



# UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

**3.05.2025**

**Senate Agenda 03/05**

Associated Students

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*This meeting was called to order at 6:36P.M. in the A.S flying room by Internal Vice President Pinto.*

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

**CALL TO ORDER** by Açúcar Pinto, Internal Vice President **at 6:36PM**

## **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
Leiya Kadah	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Yasmine Suuck	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Liaison Committee Vice-Chair
Levi Corlew	👍 Excused ▾	Off-Campus Senator

Name	Attendance	Position
Leah Khorsandi	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
MingJun Zha	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	👍 Excused ▾	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 ▾ (zoom)	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator & Liaison Committee Chair
Aryaman Singh	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Engineering (CoE) Senator & Finance Committee External Chair
OlaBisi Ola-Olaitan	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ zoom	On-Campus Senator
Nadine Malhis	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Amna Chaudhry	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Kamela Dali	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Ashley Valenzuela Balderrama	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator

#### A-2) Excused Absences

***Motion to excuse Senator Wang for the duration of the meeting.***

***Martinez- Lankarani***

***Call to question - Suuck***

***Passed at 6:40PM.***

***Motion to excuse Senator Butler until 8:30PM.***

***Martinez - Lankarani***

***Call to question - Wahidullah***

***Passed at 6:41PM.***

***Motion to excuse Senator McClintock for the duration of the meeting.***

***Lankarani - Brinderson***

***Call to question - Kadah***

***Passed at 6:41PM.***

***Motion to excuse Senator Corlew until 8:00PM.***

***Lankarani - Kadah***

***Call to question - Malhis***

***Passed at 6:42PM.***

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

***Motion to add Sohan Sunderaja as a proxy for Senator Wang.***

***Siddiqui- Kadah***

***Call to question - Lankarani***

***Passed at 7:36PM.***

B) External Reports

B-1) Chancellor's Representative-

B-2) UCPD Representative-

B-3) GSA Representative-

B-4) University Center Governance Board Representative-

B-5) IVCSD Representative-

Santa Barbara County Supervisor Laura Capps spoke from  
(6:43PM)

- I'm your County Supervisor, and this is my colleague, Eleanor Gartner. I've been wanting to come speak with you, and I have to say, I'm really impressed by how efficiently you run your meetings. I'd like to give you a brief overview of what a County Supervisor does, as I don't expect everyone to be familiar with the role. Some of you may even consider running for office one day. Essentially, I function like your mayor, since you don't live in an incorporated city. Isla Vista operates like a city, but in reality, the county serves as your primary form of government. The county is responsible for maintaining roads, managing trash collection, and overseeing fire and sheriff services. If anything goes wrong, it's our job to step in and ensure public safety. There are five elected County Supervisors, and we oversee a staff of approximately 4,700 employees. The county has a budget of \$1.6 billion and we are the second-largest employer in the region, UCSB is first, and Cottage Hospital is the third. I have the best district by far, which includes Isla Vista, UCSB, and Santa Barbara City College. My district spans from Isla Vista to

Stearns Wharf. We spend so much time and energy here in Isla Vista because you all deserve so much more, and there are many things that need to be improved. Since I took office two years ago, we have been working hard to provide more services for students and tenants. Isla Vista is just as densely populated as San Francisco and has a high level of poverty. Many issues go unaddressed, and residents do not always receive the best services. In response to the severe lack of housing, the Board of Supervisors sued UCSB. The case was settled, and UCSB was required to pay the county \$3.7 million. Rather than deciding on our own how to allocate these funds, my office prioritized community input. As an elected official, my job is to listen. We consulted with your predecessors and determined that the funds had to be used for the health and safety of Isla Vista. At the top of the list was housing. We are implementing an innovative plan, allocating approximately \$600,000 to help improve housing conditions. I'm appalled by the living conditions many of you face, they are unacceptable. There is price gouging, slum lords, and some landlords neglect their responsibilities. It shouldn't be this way, and it doesn't have to be. My college experience was not like that. Eleanor will go into more detail, but a significant portion of the funds will be directed toward an inspection program, while additional funds will be used for road and park improvements. Over the next few years, you'll see noticeable enhancements in your community, all made possible by this settlement.

Eleanor Gartner

- Currently, the county has very few accessible building safety resources for everyone. However, there is an anonymous SurveyMonkey form that tenants can fill out if they experience hazardous living conditions, such as mold or a crumbling fence on the bluff side of DP. Right now, the county's process for addressing these issues is reactive. A tenant or neighbor must visit the county website and file a formal complaint to trigger an inspection. But that's still a pretty high barrier, especially for tenants who may not be familiar with the process. For many of you, this is your first time living outside of your family home or away from caretakers. We have spent a lot of time in Isla Vista, walking the streets and talking to tenants, and we recognize that the burden of reporting unsafe conditions shouldn't fall entirely on you. With this new program, our goal is to flip the script, to take some of the pressure and responsibility off of tenants. Instead of relying on complaints, we will proactively go door-to-door, inspecting properties to ensure they meet health and safety standards. The number one priority is improving the health and safety of all residents. At the same time, this initiative will increase accountability for landlords. We want to make a lot of noise about this program so that landlords know it's coming and start addressing neglected maintenance issues before inspections begin. This program is launching this summer, and once inspections take place, landlords will receive a checklist outlining what needs to be fixed. They will be required to make the necessary repairs, if they don't, there will be consequences such as fees and fines.

Laura Capps

- How many of you have had issues in your apartment that haven't been fixed? How many of you knew that you could report these issues? Most people don't, and that's exactly why so many problems go unaddressed. Instead as Eleanor explained we are going to them

Eleanor Gartner

- Our last goal is to allocate \$3.7 million toward legal aid support. In addition to ensuring that you all have safe places to live, we've heard from many tenants about threats from landlords, whether it's retaliation, withholding security deposits, or other unfair practices. That's why we're incorporating this additional layer of support, so tenants have legal resources if action needs to be taken. You experience these unsafe living conditions every single day. This program is designed to address those issues and ensure that tenants are protected.

Laura Capps

- Some of them are against the law, not just annoying and a bummer. That's why we are trying to empower you all and get the word out

Eleanor Gartner

- I'm sure you've heard about collective safety. The list of hazards many of you live with is long, black mold, exposed electrical wiring, lack of smoke detectors, and more. All of these issues will be included in a comprehensive checklist that county inspectors will use to identify and address safety violations. At a high level, our county's Planning and Development Department, one of 13 or 14 departments in the county, will oversee and implement the inspection program. Right now, over the next month and a half, they are drafting the official language that will be incorporated into the county's code to formalize this program. That language will then go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. By June, we will officially launch the ordinance and the inspection program. We are timing all of this so that inspections can begin this summer. Since most students won't be on campus or in Isla Vista during that time, inspections will start in mid-July and continue through late August. After inspections, it will be up to landlords and property owners to ensure all violations are addressed in time for students to move back in by the end of September.

Laura Capps

- We want you to make noise. You have a network, use it. Our goal is for landlords to feel the pressure and take action before inspections even begin. Ideally, they'll fix issues ahead of time rather than facing fines and going through the formal

process. We're here for you. We want to hear from you and understand what needs to be done. I'll talk to anyone, tenants, community members, because you have rights. Just because you're young or may not have a lot of money doesn't mean landlords can get away with neglecting their responsibilities. They need to fix these issues now, before they're forced to fix them and pay fines. That's exactly why we're doing this. We'll give you our contact information, and we encourage you to reach out. We work closely with the county, and people already send us photos of unsafe conditions. I've been posting on social media, making noise on your behalf, and I encourage you to do the same. The more awareness we create, the more effective this program will be.

Eleanor Gartner

- We welcome your feedback and thoughts! Before we wrap up, we have one final slide, save the date for another important safety resource. In advance of Deltopia, we are hosting our second annual Narcan distribution event. Some of you may have helped out last year, when about 50 volunteers went door-to-door in Isla Vista the Wednesday before Deltopia, distributing Narcan and testing strips. This year, we want to make an even bigger impact. Spread the word, we need more volunteers! Let's work together to keep our community safe.

Iden

- Thank you for coming. I really appreciate you advocating on our behalf. I do have some concerns. When I think about increasing the financial burden on landlords through fines and required repairs, I worry that those costs will just be passed down to tenants through rent increases. Given how high the demand is, landlords know they will always be able to find renters, no matter the price.
- How do you feel about implementing rent control? This area would really benefit from it, especially since demand isn't decreasing anytime soon. Would you consider pushing for policies that protect students from unfair rent hikes?

Laura Capps

- We just want landlords to fix things—if they make the necessary repairs, they won't have to pay any fines. You raise a good point, though. Unfortunately, rent control would be very difficult to pass within our county. Since Isla Vista is unincorporated and falls under county jurisdiction, any rent control measure would have to apply to the entire county. Given the more conservative areas within the county, it would be incredibly difficult to get the votes needed to pass it. Right now, our main focus is taking action, ensuring landlords are held accountable and making real improvements to living conditions.

Eleanor Gartner

- One more thing to consider, SLO tried implementing a similar program, and it didn't go well because landlords were required to pay for inspections of their own properties. However, because we have funding from the UCSB settlement, we are completely removing that financial burden from landlords. This means the cost of inspections won't be passed down to tenants through rent increases. In SLO, the cost of inspections was ultimately baked into tenant rent, but with our approach, we are negating that issue entirely. The goal is to hold landlords accountable without adding financial strain on students.

Singh

- Thank you for coming and your presentation. You brought up Deltopia as well, I wanted to ask about IV foot patrol. Why is the IV foot patrol blocking EVPLA from setting up a safety center in Del Playa drive?

Laura Capps

- I was not aware of that. I don't oversee IV foot patrol. If you want to make me aware of that. I am sorry to hear that. I am not their boss, I can't tell them they can't do that.

Singh

- There were a lot of concerns raised after last year's event. Even IV Foot Patrol acknowledged that the surge of medical emergencies was so overwhelming that deputies had to load unconscious individuals into the back of their patrol cars and personally transport them to the fire station or the hospital because there weren't enough ambulances available. That's really concerning to hear. Thankfully, UCIV has stepped up by providing medical tents, CPR-certified volunteers, and peer support. These students have been training throughout the year, and many students feel far more comfortable reaching out to a fellow student for help rather than calling law enforcement. In addition to offering medical assistance, UCIV also distributes protective materials to help keep students safe. Their presence is a crucial resource during events like these.

Laura Capps

- Please explain the EVPLA blockage and what they are not being allowed to do

Owen Meyers EVPLA

- I did reach out to Eleanor about this last month. You expressed there was pushback about foot patrol

Eleanor Gartner

- I know you had a meeting scheduled today or yesterday

Owen

- During that meeting, the lieutenant expressed opposition to safety stations being placed in key areas. Instead, they established a zoning structure designating areas as Yellow Zone, Red Zone, and Blue Zone, and explicitly stated they did not want any safety stations on Del Playa, Sabado, or Trigo. They classified those streets as

a Yellow Zone and wanted all safety stations to be located near the Community Center and the park. Even when it came to the sobriety center project, there was pushback. Despite efforts to create a designated safe space, there were obstacles at every turn. I also want to highlight that UCIV has been heavily involved in these discussions. We've been working closely with Maya and Jonathan on their EMT team, ensuring that EMTs are properly stationed and ready to respond when needed. During that meeting, I was told that law enforcement had specific reasons for not wanting safety stations on Del Playa. However, I have minutes from previous meetings last year stating that the only reason was because of the decision to shut down the park. This leads me to believe that law enforcement never actually wanted UCIV on Del Playa, something that was disallowed before and is happening again. Frankly, it's egregious. They are depriving resources from those areas.

Laura Capps

- We'll talk to them about it. It's all hands on deck when it comes to deltopia. Thanks for flagging it

Eleanor Gartner

- Helpful to know

Laura Capps

- The county puts so many resources towards deltopia. Seems like something we can hopefully work through

Lala

- Thank you for being here. A while ago, we discussed the idea of a Rate My Landlord project, and I wanted to follow up on that. There's been some progress on it within Associated Students, we've finally allocated funding for it, and it's now called the Civil Society Project. There are multiple initiatives happening around campus to help set up a website for this. Do you have any existing database or infrastructure that we could tap into to help build this platform and make it accessible to everyone in Isla Vista? Also, I know you worked closely with the 74th Senate on bluff safety, but I haven't heard any updates from the county level. Could you provide any insight into what's happening with that?

Laura Capps

- I love that idea! We'll see what we can do. With this inspection program, we might be able to gather even more information that could support a Rate My Landlord initiative. I'm not sure about the legal aspects, but I'm fully on board with the idea. As for bluff safety, it remains a top priority. We've made significant progress, including, raising fence heights along the bluffs, adding more lighting in critical areas, and ensuring balconies are inspected twice a year. However, landlords haven't been cooperating as much as we need them to. From the county's side, we've done our part, raising fence heights, implementing certain educational initiatives, and working with media outlets to spread awareness. But it's clear that we're not reaching students effectively. That's where I need your help. This could be a great opportunity to collaborate, perhaps through Gaucho FYI or other student-focused platforms. We recently created a video with the mother of a



student who lost his life this past fall, and we're eager to get the message out in ways that actually reach you. I know how to reach 55-year-olds in Santa Barbara, but reaching students is a different challenge. We're open to any ideas and potentially have some resources to support them. Let's work together to make sure this information gets to the people who need it most.

Khorsandi

- On that note, there were talks about adding bathrooms on DP.

Laura Capps

- Yes, that's happening. With the funding we received, we're working on installing a permanent public bathroom. It's a slow process, and it's costing around \$1 million, so it will take at least a year before it's completed. In the meantime, my office is funding four porta-potties. It's not a perfect solution, but it's better than nothing, and we're doing whatever we can to provide essential resources. I don't know if this alone will save lives, but we have to try. If anyone has an idea, big or small, I don't care if it's a silver bullet or not. We need to do whatever we can to make sure people don't lose their lives. If you have an idea, bring it forward. We'll do our best to pursue it and make it happen.

Malhis

- I don't know if you mentioned this but how often are the inspections going to be?

Laura Capps

- Once this summer, there's 900 units

Brinderson

- Wondering more about the whole program process itself. Will go out of county supervisors jurisdiction and into planning and development. Do they have open meetings or is it a private thing? Is there any way to get public input at those meetings

Laura Capps

- Yes, Through our office, would be happy to let you know when it comes to the board . Basically just building inspectors being told where to go and when

Owen Myers

- Sorry to turn back to this issue, but I wanted to bring up a chain of communication between you, me, and Eleanor from February 13. You previously said that you weren't aware of the case before. Can I ask what Foot Patrol specifically said about it?

Eleanor Gartner

- Te Slaa and I had some conversations about it. They shared concerns from prior incidents, specifically about how students weren't equipped with the necessary resources to handle these situations. A major issue in the past was the delay in transporting students who needed medical care, moving them from a UCIV tent to the official triage tent that Foot Patrol had set up. That seems to be the general

concern coming from Foot Patrol. Like Laura said, we need all hands on deck to address this. If there's anything we can do to help push things forward on both fronts, let us know. We're ready to support in any way we can.

Laura Capps

- I have to go but I would be happy to take this offline

Owen Myers

- I'd love to talk to you more about this. Seems there are more concerns

Laura Capps

- I appreciate you wanting to help

IVTU Chair

- We receive a lot of intake forms and often see cases where people are living in garages or other unsafe spaces. It also raises concerns about how landlords offload rent increases onto tenants in various ways. Is there anything being put in place to protect these tenants, especially in cases where landlords refuse to make repairs and deliberately wait until a tenant moves out before addressing issues?

Laura Capps

- We're aware that this could result in some people losing their housing, and we hope that doesn't happen, but we do have a system in place to address the situation if it arises. This is exactly why we've scheduled inspections for the summer, to minimize disruption and give landlords time to make necessary repairs before students return. The last thing we want is to displace anyone. Additionally, UCSB is committed to helping students find housing if they are impacted. We're working closely with them to ensure that support systems are in place for anyone in need.

Pinto

- I wanted to put something on your radar, our cliffs will never be truly safe until habitat restoration is prioritized. East Beach habitat restoration is a great step, but I'd like to see it expanded further. The reality is that our cliffs will continue to erode and pose risks unless we take meaningful action to restore the land and stabilize the area. I'd love to see more efforts. Our cliffs won't be safe until we take action to restore the land.

Khorsandi

- We are planning on getting the planning process started. Go door to door and make noise, tell tenants about these resources. I'll love for anyone to join.

***Butler comes in at 7:12PM.***

Suuck

- Maybe when you do that, you should let people know if they live in garages what could possibly happen. Something IVTU should think about as well

***Motion to adopt the proposed agenda timeline as written.***

***Zha - Lankarani***

***Call to question - Wahidullah***

***Passed at 7:12PM.***

Zha

- We have a very packed agenda tonight
- When it comes to BCU reports, I ask you to wait to ask questions
- Time is running short

***Motion to add SCORE to unit reports.***

***Ganesh - Suuck***

***Call to quesiton - Kadah***

***Passed at 7:13PM.***

Ganesh

- Can IVTU go first they have a meeting at 7PM

C) New Business

***Motion to add A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Constitution under new business.***

***Khorsandi - Amin***

***Call to question - Gerson***

***Passed at 8:49PM.***

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

Khorsandi: I am bringing this back. If you have anything else to say let me know.

Butler: Does anyone have anything to say? Any motions?

***Motion to vote on A Resolution To Update Article X of the Associated Students' Cons...***

***Amin - Brinderson***

***Call to question: Lankarani***

***Yes: 14***

***No: 2***

***Abstain: 6***

***Motion Passes***

***A Resolution to Include a Lock-in Fee for the AS Strategic Operations Office On Ball...***

Zha - Siddiqui - Singh

7:21PM Abbey Coleman

- I'm Chief Operations Officer, been with this office for two years

- Last year, we tried to do Grammarly for Education Initiative
- Which would instill a lock-in fee for all students to have Grammarly for 4 dollars per year
- Had that, but language of resolution was a bit iffy
- Because we would be contracting directly with Grammarly and with the extended amount of time, there is always the worry that Grammarly could go potentially bankrupt if that was to happen
- To remediate those issues, would be lock-in fee for SOO to contract with Grammarly
- Wanted to talk a bit about what Grammarly for Education is, why it's important
- As I mentioned before, the iPads for equity program, we were really proud of, and we really wanted to bring more equity on campus
- Grammarly does just that by making it accessible
- By making grammar in writing English more accessible to CLAS people, English language learners and me, even people that didn't have that same high school education coming into college
- It's really, really valuable for equity among students to receive the same education here at UCSB.
- Right now Grammarly premium costs \$144 dollars annually
- For the Grammarly premium service
- The data we have is from Grammarly themselves
- 595 students and faculty members are signed up for it as of 2024
- They pay about 150 for this service
- With this grammarly for education initiative, the lock in fee
- We'd have a 91% decrease in that cost, to 4 dollars
- That is a big decrease and makes it more equitable for all students
- Grammarly premium is ridiculously expensive
- We've done a lot of different data collecting
- Wanted to talk to CLAS, which we did
- CLAS tutors aren't allowed to correct grammar, which is weird
- This would alleviate all of that
- CLAS can only look at structural issues in students' writing workshops
- Create a more equitable society and community within UCSB
- Also have some quotes from different individuals that have responded to our survey about this
- They basically said things like it helps me fix my tones, am a Global Studies major, lot of my work involves writing
- Can share later
- Really are just saying it helps, encompassing to all majors
- It is encompassing to all majors
- Grammarly for Education is a thing that all students have at
- Over 3000 universities including UCSF
- Which is a UC institution
- There's a lot of widespread knowledge and adoption of it
- In nation and in CA, Pepperdine, Chapman, Ohio State, Boulder

- UCSB would really benefit from Grammarly premium
- For all students and student body to understand and gain more equity for all students

Zha

- If your native language isn't English, please raise your hand
- 13% undergraduate are international students
- What's supposed to bring here, a different culture, different experience, and mingle
- Building community, create true free market of speech
- Unfortunately it's far from reality
- I myself am international, taught myself a lot
- Language has been a barrier to community
- I remember I was having a conversation with Senator Butler yesterday at budget hearing
- Was telling that I realized the color of her hair, but I don't know what that color is called in English
- She's very kind and usually helps me find the words
- But other times, especially speaking in discussions and class,
- The sheer embarrassment of 'I don't know what to say' is enough to convince us to not speak out
- It's no good for international students, and no good for domestic students
- We're supposed to learn and improve from each other
- Solution: Grammarly Premium Subscription
- Strategic operation office lock in fee
- Won't write your essay for you
- But it will help you with grammar and spelling
- Which have personally been my two biggest challenges in writing essays
- I have a lot of ideas, presenting it properly on paper is challenging
- I want to speak more about the reason it was shut down last year
- I tried to pose a lock in fee for grammarly directly on ballot language
- It said each UCSB student pays 4 dollars a quarter for Grammarly Education
- The senate, since Grammarly is an outside company, which now directly mentions them in the lock in fee language
- It's a new language create a lock in fee for Strategic Operations Office
- Once they have that money, they'll do whatever they feel is best for UCSB students

Siddiqui

- Grateful to be added on, Senator Zha did most of it

Singh

- Thank you Zha for adding me to resolution, it'll be beneficial to students

Khorsandi

- Thank you this is a great idea
- Clarify if it is 4 dollars per student per year or quarter
- Or per quarter
- On resolution it says per quarter

Abbey Coleman

- Yes, four dollars per quarter

Khorsandi

- Have you received usage rate from UCSB students?
- About UCSB students who have actually used Grammarly plus in the past?

Abbey Coleman

- Data we do have from them is 595 students and faculty
- That have registered with a UCSB email or that attend UCSB
- That data is skewed, you could just be using your personal email
- You could just be using your personal email

Zha

- I myself, I've been having that \$144 dollars since my junior year
- It's a big help for international student

Abbey Coleman

- Does anyone use the Grammarly free version right now?
- I do, and it's really helpful even as a native english speaker
- I mess up quite often and it is a life saver
- Definitely shows that a bunch of ppl use grammarly

Khorsandi

- If you could just get data on how many students use the free grammarly
- How many students this could be beneficial to
- Another one is how do we know this will actually be implemented
- And something similar to Linked In learning won't happen?
- Let's say there's issues implementing Grammarly plus,
- What happens to that lock in fee

Zha

- I liked Linked In learning, it felt like another Canvas, already have a Canvas from that learning website
- It applied to your browser
- It will pop up almost constantly to remind you that it exists
- That you messed up and need to be corrected
- I'm happy to get back to you with the research
- Really easy to use, hard to not use

Abbey Coleman

- I think I understand your question
- Making sure our office wouldn't pay for Linked In?

Khorsandi

- I'm just wondering incase anything happens with the contract, what happens to the lock in fee
- What will happen to lock in fee

Zha

- At the end of the ballot language it has a clause that everything not used by SOO goes back to Senate for general assignment
- The worse case scenario let's say a tsunami hits us
- That money will still be there
- Still be for the benefit of students to be used by AS
- If anything goes wrong, the money will still be there
- If anything goes wrong, it will be free money for the association to use

Suuck

- If you havent reached a full contract, how do you know it will be 4 dollars?

Abbey Coleman

- They told us that
- Because they have that number per student,
- 'If the university is for more than 2k it will be this amount'
- 'More than 15k, this amount'
- It's a standardization
- It's 91% off

Suuck

- How far along would you be in a contract with them right now?

Abbey Coleman

- Cause we haven't, it was denied last year, the lock in fee on the ballot
- We are just restarting this contract
- We are extremely far in the process last year until end of May, but we are restraining
- Until about end of May
- Just starting again

Zha

- Also involving last year's process
- Grammarly has been extremely helpful
- If we can secure the funding I have no doubt that they'll be willing to do so

Malhis

- Thank you for coming up and presenting
- You guys claim that Grammarly would create equity for English language learners, CLAS students and students in general, to access the English language better
- However, pushing more students to use Grammarly, which is a large corporation that charges a large sum of money
- I believe that relying on a program that, instead of educating students on the English language, it just fixes their mistakes and provides an easy solution for them.
- Yes, it decreases time spent on writing, emails, letters and assignments
- However we are college students, we should be able to correct our grammar mistakes alone
- SOO mentioned that CLAS can help with structural stuff
- Isn't this an issue that will only get worse by relying on Grammarly
- I understand yes, it would't write your assignment
- It would create an increased reliance on some sort of program
- On the long run it would not benefit us and CLAS students, compared to referencing direct sources like Purdue owl
- Is there actual proof that Grammarly helps English learners comprehension?

Zha

- Should international students rely on Grammarly rather than doing it themselves?
- My answer to that is both
- As students, we have to learn ourselves, no doubt about it
- There's a whole campus about education
- At the same time, you can't really learn until you know where you need to go
- I won't speak for everyone, but for myself, I will take a look at what's bad
- I'll try to figure out where I'm wrong and how I can improve better
- The point of bringing it to the student body is that they'll have final say
- The only way the lock in is going to pass is if 2/3 of student body agrees
- We may have different opinions
- But by allowing this on the ballot, students will be allowed to decide
- Second question, you mentioned the price of the subscription which is really high
- The price is super high, I've paid it for 5 years now
- I have much better use of this money
- That's exactly why I spite having to deal with the lock in fee
- Imagine the life for students who can't pay it
- 4 dollars instead of 144
- Still money you have to pay
- Way less than the original have to pay
- You mentioned if there are studies done on Grammarly improving students' comprehension skills and writing abilities
- I'm glad you asked this question because as members of this association



- It's our job to do our onus for our students' academic and personal life
- I'd be happy to do some more research
- But off the top of my head, my answer is probably no

Abbey Coleman

- The data is within the 3k universities that use it currently
- I'd argue that they are not learning English less if that makes sense
- That is the data we have right now
- Zha was saying we don't have that current data to know exactly but he did say that we have an obligation and duty to serve the people of UCSB
- I think that this is beneficial

Amin

- I want to draw attention to senators that if we approve every single thing that is on the floor today we are adding 250 hundred dollars in lock in fees, which goes against every single thing we ran for on our platform

Zha

- Grammarly is a service, not an experience for the SOO
- It provides service, it is for benefit of students and not AS
- Has to be adopted by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority, huge threshold
- One more thing i'll add is that
- Of course, we are the most expensive AS in america
- Doesn't mean we shouldn't spend on beneficial services
- The funding provides extra services
- Our opinions may differ but I'm pleading with you, it's to have more students get a chance

***Motion to pass A Resolution to Include a Lock-in Fee for the Grammarly For Education Subscription On Ballot.***

***Ganesh- Wahidullah***

***Call to question - Chaudhry***

***Hand Vote***

***Yes: 14***

***No: 7***

***Abstentions: 2***

***Passed at 7:47PM.***

 A Resolution to Introduce a Referenda Section for the Spring General Election

Iden - Lala

Iden

- Can I invite the student sponsor up?

Butler

- Yes

Student Sponsor

- Thank you Chair
- Senator Iden and I heard, and have taken into consideration all of your concerns with the last referendum that we try to introduce.
- So we have written an entire referenda section that we hope will be included on the spring ballot next quarter that has questions to poll students on a variety of topics.
- Most, if not all, of these would have less of a significant financial impact than a bowling alley, which was obviously a contentious point
- And these are all pretty clearly in the language that these is for polling students
- To ease concerns about students expecting something from AS as a result of these passing
- They make it very clear that no funds will be allocated as a result of voting yes or no upon these referendums.
- And again, senator Iden, senator Lala, and I think it is important to understand the needs and wants of AS's constituent
- So referenda is one of the easiest and most effective ways at doing this, because you're directly polling the student body.
- So that being said, I strongly encourage you guys to add and amend any question that you think would be valuable to ask to the students to this resolution, and I sincerely hope you guys pass this bill in the spirit of increased democratic participation

Singh

- I really love this
- Only question is that for the open response section, will those be made public or where does it go?

Butler

- Before we move to questions
- I want to give both the authors a chance to speak

Iden

- I personally have nothing left to add

Lala

- There's two huge benefits to this piece of legislation
- One, it is the most direct ways to engaging with the students and getting a much higher participation
- Here it's the one thing that makes California special, for example, is that we have so many referenda each election cycle, and we get to decide much more directly than in other states.
- And the second one that it does not share with the last one was that that was a concrete proposal, which people had reasonable disagreements on.

- And this one is a much more open process.
- So whatever initiatives people want to bring on, we can discuss them and we can add them and refine them together.

Zha

- Thank you for coming
- After the data is collected, who will be having access to that data?
- Do you plan to do any kind of analysis?

Student Sponsor

- I'm not sure who would have access to data
- The hope would be that it will be published for the entire student body because it is a poll for the entire student body
- And we do hope to have some sort of analysis
- To rank priorities

Iden

- Respond to Senator Singh's question
- I have not thought about whether the open response section will be made public
- I believe that would be a good question for Caleb
- We could also add an amendment or just pass
- It's up to everyone if they care if the responses are public
- It's all private regardless

Zha

- I do believe those final details can be wired out later among the house and the election board
- Since the final ballot has to be send to senate for approval

***Motion to vote on A Resolution to Introduce a Referenda Section for the Spring General Election by hand vote.***

***Zha - Brinderson***

***Call to question: Kadah***

***Hand Vote:***

***Yes - 20***

***No - 0***

***Abstain - 1***

***Passed at 10:29PM.***

 **Active Allocation Act**

Iden - Ganesh

Ganesh

- This is just an attempt to make sure that a lot of the association's money is not getting easted sitting in rollovers of BCUs
- We will not touch BCU's rollover without their permission

- It's just that everytime they are up for affirmation of their lock-in fee, we will look at their rollover and allocate it as we feel fit
- It is for the financial health of the association
- With the current inflation going on, a lot of money in our association is getting wasted.

Iden

- There is a lot of discussions leading up to this amendment
- It has been a really long process
- Our number one numbers guy, Michael, he has been great
- It's an extremely difficult issue, handling rollover, and I've changed my mind on this numerous times, and each time we've had these discussions, the idea behind the legislation has gotten refined
- This legislation is currently where my thoughts are at,
- We just need to find a balance between the needs of BCUs, the legislature, and the student body.
- So a lock-in fee contract is a promise between the student body and the associative students.
- The student body is paying for a service that they hope to receive that year.
- These reaffirmations, these lock-in fees, are two year contracts, and if money is left over, it should either (A) be given back to the student body, or (B) reinvested in entities that are providing services to the student body.
- So when our association approves these excessive amounts of carry forward, it raises equity concerns between services offered between past, present, and future students
- Every student should ideally receive the same level of return on their investment. When we fail to spend our fellow students' money, we're just eroding their trust
- So what this proposed amendment does is, it's a constitutionally consistent amendment, and it guarantees a protection for lock-in fee funded accounts and allows an adequate redistribution of resources when carry forward issues arise.
- So this amendment makes it so that carry forward can only be reallocated from a lock in fee fund account the spring quarter of their reaffirmation.
- So this guarantees BCUs two years to spend the entirety of their budgets for those two years. So if they have rollover, they have that timeline.
- This is basically a check on the Senate. I want to make this as fair as possible between these three entities: legislators, student body, and BCUs.
- We can only withdraw carry forward during a reaffirmation year.
- So I find this to be an equitable solution, balancing all three needs.
- Furthermore, the redistribution is more flexible. It allows resources from lock-in fee accounts to be funded towards non locking fee BCUs and RCOs.
- So we're one step closer to addressing the disparity between lock-fee funded orgs and non lock-fee funded orgs who continually have to come with us for budget requests.
- So in terms of this legislation, I'm really looking forward to everyone's feedback.
- I believe I've come to an understanding with election board chair Caleb and Sean about the passing

- Ideally I wouldn't want to have this finalized until week two of spring quarter. I really want to allow these five weeks to talk to BCUs and get every relevant stakeholders' opinion on this, so we can finalize this piece
- We're passing a rough draft to send to UCOP to make sure that this is legal and that we can actually do this.
- But thank you for listening to my whole spiel. Appreciate everyone.

Zha

- This legislation is very well written
- Applaud to the authors
- Speaking as someone who has been in senate for 3 years
- Lock-in rollover has been a problem ever single year
- Millions of dollars are sitting in accounts getting eaten away by inflation
- And we can do nothing about it
- Lock-in is a contract among students on where the money are going
- I believe this will bring us to the right direction
- Where every single students who pay AS \$800 can expect that \$800 will be spent this year, not the next year, not the year after that
- I am going to be graduating in the spring
- If there is amazing project, i won't be there
- This is a really good legislation

Brinderson

- I see a lot of whereas clauses but what does this actually do

Iden

- That is a totally fair question.
- I think I should have specified that a little bit more
- So in terms of constitutional amendments, we want these to be as brief and as concise as possible.
- Originally I had this as a process outlining how much rollover we can take, what percent, what process we're going to do.
- So that's like all bylaws.
- So all this is stating for us to do is un-spent lock-in fees.
- I want everyone to begin using "carrying forward", that is something that me and the attorney general agreed upon, because it's more financially defined
- So no spent on capital projects, only existing student services, and then it says only during the spring quarter reaffirmations.
- So I only want rollover to be spent on existing services.
- I don't want them in capital projects.
- I don't want it to go towards new services, that's what pilot programs are for.
- So we have a small pilot program, and then we could fund them through that.
- If anyone has more questions for clarifications, please let me know

Khorsandi

- I have a calrificaion question
- When it says at the discretion of the senate, can you expand on that
- Does the BCU have a say in where the carry forward is going to be spent?
- What exactly do you mean by at the discretion of the senate?

Iden

- So the Senate is the lead financial body of the association.
- All that is saying is that the Senate has the ability to take these roll over funds.
- It doesn't state that they will, and it doesn't outline the way in which they will.
- So the way in which they will is going to come once this passes, and that will go through the same rigorous drafting and deliberations that this will go through, and that's when we'll outline the process of BCUs are entitled to a hearing for X amount of time, and this consideration needs to be brought into this consideration, and we can only take X percent of the rollover
- But that whole process will be outlined underneath at the discretion of the Senate in the bylaws.

Singh

- Thank you Senator Iden and Zha for making this
- My only question is:
- Let's say some lock in fees are put into shared governance account with the finance committee
- Will those funds be allowed to be used for pilot programs? If it's in a shared government account?
- Or is it going to be a standard thing where it has to be a capital thing or planning system services?

Iden

- The services in which the rollover can be used is only going to be spent on those services if it's taken from the Senate
- I think that could be clarified better in this wording.
- Again, this will be a long process of finalizing this wording and getting it precise, but that's a good point.
- So if we don't touch it, ideally, spend it however you'd like.
- The rollover you keep you can spend it towards your mission.
- But if it's taken, it can only be spent in these ways
- All will be elaborated on in the bylaws.

Zha

- Question to chair
- Invite chair of elections board to podium to ask the process of the amendment

Pinto

- Chair Hansen, we invite you to the podium to explain the election board would carry that forward

Zha

- Would they be able to allow the language once it has been submitted?
- What is the approval process?

Hansen

- You guys do get the final say for approving the ballot
- Essentially it just depends after UCOP approval, how far from the original intent you change it
- If you get approval, UCOP typically will give you comment on things they don't like and tell you the reason why the thing can't happen

- They'll give you guidelines for if things work, why it works, why it doesn't work.
- The big thing is just, if you wait until week one of spring quarter to send it, after senate meeting to approve it then, then you run into the issues of that's two business days before the supplement post for the spring general election
- That's where the big timeline is
- Usually we pass stuff in spring quarter and just force UCOP to work a little faster
- But we are working on the extended election timeline to accommodate for passover this election season
- So it's a truncated time to work with UCOP

Iden

- Would you recommend sending a rough draft to UCOP
- And once we get the clarifications on whether or not this is legal and approval,
- We get a better undersrning of what we can do
- We can then edit the ballot to correct our lanaguege and pass what we believe is ideal

Hansen

- Yes
- I dont know how UCOP will feel about it
- But that in my eyes
- In the executive director's eyes
- That would work

Iden

- If there is nothing else, please give me feedback.
- I send out an email today, I will probably bug every BCUs again
- There's an open google form for any feedback on this legislation
- I'd love to hear some feedback from absolutely anyone
- I will be posting out a calendar timeline soon
- For the coming weeks, I will leave my inbox open
- Attorney general will make himself available
- Senator Ganesh will also be open to that
- As much feedback as possible to make this a collaborative discussion

Zha

- Since no more discussion
- I move to vote on the active allocation act by handvote

Pinto

- This is a bill
- It needs to be tabled

Iden

- It is a legislation

Zha

- Within those specific categories, passing resolution to put something on the agenda
- Pass resolution to put something on agenda

Iden

- Just to clarify

- Us passing this does not entail that this is the version that will go on the ballot
- It is not anyone's intention to have this done so we don't have feedback currently
- This is a rough draft
- If we run into problem with UCOP and we are not able to edit this, we will retract this from the ballot
- You have my word on this
- I hope all other senators would respect that as well

*Motion to pass Active Allocation Act via handvote.*

*Zha - Brinderson*

*Called to question: Kadah*

*Passed*

*Hand vote:*

*Yes - 24*

*No - 0*

*Abstain - 0*

*Passed at 9:35PM.*

*Motion to reconsider the active of allocation act*

*Zha- Suuck*

*Call to question: Iden*

*Passes*

*Motion to open the act of allocation act*

*Iden - Ganesh*

*Call to question: Kadah*

*Passes*

*Motion to amend the act of allocation act following section four*

*Iden -*

*Objection*

*Motion to close he act of allocation act following section four*

*Zha- Dali*

*Call to question: Brinderson*

*Passes*

 A Resolution to Propose a KCSB Lock-in Increase Updating KCSB's Financial Status...

Lankarani - Kadah - Martinez

Lankarani



- Defer to student sponsors on this bill

Naila Irfan (General Manager)

- I'm going to keep this as brief as possible.
- What is being passed out right now is a great handout.
- It has KCSB's mission statements, abbreviated history and then some quick reports on some of the things that we do on an annual basis.
- Feel free to take a look at this throughout the presentation.
- But really quickly, I want to go through our resolution and some points I would like to make. KCSB was founded in 1961-62 by student Bill Harrison and his friends in the creative media space for students learning radio broadcasting and continues today as a college and community radio station serving the broadcasting area spanning all the way up and down the central coast.
- We are housed at the storke communications building.
- This isn't a Associated Students owned and operated building. It is an open building.
- The campus does not pay for any of the maintenance or upkeep that come out of UCSB and associated students' money
- And with the recent exposure over the last 56 years, and especially the last couple years of the excessive rain, we've been having a lot of leaking problems.
- I know that I came a few weeks ago to present on resealing the upper deck. So I won't get into the details of that right now.
- However, the basic point is that KCSB has been spending in the deficit.
- We have no rollover.
- We are spending about \$90,000 in deficit right now to cover the basic cost of our operations.
- With our lock-in fee, as it currently stands, it gives us about \$210,000 per year. That is not enough to cover our basic operating costs.
- What we need is closer to like \$313,000 as it stands, that \$91,000 deficit is the money that is supposed to be reserved to be towards fixing the tower and repairs and waterproofing our spaces.
- We are requesting this money in the form of a lock-in increase because that will enable us to free up the mechanism of our satellite money to be used for its intended purposes.
- KCSB has not had a lock-in increase in 2006 since the initial student initiative.
- We are only asking for what we need to cover our basic operations. Those basic operations are most of what we do quarterly, annually, as stated in the packet that has been given to you guys.
- But our basic operations include providing FM programming chaining to students, hosting DIY events, shows that are free to the campus, journalism workshops, sports reporting, news reporting, speaker events, keynote addresses, amongst other things.
- So our mission as KCSB is really to provide for the student body, and we cannot do that right now, because our lock-in does not meet our basic core operations cost. We're only asking for what we need. We're not asking for this lightly.

- So when it comes to minimum expenditures, this is what is necessary for the development of KCSB, as well as supporting its rich history, which is delineated in that document, I believe it's vital to implement this incremental increase to grow our artistic development and leadership amongst our like media organizations, especially now.
- KCSB is the only radio station on campus, and it provides a plethora of opportunities to at least 200 volunteer students per quarter, that is not including all the students that come out to our events or listen to us on the air or come out to orientations.
- This enables artists, media development coordinators, musicians, leaders, and communication professionals to gain experience.
- We've had a lot of KCSB's alumni go on to work in the sports sector, New York Times, or to run news departments at area radio stations right out of college. So it is very vital experience and learnship opportunity for students.
- I understand that some of the senators have concerns with taking more money from students. I completely hear you. I believe that with each of our impact and our numerous avenues and points of entrance that students get to get involved.
- I believe it really should be down to the student to decide whether or not they'd like to increase the fee.
- So I respectfully and kindly ask that the 75th Senate motions for this one for the spring election.

Zha

- Thank you for speaking with us tonight
- I am of the philosophy that our AS entity's primary purpose should provide service to all students rather than opportunity for their own members.
- For students who are noted involved with KCSB directly
- What benefit can I receive from paying the lock-in fee?
- What is your average listening number?

Irfan

- KCSB does have paid students staff
- Our whole point as an organization is to work for the student body.
- The broadcast is for the entire student body, we have speaker events, informational events, open discussions, where students are invited to come out to
- We did a fall in Gaza event where we opened up a community discussion based on what was happening in the time, Margaret Calhoun and the former director of the MCC said that this was a very amazing event that they were very happy that we curated forward to campus
- We were the only campus that did something like that at the time
- Beyond that, our current student staff members are not the only ones that are receiving benefits from this.
- Each quarter, we open up opportunities to be news reporters, journalists with no prior experience, sports reporters with no prior experience. They can come to the music Review Committee, which is once a week, without signing up for anything. You can just walk in and you can learned about music journalism and what it means to be a non commercial independent media organization.

- You can also just walk into KCSB at any point of the day. We have people there 9-5, five days a week that can answer questions and give you ways to get involved.
- We have internship opportunities available on a quarterly basis in the music department that are not paid that shift quarterly.
- We also have internship opportunities available in the news department and in our sports department.
- And these are just some of the ways that people can get involved, but there are plenty of avenues beyond just being a paid student staff member, where KCSB has We do a lot of reporting. We do our best as a news department. Joyce is here every week at the Senate meetings, providing Senate reports for the larger student body so that they know what is happening here, trying to keep people informed on a lot of the things that are going on.
- I did send, if you don't mind, a slide deck to Holly and Dan Siddiqui. It has some visuals for the turnout for events and some of the things that we've been doing, if you don't mind
- I can touch on Spotify and Youtube in a minute as well.

***Chairship yielded to Senator Butler for the duration of the meeting at 10:38PM.***

Gerson

- Did you have rollover fee from last year?

Irfan

- No
- KCSB does not have a rollover
- The reason we are spending a deficit is not necessarily that we are over spending money or anything.
- It's because we haven't had an increase in 2006, the cost of minimum wage has gone up like 36% since 2012
- So we're, like, spending two thirds of our operating budget on payroll

Gerson

- Have you gone to F&B to request money?
- And were you approved or denied?

Irfan

- We have not gone to F&B
- It is because we are trying to get an operating budget that meets your expenditures
- We don't need to request money from them because we are pulling our own backfill money
- And we cannot request 90k from F&B every year

KCSB Advisory Staff

- We have asked for additional funding from the senate through budget process
- We have requested additional money through budget
- For 2018, 2019, and 2020
- Two years in a row we got additional money
- After that, Senate stopped approving additional funds in the budget

- We went into covid when we had rollover
- That we spend down
- We had been deficit spending for a while because of the increase in hourly wages
- When I started as the advisor, the hourly wage was \$12
- Now it is \$16.5
- You multiply 18 positions, which is what we had before
- Now we have 14 positions
- That is an increase in our overall budget without our lock-in fee increase to match it
- As we went in those years in a deficit, we did ask for additional funding, and we got it
- And then there was more demand on the money over time

Singh

- We don't cover operating cost for KCSB or any BCU
- We only fund events
- We don't have fund that will be for operating fee

Gerson

- Senate unallocated?

Singh

- The only thing is that unallocated is only about 100k and we cannot spend 90k on KCSN alone

***Motion to extend the discussion time until 10:55PM***

***Zha -Amin***

***Call to question: Iden***

***Objection - Lankarani***

- We have so much to get through
- We don't have time to extend the speaker's time by this much
- I don't want to spend more time on this than we need to

***Called to question rescinded.***

Zha

- I understand your concern
- I don't want to extend more than I have to either
- With that being said, KCSB has prepared extensively about their request for lock-in fee increase
- They should get ample opportunity to explain themselves
- There's no reason we can't extend by some time

Amin

- By the time we finish talking about this, they could've been done with their speech
- They have been here all day

***Call to question: Iden***

***Passed at 10:44PM.***

Gerson

- I know Aryman has said that they only have 100k a year and you are requesting 90k
- I understand there are not many other options
- But would you consider other source of funding before you request an increase in lock-in fee?

Irfan

- I will say no to that
- KCSB has not asked for a lock-in increase for 20 years. The only reason we're asking for it is because we cannot meet our operations.
- I'm just trying to get us to a place, assuming the student body votes for it, where we can do our basic operations without pulling from accounts where the money, like the cell site money, is specifically delineated for building upkeep, repair, and maintenance
- That is an Associated Students building, we have to take care of that building.
- I don't want it to get to the point where it crumbles so much that the university has to step in, and we can potentially lose that space.
- So I think that independent media, student media, and the stoke communications building as a hub of student speech and media and freedom of press, I think that the student body should be given the opportunity to vote on increasing this legislation

Idea

- If assuming you don't have enough funding to upkeep the building, so we have the potential to lose the building?
- Also, how much of the cost is split between yourselves and Daily Nexus?

Irfan

- For the building cost, we split everything 50-50 for the most part
- For our cell site money, is not that we don't have money in there
- Is that it only gets replenished in about 70k per year
- So if we keep spending 90k in deficit from that
- We will eventually spend that down and we won't be able to use it for what it is
- It is getting replenished but not at the rate we are spending it down right now
- Because we are pulling from it to cover operational costs

Singh

- Senator Gerson
- Even if they come to F&B
- We will not be able to fund them
- The two main things are either RCOs and BCUs
- Can only get money if it is coming from a shared governance account with another BCUs
- Operational cost for BCUs does not fit in those missions
- The only one that is left is senate unallocated which does not have enough money

Amin

- They don't need to come to you for operational cost, but for events
- If you want to transform your budget, you can go to F&B for events funding
- And you guys fund for behind the scenes cost

- Also, have you guys looked at any other sources of funding?
- I believe that come to students for money should be the last way we look for funding
- I want to make sure we are exploring other funding resources first
- Question is have you looked at sponsorship, fundraiser, donation?
- There are other ways to get money

Irfan

- We do do annual fundraising
- Bring 25k in every year
- We also get 70k that gets replenishes into our account every year
- The operating budget covers student staff payroll and basic operations of KCSB
- That does not include the extraneous events that we do
- That money comes from our fundraising every year
- What we are asking for is to cover basic payroll
- The only reason payroll has gone up is because minimum has gone up since 2012

KCSB Advisory Staff

- Our operating budget is all of the student staff positions and all the programming that goes along with those positions.
- And those positions are experiential learning opportunities for students that are in that position and staff that's in that position for a year to learn how to be a general manager, a program director, a music director, a news director, a graphic designer, publicity person, a production person, they record and edit audio.
- So these are all practical jobs that will yield experience when they leave that position and all of the materials and support that they need to do that position during the year. That's what our operating budget is for, and that's what we need to supplement it.
- And the thing that we're asking for is only \$2 more. So our regular fee is \$2.85 and \$2.45. We are asking for \$2 for each of that

Briderson

- If you didnt want to vote to increase the lock in for 17 cents for the trans commitee
- That's your call, you're allowed to do that.
- They had extra money. I can see where you're coming from.
- KCSB is running out of money.
- It is always within your right to deny the increase.
- Students pay a lot of fees. Don't disagree. But their lock-in hasnt increased in 20 years
- And cost dont just stay the same
- Inflation and minimum wage has increased
- If we don't pass this, and students don't pass this, KCSB will be hit, and KCSB is the main projector of what the Senate does to the public.
- They do weekly synapses.
- They sit here our entire meeting, record what we do and legislations
- It's an invaluable service.
- Their space is collapsing.

- It's a very important part of our community, and they don't accept sponsorships, because they're independent, that's the whole point.
- They're student led, just like us, and we value that

Zha

- I am 100% in favor of funding money in this years general budget allocation
- I have no doubt that KCSB provides great opportunity to students
- However, it is 2025, i can't in my good conscious vote for a radio station fee increase
- 2 years ago, students body actually vote down to increase lock-in fee for KCSB
- What has KCSB done to justify lock-in fee increase since then

Irfan

- I was there when we did increase last time
- That increase was very rushed and we asked for more than \$5
- Right now we are only asking for what we need
- Part of the reason it didnt pass, I believe, is because we didnt have pro-con statement
- We have a pro con statement now stating that we are asking for an additional \$2 for x, y, z purposes
- We plan to table, we plan to do a lot of event this time
- Plan to be present and answer questions students may have
- I believe the last lock-in fee increase didnt pass because it asked for too much and we are not doing that this time
- We made it clear in the ballot language this time what we are asking for

Zha

- Point of order
- Chief compliance officer has indicated that he wants to get his closed session conversation done before we move to AS main
- Can we do that right now?

Sim


- It is a 4 minutes conversation
- Won't take long

Butler

- We will come back to KCSB later

Irfan

- Okay
- Thank you

 A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Food Bank

Ganesh - Suuck - Wahidullah

....

Food Bank (Crystal)

- some of it, and the rest of it, as I mentioned before, is being allocated towards renovations. So we don't have that as a cushion.

- And minimum wage, as we also know, is going up, and there's just more and more demand from our student body next year, we also have plans to implement a new software system um, and that will allow us to assist clients better and identify dietary restrictions as well as eligibility for special programs such as the students with dependence program I mentioned. And this will hopefully improve client experience, and
- I'll end on this for now, the quarterly fee for the AS food bank pays for itself in just one visit. If you visited the pantry, you can know that you can come once a day that we're open every single day we're open, and our maximums are set by the items.
- So some students walk away with over \$30 worth of food per visit. Some students just come in for a snack. But that is an option we have while we are not just a resource for food insecure students, this resource greatly benefits those that are. We encourage all students to come visit us in hopes to reduce stigma and make people feel agency over the space as they pay for it.
- The food bank fee increase would help us create, strengthen our safety net for the student community, especially as we come upon these unprecedented times.

Butler:

- Thank you so much Crystal.
- I'm going to even assume that this is going to be a pretty thorough discussion, as it should, but it completely left my mind that we still have to report and it is 11:30 so I want you all to keep Crystal's report fresh in your mind, but I'm going to move us into unit reports briefly

Butler

- Do the authors have anything they want to add?

Wahidullah:

- I think that this is really important. It supports dietary restrictions. I think that this would benefit the greater community. Many students would support this. It is a really good opportunity.

Lankarani:

- I know we've been talking a lot about like lock in fee increases. Like the enhancement being for them, and I understand not wanting to ask the student body for more money, because being a student is already expensive
- This lock in fee, just \$3 per student would help a lot. Almost half the student body of undergraduates alone is based on food insecurity. So by adding, just like the \$3 increase, it's like, it's like you're giving three bucks to a friend to get a meal.
- Like you might not know who's struggling on this campus, like with food insecurity and everything that kind of stands for everything that they've done.
- They do such grace, such kindness, social dignity, this, this lock in needs to happen.



Iden

- I've used the food bank for four years, they're definitely, they're really great resources.
- My only kind of request, I'm not against increasing their locking, however, I do think, out of most of our units, they have the ability to enterprise better than any others.
- Like if they start off options at a subsidized rate. That definitely allows back office, like the need for an increase in locking fees.
- And I also would just like to see them just expanding their services. A lot of times it's not necessarily like, it's like, you know, rice and like rice and beans and like some produce, which is really great, but that's not necessarily whole meals. The proteins are expensive.

Motion to pass a resolution to propose an increase in lock in fee for the A.S food bank by hand vote

Ganesh- Brinderson

Call to question: ?? (7.59 in the video)

Zha

- Point of order, we can't do the motion this way

Butler

- Would you like to rescind the motion?

Ganesh

- It is the same, if I amend it will it still go into effect?

Zha

- No

***Motion to amend the resolution to vote on a resolution to propose an increase in lock in fee for the A.S food bank by hand***

***Ganesh- Zha***

***Call to question:Lankarani***

***Yes:21***

***No:0***

***Abstain:0***

***Motion passes at 11:15pm***

Ganesh

- If we have Crustal online, I'd recommend we move into discussion items for the food bank proposal so that she can go home.

Discussion items

## Food Bank Budget Proposal:

Crystal

- My name is Crystal. I am the interim Food Bank coordinator, and I am the staff advisor for the AS Food Bank and the food bank committee.
- Prior to me taking this position, I was a student worker at the food bank for two years, and I've been with it through a lot of its growth.
- Today with me is Gabriella, Gabby from the food bank. I'll give her the chance to introduce herself now.

Gabby

- Hello everybody. Thank you for letting me join through zoom. I appreciate the accessibility. My name is Gabby Munoz. I am currently the Operations Coordinator at the food bank. I was here last week, so thanks for having me back.
- 'll hand it back off to Crystal to start

Crystal

- So our proposal is for the allocation of colleges, 2024, 2025, budget to fund the A.S food banks snack station program. So as you may or may not know, the AS food Bank maintains multiple snack stations across campus, one of which is located in the MCC study lounge, right around you, right behind you guys.
- And so the Food Bank currently helps maintain the snack stations, but it is funded through basic needs. However, that funding is being cut following this fiscal year, and we would like to request for the dissolved funds for CAJJ's budget to help fund this program for the next two years.
- The program was initially proposed and funded by the UCSB food security and basic needs Task Force to provide readily available food resources to students when they might be meeting with an advisor or other folks on campus to provide a talking point to introduce students to these foods resources on campus  
They are also a resource for students to grab snacks between classes, as you may have utilized, or just get students introduced to as I mentioned, the resources we have
- Currently, we have 17 snack stations located across campus. Well, 16 of them are on campus and one of them is off campus, at the Pardell Center, where students have access to free and nutritious snacks.
- This year alone, we've expanded the program to include two new locations, and during this quarter, we received over 500 unique visits, though this number is grossly under reported, because the sign in system is self reported and not overseen by any staff.
- Gabby will talk more about our funding now to give you context on why we're asking for this money, yeah.

Gabby

- So getting a little bit into the funding history, this program was initially proposed to and funded by UCSB food security and basic needs task force, and this was to provide readily

available food resources to campus, to students on campus when they're meeting with advisors, and just for other additional support across campus.

- The purpose of this was to just try to reduce the stigma of going to the food bank, kind of like, get people's foot in the door, and spread the word about our resources, and so funding for this program was most recently renewed by the food security and basic needs task force for the 2022 to 2025 budget cycle.
- During its first year for 2022 to 2023 it was approved for the three year grant, and the program was maintained by a basic needs intern, with the help of the food bank for purchasing and additional restocking and just like maintenance.
- However, it wasn't funded by the food bank. Again, it was funded by the food security and basic needs Task Force, at the risk of sounding redundant. However, starting in the second year, basic needs fully transferred maintenance, purchasing and restocking to the food bank, and purchases were again continued through the task force, and this process continued into this fiscal year.
- However, funding for the snack station was not renewed due to financial restructuring, and so the snack stations were completely cut off, and the food security and basic needs task force was not able to renew funding, or was not able to renew this three year grant, and as the Food Bank currently only financially contributes staffing costs to maintain this program, this financial change would mean that the food bank, we would have to absorb all of these costs, and we're already operating on a stretched budget, so we wouldn't be able to it wouldn't be realistic for us to maintain this program.
- Without the supplement of additional funding, we might just have to dissolve the program, and that would mean the loss of, as Crystal mentioned, the 17 locations across campus. However, the \$50,300 from the CAJJ's dissolved budget is enough money to sustain this program for an additional two years while we figure out budget restructuring. And if you skip ahead on our proposal to the planned budget and spending. You can see how we plan on using the money based on previous fiscal years.
- So in 2023 to 2024 we spent about \$15,000 a little bit over, and this was just because of changes in Costco purchasing policy. I talked a little bit about this last week, but we had to stop buying through Costco for a little bit just because they didn't accept our form of payment.
- This year, we have spent over the same amount, like almost \$16,000 to date, and it's just the winter quarter. And so we're on track to use the remaining funds by the end of this year.
- The gist of it, I can answer any questions, if you have them, is just that this money does fit really well with our projected funds, and we would be able to renew this program for another two years.
- It's the opinion of our staff, but also just our patrons at the food bank that this is a very important service, because it doesn't require students to come into the food bank. It doesn't require registration.

- And I don't know if you've been in class and just like, hungry and you need, like, a little pick me up, but getting a snack shouldn't have to be super hard. It shouldn't. You shouldn't have to make a trip all the way to the arbor for it. And we believe that these taxations are incredibly beneficial, especially because they do supply nutritious food for students while on campus.
- I acknowledge that the original intent of the CAJJ budget was to allocate the money towards adding refrigeration into our main pantry.
- But as Crystal stated in the lock in fee proposal, we have already earmarked our like the rest of our rollover, for renovations which would include refrigeration.
- I don't know if I missed anything or if you wanted to add anything Crystal, but feel free.

Iden

- So I like a little clarification. This is so we have about little over a month, under two months for budget operations. I am personally leaning towards getting funds. Well, I think I already believe that this program is sustainable for the remainder of this year.
- You guys are getting a 33% increase in your block. Amount that goes from 25,000 students \$648,000 to \$936,000 I don't see as big of a game giving you guys this funding for two years compared to giving it to an alternative BCU.
- Again, that's a drop in the bucket at that point during a million dollars, not including people. So if the program doesn't have money for the rest of the year, I'd rather I fund it like that. But if it doesn't, or if it does, I would at this point, wait for budget allocations for alternative programs.

Crystal

- Well, currently we have to stop spending through the grant by April 15, which means that we're funding the stations from then to the end of the fiscal year. We weren't asking for these funds to be used for this fiscal year.
- Just to give you context on that we're already absorbing these funds, like outside of what we've allocated. And, yeah, we started working on this proposal separate from the lock in fee increase. We couldn't really bank that it's gonna pass through the Senate and that it's going to pass through the student body. I'm hopeful, but we have historically supported this program through this grant allocation, and as we look as if we were to receive that lock in fee increase, we would have to still budget that into our operation or our spending.
- So while I do see that it is a quote, unquote drop in the bucket, this amount of money can fund these stations for two entire years as we work with the new budget.
- And as I mentioned, there are a lot of costs that we need like lock in fee increase to support

Gabby

- I think the numbers are the most important part, but I don't know. I think that at the end of the day, this discussion is kind of relative, because, yes, it's, yeah, it relatively. It is a drop

in the bucket. But I don't know, we included in our proposal the map of the 17 different stations. And I think that that does reach a large amount of the student body. And I don't know we had plans for, yeah, our operation costs, we have, like, a lot of fees that the lock in fee increase would help cover. And I don't know, I think you covered it crystal, but I'm just, I'm just adding in my two cents.

Malhis:

- It's like, if there's gonna be any push to like for this, not speech targeting like people that are actually in need of me, because I know that there were a lot of snacks in the Pardall center, and I've taken a couple, when I could have just bought myself snacks. And I kind of feel guilty about that, because, like, I have snacks at my dorm. I could have just bought them for myself, and I feel like they could go towards people that probably need them more than me.
- So I was just wondering if, like, the food bank is going to, like, try to, like, use the snacks like, or if there's going to be any publicity for them to like, go towards the people that need them, like you said that you wanted to open up and like, let people know that there are snacks available if they don't like, when it comes to the treatment that these like centers are maybe available for them, but are they gonna, like, actually reach the people that need them

Suuck

- The reason we are here is because of the original proposal to dissolve CAJJ
- This goes back to a conversation we had a long time ago
- So I think we need to consider now, you know, like, are we telling them permanently that we are giving them money from unallocated
- We kind of shot it down initially, the reason we did it was because the proposal wasn't specific enough.
- So I went back to them, said, Hey, maybe make it more specific. I talked to Dan about it. Said, yeah, we'll introduce him to talk about it. So now we're here. We don't have to do it. I'm just saying, like, this is something, this is like, following up things I'm talking about earlier.

Iden

- When it comes to funding, there was never any impression that they were going to get that money. The food bank will be functional till april. They just had a funding increase.

Ganesh

- I just don't want to operate on the assumption that it will pass the law increase and and like so speaking, and we do have an option of, like, even partially funding, and we can do a compromise we can reach is that we can agree to fund this max station for like one year

and give them like half the money because and then you can reserve the other half for whatever they see in the next

- I definitely think that this is banking back on this with this proposal, because they want to make changes. Last time it was shot down for valid reasons. They went back, worked on it, and I feel like that's good.

Suuck

- I also point out I never gave the impression of anything. This is not my proposal, it is someone else's proposal, I'm just following up so they have the ability to talk about it.
- Because I was shot down. I didn't want to, like, disappear into deployed, so I specifically followed up with them to kind of follow through on our phone, but if it's more specific,

Iden

- Not calling you you, just in general.
- Bouncing back to single message point, I think an equitable solution be partially funded this year now, then make it, make a condition like on, if the lock and fee passes, then take the remainder of the funds that they don't need the project

Zha

- My recommendation is that you don't have to rush for anything

Iden

- I see that but they said they were going to run out of funding by April. So I think a good solution would be to just allocate a certain percentage of funding, and the rest kind of people understand that, like you said

Zha

- They should've had the budget.

Ganesh

- Okay, I feel like, before we go back going in circles, we know the Food Bank does a lot of good. We know the Co Op is going out, so there's one less food option.
- We know that the snack stations are also getting defunded if the food bank does not choose to continue that, we did give them a lot of funds.
- So there are, like, a few pros, a few points. So let's just do this thing where we partially fund them. We don't have to give the entire cash budget.
- We give, my argument is 50% but I'm ready to negotiate that we give them some amount of it, and then we come back to this after we during budget delivers after we know what the result would be of a lock in increase.

Zha

- If you need the money urgently we can make the motion however if you can wait till the first meeting of spring we can pass it then.

Crystal

- Since we still have a grant to spend until mid April, I think that that would be all right, um, but that is, you know, like week two of spring quarter.

Iden

- First of all, in the meantime, do you think you'd be able to get this an estimate of how much, how much funds you would need to carry through the rest of the year?

Crystal

- Yes

Ganesh

- I just want to reiterate this so crystal, so I don't misunderstand something, and Crystal also understands this is that we are not denying funding. We are promising to partially fund the program from the CAJJ budget sometime in our first meeting, next quarter.

Iden

- Let's see how much money they need.

Butler

- Thank you Crystal and Gabby for staying this late and presenting. If you can send that information form now to week one of spring quarter that would be great.

#### A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Co...

Ganesh- Suuck

Ganesh

- I would like to invite their co-chairs to talk about it

Chloe

- Everyone, my name is Chloe. I use she/they pronouns
- I am the co-chair for the trans and queer commission

Sam

- I'm Sam, I use she/her pronouns
- Im the other co-chair

Chole

- So if you don't know what the AS Trans and Queer commission is, it's kind of in the name
- We serve the queer community here on campus, and we mainly focus on education, funding, advocacy and programming.
- So right now, we're requesting an increase in our lock-in fee from \$1.39 per student with all fall, winter, and spring quarters
- To \$1.66 per student.
- So currently, our locking fee is a total of \$111,750
- We're requesting an increase of 17 cents in our lock-in fee which would increase our budget to \$122,970
- So this increase will not include students who are here for the summer sessions. It will only apply to students during the fall, winter and spring quarters, leaving Summer Sessions lock-in fee unchallenged.

- So we are requesting that request for lock-in fee be added to the ballot in the spring election.
- For some background.
- I think everybody has access to the bill already, but we're just going to go down our list of reasonings:
- 32.6% of queer students at four year colleges experience bully and assault, with 17.6% experiencing sexual harassment at school. I did try to find stats for UCSB, but much like other four year colleges, those are not publicly available.
- At least eight QT organizations and I listed a couple here, have been shut down either due to membership or funding
- As early as this winter quarter with the queer book club and the RCSGD, the resource center for bigender and sexual diversity has experienced budget cuts in the last year.
- Today we've had one of their programming assistance that came in requesting from their \$15k allocation to help put on lavender graduation, and that came out to a total of \$11,000
- Usually, in the past years, they've only requested \$6,000 and that's because their programming budget has been cut by 1/3 by the UC
- So a lot of what we do, we allocate a good amount of our budget directly to the RCSGB, to supplement and buffer that issue.
- The Trans and Career Commission does a lot of programming as well.
- They do gender affirming care events, academic counseling, identity oriented events as well as we do.
- They also have their signature events, including lavender graduation, QT bipod, and trans and non-binary environment hours and monologs
- Our largest host of events is actually coming up in the second week of spring quarter. It's called Pride Week, and that attracts hundreds of students campus wide every year.
- We've just been getting bigger and bigger.
- Even last year during our Ivy pride / queer fest, we heard people in UC San Diego knew about our event, and we didn't even advertise there, so that was just really exciting.
- They kind of heard about that on their own, and we're only hoping to make our events larger to people.
- So again, we curate both large scale and intimate events, by ourselves and in collaboration with other RCOs, RCSUD, other commission, and other local nonprofit organizations
- To execute events such as IV pride, identity oriented events are regular, like lesbian lounge or areas programming, drag and comedy shows, safe spaces, town halls, socials, etc.
- So we also won the Outstanding BCU award this past kind of cycle, which I quote "they are champions for marginalized communities, advocating for accurate representation of both the AS and in school levels."
- So our work is not going unnoticed, and we're only trying to get bigger and better with what we do.



- We are also the primary student-led campus identity here, and we're the only AS entity that supports LGBTQIA+ students in IV community as its core mission statement.
- Again, our CSG is also one of the biggest centers for serving very trans teams on campus, but they've experienced budget cuts.
- So that is in part, by requesting an increase in our lock-in fee to help supplement that
- where they are unable to receive funding for the UC, we are able to support students

Sam

- Their budget was not only cut, but they're also in debt.

Chole

- They are in debt and their budget was cut. So that's a great position to be in, especially with this upcoming administration and what we don't know what will happen to serving marginalized communities here on campus and across schools nationwide.
- Our lock-in fee has not changed for over a decade. I think the last time it was changed was around 2015
- We also established a QT disabilities Advocacy Coordinator position. So if our lock-fee does not change. That actually means we are losing more money to the programs that we would support.
- A couple other things, we want to bring back projects that we've done all the past.

Zha

- Point of order
- If you don't mind wrapping up
- Because there are other people that are waiting

Chole

- Couple other things
- We are trying to revamp old projects
- Bring back QT bipoc conferences, winter wonder drag

Pinto

- Just one thing, you are not the only AS entity that serve LGBTQIA students
- We have a BCU named commission on marginalized genders that serves trans and queer folks
- They have been inactive but we still have that lock-in going
- Want to make you unaware

Sam

- I just thought it was inactive so that's why it was raised in that way

Pinto

- It is inactive but not the only AS entity

Amin

- I'm not trying to diminish the importance of the work you do by voting no on this
- I want to ask, is there a specific reason that you are requesting this money
- Why not come to us and ask for the money?

- You can ask for it and we can approve it instead of asking to raise your lock-in fee \$0.75 per student

Chloe

- \$0.17, not \$ 0.75
- That's a good point to bring up. I think it brings up the question of why we have lock-in fee in the first place
- If everybody could just go through F&B every single time, then why lock-in fee, right?
- But I think that when it comes to increasing the lock- in fee, it is a matter of being able to be trusted to do the programming that will serve queer and trans students, especially by queer and trans students here on campus, it can be difficult coming to F&B and asking for something that might not seem important to people who might not be of these identities.

Iden

- Just curious, my approach to this is the financial side
- When i look at this legislation, a part of me is wondering why do you need more money
- You guys have done a wonderful job elaborating, especially with money being detracted from other organizations
- But just in terms of our internal finances, last year there was a rollover of \$167,000
- How much of that were you able to spend down of that this year

Chole

- We are having trouble budgeting with admin
- We don't know the exact amount of rollover we have
- We are estimating about \$150k, based on what Aryman told us fall quarter
- As of now, we have \$15k left in our budget

Iden

- Is that including rollover, or just independent lock in?

Chloe

- Independent lock-in

Iden

- I would personally prefer if we have another year to spend down that rollover
- And next year when it comes time to when you guys are ready to expand, we push for the lock-in increase
- We dont do increase when we have excess to shed
- When you're in need of money to expand on your organization, then we push with the lock-in fee increase
- I dont think it will be appropriate for this election

Hansen

- On the legislation for it, it doesn't include the math that would be on there
- We ask that all lock-in fee increase would include the math

Singh

- The only thing is that you claimed that the finance ocmmittee will deny your request based on not being the same identity

- We are completely impartial
- We don't consider that at all
- The only thing we look at if we have money for it

Sam

- We more so meant that what we might value as important for our community might not be the same for your board
- Because your board is not entirely queer

Chloe

- It's another step we have to take rather than just being able to fund things through our association

Singh

- You already do have to get approved by the senate
- There is no additional step you have to go through
- Like senator Iden said, you do have \$150k in rollover
- Maybe look into spending that down first before requesting a lock in fee increase
- It is student money we are talking about

Chloe

- So you're hoping we expedite process in spending our rollover instead doing something long-term
- Right now we are going on projection that will spend at least \$750k this year, which will dig into rollover

Singh

- About 20k in budget

Pinto

- We are at time

Amin

- Last point, if we keep saying yes, that is \$250 a year that we are adding to students
- I hear what you're saying, I really urge you to go to F&B
- I'm on the board of Jewish Iranian group, we gone to F&B
- They don't have any Jews on their board and they still say yes
- They don't need to be served by what they say yes to
- It is their job to give student group money unbiasedly

***Motion to table A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission indefinitely.***

***Zha - Khorsandi***

Suuck:

- Why not just vote?

Zha

- It's usually more courteous to vote later, but if the senate wants to vote, I will rescind my previous motion

***Motion Rescinded.***

***Motion to pass A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission.***

***Brinderson- Martinez***

***Called to question: Chaudhry***

***Objection - Iden***

***Motion rescinded.***

Iden

- I'd like to request the author make a secret ballot. I don't want anyone to be inclined to vote a certain way because they might be perceived against an issue.

Brinderson

- No

Ganesh

- Can I ask the speaker a question, really quickly

Pinto

- Alright

Ganesh

- The senate is recommending that you guys spend down your rollover before increasing the lock in fee. Is that something you feel worth pursuing?

Chloe

- I feel like this is worth pursuing whether it's this year or next year.

***Vote to Vote: Secret Ballot***

Pinto

- We are now in a vote to vote. We are voting on whether or not to continue to with the original motion to vote on A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission by handvote.
- So essentially, do you understand? You could just rescind your motion or amend your motion?

***Motion rescinded.***

***Motion to pass the A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission by secret ballot.***

***Iden- Lankarani***

***Call to question: Chaudhry***

***Objection - Malhis***

Pinto

- Why are you objecting?

Malhis

- This is the vote to vote correct?

Pinto

- No the original motion was rescinded to vote by hand vote

***Objection rescinded.***

***Vote-to-Vote: Secret Ballot***

***Yes: 13***

***No: 11***

***Abstain: 2***

***Motion failed at 9:56PM.***

Zha

- Motion failed, we still have to make action to agenda items.

Pinto

- Or we can vote again. Whoever gave me the blank one was kind of wild.

Martinez

- Can I make a motion to pass by handvote again?

Zha

- Point of order. You cannot speak unless addressed by the chair

Pinto

- Thanks.

***Motion to pass A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission by handvote.***

***Martínez - Ganesh***

***Called to question:***

Zha

- There can't be an objection we are in discussion

Holly

- Can someone clarify what we are doing? Are you all motioning for a second vote by a different method?

Carlson

- I have a question, Holly. When doing different bill types, we all understand that constitutional amendment and changes directly to the text require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to bring them to election. But for the introduction of lock-in fee ballot language, that's not a change to the constitution, but a directive to the Elections Board to put that on the ballot. I am wondering if I can gain some clarification on precedent or how we have done things in the past. My understanding is that we did directionals for lock-in fee increases because they are still ratified by the student body at  $\frac{2}{3}$  threshold for introducing new fees, but everything that is a constitutional amendment requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  because those things are more permanent in a way because they require petition or otherwise to go in. I want to yield to you for some input on that.

Holly

- I can double check the legal code to see what it says about fee increases. I know they have a different threshold for passing in the election in general. Generally,

for any threshold contradictions, I usually go with a higher threshold rather than lower. I seem to remember most fee increases need to pass by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote. So if I were to advise you that is what I would say. It's not a change to the constitution but it sort of is. I recommend the higher threshold of  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

Carlson

- Thank you so much. That's exactly right, I think it is  $\frac{2}{3}$  threshold.

Siddiqui

- Just for some additional clarification, so we voted for the resolution via secret ballot. So now we are voting separately via handvote for the same thing or are we voting on something different?

Pinto

- We are in discussion about voting again since the motion failed by handvote.

Siddiqui

- Then we wouldn't have to do a motion to reconsider since we already went through with the vote?

Pinto

- No cause it died

Zha

- The motion to pass a resolution instead of a motion to vote on the resolution. The act of passing failed. It's still on the agenda, and we need to take action on it.

Pinto

- So tabling it or voting on it again?

Zha

- Yes, we have options

Pinto

- We are in discussion right now still to pass it via handvote.

Martinez

- Can I amend my motion to reconsider so we can vote by hand vote?

Iden

- I'm extremely confused. So we had a motion to pass via secret ballot and the motion failed. And your argument is that because it was a motion to pass a legislation, it did not fail, correct?

Zha

- The action of passing has failed. The legislation is still on the agenda. If the motion was the motion to vote on it and it failed it's off the agenda. The action failed but the legislation is still on the agenda.

Iden

- There has been precedent the entire year in terms of our motions, when we have done motions to pass and what you are saying is implying that every single legislation we have voted that has passed can still be up for negotiation. If the body has a collective understanding that a motion to pass will go into effect, so long as everyone has that understanding. Your argument is a different precedent than what we have used the entire time.

Zha

- To address the precedent that was mentioned, I was speaking from the perspective of a Parliamentarian and as a member of JC, that's what the words mean. Majority vote holds the ultimate interpretation of everything. If the senate would like a majority vote, it's the same thing as motion to vote. It seems as it stands right now, it's that.

Siddiqui

- Point of order. Holly, our Assistant Director of Governmental Affairs, has given an opinion in the chat about how to move forward. Can someone read it out?

Holly

- No action has to be taken after a motion fails to remove it from the agenda.

Pinto

- We are still in a motion to vote by hand vote.

Gerson

- Is this motion still viable as the legislation is off the agenda?

Pinto

- The legislation is not off agenda. It's still on the agenda. The only thing that failed is the motion to pass via secret ballot. Now we are in a different motion to vote via hand vote.

Amin

- I think that Holly is saying the motion failed and so it doesn't pass, and now we move on.

Pinto

- No, another motion has been made. Another motion can be made.

Holly

- If a motion to pass a resolution fails, it means the resolution does not pass and you all move on. Your first pro temp, Dan was correct in saying that you have to reconsider the motion and revote on it. You all have voted on and failed multiple resolutions this term and just moved on because that is the action that was taken. If you aren't comfortable with the way the secret ballot vote went, that's a different conversation. In terms of legislation passing or failing, no matter how a motion is worded, if it passes, you move forward, and if it fails, no action is considered.

***Motion to amend the original motion to reconsider passing A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission via secret ballot***

***Martinez - Chaudhry***

***Called to question: Lankarani***

Lankarani

- Point of order
- If we are adopting all these interpretations, the only motion can be to reconsider

Pinto

- That's what Senator Martinez said, I just didn't repeat it right. The amended motion was to reconsider passing A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for A.S Trans and Queer Commission

Singh

- Point of information. Is it by secret ballot?

Pinto

- Yes

***Objection - Amin***

***Objection - Lala***

Pinto

- What is the state of your objection?

Lala

- I want you all to consider, not just the subject matter at hand, but the precedent we are setting for future senates that if there is something you disagree with, you question the validity of it was voted on or not. What? This is not okay. No matter what the subject at hand is. This is not okay.

Zha

- Objection to consent is not debatable.

Pinto

- We are now in a vote to vote. We are voting on whether or not we should continue forward with the passing of this legislation.

***Vote to Vote: Reconsider Passing of this Legislation***

***Yes: 17***

***No: 7***

***Abstain: 2***

***Passed at 10:12PM.***

Pinto

- We are now going back to reconsider. Senator Lala I understand your concern but we had two senators not vote at all, not writing anything.

Zha

- If you do not want to reconsider our previous decision of rejecting it, then vote no. If you want the lock in to pass, vote yes.

Singh

- Point of information. What are we voting on?

Pinto

- Voting to reconsider the motion that failed to pass. Do you want to go back and vote again or not?

Iden

- Can you specify that one more time?

Pinto

- Right now we are voting to reconsider the motion that failed to pass. We either go back to vote again or we don't want to go back and vote again. People on zoom, please send them to Holly.



***Secret Ballot:***

***Yes - 14***

***No - 11***

***Abstain - 1***

***Motion failed at 10:16PM.***

Zha

- A % majority is required

Iden

- When my legislation fails, I don't pressure people to vote privately. A vote is made private so people can vote comfortably and confidently. You should not pressure them to vote a certain way.

Martinez

- You shouldn't need a secret ballot if you are voting without bias or phobia.
- Simply because you financially disagree with this, and by the way it's not my legislation.

Pinto


- No speculation of the senator's intent. Senator Martinez please don't do it again.

Iden

- No issue when we were voting on BDS

Zha

- Point of order to ask us to go back to the agenda.

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

D) PUBLIC FORUM

[1:30]

*Speaking agreements:*

*"You have two & a half minutes to speak, with two minutes for Q&A. Please state your name, pronouns, and enunciate, but refrain from yelling. Speculation of a Senator's intentions and abilities is prohibited and will result in strikes, 3 strikes and you will be removed from the ability to speak on the floor. Please know this meeting is being recorded. You may speak on any issue, whether it is on the agenda or not. Please include a content warning if it will be graphic. You may only come up once, and you may choose to not answer questions."*

E) Acceptance of Agenda

F) Consent Calendar

G) Action Items

***Motion to allocate \$1000 for the finance committee budget deliberations on monday 3/10***

***Singh - Lankarani***

***Call to question: Chaudry***

***Motion rescinded***

***Motion to allocate \$1000 for the finance committee budget deliberations on monday 3/10 from senate unallocated***

***Singh - Lankarani***

***Call to question: Chaudry***

***Motion passes***

G-2) Old Business

[Debate Time Per Item- 30 Minutes]

≡ A Bill to Amend AS Lobby Corps By-Laws

McClintock - Suuck

≡ A Bill To Improve Internal A.S. Operations

Siddiqui - Zha

≡ A Resolution To Update Article IX of the Associated Students' Constitution

Siddiqui - Zha

Zha

- This bill has been covered by everyone.
- It outlines the importance of student participation in personnel decision of AS

Siddiqui:

- Yeah, I wanted to say as the second or first on the legislation that also by passing it today, me and Zha talked about it, but we want to do the exact same thing that we're doing for Article Five. We have run this by all the higher ups and the proper campus authorities, including Executive Director Marquez, however, because of the medical leave like we would like to, ideally like pass this this week and then see if we can amend it before the final ballot language is approved in The similar deal to Article Five. But like any amendments that we make are going to be very minor at stake, because the core of it is very vague and it's been approved by the higher ups. That's all

Iden

- I talked to Caleb, we need to add yes statements
- The attorney general and chair Hansen said this

Zha

- Yes
- My recommendation is that the office of the attorney general has the best personnel and we should entrust it to them, as they have the most people, most results, ultimately though it is the decision of the senate

Zha

- I need 10 minutes to talk about this

Iden

- That is fine
- If they need to add yes statements then can we move to something else for now, enter new business

***Motion to adopt A Resolution To Update Article IX of the Associated Students' Constitution***

***Zha - Brinderson***

***Call to question: Ganesh***

***Motion passes***

Siddiqui: Point of order. Can we rescind? We need to amend the language in the yes statement from personal decisions to personnel decisions.

Attorney General:

- It is a good faith error. Just make sure it is fixed and proceed with motion.

Butler

- Do you have anything else to say to Siddiqui?

Siddiqui:

- Personally, I do not have a problem with the election board drafting yes or no statements.

H) Recess

***Motion to enter a 15 minute recess to reconvene at 9:15PM.***

***Zha - Lankarni***

***Call to question - Iden***

***Passed at 8:59PM.***

Back at 9:17PM.

### I-3) Unit Reports-

#### Strategic Operations Office (SOO)

(7:17PM)

- Abbey, Chief Operations Officer for AS
- Chair of the Strategic Operations Office
- My official info
- Two years ago implemented iPads for Equity project
- Which has gotten 200 iPads to low income students that can't afford technology
- It's been going great
- The basic needs tech is the one rolling out the program
- We couldn't have done it without you
- Thank you for that
- The people are really liking the iPads
- We are creating a new strategic vision plan for 3-5 years
- We recently just got approval to work with Credo consulting
- You can look at senate meeting minutes of February 5 to know any more info on that
- We will be, once we get Sean's signature, convening the strategic plan committee
- Which will convene and we'll discuss different things we want to see
- Adding Credo to Gateway and coming up with payment timeline
- Coming up with payment timeline
- Working on campus mural
- Working with mental health peers to create
- Currently meeting with 2 artists, see if they're interested in collaborating, liked both
- That should hopefully come at the end of spring quarter
- Week 8 during wellness week
- Working on getting that checklist
- So campus can improve that
- For budget and staff we only have honoraria in our budget, nothing else right now
- Secured funding for Credo from Senate Unallocated that will be coming out of your budget
- That will be coming out of our budget
- We have no open vacancies, and we do not hold any events
- Just doing these projects
- Hopefully going to be working on family for education which you'll learn more about tonight

Brinderson

- Where are you thinking of doing the mural?

Abbey Coleman

- We don't know if you have a recommendation let me know

Zha

- Could the COO also speak to the student sponsor about the lock in fee?

Lank

- If you want to get in contact with Corlew, he's not here

- But Merton house with SB housing co-op, they're looking for someone to put a mural on their building

Moving into new business.

### **Community Financial Fund (CFF)**

(7:48PM)

- General vice chair for CFF
- The Community Financial fund focuses on student understanding of financial literacy, topics that help guide students throughout the traditional finance journey
- For this quarter, we have led about nine grant workshops that have awarded 387 students with a \$200 grant, which is a total of \$7400
- Additionally we have hosted and will be hosting speaking events
- We have Joe as well as Professor Alisa
- Also partnered with classrooms to deliver financial literacy services
- We are currently prepping for our conferences in April

Pinto

- Idk if you said this in your report, how many people benefited from your grant?

Speaker

- 387 students just this quarter

Pinto

- Nice

### **Transfer Student Alliance (TSA)**

- My name is Theo, newly appointed chair
- Basically this quarter, we didn't have much
- In beginning of quarter, only about 3 people in board
- There was 3 people including myself that got appointed in the beginning of February
- Since then, we've been kinda recruiting for more people
- We still have 4 vacancies
- Now our main thing is just planning for spring quarter

Pinto

- Have you reached out on committee on committees for recruiting?

Theo

- They did that for last quarter
- They were having trouble with recruitment
- I was interviewed right before Thanksgiving and didn't get the job until February
- Just took a bit of time
- Took that job, doing our own recruitment
- Just last week, we appointed 2 more people
- It's going quicker now

Pinto

- Make sure to stay in touch and send your appointments to me
- And those minutes as well

## **Commission on Disability Equity (CODE)**

**(7:51PM)**

### **AS CODE BCU Winter Quarterly Report (2025)**

- Finalizing the logistics of DCC task force, which meets every two weeks with DSP, AS Food Bank, UCEN, and AS Admin to develop a renovation plan as well as structure to the new disability cultural center. At this point, AS CODE has proceeded with finalizing renovations to take down a wall, widen doorways, replace doors to the center and the accessible bathroom, install actuator, and add accessible doorknobs to the cultural center. AS CODE has signed off on the estimate of \$47,000
- AS CODE has worked with the MCC to bring Paralympic swimmer Jamal Hill to UCSB for Spring Quarter for a speaking event. Together, CODE has worked with developing a contract with Jamal, and met with MCC programming coordinators to ensure logistics and structure to the event. Additionally, CODE has met with multiple AS orgs and DSP to lobby for funding towards Jamal's speaking fee
- CODE has worked with Housing Helper, an app developed by UCSB student to improve its accessibility features on the app. There have been tireless meetings to add new app features such as wheelchair accessible buildings, elevators, strobe lights, barriers to the front door. This ensures students have access to more accessibility related information when applying for housing in Isla Vista.
- CODE has worked on featuring and educating the community on disability justice activists, revamping the CODE website and the instagram to connect with the community and make the platforms more user friendly

## **Office of the Attorney General (OAG)**

**AG Carlson(8:46PM)**

- Currently we are investigating a couple cases
- One, continuing our research projects that I've elaborated on before
- Rules committee has page
- We have permission to start editing the page
- Public info page that we have access to
- Following that, when I spoke to UCSB IT department,
- They're willing to do yearly course modules
- Just sign that into archives and make a new one
- Make a new one, import courses, trainings, etc
- New course code, give to leadership
- We can make by point, you have to get 80% of above or you won't get paid
- We could do that
- Really easy to do
- Still discussion on how to implement trainings
- Do you want the anti-bullying anti harassment taught in person or a quiz module on canvas
- Or you want them a quiz module on canvas
- Questions we have to answer

- At the end of the day, we have that
- Campus has been good about that
- There are some limitations, the second you go over
- The second you go over 1,500 in a course things become slow
- They advised me that that is not too much of a concern
- Whichever way we take it, rules committee is working on logistics set up
- Mentioned to senators about piloting or starting the execution of it
- Delegate away the execution of it
- You guys and staff can work together on implementing needed things
- In terms of codifying of having something ready to go we just jumped on it
- Got that ready to go
- Will have working draft by end of year
- Working it so it regularly gets updated

## **Pardall Center**

### **Speaker**

- My name is Hannah, I'm the chair of Pardall Center governance board
- We have budget hearings this week and last week at Pardall
- For all AS orgs
- Hope you guys all like the space
- We do have new furniture that came in fall
- This winter we are applying storage policy for AS organizations
- We are having a google form out
- AS orgs can come fill it out and we can offer them space
- Can offer them space
- Currently in process of buying more storage space
- We have a high demand of orgs wanting to store their items
- Only have limited storage
- I'd like to congratulate my staff and board members for
- On a really great winter welcome
- Week 1 of winter quarter
- 600 community members came to the event
- Had AS small artists co-op
- Engage with us in bringing small local vendors
- Helping out supporting IV community
- Gave out free meal tickets to those who came to event
- We had cyano typing, bracelet making and a band
- Had a band
- Really successful event
- We are working on a vision plan this quarter
- We are working on vision plan this quarter
- Hoping to implement next quarter
- Everything to revamp the space, between repairs of water damage
- Anything between repairs with water damage, to more snacks
- More computers, printing services

- Had around 600-2k come in for printing this quarter
- Free black and white, free color printing, we have scanning
- Have free snacks every day
- Just provided new kitchenette service as well
- We host a lot of EVPLA events with Owen Myers
- STI screenathon
- Also created a wildfire pamphlet for those affected
- For UCSB students affected by LA wildfires
- Created pamphlet of what UCSB could do for student staff affected
- We are hoping to have CPR training for all staff and board members
- Before Deltopia
- So that we're all ready
- It'll be a safe space for students to come in, grab a seat
- Grab water, snacks, during that day

Singh

- Thank you for letting us host budget meetings at Pardall Center

## Judicial Council

### Take Back The Night (TBTN) 7:58PM

Speaker

- I'm Evelyn I'm the external chair

Kayla

- Internal chair
- We've gotten stuff going, went on our board retreat, first one
- We hosted our town hall, taking over from SASA
- Senate passed that last year that we merge
- Self care event
- Stocking awareness event
- Tabling consistently
- To give out to students to raise recruitment

Evelyn

- Working with CARE to plan some events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including a rally
- We're doing more consistent tabling and we're hoping to bring back and do the events from last year
- Helping with the Thriving initiative, which we also took over from SASA
- We have no vacancies, but start interviewing for spots for 25-26 school year
- Because me and most of board are leaving
- Totally we've spent about 11k
- We are also working with STESA to end sexual assault
- To promote the raise the bar initiative

Kayla



- Have our board members help with that
- Thank you to senators on ad hoc committee
- Thank you for creating them

Elkhatib

- Thank you for all the work you do
- Looking forward to working with you guys

Kadah

- Echoing sentiments of Elkhatib
- Really let you know that anything I can do for you guys just let me know

Iden

- We'll get to this in budget deliberations
- It's been 11k out of the total budget?
- What was the total budget?

Kayla

- Really confusing, SASA's money got lost
- From what we talked about its 80k
- We are planning on spending more in April for sexual assault awareness month

Ganesh

- Emailed you about this already
- SASA did not have any money
- It was in deficit
- You guys inherited that deficit
- You inherited that deficit

Evelyn

- We're working with that, we figured out that it was already transferred
- We inherited their money at the end of last year
- Senator iden could help

Iden

- Pulling up account now
- Did that ever get resolved with michael?

Kayla

- From what I heard yes
- I think it did get transferred

Iden

- Yes SASA was at 239

**Bike Committee**

**(8:02PM)**

**Anthony Co chair, Laney other co chair**

Laney

- Our main focus has been on ILP. We started the process in January, and last week we approved \$100,000 for the planning and design process to move forward toward the construction phase. We have a mock-up design and are very excited about it. Additionally, we have scheduled spring break repairs for Cheadle, Military Science, and Phelps.

Anthony

- Non infrastructure, we've been working with the Vice Chancellor and various campus administrators on ways to reduce danger in that area, which could take a year or two, or even longer. We recently released the skit, you might have seen it on Instagram, where we staged a crash in that area to discourage biking through it. We've also been collaborating with a student group from the class, the Bike Safety group, and working on an orientation module. While they can't include certain legal aspects, the module will cover safety and etiquette, particularly for freshmen. Additionally, we've been considering temporary signage. We also want to thank you for passing the resolution a couple of weeks ago, especially regarding the \$100K in funding. This will allow us to develop the conceptual plan, including environmental impacts and materials needed. After that, we'll need additional funding for actual construction, at least another million dollars. We're currently appealing to the budget office for it and are also considering another lock-in fee, though that remains controversial. It's too late to implement that this year.

Iden

- Killer. This is killer
- My one question is
- Maybe make a proposal for the regents because oftentimes, when infrastructural things need to be built, you might be surprised whether or not they cut a check

Anthony

- This was drawn by Ernie, he is doing a lot of heavy lifting in terms of communicating with engineers and landscape architects

Pinto

- Have you spoken to the office of budget and planning?

Anthony

- Yes, in meetings every couple of weeks
- We don't have the budget until the 100k process is over
- Definitely are aware of our funding

Singh

- Yeah, we've been in touch with last year's EVPSA and had some conversations with them about this as well. They mentioned that the campus wouldn't be on board since they see that area as too busy, about 2,000 people pass through every half hour, so building a bike path could actually increase the danger.
- Has there been any update on that? Have there been any issues with accommodation, or is there a plan to address those concerns?

Anthony

- Is the danger creating more traffic or having construction

Singh

- After it's been built, a bike path is a very busy area

Anthony

- The traffic will be the same, but there will be designation on where bikes go and where pedestrians walk. Once this is back it'll make it safer than it is now. Rather than increasing traffic.

## **Commission on Student Wellbeing (COSWB) (8:08PM)**

**Le Anh Metzger**

- Expenditures Winter '25: \$15,628.05 (excluding honoraria). 23% of the total budget for the year. With honoraria, about 31%
- 1/8 -3/5 Weekly Pilates Class: Fitness Coordinator Mia Goodreau hosted weekly pilates classes taught by Bre Corbin at the UCen Flying A Studios at 9-9:50 am. There is an average of 30 attendees per week. This costs \$185 per class, with a total of \$1665 for 9 classes. 2/8 & 3/1 Mental Health First Aid Training: In collaboration with the Public and Mental Health Commission, Mental Health Coordinator Fiona Hosmer-Hughes trained 30 students in mental health first aid. 2/8 Winter Wellness Wonderland: The entire board collaborated to put on this fun event at Anisq'Oyo' park from 1-4 pm. Birchwood, Dawn Patrol, and Fig Jam performed live music. The Mobile Zoo of Southern California provided a petting zoo. Shutterbus provided a photobooth. There were free tacos and aguas frescas from Super Cuca's and free cookies from IV Drip. There was a slime making table, charm and bracelet making station, and community mural painting. There was a giveaway for a gift card to Float Luxury Spa as well as free COSWB merchandise. Additionally, the Fitness Coordinators held fitness trivia and gave participants various snack prizes. 11 well-being-related campus organizations tabled at this event. 2/11 COSWB Board Retreat: Board members ate dinner together, coordinated by Co-Chairs Le Anh Metzger and Vidya Sundaram. This event cost \$413.47. 2/13 Wicked Screening: Outreach Coordinator Lily Strange hosted a double screening of Wicked in collaboration with IV Arts Magic Lantern Films. The event cost \$283.63 for pink and green snacks. The attendance of this event was approximately 400 students. 2/15 Sunset Walk: Fitness Coordinator Katarina Kagan hosted a sunset walk in collaboration with Girl Gains from the Student Resource Building lawn to Devereux Beach. This event cost \$0 because leftover snacks from previous events were used. 3/2 Run & Plunge: Fitness Coordinator Kathryn Duby hosted a run and ocean plunge with UCSB's Run club. This event cost \$0 because leftover snacks from previous events were used. 3/5 Women's Day Tabling: Nutrition Coordinator Sophia Rodriguez collaborated with the Global Gaucho Commission to table and give away snacks to celebrate the upcoming International Women's Day. 3/7 Studio Ghibli Study Jam: Mental Health

Coordinator Fiona Hosmer-Hughes hosted a Studio Ghibli-themed study jam in Arts 1349 at 7-10 pm. Snacks and crafting materials were provided and Studio Ghibli lofi was played. This event cost approximately \$100. 3/10 Study Jam: Outreach Coordinator Lily Strange hosted a study jam at the Student Resource Building. This event cost about \$100. 3/11 Finals Essentials Booth: Outreach Coordinator Lily Strange collaborated with the Public and Mental Health Commission and the Senate Advocacy Committee to pass out items to approximately 400 students at the Arbor. These items include snacks, drinks, stress toys, scantrons, bluebooks, pens, pencils, and erasers. This event cost approximately \$700. 3/13 COSWB Petting Zoo: Co-Chair Le Anh Metzger hosted a petting zoo at the San Nicolas Lawn. The Mobile Zoo of Southern California was contracted for this event. This event cost \$1269.

- Other projects include, Publicity Coordinator Thomas Zheng and Fitness Coordinator Katarina Kagan coordinated COSWB Winter Bingo where students could complete self-care tasks in order to be entered into a giveaway for a spa gift basket, blanket, and gratitude journal. Co-Chairs Vidya Sundaram and Le Anh Metzger interviewed and hired a new Nutrition Coordinator. External Coordinator Ashna Ahmed sends out a weekly COSWB Newsletter, highlighting our upcoming events as well as events of other groups. Publicity Coordinators Mandy Schoen and Thomas Zheng maintain the COSWB Instagram and website, publicizing all events, making infographics, and communicating with other groups. Mental Health Coordinator Fiona Hosmer-Hughes serves as COSWB's representative on the Student Mental Health Task Force. Mental Health Coordinator Fiona Hosmer-Hughes passed a bill to create the Mental Health First Aid subcommittee under COSWB and PMHC.
- In the works are fitness Coordinator Kathryn Duby will host weekly HIIT classes at the Rec Cen during Spring Quarter. Fitness Coordinator Katarina Kagan will host weekly cycling classes at the Rec Cen during Spring Quarter. Co-Chair Le Anh Metzger is coordinating an Overdose Prevention Week in collaboration with Gauchos for Recovery and PMHC to distribute overdose prevention kits and raise awareness about overdose leading up to Deltopia weekend. Co-Chair Le Anh Metzger has been working with PMHC, Gauchos for Recovery, and Senators Lankarani and Siddiqui on a project to put Narcan boxes into university housing.

Lala

- Thank you for being a great example of the association

Zha

- Let's refrain from just saying thank you, we have a lot on schedule tonight

**Isla Vista Community Relations Committee (IVCRC)8:11pm**

David Jr. Sim

- IVCRC had a successful winter quarter! Our Valentine's Day event was a huge success, we spent \$2500 and had over 300 people in attendance. That said, we're having a mediocre year in funding. Our budget is still over \$200K, and we're aiming for zero rollover this year.
- Please help spread the word, if you're planning community events, we're more than happy to fund you.
- Some big items coming up include Pardall Carnival, we are spending around 80k on that. On May 4. We're also working with faculty to get a dunk tank, so you might see some of your favorite professors get dunked. Despite the funding challenges, we're continuing to increase community collaboration.

Khorsandi

- Shabbat is looking for around 20k for funding. It is a community wide event where people can come have dinner.

Sim

- We already funded them for 32,000 dollars. Very much open to funding them more if they require more assistance

### **Committee on Committees (CoC) 8:13pm**

- What is the Committee on Committees? The Committee on Committees is the Associated Students (A.S.) of UCSB's primary entity responsible for the advertisement and recruitment of A.S. BCU members.
- Our vacancies. CoC currently does not have any vacancies. We hired an additional Outreach and Recruitment coordinator that began in the Winter Quarter.
- Our Budget. CoC has spent \$75 this quarter (excluding honoraria), a small portion of our budget. This was used to fund food for the Chairs Meeting and print more tabling resources. We re-use previously funded supplies as well.
- Committee Impact. This quarter so far, the Committee on Committees website has had over 30 applicants for various positions. We are working with 4 different BCUs to advertise and recruit for their positions: Transfer Student Alliance (TSA), IV Arts Board, EVPLA, The Liaison Committee and EVPSA.
- We have filled the following positions. TSA's Co-Chair, Health and Wellness Coordinator, Communication Director, and Internal Director. IV Arts Board's Vice Chair, WORD Representative, IV Live Representative, and Magic Lantern Representative.
- Currently, the Committee on Committees is working to recruit for EVPSA, the Liaison Committee, and EVPLA. If a BCU you are a part of is looking to fill any positions, please fill out the spreadsheet here or contact any member of the Committee, and we will do our best to complete your request promptly.
- The committee has also remained in contact with the Liaison Committee, Internal Vice President's Office, and various senators to provide input on changes within the Association appointment process. CoC remains open to maintaining a positive climate within AS, and if you would like to come into a Committee on Committees meeting or discuss an issue, please contact either CoC's Internal Chair, Damon

as-internalchair.coc@ucsb.edu, or External Chair, Sasha  
as-externalchair.coc@ucsb.edu.

- Events Hosted/Proposed February 19th: Chair's Meeting. The Chairs Meeting provides a platform for BCUs to discuss current issues within the Association and use civil discussion to find solutions to these issues. Weekly: Tabling. Members of our Outreach and Recruitment team table weekly at the Arbor. Beginning of Spring: A.S. Recruitment Fair Working to contribute to an A.S. Recruitment Fair in the Spring Quarter to help advertise and recruit for open A.S. positions.
- Questions for Senators: We have been working with the Design Review Committee to fill their student representative position. Per an email chain "Design Review Committee (DRC) Recommendation," we are currently waiting for the appointment to be "approved by the President and facilitated through their Executive Assistant before being added to the Senate agenda." Please let us know if there is anything more we need to do for this to be facilitated.

Pinto:

- Seems like they got it
- If anyone has any questions, just reach out to them.

### **Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU)**

**(7:14PM)**

**Makeila**

- Hi I'm Makeila, chair of IVTU she/her
- This quarter we tabled at all on campus housing fairs, tabled at greek life
- Held workshops within ourselves and also with Know Your Rights and LRC
- Themes on how to read a lease, how to find housing
- Especially with people who weren't given university housing
- We also have newsletter on website
- That helps breakdown leasing jargon
- As grant for rent evictions
- Ordered mold kits, at Pardall Center
- Mold kits, we want to do toiletries, gloves
- Food bank but for housing stuff
- Working on relevant housing list with OSA
- Collection of all leasing properties
- Trying to do medium prices
- If they allow pets, things like that
- UCSB has one but it's confusing
- This will kinda be like master sheet
- Task force for cliff safety with Khorsandi
- EVPLA has set up a memorial for victims that have passed away due to the bluffs
- That passed, it's on the way
- Passed out info regarding cliff safety info and grant we had

Pinto

- Shoutout to Singh

## Environmental Affairs Board (EAB)

(8:18PM)

- OUR MISSION:
- The charge of the Environmental Affairs Board is to promote environmental, social, political, and economic sustainability. The Board serves UC Santa Barbara and the surrounding communities by coordinating with decision makers, local organizations, and student groups to advocate for improvements to environmental standards at the local, national and global level. Additionally, the Board provides students with environmental education and encourages a culture of eco-friendly habits in order to shape their lives at UCSB and beyond.
- GENERAL UPDATES:
- Currently, we have no vacancies on our board.
- As for outreach, we have continued to post on Instagram on two different accounts, the EAB Instagram with 2,465 followers (and 43.8k views in the last thirty days) and as part of the Stop Sable student coalition account with 386 followers. We send out two weekly emails (our general meeting reminder and our newsletter) to our Shoreline members (810 current members). We have also continued to collaborate with other organizations on-campus, including but not limited to: the Women's Center at the SRB, IVRPD, AS Recycling
- EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:
- This list is, by no means, a comprehensive summary of all the events and activities we have done this quarter, but here is what we've been up to lately:
- **Weekly General Meetings**, Wednesdays at 7pm, with provided vegan, nut free snacks for everyone, and different breakout session topics (hosted by our different chair groups)
- **Stop Sable Pipeline Campaign** - film screening event about the 2015 Refugio coast oil spill, an organizing meeting to prepare students to make comments and send emails to the board of supervisors, activism breakout session, attending the county board of supervisors meeting, hosted by Advocacy chairs
- **EAB Clothing and Hobby Swap** at our general meeting, hosted by Education Chairs
- **Stewardship Saturday** volunteering events - restoration of various parks and green spaces in IV, hosted by events chairs
- **Social events** - garland making, watercoloring hike, Valentine's card making, soapmaking etc, hosted by events chairs
- **Environmental Justice Library Grand opening** in the women's center, hosted by Environmental Justice chairs
- **EAB Green Chef** sustainable cooking competition
- **ECOalition** event for environmental orgs on campus to network, hosted by advocacy chairs
- OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- UCSB Stop Sable student coalition - a partnership with EAB, Environmental Law Club, and CALPIRG to stop the restart of the Sable pipeline
  - Advocacy Chairs helped organize student involvement at the Board of Supervisors hearing on Feb 25th, including giving public comments, speaking at a press conference, etc.
- Having voting representatives on The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) with UCSB Sustainability and the Chancellor's Sustainability Committee (CSC)
- Continuing to plan for the IV Earth Day Festival
- Winter quarter Environmental Justice book giveaway!
- Social media presence & emails by Administration & Communications chairs
- Biweekly meetings with every chair position on EAB Core to stay connected and up to date on progress
- BUDGET:
- As of right now, we have spent \$4,584.24 (this number does not include honoraria), but we expect this number to increase as we continue to buy snacks for our weekly general meetings, buy items for the IV Earth Day Festival, the Plastic Free Fair, and various other materials for tabling, general meetings, etc. The biggest purchase we've made this quarter is for shirts for IV Earth Day, where we host a tie dye event along with multiple other events in spring quarter (shoutout: the Earth Day festival will be on April 26th!)

## SCORE

(8:21PM)

- Hi, I am Cecilia Aden, co-chair of SCORE, and will be delivering our quarterly report. SCORE's job is to aid in providing a comfortable learning environment for persons from underrepresented and marginalized communities. We do this through funding groups aligned with our mission statement, holding educational workshops and events.
- There are no more vacancies on our board.
- SCORE spent \$37310.92, which makes up 35.7% of our budget with rollover, 85.9% without.
- Items Completed:
- Restorative Justice Collaboration with Admin
- Hired a Conference chair and co-chair
- Collaborated with IDEAS for an educational workshop
- HRB collaboration "What Does Activism Mean to You?"
- Funded Lebanese Social Club, Black Scholars Soiree, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Comunidad LatinX Graduation, Crossing Borders Conference, Pan-African event, 12th Annual AIIC Symposium (American Indian and Indigenous Student Association), Don't Cry Film
- PENDING:
- Planning two workshops right now (in progress)
- 100 Days Project



- Unity Reads ( a collection of diverse groups of people coming up with political strategies)
- Possible collaboration with “Taste of Africa” (NSA, ESAS, CSA, BSU, and others of the Black Diaspora to showcase the vastness of black culture!)

Pinto

- Also think they held students of color conference?
- Pretty big

***Motion to add BWHC to unit reports.***

***Butler - Ganesh***

***Call to question - Martinez***

***Passed at 8:24PM.***

**BWHC**

**(8:25PM)**

- Winter Event and Budget Review Sheet. Empowering Excellence: Black Women Health Collaborative Winter Initiatives Overview: This document reviews the organization, impact, and budgeting for a series of events designed to uplift Black culture, heritage, and community collaboration for ALL of UCSB. These events foster engagement, education, and celebration of Black excellence through discussions, music, business showcases, and activism.
- Event Breakdown & Organizational Collaboration. Black Book Luncheon with the purpose to promote community recourse, storytelling, and discussions around Black authorship and scholarship.
- African Black Coalition Collaboration: African Black Coalition, in work with BSU providing school affiliation. Impact: Provides educational resources and fosters intellectual dialogue.
- Black Law Panel 2,000. Purpose: A space for legal professionals to discuss challenges, successes, and opportunities for Black legal practitioners and students.
- .Collaboration: Black History Month Speaker, MCC. \$1,000 Impact: Supports networking and mentorship within the local community.
- Black Beauty Expo \$12,000. Purpose: Celebrates Black-owned beauty brands, culture, and self-expression. Collaboration: OBSD (providing resources), Lemoa Peloma (venue), local Black entrepreneurs. Impact: Economic empowerment and increased exposure for Black-owned businesses.
- Community Forum (\$0) Purpose: Addresses key community issues, activism, and local initiatives for change. Collaboration: NSA, Black activists, Student of Life Dean; Faculty . Impact: Strengthens community engagement and activism.
- Black Flea Market (\$500) Purpose: Supports Black entrepreneurs by providing a marketplace for Black-owned products. Collaboration: MCC, local vendors. Impact: Economic development and cultural celebration. . Music & Cultural Heritage Showcase (\$0). Purpose: Highlights music rooted in Black history while inviting all to appreciate its cultural significance. Collaboration: OBSD (providing

resources), Black student musicians, community members. Impact: Preserves and shares the rich history of Black music.

- Roots & Rhythm Vinyl Collection & Performance (\$5,000). Purpose: Encourages students to explore different Black music genres, play instruments, and build a community vinyl collection. Collaboration: Black students organization, music departments, community members. Impact: Expands musical appreciation and cultural education.
- Cultural Heritage Trip (\$20,000) purpose: Encourages students to explore different historical places and build a community. Collaboration: Black students organization, CAPS departments, community members. Impact: Expands historical diversity and appreciation and cultural education.
- Key Takeaways Community-Driven Impact: These events bring together professionals, students, and community members to celebrate and uplift Black culture. Economic & Educational Growth: Providing platforms for Black-owned businesses, legal professionals, artists, and students fosters learning and financial opportunities. Collaboration is Key: \*Partnering with organizations such as MCC, OBSD, BSU, NSA, CSA, and African Black Coalition maximizes resources and outreach. Music as a Unifier: Black musical heritage is honored while embracing inclusivity, ensuring cultural appreciation beyond the Black community.
- Next Steps: Finalize funding sources and confirm sponsorships. Establish event dates and secure venues. Continue outreach for guest speakers and performers.

Pinto

- Senator Singh, don't we have a standing policy where BCUs have to come to us if they plan to spend more than 15k.

Singh

- Not something I'm aware of, but technically we approve their minutes, let's say yes

Pinto

- I remember us specifically talking to KCSB about it
- 15k thing is financial policy

Sim

- I'll double check that and give answer in 2 minutes

Pinto

- Please double check, this is something that has come up before

Pinto

- KCSB are you here to give a report too?

KCSB

- No we were here last week

I-4) President's Cabinet Report-

I-5) Executive Director's Report-

**Sean Lieberman-Interim director taking on duties of Marisela Lieberman**

- I'm the Interim Director while Marisela is out. I am taking on the duties of Marisela whether it is contracts, supervision, meetings, projects, lots of communication, and more, including elections. My staff and I will be handling her duties while she's on leave. So the things you would go to her for, you can otherwise come to me. I know many of you and I'm looking forward to working with the rest. Please reach for questions, concerns, or if you want to know anything about the organization over the past 20 years. Since I've been sitting here, I wanted to make quick comments on some things. For the Rate my Landlord update, we do have a database of properties in Isla Vista. It's a little out of date but working with the IVTU would be great to update it. It has every single property in 2019, so a few years off, but we are just waiting for the position to be filled for that. I have not had a web developer for a year and a half so we are working on that. Someone mentioned LinkedIn Learning, and that was signed today. And to just mention software and other things. Other universities like Berkeley, have a software support fee, and we do too, but it's a little more general. So Berkeley does Microsoft, Adobe, and other things like that. Although it's not Adobe for everybody, you have to request it through their LSIT and then they will get you a copy. So just letting people know that the language is not very key when it comes to ballot language itself. I have been working with elections since before we went digital, that was 2003. I've gone through that, and when we went through ranked voting, and all that kind of stuff. One little thing I've seen because I check the emails that come through is that when mentioning our budget, please don't use the \$18 million number because that's not actually representative or accurate. Please use the proper number which is a little less than \$12 million. So that \$18 million includes \$6 million of pass through. That's money that we passed in our ballot, through the institution in 2006 for Daily Nexus and CLAS and all those groups. So that's not our money. That's not money we control. So putting that number in there increases it by ⅓. Try not to use that number for accuracy. Do you have any questions for me?

Iden

- Shoutout for stepping up. You've done a great job.

IVP Pinto yielded chairship to Senator Butler at 10:22PM

I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

**EVPLA Owen Meyers spoke from 8:30PM**

Owen Meyers EVPLA

- I wasn't able to say everything that happened at the meeting
- Before we get into that
- STI screenings are coming back
- Working with members of Calworks tomorrow

- In order to discuss have a monthly Calfresh
- Calfresh enrollment fair at pardall center
- Food bank popup, Calworks, Calfresh enrollment fairs
- Makeila mentioned this but I'm working with county on the memorial
- That is something they've helped fund in its entirety
- They made contact with the families but
- That was put on pause
- Also just a transition, EVPLA transition is kinda killer
- Other than that, when it comes to the meeting,
- When it comes to background, it's been 2 years
- It's been 2 years since it's been bathrooms for safety on DP
- Because UCIV did table on DP 2 years ago, at Camino Pescadero park
- However UCIV was in a proto-state, only had 10 representatives
- Even so, in that state, sheriff was dropping off unconscious people at tent
- I believe that could be interpreted as they sabotaged the tent
- Just started placing unconscious people at tent and claimed it was flooded with unconscious people
- Told him that at the meeting and was told that wasn't the case
- But we have accounts and our UCIV advisor, he was there on that specific day
- Last year we weren't allowed because parks and rec shut off all the parks
- That's why UCIV couldn't be
- This year he was going thorough the county
- I reached out to Eleanor for a couple months
- That's why I was confused why Capps herself didn't know about it
- I can only assume eleanor didn't inform her on that
- Te Slaa, he said during deltopia town hall
- They were using pickup trucks and minivans to take people to triage
- Despite him saying at every meeting he's so overwhelmed, he is so anti health
- They are anti health resources
- Told Te Slaa at the meeting that we just wanted to help, we have EMT medical services and funding
- We have EMT medical services
- We are working with IVCS
- To have coordinated effort
- We have a cart that could transport people
- Why would you say you're overwhelmed and refuse help
- "I've been doing this for 13-14 years and that's why
- I just know how this works and why we don't station at DP"
- He kept mentioning the incident that happened 2 years ago
- Even so, why would you not want to have a safety station?
- Why rob students of necessities such as water
- He still seemed firm and didn't care
- We are going to have a meeting
- Another meeting with foot patrol next week
- Also the fact that restorative justice is suspended, people will be less

- People are going to be less likely to approach law enforcement
- People last year felt more comfortable approaching me
- That's that comfortability, it's important, that's why peer led services are important
- To not have any safety stations outside of Little Acorn park doesn't make sense at all
- Even the big reasons cited is that it would get on the way of the ambulances
- UCIV would be stationed at park, don't see how that would change anything
- They were giving pushback on the sobriety center as well
- Honestly seems to me they're trying to take a complete enforcement approach this year
- They were trying an enforcement approach
- We are going to see a lot of police, more than ever before
- Think that's what he really wants
- Fighting against that is most important thing
- I want to reach out to all of you for the letter
- Letter will be sent to district attorney's office
- I also have a call with Eleanor tomorrow
- So hopefully that kinda flagged it as an issue, students are worried about this
- We just keep pushing
- I hope that adds context, this is nothing new or unique to sheriff's department
- Completely honest, this isn't new to sheriff's department
- Not at all fresh out of water
- I will keep working on this, reaching out to others, great that Capps was here
- Even if she was here for different reason
- Thank you Singh for speaking up
- Will forward you any resources
- Have recordings from Te Slaa saying that people can't be on DP
- I have minutes of him saying that UCIV that he is cool with them stationing
- Then suddenly, completely switching
- Him coming up with this whole zone plan that I didn't know about because it's part of his incident plan to not inform me
- That is also in the minutes as well
- That's it for you guys
- I already sent resources to IVP and others

Suuck

- To clarify, have you emailed the letter you want us to sign?

Meyers

- Not yet, will be emailed after

Singh

- Was wondering is it possible for main stations to be on Pasado and have UCIV officers
- UCIV officers just walk down DP

Meyers

- Definitely possible, did it last year

- The problem is that it stamps a bandaid on it
- Last year, we had mobile cart go back and forth distributing water
- Want to do more than that, and have OD prevention materials on DP

Gerson

- I was wondering is this ultimately tessla decision or are there people that can over him?

Meyers

- Capps is a good dperson
- At end of day
- Santa barbara county sheriff's office, it's his decision
- It is his decision
- That's why he can say restorative justice is gone
- He's the council and the approval on that
- The peopole you would reach to, it woud have to be the state
- Further than that, it's state
- County has been hesitant to step on the sheriff's department toes
- They still adhere to sheriff's concerns
- Think they're willing to let that pass, don't realize we thought it's as big of an issue as it is

Amin

- I can't believe you saw that email already
- I emailed Capps and cc'd you on that
- Honestly thought at this point he'd bend a bit
- And he would be getting enough pressure from students that he would just relax
- Clearly not happening
- If he keeps doing what he is doing, it's the worse thing for students
- Worst thing for students
- Honestly with all he's doing, less people will come
- People don't know any of these things
- They don't know what restorative justice is
- They don't know that it will be paused
- People will just keep coming and coming and coming
- This will just negatively impact the students
- Just tell me what to do

Meyers

- Thank you I appreciate it
- At the end of the day, all we wanna do is help
- They can't say it's overwhelming and that they don't have resources but when we offer help, they don't want it
- But when we offer help, they refuse
- We have those resources that have been set up for years
- But those resources have been set up for years, we have the funding

Ganesh

- Have you or your office tried to talk to private houses if they can have the UCIV on their property
- If they're willing to let at least a water station on their property?

Meyers

- Because of unique nature of IV, it would be the landlord that we're renting from
- Even if students said yes,
- The landlord could just kick us out
- There's really nothing we could do if they come

Ganesh

- Even the co-ops? One of them is definitely a popular party spot

Meyers

- The co-op itself and even pardall center could be utilized
- I want a tent on DP or at least Sabado
- Don't want to compromise not on DP
- For me it wouldnt even be a compromise
- To be like oh yeah I'll gladly take the co-op
- Want to push for more

Amin

- Just thought of this
- What if we work with Jesus burgers' house?

Khorsandi

- They rent it

Meyers

- If they rent it, foot patrol will contact landlord
- Theyll be like if you don't do this well give you a fat fine

Amin

- Do you know about frats?

Ganesh

- Same story, they all rent

***Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) David Jr Sim spoke on case 25WQ02-201458 on behalf of the Internal Vice President's Office from  
Back from recess at 9:18PM  
Sim***

- There is a 15k limit, that is set in Article 4, Section 9. The 15k limit only applies to reserve accounts for the Program Board or KCSB. Other spending does not fall into this category.

*Motion to enter a closed session to discuss sensitive financial matters inviting all senators, proxies, senate staff, the IVP, minutetakers, the CCO, the Assistant Director for Governmental Affairs, and the Director of Community Affairs, Student Development, and Leadership.*

*Closed Session Statute Citation: Sensitive Financial Issues/Litigation  
[Government Code § 54956.9(d)(3)]*

*Zha - Kadah*

*Call to question: Brinderson*

*Passed at 10:56PM*

*Motion to exit closed session*

*Iden- Lankarani*

*Called to Question: Kadah*

*Passed at 11:01PM*

*Motion to enter an indefinite recess until called upon by the chair*

*Zha- Brinderson*

*Called to question: Iden*

*Passed at 11:01PM*

*Moved to AS Main*

I-7) Senator Representative Reports-

I-8) Administrative Reports-

**Elections Board (8:50PM)**

Vice Chair

Ruby Hewitt

- Youll be seeing more of me next quarter, taking over Caleb
- The AS elections board coordinates and regulates all AS elections, including spring general elections
- Recently we've been working on winter election
- In terms of outreach to student body, been making posts on social media
- Senate account, UCSB campus account, Associated Students and UCSB life
- To increase voter turnout in special election
- We also ran insta ads and bulk email
- Next focus is spring general elections
- Been doing candidate recruitment
- Form due tonight
- Tomorrow we'll be holding candidate orientation meeting
- At 7, Buchanan room 1920



- Going to continue to do instagram post ads

Iden

- I get an ad about elections every day
- It annoys me, but you guys are doing great job
- You're doing a great job

Khorsandi

- I'm wondering if there's going to be anything on ballot if it explained what a lock in fee is
- When I was voting, I didn't understand that a lock in fee literally meant I'm paying more money
- Maybe a statement on the ballot
- I believe in the supplement there's information about this

Caleb Hanson

- There will also be something on the ballot that briefly explains lock in fees

Zha

- Towards the end of 74th Senate there was an amendment to election code basically requires all lock ins will put their total charge into the voting interface
- Are you aware of that?
- Are you aware of that and can you speak more on that
- At the end of 74 senate there was amendments to elections code
- There was an amendment to election code that requests most students vote for lock in fee that it states the lock in fee for every student as well as total revenue generated by lock in fee
- Is elections board aware of that?
- Maybe carlson can speak more

Carlson

- Are you referring to a bill, account statements to elections supplement?

Caleb Hanson

- It's basically financial records to make sure all finances are accounted for

## Academic Senate

### [Presidential Appointee to Academic Senate Committee on Diversity & Equity](#)

Lian

- I'm Lian, the AS representative on the senate committee on diversity and equity. AS reps for the Academic Senate are supposed to give quarterly reports, essentially, this is the professors' version of a government, and this committee focuses on diversity and equity.
- They review memos from different departments and provide feedback on how they can be more diverse and equitable.
- Some key topics we've discussed this quarter include The Faculty Diversity Award, Federal funding and its implications, The issue of ICE being allowed to enter classrooms, and a potential memo providing guidance to professors on this

- A potential switch to the semester system, with discussions on how it could impact research, teaching loads, and both graduate and undergraduate students.
- Another major point of discussion has been increasing student representation on the committee. They're interested in having more student reps but aren't sure if students would be interested.
- I included this in my report because other Academic Senate committees do have multiple student reps, and in some cases, legal code descriptions indicate that certain AS reps should be on these committees.
- We also discussed establishing a direct relationship with a BCU to help with transition from year to year, since sometimes there isn't an immediate appointment. I reached out to some BCUs but didn't get much interest. If anyone is interested, let me know.

Ganesh

- Which one of the BCUs has reached out

Lian

- Score, TQCOMM, CODE, BWHC, and PMHC

JC

- Okay, I'll make this brief.
- Thank you so much for hearing me out. Since I just want to go over some of those thoughts we've been going through the past quarter again, sorry if I'm not coherent, it's quite late, and I have slept in a few days, but I'll try my best
- So first and foremost, throughout the past quarter, we've been hosting office hours to increase the number of people that can talk to us. Obviously, all information goes on the website as well, we hear all cases in response about inquiries within 24 hours, which is well under our three day timeframe listed within renewable code, just for the sake of, like, getting as fast and efficient as possible and sharing that people can, like, hear back on things as fast as possible
- bi weekly meetings with their advisor to ensure that all the knowledge that she has is being passed down to our org.
- We've noticed, like in past years, a lot of the issues were kind of mainly resolved between the advising of chairs for trying to fix that issue moving forward.
- And then lastly, ensure that all VCU and as entities have an understanding of our mission and our reach within the legal Code.
- We've noticed a lot in the past, specifically in my time within JC, which is like three years, that a lot of times we get inquiries that have nothing to do with what we're able to do within legal code. So just ensuring that that's been verified moving forward, t
- In spring quarter, we're just giving them process any like election issues or cases as they arise, coordinating with the election board to streamline communication given when that does happen.
- And then finalize the A.S JC website. I don't know if any of you had the pleasure of opening it, but it looks like it was genuinely made in 2010 so we're kind of working on not having that.

- Lastly, finalizing some templates for injunction as possible honorary appeals, which is something that historically was never really done. It was kind of up to the discretion of each individual chair.
- However, like my personal opinion as chair is that I feel like that's kind of like an inefficient use of our time. So we're just trying to have a more standardized public that can be passed on from during the year.
- And that's kind of all I have for y'all.

Ganesh: If you have time to answer, could you tell us what cases that sometimes you actually do not have an opportunity to help? Certainly people like you know you said that sometimes people come to you and like you technically cannot help them. Yes, what kind of cases would those be?

Speaker:

- So it's not, let me clarify it's not. So I'm sure that it's cases that we can't respond to, because sometimes it might be like an inquiry that's not within the window code and there's nothing for us to go off of.
- But however, what's more common is someone will just email me or email somebody on council and say, Hey, here's a problem, having helpful solve it, as opposed to formally filing a petition for a hearing or petition for an injunction, as stated in both legal code and explicitly on our website.
- So it's more just about making sure going through the correct channels so people can get the responses they need and get their issues too.

Butler: Thank you. I'm not going to move back into business right now until they're finished with that, but while we wait, I think we should do minutes and allocation.  
Comments.

#### 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 reject SCOREs 2.27.25 for incomplete motions*

*Lankarani - Martinez*

*Call to question: Lala*

Ganesh: Can I get clarification on why we are rejecting it so I can tell SCORE?

Lankarani:

- It says on the agenda that they had incomplete motions.

Butler

- Since we are referring to their 2/27 minutes, I'd invite everyone to open those minutes in the to be approved folder

Singh

- I object the call to question

Ganesh

- I would say that we move into a close section or something.

Butler:

- We have still not yet rejected the motion, the question has been called.

**Yes: 23**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion Passes**

***Motion to overturn the motion for IVCRC to approve \$32,550 for the mega shabbat (Chabad UCSB)***

***Lankarani - Chaudry***

***Call to question:***

***Motion rescinded at 1:18am***

Lankarani:

- Chabad already came to finance committee to ask for 63k and then asking IVCRC for an additional 32k, which seems like a lot for an event that is only serving 12,000

Khorsandi

- I'd like to say this event is not only for the Jewish committee, but open for everyone. This is multiplying the attendance of this event. Kosher food is expensive. They are inviting everyone in Isla Vista. There are waiters, security, and kosher food. You can look at the precedent. It is around this number. Most of our funding is from AS. In my opinion this is valid.

Singh

- I am not taking a side at all but want to add context. They requested money from my committee, which was around the same amount last year, maybe 20k less, I can double check. We do get big requests. If you make calculations, 80 dollars a person. This is just for context.

Zha

- None of us have the expertise of an engineer with student funding, and that's great. That's the first time the Senate is going to touch on the substance issue of PCOS funding station.

Kadah:

- This is a big event that's been happening for over 10 years now on this campus, prices increase every year. We've seen that post October 7, where unfortunately and that has been secured in the past, but it's never looked the way that it's needed to right now. I also want to add that 1200 is a rough estimate. Why are we targeting Chabad? That's how many people have RSVP. We have homeless people come every year. Obviously, they are an RSVP. There are people from the community that come just because they see it and see and they know that they're free for them. Till they come, people come with their friends and having to be there again, it's the wrong number. There's so many more people that come. So where did you get off asking for this specific number?

Malhis

- Chabad has requested money from both IVCRC and finance. Some of the money they requested is still under debate. The money they have under IVCRC does not contradict anything.

Butler

- Can I vote to propose that you amend your motion? We have multiple things to go through.

1:18am

Martinez:

- Min Jun is going to be able to discuss what or ask, partly the question he wants to ask them. But I was just going to say before I had to step aside and talk about some things I agree with what Iman said earlier, with the fact that this is 90,000 Dollars going into one event. And while they already got this money from ivcrc, they got 30,000 they also got 50,000 from the Finance Committee as well.
- And I feel like, again, as a lot of times, we're putting a lot of pressure on our funding and etc, etc.
- it'd be good to try to see if this funding can go a little bit more efficiently and other similar, similar areas, for example, like giving this funding toward other events that are going to come later on in the year, etc, with without regards to a similar foundation of culture and the religion and etc
- . So I agree with what Carly was saying in the way that this is just 9090, it's not even just 90. I think it's like \$92,000 . Well, someone said 92 something earlier, 95

Khorsandi

- If this money does not get approved this event will not happen. This is completely unprecedented. It has happened for the past 10 years. If you don't care about the Jewish community that is another thing. This sends a bad message to BCUs. I am not speculating. I am simply stating the message that will be received.

Singh

- This would be unprecedented. The money allocated for them has doubled. This is still up to my committee. Not IVCRC. We have to save out money. We did have conversations with Shabbat when they came to us on how to make it cheaper. We do that with everyone. This is a unanimous decision of 12 people. We were grilling them on every single thing, how to justify it. My recommendation is to let it go. It is not worth it at all. Committees have the funding, we need to allocate our money however we wish to without the senate interfering. This should be a decision made by 12 people in my committee and 15 in IVCRC.

Ganesh

- I have no problem staying imparitla. I will say let it go. We don't have to have feelings about it. They had the right to come. There is a reason the senate is structured like this, we can't micromanage everything.

Pinto

- I think it is important to question any event that suddenly costs double of the amount that it did the year before. As one of 3 people in this room that actually reads all the minutes. It is within our power to question why groups are spending egregious amounts of money on a niche event.
- And I've, I've been to one of the events in the past, and I saw the amount of people with fed but even, like even in our trips, in our policy, we've kind of come to an understanding that we allocate a certain amount of money per person, one being for food and another being for light refreshments.
- We've seen that in our trips. We've, you know, we've communicated that well. So with like BCUs and like their events and how much money is spent on food
- what was concerning to me is that for such a large amount of money, there was no line items provided as to why that amount of money is needed if an organization is coming to us for 10s of 1000s of dollars from multiple streaming like forms, and also not going to the organization that is dedicated to supporting that community that is going to raise flags for me, as the chair of the Senate and also as supervisor of bcus
- I wanted to ask, why is our Jewish commission not directly financially supporting this event, if it is meant to uplift the community and support the community like, why are our own BCU that is dedicated to uplifting Jewish people and creating a platform for Jewish students on campus. Why are they not supporting this event? Why is instead going to different funding platforms? Why is there no detailed line items as to what is being spent on?
- Because at the end of the day, it is 10s of 1000s of dollars, nearing six digits, and I feel like that is concerning. We like we are constantly talking about how students are going through housing crises, which we realize we can't control. We are nitpicking like how the food bank spends their money on what makes them come in to do the presentation for 50k that's fine.
- I feel like that's great, because it puts us all an equal understanding of what they're doing moving forward. But if a RCO is coming to us for 10s of 1000s of dollars, and the organization that is supposed to be supporting them isn't doing

that, that is going to raise flags at the end of the day. This is not about identity politics. This is strictly about funding, and that is why I raised this concern to senators.

- If any other organization were doing it, I would still raise the same concerns. And at the end of the day, if all this money is being spent in one day, that's concerning to me. I do also want to know, is this organization putting on any educational events? Are they? Are they supporting our academic community in any type of way, aside from, you know, I also have concerns, because we have specific policies about how much we're allowed to spend on entertainment, how much we're allowed to spend on food.
- There's just not enough information there to make it clear as to how this money is being allocated and why it is being spent so freely, just based on the principle that it was in the past, I think spending two times the amount on an event this year.

Amin

- It is not double the amount.

Pinto

- I am going off the information Singh gave me

Butler

- We are still in discussion. We've talked about this for too long. I am recommending we move on, it is 1:30am.

Brinderson

- I don't want to see this event canceled. This conversation establishes that big funding raises red flags. Singh, how common is it for people as for this amount of money.

Singh

- For any other organization it is not common.

Butler

- Since the person who made the motion is not here can I just move on?

Attorney General

- No

Suuck

- Call to question

I motion to amend the previous motion to state that the sky is blue

Zha- Khorsandi

Call to question: Brinderson

Motion passes at 1:40am

***Motion to bundle and approve all minutes and allocation except SCORE 2/27/25***

***Khorsandi - Siddiqui***

***Call to question: Ganesh***

***Motion Passes***

L) Discussion Items

**AS Food Bank Budget Proposal**

M) Appointments

Office of the Controller

Trisha Dsouza - AS Controller

SCORE

Kamaya Jackson - Co Chair

AS Food Bank Committee

Kellis Gater - Chair

Admin & Rules Committee

Rya Bonavia - CoC Representative

Transfer Student Alliance

Ryan Whitaker - Co Chair

Global Gaucho Commission

Ella Yu - Policy Director

Office of the Internal Vice President

Removal of Arshiya Sanduria as Accountability Director

***Move to amend the agenda and add MingJun Zha as a general member to Senate***

***Finance Committee under appointment***

***Zha - Brinderson***

***Call to question: Singh***

***Motion Passes***

***Motion to amend the agenda and add Amna Chaudhry as a general member to senate  
finance committee***

***Singh - Lankarani***

***Call to question: Brinderson***

***Motion passes***



*Motion to go into closed session regarding to personnel matters inviting the director for community affairs & student development and leadership , AS senate staff , AS career staff including the Attorney General , senators and proxies*

*Zha - Brinderson*

*Call to question: Martinez*

*Motion passes*

*Motion to exit close section at 3:57 AM*

*Ganesh - Dali*

*Motion passes*

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn at 3:20 AM*

*Singh - Chaudhary*

*Motion passes*