



UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

Senate Agenda 4/02

Associated Students

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This meeting was called to order at 6:51pm. in the A.S flying room by Senator Siddiqui and Alexa Butler .

Minutes/Actions recorded by: Liliana Dritz, Melina Magno

CALL TO ORDER by Dan Siddiqui, Senator at **6:51PM**

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, ● Late ▾ 8:26pm	Off-Campus Senator
Alexa Butler	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Letters & Science Senator & Second President Pro Tempore
Carly Lankarani	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Taylor Iden	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Advocacy Committee Chair
Enri Lala	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Outreach Committee Vice-Chair
Leiya Kadah	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Yasmine Suuck	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & Liaison Committee Vice-Chair

Name	Attendance	Position
Levi Corlew	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Leah Khorsandi	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
MingJun Zha	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Transfer Senator
Alejandra Martinez	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator & Outreach Committee Chair
Dominic Wang	✗ Absent ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Lily Habas	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ zoom	College of Creative Studies (CCS) Senator
Paolo Brinderson	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Eemaan Wahidullah	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Jasmine Amin	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Daniyal “Dan” Siddiqui	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	✓ Present, 🌙 Late ▾ 7:58pm	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	✗ Absent ▾	On-Campus Senator
Amna Chaudhry	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Kamela Dali	✗ Absent ▾	On-Campus Senator
Ashley Valenzuela Balderrama	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ zoom	On-Campus Senator

A-2) Excused Absences

Motion to excuse Senator Gerson until 8:30pm

Khorsandi- Amin

Called to question: Lankrani

Passed at 6:53PM

Motion to excuse Senator Malhis until 8:30pm

X -chaldhry

Call to question: Kadah

Passes at 6:54pm

Motion to excuse zsenator Ganesh until 8pm

Suuck- Kadah

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at 6:54PM

Motion to excuse Senator Siddiqui after 8pm

Kadah - Lankarani

Called to question: Amin

Passes at 6:55pm

Motion to excuse Senator Butler after 7:41PM

Martinez- Elkatib

Call to question : Lankarani

Passes at 7:41pm

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Motion to accept Caleb Claro for Senator Dan Siddiqui after 8:30PM

Mcclin - Kadah

Zha

- Point of information. Standing policy of ASUCSB states any candidate who declared their candidacy cannot be a proxy for a senator

Motion to suspend standing policy for the duration of the meeting

Butler - Kadah

Call to question - Chauldhry

Rescinded Call to Question

Siddiqui

- To clarify this in a nonpartisan manner. In the standing policy, candidates who are running for the election cannot stand in for senators before week 4. Last year we suspended the standing policy almost every time, we can do that if we want because it is standing policy and no bylaws it can be suspended for a period of time

Called to question rescinded

Objection Zha

Zha

- With that said I believe from the point of elective fairness. The reason standing policy 10 was put in place was to prevent people who are running for senate from

having advantage in the election. Before the elections are over, I do not believe that suspending the policy is the right move

Iden

- I was in between since I was a candidate last year and I proxied. I do understand MingJun's point so I will be voting no. I'll be voting no, I think it's easier just to do a hand vote.

Lala

- I think we should make it brief and go into a vote on this. I seconded because I think it's a great idea. It's a standing policy and not a bylaw for a specific reason. Each senator has their own discretion. The issue of establishing a senate next year that has the most experience as possible. It is paramount here, I don't think it brings unfairness that some people have different opportunities. I do think that it will allow people the experience to be leaders and be extremely engaging when next term starts

Iden

- If I call to question, would you do a hand vote?

Siddiqui

- Sure

Motion to suspend Standing Policy 10 from Standing Policies & Procedures for the duration of the meeting.

Butler - Kadah

Call to question - Iden

Handvote:

Yes - 18

No - 2

Abstain - 0

Passes at 7:00pm

B) External Reports

B-1) Chancellor's Representative-

B-2) UCPD Representative-

B-3) GSA Representative-

B-4) University Center Governance Board Representative-

B-5) IVCSD Representative-

C) New Business

7pm

 A Bill To Peg AS Judicial Council's Honoraria To Senate Standing Committees

Zha - Siddiqui

Zha

- In addition to the weekly meeting that our AS BCUs have, JC has additional duties which are often time sensitive at very short notice. Once there was a case brought up about constitutional amendments about the special elections
- GC has less than 16 hours from receiving the complaint and schedule a hearing. The meeting goes on for literally hours and hours. In order to compensate for their contributions, their honoraria should be the committee's equivalent.

Brinderson

- Do you have the numbers of how much the honoraria is going up?
- I feel like it's a little vague in the legislation

Zha

- Thank you for the catch
- I will include that in the final legislation
- From a rough estimate, it's about \$1500

Brinderson

- What was it previously

Zha

- Firstly the JC is paid as a normal BCU, 450 for chair, 300 for council member

Iden

- I'm not a fan of this legislation, I don't get excited in raising one entities honoraria, I prefer for it all to be standard
- I understand there's like discrepancies when it comes to like Senate and execs, but obviously those are very different rules
- In this scenario in respect to fairness I do not see a need for the raise

Zha

- Thank you, chair. I fully understand the point of senator iden
- I wholeheartedly believe that they deserve this raise
- In the meantime, while they work on the project and improvement
- You have raised your legislation, let's say it passed, JC is still the lowest paying branch compared to the executive and legislative. Perhaps it's my opinion that it's proper to be paid at least to a Senate Standing Committee yet

Iden

- I understand the reason, you are viewing it separately from a BCU and equivocating it to the senate
- My only issue is that with honoraria, having a discussion with finance
- I get it, but that does not fully convince me. It eats up our budget every year. Increases are extremely hard with our current capacity. I don't feel comfortable starting that process. That's where I'm at

Singh

- What is the financial impact of this?

Zha

- Below 1500 yearly

Lala

- It's going to be negligible. More importantly, this would make sense structurally, JC is representative of the judicial branch. It's also representative of the judicial branch so it makes sense for those of the third branch. Makes sense for it to be in line with the other two branches. While recognizing it does not have the same work requirements. I'm in support

Singh

- I see where Senator Zha is coming from. We have good insight on the financials but at the same time senator lala and zha make good points. Senator Lala makes good points, they are equivalent to us. I don't see any reason why not. I don't see any other reason why they should not have the same honoraria of us

Iden

- When would you say that JC is doing most of their work during the quarter?

Zha


- I can't give an answer. It depends on how many cases are filed. Depends on how many cases and how urgent. In the case of the election and constitutional amendment. Less than 16 hours because we have to get it in. I am in the hearings from 12pm-3pm, having a final exam at 3:30. BCU has a lot of work, but JC is different

Iden

- How many cases has JC had the past 2 quarters?

Zha

- I believe between 5-10 cases. I will have to double check that with the chair

Motion to table  **A Bill To Peg AS Judicial Council's Honoraria To Senate Standing Co... for one week**

Iden- Amin

Call to question: Chaudhry

Passes at 7:45pm

Motion to add  **A Bill To Revise The GGC Legal Code**

Zha-Iden

Called to question: Kadah

Passes at 7:46pm

 **A Bill To Revise The GGC Legal Code**

Zha- Ganesh

Zha

- Thank you. Chair, so it's really very simple, yeah, it doesn't really add anything, but it's a community contribution specialist. It works there, and it's worth seeing. The fact is that it's not changed. It's passed via email vote.
- GGC wants us to update their legal code and i'm happy to pass it to senate

Siddiqui

- The second is not here and they don't have a proxy.

Motion to tabel a bill to revise the GGC legal code for one week

Zha- Kadah

Called to question: Suuck

Passes at 7:47pm

≡ The Micheal Ma Service to Economics Students Act

Lala - Iden

Lala

- Thank you, chair. This is a project deeply important to me and I think will be important to the association as well.
- In the middle of last month, two good friends of mine, Michal Ma and Mason Ryan, tragically passed away in a car crash near Camarillo. They were both beloved and bright members of the communities they were a part of during their time here. They lit up everyones day when they had the chance to, which was very often. Mike, in particular, was the brightest economics student ever, and he brought to me the idea first during our freshman year that
- UCSB is the only few major campuses in the United States that does not have access to Bloomberg terminals. It's an on campus program that allows economic students and anyone interested in access to sophisticated trading data, commondities across the world, things that students will need to build a strong career path for themselves. Both Mike and Mason really sought opportunities for themselves. These kinds of opportunities were not available to students who sought them In their honor as well as for every student that will make use of this, if and when we get this accomplished, I really hope that we vote for this.
- To explain detail on the therefore clause wording, we are directing the active executive director to begin this work in collaboration with senate and other elected leaders, and the economics department and relevant stakeholders on campus. We really want this to be an ongoing effort. This will not be resolved by the end of our term. I hope next year the executive and senate takes on this as well because it can be a longlasting legacy in a way where we add onto students opportunities here.

Iden

- Really shitty tragedy that happened, very unfortunate. I think this could be a cool thing and am hoping to work with Sean on this. I reached out to my first profesor I ever had in the economics department to see if they were interested. I am planning on reaching out to a data science professor as well.
- As an economic major myself, I know that it is not always super applicable and I know there are a lot of people in different majors who could utilize a service such as this. A lot of times it's just theory. This is our first step, moving forward I'd appreciate everyones support. If funding comes up, we are seeing if the economics department or data science deparments can chip in a little. I hope we don't have to front the whole cost

Khorsandi

- Amazing for doing this. I think it's a great way to honor the memory of these students
- Is this an app? What is it?

Lala

- It's not an app. It's not like a Robinhood, it's a platform which business and finance institutions will pay to the 10s of 1,000s every year, but if it's done at campus level, they'll have a program specifically to facilitate this.
- The campus or whoever enables it, and then students can use it for those purposes. It is very sophisticated. More sophisticated than a regular app would be and has more access barriers.

Iden

- It's a good market analysis tool. We don't bet a lot of those opportunities, a lot of it is more independent work. It's an amazing tool to be able to utilize

Zha

Motion to vote on the Michael Ma service to economics student act

Zha- Kadah

Called to question: Lankarani

Hand vote

Yes - 19

No- 0

Abstain- 0

Passes at 7:06pm

Siddiqui

- I didn't know Michael personally but had friends that did, it is a tragedy anytime any student passes away. My prayers and thoughts are with everyone mourning from the loss

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."

Kamaya Jackson she/her

- Can you elaborate on the speculation part?

Zha

- Speculation of a senators intention and ability is prohibited

Jackson

- Only if I name a senator?

Siddiqui

- If you name their name and title of their position, it will still count
- You can say whatever you want with preface with 'I believe'

Jackson

- I believe in all of this then. To the Associated Students and UCSB Community, I stand before you today to express my deep discontent regarding the ongoing misuse of power within the governing body. Over this past winter quarter, I have faced deliberate obstruction and exclusion from my rightful position as SCORE co-chair. My appointment was indefinitely tabled in a closed session and later resinated by President Broadway, only to be reversed again via email. The lack of transparency and the disregard for due process raises questions about the integrity of this senate. The reversal which took place during week 10, despite no meaning policy, suggested a deliberate attempt to isolate and silent me. These actions are not just procedural missteps. They are targeted efforts to prevent a black woman from holding a leadership position within AS. I refuse to allow these exclusionary tactics to go unchallenged. I call on the Senate and IVP Pinto to explain why my appointment has been repeatedly blocked by decisions that are being made behind closed doors and why equity in the student government is being treated as an afterthought rather than a reality. I formally request an apology from the Senate and IVP Pinto from exclusionary tactics used against me, a media reinstatement of my appointment to SCORE co-chair, a commitment to transparent governments ensuring no future appointments are blocked without due process. If this matter is not addressed properly, I will exercise my right to bring this up and speak about the injustices to the bigger student body. I will not be silenced. It is time for AS to decide if it stands for student representation or maintaining unchecked power at the expense of the marginalized. Thank you.

Johnny Mcowel 7:11pm

- I'm from Calpirg, sharing some announcements from us.
- Obviously it's week 1 so we just got started.
- We are doing our recrutiment drive. I don't know if you've seen our class announcements, but we are doing them for recruitment. We have also been tabling because we recruit every quarter. That's a set up for our campaigns this quarter. We're continuing our stop sable campaign. It's really big, we had a lot of sucess. We were able to swing the board of supervisors vote to stop the restarting of the pipeline off the coast. We were also able to create enough attention that california Wade Crowfoot called a town meeting with all the california

environmental agencies present which was really awesome. We are going to be doing more with that this quarter

- Next week there's a coastal committee meeting. Right now, the Trump administration and Newsom administration are targeting the coastal commission in California, specifically for issues like this so that is why the campaign is important this quarter. Some other big news, our Polluters Pay bill which is targeted at making oil polluters pay a tax dividend got introduced in the California assembly. We also have a ton of other campaigns we're working on.

Brinderson

- Thank you for coming, the stop sable campaign is great to hear.
- I saw the county tied, a 2 v. 2 vote. A lot of people are wondering what that means going forward. Do you have any insight?

Mcowel

- It is a little convoluted, the town hall doesn't really know what it means either. The original vote was made by the county planning commission transferring from exxon to sable. County planning commission voted to transfer them, which is unfortunate. It was appealed to the Board of Supervisors and because it was essentially a no vote, we are arguing that that means the county commission vote doesn't mean anything and is null and void. But obviously, Sable is saying that and they are going to sue the county.

Brinderson

- The way this moves forward is in the court system. It's not public at all?

Mcowel

- There's still a lot of public things to do. That's one aspect of it. That is going to go through some legal things. There are other angles to this, we are hoping that the California environmental agency like the Coastal Commission and Cal Fire steps in. Calfire steps in. We have a law in California called CEQA and we are hoping that the sable has to abide by CEQA, which they haven't done yet.
- That's where the public comes in because the coastal commission is having this meeting in Santa Barbara next week. That's why it is important that we get people to show up. Especially with the Newsom administration targeting the coastal commission. That's what the public plays into it and playing the role of making sure the state agencies stay in check.

Lala

- What do you mean by the Newsome administration going after the coasts?
- I'm not asking out of curiosity, but if I'm not mistaken most of your work centers at the state wide level. What is going on? What's the context behind that?

Mcowel

- Essentially, there was a big article about it in the New York Times recently. Newsom said the coastal commission was overstepping the jurisdiction. Some of their decisions have gone more inland than the coast, and they are called the

coastal commission. He said that publicly they should not be able to do that. But part of the sable thing is in the refugio pipeline that lies more inland. People generally are saying that the coastal commission shouldn't be able to do that. I believe it's a lot of political posturing

Queen Allah(she/her) 7:18pm

- I serve as the external needs advocate for black women health collaborative
- I'm here speaking in solidarity with my chair. I believe that the fact this veto was made and not open to public record is unethical. Granted, I am not familiar with legal code. But as a member who she serves as my chair, I think it was interesting that this investigation or lack thereof didn't extend to us, because I feel like I tell you a comprehensive understanding of something like that, and just speaking from my personal experience and being under her this entire time, she's the most dedicated about business individual that I've ever met, you know, besides calling my mom. So I think it's interesting that when we talk about things like equity and institution, where less than 5% of student body is black students, and in particular, black women and non men, that when we're talking about equity, that's something that you guys are trying to hinder, I believe, but that's something that you guys are trying to hinder. So just calling the question, what equity means on this campus, and what it all stands for. Because, like, a lot of these people who are sitting at the table, you know, our organization lobbied for, we voted for, and to see that this is how we're treating black women on this campus. It's, it's unreal, and it's just not what I would expect from this group of individuals. So I really, like, ultimately, I'm up here to say that, like I stand firmly behind my chair, and I think that she served this campus in beautiful ways, that I think what we've done is great work, not to say that you aren't also doing great work. I'm confused and want to know the details of this vote for transparency purposes. Because as a person who serves under this chair, if she's being, you know, barred from being a chair of another organization, I would like to know why. You know, I think our organization deserves to know why. I think there are miscarriages of justice and miscarriages of equity all around. I would love to be corrected if I'm wrong but I think transparency is important in situations like this.

Butler

- Just a point I wanted to touch on if you go to our facebook page, our youtube,
- If you go to our facebook, or youtube, the whole meeting that ended at 3am is up and is public record. You can see the motion with regards to the appointment and then also our minutes are public and accessible to all.

Siddiqui

- Whatever was discussed in closed session is not public

E) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda

Iden- Kadah

Ganesh

Passed at 8:34

F) Consent Calendar-

G) Action Items

Motion to add [R-25WQ02-201458 \(Recommendation on the Ability for Association Members to Receive External Pay\)](#) under action items

ZHA- Wahidullah

Chauhdry

Motion passes at 8:21pm

 **R-25WQ02-201458-Recommendation-on-the-Ability-for-Association-Members-to-R...**

Motion to accept the recommendation made in the report and suspend AS By-laws Article XVI for the purpose allow President Nayali Broadway and EVPLA Owen Meyers to accept the payment given to them by the State of California for their contribution to the Raise the Bar project, and Commend Chief Compliance Officer Davic Jr. Sim and his office for the exceptional dedication and professionalism demonstrated in the report.

Zha-

Called to question:

Passed at:

Iden -

- Can we wait on this since it was just introduced tonight?

Motion rescinded

Iden

- Shaun, are you going to face any difficulties if we don't approve your appointments by tonight?

G-2) Old Business

[Debate Time Per Item- 30 Minutes]

H) Recess

I-3) Unit Reports-

I-4) President's Cabinet Report-

David

- Hello, happy spring, it is day 3, I'm so tired. I have two things that are leftovers from the last meeting in winter to discuss with you guys. Both my points are on my website, and they should also be linked to the last meeting for the winter quarter email chain. The first one is Recommendation 25WQ02201458 which is a recommendation for association managers to receive external pay.

- This interesting event came up because of a project that the President and EVPLA have been doing for 2 years now. Their offices have been creating a wonderful collaboration grant called Raise The Bar within California and it's been a tremendous success. Due to that success, the state of California wishes to compensate the offices for their time. This compensation is made strangely enough not to the office, but to the president, President Broadway, and EVPLA Myers personally within their official capacity. Currently, legal code does not state or give guidance on how members of the association can or should receive external pay. It does state, in two areas, that there are honoraria and stipends, but that comes from student fees. This is a stipend that is coming from outside of student fees, specifically the State of California. Thus, my office is recommending a new area or section or standing policy to clarify how this will happen. Unfortunately, the money for this specific issue is already here. An invoice has been sent out, it is already in the association books. If we do deny that, it's an iffy process. My recommendation is formal legislation to grant an exception within BCU bylaws that may suggest a prevention of external pays for this case only. Then it's up to the senate to decide what to do about it. Whether association members should receive external pays or be barred from it entirely. And, if they do receive external pay, a suggestion on how they should spend it. That is what is going on right now. My full recommendation is on my website.

Amin

- My first question is, if there is no rule that they can't, why specifically come to the senate to ask legislation to okay it?

David

- It is not necessarily write a legislation to okay it, but to clarify what you guys want
- I'm not saying if it should be okay or not, but there's nothing in legal code that says anything about it. With this case, I can see in the future a member go outside and use their capacity to get pay outside their honoraria. That's a question that the Senate has to answer, whether it be this body or a future body that has to answer and close up that or to clarify.

Singh

- Thank you for coming CCO. I'm interested to know, the program they are getting the money from, was that started by the current presidential administration?

David

- No, it was started before, by the previous President and EVPLA

Iden

- Would you mind some clarification on where the money is from?
- Was it marked for any intended use or personal use?

David

- I'm not sure where money comes from, I just know it is not student fees.
- It is a grant from the State of California in collaboration with president and EVPLA office

Iden

- Is it marked for specific usages or personal?

David

- Its marked as a stipend

Amin

- I have a feeling some people will disagree. I don't think it is the senate place to get involved. If there is nothing against it, it should just go through. I am happy to write legislation, but I am not sure it's necessary.

David

- I understand. I will say the issue I foresee is that there is nothing that gives guidance on this, but there are sections that hint if it is allowed or not. It could be interpreted some way or another. When the dust settles, it will go to a JC case. If you guys don't do anything on it, the issue will end up being brought up at JC.

Siddiqui

- No matter what you think about it, as the legislature, that is exactly how you should want the bylaws or whatever standing policy we make to look like because otherwise it will be interpreted by whoever is on the judicial council next year.
- Are there any further questions on the report?

Amin

- I think the JC board is better. They get to be interpreted. You get a more current response.

Siddiqui

- I wasn't disagreeing

David

- My second report is case 2 of case number WQ0203-031834. This involves compliance issues with the bill to create AS Raices de mi tierra. Issues, you can read the full 19 page report, however, TLDR for the senate, in order to protect the BCU and make it valid within the association, it has to be rewritten. There are a lot of places that I should say 90% of it contradicts what is currently in place.
- It contradicts financial policy, it contradicts AS bylaws, it contradicts parts of standing policy. I have multiple pages of recommendations of specific sections of the BCU article. This is just to bring to your attention, this is long, if you need me to come back just let me know. You can call me back for questions

Khorsandi

- Where can we find the report?

David

- It will be on my website, compliance.as.ucsb.edu
- If you go to internal compliance reports and documents and cases, it'll be there

Siddiqui

- Was the administration involved in this at all, in terms of compliance with existing AS policies?

David

- No, all compliance determination is made by my office

Martinez

- Could you send the report on an email?

David

- Yes, I'll link it on the current thread for today

Siddiqui

- If you want to go over some of the things, you can but you don't have to. Its up to you.

David

- Does the senate want to know? I know you are busy. If we look at Article 18, Section 11.m.1, specifies the responsibilities of the academic chair as defined under this BCU, the anonymous concern students concern is that this section requires a second year or above at UCSB to fulfill this position, since such a requirement is illegal under this association and can be considered discrimination.
- A few more, Article 10 Section 18.J, describes this section's zero tolerance policy. This section is superseded by the university's zero tolerance policy and the AS zero tolerance policy. The concerned student is to include the intervention of the associations Attorney General and the Student Advocate General as resources. If such a section is to be included, resources other than the chairs should be included for the sake of the members, as the Chair positions are not excluded from this section either.
- Article 11 section 18.I, describes the financial aspect of the section. This section is invalid completely due to policy 33 which is financial policy superseding it, and that is a direct contradiction. Let's see, there are some smaller things here and there.
- Article 18, section 11.h, specifies the affiliation of the BCU. This office knows that while these affiliations are formalized in legal codes, they must still follow UC policy and association policy in collaboration with as admin and career staff to ensure compliance.
- Article 11, section 18.g, mentions performance contracts. The office notes that all contracts must be through proper channels, as described under legal code section policy 33 which is financial policy.
- Those are just a few of them for you. The report is about 14 pages. I would give about half of that for the stuff and recommendations.

Singh

- CCO, I had a question about your previous report.
- Policy 15 is about conflict of interest, correct? It bars officers from engaging
- It bars offices to engage in activities for their own financial benefit.

Dvaid

- It bars them from getting personal gain. However, it wasn't personal in this case, it was for a grant

Singh

- Is it not personal gain?

David

- Well they didn't know, the stipend was not part of the original deal. It was spurred onto the association. Even the executive director was surprised about it as well. There was no communication about stipend until it was coming our way.

I-5) Executive Director's Report-

Lieberman

- This room will be renovated starting next week. Start date is next week. I don't know if everyone is up to date on what that is but don't have to bring the owl. We are putting in an owl here, 4k and you will be able to see everyone who is here. Will not have to find it and get access to it. Will have a microphone array in the ceiling. Will be very plug and play. We have been wanting this for a while. This meeting will be relocated to the state room or harbor room. You will be back here on May 7. It's not too long to get this done. We wanted this done in the summer but it didn't. At least it is happening
- I want to remind everyone that all travel whether it's for retreats, conferences, or anything that takes place outside of the area or includes overnight stays must go through our travel portal. This needs to happen before funding is requested so that Holly is fully informed and able to support the process properly.
- We need approved group minutes that include who is going, how eligibility was determined, where they're going, and the purpose of the trip or business being conducted.
- Sometimes people will ask you for exceptions. When that happens, I encourage you to ask the basic questions. Where are you going? Who's going? How many people are involved? You should have a clear picture of what you're approving.
- Additionally, all travel expenses, hotels, tickets, flights, trains, etc, should have a second signer, ideally a staff advisor. This provides an important extra check to make sure everything aligns with policy and legal code. I know you all take your responsibility over student fees seriously, and I hope this becomes second nature of asking for the necessary details and keeping documentation thorough.
- Reimbursements over a certain amount will receive extra scrutiny. I do have a list of all reimbursements, and we're trying to take a more comprehensive, big picture look at how funds are being used. Most high reimbursements are for food, which is generally fine, but for other types of expenses, if they don't go through the gateway or another approved system, we have to justify them.
- That includes ensuring there were at least two vendor quotes and that the purchase fits into our policy, in addition to whatever legal code applies. This is part of a broader push to increase consistent use of documentation for all financial decisions, even when legal code doesn't explicitly require it. Transparency is key, especially when it comes to optics and avoiding the

appearance of bias. If you can clearly show the rationale behind a decision, that's always preferable.

- This is your annual reminder that all official business communications should happen through formal channels like Slack, email, or Zoom. It's just good practice, and it helps with documentation and clarity.
- Also, elections are coming up, if you have questions, I'm your person.
- Lastly, something fun, we've got a full-size Storkey mascot costume coming soon. Public Affairs approached us with the idea and we were totally on board. It's in production now and should arrive in June. People have seen the cardboard version, which was pretty easy since it's flat, but the mock-ups for the full suit look amazing. The final product is a collaboration, 40% Public Affairs and 60% us.
- Let me know if you have any questions, and thanks for helping keep everything smooth and transparent

Iden

- I noticed 2 resignations on elections board tonight
- Are you anticipating any issues with that for the upcoming elections?

Lieberman

- No, elections is a big process
- I don't think so
- The old chair left, and new chair is coming in

Siddiqui

- The resignation is because the current chair is doing UCDC this quarter
- -what was emailed to me was the request from chair hansen himself to replace himself. I added it to the agenda but it has not been approved by president Broadway. I don't want to not appoint the election board people today. I want to confirm today because I want to add that to the agenda before we adjourn

Singh

- Quick questions, does that travel portal apply to RCOs as well

Lieberman

- No, it is complicated

Singh

- About the 3 vendors things, when people come to my committee
- We always ask for 3 vendors, I understand that we don't always forward it to you guys, should we start?

Lieberman

- It's typically if only question comes to play about expenditures of funds
- For travels I don't need you to look at delta, americans, and united.
- That's not what is for, it's for fair play, when you're buying for something we want to know if you

- When you are buying with something, we need to see if you have family associated

Brinderson

- Is this related to any ongoing issues or just a reminder?

Lieberman

- There are ongoing things
- Looking at some things that have been weakness
- And so the travel thing, the definition of what is travel still a little bit of weakness, but travel exemptions being, you know, what's the percentage of travel exemptions that are granted? Is it 100% with travel things that come up? What level of detail have the groups submitted? That's an important thing.
- So I'm just now becoming aware of the back end thing that, like, well, this is this, this is this, okay? Was this proper? And so I want to, I want to handle that all like, I don't want it to come to that.
- I don't want to have to look at a requisition in the back end. It's not signing off on something. I want to be able to be like, Oh, this was appropriate, because everyone knows the rules and all the checks make sense.
- This is, this is my method of being like, Hey, I think this check is an important check. The Senate is a very important check on this because you grab that exception for travel.
- So please ask the proper question with that, because otherwise, and also use the portal, because then, you know, liability also increase when we do that, right, when people travel, and they don't tell us that, you know, we're going to this place with these people on this date, and we don't know that is that is definitely a problem

Lala

- Thank you, Director for the cohesive report as always, I want to go back to a question that Senator saying asked earlier, because first off, I think it fully makes sense for for us entities, to be to go through a more a more thorough process here. I think it fully makes sense. You said that you guys had considered our RCOs being included in this reform, but ultimately decided against it. And I'm sorry you said it was complex, but what exactly was the considerations going into it? Because from my experience, I think it does make sense, and it's a positive step not to include the minute, especially because our RCOs and their advisors are often not very directly linked. That's often just someone who is like, oh, I know that, Professor, let's just put them down on paper, and you've actually never spoken to them in years. So I suppose a part of me is advising to keep it this way and in future terms, but also wanted to get your rationale on why you decided against it.

Lieberman

- In the past, our RCOs had more direct advising, and it's much less so now. So it's like, well, who is in charge of that? Who is, who is our point of contact, or anyone who's not assumed in that group? I mean, it's hard. It's like, well, just the director

of RCO that's not appropriate, right? So it has to be something else, and we haven't quite figured out what that workflow would look like, sure, but you know, would it be within our own portal? Would it be something with the shoreline that we could work out that accommodates think of the year? Maybe funding to them? Yeah, and it's a bigger issue that we even just dip my toes in the water to, like, look at, but travel is such a sticky thing,

Singh

- What if we start having them fill out forms on that information
- Do you have anyone in this company, all of the details, other vendors,
- What if we have them fill out a form anytime they request

Lieberman

- For anyone that is purchasing, or traveling
- Conflict of interest is a big thing, always
- Conflict of Interest is almost entirely university defined as financial. It's like, are you or someone in your direct like family, benefiting from what you're doing? We could integrate some of that to be more explicit in a requisition just period. That might be thoughtful. That's a good idea. Yeah, I want to make the requisition like decades long, and I want to make it transparent. Like, so that you're when you're signing, you know what you're signing. That's all I like. That makes sense, because we all sign copies of interest statements being signed, but conduct statements, and those are like, blanket things. And then, as you see, policy, it's not blanket thing, but to be reminded of it in the moment of making a purchase, it's also good

Zha

- Thank you for your efforts, especially recently with all those administrative duties
- I fully support your move for the level of compliance when it comes to travel and reputation
- There's no doubt about that, with that said, historically speaking, there has not been clear communication about expectations when it comes to travel and requisition which has made groups not take the correct process

Lieberman

- Education training is an important part of this too. People knowing what is allowed and what is not allowed. We don't want it to get to the point where someone does something that is against policy. It should have been expended whether that is financial code or legal code or is UC policy, so part of that is authorized signature training.
- And so that part of that is your training, when we're onboarded, when it can be like the, you know, as one and all those other things that we come into. Part of that is the authorized signatures training. When everyone becomes an authorized signer for, you know, so you can sign for your group, you are trained on what is appropriate, what is not appropriate, and, yeah, like, the training is 45 minutes, something like that. So the training is a little less than an hour, but it does cover a fair bit of thing. Like, it's, I remember when we have it every year too, it's fairly

comprehensive. It can't cover everything, obviously. And we, we try to have some leeway and some grace when mistakes are made. And so we'll talk to people about that. So that is built into it. And the reason I'm bringing this up now is because I just want everyone, I want education to begin here too. That we're all on the same page about what we should, what we can do, what we can't do and a part of that is about your advisors also. So it's, it's the training that the finance committee offers. It's the onboarding that we get in general, as senators, as just members of the association. And it's also the advisor who needs to be aware of all these things too. So that's not a very bad step. Your advisor should know where, if you travel. Your advisor should know where you're traveling, who you're traveling, who's traveling. And because you use the site, that is the thing like, because you it's on the site, the portals there, we know where people are. If someone is injured, that's a really big deal. That has happened, people have gotten hurt. We need contact information for them, for their, you know, parents or guardians. We need all that stuff to be safe and to cover everybody.

- And when we don't have that, that's a problem. So just this is me letting everyone here know, and we will end up sending out this. These kinds of guidelines to everybody. It's going to be in text form later, too. And I've run this up by off's team, and they gave me the thumbs up for this too.

Iden

- Jumping back to the ballot
- Do you know when we will get approval and the flexibility with amending the ballot

Lieberman

- I like to do it as early as possible. I understand that things being submitted to UCOP. We don't have approval yet it takes time, we can pressure them, hope that they'll get back. I test the ballots and test the language, logic and make sure it works. It's a complicated thing. When the language isn't settled and the candidates aren't settled. I am able to make changes up to pretty close to it but I'm not going to say when because I don't want to delay it

Singh

- I want to ask about Storkey mascot
- Would it belong to a particular BCU?

Libberman

- Kind of, depends if CMU wants to put money towards it or whether that would be our marketing budget. If CMU does it, they are in charge of marketing. We'd more than happily have it out for elections. It's too bad it won't be here for extravaganza. It will be at CAB events, concerts, it will be at a ton of different things. I can imagine it being a ton of different things. We can give our storkie keychains and stickers as well. Having something fun that can promote and say that AS did that. Create something that people identify with UCSB and that's what our welcome bags are about. I think it's important work.

Singh

- So hypothetically, students can volunteer to be the mascot?

Liebrman

- Yes. We don't have a person to be the mascot. I am happy with how it turned out. We are pondering a name. Public affairs is less excited about that

I-6) Executive Officers' Report -

Attorney General 8:25

- So first and foremost, we're wrapping up some of our water testing. We've analyzed the last seven ish years now, eight years of police data. Dr Marquez, before she left and boarded me on some testimonies and things from the 2014, April riots. They go by a different name, but that's not how I know them colloquially. Shawn, I need to talk to you about getting images from here. I have a caseworker on that. What we're like arguments are going to be when we forward that on to whatever municipal courthouse it is, Santa Barbara requesting for a grand jury investigation. I don't exactly know what the process is, but I prefer that to my case workers. If you guys are curious about what those riots were, there was never an investigation into them in April of 2014 because of the tragedy that ensued immediately, a month after it was completely overshadowed by the open DNS that transpired. You guys are curious about that kind of history. That's work. It's kind of worth looking into. That kind of is as much fun as we have with all of our things like research and stuff. It's kind of being put on hold due to a somewhat slew of casework thrown my way at the end of last quarter, and at the beginning of this quarter. I've been working together with the Student Advocate General's office to try and track down some information and collate things. Another thing is, given the Chancellor's email as an advisory for anti semitism, the Attorney General's office, my office, will be opening up, kind of like a free, almost inquiry, so to speak. And I want to invite all of you guys either contribute anonymously, not anonymously, however you guys feel, in terms of like, weighing like, what the chancellor was kind of saying, the current political climate, everything and like, how do we protect our Jewish students, while at the same time, prioritizing speech, both you can do both you can walk and shoot them at the same time.
- So with that in mind, though, is that there have been kind of like a gross number of like anonymous emails that I've gotten from Fall quarter, considering concerning anti semitism on campus. And this is something that I would really like, if we can't, kind of like reflecting on it at, like, the echelons of government that we occupy. I think we kind of got to start here before we start looking so if we can just, kind of, I'll forward you guys an email with some resources and things like that. I'm trying to, like, look out, see like, if you guys want to, if you guys have seen anything, if you guys are thinking about how, like, wanting to propose solutions or ways that we could work towards to improve the conditions that we have. This doesn't have to only be restricted to anti semitism. I'm going to open up a page on my website. We're going to kind of pursue it that way and go from there. So I think that'll be the best way to forward from my end. Another thing is, is I just

got an email from the President saying they appointed Rubby Hewitt as elections board Sheriff.

- I guess I just want to say that if you guys don't answer emails when we're asking you to be interviewed, it goes immediately to JC, and if you're not there to represent yourself in JC, I encourage you to read my legal code on what it says on what happens when JC rules against you in an attorney general's case.
- With that in mind, I'm just asking you guys to please be willing participants and collaborators and try to, like, help us track down. Whatever it is that happened, so that we can get through this without leaving people behind that sounds good.

Zha

- Thank you for everything you have done
- How many hours a day do you sleep?

Attorney General

- I get enough for me. 5 hours

Siddiqui

- Was there an appointment of a new vice chair?

Attorney General

- In that email, i think so

I-7) Senator Representative Reports-

I-8) Administrative Reports-

J) Committee Report

J-1) Standing Committee on Finance -

J-2) Standing Committee on Outreach -

J-3) Standing Committee on Liaison -

Suuck

- Today we had our coffee chat. It went really well, pretty good turnout. I'm a little sad that not a lot of you guys showed up, but it was decent. Big shout out to everyone who came and my committee for helping out with it.
- Since a lot of you guys were not there, I thought I'd review some of the things we went over so these things don't just disappear into the void. First thing we talked about was events like that.
- We came to the conclusion that the liaison committee should host events similar every quarter. I am probably going to write that into our legal code so the next people will have to do it. The staff said that they enjoyed it. I think having an informal setting was really cool and not something we get to do very often.
- We talked about AS 1. I have a lot of thoughts about it since it's our main forum for a conversation like that. We talked about how it could improve. We talked about how the President should collaborate with staff and students more. I heard from Pro Staff a lot that it's important to emphasize what students need to know now, and focus on the issues that students need to know in the fall, especially so, just like keeping that in mind for whoever the President is going to be next year. I'll be sending them a report on that.

- Then the next thing we talked about was training. An ongoing issue I am still trying to address, me and senator Iden talked about it. Keep an eye out for that, we are going to be rethinking that.
- I heard that Holly is coming up with an event space for new senators to meet with old senators where we hand off the baton. I want this to be something that liaison committees can be a part of. I know when we came into space, it happened in a negative way, just like an “oh congrats.”
- I sat there and listened to how bad AS was, and that was not useful. Hopefully some of us can attend and be useful. Thank you guys.

J-4) Standing Committee on Advocacy -

Iden

- Just want to give a quick advocacy report because it's been a minute. Starting with Leah, I believe you are doing IVTU canvassing this quarter for a lot of safety initiatives. In the meantime, I don't know if you talked about getting the rental compensation program as well as large grassroots efforts.
- Senator Brinderson has done a lot of work with CAPS, last meeting we discussed how we could mitigate some of the concerns that we had over rent raises and fines. It's a sticky issue so I think it's interesting to see how it goes. Those are two big issues. I think just making everyone aware of the potential ramifications when it comes to the program is going to be the most important. But just like those are two very big grassroots efforts that are going on out. There's an IVCRC town hall this quarter for those projects.
- Moving on, Senator Habas has done a lot of good work with CCS. Hopefully that project can lead to more ADA compliance across campus. I believe that they're able to meet with the actual dean of CCS to discuss their accessibility ramp. Hopefully that project can kind of lead the way to more like ADA compliance across campus. I think it's a super cheap ramp which is really clear, so it doesn't have to be technical or anything, just already pre made so it can be placed in there. So that's going to be a really cool improvement.
- Senator Siddiqui has been working on the requisitions for the food bank. That could be a cool improvement. The food bank is getting fridges, sick, I don't think anyone is complaining. Regarding the light tunnel project, I had a meeting with the lighting contract. We are finally working with facility management and we are opting for plastic or malleable metal, and full RGB control to do lighting effects. So we can do lots of colors and effects for things like Pride Month, Halloween, or any holiday you want to put out. If anyone wants to join in on that, it will be cool. It's looking like the RGB lights are coming out to 80k, so 80k for the entire set up without labor cost. I am doing an overestimate right now of 150k, which I understand is a lot but I think it's still a good idea to put funding towards it, it will last forever. The last tunnel was done in two weeks and it's been here for 11 or 12 years so I think it's a good, long term investment. I'd love everyone's support. Any questions?

J-5) Group Project and other Temporary Committee Reports-

K) Minutes and Allocations:

Motion to bundle and approve all minutes and allocations **To Be Approved**

Iden- Ganesh

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at 8:17PM

L) Discussion Items

Zha

- So the reason is the cooperation of the BCU awards for those who have created great student impact.
- We cannot recommend a person to receive awards because it has some legal issues that there is a BCU, but they're also part of the EVPLA office. So what we are trying to do is have JC announce the BCU even when they have had JC read the opinion, I can draft the language.

Motion to invoke the privilege granted to the Senate by ARTICLE VIII SECTION 5, B 4) and asking the Judicial council to render an opinion on if UCIV can enjoy the full benefits and privileges of an ASUCSB BCU.

Zha-Khorsandi

Called to question: Amin

Passed at: 8:20pm

M) Appointments

Motion to add the appointment of Ruby Hewitt as Chair Appointment of Ihita Verada as Vice Chair

Iden - Kadah

Call to question: Lankarani

Passes at 8:32pm

Motion to add 1. Neala Ashaari (nealaashaari@ucsb.edu) for Committee on Committees Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator.

2. Hasvita Obulapuram (hasvita@ucsb.edu) for Committee on Committees Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator.

3. Ananya Kulkarni (ananyakulka7ni@gmail.com) for Committee on Committees Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator.

4. Sofia Fei (sugarisawesome1108@gmail.com) for Committee on Committees Internal Liaison.

5. E.J. Raad (eraad@ucsb.edu) for Committee on Committees Internal Liaison.

Zha- Kadah

Called to question: Wahidullah

Passed at: 8:33pm

Global Gaucho Commission

Chair-Suyan Wang

Senate

Resignation of Dominic Wang as Off Campus Senator

Motion to bundle and approve all appointments and resignations

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34PM

Ganesh - Martinez

Called to question: Iden

Passed at 8:34PM