for folks that are that are short experiencing short term disability or long term we met to develop a little bit of a different system, and upgrading system
- So that students have more of a sort of a seamless support on campus and off campus, coming and going from campus, but also just getting around this campus
- Met with students facing short term and long term disability
- Seamless support coming and going from campus
- Just getting around this campus,
- If one has a matter that impedes one's easy mobility, it's hard
- Working on those two issues
- The issues surrounding the HIT projects
- That the senate has passed over past few months

- I want to invite Senate help on to ensure we develop the infrastructure on Blue Lights Project
- Work on developing infrastructure on blue lights project as well as vending machine
- Have one machine
- We are trying to get a second vending machine
- Collaboration with students and staff
- Don't necessarily have same implementation model for all of these projects
- These projects are going to vary
- There will be challenges for every single one
- Appreciate that the senate has funded a couple more
- Need more support from senate in terms of what legislative direction is and how to run
- We develop them, and we are glad to do it if the idea is to develop a standing policy
- Idea is to develop standing policy
- This is the way it's going to run, and if it doesn't work then what are we going to do?
- I'll leave it there for now. I know we are running out of time but i did want to offer questions
- Did want to offer any questions that you all may have
- Last report I gave, shared the renovations seeking this room, state street room, and also infrastructure change on 3rd floor for disabled cultural center
- That's a number of meetings I have taken as well
- That's my report, are there any questions

Pinto

- Any questions?

Lala

- For the uber program, all the funding is taken care of at the executive level?
- Or is there any involvement needed from the Senate?

Marquez

- AS rides works in such a way that it is off of a recharge that we keep from night and weekend pass through
- From the night weekend parking pass through lock in
- Do have funding for that
- What we do not know is that as it's leaving DSP and going over to Veterans
- May need a little bit of funding to rework their website
- So that they have a different web form
- And link that to a database
- I'll come back to you

Pinto

- Would the reworking of this website fall onto our technology
- I guess our unit

Marquez

- Our web development team?

Pitno

- Yes

Marquez

- We're going to first ask team that supports students affairs
- Believe that's who supports their web presence now
- And so it would be an edit off of that
- We would not have to develop anything new
- If they do need to receive a payment, I may need to come back to allocate funding
- It would make more sense for us to pay whomever is working on webpages for student affairs

Pinto

- That makes sense

Singh

- About the blue light tower,
- From what I'm aware, it's been completely approved
- Ready to start going, ready to put orders in
- I think you were talking about the future
- If I'm not wrong, the EVPLA said he wanted to sign MOUs
- With IVPRD and IVFP as well
- I think that's how the maintenance would work
- And also the phone plans for each tower as well
- It would be like every couple years we put more money in the MOUS
- And then keep up with the maintenance and phone plans
- Phone plans should be good for a couple years at least
- The maintenance, we do have warranty on the towers, but it's just for unexpected costs
- But its just for like unexpected costs

Marquez

- I would invite the senator to codify it into standing policy
- So that future senates and staff can review it and follow a particular protocol
- The other thing is unexpected events and unexpected costs
- If it's going to be funded out of EVPLA office
- Or if the EVPLA office morphs and adds different things into their office,
- Where would the funding continue from?
- Because each of these programs are great,
- As we are seeing with AS rides, we simply reimburse and not manage,
- There's a lot of backend to it
- That's why it would be helpful
- Does not require a lot of senators, but a few to walk us through it
- So I can write up MOU that makes sense
- Then can put those elements into standing policy

Oseignou (8PM)

- I'm mostly introducing myself to the new senator
- Im their media coordinator
- I do the ASUCSB Senate Instagram, making media for it and whatnot
- For updates, I'm working with the Creative Media union, I'm meeting with them tomorrow with Henry and Wahidullah to talk about ways to post on the Instagram
- I'm going to start interviews with AS because UCSB TV didn't respond
- So I wanted to start with Henry, Lala, and want to interview IVP too
- Because previous years there is no IVP
- I'm also talking to emily savage whos the public affair office managers for the instagram account
- Im also talking to Emily Saveage, who is the public affairs officer manager for the UCSB Instagram account
- I wanted to get them to start posting AS stuff
- She told me that the account was for parents and alumni and students
- I told her that they are not doing a good job with that
- I want to talk to her about collaborating posts, doing more recording media of events going on
- Because she said she can't do anything
- I didn't respond to my email
- I sent it five days ago
- I will give her another week before I go to the office
- I can't go further than that with her
- New people, we are going to do the introduction posts
- I'm going to have a QR code, not today

Pinto

- You should just go to her office

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 approve all minutes and allocations

Butler - Martinez

Called to question: Wang

Passed at 9:38PM

L) Discussion Items

M) Appointments

Lobby Crops

Training Director - Megan Lee

A.S. RULES AND ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE

EJ Raad- Committee On Committees Representative

Grace Kish - Representative from *Office of the Internal Vice-President*

Jaiden Wick-Representative from the Senate Standing Committee on Campus Internal Affairs

Natalia Pascher -Representative from the Senate Standing Committee on Campus Internal Affairs

ASOIVP

Resignation of Internal Affairs- Ariana Garzon

AS Senate

Resignation of Mariana Rosillo

Office of the Attorney General

Rya Bonavia - Caseworker

Natalia Pascher - Caseworker

Jason Ogilvie - Caseworker

Grace Kish - Research Associate

Noah Luken - Research Associate

Jaiden Wick - Research Associate

EJ Raad - Research Associate

AS Raíces De Mi Tierra

Sarah Rodriguez and Carlos Meza as External Co-Chairs

Vanessa Toni Valtierra as Internal Co-Chair
Citlali Sanchez and Joel Lopez Valencia as Directors
Rincon Garcia as Secretary
Destiny Cisneros and Celeste Cortez Herrera as Advocacy chairs
Ignacio Rodriguez as Treasurer
Arthur Moreno and Emily Alavez bautista as Social Chairs
Kimberly Gomez, Ash Tinoco Sanchez and Alvaro Marquez as Wardrobe Chairs
Bentley Mendoza and Destiny Alvarez as Publicity Chairs
Riley Gonzalez as Historian
Maya Kapoor as Academic Chair

Office of Senate Leadership

Resignation of Second President Pro-Tempore Head of Staff - Kharys Ebert-Oats
Ash Tinoco Sanchez as Second President Pro-Tempore Head of Staff

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08PM.

Butler - Ganesh

Call to question - Wahidullah

Passed at 10:09PM.