



UC Santa Barbara Associated Students

Senate Agenda 4/16

Associated Students

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This meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. in the State Street room by Second President Pro-Tempore Alexa Butler

Minutes/Actions recorded by: Liliana Dritz, Melina Magno, Hazel Gong, Sydney Arbolado
CALL TO ORDER by Alexa Butler, President Pro-Tempore **at 6:42PM**

A) MEETING BUSINESS

“Before we begin, we call for students to acknowledge that the lands that the University of California locations were built upon were expropriated & founded upon exclusions and erasures of Indigenous people's human rights throughout California. UCSB is built on Chumash Land, specifically that of the non-federally recognized Barbareno tribe. As an association that pushes the student bodies’ voices to the forefront, we should aim to make strides past just acknowledgment to those who continue to fight for their right to be recognized & respected as the original stewards of this land. I ask you all to dedicate time & care to personal education & to advocate for justice alongside Indigenous peoples.”

A-1) Roll Call

Name	Attendance	Position
Dalia Gerson	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator
Alexa Butler	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Letters & Science Senator & Second President Pro Tempore
Carly Lankarani	👍 Excused ▾	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	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	Off-Campus Senator

Name	Attendance	Position
Leah Khorsandi	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
MingJun Zha	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	International Senator
Isabella McClintock	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾ zoom	Transfer Senator
Alejandra Martinez	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator & Outreach Committee Chair
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 ▾ proxy	Off-Campus Senator & First President Pro-Tempore
Noura Elkhatib	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	College of Letters & Science Senator
Sandhya “Sandy” Ganesh	👍 Excused ▾ 8:10PM	International Senator & Liaison Committee Chair
Aryaman Singh	✓ Present, 🌙 Late ▾	College of Engineering (CoE) Senator & Finance Committee External Chair
OlaBisi Ola-Olaitan	➡ Absent ▾	On-Campus Senator
Nadine Malhis	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Amna Chaudhry	✓ Present, ☀ Early ▾	On-Campus Senator
Kamela Dali	👍 Excused ▾	On-Campus Senator
Ashley Valenzuela Balderrama	👍 Excused ▾	On-Campus Senator

A-2) Excused Absences

Motion to excuse Senator Ganesh until 8PM.

Suuck - Malhis

Call to question - Brinderson

Passed at 6:44PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Valenzuela for the entirety of the meeting.

Wahidullah - Kadah

Call to question - Iden

Passed at 6:44PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Dali until 8:30PM.

Malhis - Brinderson

Call to question - Chaudhry
Passed at 6:45PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Martinez at 9:15PM.

Brinderson - Kadah

Call to question - Lala

Passed at 6:46PM.

Motion to excuse Senator Lankarani after 9:15PM.

Brinderson - Wahidulah

Call to question: Suuck

Passed at 6:46PM.

A-3) Acceptance of Proxies

Motion to accept Aaryan Gundecha as proxy for senator Dan Siddiqui.

Kadah - Suuck

Call to question: Malhis

Motion passes at 6:47PM.

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) IVCS D Representative-

C) New Business

 *A Bill To Amend the Zero Waste Committee Legal Code*

Suuck - Ganesh

(7:32PM)

Suuck

- I got an email from zero waste committee to amend their legal code
- So that's what I did
- That's all I got

Motion to table a bill to amend the Zero Waste Committee legal code for one week.

Kadah - Brinderson

Call to question: Gundecha

Passed at 7:33PM.

Motion to add a resolution to introduce a referendum for a UCSB department of business and/or Business B.A./B.S Degree.

Iden - Lankarani

Call to question - Gerson

Passed at 7:34PM.

A Resolution for a Free and Fair Election

Iden- Khorsandi

Iden (7:53PM)

- This comes after what happened last meeting, it was kind of heavy due to the debate
- The whereas clause just going to go through my intention with this
- As the senate, we're tasked with writing policy for AS
- We are meant to be fair governance and impartial leaders
- Tasked with representing the entire undergraduate
- Not trying to utilize our positions for personal advantage
- Recusal of conflict of interest is very important
- Normal to recuse yourselves for personal gains of yourself or associates
- It happens a lot in business, you can't vote in your own salary in many board meetings
- Abstaining from voting on election matters while actively campaigning for elected office helps uphold legitimacy and integrity of the election and senate
- Obviously we are an adaptive body
- Must continuously change the way we do our policies and how we vote
- These things are constantly changing
- By adapting to these new changes, we're upholding to standards to transparency, accountability, fairness
- In this election where there are multiple candidates that are sitting in the 75th senate
- And a clear conflict of interest has arisen
- Where individuals are participating in votes that are directly impacting the administrative roles and fairness of the election
- April 9th meeting, the senate denied a candidate from entering
- Traditionally an impartial body responsible for handling such decisions
- In the same meeting, we were open to extend other election deadline
- For impartial views it is a double standard in my eyes
- Double standard in my eyes

- Undermining our accountability
- We have to make sure we are taking a step back
- Candidates shouldn't be voting on candidate-related matters in this meeting
- By doing so we can help hold the legitimacy of the election
- Any member who is a candidate not only in this room or BCU, they have to abstain from voting
- They have to abstain from voting or make decisions regarding election rules, procedures, voting
- Anyone in violation will be reviewed by JC and elections board
- Discussions regarding elections, candidates who have declared must disclose their candidacy prior
- They have to be noted in the minutes
- If we are talking about senate elections you have to stay
- Say 'I'm running for senate'
- Any other decisions regarding election are deferred to elections board, ballot changes, eligibility
- It shouldn't be coming to the senate before the body that will be handling it
- Not necessarily appropriate that we were the ones handling it
- This resolution is gonna remain effective towards end of the year
- Should be standard practice that if you are running you shouldn't be voting in elections
- Want us to be as impartial as possible
- Want us to uphold our democratic integrity

Gerson

- Just gonna say thank you for bringing this forward
- I think it is something that is needed and will do a lot of good in the future

Malhis

- Agree as well
- Feel like this year we had a lack of candidates
- If we had in precedent that we allowed people to
- Should be a right ot let another person participate for writing in candidacy
- That's the only fair way to do it

Brinderson

- Thank you for this piece of legislation
- Disagreement of last meeting was we didnt know what constituted and what impartiality really meant
- And how that was supposed to be implemented
- I'm not running, but I'm friends with people who are running, does that mean I shouldn't vote?
- More obvious and make sure that there's less controversy regarding this sorts of things in the future

Lala

- Author and I did not see eye to eye last week but that was primarily because it seemed to me like his argument was if you don't vote this way it's not proper and legal
- If you vote this way, this is proper and illegal
- This is entirely different
- What's being requested by this is entirely reasonable
- There's precedent for democratic and financial institutions as well
- I'm in sport
- Just wondering whether it covers all the points
- Brinderson brings up point that there are often candidates that are going to be involved
- Would you be open to opening theirs and looking into that or keeping it constrained to this
- Opening the resolution and looking into that or should we just keep it in simple
- There might be some wiggle room
- To give them some leeway

Iden

- With our legal code, that is covered under policy 15,
- Just up to us and the body to be enforcing it to standard that it's upheld to be
- A lot of the time it's going to come from a member of senate,
- It takes a lot of integrity to say I can't vote on this because I have connections to this somehow
- Can't objectively vote on this
- Because I'm friends with an individual who's running
- Policy 15 only able to be upheld to how much body is willing for it to be upheld
- That starts with the individual
- If you are going into a vote and know that you have some biases, maybe you don't vote
- Maybe I don't vote
- In terms of legislation, how to pursue this further, it's up to us to be covered
- Let elections board do elections board

Khorsandi

- I know I'm the second on this
- How come a resolution and not in the standing policy or not the standing rules and not a bill?
- Or our by laws
- Now that it is a resolution how will this be enforced
- Bills can be enforced because it's a by law

Zha

- Directional resolution carries the same force of as a bill of senate policy

- The only difference is our resolution will automatically expire at the end of our term
- So now that the senate power of the bill, it will have the same effect It will be enforced the same way

Elkhatib

- I'm never going to say no for more integrity
- Agree with the spirit
- Wanted to inquire
- We are after all the central policy making body of this campus
- I don't think it's a problem that this was necessarily brought to our attention before elections board
- I think we reserve the right to put in our opinions based on our beliefs
- Wanted to ask, is it an issue with it coming to us first or just people having a conflict of interest

Iden

- In my eyes it is a bit of both
- Procedurally it should've gone to elections board first
- In that meeting, Zha and I tried to make the motion right
- That argument evolved a little bit
- Not great being like hey conflict of interest, can seem accusatory
- It can be accusatory but it is all well natured
- Want to be objective as possible
- We have a right to be commenting and making decisions on this
- With a year like this, not trying to throw someone out, when 6 are voting no, hard to spell that inconsistency
- I'm not trying to throw anyone under but when 6 candidates vote no
- It's not a great look when it comes to the student body
- Would like to uphold a standard

Amin

- Want to piggyback what senator Iden was saying
- We are all sitting in this room with people that are running for office for at least 12 hours a week
- That, even if you don't want it to, builds relationships
- That, even if you don't want it to, builds conflict of interest
- Doesn't have the same connections as we do is really important

Motion to vote on A Resolution for a Free and Fair Election by hand vote.

Gerson - Zha

Call to question - Suuck

Yes:18

No: 0

Abstain: 3

The motion passes at 8:06PM.

Motion to grant the AS Election Board the discretion of accepting choice candidates passed the declared deadline in consultation with the office of interim AS executive director.

Zha - Amin

Call to question:

Zha

- Vote we had last time was above the threshold. The candidates that were running voted. This is a matter where any executive will receive 10k in financial gain a year. I find it proper to change the vote again with the proper conflict of interest excused.

Iden

- Regarding that motion, my intention behind putting that legislation on the board, because it's like not to exclude people from voting at all. I have nothing to do with senator Zha's motion.
- I still think that yes, they should be able to make that decision. They'd like to put it and really just want to make that clear,
- My intention was never to exclude people from voting at all

Brinderson

- I really felt like there was some sort of conspiracy going on there. So Thanks for clearing that up. And to this notion, I really don't I really don't like it. We're rehashing what we already did. And the idea was it was fair and it made sense. You passed the deadline that everyone had to follow. If you get to decide, oh, now I want to be a candidate. That's fine, but you have to be a writing candidate, because that's what's on the website.
- If you're going to talk to individuals, and you're getting a privileged position because you have this conversation that's fundamentally unfair, and that is democracy. You don't get to, like, go talk to administration. I do want to make this clear

Iden

- My view on this is the same as before. I'd like it for the election board to have that decision . I think everyone could agree that every student has the right to run for office. Everyone deserves a fair ground. When it comes to deadlines, yes, I agree with Senator Brinderson. At the same time do believe that every student has the right to run. I guess it's up to us to explore the potential of those deadlines. The way the system is right now is not exactly fair

Zha

- First, I want to clarify that Senator Iden was not working with me on that motion. I asked him if he'd be willing to second it, and he said no, which is completely fair. That motion was solely mine; I was not collaborating with him.
- Second, this motion will not create significant conflicts of interest within the Senate. It simply grants power and choice to the Elections Board, an independent agency tasked with making impartial decisions.
- I want to make this absolutely clear and put it on the record. I have saved a text from Siddiqui that I received this afternoon. In it, he sent me a list of ongoing investigations being conducted by the Office of the Attorney General.
- Here's the issue, the report outlines serious impropriety, including candidate suppression and election manipulation. The only reason Le Anh Metzger was allowed an exception was so she could meet the deadline, and she still missed it. That is unacceptable.
- I made this motion to give the Elections Board the opportunity to make it right — to ensure fairness and integrity in our election process.

Kadah

- just want to echo his sentiments. I honestly don't understand why this is being brought back up. As was already mentioned, deadlines exist for a reason, people need them, and everyone has the choice to run, regardless of whether or not someone reaches out to them.
- Even in cases where there's talk of collusion or coordination, the decision to run is still ultimately made by the individual. That's their choice. So I don't understand why exceptions are being made for people who miss deadlines.

Gerson

- We're arguing about the wrong thing here. The focus has shifted to whether she missed the deadline and whether that was right or wrong, but that's not really the core issue.
- What we're actually discussing is whether the decision is ours to make or the Elections Board's. Some are saying we already made the decision, so we shouldn't rehash it, but that's exactly the point. We made a decision, and maybe it wasn't ours to make in the first place. What senator Zha was saying is that we just passed a resolution affirming our commitment to being impartial and unbiased.
- That's what this is about, upholding that principle. Even if bias occurred or something went wrong, we still have the opportunity to fix it. This is exactly what we should be doing, handing the decision over to a body that is designed to be neutral. The Elections Board exists for situations like this. They're better equipped to determine what happened, what's fair, and what's just. Instead of debating the details, we should focus on how we want to present ourselves to the student body. What we're opposing right now contradicts the values we just agreed to uphold.

Khorsandi

- As elected student body representatives, it is imperative that we reflect on our past actions and learn from them. I understand that we've already gone through this discussion, but revisiting and reassessing our decisions is important for our growth.
- I want to echo what Senator Gerson said, we're not making the executive decision here, and that's the whole point. Many of us, whether we like it or not, are influenced by personal interests to some degree, that's just a part of being human.
- But this motion is about giving the responsibility to a body that is meant to rise above that, one that is designed to be impartial and free from personal bias.
- As representatives, we have a duty to act in the best interest of the student body, not for ourselves.
- Even though we hashed this out last meeting, I believe it's valuable to revisit it, not to relive the debate, but to learn from it.
- We should reflect on what happened, consider how we can grow from the experience, and think about how it can help us become better individuals and better representatives.
- If we can share our perspectives and grow together from them, we'll be better equipped to serve the student body in the future. I hope everyone keeps that in mind as we make this decision today.

Kadah

- I don't necessarily fully disagree, some of what's being said feels a bit targeted. In these discussions, there's been a lot of alluding to people who are current candidates.
- Everyone has their own biases. But we, too, are supposed to function as an impartial body.

Iden

- Point of order
- You have to identify yourself in this discussion if you're running for candidacy.

Kadah

- I am running for EVPLA. I am not even saying this for myself, I am just thinking that other running candidates have been targeted. I think it is against the code to bring things up without any evidence as well.

Zha

- I appreciate the point that was raised. However, the only reason I'm bringing this up is because Siddiqui, through whatever means, acquired access to an internal investigation conducted by the Office of the Attorney General.
- I was involved as a cooperative witness. If that doesn't qualify as intimidation, I honestly don't know what does.
- I can speak to the legitimacy of those allegations, and it is my understanding that they are serious and deserving of our attention.

Butler

- In my interpretation, I think that was speculation

Zha

- I was not speculating the intention, but describing the action. I respect the ruling of the chair.

Gerson

- I didn't mean to offend or target anyone with what I said. We all just passed legislation acknowledging that there is bias in the Senate, especially given that some members are currently running for positions.
- That bias exists, whether consciously or unconsciously, and I'm not here to point fingers or say, "you're running for this, so you voted for that." That's not my goal, and it's not what I'm doing.
- We collectively recognized this issue, and maybe that means we need to take a step back and allow someone else, someone impartial to handle it.
- If we all agree that this bias is real and are willing to acknowledge it, then we should be asking ourselves, what's the fairest way to deal with the process? Not necessarily change the outcome or mess things up. Just deal with the process in the fairest and best way possible. I think what that means is turning it over to the election board. We're at a perfect opportunity to catch our mistakes and the year in which we want to be remembered.

Proxy Gundecha

- I'd like to address a couple of things, firstly I'd like to say that when we are looking in and speaking about senators names

Lala

- Point of order. Does he have to identify himself as proxy?

Butler

- If you are talking for senator Siddiqui, make it known. Then the rest of it, we'll know its coming from you

Zha

- Point of order. It is expected for proxy to only express wish of senator and not their own

Proxy Gundecha

- What if I'm simply speaking about events that actually happened
- I'm a proxy for Dan Siddiqui, who is running for president, and I want to clarify a few things.
- Throughout this discussion, a senator's name has been brought up repeatedly, yet in the vote that's being referenced, that senator actually abstained. He did so because he believed in fairness and didn't want to influence the outcome due to his position.

- There has been no contact whatsoever between him and the candidate in question.
- The issue I'm having here isn't necessarily that this situation is being brought up, it's that it's being framed in a way that implies connections and intentions that simply don't exist.

Amin

- The proxy just said the issue that "I am having". According to Robert's rule, he has to speak for Siddiqui and not for himself.

Butler

- You are supposed to be proxying. Proxying is not you but you are representing senator Siddiqui

Proxy Gundecha

- How would I refer to myself? We?

Butler

- If you are voting on a resolution for free fair election, it is not necessarily you, you are voting for Dan. It's Dan's vote through you

Amin

- According to Robert's rules, proxies are not even allowed to speak during discussion

Suuck

- Just feel like we've been doing this for so long now. Let the man speak

Butler

- Moving forward let's refrain from that and keep it in mind. Let's ground us

Idenn

- Point of order. Proxy Gundecha had the floor before

Proxy Gundecha

- Dan has lost his thought. Senator Siddiqui is having issues that he is being talked about in this manner currently. I would just like to express my gratitude to the rest of the senate who has been accomedating, I apologize for breaking rules of order
- This conversation has changed to an attack
- Dan believes this should be focused on unbiasedness of the body
- This conversation should be focused to the unbiasedness of the body

Butler

- This isn't a conversation about senator siddiqui
- We've been talking about this for 20 minutes

Zha

- One last point. I completely agree with what the proxy just said. I recognize that I, too, have personal biases about whether a candidate should be allowed on the ballot, and because of that, I should not be the one making that decision.
- None of us should. That's exactly why the Elections Board exists, as an independent body, established under proper guidance, to handle situations like this with fairness.
- All this motion does is formally grant the Elections Board the authority to make that decision alone

Elkhatib

- I hate this argument that if something involves bias, we shouldn't be allowed to vote on it. If that's the case, then why are we even here?
- By that logic, we shouldn't be voting on anything, everyone brings some level of bias to the table.
- This consideration was brought to us last week, and at that time, we reserved the right to vote on it, and we did.

Khorsandi

- First of all, I want to echo the fact that I think especially during elections, people think that there's targeting occurring. If senators believe that one specific senator is being targeted, then that is even more reason to defer to the Elections Board.
- It's not that people are necessarily targeting others, but the very idea that someone could be targeted is something that can be considered unfair and biased.
- Both sides should be able to agree that we should defer this to the Elections Board. Also, this is different than voting on just anything, this affects monetary compensation. Ten thousand dollars is a lot of money, and if there are senators who believe candidates are being targeted, that's even more reason to move this to the Elections Board.
- We aren't in the right place for any single one of us to make a fair decision on it, because there are just so many emotions, so many people involved, and so much at stake in the matter.

Gerson

- I didn't really understand what Siddiqui's proxy was trying to say. To the point that we're all biased and therefore shouldn't vote on anything, obviously, we're here for a reason. We want to vote on things we care about, and our bias and lived experiences naturally influence how we act as senators. But when we're talking about issues that affect individual positions and monetary compensation, serious things like that, it doesn't make sense to keep the decision within the Senate, and we already agreed on that.
- We all just voted that bias exists here and that we're all involved in some way. So I don't think we should be the ones to make this decision. Most of the Senate doesn't either, based on how we voted.

- What we're arguing about now is something we've already resolved, so maybe we should leave it there. Just take a second and think, if we hadn't already voted, how would you vote now, and why? How do you want to be remembered? How do you want to be portrayed? Maybe take a few seconds to reflect on that.

Butler

- Would you like to amend your motion?

Zha

- Yes I will amend to a hand vote

Motion amended:

Motion to grant the AS Election Board the discretion of accepting choice candidates passed the declared deadline in consultation with the office of interim AS executive director by a hand vote.

Zha -

Iden

- Point of order. I hate to do this. We just passed this resolution. This Is just automatically deferred to elections board, Unless someone would want to repeal my resolution or suspend it, it automatically goes to elections

Butler

- Would you like to rescind your motion?

Zha

- The resolution is ambiguous, the intent of automatic deferral. It would be proper for the senate to take a vote

Amin

- I feel like everyone already spoke really well on this. We all already voted that things like this should go to elections. We all have biases whether we like it or not. Myself, all of you included. We all just agreed that things like this need to go to the election board anyways. So I think you already voted yes for a reason. Voting no doesn't make sense

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Zha - Amin

Call to question: Malhis

McIntock (discussion at 8:37PM)

- Point of information

- What does voting yes mean and what does voting no mean?
- Yes, gives the election board the ability to decide themselves?

Zha

- No vote means we are not giving them the ability and abstention means i dont want to be a part of it

Lala

- Point of order
- Should candidates abstain?

Zha

- I believe abstention is a good choice

Lala

- Should candidates abstain?

Zha

- They should, but no one can force them to
- The reason I recommended the chair to go into a vote is because For the past 2 yeast the senate has extended the deadline for candidates. All comes from the choice of the senate. Elections by themselves do not have this power. I think a vote will be proper

Yes: 10

No: 3

Abstain: 9

The motion passes at 8:41PM.

Motion to amend the agenda to add 'Food Bank CCAJJ Proposal' under action items.

Suuck - Lankarani

Call to question: Wahidullah

Passes at 8:42pm

 A Resolution to Introduce a Referendum for a UCSB Department of Business and/or...

Neo Harter and Xander (7:36PM)

Neo Harter

- So Xander and I are both on behalf of adding a UCSB business major
- Asking you to look into is to add the wording into the referendum
- Hoping to present this to you so when you are voting you can have the presentation
- Address the feasibility of adding a business major to UCSB
- Give you guys a comprehensive understanding of what I was envisioning

- When you decide to vote, you are voting with a bit of confidence
- Our goal is to get UCSB to implement a business major in next 3-5 years
- Within the next 3-5 years, the actual implementation of the business major is a bit nuanced
- Doesn't necessarily have to be a complete business major
- Problem is that we offer econ and accounting
- We offer econ and accounting but it does not translate to the field we work
- Also a website that has the requirements and actual reality of job market when you arrive there
- The idea behind presenting both pieces of info is discrepancy
- Most common fields are much more hands on than economics
- Econ department is oversaturated as well
- What I wanted to show is what an actual business major looks like
- This is the business program for UC Berkeley, group of courses that UCSB does not offer
- Those specifically are a group of courses that UCSB does not offer
- When I say we need to add a business major,
- That's kind of intense wording
- Just add a group of courses that adequately prepare students that adequately prepares students about what they're going into
- Chair of econ department Kelly Bedard here addressed the necessity behind business major, students at UCSB need to be prepared for future in business
- Didn't agree with what I'm saying
- Which is what I'm saying the econ department doesn't do it well
- To prove her wrong I have the actual business sheet here
- You can see a clear discrepancy of
- If you compare the sheet
- Discrepancy in what econ major offers and what a business major needs
- The discrepancy proves her wrong
- The solution is we don't necessarily need to add a huge department, the econ department has many courses that would coincide, just not good enough yet
- What we need to do is just add professors, new courses, potentially
- Once econ degree is brought up to speed, maybe we can just advertise the major to include a business component
- Identifying the gaps and comparing the UCSB to the Berkeley business school
- Figured, UCSB and Berkeley were best analogous
- Step 2, hire professors
- Begin class structural progress
- Step 3, change name of econ major
- Begin to advertise the new and improved mahor
- Timeline in my opinion is definitely amendable
- Within the next year or so
- After hopefully you guys pass referendum
- Actual document students' support that we can show the administration
- Potentially next year's September when school year begins

- Actually getting senate involved in the process and putting pressure on organizations and administration
- Utilizing outreach resources we'd be hopefully informed with this referendum
- Amnesty period
- 3 years, university can get up to speed to what the students want
- I brought Xander because he is in the econ department and he can attest to how under prepared he is

Khorsandi

- Great idea
- Have you looked at the technology management program
- Perhaps expanding that into a full degree instead of just a certificate

Harter

- We have looked into it
- We both agreed that TMP has a great foundation for business major
- And or making the econ degree more comprehensive
- We don't agree on the overall efficacy of the TMP
- It's something, but does not achieve goals that business major needs
- It does something though and it is valid
- Did discuss it, no reason TMP couldn't potentially be merged or expanded
- Merge or become the business major
- Reason why I didn't put the TMP into this presentation is
- Is because I view, that the econ department is a better foundation
- Econ is better foundation and seed to grow the rest
- However, TMP can be fertilizer

Proxy Gundecha

- I actually think it's a pretty good idea as well
- The only thing I have is
- I believe TMP is a grad student thing

Xander

- You're thinking of strategic investment program finance graduate classes
- That's something we can also expand on
- We have these graduate finance classes with a lot of students trying, people are desperate for finance
- Undergraduate TMP classes
- They both have interest
- No unifying body
- If we could put together what we have, we have a business degree already

Proxy Gundecha

- They are impossible to get into
- I haven't done any financial anything

- Just offering the 4-6 classes you showed up there
- That would make a huge difference
- Even just a minor

Harter

- It is to give the students the education they need
- Having some courses that could be consolidated into a business major
- That's much better than nothing

Motion to vote on A Resolution to Introduce a Referendum for a UCSB Department of Business and/or Business B.A./B.S. Degree of Business by a hand vote.

Zha - Gerson

Called to question: Lankarani

Elkhatib

- Think it should be done by secret ballot

Call to question withdrawn.

Elkhatib

- Think it should be done by secret ballot
- Bc we have people who are running, candidates

Zha

- Need to amend to elaborate on the logic
- As far as I'm concerned
- This isn't controversial in nature
- This resolution would not propose any danger
- I believe we should try to do open ballot as much as possible
- Unless there's valid concerns for safety of the members

Elkatib

- Rescind my objection

Objection rescinded.

Call to question - Lala

Yes: 14

No: 3

Abstain: 1

Passed at 7:50PM.

*Motion to amend the agenda and add 2025-26 ASUCSB Spring General Election Ballot
Language under action items.*

Zha - Lankarani

Call to question - Gerson

Passed at 7:50PM.

Iden

- If I could just add another thing on the agenda
- AG's office has done a lot of research on USSA's funding
- Going to come and present their findings
- Today is the deadline
- Idea is to put USSA on the ballot this year
- Put USSA on the ballot this year to make sure students can vote on if they want to affirm or not

Zha

- Truly appreciate Iden's intention
- Would like to ask some questions to interim director
- If we add the USSA out of the ballot would this propose any administrative challenge?

Lieberman

- Ballot initiative for the reaffirmation are locked into two years scheduling
- Moving it up would not be recommended
- Part of the language is that it passed in 2000
- Let's say it passed in 2000, up for reaffirmation in 2005, 2006
- To change that is a problem because UC lawyers will be angry at me and I'd rather avoid that
- My recommendation
- Leave it for next year
- We don't know status of USSA
- Changing it is problematic and the only other option is
- Only other option is having chancellor mix it
- That might be the cleanest way to do it, that's kind of my thought on that

Butler

- I won't be accepting it onto the agenda

Iden

- Would you still be okay with AG's office still presenting it during discussion items?

Butler

- Yes

Motion to amend the agenda and add under new business a resolution to transfer funds for the AS undesignated fund to the senate unallocated fund for purpose of the senate station program now absorbed by AS food bank.

Ganesh - Suuck

Call to question: Proxy

Passed at 10:11PM

Singh

- Very simple, just pass it

I den

- I am against funding them full 50k for the 2 year program. I don't think that's rewarding. I don't think the food bank's main goal should be the snack program, it should be full meal access. This is like a band aid solution to a larger problem and I don't agree with 50k for a two year funding plan just for financial reasons. In terms of inflation and production costs, this change is not going to last two years. I would rather fund it partially and then look at longer term solutions where they can get this funding because they are also going for a lock-in fee increase in this election by 50%.

Zha

- Two points. First, this will not fundamentally address the meal problem on campus, but I think improvement does not mean it is not worth our consideration. I do believe it is a good plan and worthy of our execution.
- Second, we asked the food bank if the increased lock-in fee can be paid and their response is that they already budgeted the increased amount.

Ganesh

- The lock-in increase has nothing to do with this. The lock in fee increase, if they get it, they have way different purposes that the senate initially wanted, but they already have a plan for. They have claimed it is a very efficient program that is very used by students. They have given you labor, time, and vendor breakdowns. Maybe it won't last two years the way the economy is going, but that does not mean it should not last for as long as it can. I am really tired of this being a contrarian for the sake of being a contrarian. If you don't want to give them money just say it. You can vote no if you want to vote no.

Butler

- That is a warning

Malhis

- Last week or two weeks ago, the food bank came in and provided an excellent presentation showing how much snacks are being supplied to the student body, and how used their services are. And it just reflects how satisfied the student body is with this program. I would say it's one of the most efficient programs. Like Senator Lala said, the responsibility of the senate is to make the student body

happy. De-funding this program is not a good thing. The student body is happy with this and they provide a lot to the student body. They have been trying to get the money for a long time.

Motion to vote on resolution to fund

A Resolution to Transfer Funds from A.S. Undesignated Fund to the Senate Unalloc...

at 10:25PM by handvote

Zha - Amin

Called to question: Kadah

Passed at 10:19PM

I den

- Would it be amenable to have the funding be for 25k one year and then 25k another year? In my eyes, when I look at Food Bank funding as they are one of the most funded BCUs. When I go there, and I am a frequent user of the food bank, I don't think they are using their funding the best way they could, certainly in terms of what they provide to students. I want real food opinions. There is nothing stopping them from using it the entire year even saying it's going to be for 2 years. The actual resolution in the clause is just giving them the money.

Ganesh

- If they already have plans put into motion to acquire the things they want to acquire through their fee increase, why would the senate instruct them to do something just as impactful? Senator Iden, I need to catch your drift dude and I'm not. The senate wanted them to get fridges, they have plans for it. They already have plans for warm meals, they have plans for berries. They have plans that are none of our business. They are the food bank. If they are the most funded BCU, it's for a reason. There is no one here who has not used the food bank. It's not only the most impactful BCU. It's. It's also one of the most public places. It's one of the most used BCUs. You can always put a sign in front of the food stations saying that they are funded by your student fees from Associated Students. I agree that the way the economy is going, this is not going to last the next 2 years, but that is not a reason. If we do what you are proposing, it is up to next year's senate to give them the money or not and I can't tell you what next year's senate will do. This is a conversation that has lasted 2 quarters. It has been in motion. Their advisor has come, their coordinators have come, they have presented 3 times. They've clearly taken the senate recommendations everytime. There is literally no reason why. This argument of rewarding them, there has been a lot of this language, like financially rewarding them. That is just not a very good fiscal policy. I know this is America and most of you are capitalists, but they are doing a service. They are not putting this in their pocket. They are not being rewarded. Please remove it from your vocabulary.

Kadah

- I would really like to echo the sentiments of Senator Ganesh. In 2022, 43% of undergrads experience food insecurity. There's a very good reason why the food bank is the funded and most utilized BCU.
- I do think they deserve all the funding and support they get because food insecurity is a big issue among a lot of our students

Khorsandi

- Okay, if I'm not wrong, Senator Iden, your concern is that they will use up the 50k and won't save any. I don't see why we can't include a formal written statement stating we will give them the money under the condition they use it for 2 years.

Butler

- No speculation.
- I will be giving out strikes

Iden

- My last point on this, if i give someone \$100 they are going to be cautious on spending it. Much more cautious than if I gave someone \$1,000, it's a different story. Something like this is a big project, start small, there is not a necessity to fund it in its entirety at this time.

Motion to vote the resolution to transfer funds for the AS undesignated fund to the senate unallocated fund for purpose of the senate station program now absorbed by AS food bank

Yes: 17

No: 1

Abstain: 3

Motion passed at 10:26PM

Motion to move \$50,300 from senate unallocated account number 100 to AS food bank account number 240, sub category 7900 special projects

Zha - Ganesh

Call to question: Wahidulla

Passed at 10:28PM

Hand vote:

Yes: 16

No: 1

Abstain: 3

Motion passed at 10:30PM

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.”

Lilian Mkrtoumian & Jenny Stepanyan & Aren Diranyan & Samuel Manukya spoke at 6:49pm

Lilian she/her

- I am the Founder and President of the Armenian Pre-Law Society, and the Vice President of the Armenian Student Association, I stand here today alongside many Armenian students, not just to represent ourselves, but to represent every marginalized identity that has faced systemic injustice and oppression throughout history.
- Today marks the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, a tragedy that remains a forgotten chapter in history for many. Decades of denial and silence have allowed manufactured narratives and widespread ignorance to persist, ignorance that has been instilled by governments, universities, and societies alike.
- I could stand here and deliver a thorough history of the genocide. But my goal today is not to condemn any group of people. I am here to take a stand for truth and remembrance, and to speak out against the ongoing silencing of Armenian voices. Despite the systematic attempts at denial and erasure, Armenians have persevered. We have restored, rebuilt, and maintained our identity.
- That resilience is why we are here today as UCSB students, to reject cycles of denial and ignorance, and to strive for a campus culture rooted in justice and awareness. The first step toward that goal is recognizing April 24 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. This initiative is vital. UCLA, UC Irvine, and UC Berkeley have already taken this step, and it’s time we do the same.
- Recognizing April 24 and designating April as Armenian Heritage Month will not only honor Armenian lives and history, but also educate future generations. It is a symbolic commitment to all marginalized communities, a statement that their histories will be seen, heard, and remembered.
- This designation will allow for the celebration of Armenian culture and heritage, for the sharing of rich traditions, stories, and voices. It affirms that this university welcomes all of us, and that we each have a space of belonging on this campus. It identifies and affirms the truth of our roots.

Motion to allocate 10 more minutes to the speaker’s times

Zha- Kadah

Call to question - Wahidulah

Passed at 6:52PM.

- Therefore, tonight, I ask each and every one of you to take part in making history at UCSB. Let us affirm that this university stands on the side of true justice and remembrance. Stand with us, not only in memory of the 1.5 million Armenians who suffered annihilation, but also in honor of the generations who carry their voices forward.
- By implementing this proposed legislation, we will take a powerful step toward healing wounds that remain open 110 years later. We are here today because of the resilience of our ancestors, forces that tried to erase us and silence our voices. We are living proof of survival, and our continued presence depends on individuals like all of you to give us the tools to amplify our voices.
- UCSB has a choice, to turn a blind eye or to become a university that champions inclusivity, remembrance, and truth. Thank you for your time and compassion.

Jenny Stepanyan

- The Armenian Genocide was a brutal and deliberate campaign carried out by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. It led to the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians, as well as countless Greeks, Assyrians, Kurds, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and others.
- The Armenian population was subjected to unimaginable violence, men were executed, while women and children were forced into death marches through the desert. This was not a byproduct of war, it was a calculated attempt to erase an entire people.
- The cruelty of the genocide even inspired Adolf Hitler, who justified his own atrocities by saying, “Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?” This chilling quote underscores not only the global impact of the genocide but also the devastating consequences of silence and denial that followed.
- In recent years, there have been efforts to break that silence. In 2021, President Biden became the first U.S. president to officially recognize the Armenian Genocide, stating that “the American people honor all those Armenians who perished in the genocide.” This acknowledgment marked a critical moment in the broader movement for human rights and justice.
- As was mentioned earlier, many university campuses have taken steps to recognize and honor this history. Institutions such as UCLA, UC Irvine, USC, and UC Berkeley have hosted commemorative events, educational discussions, and remembrance ceremonies. However, there remains an absence of recognition at an institutional level here at UCSB.
- Given the actions taken by our sister campuses within the UC system, it is imperative that UCSB also take this step. Recognizing the Armenian Genocide would not only honor the memory of its victims but also reaffirm UCSB’s

commitment to justice, remembrance, and the support of all marginalized communities.

Khorsandi

- Thank you for coming to speak, for educating us, and for sharing your perspective. I'm Jewish, and my ancestors also experienced genocide, so Holocaust Remembrance Day is important me.
- I totally see why you want to have a day of recognition.
- Have you spoken to the administration or any school officials about this? And have you received any response or support from UCSB so far?

Lily

- The only people that I've contacted were you guys in the previous years. I did send a letter to Chancellor Yang and his entire office, and I have received no answer

Jenny

- There has been other articles published saying that they've also written to Yang and haven't gotten an answer or pushback

Brinderson

- Thank you for coming and bringing such a strong and unified voice with you. The Armenian Genocide happened, it was horrific, and it inspired further acts of genocide. When we remember genocides, it's essential that we remember every single one. We can't forget or choose which histories to honor.
- I'm not fully sure what capacity we as a Senate have to act on this But I really appreciate your initiative, and I agree with what you're asking for.
- Getting this in front of the administration is a crucial step, even though we all know they're often not very responsive, that's unfortunately just how they tend to operate.
- One thing that came up in our last meeting was the mention that a similar request was made last year.
- When that happened, members of the Turkish Student Association showed up and had very specific concerns and demands. From what you've shared tonight, your request seems incredibly reasonable, you've made no attempt to blame students or entire governments. That said, I do want to ask, have you had any interaction or communication with the Turkish Student Association so far?

Lily

- Not really, we haven't had direct interaction with the Turkish Student Association. Of course, there's always going to be backlash, and we expected that. That's exactly why we made it a priority this year to bring out everyone in our association and amplify our voices, to ensure that they wouldn't be silenced by

others. We've also been very intentional in our approach. We are not condemning or putting down any group of people or any nation. Our number one priority is simply to have April recognized as Armenian Heritage Month, and April 24 as Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day. We're just trying to honor our community and our voices on this campus, without interfering with or antagonizing any other group, because we know that would only lead to chaos

Amin

- Thank you so much for coming out and speaking.
- The best way to move forward with this is to email the Senate at UCSB, just reach out to senate@ucsb.edu.
- If you send an email expressing your interest in making this happen, someone who's interested will reach out and work with you to draft legislation.
- That's how you can move this forward through the proper channels. Again, thank you all for showing up, you both spoke so well.

Khorsandi

- I wanted to add I would love to help work on this piece of legislation
- I could give you my email, or any one of us

Butler

- as.senate@ucsb.edu has all of our emails in it

Kadah

- I wanted to echo the same sentiments spoken all around. I think that it would be beneficial for the senate to show their support. I'd like to offer myself as a resource
- Email that address, All of our emails are there

Elkatib

- Thank you for coming. Armenian genocide is historically denied, globally there have been campaigns done by various states in attempt to bury it, I disagree with the idea of bringing up those states. Bringing up genocide is going to ruffle some feathers but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't talk about it
- I also want to offer my assistance in making any legislation. I want to note the only reason I knew about it is because I had an Armenian teacher in high school.
- He made a point to teach about it. I think that's a rare experience, I was lucky in that sense. Not everybody gets that experience

Butler

- Your whole board came, thank you all for coming

Johnny Melowville (CALPIRG) he/him 7:05pm

- Updates with calpirg. We had a big win last week with sable campaign. We showed up at the coastal commission, got them to fine sable, 18 million dollars for violating their cease and desist orders, Which was really great and is really

important since sable does not have a revenue stream right now. Especially because the pipeline isn't operating right. They have finite money

- Our polluters page view will be voted on next session, moving to floor where it's gonna be voted on
- The bill going through to the California senate to make oil polluters pay into the climate fund, so that California taxpayers don't have to offset the damage they cause.
- We are also running our course capaign. We are collecting public comment on that this week. Calpirg is deciding the statewide campaign, which is cool. We are deciding between 3 big ones, save the bees, fast fashion, also thinking about making sable campaign statewide. The sable campaign as it was really big and was in the LA times.

Brinderson

- I know this isn't the first time you talked about stop sable last meeting you talked about the coastal commission meeting, I read that the coastal commission had already been in conflict with sable
- Gavin Newson has historically winged that pendulum to sable side.
- How enforceable is this increased fine and how big is this win?

Johnny

- The reason it's a big deal in the first place is because no one has ever violated a cease and desist order from the coastal commission. That's why it's a big thing, it's the first time they've done a fine like this. The California Attorney General has to enforce it. I am hoping that works out.

Lala

- How is the state wide campaign decided? Are you lobbying?

Johnny

- We have been lobbying for a sable campaign for the past 2 quarters.
- When it was decided by the board of supervisors, we made sure that they would vote our way.
- That is some of the lobbying we've done.
- How we decide our statewide campaign is that CALPIRG has a board that is made up of board members from other UCs, and has a chapter in each except merced.
- There's 5 people in each chapter, everyone votes in the statewide meeting

Aditi Hariharan (UCSA) 7:10PM

Aditi

- President of UC student association
- Go to UC davis
- This is my visit to see UCSB
- I was going to speak on how UCSA operates
- How we operate, our priorities, speak at every campups

- Our official charter is to advocate for accessibility of uc
- Funded by 7 dollars from each UC student, need to fund our staff, student workers, and more
- How we started is as a UC student lobby, there's a council of presidents, an undergraduate and graduate president
- The 10th, UCSF, has just a grad president
- They all come together and make up this council
- Basically 1971, when Reagan was president,
- They determined that they were unable to handle external affairs
- They delegated that responsibility to a UC student lobby, UCSA
- We are the employees recognized by UC system and state legislatures
- How we run is we have an external VP at each campus, SB's is monica
- There's a legislators director as well as organized director that sits on our board as voting members
- That leads to a large board
- As well as we have appointed officers
- That's a person who represents a specific topic
- Basic needs officer
- Campus climate, etc
- How our board is formed
- There's executive positions, I ran for president so I'm grateful for that
- 5 standing campaigns
- There's ACQUIRE which covers basic needs, healthcare, textbook affordability, everything

Motion to extend the speaker's time by 8 minutes.

Kadah - Lala

Call to question - Malhis

Passed at 7:13PM.

- SEED is our environmental justice and indigenous justice campaign
- Racial justice now is our racial justice campaign
- UCweVote civic engagement
- Fund the UC is our tuition affordability campaign
- Goals are voted on by students every year
- Conference in August, everyone comes together and vote on their goals that they want the association and board to work on
- This year, acquire, our campaign
- Alternative to CalFresh for specific undocumented and international students don't qualify for CalFresh
- Don't qualify under immigrant class in CalFresh
- There's no room in that for state budget due to budget deficit
- There's also a limit of number of bills each state representative can introduce
- Due to those constraints, been navigating it by going on each campus

- Going on each campus and finding an insitutinal alternative
- UCweVote, focusing on voter efforts post-election
- There's been a lot of stress in students communities
- Before elections we were focused on increasing ballot boxes on each campus
- For SEED we are increasing direct access to chancellors for native students,
- By having native student advisors to chancellors
- Currently only 2 school staff student representatives on those native advisory boards
- Usually just a staff advisor, trying to get student representation
- Our racial justice campaign is navigating free speech on campus
- Specifically, letting students know what their rights are
- Especially with the new enforcement policies that weren't passed, not enforced as broadly
- Fund the UC, we were endorsing a piecemeal approach to Calgrant equity
- It was a framework that passed
- Due to state budget deficit, it passed in the state 2 years ago
- But due to the lack of budget,
- Cal grant equity includes a framework which basically increases access to Calgrant for students who are less traditional
- That looks like allowing students to took a gap year, or who took more than 4 years
- Or who take more than the traditional 4 years to still have access to scholarships
- Due to the budget we are starting out with student advocacy first
- One of the components tackled in Calgrant equity framework
- How that's looked is introducing specific bills
- Some are student parent focused
- Working with state reps to see where we could get increased funding
- Apart from this, we have a bunch of policy priority
- Due to that appointed officer program I mentioned before
- They tackle specific projects for year long period
- Me as president, have my own priorities
- Free speech specifically I've been working with
- Working a lot with system wide admin to push back on policies that are very restrictive
- External vice president have been big on keeping contact with individual chancellor's regarding those free speech policies
- Ensuring that the time place manner restrictions follow precedent of stduents allowing students to speak
- Of actually being able to have students speak
- Some campuses have restrictions on where, what spaces
- What buildings you can speak in front of, we are pushing back there
- Done a lot of investigation into UC investments
- I've been in convos with UC investment, have a more clear understaidng on how system wide investing work

- As well as individual investing boards, only 4 compases that have an individual investing board
- Most schools fall under the system wide investing model
- Santa Barbara is one that falls under system wide
- A lot of advocacy has been seeing how we can utilize advocacy
- Currently there's zero student perspective
- No investments in private prisons
- None in tobacco
- None in fossil fuels
- Metrics are clearly defined by index funds
- They are the only ethics involvement discussion in our current investment
- And discussion in our current investment
- Really trying to increase that
- Weapons and war as parts of the ethic metrics
- Also are really prioritizing undocumented student advocacy, green card, partial residency, students who are at an increased risk
- Calling for condemnation of current administrative policies, and
- Investing highly in legal resources system wide
- There's system wide legal resources that exist for students
- None that clearly tailor to needs of international students or students with varying employment visas
- We are really trying to make sure that UC can contract lawyers that can help students in a pro bono way
- Where students aren't forced to bear the run of that financial burden
- Also to have that advertised widely to students
- A lot of students dont know if their visas have been revoked
- They are unable to get appointments with their international student representative
- Black student success is also one of our priorities
- Regarding increased advocacy for programs like UC prime
- Like UC prime, but expanding to pharmaceutical, dental, vet schools
- Helps retain a diverse range of students
- Helps them stay in med school and work back in their community
- As well as work back in their communities
- Expand it to other realms of schools
- On black student success, pushing back on any efforts that schools have taken to delve into any race neutral territory
- Police accountability is a huge emphasis
- Currently how they operate is that police accountability boards do have student representation,
- But the verdict that they come to is not enforceable
- Make a judgement based on what they have found
- Really pushing back to ensure students have power there with their findings
- Findings that they are able to find in the police

Motion to extend the speaker's time by five minutes

Kadah - Lankarani

Call to question - Wahidullah

Passed at 7:22PM.

- Student housing is also a priority, we are co-funding bills
- Group of students working on housing legislation nationwide
- Student housing officer very tied into homes coalition
- One of state legislation pieces they're sponsoring is regarding coastal zones
- Ensuring more student housing can be built
- More stipulations if a school is built towards coastal zones
- Ensure that UC is an equitable place to work
- Advocacy in ongoing and needed
- Disability justice is ongoing
- UC received 19 million for disability services, there's no clear understanding on how those funds have been utilized
- Still huge wait times at every disability center
- Senators are unaware of what funding they received and how its been disbursed
- Asking for increased funding
- One million of it is state funding and 18 million, there's a larger distribution that is UCOP
- Upcoming lobby days is may 8
- Please apply if you are a transfer student
- You'll be taken to sac on a free trip,
- Advocate regarding specific bill that we are sponsoring
- Upcoming advocacy conference is our
- Federal advocacy conference, go to DC
- We are able to speak to federal legislators
- Something that I'm interested in is federal
- If UCSB's interested, join US student association
- Which has been restarting
- It's been an effort that UCSA has been a part of
- Know that you guys still have your USSA fund allocation
- UCSA has been restarting, signed resolutions to be a part of if that's what you want
- Please do, I can help get you necessary materials
- There's no monetary tie in with any resolution being passed currently
- Org is in such baby steps, dissolved in 2017
- Restarting effort is there
- A charter has officially been passed
- In the future probably the funds that are allocated to USSA have to go to USSA
- Would have to go to USSA
- That is to be determined after the upcoming term has passed
- Upcoming applications open for the next year in may

- They are open from may 1-31
- They open for next year in may
- Year long position
- May 1st to may 31st
- If you arent graduating please apply
- It's a great opportunity to get to talk to state wide legislators
- Great opportunity to talk to system wide legislators
- Depends on what your project is, statewide or institutional route
- Also take the institutional route
- Thats it from me
- @UCstudents on instagram

Brinderson

- Ty for coming
- Little weird
- Two summers ago you were in the UC sacramento program, anyway

Hariharan

- I recognized you

Brinderson

- Regarding USSA we had that running for awhile now
- It's become an internal debate of what to do with it
- It's great to hear that is coming back
- Would like that to exist
- I'd love for them to have
- How soon should we expect a new organization and do they need
- I'm sure they'd willingly take our money

Hariharan

- In terms of constitution for org, it should be created and passed in august
- an interim charter is in place
- Charter does not talk about individual financial contributions
- Currently there's like 5 states involved
- If you join or not join, we'll still represent you
- You'll get an extra vote if you vote us in
- There's cali, washington, oregon, florida and new york
- Officially joined
- In terms of UCs, UCSC
- UC Santa Cruz
- None of the other UCs have passed them yet
- More details will be clear after august

Malhis

- I didnt know this was a thing so this is very cool

- How every UC is making a contribution for that
- You mentioned that every UC funds 7 dollars

Hariharan

- Each student funds 7 dollars

Malhis

- This is really amazing, I heard about how USSA has been reformed is cool
- Did hear about USSA's reform
- Hopefully being more proactive in that would be in our interest
- Coming to all UCs and presenting is really commendable of you

Gundecha

- I love the stuff that you are working on
- The investment stuff, really important
- Honestly I was just curious in what the different positions
- The projects, what different sanctions
- You briefly mentioned how they all go into different things
- Just a very lengthy process, could you summarize it properly?
- The one that opens in may?

Hariharan

- We have 10 standings, basic needs, campus climate, disability justice,
- Student housing, black student success
- Labor, transfer student, international student
- Two that are floating,
- Executive board can vote on two positions
- UCSHIP position, focused on health insurance
- Community and caucus, focused on SWANA community, indigenous, undocumented, and black students
- We have academic affairs

7:32PM.

E) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda.

Zha - Brinderson

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at 11:02PM

F) Consent Calendar-

G) Action Items

2025-26 ASUCSB Spring General Election Ballot Language

Zha

- Thank you Chair
- Almost everything is at the expense of UCOP
- So we don't really have a choice
- The only thing we might have a choice is section 4
- Some context, essentially UCOP said we cannot yield forward
- However what we can do is add language to each individual lock-in fee ballot
- Upon recommendation upon AS
- chancellor might up to but not exceeding fee to projected costs

Idea

- I only found out about this Monday
- A lot of our stuff wasn't even sent to UCOP
- Even though we passed everything March 5th
- Including the active allocation act, they never even received it
- This recommendation by Marissa is only based on GGC change
- So we are walking in the dark here
- We are making a change without knowing if it is approved by UCOP
- I still feel that there is an argument to be made
- Their argument was we can't put the rollover in the senate unallocated because it's not a specified purpose
- This language is saying it's more specified purposeful and capital project explicitly
- I don't feel comfortable modifying this
- In my mind, I don't see an issue waiting another year
- Just in regards to article 5

Zha

- I agree
- Totally fine with just removing it
- If I understand Marissa correctly, it appears we can't put it on the ballot, because we haven't received approval of UCOP

Idea

- I would like a moment to go through this
- Were the seat changes on here as well?
- Because I don't think they were
- Our seat reallocations aren't on here as well
- They were also not sent to UCOP
- When I'm looking at this now, they are not on here

Zha

- It's not on here
- I do believe it's a problem
- If you don't pass the ballot by tonight or later this week by email vote
- There could not be an election next week, it has to be postponed

Iden

- One more time about this
- When i was talking to Marissa, a lot of these weren't sent
- I'd still like have a discussion on these items

Marissa

- I'm here for questions

Iden

- Do you mind clarifying, is there any potential for us to send these to UCOP at this point in time?
- Because of a lot of these were passed March 5, and some are passed via email vote
- I'm a little upset that these didnt go through

Marissa

- Understood
- The information i got from Caleb, you all have as well
- Remember, we switched electrion share from Caleb, there was also a transition
- What I got from Caleb, I thought was everything
- The March 5 minute was not yet available when Holly and I were scouring everything in order to put all of the stuff into the document that was going to UCOP
- Yes, they got it late
- That was on me
- All I can say is I'm sorry
- I'm still trying to figure out the election.
- I just saw for the first time three affirmation letters electronically, because they were not passed out to me
- But the information you have when I sent the information to our campus Election Commission.
- She sent this to UCOP.
- She said that they only review fee affirmations and reaffirmation of the new fee proposal, that they don't comment on constitutional amendments.
- The information from that they provided to the GGC and the other one for the system.
- It was the same feedback to both of those that I thought could apply to the other ones.
- It's still possible to get feedback from them. I don't know. I can't guarantee it, but they have the language.
- I sent it to them and I sent it to Emma.
- It's just a matter of waiting, and I'll push it again tomorrow and see if they can comment on it
- But I think you're going to get the same language and information that is provided on the other two

Iden

- Thank you Marissa
- It's alright, stuff happens

- I appreciate you working with us to try to amend this
- At least from my understanding
- From what I heard from Shawn
- Is that the amendments are sent to UCOP because constitutional amendments were approved
- Unless there were miscommunication
- If they were approved, i would find it appropriate to add it at this point in time
- Would you care to comment on that?

Marissa

- I sent them the whole thing
- I don't know who commented on the constitutional amendment for the special election
- I need to get feedback on that one
- I'm just sharing with you what Emma shared with you
- Which was that they don't comment or typically review constitutional amendments
- I can ask
- All I can do is ask

Iden

- I guess it's open to everyone else at this point
- We could wait and do an email vote, if people are ok with that
- But i'm wondering if we could amend it and pass or if we can amend and pass the ballot in the same meeting

Zha

- As long as motion to amend as a motion
- And the motion for the actual passing meets the required voting threshold
- Creation of email vote
- To my understanding, is for family emergency
- Not sure if we can create it

Iden

- I'm not sure if anyone would be able to reach out to the IVP at this point in time
- Maybe they can respond?
- I'm also thinking
- We don't necessarily need to amend it in the email vote
- We can just pass the ballot how we amended it correctly to pass

Zha

- Grey area
- I would recommend you amend and then pass it
- Just propose new ballot with the changes
- Don't think anyone will challenge us

Iden

- Alternatively, if people are available we could call a special meeting and do it quickly
- That would be the only topic
- If we meet quorum, it's fine

Lankarni

- We can do through zoom
- If taking less than 10 minutes

Idea

- Could we defer it to exec and exec make the amendments and the body votes on it

Zha

- Yes, exec can make amendment
- All amendments need to be voted by the full body

Idea

- Hesitant giving it to exec but also like the idea of them getting involved
- So let's just make that meeting as open as possible

Back at 10:30PM

Zha

- Question to Senator Idea
- Elobaorte on his plan what to do with the ballot

Idea

- Were we able to hear back from the vice president?

Ganesh

- No

Idea

- I recommend to pass it as it is
- If we have the ability to make amendments before the weekend, we do that
- We can do that through email vote

Zha

- Just to make sure it is what I think it means
- There is a recommendation from me
- To attach a comment
- To change the language
- Keep the original language or keep the new language

Idea

- Could I bring Shawn to the floor?

Shawn

- Sure

Idea

- A lot of our amendments were not approved
- If we just amend that specific amendment of the rollover
- Without UCOP
- Marissa saying that constitutional amendments do not go to UCOP
- Is that allowed

Shawn

- When it has anything to do with funding, that is when they care
 - UCOP comments with global gauchos fee increase gave you pause with that
- partiparlar one

- Because it was basically the same text
- If they don't like it, they will say no to that part of it

Iden

- So the recommended change is holding the rollover?
- I don't want to have the chance to modify the fee
- We can already do that
- Let's just strike the active allocation act at this time and have it to be something to be dealt with next term
- Unless we find something before the weekend

Motion to open 2025-2026 AS UCSB Spring Election Ballot Language

Zha- Iden

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at: 10:34PM

Motion to strike the entirety of section 1 of constitutional amendments of AS Allocation Act

Iden - Ganesh

Called to question: Suuck

Passed at: 10:35PM

Motion to close AS 2025-2026 AS election ballot language

Zha - Suuck

Called to question: Chaudhry

Passed at 10:36PM

Motion to approve the spring general election as amended

Zha- Chaudhry

Called to question: Wahidullah

Passed at 10:37PM

Motion to add to the agenda under action items Food Bank CAJ Proposal

Ganesh - Wahidulla

Call to question: Lankarani

Passed at 9:52PM

Food Bank CAJ Proposal

Ganesh

Ganesh

- We just have to make a motion to give them the money.
- The reason it was not given last time is because that money was moved because of the emergency EVPLA email vote. The difference is its coming out of a different account than unallocated. They asked for CAJ money, 50k. If you want to debate

the amount, then we can put it on discussion items. Thank you for your efficiency.

Zha

- Point of information. Could the senator send me the presentation from the previous session? We need to know which account we are transferring money into

Ganehs

- Proposal is in the last senate's email chain. Do I need to send it again?

Zha

- I'll find it

Iden

- What account are you going to use?

Ganesh

- That was something I was not informed of by senate leadership from last week. I need senate leadership to respond to that

Suuck

- I was told it would be okay'd by this week and that they were transferring money into senate unallocated

Ganesh

- I cannot reach IVP because they are in an emergency meeting?

Butler

- They are in a different state so there are different time zones. You can try though.

Ganesh

- I will attempt reach someone from senate leadership

Butler

- I can too. What do we need to know?

Suuck

- If senate unallocated has money in it

Butler

- Does Senator Singh know?

Proxy

- Does senate unallocated have money in it

Singh

- \$37,000

Proxy

- That's not enough

Singh

- If we want to use money from undesignated, it would have to be a resolution. It cannot be a motion.

Iden

- 37k senate unallocated
- Last meeting we talked about options to extend for partial funding.
- We could explore that option of 37k as well. Their proposal extended them into the summer. We can just extend through the spring quarter.

Butler

- We are going to move on. My words aren't getting there. I don't want to go to AS main

Ganesh

- It's undesignated

Butler

- We have to have a resolution

Zha

- We can transfer 10k so the program doesn't run out of money

Ganesh

- The proposal states they need 22k for one year
- If unallocated is 37k, you can give them 22k.

Zha

- I'm not saying we shouldn't give them 22k. I'm sorry if I didn't express myself clearly. I'm saying since allocated from designated needs a resolution. We give them 10k from unallocated now, while we prepare the resolution to move money to then give them the full amount.

Singh

- I could make the resolution right now. It does not have to be that long. Just like two lines.

Butler

- I wouldn't accept it. It's already 10 o'clock

Iden

- Can we motion them 15k and that gets them the rest of the quarter and some. We can finalize the rest of the funding next meeting, like to leave some for other people with other projects

Singh

- We can transfer whatever they need right now
- What's left ...

Ganesh

- It's really up to you. We can bounce back to it by the time it's done

Butler

- The only thing in discussion is that presentation. How long do you think that presentation will be for USSA?

Speaker

- May still be beneficial, I can talk for 2 minutes

Butler

- Yes you can do it. Just make it quick Senator Ganesh

G-2) Old Business

[Debate Time Per Item- 30 Minutes]

(8:43PM)

 A Bill To Amend the COSWB Legal Code

Suuck- Ganesh

Suuck

- Le Anh already came and discussed it
- If you have anymore questions

Motion to pass A Bill To Amend the COSWB Legal Code by hand vote.

Khorsandi - Lankarani

Call to question: Zha

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passes at 8:44PM.

 **A Bill To Improve Internal A.S. Operations**

Siddiqui - Zha

Zha

- It is a good bill and I ask you to consider passing

Proxy Gundecha

- I think the bill aims to creating a better line of communication
- And a more unified AS
- Point of it so our government is functioning more like a government

Motion to pass A Bill To Improve Internal A.S Operations.

Kadah -

Lieberman

- Quite a few comments on this bill from our HR manager
- We can have a separate discussion
- Idk if anyone wants to know the HR manager concerns

Iden

- Yes

Lieberman

- Lily, our HR manager, has some talking points
- Lots of them focus on one area of it
- She had big thanks to Senator Siddiqui and zha
- All of this, changes in wording, was very helpful
- A few little bits in here, change the word demand to mandate
- We'll focus on most troublesome thing, there's a couple
- Mostly about personnel actions
- The entire section about personnel actions is a no go

- Because you can't notify others about personal actions
- Let's say someone is separated
- No one else in staff knows about
- It's them, the person who's let go, the director , their supervisor
- The director and their supervisors
- There are strong labor laws preventing that
- That's why personnel actions is too broad
- That could be separation, change in job descriptions
- Privacy issues
- Once you start to involve labor, things get messy really quick
- Is that language here, she appreciates the idea behind a lot of this but
- There's something about time tables
- The most recent hiring increase,
- Not as realistic anymore
- We have an additional two levels or paperwork to get through and do anything
- Not just hiring
- Now they are doing a lot for job descriptions things
- We have to go through things
- Which used to be straightforward
- Now it's gotta go to an executive vice chancellor
- It was things mostly like that
- People can have their break early and I'll be back for my comments later
- Some stuff about emergency exception
- Mostly the personnel actions that were a problem
- One on one, two on two with the sponsors
- I just wanted to get out there that these are some issues that arose

Zha

- Really appreciate guidance and effort of interim director
- A lot of consideration that Siddiqui and I have overlooked
- If it's amenable with proxy, suggest we just table it
- I suggest that we table it and do some work

Kadah

- I rescind my motion

Motion to table A Bill to Improve Internal A.S. Operations by one week.

Ganesh - Suuck

Call to question: Wahidullah

Passed at 8:52PM.

Zha - Siddiqui

Zha

- Thank you, chair. I will build it to increase the maximum, so the upper top of the possible allocation to the council. In terms of output, it is up to the honoraria committee, and as with many businesses, the Judicial Council does make a lot of important decisions in a short amount of time. That requires a sacrifice of personal life and I believe that sacrifice should be recognized. Thank you.

Butler

- Since the proxy is not here, I am opening the floor to hearing any comments or motions

Iden

- I appreciate you amending the language
- Glad you heard me out
- I'm content at this point in time to pass it

Zha

- Thank you

Brinderson

- I appreciate the thought process behind this bill
- But I think it brings a lot of questions to bear
- Notwithstanding is obviously bias
- Senator Zha is clearly biased
- No offense, you're allowed to be biased
- But we are talking about financial compensation to members
- That is not going to be my main argument, it's largely semantical
- Largely, I think if we are increasing someone's honoaraira, we should increase everyone's honoaraira
- Everyone's honoaraira is way too low
- However, we can't because we are at a budget deficit
- Although I do appreciate JC's work
- I think they are one of the three branches
- That is their ob, their jobs are written in there
- I appreciate the changes, they have to operate on quick notices
- But again, if we increase their honoaraira, we have to increase other people's honoaraira
- Otherwise it just seems bias

Proxy

- As the Finance and Business Committee conduct the budget has led me to realize that \$2,500 increase will not be the end of the world
- On the other hand, I do believe that it is important to reaffirm the importance of one of the three main branches of the government, technically speaking.
- While I do agree that it may seem that we'd have to increase all people's honoraria, I do believe that this is a special case, you can't just take it and compare it with other BCUs

Iden

- Bouncing off those two points
- Not trying to get you
- But all the BCUs are really important and do really cool work
- Especially when you don't talk to them
- People i have interacted with this year are so passionate and are doing amazing work
- Jumping back to Senator's Brinderson's point, I request that you don't vote on this Senator Zha
- I feel like I would feel more confident passing this bill if there was a maximum and it's up to the honoraria committee of whether or not to do it
- Because right now the maximum honoraria is not stated, which could lead to other conflicts internally like rewarding JC for certain verdicts or how they decide to operate
- It could lead to financial bias

Zha

- I will be excusing myself from the vote
- JC is very unique
- I can share a littl bit of my experience as someone who has been in JC for 3 years
- They have a lot of work and they are unpredictable
- We do not know when we have to do it and we have to plan our schedule right
- The nature of KC just doesnt allow things
- I appreciate Senator Iden's point of setting a maximum
- My only objection to that point is that JC's case varies very much
- For instance, JC's last case with the constitutional work, we spent hours and hours of work
- If we pass, it should not be subject to bias
- Honoaraia committee has and will be a body to make those decisions on honoraria

Ganesh

- Mainly bouncing off of senator idens point
- I know AS is filled with BCUs
- JC, as the third branch of the government
- They are important part of the check and balance system
- Comparing them to BCUs will not be fair
- I will look at it as financial incentive to reward people
- We can think of this as something that should have been done a very long time ago
- As other branch of other government
- There is no system of comparing them
- This is not something that one needs to be contrary to

Iden

- Two things
- I appreciate the point
- I do understand there is a difference level comparable to
- Not by importance byt if we are going by standard

- This is the judiciary and these are subsidiaries
- In terms of how the legislation currently
- If the body is looking to pass it, I would prefer be back to the original
- In which it's a set standard so we don't have to worry about having a limit where it could be decided by the honorarium committee
- If the body wants to raise their honoraria, I would much rather be static

Zha

- So just for context, our policies and renovations involving honoraria, so this language is consistent with other honoraria
- So this leverage is consistent with other paying honoraria-earning positions
- For instance, senate, BCU chairs, BCU members
- Personally, I wouldn't object if the body feels the need to table it
- With that said, I'm going to use the time of table to make improvements, which I am happy to do so
- Use your ability to propose a change to the bill
- I don't think there will be a difference from today or two weeks from today

Lala

- Hitting me that peg as a verb in the economic sense is usually to fix or keep something at a certain level.
- But also has the connotation, if I'm not mistaken, that when whatever you're rising one thing, the other thing you are controlling for also rises as well
- So sure it's probably not going to be appalling in the near future.
- But if at some point, Senator honoraria rises with this, also rise with it because of that language choice
- Second, unless it's explicitly forbidden elsewhere, I think that the latter option makes more sense that JC is that type of institution that needs the kind of independent wherever it can be granted, including in the way they are paid
- In my opinion, it's much less dangerous for them to be doing less work than we perceive.
- Then future elected representatives knows that at the end of the day, we control how much you get paid

Proxy

- I want to say maybe there's a system that's designed to be qualitative in nature, in terms of certain cases taking less time and certain cases taking more time.
- So if we could add in some language about physical man hours, and potentially we could add thresholds of man hours that equate to certain levels of honoraria
- That could be a potential change to the language

Ganesh

- One pigs must be flying because i do agree with Senator Iden
- No part of the judiciary should go through bodies like ours
- I would be against adding hours in language because that can be misinterpreted in a payroll context
- Different form of financial context
- You can complicate in fancy words
- Hours is something i would stay away

Zha

- Answer the first question of Senator Lala
- Yes
- By pegging the honoraria of judicial council to honoraria standing committee,
- There would not be a need to adjust the honoraria independently
- The reason it is written that way is for the independence of the judicial council
- You do not want a future senate to control honoraria
- I think that's a good thing from an institution point of view
- Second, I think the danger in having senators in signing honorair to Judicial Council is how the current system works
- Chair to send recommendations
- We will try our best to follow that recommendation
- If we are moving towards an independent system of honoraria adaptation
- But that is not the point of this bill
- About this bill, I do believe pegging honoraria is the best way to ensure the independence of JC for the mission of their work

Iden

- So reading this out loud: "Maximum amount of honoraria in the access with the Judicial Council Chair, Vice Chair, and council members"
- I would just rewording this, so if you could table this for a week
- I agree with what Senator Ganesh is saying about the hourly
- We don't really count hourly in associations over that
- To carlify, just certain BCUs count their hourly
- I'll stay away from that
- If the body wants to do this at this point, just set it
- Just don't have the maximum language

Zha

- Let's table it for a week and i'd be happy to work with you Senator Iden on it

Lala

- I actually agree keeping it standard
- Pegging the JC pay to standing
- I fully get the ladder increase social former
- I just think it's a very simple thought that we should make it as clear as possible, because I genuinely have this concern that this might happen in five or ten years, when the upcoming recession makes people increase their own honoraia.
- Just having it pretty clear somewhere for future Senate to keep that in mind that this would also impact JC pay as well
- And the latter just a totally clarification question, why exactly could the legal code change making JC pay independent of standard review?
- What could not be included in this bill?
- Would it be contravened by something else, or is it just not the point of the legislature?

Zha

- Thank you, chair.

- Right now the honoraria of the judicial council was assessed under the umbrella of the honoraria system of AS
- If you want to make honoraria of JC truly independent
- Not only do we have a separate entity from the honoraria committee, we also have to find a way to make their honoraria automatically be approved by the senate without Senate approving it
- Right now honoraria has to be approved by the honoraria committee and then approved by the Senate
- It seems that it could be done but that's just not the point of this bill

I den

- While we on this before we table it
- If anyone else wants to be involved, i'd like to explore other option
- I worry Senate has the authority to raise their own honoraria, that is a big conflict in my mind
- So anyone else would like to explore that with me

Ganesh

- I feel like im a contrary to senator den and that's why I want to work with you on this
- So that we don't be broke or rich for a really long time

Brinderson

- Would love to explore pegging with Senator Den

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

Zha - Malhis

Call to question: Lankarani

Passed at 9:37PM

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

Zha - Ganesh

Zha

- Just legal code updates
- I give my whole heart to Senator Ganesh for helping me with this legislation

Ganesh

- I yield

Motion to vote on  **A Bill To Revise The GGC Legal Code** by handvote

Suuck - Chaudhry

Call to question: Wahidulla

Passed at 9:39PM

Handvote

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Passed at 9:40PM

H) Recess

Motion to enter a 15 minute recess until 9:06pm

Iden - Wahidullah

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at 8:53PM.

Back at 9:16PM.

I-3) Unit Reports-

I-4) President's Cabinet Report-

I-5) Executive Director's Report-

Sean Lieberman

- We are in the state street room because renovation on the room upstairs was supposed to start last week. It did not. It will be starting on May 1. So we're here for no reason and someone else got upstairs anyway. So apologies. It's only supposed to take 2 weeks for them to do all the work in the ceiling and everything. We talked about elections a little bit. We are still revising amendments and things getting feedback from UCOP who is still probably angry at us for the timeline we've given them for getting back at us. We talked about USSA. The UCSA president, who was here, mentioned advisory boards. I'd just like to really encourage folks to look for them, because they're very poor at advertising, so it's hard to know what exists. The PATH accountability met last week for a 'come see what's going on' and nobody showed up. If you are curious about things like police accountability, I encourage you to look out what is out there and google it because there are openings for undergraduates, grads, things like that. And even if they don't necessarily have the power, you still have much more of an insight into what is going on. One thing about bills, I wanted to bring this up last week. Remember that bills in particular, what is written in the bill matters, what is discussed here does not. So when you make a bill, be very specific, otherwise you are setting the future senate up to be angry at you. They can't go back and ask, 'what did they mean.' Like have you ever looked at the legal code and asked 'what does this mean,' yeah don't do that. 2005 people did that, don't do it. I don't write bills, but I'm just giving advice for people who do. I think Holly can share the image I sent. That is the Storkie mascot we will be getting very soon, very soon being like 8 weeks. I had another one that shows the person inside like the outline, but you basically look through the windows where the cell towers are. We purchased it, and put a deposit. It will be checked out in the same manner in

which we do photography. We will have designated mascots, not just any one can go in. So that was my list of updates.

Proxy

- Can we make storkie the official mascot or is that controversial?

Shawn

- Initially Public Affairs was paying for part of it, but that fell through for budget reasons, which is fine. We'll still give Public Affairs access to the costumes so they can do their own stuff for the UCSB instagrarm and things like that. That shows that there's a level of acceptance of Storkie because I'm sure you've seen the AI Storkie helped on the Student Affairs website, and it's appearing in a lot more places like the library. There is less support at the university level for Apache. I know there have been people in cardboard costumes around, so we think that is what inspired Public Affairs to get this going with us. It looks exactly like our mock up and stickers.

Lankarni

- Is there a height minimum for wearing the suit?

Shawn

- I will have to ask. It's like being an astronaut, you have to be between a certain thing, like an astronaut cannot be above 6 feet. There is probably something similar. It'd be about the size of your torso if anything, but it looks like it adjusts.

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Proxy

- Will storkie be present at athletic games?

Shawn

- We'll have to talk to ICA about that. I've heard that Apache is not present at games a lot which is surprising because that is the whole point of having a mascot. If ICA is fine with it, then absolutely, we could do that. It can't do a lot of flips and things in this costume, but it can still be energizing to the crowd.

Proxy

- Is Public Affairs offering anything to support AS?

Shawn

- In general?

Proxy

- Yes, in general

Shawn

- We have had conversations with them. We haven't given them an ask. I think if we gave them an ask, they might. We had discussions about social media with them. A lot of UCSB social media is not centered on the student life. There have been discussions about doing more. So they helped promote the recent disposable camera challenge. We are having more collaborations with them on things like that. It's been better. We are seeing what else and what avenues we can collaborate on. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me.

I-7) Senator Representative Reports-

Zha

- Just a very quick update about the 2 cases the senate has referred to the judicial council which are the BCU holdings and legality of financial recommendations. The Judicial Council will hold hearings this Friday for the financial recommendations and next Monday for the BCU holdings. I will be attending to testify as a representative from the senate because the motion passed the senate last meeting. If you have any point or argument to present to the council, send me an email, I will relay those to the council.

Ganesh

- Can you repeat them?

Zha

- BCU holdings and legality of financial recommendations

Ganesh

- Could you expand on our financial recommendations?

Zha

- In short, the report is recommending an amendment to the current allocation policy of the Associated Students to offset the cost dedicated of professional staff and centralize it to individual units.

I-8) Administrative Reports-

J) Committee Report

J-1) Standing Committee on Finance -

J-2) Standing Committee on Outreach -

J-3) Standing Committee on Liaison -

J-4) Standing Committee on Advocacy -

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

K) Minutes and Allocations:

🗳 To Be Approved

Motion to approve all minutes and allocations.

Suuck - Lankarani

Call to question - Ganesh

Passed at 11:01PM.

L) Discussion Items

M) Appointments

Senate Advocacy Committee

Senator Paolo Brinderson as Vice Chair

Elections Board

Grace Veiga- General Member

Black Women's Health Collaborative

Resignation of Leah Jackson as Retention Admin

Motion to add Kayla Carrillo as Internal Director of Transfer Student Alliance

McClinock - Brinderson

Call to question: Wahidullah

Passed at: 10:39PM

Motion to add to the agenda Gurshan Sachdeva as finance officer to the agenda

Singh - Proxy

Call to question: Chardery

Passed at 10:40PM

Proxy

- Can I make a motion to strike senator Zha's comment about internal investigation and disinformation, in addition to the fact that Le Anh was not able to run due to coercion and deception, as none of that has been approved

Butler

- Yes, you can make that motion
- But send it to me

Zha

- Point of order
- The proxy must do that after we approve the minutes and appointments
- After we do that, then he can make that motion

Butler

- Would you like to rescind you motion

Proxy

- No

Butler

- What is your point of order

Amin

- Proxy cannot make a motion
- According to robert's rules of order, the proxy is not allowed to make a motion

Motion to strike senator Zha's comments about an internal investigation in the AG's office accusation of witness intimidatation, and the idea that Le Anh was not able to submit candidaicy on time because of coercion and deception, as none of that is been proven yet

Proxy - Kadah

Call to question: Ganesh

Passed at:

Amin

- Point of order
- Proxy cannot make a motion

Butler

- Question to the Attorney General
- Can proxies make motions?

Attorney General Carlson

- I believe proxy can make motion

Amin

- I have quote
- From GBT

Zha

- Since the proxy states as said that she was prevented from running of elections through means of coerce
- Which I don't think I have said
- I respectfully request verify what I have said

Butler

- I still need to make that motion too

Amin

- Point of order. He can't make that motion

Butler

- Overruled

Iden

- Point of inquiry. What are you citing?

Amin

- I'm using the website

Zha

- It is very unfortunate that they will not allowed appointments to be approved before making that motion
- However, given the severity and magnitude of the situation
- I do intend to make my case fully, completely, and transparently
- Please bear with me
- First, how did I got to the internal investigation data from the Attorney General's office?
- I have recieved and I am happy to show the chair to verify the authenticity
- With message from Senator Siddiqui this afternoon
- Sending me a link containing the full report
- Which I have no idea how he got access to
- As it should be privileged within the Office of the Attorney General
- I have throughout last week and this week, provided my testimony about questions the Attorneys General office had been investigating
- I have said the truth, full truth, and nothing but the truth
- I'm happy to go on record again

- Because it is the truth
- Since the start of February, and this is also a confession, I will spare details for the Attorney General's case
- All I'm going to say is that the reason I choose to come forward with all the information is because within last week's meeting, after i made the motion to give the elections board the discretion to give the candidates
- I receive two text messages from Senator Siddiqui
- I am willing to show that to the chair if anyone doubts its authenticity
- Which I quote "da fuck are you talking about?"
- "There will be repercussion for what you are doing"
- That's the only reason I voted against my own motions, because I was intimidated
- I don't care about anything done to me personally
- But as a senator and maybe future president, he has the immediate space to make a motion threat global gaucha commission
- From my heart, I feel intimidated from facing repercussion
- It's not right for a senator to make a motion and being intimidated against it or face repercussions
- So I came forward
- I came forward with the information I had with testimonies and other supporting documents to the Office of Attorney General
- It is of course judicial council relevant through the administrative
- Relevant to the administration, and higher authorities to adjudicate those allocations but what i said, is what i believed, and it's the truth from my side
- I choose to say this on record because i want to be responsible for those words
- The record is the truth
- It would be the perfect evidence that I'm lying
- Why you are trying to strike it, i don't understand
- Unless it is true

Proxy

- Point of order. I think he's been speculating on intent based on words
- And the entire thing has been made large speculation
- I don't mean to interrupt and I tried my best
- But from the beginning he read out the text messages
- Without any explicit implication whatsoever
- Is this not considered speculation?

Butler

- Is that a point of order?

Proxy

- I'm asking the chair
- It's for the discussion

Butler

- He did give the option that if someone did question the vitality of those text messages
- He will show it

Proxy

- It's not about the vitality of the text messages
- It's that he is taking those messages and implying intent
- He is taking what is said and implying intent that is not there clearly

Butler

- That is a warning

Zha

- Thank you chair
- All accusations that I was speculating of intention of Senator Siddiqui and others
- What i have said are my feelings when i received those text messages
- Not what Seantor Siddiqui trying to do
- I was to make it clear that i felt intimidated when I received the message from Senator Siddiqui
- For facing repercussions
- I was scared
- I was not implying any intention from him
- As such, I came forward and i asked the process to be cleared up
- Hold me accountable for what I said
- If you strike it from the record, you can't hold it against me
- I want this to be on the record
- Make me accountable for what I said

Carlson

- I cannot recommend to the Senate to continue
- I would highly advise you guys to stop

Malhis

- Point of inquiry
- Is what we are talking about related to the Senate?

Butler

- It is related to the Senate because it's on the minute
- Would you like to rescind your motion

Proxy

- Is that the recommendation of the AG to end the conversation?

Butler

- To end the conversation you will need to rescind your motion

Proxy

- Can we do a vote?

Iden

- Point of inquiry
- Can we read the motion again?

Butler

- Would you like to rescind your call to question Senator Ganesh? We will be moving into a vote to vote
- Would you like to rescind your call to question Senator Ganesh?

Ganesh

- No

Amin

- If we vote no, can we just stop this conversation?

Butler

- No
- We go back to the discussion

Amin

- If we vote yes, we end this conversation?

Butler

- No
- We are in vote to vote
- If you vote yes, we are going to go into voting
- If you vote no, then we back to discussion

Objection to call to question

Vote to vote:

Yes:10

No: 7

Abstain: 3

Back to discussion

Butler

- Would you like to rescind your motion? Because now we are in discussion

Iden

- If Senator Zha provide evidence of intimation and we remove that from the minute
- Is that not considered suppression?

Butler

- Suppressing who?

Shawn

- This is not a investigating body
- I'm going to support AG's office to advise people to stop because it's better for all parties involved
- This is not the duty of the Senate to investigate any of this
- Things have been said, whether it's struck or not, up to you but i find it irrelevant at this point
- Any future discussion would be just harmful to anybody

Motion rescinded at 11:00PM

Motion to bundle and approve all appointments, removals, and resignations

Ganesh- Suuck

Called to question: Lankarani

Passed at 11:00PM.

N) Remarks

O) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:02PM

Lankarani- Iden

Called to question: Suuck

Passed at: 11:02PM