UC Santa Barbara
Associated Students

Senate Agenda 01/29/25
Associated Students

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This meeting was called to order at 6:41P.M. in the Ucen Flying 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 6:41PM.**

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	👍 Excused	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

Name	Attendance	Position
Leiya Kadah	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	Off-Campus Senator
Yasmine Suuck	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	Off-Campus Senator & Liaison Committee Vice-Chair
Levi Corlew	👍 Excused	Off-Campus Senator
Leah Khorsandi	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	College of Letters & Science Senator
Mariana Rosillo	👍 Excused	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	👍 Excused	Off-Campus Senator
Lily Habas	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	College of Creative Studies (CCS) Senator
Paolo Brinderson	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	Off-Campus Senator
Eemaan Wahidullah	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	Off-Campus Senator
Jasmine Amin	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	Off-Campus Senator
Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	✅ Present, ☀️ Early	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	👍 Excused (proxy)	International Senator & Liaison Committee Chair
Aryaman Singh	👍 Excused	College of Engineering (CoE) Senator & Finance Committee External Chair

A-2) Excused Absences
Ella Yu

Motion to excuse Senator Gerson at 8:30PM.
Khorsandi - Lankarani

Called to question: Iden
Motion passed at 6:44PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Wang for this meeting.
Lankarani - Elkhatib
Called to question: Kadah
Motion passed at 6:44PM.

Motion to bundle and excuse all absences
Elkhatib -
Called to question:
Motion passed at 6:45PM.
Motion rescinded.

Motion to excuse all absences on the agenda today.
Elkhatib - Amin
Called to question - Kadah
Motion passed at 6:46PM.

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies
Motion to accept Dexter LaViolette as proxy for Sandy Ganesh.
Lankarani - Brinderson
Called to question: Wahidullah
Motion passed at 6:46PM.

B) External Reports

C) New Business

A Resolution Supporting the ASUCSB Bike Committee's Efforts to Secure ILP...
Lala - Wahidullah

Lala

- I think this is an important one and would love involvement and discussion
- Spoke with bike committee 2 weeks ago, primarily about the construction of bike path between ILP and library
- Which is something a lot of students are aware of lack of

- Know that it's an extremely important project
- Was discouraged when talking with colleagues
- It didn’t move anywhere last senate, spoke with them
- Went to speak with them, glad to find out that admin moved in a positive direction this year
- There's a lot more willingness to listen to studnet voices here
- It's not exactly clear how muchb funding will be required
- Seems like it’ll come out to tune of low millions
- Hopefully prevent new lock in fees from being introduced
- We pay high ones
- Important that admin matches funding for bike path
- Hopefully 50/50 split
- If you see the language in resolution is vague, it’s because we aren’t sure how this is going to plan out
- Important document to use to see that student population is extremely behind them
- We want to see this constructed by fall of 2027, we are with them in whichever path of funding is better and more efficient
- We’re with them

Wahidullah

- I’d like to thank senator Lala for collaborating with me in this project
- Discussed more generally on a lot of the stuff presented in the resolution
- I think it's also just a genuine idea, something in regards to, like, housing advice, at least in any way supported by the committee, whatever way they need
- And remember that as our job as senators, I feel like any would be possible.
- I'd always be more than willing to help with regards to that, and just hearing collaborating with him, with an opportunity to figure out about things and helping and screening legislation does really good things
- I heard a bit already of feedback when it goes to my committee about things we're working on already, and things that are happening
- It's good to know that because of that position, I can help as well
- Hopefully by collaborating on the resolution we can help the steps forward, and supporting whatever the committee needs
- Just the funding, the resources that are necessary because of the infrastructure

Iden

- First of great job working on this
- Started when me and Lala got to reading
- Students are left to pick up after the administration

- Last year being led on for months
- Run into someone almost everyday at that intersection
- It's ridiculous that students have to fund this partially and even at all
- Its a problem they created that they didn't think about entirely and now that students have to pick up the scraps it's ridiculous

Lankarani

- I want to echo the sentiments of senator Iden
- The fact that there used to be a bike path there and then the school never put one back is extremely irresponsible
- Disappointing that it has to come from the students
- It shoudn't have fallen on us in the first place
- They should've put the bike path back
- Any way I can help further let me know

Brinderson

- This problem is occurring because of admin
- Of coure they didn't listen to student voices and put the parking lot next to the bike path
- They put the car lot next to bike path
- And bike parking next to car path
- Incongruency there
- Of course the ILP parking never gets used and the library parking lot is always packed
- Library parking always overflowing
- On my walk here almost got hit by biker
- I do have some questions
- Lot of issues going on here
- Make sure were approaching this in the most cognizant way
- For your resolution, point two, under the resolution, it says, 'present the report to the 75th Senate upon having a finalized plan with the association bike committee'
- Wondering who is gonna present this report, have contacts within admin?
- Is this something that can happen or is it something that will happen?

Lala

- This is not just some request
- It is a strong statement
- We expect them to be here
- It's not a request is more of a tune of request
- It would be for office of budget and planning
- It could be the director of the office whose name is escaping me right now
- Whichever public engagement officer comes
- Drafted in close collab with bike committee

- We wanted to make sure every part was in accordance to what they wanted to see happen
- Added as an incentive to get this done quicker rather than later
- How the split needs to be arranged so they can come and present to us
- Iden, you're right
- It's a moral and safety failing to not have a bike path there
- It's gonna come out way more expensive to build one now that there's a paved pathway there
- Then it would've been to just add it in the first place
- More effective for me to be nice to them, however

Brinderson

- Do you think it would be help us to add that to the resolution

Lala

- if you want to open the resolution and just add that a report to be given by either the Executive Director of the Office of Budget Planning or a representative of the office on that

Motion to open a resolution supporting the ASUCSB Bike Committee's Efforts to Secure ILP-Library Bike Path Construction Funding.
Brinderson - Lankarani
Called to question: Elkhatib
Passed at 9:56PM.

Motion to amend a resolution supporting the ASUCSB Bike Committee's Efforts to Secure ILP-Library Bike Path Construction Funding.
Brinderson -
Motion rescinded.

Motion to amend the 2nd therefore clause from presenter reports of 75th bike committee to Present a report to the 75th Senate upon having finalized a plan with the ASUCSB Bike Committee.
Lala - Lankarani
Called to question - Kadah
Passed at 7:00PM.

Motion to close a resolution supporting the ASUCSB Bike Committee's Efforts to Secure ILP-Library Bike Path Construction Funding
Wahidullah - Kadah
Called to question:Lankarani
Passed at 7:01PM.

Motion to pass a resolution supporting the ASUCSB Bike Committee's Efforts to Secure ILP-Library Bike Path Construction Funding
Wahidullah - Lankarani
Called to question:Kadah
Yes: 15
No:0
Abstain: 0
Passed at 7:02PM.

A Resolution Implementing the President's Executive Order 01-21-2025

Wahidullah - Siddiqui

Wahidullah

- I just wanted to make some smaller comments. It has been a great opportunity to collaborate with the attorney general on this project.Being able to help the Los angeles community, those affected by the fire. I wanted to help in any way that I can, showing that we care about a lot of the students on campus. Some of the key takeaways are the academic support, leniency, financial resource, overall creating taskforce. Overall showing that we care about a lot of the stuff happening in the community. I've seen a lot of community support from cultural and social clubs. We can all connect. Overall I appreciate collaborating for this initiative. I hope that it can help a lot of people in the community as well.

Siddiqui

- This was entirely written by the attorney general. Shoutout to the Attorney General and president for the initial executive order. This is just procedural,thank you for the author Wakudullah for allowing me to second

Motion to pass A Resolution Implementing the President's Executive Order
Elkhatib **- Kadah**
Called to question: Lankarani
Yes:16
No:0
Abstain:0
Motion passed at 7:06PM.

Motion to add a resolution A Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment for Infrastructural Upgrades of Associated Students' Financial Systems
Iden - Siddiqui
Called to question: Kadah
Motion passed at 7:07pm

A Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment for Infrastructural Upgrades of Associat...

Iden

- FTE has been talking about this with Michael for a long time now. He sent us a demo regarding Tipalti, which is a module that integrated within the MIP and so basically this resolution reaffirms our support for the implementation of MIP as well as supporting Tipalti. The fiscal impact is going to be a 3k set up and an annual license fee of 5500k dollars, each transaction will be one dollar. This is coming out of our professional fees account. This is basically the foundation in which we digitize honoraria. We'll be coming with MIP which is a huge step forward in my opinion, so I'm super excited about that.

Siddiqui

- I'm super excited about this piece of legislation as it legit means no more checks. This will allow honoraria to be transferred directly. Whichever bank account you're set up with, you'll get it through there. This will make disbursement of honoraria so much easier. Senator leadership won't get emails everyday about people not getting their checks. I am really excited to see this technology be developed by our staff, and be used if not next year, year after.

Motion to pass A Resolution Reaffirming the Commitment for Infrastructural Upgrades of Associated Students' Financial Systems.
Kadah - Lankarani
Called to question: Elkhatib
Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion passed at 7:10PM.

Motion to reconsider from the previous agenda A Resolution to Update Article V of the Associated Student's Constitution and table indefinitely.
Iden - Briderson

Discussion:

Siddiqui

- I yield chairship to Senator Martinez. We are still in discussion so I want to briefly address a lot of the points brought up earlier in Article V, like the points brought up by the Attorney General and other individuals. I think attacking the problem of making sure our fees are used in the most efficient ways won't be solved by increasing the threshold.
- It's a complex issue that will not be solved by a single piece of legislation.
- A lot of amendments to the Attorney General proposed to Article V, I think are great, and I would love to approve them and get them passed this year. However, I have had discussions with Senator Iden about this, and I don't think that the Article V resolution, as it stands, has anything bad about it in terms of increasing the vote threshold. I still stand behind increasing the vote thresholds and I stand behind making sure reaffirmations change from every 2 years to every single year.
- I also want to emphasize that by passing this now, instead of indefinitely tabling it, students would be able to vote on it in winter, and the changes would be reflected in the spring general elections this year in Article V.
- I would like to see this passed today. If people have amendments they want to make, I'm fine with that. I would like to see students vote on this, this quarter. Us passing this, is not enumerating this into the Constitution, I agree with the Attorney General that students need a larger voice in this discussion, and the perfect way to do that is to bring the issue to them immediately and let them decide.

Iden

- The reason why I want to table this for now is that I want to work on this especially in collaboration with the Attorney General, especially in terms of addressing the Constitution and regarding what we do with rollover funds. In terms of cost and benefit, there is not much benefit of passing it now, like the seat change that we want in spring. In terms of going through another election cycle, it's not a bad thing. I'd rather come back to these changes after the spring election so we can have a longer discussion and we can have sections prepared. Passing it now, in the winter, is not the most important thing we need to pass today.

Brinderson

- I was the only vote no on this bill so I agree with Senator Iden on this one. From what I heard from the BCU's I'm in contact with is they are scared. ⅔ is high for reaffirming a lock in fee. The job of a BCU is not to campaign, their job is to provide their mission statement and help the student body. It's not their job to say, "we deserve this money." Multiple groups have

failed at that high threshold in the past and I like the 50%. I like the idea to even increase the percentages for new proposals. Again, I think ¾ is very high. Multiple groups have failed that highthreshold in the past. To go back to my original argument, I think this is not the appropriate way to fix the problem. The problem is low turnout and increasing the threshold doesn't lower the amount of people that vote.

Suuck

- I disagree with the low turnout thing, I feel like this isn't trying to solve low turnout. I think that this is trying to solve accumulating more money and not doing anything with it. I do think that having a discussion with BCUs is smart because on paper, this might seem like we are trying to take away their jobs and funding. Miscommunication with BCU's is something we got in trouble with before so I think Liaison Committee should reach out to meet and I think we should have ample time to do that so that's why I think we should table this.

End of Discussion:
Call to question: Khorsandi
Passed at: 11:28PM.

Martinez

- I yield chairship back to Senator Siddiqui

Siddiqui

- Senator Iden, if there's an Article VII resolution you want to motion on, now is the time.

Iden

- Did we not have that last meeting?

Siddiqui

- We passed it, we need to reconsider it. There were amendments made, and we passed it last week.

Iden

- I had no issues with Article VII last week

Siddiqui

- We talked about this before meeting.

Iden

- Should I motion to reconsider or put it on the agenda?

Siddiqui

- Motion to reconsider and then we put it on the agenda.

Motion to reconsider A Resolution to Update Article VII of the Associated Student's Constitution from the previous agenda and add to today's agenda.
Iden- Elkhatib
Called to question: Khorsandi
Passed at 11:33PM.

Siddiqui

- So the new version of the amendment is now on the agenda. We are still entertaining motions on Article VII.

Iden

- Would you want to yield chair ship and discuss changes made?
- I yield chairship to Senator Martinez

Siddiqui

- Yes, I yield chairship to Senator Martinez
- I'll keep this brief, there are two changes that we made to Article VII. The primary one is for interval vice president Section E, b, e., they are going to serve as primary representatives for graduate students on all academic matters. This is just going in concert with the proposed amendments for Article VI regarding Senators. Everything else has stayed the same from last week, besides two other amendments. For Aa, we expanded upon the definition of just professional staff to more individuals of the association including operations and property. For section E we further enumerated the power of the president.
- If anyone has confusion of this clause as it stands right now with the bylaws language and executive orders, the president can issue a directive to any entity or individual to execute or refrain from certain action. This serves as almost a check, but reiterates that when it comes to personal decisions of power of the president it can be challenged by judicial council as it is of any executive order.
- For the student advocate general, we are officially designating that executive officer as the primary officer to handle technology. Alvin really wants his office to focus on technology. In my opinion the president and IVPSO does not need more tasks for their jobs. It wouldn't be as effective especially when I think Alvin has been doing a great job so far.

Iden

- No comment.
- I just wanted to bring the issue with the section B under IVP of having jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to AS professional staff. This seems like a lot of internal power over everything and I am in opposition to that.

Siddiqui

- If the IVP would be more directly involved in all the discussion with professional staff and dealing with AS professional staff in terms of working with them and creating directives for the internal entities of the association.
- Who would you propose to take on that role instead?
- As of right now these issues are carried out by staff so my intention is to try to offload to consume the machine.

Iden

- I love that thought. I think the wording, 'having jurisdiction over all matters' is a very powerful way to frame it. I would opt to take that out and leave it so it gives power over a specific jurisdiction. It's a lot of power.

Siddiqui

- What we made a motion to take out the words 'and have jurisdiction over all matters, and put a comma after internal affairs
- I understand your opposition to the word jurisdiction, but my intention with doing this is I want the IVP to be involved in these important issues of the association.

Iden

- I see what you mean and I like having them involved in the way you listed
- I'm thinking of using another word to phrase it. I don't like giving one executive officer supreme authority over these things. I am unsure where to go from this point.

Lala

- I think the proposed solution to phrasing it differently makes sense.
- We want to stay away from the executive having supreme control. But we should have an executive present to make these decisions. So I'm forgetting what your alternative was, but it makes sense.

Siddiqui

- So my suggestion was to say, "Serve as the representative of associated students in all internal affairs including matters pertaining to AS professional staff, human resources, operating, and more."

Iden

- Love that

Marteqz

- The issue is anything that contradicts policy will slow things down. And so university employees are employees on the board of regents. There isn't any capacity to have the second clause. I think it raises a red flag for the Office of the President. The rejective policy coincides with labor law and state and federal law so there is no gray area.

Siddiqui

- The first duty of the president of the constitution says that the president shall be responsible for the function of AS executive director. Does that clause violate policy and how has it been able to stay in the constitution for so long?

Marquez

- The way it's mediated at this particular campus is the position I hold has a dotted line relationship with the vice president of student affairs.
- I'm the only position with dual responsibility, everyone else is not. The delegation of my responsibility is crafted that way. I was hired into it, I did not create it. And to add, by labor law, every individual person must be cleared who are their supervisors. A student cannot supervise undergraduates students or career staff. Just want to make sure it is on the record how that is derived.

A Resolution To Update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution (...

Motion to open A Resolution to update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Iden - Lankarani
Call to question: Wahidullah
Passed at 11:43PM

Motion to amend Section 2, Subsection E- Serve as the representative of Associated Students in all internal affairs and matters pertaining to A.S. professional staff, Human Resources, auditing, organization, and management practices.
Iden -
Motion rescinded.

Motion to close and table A Resolution to update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Iden- Wahidullah
Called to question: Khorsandi
Passed at 11:47PM.

Motion to add A Resolution to update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution to today's agenda.
Iden - Khorsandi
Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at 11:47PM

Motion to pass a resolution to update Article VII of the Associated Student's Constitution Amendment
Siddiqui -
Motion rescinded.

Motion to pass A Resolution to update Article VII of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Siddiqui - Brinderson
Called to question: Iden
Passed at 11:48PM

Hand vote:
Yes: 14
No: 0
Abstain: 1
Passed at 11:49PM.

D) PUBLIC FORUM
[1:30]
Moved here at 7:53PM.

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 Eric Carlson
7:54PM

- I may request additional time to speak
- Generally speaking we introduced amendments to articles 5, 6, 7, 10

- Constitutional amendments generally, should be slow to introduce, slow to enact, slow to perpetuate and move forward
- Change is not necessarily change, as progress is not necessarily change
- Immutable law we know to be true
- My belief is that progress comes from enhancing the services that we provide and continue to provide, and whether new or existing, and hearing voices that were not previously heard and incorporating amendments to achieve this goa.
- Senator Brinderson who's not here pointed out that ⅔ t ¾ increase to overturn a veto of the president, this is interesting
- This is interesting and should not be taken lightly
- Students should really understand when a veto occurs and what the senate power is to overturn those things
- Would encourage more review abt the ⅔ to ¾ constitutional change
- Another important part is supervising staff is not a responsibility of a student but delegated to the president
- It's a responsibility delegated to president in their working partnership with executive director
- Relationship is currently maintained
- If we chose to go down this route we are looking at a lot more HR disputes and a lot more litigations
- Lot more litigations, this student told me so so that I had to do this job
- Already clearly defined that we can maintain a very professional relationship
- With hired career staff on campus
- Would encourage taking that out

Motion to extend the speaker's time by 5 minutes.
Iden - Gerson
Called to question: Wahidullah
Passed at 7:57PM.

Chairship yielded to Senator Siddiqui at 7:58PM.

AG Carlson

- Among these things are very important sections that warrant extensive review
- Pretending like you're on opposite sides of isles and pretending it's not your real belief and debating it again
- Consititutional amendments are incredibly important for the student body at large
- For much as I have said, your point about overturn veto

- Your point about the ⅔ ¾ overturn for veto, glad you pointed it out because I missed it on my first read
- What I'm going to next might be something I've already said
- Is the article V fees previously passed
- When I talked about enhancing services we provide at the association
- Includes avoiding punishing our current service providers
- Blanket changes to a constitution include threshold for reaffirmation as well as reintroducing new fees
- As chair Hansen pointed out, making a new fee equal in terms of its barrier to passage as a fee introduced from senate res
- Putting senate resolutions and new fees by petition on the same level only punishes students who are very passionate about their cause
- They're going to be petitioning at the arbor, you guys dont want to deal with that
- We historically only had 4 and half students thousand students to vote
- You right now only need half, 2,200 students to reaffirm a fee
- With the new proposal change you would need 2,904 to reaffirm that fee
- A difference of 700
- It's stealing 300 from one side, putting them to the next
- Anyone could do that by sitting at the arbor
- 2900 votes is difficult to come by in some situations
- In the context of reaffirming fees/introducing new fees
- I think both would be ideally set as 50%+1
- Have that claim, justification is that
- A reaffirmation should never be harder than the intiial barrier to institute
- Just shouldn't
- Students will fight and spend a lot of good hours that they would rather spend studying
- Reaffirmation should likewise follow soon
- My contention with the article V fees
- When it comes to new fees for senate which means no changes to the constitution
- Which means no changes to the bill
- Specific for article V
- Reason why I bring this up now, there's different ways, after reading the whereas clauses
- Which identify the exigence of the bill
- We had 10 million dollars in rollover, constitutional amendments that change how our lock fees work
- Examples, all rollover will automatically be redirected to X account
- ⅔, ¾, blocking the entry

- Yes I understand you're interested in protecting students dollar, I'm right there with you
- Think there's better ways
- Giving finance committee, for example, a constitutional authority to deny rollover privileges of lock and fees that would be checked by the UCOP,
- Or regents, for example, and any discussion with them, we could do away with these historic vestigial structures of all lock in fees that have to be set the same way.
- Alternatively, we could introduce different mechanism by which fees are protected and relegated
- And say that if you don't spend your money the fee won't be reaffirmed and it won't be put on the ballot
- And therefore you have to spend your money down before it can be reaffirmed

Iden
- My question about article 5 and why I think you should raise

Pinto
- Questions aren't opened yet, want to see if anyone wants to extend speaker's time

Motion to extend speakers time by 3 minutes.
Gerson - Siddiqui
Called to question - Wahidullah
Motion passed at 8:04PM.

AG Carlson
- There are totally different avenues that we could look to for analyzing actual problem
- Which is carry forward funds, rollover
- Somewhat inadequate, high potential for more effective services
- We can look at those in a totally different light rather than making barrier entry way higher
- Rather than putting a hole in the boat, there's a way we could do this
- There's a way that we can do this while protecting student interests
- And instead go about it a different way and targeting rollover
- Suggest bring it into more review
- Bring it our reconsider, don't pass it, bring back
- Bring it back to review, committee work, how they want to target new fees
- Rather that be by taking lock in fees and giving power to finance committee

- To say well we have this rollover we are going to move it to a different account
- Or saying that you won't be subject to reaffirm unless you spend
- If account zeroes out they are put on the ballot and
- Then the new fee will be collected
- That’s why we can protect students pockets
- Staff that we employ, such as student employees, to ensure that we
- Can protect student employees as well

Siddiqui

- My first question is regarding article 5, we did make the change for the ⅔ for the petition, that way if a student has a proposal, it will be easier to pass. Also looking at whereas clauses, we charge the highest number of student fees in the United States. Don’t get me wrong, I love UCSB and the school but there's nothing nationally significant about UCSB, we are not Harvard, Yale, MIT. There's no reason for us to be paying the highest fees for any student government in the entire nation. Especially when we are not providing services equivalent to that number. When increasing the threshold to increase student fees, do you not see how that's stopping the problem of continuous growth? Because even if we introduce those changes, that doesn't solve the issue that we are still charging the highest fees and we are not giving them adequate services in return.

Attorney General

- I have 3 points. There's growth, static, recession. You’re either growing, same, or going back down. Preventing new fees only stops the growth. Affecting the reaffirmation threshold, by making it higher, you’re risking that form of recession, right? There is nothing wrong with being the most well funded out of any student body so long as we have services to back it up. When it comes to quantifying services we are providing, it comes down to data. No one here has data with students saying I’m dissatisfied. No one here has a survey that says I’d rather not spend 250$ a quarter. No one here has the data that says I would have my money spent on creating merchandise that’s sold back to me at subsidized rate.No one has that data because no one has the idea of introducing it. When someone asks what we should do with our money, I would advise that instead of striving for the 3rd option, of cutting student fees altogether. We increase the barrier to entry for fees that would skip the petition process. Don't punish students seeking to introduce new fees by keeping it at the 50% threshold that it currently is. And you don't change reaffirmation, you keep it 50%.Keep it

static until data is collected, saying here are the services we need to provide, here's how we move forward. That way we don't risk cutting student jobs. If students had a say, which they currently do, in all of our funding practices. If they were super well informed, I would probably guess that a lot of the services we provide would continue. I understand that it's somewhat a dream of mine that perhaps divestment is investment. I agree with cutting growth, don't agree with cutting back just yet.Pruning needs to be carefully controlled. Ensure we have funding streams ready to go with them. The new constitutional amendments up right now would prevent that growth, prevent new lock in fees from being introduced. You can only have that divestment is investment situation is if we maintain somewhat lenient fee policies, and instead we go after real issues, which are carry over funds, inadequately spent money. I learned that KCSB ended up laying off students instead of cutting down food budget. Those are issues we could do better as a senate. Instead of going after the capacities for growth, we focus on and hold more on those issues. I would implore the senate to please reconsider these constitutional amendments, enter it into your committees, build reports, analyze, flip the prism upside down and look at it the other way, see what might happen. Really think more voices in this arena is for the best. Especially since people are going to be voting on it in elections.

Iden

- I agree with your points on oversight services provided and the back end of rollover. The reason why I do not think it's fair to make it harder it's because most of these students are voting and do not have a say in this election. By making the barrier harder its giving more statistical significance to the general population.

Attorney General Carlson

- Iden, there's two points you brought up, you're worried about the student body not having proper representation.
- That issue is about which you cut off election in voting populus ,
- Do you want to make voting mandatory, it would solve one of the points you bring up.
- Secondly, Robert's rules of order, basically lifeblood of association, the decision is made by those in the room, it means people who would rather vote in abstention are giving up their right to vote, because they had every right to. They are relinquishing that right. If they were really really mad about it, they would vote.

Siddiqui

- Last question, I know you talked about the changes we are making are significant, I agree. I think that with the time table we've had, I think our ambition swift trying to amend the institutions.
- That being said, I agree that the changes we are making are significant. The student body needs to be more educated. When you talk about data, specifically article V and what students want, article VI and president' veto. My question to you is with these resolutions, we are putting forward for the student body to vote on. With the minimum of 20% threshold of the entire student body. My question is, by putting these resolutions for a vote, not the best data to collect to see if students want this or not?

Attorney General

- The body has currently iterated some sentiment about the student body not operating with the most well informed structure. Therefore we are introducing these amendments since they don't know what they are doing/
- To iterate in the same breath, because we're doing it in their best interest and having them make their own decision, does not ring true as a good faith decision. The current state of the association is to reaffirm. This is by definition, it's their fault that they're reaffirming it. You're trusting them that they are going to vote yes on these things in a way because they do not necessarily know how to operate. If that's been the case that means that all the services we provide, lock in fees, the size of the fee, whatever, have been decided by students that are very interested in the fee. You already have your data. We have not had any fees being overturned. We've had fees been denied, kcsb's 23 spring. We've had other fees past reaffirmation, but they were below the ⅔ threshold. One I think was the coastal fund. Year following, it was reaffirmed. USSA would have failed twice, but was reaffirmed over the last 5 years. Over those instances, you have your data.
- I think that if the goal here is to have the student body be informed, instead of it being a constitutional amendment, should simply be massive grassroots get out to vote initiatives. Educate students on how their fees are being spent, and go from there. Students don't know what they're doing, and that is why we got into this mess, but we're gonna put it to the ballot anyway.

Lala

- I don't think that's exactly the case. We are saying the case hasn't been made to students. It hasn't been clear to students that the fees aren't what they need to be and you don't have to pay this much. Issue isn't the amount itself, but also the quality of services provided. I don't think that's true either.I think that the fonts paid itself are pretty relevant. If I'm a low

income student, paying fees and the extra ones to ensure that a BCU I have no connection to does marginally better than they normally do. I don't really care. I think both measures are relevant here. It is not like this came in a vacuum here. It is frankly from our point of view, that case has never been made that "hey colleague, you never need to vote yes on every single thing all the time."

Attorney General Carlson

- I think you're right. I hate to do this to you but the blue and gold opportunity program. Low income students at UCSB pay your AS fee. If you're a low income student, you don't actually pay the 250$ fee. I would classify as that, I've never actually paid into that. It's money that I'm getting in grants, not money I'm necessarily paying out of pocket. In terms of arguments, you're 100 right. The size of the fee and the bank for your buck. By honing on services, we don't do that in constitutional amendments.
- We do that through connecting with the organization that is currently collecting those fees. It's using politics to get those fees expelled. It's not by changing the rules. The rules currently and presently exist and to a large extent work. There's a reason why a majority of students voted no on kcsb increase in 2023. Because there was a vote no campaign. Have you ever seen a sign that says vote no, during the spring election? It has to do with the political nature of how fees are collected. So if you guys are adamant about certain fees, pick a sign and vote no. It used to happen, I have photo evidence of people painting a vote no. These are things that just happen. Please consider a political solution to some of these issues. Reconsider the resolution updating the article 5 fees. Please target rollover. Thank you.

IVP Pinto left the meeting at 8:22PM.

Siddiqui

- Thank you Attorney General for giving your opinions and thoughts. I think that we should try to move to reports.

E) Acceptance of Agenda
Motion to accept agenda
Kadah -
Motion rescinded

F) Consent Calendar

G) Action Items

2024/25 Elections Code Senate Version

Siddique

- I have three very small edits that I want to make to the election code
- First regarding the end of policy 37, policy and procedure
- That is no longer valid because of constitutional change we made
- So we should eliminate that
- There are two other edits i want to make, that are more substantial
- The first one is small tweaks, under section 2, subsection C, E, clause state that independent candidates can be endorsed by current elected AS members not running for election
- Just to eliminate that
- I think you should be allowed to be endorsed by anyone
- This won't even go into effect until we get political parties next year
- It is just a change that I noted
- Second amendment may require more discussion
- I'm open to discussion and open to keeping it in just with changes to the language
- Section 7 campaign procedures subsection C, campaign materials
- And Subsection F
- The specific clause that states that "you can't denounce or condemn" does not make sense if you disagree with them on a policy basis
- I want to change the words "denounce and condemn" to something stronger
- It doesnt make sense if you disagree with them on pikicy basis
- It seems like first amendment violation
- Wnat to include slander, which is aggressive or harsh language
- I think the language that is in election code right now is too restrictive
- It plays in conversations with political parties
- Does cluase did not do anything
- It seems too restircitve
- I want to change the wording "denounce and condemn" to something else

Lala

- I disagree with both of those
- You said until we have parties next year is a given
- We have decided we will have one on many level
- Cadicates able to endorse someone creates a weak link between them
- They will be apart of the same movement or agenda

- Seems entirely reasonable that an outgoing officer would endorse someone because they are highly capable
- Not for someone who is currently competing
- Second, denounce or condemn is not the same as disagree
- You can disagree with someone without denounce or condemn them
- Slander is a legal criteria
- You don't need it to be in the constitution for you to know not to be unwise enough to slander someone
- Because you could go on trial
- I think denounce has worked wel enough
- Has made our elections less tense and less toxic
- When they could've gone destructive ways
- I don't see the need for both of these
- They are likely to take our election to a more tense and darker environment

Siddique

- I think first one about independent candidate that is fine
- You are right we don't have parties yet
- I do think my second point "denounce or condemn" is not the same as a policy disagreement
- If I could provide a definition for saying denounce or condemn
- If I say a student should hold this position because of X reason, is that denoucing them?
- I want a more specific definition

Lala

- The standard definition of denounce, is to publicly declare wrong or evil
- Seems distinct from disagreeing with someone
- If you look at the spirit of the clause
- Seems directing us to the orientation of deal with the argument, not the man
- Deal with issues as they come
- You are hinting that past elections have not been focusing on chalenging/drawing difference with other candidates or previous elected officials
- I don't know if this played a role at all
- Weakening the standard is a huge risk
- And the words are not very strong

Iden

- Are these changes current to the spring election?

Siddique

- This is the elections code, so once we amend this it will be election code followed for all future elections
- So yes, it is for spring election

Iden

- Specific change to candidates?

Siddique

- This specific change is under section 7 sunsection C, campaign materials
- So this section is focused on individuals

Iden

- I recommend tabling this discussion
- Especially because we have close discussion and that this is not for the winter election

Siddique

- We do have to approve elections code before meeting ends
- Can we have the closed session next week?

Martequz

- It's 2 minutes

Iden

- Election code has to be approved by today for spring?

Siddique

- No for winter
- Because they are running specific election for winter

Iden

- Let’s just pass this as it is because this will not have any effect for the winter quarter
- We can make these changes when it comes to spring election

Siddique

- We can’t further amend amendments

Khorsandi

- Why can't we pass this next week ?

Siddique

- Because they want to run a special election week 6 and it is now week4 and they want the code to pass as soon as possible
- I am their senate liaison and they have been wanting it to be passed since week 2

Iden

- Is this clause in legal code that said election code cannot be edited once it is passed?

Siddique

- That is a great question

Iden

- Elections code is on the agenda
- We want to pass it election for the winter
- But then there is changes we want to make for the spring election
- Can we change the election code after we pass it for the winter election?

Carlon

- Is it affecting candidates?
- Are the candidates running for spring quarter

Siddique

- No

Carlson

- You have until week 9 of winter quarter
- Because candidate will be campaigning
- I would recommend done by week 9 of winter quarter

Motion to pass 2024/25 Elections Code Senate Version
Iden- Siddique
Call to question: Lankrani
Objecton by Senator Lala

Lala

- I don't think it is reasonable
- Let's table it

Iden

- We need to pass this for winter election
- But we can make changes until week 9

Lala

- This will be for winter election

Iden

- There is no candidates running for the winter
- So it doesnt matter

Khorsandi

- I'm not understanding what you are not understanding,
- we are passing it right now for the winter election
- We can pass it again for the spring

Lala

- I dont want these changes

Point of order - Iden

- We been doing this wrong
- When there is an objection, we do not go back to discussion

- We go to vote
- We are going to a vote now

Objection rescinded by Lala

Hand vote:
Yes: 14
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Passed at 12:05AM

Elections Board Schedule

Motion to approve Elections Board Schedule

Iden- Khorsandi

Call to question: Martinez

Passed at 12:05AM

AIISA's Jackson Hunt "Some Of All Parts" Gallery Exhibit & Dance Performance Request
$2250 for Performance Fee

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

Moved here at 7:10PM,

A Bill To Dissolve The A.S. Public Safety Commission & The A.S. Student Initi...
Siddiqui - Singh

Siddiqui
- This is straightforward, covered it a lot last week
- Just freeing up 2 currently inactive BCUs and giving their resources elsewhere
- I did actually wanted to amend the bill which I discussed with the CCO
- In terms of their assets
- For SIRRC they have something called an AS van that we pay 4k a year for, just a big van in lot 8
- What I discussed is that we should give ownership to the IVP office

- And allow CCO to work on long term plan for how to use it
- Interim IVP office can sue the van for retreats or staff meetings
- Other than that, there was materials that PSC had that I want to transfer to EVPLA office

Brinderson
- PSC has emergency kits and t-shirts in pardall center

Lala
- How's the ownership decided? Was it who needs it more or
- Is there any process there?

Siddiqui
- For the van?

Lala
- Yes but primarily for EVPLA office

Siddiqui
- For the AS van, the CCO and the IVP office, makes sense to transfer since he was the only person I've spoken to about it

Lala
- Do you know which AS office has the most employees currently?

Siddiqui
- I don't know but I think that david or the CCO wanted to come up for a long term plan for the van for it to be used
- So maybe it doesn't need to necessarily be kept within AS
- Honestly just gonna wait for david's recommendation

Martinez
- Maybe for the van could be used for students who have mobile disabilities
- Or people who have broken their legs
- I know we have those little carts

Pinto
- Those carts are the most feasible and move on campus the easiest
- If we were to have a van we wouldn't be able to drive students exactly to the building they need to be in
- But it's a good idea

Motion to open A Bill To Dissolve The A.S. Public Safety Commission & The A.S. Student Initiated Recruitment And Retention Committee.
Siddiqui - Brinderson
Called to question: Kadah
Motion passed at 7:15PM.

Motion to amend the bill and add a therefore clause Therefore, be it enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, all properties, services, and assets of the Public Safety Commission shall be entrusted with to the EVPLA Office.
Siddiqui - Kadah
Called to question: Brinderson
Motion passed at 7:17PM.

Motion to add a therefore clause Therefore, be it enacted by Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, the A.S. Van and all properties, services, and assets of SIRRC shall be entrusted to the IVP Office for the CCO to come up with a long term plan to utilize them.
Siddiqui - Kadah
Called to question: Siddiqui
Motion passed at 7:19pm

Iden
- Objection, just curious
- Curious about the wording of assets because that implies funding in a way

Siddiqui
- SIRRC has no budget

Iden
- Objection rescinded.

Motion to close A Bill To Dissolve The A.S. Public Safety Commission & The A.S. Student Initiated Recruitment And Retention Committee
Siddiqui - Elkhatib
Called to question: Wahidullah
Motion passed at 7:20PM.

Motion to pass A Bill To Dissolve The A.S. Public Safety Commission & The A.S. Student Initiated Recruitment And Retention Committee
Siddiqui - Lankarani
Called to question: Kadah
Yes:16
No:0
Abstain: 0

Motion passed at 7:22PM.

A Resolution To Update Article VI of the Associated Students' Constitution (...

Siddiqui - Iden - Lala

Siddiqui

- I do want to speak on it but I want to defer to other authors first.

Iden

- This is a big discussion to go back into. We had a long meeting with Attorney General Carlson last thursday. This was the discussion we had regarding the seat makeup. One of these points was about making it back into a yearly, depending on what year we were in. I wasn't a huge fan of that suggestion. I like the way the bill is now. I'm still iffy on the senators at large depending on the roles and obligations, as well as transfer senator gaining another seat just depending on the population they represent which is so small. Given that their population is so small and their representation would be big. This bill is open to suggestions, this will probably be the longest discussion of tonight, looking to hear some other voices.

Lala

- I want to thank both of you for the openness to amend this yourselves. I think that shows professionalism and open mindness. I wanted to thank everyone last week for the contributions, this was probably the most productive we've been all year. I hate to disagree with the second but I think this is pretty close to completion because of all the work we did together. I was supportive of this, this is basically option D, which we voted for last week. Which gathered the most support of all the options that were present. I think it’s close to completion.

Siddiqui

- I wanted to thank Iden and Lala for their work on this, and wanted to add senator Lala as an author after his contributions last week, he really helped shape this legislation. Huge props to them. Honestly I do share the same sentiments as Iden when it comes to senators at large positions. I overwhelmingly think that changes being made to the bill as a whole is going to be transformative to student body. Another thing that we also added is were specifically designating IVP office to be main executive office that works on academic issues with the executive vice chancellor David Marshall and the academic Senate. After conversation with the Attorney General, we determined that one made the most sense because the

collegiate senators are within senate have that five IVP legislative branch relationships. Other than that there's no real amendments or changes from last week.

Brinderson

- I love the president as much as anyone but where did this increase in presidential veto from ⅔ to ¾ come from and why wasn't this talked about last week?

Iden

- How it's set up now, when we pass something in the senate it's ⅔ but the president can veto but we can override with ⅔. There is not really a checks and balance there. It's just whatever the senate wants. We just want to add some balance.

Siddiqui

- There's different vote allocation for everything we want to pass. Organizational or directional resolutions is 50 percent plus one, in those instances, I think the president's veto makes sense. However, if you look at the majority of legislation passed, bylaws or positional resolutions require ⅔ majority. So right now, the president's veto is useless, this fixes that.

Iden

- Are we keeping the 4 letters and science senators or removing them? Because originally there was a strike there just now.

Pinto

- I recommend everyone go and read this. Last week we went back and forth a lot and I just want to make sure everyone is in mutual understanding.

Iden

- If there's no more discussion on this item can we pass it?

Brinderson

- Why does it say when we vote for legislation it's ⅔?

Pinto

- If you look at section 4 duties and powers, go to J. The override veto, that's where the change is being made.

Brinderson

- Siddiqui, you said that this is to override legislation?

McClintock

- I know last week we talked about the on campus housing position as an incentive to get freshmen involved. Is there any consideration for that in this specific outline or am I just not seeing it?

Pinto

- I believe that has been removed and now it's 8 senators at large.

Lala

- I don't know if we explicitly spoke about on campus housing spot being for freshmen to run. The historical record has shown that the senate has been pretty weak because because we have not filled that spot. Now, it's a completely legitimate question of how this proposal deals with that, and we aim to do it by one; even though there's people who wanted to shrink the senate into smaller constitution, we maintained a broad enough general category so that people feel incentivized to run for something without having specific qualifications. Secondly, you have the collegiate route which we maintain to 4 people at Letters and Science level, even if there's consideration of lowering that precisely so there are enough spots so people can feel like they can get involved. The incentive was ok on paper, never worked out in reality, we tried to restructure in a way that would fill the seats.

McClintock

- Just wanted to hear explanation, thank you.

Iden

- I would be open to taking out two seats from at large and making them on-campus. I think there's an important role for getting young people into the senate. Just an idea floating it out there.

Brinderson

- I like that idea.

Amin

- I like everything, I love the edits. My one concern is having senators at large makes your job unspecific so as long as we make an effort to make all of their roles specific later, i'm with it, but i'm nervous.

Siddiqui

- I know last time attorney general Carlson and now judge Zha shared that they wanted to give their opinion on seats. I wanted to invite Attorney General if you wanted to give his opinion on it,

Attorney General Carlson

- I think in terms of input, anybody and everybody should feel invited at the table. Martinez, Zha, myself, get us in a room together because our input is valuable. I think we need to review stuff, that's my first input, when it comes to senator makeup, some senators in the room are wary of having competitive spots and uncompetitive spots. In order to avoid people run non-competitive seats, granted they're all competitive, a pool of 8, 8 positions that you could be running for, and 10 people are running; you all know the tying shoes and bear analogy right? You only have to run faster than the guy next to you. If the goal you are getting the cream of the crop, you want to make sure that each seat is competitive. Instead of doing senators at large, I'd advise that the 8 are split into class makeup. Freshman, sophomores, junior seniors, or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th years. You can increase the size of the pool by one if you wanted. The idea is that you're getting a set amount of senators for each position. You can prioritize freshmen and sophomores as given. You can reserve those spots for RHA nominees.So that RHA would be able to elect among their own , who are already senators, who are already representatives in the capacity that they were voted in by the students that they represent, which includes cohorts from 600-1200 students per representative . What that means is RHA could always have a seat at a table and that connects you to a government that controls over 200k a year. That connects you to a government that already represents on campus student officials. That could be a way that you ameliorate the issue of having a freshman senator. You can just say in the RHA senate liaison that you will come in and have voting power, and you can put that in the constitution and that would be crucial. Could be crucial to opening up outreach and collaboration with other campus partners. That's what I would recommend first. Please include some clauses about RHA. Please consider class breakdown instead of random, arbitrary constituency matters

Pinto

- Academic standing is not reflected by how many years you've been here, but how many credits you have.

Attorney General

- I was a senior as a winter quarter freshman. That's why I think you should do it by the year that they are here, instead of by the year they've been here. You can do it by quarters. If you went to a different university, had all those units in hand. Those are all things you guys can consider. Little bit harder math, GOLD will compute it for you.

Amin

- I see what you're saying, I agree.
- Do you not see any benefit in having a big position like this where you can run and feel some safety and people would feel comfortable running in the first place, instead of people not running because they're afraid?

Attorney General

- When I served as an off campus senator, I felt no more allegiance to the students on campus than the ones off campus. So I do reconcile that with you. My constituency did not dictate to me how I would advance my advocacy, because I was routinely in touch with students that lived on campus and off campus. So my goal was to advance both of their goals at the end of the day.I kind of felt like I was one of the few members that did that in the first place. I don't think having a safe option is particularly useful. I think you chose to run, you fit into that category, thus you will run for that constituency. Hopefully you'll get students that are passionate about certain issues. You either have constituencies or you don't. You either make them all general or as strict as possible. I think doing a hybrid style of either one defies the point of either one. Just kind of pick a mule and stick with it.But absolutely, listen to representatives in the past about how you don't discriminate against the students you represent. Everyone is worthwhile. It's very commendable and should stay that way, it's just when it comes to the text on paper, what are we going to do with the constitution, be as specific as possible. Remember RHA!

Lala

- Can i go back and forth just a little bit?

Pinto

- Yes

Lala

- AG Carlson
- We have elections in spring, dont we?

AG Carlson

- Yes

Lala

- So for their first year, do you want them to run for office here before their prom, or in between their prom and their graduation when they're in high school? How is that going to work?

AG Carlson

- I think in my opinion that's why RHA is so important
- Bc RHA doesnt discriminate against freshmen, sophomores, any class standing that might be existing on campus
- For me, the RHA seat is invaluable
- I served my constituents in two different procedures
- In the santa rosa residence hall as well as RHA committee
- And we got a lot of stuff done
- If you opeoned a spot that invited RHA members to attend
- Would be creating two nominated spots, one seated at table with voting rights, and one as a proxy
- A second that would be like a proxy to make sure that they send someone in
- RHA will guarantee freshmen and sophomore on campus representation

Lala

- I get your your train of thought, but my question was not facetious
- I mean literally for someone to be, if we have elections in spring of, let's say spring of 24
- And there's some kid named Billy somewhere in Southern California right now in high school, who is interested because he's just gotten admitted to UCSB
- He's going to be here next year. He is in high school when we're running this year, and there's no way of ensuring that he will be on there, unless we have this strange loophole that there's only one position of the entire elected institutions of this association, only one position that is not decided by the elections that we carry out in spring,
- I straight up do not understand
- Think this doesnt have to be an issue at all
- Got rid of constituencies for one aspect, didn’t make sense
- I, as an off campus senator, like you were, also feel no allegiance to either one
- The resolutions have just passed the week prior, which neither were off campus
- The collegiate ones are the ones that you have input
- Seems clear you should be repping constituency of your college
- I think we litigated this over and over
- Other issue is why get another governing institutions when we

- We already have a structure, would make it twice as complex
- Just not with you I suppose

AG Carlson

- I think that the magnitude of your number of questions is very important
- Because it kind of implies the need/necessity for a form of convention so you guys can reach a consensus
- You have discussed this and debated this back and forthb
- MingJun and I have debated back and forth having elections in the fall
- Allowing for you to train yourselves the entire year
- Be hyperproductive in summer
- Just lobby all of the chancellors who are here
- That way,
- Always make sure that there enough freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors on campus
- Then in spring, functionally, we haven't made that much of a difference
- Weve all had how to write legislations trainings and
- Think at the end of the day it comes to whether you want to be a visionary
- For all your questions, you have to schedule more time and review it, there's a lot of issues at stake
- You guys would significantly benefit from having more eyes and ears on it

Lala

- If we did in summer there would be little student representation
- Reminds me of one party waits until recess to pass a contentious legislation
- We appreciate you and MingJun's input, aT least i hope you see that
- But you spoke with senators on this and the most important thing is
- We had the elections chair here last week who asked us to pass this this week
- Who told us to wrap it up by next week
- We're kind of honor bound to completing this by today
- It's up to us whether we think the way we have it today is fine or if
- Or whether we need even more discussion

Iden

- I'm getting more on board with the class idea, we can definitely work on during the meeting
- Like idea of making every position competitive

AG Carlson

- I'd recommend everyone in the room to think about when you were included in constitutional amendments
- And consider the timeline by which these were written, drafted

- Lala, the self imposed deadlines are only there because of chair hansen's requests
- Because the body is interested in having winter special elections
- Those are completely optional
- Don't need to have them
- Constitutional amendments historically
- I have drafts from previous senate's constitutional amendments that they wanted to make
- These are things that can take multiple years to enact
- Would suggest more review is necessary
- For this one spefiically
- Maybe it can wait till spring especially since you have all the time in the world

Siddiqui

- Quick points
- Do disagree with AG
- Was the senate liaison, technically still am for elections board
- I think having winter special election is crucial
- If we don't pass in winter, these changes don't go into effect until spring 26
- Meaning it's over a year from now, these changes aren't passed in winter will not go into effect soon enough
- Going off of what Iden was saying, do like idea of potentially breaking it down by unit/class level
- The one issue I have is that when we think about constituencies
- If you have collegiate, transfer, international senators, the constituency that they're representing, their issues are so much more apparent
- Example, think about transfer students issues versus sophomore issues
- Not really an adequate comparison
- Lot of those constituency seats have issues specific to their constituency
- If we break it down by grade level, I'm not sure if are going to see that
- We either do constituencies or we dont
- All or one thing, should be consistent across the board
- One thing I'd say if we do class breakdown
- If we plan on introducing bylaw requirements for these new senators, we should think about what we plan on having senators do by grade level
- Students' specific issues vs the amount of units

Amin

- I have an idea you can criticize it if you want
- We can split it up into both
- Instead of 8 at large
- 1 seat per grade

- That wouldn't include freshmen, it would just be sophomores, juniors, seniors
- Or freshmen, sophomore, juniors
- Just subtract that from the 8, if that makes any sense

Lala

- Think we understood that, don't know if I agree at all
- The idea behind senators at large is to ensure
- Think there's zero relation between this category and maintaining the collegiate one
- We are an educational intuition that is divided by colleges
- If you're going to keep this one, logical to separate from the one I just mentioned
- You either get rid of all of them or you keep the way that they are now
- Or you have to ensure broad representation in these ways that just don't work
- For example, Iden's idea of keeping just on campus seats
- Why just on campus? What about the university owned off campus, which we just forget that exists? Why do they not have a representative, insured, and then the on campus ones do?
- How possibly do we have representation for 75% of the campus
- But just leave first years out
- Who historically and logically are left out because they're fresh on campus
- No way to do it how they're included in elections, because they're in high school
- My most important thing is that the senators at large position, being broader strengthens in a way that we don't have now
- Opens people up to focus on things that matter most
- I don't see that as a weakness at all
- To AG's point that experience matters, absolutely
- I didnt hatch that idea out of nowhere, I had conversstions
- Had convos about this with pro staff that insisted this is the best way to move forward
- I think it clearly is, of getting rid of distinction, where it makes no sense, where it hinders our operations, and maintaining it at the collegiate level, where there's it only makes sense to keep it

Iden

- Do you not agree that if we gave large positions, making the position smaller and more distinct will make it more competitive?

Lala

- Are you familiar with the uni on and off campus?

Pinto

- We've spent too long on this, 30 minutes per item
- Talk during recess to establish something more concrete, lots of ideas up in the air

Siddiqui

- I would recommend, there's a few pieces we passed last meeting that we
- That we want to rescind and redo amendments
- We should move on to something else besides old business
- Do appts, reports, until recess, can use recess time to brainstorm so were not wasting time

Iden

- Do you want to go to public forum?

Pinto

- Yes

Returned at 9:48PM

Lala

- I would like to see a vote on where the majority of the body is. Just off of what we voted last week, I think I know where the majority of the body is. I think that most of you are still with option B, but there is no way to measure that is still the case. Whether we want to do an informal thing, or I can motion to vote on it as it currently is.

Lankarani

- Mostly with section B about the senators at large. Honestly I feel like we had trouble filling a lot of the seats of people who had resigned, and trouble filling specific seats for the senate. Having senators at large, as it is, is not an issue because if people want to participate regardless of college they are in or if they are a transfer or not. If they are interested, and they don't want to be associated with specific categories, that's fine. As long as they want to be involved, that's all we need, we need people involved.

Iden

- I'm leaning towards what Attorney General Carlson was saying about class levels. Regardless of wehtehr or not we decide to distribute it like that or not, I am in favor of breaking up the at large position. I think it makes every senate position competitive. By reducing the size to make it a competitive number, it basically makes everyone running have to try as hard as possible, and then we get the most qualified applicant.

Amin

- I completely agree with Senator Iden, but I am willing to be flexible. I think if we put it to a vote, it does not need to pass unanimously. I'm in favor of

splitting it up 4-4. Then we can have 4 positions per class and then 4 for just general senators.

Lala

- I don't know what you mean by competitive spot. When we ran for the off campus spot, it was 12 spots and 17 people ran for it and I remember working my ass off for the spot so I thought it was compeittive. I don't see what will not be competetive with the senators at large spots either.
- I can guarantee you more than 8 will run because it is designed to be an attention grabber of positions to encourage more people to run. It has the benefits of attracting a broader swath of the student population. Without these issues no matter what you propse, these issues will be endemic to it. It is evident to me that splitting would not work because of the freshmen issue. Keeping one housing condition and not the other does not represent the entire student body. I think you should have seen the work the ADHOC committee did. Especially Senator Wahidullah who did great work these last few months which I am very appreciative of. I put many hours into these initiatives. The thing is, we did not really need to because it was structured well before us. I spent hours when I could have been doing other things for the student body. And these senators at large positions, recommended by professional staff, were the best tailored to get rid of that issue. I yield.

Suuck

- I am in favor of keeping the bill as it is. However, I am a little wary of the veto because it feels like we are deliberately giving up our power
- Wary of veto
- I understand where you are coming from. If everyone else is okay with this, it's okay with me as well, but we should think about how much power we are giving back to the president. Like what happens in the future if we are at odds with the president.

Iden

- To respond to Senator Lala's points. The issue with having a large open seat that is inherently less competitive because it is open to everyone.
- If position only has one person running, more worried about filling it, and people don't want to run for itThat's why we barely have people running for College of Letters and Science and others. I can meet halfway. We can break it into 4 and 4 as Senator Amin was recommending. I don't think the argument of having this is good for the association. Each seat needs to be competitive or at large.

Lankrani

- I agree with Senator Lala's points.

- If we have broad senators at large positions, there is more room to be competitive. Because it is such an unspecified category, people going for that position, they need to prove that they align with the student body, or a certain college, they have to explain what makes them stand out compared to other candidates. Why would someone running for general student body senator, why should the body care about their efforts in the general sense?
- With Senator Suuck, I agree with her as well with switching from the veto ⅔ to ¾. It's a big change and yielding that much power to the president when we've had this power in the senate is concerning. I am willing to get more information and feedback on that.

Siddiqui

- I yield chairship to Senator Martinez at 9:56PM.
- Addressing the pardon issue, out of the different types of legislation we are allowed to pass, easily the vast majority of them requires ⅔. If we want to keep the veto level at ⅔, I think the bigger conversation is if we want the president to have a veto or not. It makes no sense that to override president veto, you need the same voting threshold you need to pass the legislation. That is not how any other governmental system works, and it renders the veto process useless.
- We could further amend it to override veto for certain legislation if we want to say that directional or contractional issues require a ⅔ vote but others require ¾. vote. I am open to that. It does not make sense it's the same number of senators to pass a bill and override a veto.

Carlson

- This is not based on legal limit.Realistically when you keep the voting threshold of the legislation at ⅔, it's still fair because if the President is vetoing it, they can convince senators it might not be the right option.
- Very rarely will you get ⅔ on a piece of legislation that turns into a ¾ majority. In that case, you might as well change to an autonomous consent veto. I think the idea there is that it checks your power as senators if you increase the limit because realistically you will never hit the ¾ threshold. All the thresholds are for you guys to decide. A bill could be 50+1 if you wanted it to. It's just ill-advised.

Martinez

- I yield chairship back to Senator Siddiqui (9:58PM)

Brinderson

- To start with the at large discussion, I think at large is a good compromise based on our past discussion. I liked Carlson's ideas, but not dividing senators and leaving out 5th and 6th year students. What's the real

difference between 3rd and 4th years? It brings up unnecessary divisions we are trying to get rid of in the first place.

- Back to veto discussion, I brought it up in passing with Senator Siddiqui. 3/4 of 18, is 13.5. It's a weird number. I like the idea of a little more than ⅔. Maybe we have 13 of 18. I don't know what presidents have normally done in the past but the president was only at one meeting last quarter so giving them that much power, they don't have to come or know what is going on. A lot of the veto makes you rethink about it and brings it back to the table and not necessarily a check. If we bring a number that doesn't end with 0.5 that would be great.

Siddiqui

- Under the new framework of Article VI resolution that we are trying to pass, 12/18 is ⅔ and 14/18 is ¾ for next year's senate. So in practicality if the president vetoes a legislation, it only needs 2 more senators to vote yes on it. It's not a very big number.

Amin

- Attorney General Carlson, can we ask for your recommendation?

Carlson

- I think 2 is a significant number. I'd recommend leaving it at ⅔.

Amin

- Why don't we listen to Attorney General Carlson.

Siddiqui

- Because he's not an elected official. What type of question is that?

Amin

- He's done this already, so I'm saying we should probably listen to him.

Siddiqui

- With all due respect Senator, there are a lot of people who have done this before. I'm not disrspecting Attorney General Carlson, but we are the elected officials here and we can make decisions on our own.

Wahidullah

- I just wanted to add from personal experience and my perspective. An unfortunate thing I've experienced a lot is that people want to be involved.
- When it comes to the idea, even in my mind, and in the discussion and everything, more people are capabale to run and come to the senate. But unfortunately with these specific qualifications and classifications, they are unable to run. This does not specifically have to do with the class issue, but it is something to keep in mind about what everyone might be interested in, the specifications might be an issue. A lot of people want to become senators but are unable to because of restrictions and situations. People also might be interested in multiple issues that are not aligned with their role. I think these are things to think about as well.

Iden

- I'm leaning towards ⅔, simply because I think ¾ gives the president a lot of power. When it comes to vetoes it is not something we see often and especially since we don't, I'm wary of making this decision to make it harder for the Senate to veto. And if there is a veto, I'm assuming there are reasons with it that might make us go back and look at the voting decision. That's kind of where I'm at with it. This change is asking why, why right now? This has not been a pressing issue and we have not had much experience with it.

Lala

- Seems like we are talking about two different issues. Maybe we should chair the discussion but it seems like we should reform that. That's a true story. There were people who applied to be on campus positions and they were not eligible to be on it.
- Resignation will happen in future senates, no doubt about it. People get busy and this is not the easiest job in the world. You are going to get a much broader qualified pool of candidates if you have 8 senators at large rather than splitting it down the middle. This will get rid of the extra work that will have to be done by the way it currently stands by searching for first years who might not have as much experience as the school in general.

Elkhatib

- I agree with Senator Brinderson and Senator Lankarani about the 8 senators at large. I think this would encourage creativity and campaigning and they would have to convince the student body they are qualified. And then I think it's a better alternative than separating by school years because I don't see how the many units you have completed, or the amount of year's you have been here applies to issues on the senate floor.

Khorsandi

- I want to echo Senator Lala. If we were to do a Senator at large, this is important because to me, this gives the most equality. Everyone is able to apply. I don't really think about my identity as a College of Letters and Science Senator, I need to focus on that. I don't want to speak on behalf of you guys, but I don't think many of you do your projects based on the position you are allocated. However, when we are running for senate, people are restricted from running based on these seemingly arbitrary positions. Also, having a senator at a large position would allow freshmen to get involved, and historically this has been a freshman position that we have not been able to fill. ADHOC committe hasn't been utilized and able to fill these positions. This is why I agree with the senator at large idea. I think it is the most equitable idea and we can get more people involved

from different backgrounds and perspectives. It doesn't constrain elections in a way that would be reflected when the senate actually acts.

Suuck

- Is everyone okay opening the bill to change ¾ to ⅔ and then just voting on this so we can stop talking about this? No, okay nevermind

Iden

- Okay, let's have that senator at large position of 4 people. This allows for a freshman position. Specifically, freshman elected through the RHA who's going to be filled into that position and then we have class representatives which is a position anyone in the grade can apply for. I think it's a good compromise.

Lala

- No. The whole point of there being a senator at large position is that it is a plurality. It is the biggest of the constituencies. Not to be equivalent to the biggest collegiancy. If you add up transfer and international senators, you get to the amount of senators at large. Frankly, none of the other alternatives work. The thing about years, how are you going to make that work. There is no way for freshmen to run. Unless we want to redefine what it means to be an undergraduate at UCSB. The only other option is to represent ¾ years, let alone that people graduate in 2-3 years, or that people can be here for 6 years. I'm not being arbitrary here that I am not willing to go down to 4. You would incapcitate the idea of senators at large by making it 4. It only makes sense if it is larger than all the other constituencies.

Iden

- So you are presenting it like a rhetorical fallacy like a false compromise. Like this is our only choice. There is an unlimited way we can distribute these seats. I don't see why we can't break it up to 4 and 4. You are consistently questioning how we can get freshmen when it has been stated that it will be through the RHA. There is always someone elected through RHA. It gets underclassmen exposed to Associated Students. There will be a freshman representative through RHA.There is still freedom within your class grade. There are going to be 4 at large positions and 4 class grades. They're both very free positions in terms of anyone applying.

Amin

- My idea is that we vote on each thing. Senator Lala is really strong on the 8 at large so let's vote on that and then vote separately on the ¾ and then we will break it up based on that. Done.

Lala

- Sorry for the added time speaking on this. As a last thought, you could resemble constituencies. You can make them for students 70+ and have one person eligible. The question is whether it makes sense or not. What I'm saying is that this is the only way it makes sense and would be open to all students. You can have freshman representatives, but only if they are elected through RHA half way through the term. It is extremely important that there is no way to elect freshmen in the spring election because they are in highschool. They would not be elected under the same umbrella everyone is elected in. Put it to a vote.

Siddiqui

- We are exiting discussion. Anyone can make a motion.

Iden

- The recommendation is we make a vote on two options. 4 at large versus the 8 at large.

Siddiqui

- Can you clarify the two options?

Iden

- First option is to have four at large seats, and four class breakdowns.
- Second option would be 8 senators at large

Lala

- Describe how freshmen will be elected. Would it be left open until fall quarter?

Iden

- RHA have their own elections in the fall. Your option doesn't really allow freshmen representatives.

Lala

- Am I stupid? How do you fill a freshmen spot? If you are a freshmen 2025-2026, you are not undergraduate currently, how are you doing it?

Carlson

- Even with 8 at large positions, how are you doing to get freshmen positions? There is no way to do it unless you change the timeline of elections. Your option is you either move election at fall or you keep them in spring and have RHA candidate serve the rest of the term/

Lala

- As it currently stands, there is no way for freshmen to serve on a senate unless they are appointed.

Siddiqui

- We've been operating without order.

Iden

- They are not running while they are seniors in high school. They come to campus, Residential Housing Association has an election, they are chosen

as a senator, and there will be a freshman senator who will be there in the fall.

Lala

- So that spot will be empty half of the term?

Iden

- No

Siddiqui

- We are moving to a vote. Senator Iden please read out both the options and then I'll do a vote afterwards

Iden

- Option 1: we break up the 8 to 4 at large and 4 class grades. Freshmen will be selected by RHA
- Option 2: 8 at large position, just generalized anyone can run

Siddiqui

- If you prefer option 1, please raise your hand

Marquez

- The minutetakers need to be clear about what you are voting on and how. Clarify what you are voting on.

Lala

- Option 1 is to break up to 4 senators at large and 4 by year.
- Option 2 is to preserve 8 senators at large positions

Siddiqui

- Thank you

Carlson

- Is there an RHA seat included in that option.

Lala

- There is no other options, so yes.

Hand vote

Option 1: 4 seats at large, 4 class division

- ***4***

Option 2: 8 senators at large

- ***11***

Siddiqui

- It seems like we want to go with option 2. We are done with discussion on this legislation.

Suuck

- Wait, I thought we needed to figure out the ⅔ or ¾ thing.

Motion to informally vote on Article J of Section 4
Amin

Siddiqui
- We are doing an unofficial vote now.

Hand vote
- *Keeping to ¾: 12*
- *Abstain: 1*
- *Changing to ¾: 4*

Motion to open A Resolution To Update Article VI of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Iden- Amin
Called to question: Wahidullah
Passed 10:21 PM.

Motion to amend section 4 subsection J and replace 3/4ths with 2/3rds.
Iden - Amin
Called to question: Lala
Passed at: 10:22PM

Motion to close A Resolution To Update Article VI of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Suuck - Kadah
Called to question: Wahidullah
Passed at 10:22 PM.

Motion to vote on A Resolution To Update Article VI of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Suuck - Lala
Call to question: Wahidullah
Passed at 10:23 PM.

Hand vote:
Yes: 15
No: 1
Abstain: 0
Passed at 10:23PM.

Siddiqui

- Motion passes and can now be voted on by the student body

A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution.do...

Khorsandi - Gerson - Lala

Khorsandi

- I've discussed an amendment to this as taking in feedback from the Senate last week and judge Zha has helped me
- So we changed it from having an accommodation to specifying
- Reasonable timely extension
- We added "timely" so this goes from an accommodation to making it a timely accommodation
- We also added a cap at week 7 of spring quarter so that should an accommodation be approved, it is not going to be abused
- There will be a cap if this accommodation is needed
- Open to feedback again
- But just want to reiterate how important this is
- For things like natural disaster
- For me specifically it is for students celebrating passover or other religious holidays, which may occur
- We kept this broad in the consittution
- This is why this is important to be passed before spring elections
- Open to thoughts, but this is what we worked up

Sidd

- Yield chairship to Senator Martinez for a bit

Briderson

- To Seantor Khrosandi
- How do you envision this working with passover
- I think it is reasonably to assume that every year someone that want to run for office might celebrate passover
- Do you imagine every year the elections will get pushed back
- Or that certain senators will be voted on at a different time?

Khorsandi

- That is a good question
- Basically this is not so the observant person is not voted in at a different time
- It is in case an accommodation is needed
- Because not every year the passover will overlap with elections

- If passover is at the same time every single year, we would done something to work around it
- But that is not how it works, it is a different calendar
- It is in a case where passover does overlap, which might now, there could be an accommodation
- If passover overlaps with campaign week, which it will for this spring, a senator could raise the vote and the elections board could consult and to work up a new election schedule
- Without time cruch to needing it to be done by week 5
- Which was our issue for this elections schedule
- That's why we have that very small hard campaign period, in order to extend the soft campaign period to acconmdate for those
- It is too confusing
- So I think this is the best case to accommodate as much as we can

Siddiqui

- I'm on board with the spirit with the legislation
- I have a problem with the language of "reasonable and timely extension"
- If it can be made more specific to lsit the examples you are talking about
- "De to natural disaster, due to something like that"
- With the lanauge right now, a "reaosnble and timely extension" doesn't really mean anything specific legally
- And the procedure of this is to be approved by the senate, be approved by the election board, and with the approval of the executive director
- I can see how it seem like you need muluitple levels of approval and i'm looking at how this will work in practicality
- We look at last year, for example, if the Senate chose to extend election
- And the situation where the executive director of the election board needs to decide
- Or say 5 years in the future for now, the senate is parsian towards one way over the other and the candidate they are leaning towards is not a head
- Under the language it has right now, they can just extend the election for that time
- There is no specific instances where an extension will be appropriate
- I think the election is extremely sensitive
- When the language is not specific enough, it leaves liability issues for the university and the executive director
- Also poteintailly partisian decisions

Amin

- Disagree with Senator Sidduqe
- I think vague language leaves up to election boards
- Your vague language leaves it up to elections board

- If you use specific language like natural disaster and then something happens that is not a natural disaster
- What's supposed to happen?
- So when you use more vague language, it is up to the board to use their own judgement to the specific situation
- I yield

Khorsandi

- When I first writing this, I intentionally wanted the language to be vague
- Would you be agreeable for me to put it specifically like natural disasters and religious holidays
- To put “for example”
- It's not limited to this, but examples may include
- You can help me with the wording but something along that line

Iden

- I would rather it stays vague
- Like the idea that it would give elections board more power or executive director more power
- Maybe not just senate vote, leave it to a third party
- The only issue is if elections board does not get filled but in spring it would definitely get filled
- So there is check and balance
- Keep it checked on what “reasonale timely” means

Siddique

- For Senator Khorsandi’s point, YesIi would love to add those examples
- To address Seantor Iden’s point
- Even thinking under that framework doesnt make sense how it would work in prcticeality
- The senate has to approve elections board minutes because they are a legislative committee
- So they work for the Senate
- They carry out the task we do not have time to do
- So election board approving it doesnt make sense
- Should be the opposite
- Election board approves it then sent to the Senate
- I think the issue with keeping it vague is the exact issue I pointed out before
- What is “reaosnable and timely extension”?
- I get the point of keeping it vague, things like COVID19 happens
- But at the same time, keeping a language this vague leaves chances of partisian and possible abuse of power
- The Senate can just extend the election when they consider it reasonable

Iden

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- My program with mentioning of religiosu holiday is if one religious holiday gets accomodated and in future year a different one doestn get accondated, it opens legal liability with that
- To clarify my previous idea
- If the election board approve it, and then we would further approve it
- The Senate inherently cannot approve it

Khorsandi

- I agree with going to the elections board first and then the Senate
- Let me know about this, that's why I want to keep it vague to Senator Iden's point
- But we could add "examples of reasons for an accommodation may include not not limited to natural disasters, religious holidays, etc."

Sidd

- I want to make a suggestion on specific clanguage
- I agree with religious holidays point
- I would put language in there that says "any event that singifncantly impairs the ability of a large number of individuals to run in the election"
- So we can make it explicitly clear that you can only make extension on precedent
- It cannot be a common thing

Khorsandi

- I like that
- However, if jewish students would fall under a large number of students
- I think even if there is only one Jewish student running, to me, that is enough for an accommodation

Siddiqui

- I agree with the spirit of your last point
- Yes, everyone matters
- But there needs to be a limit

Martinez

- Want to remind everyone that it is 10:35PM and we still have close session

Iden

- No accommodation so it is fair to everyone
- It avoids legal repercussions of who gets an accommodation and who dont
- However, i do think we could get around it by leaving it how it is
- And leaving it to the election board
- So that is a check and balance
- We can leave it vague because it needs to be further approved

Khorsandi

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- I will say that this is increidbily important thing that we need to do
- Jewish students are 14% of UCSB student
- If passover coincides with elections has swayed jewish students not to run, and to me that's a problme
- so that's why i think having some sort of metod of accommodation is important
- I like this
- If we leave it to election board
- Maybe with election boards bylaws we can expand further
- So it is implemented in the Consitution
- Maybe this is the best way to go about this
- But this must be voted on by the student body
- If everyone is agreeable, i would really like to pass this
- I do agree that maybe we do need more specification so we don't cause problems
- Maybe the specification can be done in the bylaws

Amin

- I'm very in favor of leaving the language as it is
- Just to compromise, so we can pass this today
- What if the language is whatever is there such as natural disasters, and COVID 19
- Add "such as"

Khorsandi

- I like what Senator Siddique said
- "Anything that would impair a significant amount of students from election preceddings"
- I'm good with that
- And also make it clear that it would be run by elections board first and then approved by the Senate

Motin to open ***A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' C...***
Khorsandi - Elkhatib
Called to question: Iden
Passed at: 10:43PM

Martinez

- I yield chairship back to Senator Siddiqui

Motion to amend Article X, section 2 time of the election unless a reasonable and timely extension is approved by 2/3rd of the elections board then further approved by a 2/3rs of the senate then approved by the executive director.
Khorsandi - Amin
Called to question:
Motion rescinded

Elkhabtib
- I like Senator Siddiqui's point of bringing it back to conditions that specify election proceedings so I think that should be added.

Amin
- Point of order are we in discussion?

Siddiqui
- You seconded the motion and I said now we are in discussion

Khorsandi
- I think we should expand but I think it belongs in the bylaws. I think that is a better way to do it to avoid any judicial council cases, but I do agree that specifying it is important. The bylaws are the best place to do so. I rescind my motion

Motion to amend Article X, Section 2 to state General Elections shall be completed by the fifth (5th) week of the Spring quarter, unless a reasonable and timely extension is approved by a two-thirds (⅔) vote of the Election Board, following a (2/3) confirmation of the senate in Consultation with the Executive Director. However, this extension shall not exceed the seventh (7th) week of the Spring quarter.
Iden - Khorsandi
Call to question:
Invalid motion

Corlew
- Did we finish the motion to open the resolution?

Khorsandi
- Yes we did

Suuck
- I think we need to be more specific

Amin
- Point of information. Are you guys saying we never finished the motion to open the resolution?

Minute Takers

- No, you did not.

Motion to amend article 10 section 2 to state General Elections shall be completed by the fifth (5th) week of the Spring quarter, unless a reasonable and timely extension is approved by a two-thirds (⅔) vote of the Election Board, following a (2/3) confirmation of the senate in Consultation with the Executive Director. However, this extension shall not exceed the seventh (7th) week of the Spring quarter.
Iden - Amin
Call to question: Lala
Passed at 11:16PM.

Brinderson

- I'm not going to vote for this if we don't make it more specific.

Khorsandi

- I agree with making it more specific, but in the bylaws. If we specify, it leaves so much up for interpretation. With religious examples or something like that, it leaves so much up to interpretation and I don't think the constitution is the place to do that. You have my word that I will work with the elections board to add the specifics. You know what the language will be. I think putting it in the bylaws will be simpler and better. I see where you guys are coming from, and I agree.

Called to question: Khorsandi
Objection by Senator Elkhatib
Back to discussion at 10:45PM.

Elkhabitb

- I don't understand why adding it to the bylaws would help and I don't think the suggestion made by Senator Siddiqui was acknowledged. I think we need to discuss how cirucmanstances can inhibit election proceedings.

Sidd

- I think we need to move to AS Main. We have a lot of things to do. The most important thing is getting the stuff done. If anyone is strongly against it, let us know

Iden

- One last thought to end this.
- I think it's a reasonable change

- Adding check and balance so the elections board has to approve it. We can also include the approval of the executive director so it's more official and there are more checks and balances.

Khorsandi
- I will just say. Significance can be up to interpretation.

Siddiqui
- We will still be in discussion on Article X after recess.

Motion to temporarily enter a 15 minute recess to move the senate from the flying A room to AS Main.
Martinez - Iden
Called to question: Lankrani
Passed at 10:48PM

Back at 11:12PM.

Siddiqui
- We are back in discussion on a resolution to update Article X of the Constitution

Iden
- We are in a motion. There was an objection to the call to question.

Khorsandi
- Just want to reiterate my thoughts. I think that putting the specifications in is necessary, and I did like Senator Siddiqui's additions. However I think the word significant gets too much interpretation. I think it would be most beneficial to include the specifications in the bylaws. This can be debated but I don't think we should debate longer.

Iden
- I agree.

Called to question: Senator Khorsandi
Objection by Senator Elkhatib

Elkhabitb
- There is no guarantee that those changes will be added to the bylaws

Iden
- There is no guarantee that any changes will be added to the bylaws. We say it and do it. Regardless there is check and balance in place. If you want to guarantee that change happens, then you can be a part of the process.

Khorsandi

- I'd love to work on it with you if you want. This still needs to be passed by thes student body, but in the case that it does, I would love to work with you on it.
- Still needs to be passed with student body in the case it does pass

Elkhatib
- Okay

Siddiqui
- Are the changes reflected on the document?

Iden
- I didn't have access. I sent it to groupme.

Siddiqui
- Is this one on the agenda? Is the resolution on the agenda? It shows the old language.

Iden
- We have to pass a motion to edit it.

Khorsandi
- I can change it in the legislation on the agenda, but I don't have access.

Martinez
- We need to pass the motion to amend it and then you can change it.
- Someone needs to call to question and then we can continue

Call to question: Amin

Iden:
- Point of order. You can't call to question on your own motion.

Amin
- Rescind my call to question.

Motion to close ***A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' ...***
Iden- Khorsandi
Call to question: Wahidullah
Passed at 11:16PM

Martinez
- Does anyone want to be second pro-tempore so that it won't be too much on Carly? If anyone else wants to let us know.

Lankarani
- I'm okay

Martinez

- If anyone else would like to, please let us know.

Siddiqui

- We need an updated version of the document.

Iden

- So we don't have access.

Siddiqui

- I am going to make a copy of it and add it to the agenda and put in the amendments. If someone could restate the amendment.

Iden

- General election shall finish by spring quarter unless proved by ⅔ election board, and following a ⅔ confirmation of the senate, and in consultation with the executive director up until week 7

Siddiqui

- Followed by a ⅔ vote of the senate, and in consultation with the executive director

Iden

- Confirmation of the senate

Siddiqui

- The new amendments are now reflected on the document.

Motion to pass A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution.
Khorsandi- Iden
Called to question: Lala
Passed at 11:20PM

Handvote to update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution/
Yes: 8
No: 2
Abstain: 5
Motion passes at 11:22PM.

H) Recess

Motion to enter 15 minute recess at 8:54PM.
Amin - Elkhatib
Called to question: Kadah
Passed at 8:54PM.

Motion to temporarily enter 15 minute recess.
Martinez- Iden
Called to question: Lankarani
Passed at 10:47PM.
Moved to AS Main Building.

I-3) Unit Reports-
I-4) President's Cabinet Report -

Broadway (9:13)

- Don't have a bunch of updates but will give the updates I have
- Regarding Linkedin Lerning
- I did hear back from our Linkedin contact
- Don't know if the news is good or bad
- Basically our project turned into a UC wide thing
- so that's kind of why they are fixing the terms we originally had
- Because now it's not just for AS, but for the whole UC
- I reached out back to them and asked for an estimated timeline for when we would get our contract back but they never responded
- I can't really give you an exact answer
- Regaridng the reflection room, Senator Wahidullah and I talked OISS along with board members
- They allowed us to book their conference room for the rest of the quarter for certain times
- We have OISS conference room, Monday and Tuesday from 12-3
- And Wednesday and Friday from 4-5
- Currently my office is working on a graphic to promote the space for whoever wants to use it
- We are still looking at permanent solutions
- For our raise the bar grant, we are still in the planning process of a town hall
- Still working on solidifying the date, time, location, and other details
- We will be tabling next week with my office and first week of spring
- We are still planning events that will be held for sexual assault awareness month
- For the winter quarterly, we have a tentative date and time
- But we are still trying to lock down a location
- We plan on doing training and other activities

- We are still having the Open Mic Night on 2/11 for Black Hisotry Month with SBSU, Atlantic, and UCSB LEED
- Still finalizing details
- We are also having a Valientines grams and mingle event on 2/10, still finalizing details
- My mental health commisoner and I are hosting a destress, decompress event tomorrow in Sierra Madre
- It is going to be a mental health event with matierals from Health & Wellness
- I was reached out to from 2 alumin from Brown
- They have a tradition on their campus called senior crumle, and they want to host it on our campus for free
- Which I thought sounded very cool
- Basically all seniors can sign up for this event
- Its like tinder in real life
- You can sign up and you can match with people, either romantically or platonically
- The one way to find out is if you guys matched with each other
- So if you match someone and they dont match you back, it is kept anonymous, unless you tell them
- It's like a picnic and to find out who you are matched with
- I think it is super cool to have on our campus so we are working to have that for the Spring
- For the budget, I met with Michael, Marisela, and Amerlie last week
- Michael gave us materials to go over so we can be prepared for the budget hearings
- Council of presidents, we are trying to commit to meeting once a month, minimal
- We are going to meet this Friday
- And possibly again over the weekend at Students of Color Conference for those of us that will be attending
- We are also planning to meet at UCSA meeting at mid-Febuary
- We are also working on our agenda to meet with Preisdent Drake
- I can take any questions

Brinderson

- Thank you for coming out President
- I love to hear what is going on
- Especially because of your RA meetings
- Question, what promoped the two alumnus from Brown to reach out?
- Are they friends of yours?

Broadway

- So the senior cramble is something they host every year on their campus
- The two alumni that reached out to me also designed their own dating app
- So I think they are trying to promote their app through senior cruml
- So they are trying to host at other campus to start out
- And I gess UCSB is one of the campus they chose

Iden

- Sorry, I'm not trying to come at you with this question at any way or trying to blindside you
- Its regarding the Daily Nexus article that came out last week
- So from our position, especially when I was reading this
- It came as a shock
- Especially when there is much conversation that happened between yourself and the Senate
- And how you felt in this room
- I am a little disappointed at how you went directly to a news media to discuss this with genralization
- I don't think it is fair to say that about the Senate as a whole
- I just want to see your thinking behind that
- And see how we can go forward with you to have a positive relationship
- Instead of having a generlization that is on the front page of the Daily Nexus
- That said "the Senate is an unwelcoming space and that you are villainize"

Broadway

- I didnt really hide it from anyone
- And obviously I never came back after to give any more reports
- It's not like anyone asked why I never came back
- No one checked on me after the meeting, except for Senator Butler
- So no one really made the effort
- For me at least, for the conversation that was had at that meeting that I came to
- I did have prior conversation with Senator Singh and Senator Siddique
- That was what the covneration was between
- At that point I didnt feel that it was even necessary to have another conversation with them about it
- I would say I was very honest with the Nexus
- I didnt want to come back after, I felt very uncomfortable
- I think everyone got the same vibe because i didn't come back
- I can talk more about it if yo gys want
- I think I said everything I wanted to say to the Nexus
- I felt like someone was trying to villainize me on the floor
- I think it messed up the vibe of being here with the entire Senate

- I was not trying to pinpoint specific person
- But at the same time no one tried to stop it and no one reached out after
- So it definitely feels like an entire Senate issue if that makes sense
- Again, I expanded on the Nexus, again, I watched it happen last year
- So it brought up a lot of feelings
- Like I said in the Nexus, I do realize that I have a responsibility to be here based on the legal code, and I am here and I plan to come back here
- But it just feel unprofessional, disrespectful, and inappropriate

Iden

- Last comment on it
- Communication is a two way street
- Especially to a lot of us who was not involved with that conversation
- Like me, I did not know a lot of the backings with that conversation
- I dont really know what is happening between you and other members
- I want to move forward together, and I want to have a positive relationship with the office of the President
- And I want to do everything I can to make this a comfortable space
- I just ask that you talked with us before going to news outlets
- But again, it is a two way street
- It is on us too
- So thank you for coming today

Broadway

- Of course
- And that is why I am here today
- And I will be here every other week

Siddiqui

- Any further questions for the president?

Elkhatib

- Any update Implementation on BPS

Broadway

- No
- I dont have any updates at least

Siddiqui

- Yield chariship to Senator Martinez at 9:22PM
- President Broadway
- I also read the article with the Nexus, but it's not about what Senaor Iden is referencing
- I want to ask about the grant with CAP
- I’m trying to find the specific quote but it kinda confused me. I just want some clarification on it

- I know it said that you re-wrote the ballot language so they can apply for student parents
- The quote is like “with the couple of meetings you guys had, you were able to rewrite the legal coe to allow how much grnt they can get”
- My question is that with the legal code changes, I don’t remmeber it going through the Senate
- So im just wondering when/where it happened
- And with the ballot language, I don’t really know how it works?

Broadway
- I misspoke
- But the legal code, I don;t think it gone through it yet
- It’s going through, I have it
- But I don’t think it has gone through yet
- I just want to publize what we have been working on and that is something that is continuously being worked on by CAP
- And for the ballot language
- It's not that we are rewriting something that has already been passed
- So my bad for mis-speaking
- It’s that when it comes up for reaffirmation, we want to increase the fee for CAP

Martinez
- Yield chairship back to Senator Siddque at 9:24PM

Siddiqui
- Thank you for speaking

I-5) Executive Director’s Report-

Márquez 9:24PM
- I just want to share a few things that have came up this past week
- They are following:
- With personal actions, we have completed our recruitment for our newest web development person
- And the last potential candidate has been interviewed by me
- I have just been taking in all the evaluations and am making a determination and appointment in the next few weeks
- That is happening
- Standing committee continue its work to fill the IT position in the same area
- Additionally, I’m seeking and inviting anyone and everyone to please apply to participate in filling the positions
- Additionally, in term with new issues, it has been a challenging couple of weeks

- I don’t know how familiar you all are with the immigration service center
- That is a center located at UC Davis
- That is the one and only identifiable unit in the entire UC system
- The UC system has very strong law schools
- And they have only been able to dedicate all the resources to build one unit to support immigrant legal service, and that is actually a very great achievement made by 2 presidents ago
- On the other hand, within the particular climate we are in, they are obviously being over-taxed
- So I want the senators who are still looking for a project to take on, who wants to support the community and the state of california
- To take this project on
- To either distributing on their resources such as this pamphlet being passed around
- Or finance additional resources
- I think that the senate itself might in effect avail themselves as another strata of support in these times
- In these times ive lived through in the past
- There's a status of individuals that can be a legal observer
- You know how we sed to have CSO, now we call them SSP
- That is one strate of students on campus
- When there is large number of public demonstrations, there always needed a set of folks that are watching and witnessing and documenting appropriately what the boundaries how
- How everyone is relating to each other, everyone relating to the law, who is breaking the law
- Basially is just taking really good notes
- There is legal status and certification as a legal observer
- I encourage the Senate to direct me or direct themselves on how to find supports like that
- Judging from the way 2025 is going
- That might be a very helpful
- We are literally mid-state, that has tradiaitonally being under-estimated and misunderstood between the northern California and southern California
- So that is just my humble suggestions
- Additionally
- In the past 10 days there has been some rain
- When there is rain, there are leaky spaces that are occupied by Associated Students
- One of which is pardell center

- Another one is KCSB
- The base of the stroke tower
- In pardell center's case
- Approaching their board to consider strate of changes to a part of the building so it doesnt leak everytime when it rains
- So the conference room doesnt get flooded
- And we didnt even have that much rain, so it is a problem
- So I'm turning my attention a little bit to that
- And finally there have been a number of positive changes to coordinate our financial operations with associated students differently
- Do that in a way that we match and connect with the overarching
- That in itself is a good thing
- It is ongoing
- The senate has been very supportive of that
- But there has been a lot of needs and changes and a lot of confusion between ourselves and other departments
- So when Seantors are in between different departments
- We rent chairs
- We are just not renting chairs and paying for them the same way as we used to be
- It has been less bureaucratic than we have been
- But it is a change
- If there is a change, everyone that relate to ourselves, see it a little differently
- And that is happening to the departments
- So as you are out there in different departments, identifying different partners or stakeholders
- Folks that have been a stakeholder for decades, are just not relating to each other the same ways
- So I think it is super helpful if the Senate consider, as we are finishing the winter term, going to spring term, maybe host an open house for the community and other departments that have been our partners
- A simple open house cnoversations where we can invite our partners into our various spaces to meet our students, meet our staff, in 8 different locations
- We are not all in one building

Martinez

- Thank you for coming executive director giving the report
- On the topic of the immigration crisis that is happening right now

- Outreach committe is in the progress of printing out red cards in every language and with the red cards attached is going to be a hotline number and QR code
- So we can pass out to students during tabling
- And also have it at AS Main
- We plan to give these out Tuesday next week
- We are also thinking of reaching out to USS (undocumented students service) to see how we can further help with our resources and guide students as well
- Would love to reach out to immigration center at UC Davis that you spoke about

Márquez

- I appreciate that
- Everyone is doing what they can within their scope
- Hoping we can come together
- Honoring task force that president broadway issued as a executive order last week regarding the firestorms in LA
- This is a different kind of fire storm
- There are people's lives being broken apart every minute
- Their parents, family, grandparents
- It's very troubling
- But on the other hand there is always a way to resist and always a way to organize
- I appreciate that, let me know
- I will help out

Martinez

- Thank you

Siddiqui

- I do want to ask the executive director a question
- I also forwarde this letter to Senate so all of you can see
- I'm not sure if you touched on it during your report, sorry I was multi-tasking
- It's regarding our integration with the overall UCSB financial system
- I forwarded the letter to everyone's email so you can read
- Signed by senate leadership, attorney general, and our chief combine officer, as well as some other people
- Regarding integration into the university's financial system, do you worry that this takes away the independant from student leadership that is resisted on this campus for the past 7 years

Márquez

- I dont know that I worry

- What I know for 17 years of working for the association
- It has not been a single year that it has not been challenged
- Student run oerpation, it is a constant challenge
- To prove that, you need to know it and live it
- I happen to know it and lived it and I believe it
- In this moment, on this topic, it is important to clarify
- That is a part of my request for senate to request to coordinate open houses
- To demonstrate ongoing oerpations
- If everyone sat here and witness this, there would be no challenge
- Being able to say that students are their own authorized signer on their account, which is the central question on what you are saying,
- It is chanllenable unless people witness it
- So it is constant
- Not only about that one operaiton

Siddiqui

- Thank you

I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

Attorney General Carlson (9:37PM)

- I'll talk briefly about the ongoing work in the office. My case workers are associates and I need to get you their appointments. I need to work with the Liaison Committee to help me pay my research associates honoraria for the quarter. Just a couple thousand dollars to pay for the remainder of the quarter. I am working with IVTU to access water and radar testing kits. We decided to take our study of the water quality to the big leagues
- We are doing everything from inorganic dissolved nutrients all the way to heavy metals such as led and arsenic. We are looking at concentration against county standards as well as looking at making sure that we are following suggested recommendation levels for these chemicals. That is our health and safety project. We plan began havinga report being drafting around Week 7. We should have that ready for submission for you guys before the election. It will include a total picture on the water as well as a total profile and canvas of Isla Vista on which houses have mold and radioactive gas that can lead to cancer. Hopefully all low.
- As for our policing survey, we are receiving more testimonials and these are distributed by word of mouth. We are receiving testimonials of students that believe they are being discriminated against, or inappropriately harassed by police officers. We are working on a Know Your Rights Training for Week 1 of Spring Quarter in preparation for. Deltopia, as well as continued lobbying efforts for advocacy of student's

rights regarding Deltopia. Those are our two main projects. We are finalizing legislation to establish a committee that will compensate students overworked. So if you scheduled for 2 hours, but worked 3. They are already compensated for their first pay rate, but I think they deserve more because that is not what they signed up for and that's the unfair part.

- I'm finishing up that legislation and hope to have it next week. Thank you Senator Siddiqui and Wahidullah for the resolution on the executive order. I can't wait to see that up and running and myself, President Broadway, and Executive Director will work together to finalize the kinks, and hopefully we will have implementation of that in the coming weeks.
- One of my caseworkers has been researching projecting photos and video onto Storke Tower. So far it is looking good. The report is not complete and is still in its drafting phase. We are excited and will touch base with facilities and maintenance on the possibibles of logistics. It is less an issue with law and more on logistics. Hopefully we can project things onto Storke Tower, like vote! Maybe blue and gold lights for a week for some spirirt. We might do this in connection with the advocacy committee. Thank you, I'll take questions if you have them

Elkhatib

- How can the Senate ehelp with the water project you were talking about?

Carlson

- I'm a huge believer and scientist at heart so I've asked IVTU to buy 20 water testing kits for the company we send the water samples to. I've been working with the Director at the Marine Lab and Amanda Strong to help with the testing of water. I'm in that department and work in that department. I've been trying to get them to test our water sample. Those cost money, like $20 per sample.
- The samples cost money like $20 per sample. If the Senate is interested in chipping in for less than $1,000 in research, I can prepare a quote. I can come and give you little test tubes and you can sample your tap water, and we can get it tested. In terms of data, if you have any, my research team works diligently. Every single week they have new assignments, and they have made good on what they have done. You should see it. We have dozens and dozens of pages of data we are beginning to sift through. Likewise, hopefully the report will be dozens and dozens of pages. I definitely look forward to getting your eyes on that. If you want to get involved, email me. I'm always available.

Siddiqui

- I have a question not related to the report. If we wanted to rescind a piece of legislation and revote, what is the motion language?

Carlson

- Motion has to be from the author of that legislation. First would make a motion to reconsider legislation in the previous agenda. Reconsider is correct, and it has to be the author.

Siddiqui

- Thank you

I-7) Senator Representative Reports-

Senators Lala & Khorsandi presented a joint report from

Lala(8:23PM)

- Short report
- Wanted to meet with director of rec center, senior staff member
- The initial cause of concern was something simple, there's 4 starimasters at MAC, 3 of which have not worked since joe biden was in office
- What's up with that?
- More broadly, how equipment is replaced
- I was curious about rental process, you go in hand access card and after you are fine
- Other UC campuses, you give your access card, you're handed your equipment
- Here, you have to pay every time
- So let's say you like ping pong. You don't own ping pong balls
- You're paying $1 every time, which obviously adds up. And we wanted to speak to them about why that's the case, one and secondly, whether that can be phased out eventually
- As another part of this broad measure that we wanted, instead of students not having to pay fees where they need not.

Khorsandi:

- So basically after having our conversation
- We wanted to touch base with them
- What areas needed our support and what was going on
- Basically explained the picture to us
- What made this process so long
- Lot of it had to do with turnover rate of these machines
- They allocate a specific dollar amount to how many machines need
- Basically, in specific case of stairmaster, whole problem of not getting the right parts
- After they explained that, everything is in backorder
- Supply chain issue

- Specifically, stairmaster, should be expected for students to be able to use it by fall of next year
- So obviously this is not what we wanted to hear, this is a high demand machine
- This is a high demand machine that students want to use
- And they were not having access to it
- This just plays bigger picture
- Lots of moving parts
- There are so many moving parts that we might not be able to see
- Just as installation, shipping, ordering, getting right parts, if they're backordered, they're screwed
- There's a lot that goes into it
- While we had this convo, we're discussing principle of student input
- They're discussing, you're not first students to bring this feedback to us
- How greater student input could play into this

Lala

- This was a huge learning opportunity
- In how the bureaucracy beyond AS functions
- You have an idea but it was crazy to see
- He has to get it approved by x thing, which has to be approved by y department, etc
- Which is plainly true
- Which is discouraging
- It was said explicitly that the more student concern, the quicker results happen
- There's student pressure
- The stairmaster thing was especially instructed because at first the senior staff members told us that this would be ready and early, sometimes spring quarter
- And then the director just helpfully jumped in and was like I literally wrote, If this is in by early fall that would that would be closer to how it usually works out
- Sounds a little insane, since if someone's stairmaster broke in their home they could have it fixed by the next day
- Kind of insane how long this all takes
- Goes back to how we establish more regular communication channels
- Biggest thing we spoke about was to have director or representative come into senate
- Come into the senate for quarterly report
- Seems like it should've been a thing before this honestly

- That's one thing we are really hopeful about, getting them here every quarter to see how they are spending things
- Second thing is about the rental program
- Explained that they use these revenues to run each program
- The fees you pay for intramural are used to run it, same with the rental program
- And the response was that it cannot be expected for the rental program to go away
- Personally, found a little disappointing
- Maybe the lock-in fees are not enough to cover
- Visual was instead of having amazon lockbox situation, in which you go in, press access card, take out rented item, and go about your day
- A more advanced, quicker process
- I think we are thinking of putting a resolution together requesting certain things
- We want to hear more broadly what more things you think we should think about
- Should we press this issue more on the rental program?
- Speed up putting equipment in there, costs of that

Khorsandi

- About rental program
- The senior staff had this idea of having this rental officer
- Basically having these automized boxes, which dispenses the item that you would like to rent
- Let's say you don’t return it, they’ll find a way to charge your BARC
- Take a picture, that way they can track the wear and tear of your item
- If you had destroyed it and needs repair
- Obviously it’s expensive, kind of their vision
- That’s just an idea we can float but it was an idea that they had to front the issue of the rental prohram
- Because the issue why they need the dollar that you exchange from the amount
- Is because it would cover the wear and tear behind the item
- That is basically the reason behind requesting money for renting an item

Siddiqu

- I like the initiative that you guys are showing
- The most important thing we can focus on is our pass through fees
- Student fees that pass through us and campus funding, it’s the most important
- Thank you

Suuck

- I’ve been working at the rec center for three years, everything is slow, everything is broken
- Everything is slow, broken
- The swim locker rooms are broke
- Under construction for 5 years, opened them up and they look exactly the same
- Also all the stuff is broken and won't be fixed till next year
- Did they do that whole spiel with you about how theyre used to not be a gym, used to be a tent
- Students were upset so now they have the rec center
- They always talk about that
- Did they talk to you abt governance board too?
- Did they fill it?

Lala

- Yes apparently

Suuck

- Okay because when I go to work, posters are spread around, join the governance board
- They are supposed to be in the cabinet of the president
- I think this is a problem that the rec cen not knowing that they need to fill
- Don’t really know what’s happening there
- Don’t know if other rec cens at other campuses get student funding through AS to support their programs
- I don’t know if anyone knows if this is unique to our campus
- If so that’s kinda crazy since we aren getting as much of it

Lala

- At the risk of bending Robert’s a little bit, president, are you aware if we have an AS member on the governance board?

President Broadway

- Not sure, can ask
- Probably not if we haven’t heard about it

Suuck

- The director is new but everyone else has been there for awhile

Khorsandi

- When we had convo with him, he mentioned that there was an AS representative
- From my perspective he was aware that it needed to have a position

Lala

- Which is fine, not saying to restructure it in any way
- But there's demonstrably not enough input
- Students had complained about certain equipment before

- I asked what that process was like
- They went up and talked to an employee
- Thought to myself, okay it works for 1800s
- Seems like we can have QR codes present at places around rec cen where you can give feedback on equipment
- Just seems a little not particularly advances for the way feedback is structured

Suuck

- I work at the pool, I don't even think ICA is allowed to practice there
- I think that they're technically violating the Constitution
- Or the bylaw that pretty sure the recreation, like, etc, is not associate students does not recognize the right intercollegiate athletic teams use the rec center

Khorsandi

- It's because pool is broken?

Suuck

- They didn't build a new pool for 20 years now
- So now we're getting punished, putting money into this facility
- Def can be improved
- Feel like there's a lot of things being violated
- A lot of things are being violated
- Would be really responsive to AS input

Khorsandi

- They should come in for reports where we can ask them questions about stuff is really important

Lala

- I think you should also join us in this resolution

Wahidullah

- Been looking at other rec cens like UCLA
- Primarily other rec cens don't get funded by AS
- Majority of it comes from student fees
- It's complexing about why it's dependent in regards to UCSB

Lala

- So other schools do run off student fees?

Wahidullah

- Yes

Lala

- To UCLA's point, they get so many donations that we don't
- We have to be fair to them in that regards
- Doesn't excuse the small stuff

Wahidullah

- UC Irvine has same system

Proxy LaViolette

- When I go the gym, not every single thing you borrow you need to rent
- Why would I have to pay for badminton or tennis but I don’t have to pay for a basketball
- Don’t understand this amazon box investment system
- At that point, why not make every barbell and kettlebell reservable?
- I just don’t see point
- It goes against everything rec cen was built upon
- To slowly commodify more and more of actual rec cen experience
- Less people are gonna go and rec cen would wither
- And then also there's the pool situation
- Earlier, the ILP path situation
- University to make us foot the bill to stuff we are entitled to
- And rec cen is being put in terrible place for that position
- I'm not exactly you guys seem to be talking about like a feedback shortage, and it is true that there is that,
- Because there there is a rowing machine has been broken for months
- There’s people whose jobs is it to check the machines
- Is there straight up a money shortage?
- The rec cen is really important to a lot of people

Lala

- I'm with you on the rental system
- If you go here, you should be able to use whatevr you want to on that day
- That destruction of things being rented is a serious problem
- If you just have a process where a picture is taken before and after
- Then you pay the 1 dollar fee
- Instead of having everyone, even people who will return the paddle better than they rented it
- That was the response

Proxy LaViolette

- Stuff breaks

Lala

- Yeah, it's exactly right that the individual employee does not necessarily have all that much leverage
- And the problem isn't necessarily how much it costs, because they have enough to cover that. You know the problem is, for the large process, the mini template was four, there was some kind of revamping project that took, I think you know that they had some kind of new key for that it’s still not becoming structured.

- Problem in reintroducing new equipment is of the shipment and the approval etc etc

Khorsandi

- Also they have dedicated
- In the example of starimaster, they have 350k turnover for this year's machines
- Overall it was like 1.5 million for all the machines
- In this year, it's like the stairmasters, it's the year for them to be turned voer
- If something is broken and they cant get the part, they need to wait for their designated year to turn over the machine
- That's why things take so slowly
- If the stairmasters had broken last year, they would've had to wait until this year for it to be fixed
- Where they can spend a chunk of money, like 2000 to turn over that machine. That's when things take so slow.
- So the Stairmasters had broken as they last two years, and they can't get that part. They need to fix it. They would have had to be filled in here, where this is the turnover year for those machines
- Lengthy process where students are putting in fees are not putting results
- That's the explanations we were given

Suuck

- There was another student fee for the whole MAC area
- It was paid for by us
- Another side thing this last summer the rec decided to charge again for summer membership
- If you weren't taking summer classes
- I felt really passionately about that because I pay so much in fees
- To have them say, actually you have to pay an additional fee when OI literally work there
- I thought that was interesting

Iden

- The summer classes isn't a new thing
- Still lame
- Really point is I have some financial documents I'm gonna send over to you guys
- Between intramural sports and the rec center it's about 60k in both accounts
- Just so you guys can have that knowledge

Brinderson

- Going back to stairmaster

- Is there, like, an abandoned flight of stairs somewhere on campus that you can direct students to in the first place?

Lala

- Stairmasters are really important to me

Khorsandi

- When I do go to the gym I look for the stairmaster
- I think that is an idea
- However, this equipment is expensive, people don't want to pay for it themselves and that's why you go to the gym
- You go to the gym for a reason, if it wasn't a thing, and equipment was cheap I'd just buy myself
- This is why it's so important that we have these communications

Lala

- ¾ is crazy for any machine
- I know of people who don't go to rec cen who have membership with local gym
- I feel like no one should have to do that if they have extra funds too

Siddiqui

- Just wanted to say that we are barely at quorum and at 12 people

Proxy LaViolette

- My understanding of 'why arent the new stairmasters here yet'?
- New turnover
- So each piece of equipment has its own associated turnover date

Lala

- I think there's supposed to be turned over every couple years
- No longer functional, no longer meeting standard
- Smaller sum that you can replace with that equipment
- Every 5 years or something, every equipment is supposed to be rolled over

Proxy LaViolette

- What about the warranties on these things?
- When you look online for a stairmaster, feel like the warranty lasts couple years
- What if the warranty lasts a couple years
- This is only a thing because the stair masters are kinda new right

Khorsandi

- Well their turnover date is this year

Lala

- Maybe to conclude is that the biggest thing is to explain why it takes so long
- They have to go through this process of checking multiple vendors
- If it's over a certain amount you have to check with multiple vendors

- That’s to avoid the kind of corruption I’m familar with, where you give it to your buddy and everyone else loses out
- The downfault is that it takes a very long time to show the administration you’ve checked multiple vendors

Khorsandi

- Even if somebody's under warranty, and you can get the part, if the part is gone back order and they don't have the part, and they don't have someone to come and install the part
- And they need to approve that person to come and install the part, and then they need to do a million other things

Lala

- Not defending this by the way
- Student pressure should be applied
- Should make it clear that 7 months for machinery is not okay

Proxy LaViolette

- I think the wisdom offered by employees
- Not sure if president actually uses facilities or not, or experiences it the same way the body does

Lala

- We’re not speaking about wisdom, we’re speaking to act on the things

Amin

- How can I help?
- What do you need from us?

Lala

- That's the resolution we want to work on
- Whether we have the convo now or that should be a more private process
- Feel like we’ve been up here crazy long
- Do you have any suggestions?

Khorsandi

- Our plan is to introduce resolution where we will summarize
- Where we will summarize all of this and request that they give report and have accountability
- Suuck, we’d love your input as a senator and employee

Lala

- Please reach out

Siddiqui

- Thank you

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
Khorsandi - Lankrani
Called to question: Kadah
Passed at 9:47PM.

L) Discussion Items
Motion to enter a closed session at 12:09AM with all senators, the executive director, all proxies, all minute takers.
Iden- Elkhatib
Call to question: Amin
Passed at 12:07AM.

M) Appointments
Siddiqui
- I have been Senate Liason for the Elections Board up to this point. However, I am submitting my resignation as Senate Liaison for Elections board due to legal requirements for the declaration of candidacy for spring election. They will need someone to replace me as Senate Liaison for the rest of the year. When I talked to the chair about who they wanted, they wanted someone that would show up. If you chose to take on this position, you cannot run for any elected position in the Spring.
- Raise your hand if you are interested, Senator Khorsandi, Senator Lankarani. If you are interested, contact me after the meeting and we can discuss the onboarding process for that.

Brinderson
- What time are their meetings?

Siddiqui
- They meet 5-7pm on Thursdays.
- Does anyone want to make a motion regarding appointments

Motion to add on the appointments to the agenda:
Trans & Queer Commission
Special Projects Coordinators (2): Summer Tucker
International Engagement Coordinator - Chuyuan Zhu
UndocuQT Advocacy Coordinator - Kaylin Gasca-Rivera
Emerging Leader Commissioners (2) - Maitri Allani and Anastasia Grizzell
QTBIPOC Engagement Coordinator - Layla Goodarzi
QT Disabilities Advocacy Coordinator - Neena Mordie Grewal

Martinez- Khorsandi
Call to question: Lankarani
Passed at 9:46PM

Motion to bundle all and approve all appointments and resignations.
Lankarani - Kadah
Call to question: Wahidullah
Passed at 9:47PM.

Outreach Committee
Resignation of Senator Dalia Gerson

Advocacy Committee
Dalia Gerson - Senator

Elections Board
Alexis Carlucci - General Member
Deepthy Mukkara - General Member
Resignation of Grace Viega as General Member

ASUCSB Senate
OlaBisi Ola-Olaitan as an On-Campus Senator
Nadine Malhis as an On-Campus Senator
Amna Chaudhry as an On-Campus Senator
Kamela Dali as an On-Campus Senator
Ashley Valenzuela Balderrama as an On-Campus Senator

Human Rights Board
Anne-Sophie Geldmeyer as the Students for Reproductive Justice (SRJ) Co-Director
Hero Freedom as the HRB Vice-Chair

Jenny Jiang as the HRB International Student Liasion

Transfer Student Alliance
Sadie Harrison for TSA Health and Wellness Director
Natalia Pascher for TSA Communication Director
Connor Baydo for TSA Events Coordinator
Leo Bulacso for TSA Co-Chair

CODE
Basic Needs Outreach Coordinator - Ellie Nordquist
Gender and Sexual Equity Outreach Coordinator - Thuy Tien "Max" Le

Elections Board
Resignation of Dan Siddiqui as Senate Liaison

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

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the senate meeting from 1/29/25 officially at 1:30am
Martinez - Suuck
Called to question: Wang
Passed at 7:01PM (02/05/25)