



2008-2009 ASUC Senate

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ASUC REGULAR SENATE MEETING AGENDA FALL 2008 SESSION – WEEK 5 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 7:00PM, SENATE CHAMBERS

SPECIAL ORDER, "CAMPUS BUDGET"
VICE CHANCELLOR NATHAN BROSTROM

8:00-8:30 PM

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AMIN EBRAHIMI, ASUC LOBBY CORPS COMMISSION STUDENT-AT-LARGE
(1) ASUC SENATOR, MCC ADVISORY BOARD

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A Bill In Support of Measure FF: The Berkeley Public Library Bond

**Authored by Maxwell Szabo, Senator Saira Hussain, Senator Stephanie Yang
Sponsored by Senator Hussain, Stephanie Yang, Senator Zuo, Senator Sakaue, EAVP Dionne
Jirachaikitti**

WHEREAS, Libraries give all patrons free access to books, computers, and information regardless of income, race, or gender, and also serve as flagship community institutions to promote literacy rates and a love of learning among children, families, and the elderly;

WHEREAS, Berkeley Public libraries consist of four branches that serve over 900,000 visitors, lend 735,000 materials per year, and serve many UC Berkeley students;

WHEREAS, Berkeley Public libraries are amongst the most heavily used libraries in both the state of California and the country;

WHEREAS, The four branches of Berkeley Public libraries have not been renovated in between 30 and 70 years and therefore do not comply with current building standards;

WHEREAS, The West and South branches have been deemed seismically unsafe and the North and Claremont branches need structural improvements;

WHEREAS, Measure FF, the Berkeley Public Library Bond, is a \$26 million bond to renovate the four neighborhood branch libraries in order to comply with ADA accessibility codes, seismically update the buildings, provide environmentally sustainable “green” options, preserve the historic features of the branch libraries, and create adequate space to promote the library’s adult literacy program, *Berkeley Reads*;

WHEREAS, The measure would assess a fee to Berkeley homeowners averaging \$27 a year for 30 years, except in the first year where the fee is estimated to average \$59;

WHEREAS, The measure was unanimously placed on the November ballot by the Berkeley City Council, has been endorsed by State Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville, Mayor Tom Bates, former Mayor Shirley Dean, the Berkeley Democratic Club, the SEIU, and the Alameda Labor Council;

WHEREAS, On the upcoming November 4th ballot, students registered in Berkeley will have an opportunity to vote on Measure FF;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the ASUC expresses its support for Measure FF; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the ASUC President and External Affairs Vice President are authorized to write letters which reflect this position of the ASUC to any relevant party, be it upon request or of their own accord.

A Bill in Support of Black Women's Appreciation

**Authored by Jarvis Givens, Senator Ude and Senator Shah
Sponsored by Senator Obiamaka Ude and Senator Kifah Shah**

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. develops leaders, promotes brotherhood, and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Epsilon Chapter was chartered on the campus of UC Berkeley January 17th 1922 and since its inception, 86 years ago, supplies voice and vision to the struggle of African-Americans and people of color on and off the Berkeley campus.;

WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha is a well established eighth year Student Initiated Service Group;

WHEREAS, African American women are constantly portrayed as promiscuous, immoral, untrustworthy, and undeserving of respect in popular music, music videos, movies, advertisements, and many other sources of media as well as historically; and

WHEREAS, consequently, it becomes tremendously important to combat these negative images and stereotypes so that women today do not succumb to and embody these negative representations of Black women. The popular images that we are constantly exposed to are so saturated with negativity, that it becomes easy to forget and neglect all of the positives that Black Women in this country stand for, have done, and will continue to do in the future; and

WHEREAS, being a group of individuals that Black women rely on for support in all of their endeavors, our community cannot and will not accept these negative labels and poor assumptions placed on the most beautiful individuals within the African American culture; and

WHEREAS, we believe that Black women should be celebrated everyday, we want to designate three (3) days to the Black women at UC Berkeley and the surrounding areas of Oakland, Richmond, and Berkeley;

WHEREAS, we want to demonstrate how much Black Women are respected and supported for their experience of Womanhood; and

WHEREAS, Black Women's Appreciation has been occurring on the Berkeley campus since 2000; and

WHEREAS, we would love for women in our community to honestly feel appreciated for their experiences and supported in their goals of thriving academically, financially,

spiritually, and emotionally. This is also a time to celebrate Black motherhood, past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the estimated amount of attendees total 300 persons; and

WHEREAS, The line item budget of anticipated expenses as of September 22, 2008 is:

Item	Amount
Fliers, Informational Banner, Invitations	700.00 USD
Venue (Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley)	500.00 USD
Rentals: Media Equipment, Table Cloth, Tableware	700.00 USD
Supplies/Décor: Centerpieces, Balloons, Vases, Ribbons, Candles, Photo Paper, Flowers, Printing, Ice Sculptures, Event Banner	1,000.00 USD
Awards: Plaques, Gift Baskets, Bath & Body Accessories, Books, Certificates	400.00 USD
Entertainment: Jazz Ensemble (700.00 USD), Poets (200.00 USD)	900.00 USD
Food (Veggie Soul Catering)	1,500.00 USD
Honorarium: Speaker – Derrick Smith	300.00 USD
TOTAL	6,000.00 USD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUC allocate \$1,300.00 (one thousand three-hundred dollars) from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Black Women’s Appreciation.

A Bill in Support of the AFSCME Workers Strike

**Authored by Romina Keshishyan and Kifah Shah
Sponsored by Senator Kifah Shah**

- WHEREAS,** The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3299 is the union representing over 20,000 service and patient care workers across the University of California system; and
- WHEREAS,** AFSCME 3299 represents service workers on the UC Berkeley campus; and
- WHEREAS,** a substantial number of service and patient care workers at UC Berkeley are currently being paid as low as \$12.00 an hour; and
- WHEREAS,** a modest standard of living needed for a family to survive as defined by the California Budget Project is \$16.66/hour in Sacramento County; \$18.53/hour in Alameda, San Francisco, and Santa Cruz Counties; \$15.05/hour in Merced County; \$17.85/hour in Santa Barbara County; \$17.80/hour in Los Angeles County; \$17.48/hour in Orange and Riverside Counties; \$16.98/hour in San Diego County; and
- WHEREAS,** a large majority of the service workers at UC Berkeley work more than one job, aside from their employment at UC Berkeley, to earn an income barely above the national poverty line; and
- WHEREAS,** currently, approximately 10,000 members of AFSCME 3299 earn below \$15/hour and \$16/hour; and
- WHEREAS,** service and patient care workers across the University of California system are paid 25-30% below the California market rate; and
- WHEREAS,** AFSCME, in negotiating a higher standard of living for service and patient care workers in the University of California system, are demanding a statewide minimum wage of \$15/hour, an automatic “steps” system whereby service and patient care workers are guaranteed a wage increase for every year of loyal service, and pension and healthcare protections to maintain affordability and coverage; and
- WHEREAS,** the service and patient care workers at UC Berkeley are responsible for, but not limited to, maintaining the prestige of UC Berkeley by maintaining the campus grounds, facilities, building and lecture hall custodial services, food services, on-campus residency custodial services, providing frontline patient care; and
- WHEREAS,** the services and work provided by service workers at UC Berkeley are an integral and crucial component of student satisfaction, student life, the overall student experience, and

the campus community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley, as an institution that serves as a model and precedent on a myriad of issues for other UC campuses, should also support UC workers in their campaign for a fairer contract similar to resolutions passed in UC San Diego and UC Santa Cruz.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) is in full support of the AFSCME workers campaign for fair contracts and living wages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUC elected officials and appointed officers are highly encouraged to participate in and educate their respective constituents about the AFSCME Contract Campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ASUC elected officials and appointed officers are highly encouraged to participate in all future AFSCME actions regarding the efforts of the 2007-2009 AFSCME Contract Campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the External Affairs Vice President and the President of the ASUC write a letter of support for the members of AFSCME 3299 and the 2007-2009 AFSCME Contract Campaign to forward to Chancellor Birgeneau and President Yudof; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC supports AFSCME members in their negotiations for a fair labor contract as well as the ongoing efforts of the 2007-2009 AFSCME Contract Campaign and its fight for justice.

A Bill in Support of Berkeley Stop the War Coalition

**Authored by Nick Kardahji and Kifah Shah
Sponsored by Senator Kifah Shah**

WHEREAS, Berkeley Stop the War Coalition (BSTW) is a campus group committed to fighting to end U.S. imperialism and the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, BSTW was established in 2001 in the wake of the decision by the Bush administration to invade Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, BSTW is affiliated to the Campus Antiwar Network (CAN); and

WHEREAS, the CAN national conference is being held in Chicago at De Paul University on the weekend of 10-12th October and will be a chance for CAN activists to meet and share experiences in antiwar campaigning; and

WHEREAS, at the CAN national conference, the national coordinating committee is elected for the year, as well as when strategy for the upcoming year is decided; and

WHEREAS, there are educational and campaigning workshops, as well as large plenary sessions at the CAN national conference; and

WHEREAS, BSTW would like to send four (4) members to the CAN national conference; and

WHEREAS, The line item budget of anticipated expenses as of September 22, 2008 is:

Item	Amount
Flight tickets 4 x 400.00 USD	1,600.00 USD
Conference Registration Fees 4 x 50.00 USD	200.00 USD
Hotel Room for 2 nights	500.00 USD
Food, transportation within city	200.00 USD
Miscellaneous	100.00 USD
TOTAL	2,600.00 USD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUC allocate \$2,600.00 (two thousand six hundred dollars) for the items listed above from the Senate Contingency Fund to Berkeley Stop the War Coalition.

A Bill in Support of Social for Social Change

**Authored by Kifah Shah
Sponsored by Senator Kifah Shah**

WHEREAS, Students for Social Change is an activist organization dedicated to educating the campus and our community about social justice and economic equality; and

WHEREAS, Our goal is to understand the societal forces that create poverty, war, and environmental destruction and to include communities outside the student milieu; and

WHEREAS, Students for Social Change hopes to create a sustainable and just world; and

WHEREAS, Students for Social Change brought speakers such as Dahr Jamail, has hosted teach-ins, organized against the budget cuts, and fostered an atmosphere to discuss different political issues in its first year; and

WHEREAS, Students for Social Change hopes to organize against the War in Iraq and Afghanistan, organize against budget cuts, and continue to create an atmosphere for debate; and

WHEREAS, There is no specific ideology the organization abides to and members have diverse viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, The line item budget of anticipated expenses as of September 22, 2008 is:

Item	Amount
Office Supplies	40.00 USD
Poster Making Supplies	15.00 USD
Folding Table	50.00 USD
2500 copies at \$0.04/copy	100.00 USD
Banner	125.00 USD
Speaker Fee	100.00 USD
Films	100.00 USD
TOTAL	530.00 USD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASUC allocate \$250 (two hundred fifty dollars) for the items listed above from the Senate Contingency Fund to Students for Social Change.

A Bill in Support of a Community Land Use and Capital Projects Committee
Authored by: Matthew Taylor and Senator Oatfield
Sponsored By: Senator Christina Oatfield

WHEREAS, The University of California is a public institution, and UC land is public land held in trust for the people of California;

WHEREAS, Decisions made by the University of California about land use, land management, and development affect a wide variety of different populations, including but not limited to: students, staff, faculty, people who live in the host cities where UCs are located, neighborhood associations, city governments, Native Americans, wildlife, and many others;

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the University of California for the administration to not just seek input and comments, but to seriously involve the public and the community in decisions about land use, land management, and development, because an inclusive process has a much better chance to meet the interests and needs of all parties and to ensure that conflict, confrontation, lawsuits, and protests need not occur;

WHEREAS, Increased levels of democratic involvement in the University's decisions are desirable and beneficial for all parties;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the ASUC requests that UC Berkeley Administration work cooperatively to establish a Community Land Use and Capital Projects Committee, which will be systematically involved in land use, land management, and development planning decisions, both at the earliest brainstorm phase of projects and on an ongoing basis. The committee would be comprised of students, faculty, staff, community members, neighborhood association representatives, Native American representatives from organizations such as Intertribal Friendship House, environmental experts, city government representatives, and possibly others. The committee's role would be serious, substantial, and integral.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the ASUC requests that UC administration, the City of Berkeley, and the ASUC External Affairs Vice President designated by the Senate agree upon an independent, neutral, third party mediation service – such as East Bay Community Mediation - who will work with the communities mentioned in the preceding clause to draw up a more detailed proposal to specify issues such as the exact make-up of the committee, its role, its mandate, its size, how it will function, and all other details.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that once the details of the Committee are drawn up, they will be brought back to the ASUC Senate for discussion and possible endorsement as a future bill.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the ASUC President will convey the content of this bill in a letter to the Chair of the UC Regents, all members of the UC Regents Grounds and Buildings Committee, UC Berkeley's Chancellor, UC Berkeley's Vice Chancellor of Administration, and the Mayor of Berkeley, and will place a public notice about the content of this bill on the front page of the ASUC website and in the glass case outside the ASUC Senate Chamber.

A Bill in Support of Compliance with the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act and Financial Responsibility with Regards to the Proposed California Memorial Stadium Renovation
Authored by: Matthew Taylor
Sponsored By: Senator Christina Oatfield

WHEREAS, California Memorial Stadium sits astride the Hayward Fault, and is bisected by the faultline;

WHEREAS, Seismic experts say that the Hayward Fault is the most dangerous fault in the state of California, and that there is a 65% chance that a 7.0 or greater earthquake will occur on the Hayward Fault in the next 30 years, which would cause massive devastation;

WHEREAS, UC has announced plans to begin an extensive renovation and retrofit project of California Memorial Stadium, estimated to cost approximately \$250 million;

WHEREAS, If California Memorial Stadium is renovated and a major earthquake strikes after the renovation is completed, it is possible that the stadium will be severely damaged;

WHEREAS, Should the stadium be severely damaged after renovation, taxpayers could be forced to bear the financial burden of repairing or rebuilding the stadium;

WHEREAS, the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act is a state law, passed in 1972 (Pub. Res. Code § 2621), that governs construction near or on earthquake faults. Alquist forbids the construction of new buildings across active fault lines. For existing buildings on top of a fault the law says that some modifications can be done, but the cost of those modifications cannot exceed 50% of the value of the existing structure.

WHEREAS, the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act is designed to protect both the safety of humans and to ensure that developers do not make decisions to rebuild structures on top of fault lines that could create future financial liabilities for damage to the structure or to occupants;

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the University of California to conduct its planning process in such a way that parties will not see reasons to file lawsuits;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC requests that, as soon as possible, the University of California seek a legal ruling from an appropriate judge as to the value of California Memorial Stadium for the purposes of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, so that UC can determine immediately what is or is not legally possible with regards to modifications and renovations of the stadium;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the ASUC requests that the University of California comply with all aspects of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, and not seek any exceptions or exemptions to the law;

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the ASUC President will write a letter expressing the content of this bill to the UC Berkeley Chancellor, the UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor of Administration, the Chair of the UC Board of Regents, and the members of the UC Regents Grounds and Buildings Committee.

A Bill In Support of the Disabled Students Accommodation Fund (DSAF)

Author: Oscar Mairena

Sponsors: Senator Mairena, Senator Hussain, EVP Pasco

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of California represents all members of the Cal Student community, despite their abilities; and

Whereas, Article XI Section 7.C of the ASUC Constitution states

*The Senate shall not fund any activity or group which discriminates against any student by race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, **physical disability**, or political activity or belief in its method or recruitment and acceptance for membership;* and

Whereas, it is required of all ASUC sponsored groups to accommodate students with disabilities if they RSVP by both the ASUC constitution and State law; and

Whereas, it is financially difficult for our student groups to fully fund their events, let alone pay for accommodation of disabled guests; and

Whereas, the Disabled Students Accommodation Fund currently exists in the ASUC Operations and has for several years in order to make sure that all ASUC funded events are accessible to the Disabled community, and

Whereas, 6,000 dollars have been allocated during last year's Spring Budgeting process to the Disabled Student Accommodation Fund; and

Whereas, this fund has not properly been advertised by the ASUC in the past and is not included in the ASUC bylaws, nor has there been any official in charge of this fund; and

Whereas, attached to this bill is Title XXVI: Disabled Students Accommodation Fund; therefore be it

Resolved, that the ASUC Bylaws be amended to include Title XXVI : Disability Accommodation Fund; and be it further

Resolved, that the ASUC continue to allocate a minimum of \$6,000 per year to the Disabled Students Accommodation Fund; be it finally

Resolved, that the committee on the selection of the DSAF Director be established by the next meeting after this bill.

ASUC BY-LAWS

Title XXVI Disabled Students Accommodation Fund

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

1.1 Name and Purpose

The Disabled Students Accommodation Fund will serve to make ASUC sponsored events accessible to disabled students. The fund shall be used to pay for the accommodation of disabled students at these events.

1.2 Mission Statement

To increase the accessibility of all students to events that are funded by the ASUC, in an effort to make this campus a more disability-friendly space.

1.3 Funding

The ASUC shall provide funding each year in the form of a program line item in the ASUC budget with a minimum of \$6,000 to operate the ASUC Disabled Students Accommodation Fund.

ARTICLE II: MANAGEMENT

2.1 ASUC Senate

1. The senate shall nominate and approve a director for this fund by a 2/3 majority vote by the sixth week of the fall session.
2. The ASUC Senate shall form a Temporary Committee on the Selection of the Director of Disabled Students Accommodation Fund, which will consist of 5 senators, by the second week of the fall session as appointed by the Executive Vice President.

2.2 Director of Disabled Students Accommodation Fund

1. The Director shall be in charge of all duties related to the aforementioned fund. Including, but not limited to, advertisement, application process, and disbursement of funding in collaboration with the OSA advisors.

ARTICLE III: BUDGET

3.1 Criteria for Funding

The fund will be administered upon a first-come, first-served basis.

ARTICLE IV: SPENDING RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 No more than 1/3 of all available funds will be allocated to Graduate Groups
- 4.2 No more than 2/3 of all available funds will be allocated within the Fall Session
- 4.3 Funds shall be used strictly for the costs of accommodations that would make events ADA accessible.

A Bill In Support of Global Medical Brigades @ Berkeley's Social Responsibility Forum

**Authored by Jonathan Lee, Senator Sheila Chen
Sponsored by Senator Sheila Chen**

- WHEREAS**, the Associated Students of University of California strives to serve students' best interests by supporting, among other things, student groups that promote discussion, debate, or awareness of public issues from a variety of perspectives or viewpoints; and
- WHEREAS**, Social Responsibility is an important issue on the UC Berkeley campus, with students holding a long standing reputation of having interest in and a calling for social responsibility across the world; and
- WHEREAS**, the Global Medical Brigades has founded its chapter in UC Berkeley (GMB@B) during the Fall 2007 Semester, and has traveled to Honduras three times and has provided health care to over 5000 patients; and
- WHEREAS**, GMB@B is a third year Student Initiated Service Group (SISG) that plans on expanding this semester and in addition to organizing successful medical brigades, they want to host a lecture event with an expected audience of 100-150 students from various backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS**, GMB@B has planned to bring a renowned speaker named Don Osborne to share his knowledge and experience in social responsibility; and
- WHEREAS**, Don Osborne, Co-Founder and Director of Marketing for Global Brigades is a nationally recognized speaker on the subject of social responsibility for college students; and
- WHEREAS**, many prestigious schools nationwide, including Duke, University of Illinois, and UCLA, have evaluated Mr. Osborne's presentation as a valuable investment for both their campus communities and the growth of their students; and
- WHEREAS**, as an executive with Global Brigades and a founding director of the Consortium for Campus Global Service, Mr. Osborne can share his knowledge with the UC Berkeley community about how they can become more involved in social responsibility in that there is a way every student can help; and
- WHEREAS**, Don Osborne's holds valuable executive positions within both Global Brigades and the Consortium for Campus Global Service, he is considered a forerunner in

Social Responsibility understanding, commitment and action and would indeed be an excellent resource for the students of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the projected budget for Don Osborne’s Campus Wide Social Responsibility Presentation at Berkeley is as follows:

Transportation Costs	
Base Fare	\$260.46
Taxes	\$26.54
PFC (Passenger Facility Charge)	\$9.00
Security Fee	\$5.00
Parking	\$30.00
Transportation Total:	\$331.00
Honorarium	\$500.00
Publicity	
150 color brochures	\$162
100 8.5"x11" Color Fliers	\$54
400 8.5"x11" B&W Fliers	\$23
Chairs x 2	\$30
Table	\$ 40
Publicity Total:	\$309

Grand Total: **\$1,140**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize Don Osborne's “International Social Responsibility: Empowering College Students” Presentation as an ASUC-sponsored event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$844.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to GMB @ Berkeley.

A Bill In Support of Asian Americans Reaching Out in the Community

**Authored by Ann Long, Senator Sheila Chen
Sponsored by Senator Sheila Chen**

WHEREAS, Asian Americans Reaching Out to the Community (AAROC) is a secular, university club and volunteer organization that is dedicated to promoting service, leadership, and Asian awareness in the university and surrounding community.

WHEREAS, AAROC is founding a chapter in Berkeley during the Fall 2008 Semester, with the mission of participating in service projects all around the East Bay, such as beautifying community environments, participating in food drives, and fundraising for philanthropic events such as Relay for Life.

WHEREAS, AAROC will recruit students of all ethnic backgrounds to encourage the growth of diversity and awareness among its members.

WHEREAS, AAROC functions as both a network and an organization of individuals actively seeking unique service projects and connecting people through service activities, with particular interest in, but not limited to, the significant issues of the Asian American community.

WHEREAS, the projected budget for the upcoming semester:

Expenses

Table:	\$ 40
Chairs (2):	\$ 30
Banner:	\$ 80
Flyers:	\$ 50

TOTAL: \$200

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize AAROC as a first-year Student Initiated Service Group (SISG); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$ 200 from the Senate Contingency Fund to AAROC.

A Bill in Support of FACE AIDS at Berkeley

Authored by Maggie Bronson, FACE AIDS Co-President, and Senator Obiamaka Ude
Sponsored by Senator Obiamaka Ude

- Whereas,** The mission of FACE AIDS at Berkeley is to mobilize and inspire college students around the global issue of AIDS in Africa.
- Whereas,** FACE AIDS employs associations of Rwandans living with HIV/AIDS to make beaded pins for FACE AIDS, which then will be sold on campus and at campus events.
- Whereas,** Accompanied by the pins are the stories of the individuals who made each one, personalizing the AIDS crisis.
- Whereas,** All the proceeds from our fundraising efforts go directly to Partners in Health, an Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) which provides AIDS treatment and comprehensive health care for free at its clinics in nine countries, including Eastern Rwanda.

Whereas, The line item budget of anticipated expenses as of September 12, 2008 is:

Item	Quantity	Amount
Table	1	40.00 USD
Chairs	2	40.00 USD
Flyers/Hand-outs	600	30.00 USD
Vinyl Banner	1	120.00 USD

Therefore Be it Resolved, The purpose of FACE AIDS is to elevate student involvement, support Partners In Health's clinics abroad, and provide income through the pins for people living with a deadly disease in resource-poor settings.

Therefore Be it Further Resolved, that \$230 dollars for the items listed above be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to support FACE AIDS at Berkeley.

A Bill in Support of the 2008 Nikkei Student Union Culture Show: (r)evolutions

**Authored by Katrina Sherman, Katie Furukawa, Ryan Sadakane and Brian Jocson
Sponsored by Senator Sakaue, Senator Lisa Tran and Senator Flores**

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union is and has been an ASUC-sponsored student activity group that serves to promote interaction and communication between students of Japanese ancestry, students interested in Japanese American culture, the UC Berkeley campus and its surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union serves to promote awareness of issues pertaining to Japanese American culture through participation in and attendance of volunteer work, community service events, issues events, cultural activities, and their annual Culture Show; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union provides a connection to the Japantown and Japanese American community that would otherwise be nonexistent on the UC Berkeley campus; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union's Culture Show began in 2002 in Julia Morgan Hall and has steadily grown in both attendance and participants, and will be held in Wheeler Auditorium this year, which is the only on-campus venue that is both large enough and financially accessible for the Culture Show; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union's Culture Show provides for a place where students of all backgrounds can come together in a welcoming environment to celebrate and explore Japanese American issues and history through dance, acting, monologues, and video; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union's Culture Show is the organization's largest event each year and serves as an effective means of recruiting and retaining members, fostering community, developing leadership skills and empowering individuals; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the production of a professional show, the Nikkei Student Union's Culture Show process includes three mandatory all-cast rehearsals which hold workshops on topics including Japanese American community and personal identity; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union strives to keep its relatively new (in its 6th year) annual Culture Show alive and expanding for as many years as the UC Berkeley campus will allow; and

WHEREAS, The Nikkei Student Union serves to spread awareness of Japanese American Culture to the UC Berkeley campus through participation in and attendance of their annual Culture Show, which had an audience of approximately 600 people and over 60 participating NSU members in 2007; and the budget is as follows:

NIKKEI STUDENT UNION			
2008 CULTURE SHOW "(R)EVOLUTIONS" BUDGET			
Last Revised September 23th 2008			
PRODUCTION			
<i>Venue Expenses:</i>			
	Wheeler Auditorium		\$4,000
<i>Staff Honorariums:</i>			
	Production Chair	\$300	
	Directors (4 @ \$50 ea.)	\$200	
	Props & Set Coordinator (2 @ 100 ea.)	\$200	
	PR & Marketing Coordinator	\$100	
	Dance Choreographers (4 @ 50 ea.)	\$200	
	Total Honorariums:		\$1,000
	<i>Performer Honorarium (for Taiko Group):</i>		\$200
<i>Travel & Accommodations:</i>			
	Accommodations for visiting schools	\$50	\$50
<i>Props, Costumes, & Sets:</i>			
	Stage Props	\$200	
	Costumes	\$500	
	Materials for Set Construction	\$300	\$1,000
<i>Stage & Technical Equipment:</i>			
	Technical Professional Service Fee	\$1,150	\$1,150
	Total Production Expenses:		\$7,400
WORKSHOP SESSIONS AND ALL CAST			
	Supplies, Copies and General Administrative	\$100	
	Snacks	\$100	
	Total CN Program Curriculum & Workshops:		\$200
PROMOTION & DISTRIBUTION			
	PR, Outreach, & Marketing (bag tags, paper flyers, handbills et	\$400	
	Programs	\$1,230	
	DVD	\$231	
	Total Promotion & Distribution		\$1,630
	TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENSES		\$9,230

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the ASUC Senate allocates \$1350.00 (One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty USD) to the Nikkei Student Union from the Senate Contingency Fund.

A Bill in Support of the Queer Straight Alliance

**Authored by Kevin Torres Franco, Michelle Kim
Sponsored by Senator Sakaue and Senator Mairena**

WHEREAS, the official name of the group is Queer Straight Alliance, which will also be known as QSA for short; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Queer Straight Alliance is to create a safe and inclusive environment at UC Berkeley for students to build coalitions, promote dialogue, support each other and to learn about various forms of oppression such as but not limited to: homophobia, sexism, racism, transphobia, ablism, and classism and to learn ways and skills to fight such oppressions; and

WHEREAS, QSA strives to provide a "safe space" where every individual can be free of harassment, discrimination, isolation, judgment, and/or violence that occur because of who they are. We will achieve these results by empowering and motivating students and student/community leaders to end inequalities that exist at Cal and in our society; and

WHEREAS, QSA fights discrimination, harassment, and violence on campus through educational workshops, caucuses, and other public events promoting equity and unity; and

WHEREAS, QSA is reaching out to those outside of UC Berkeley by welcoming other community members to participate in events, holding educational workshops on and off campus; and

WHEREAS, QSA is sponsoring two major events: Straight Ally Week and the Queer Youth Leadership Camp. For Ally Week, QSA will identify and support straight allies at Cal and encourage allies to sign the Ally Pledge to stop homophobia. For the Queer Youth Leadership Camp, QSA will invite queer (allies included) high school students to come experience life at Cal while learning more about how to become a better leader and queer activist; and

WHEREAS, Queer Straight Alliance will hold weekly meetings to provide a safe space for everyone to engage in discussions, workshops, team building, planning, and more; and

WHEREAS, Queer Straight Alliance will regularly work with neighboring high school Gay Straight Alliances to educate, motivate, and empower queer youth; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the Queer Straight Alliance is as follows:

Item	Amount
T-Shirts	\$500
Office Supplies	\$200
Banner	\$20
Table	\$20

Item	Amount
2 Chairs	\$50
Fliers	2000 x \$ 10 = \$2000
Posters	20 x \$1 50 = \$60
Supplies for Workshops	\$250
Speakers' Fees	\$750
Transportation Fees	\$200
All-Week Brochures	\$50
All-Week Workshops	\$200
All Buttons/Key Chains	\$200
TOTAL BUDGET	\$3 070

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall recognize the Queer Straight Alliance as a First-year Student Initiated Service Group (SISG); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$750 (Seven Hundred and Fifty USD) to the Queer Straight Alliance from the Senate Contingency Fund.

A Bill in Support of the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum

Authored by Rebecca Millsap, Devin Rusky and Gabe Weiner

Sponsored by Senator Moghtader

- WHEREAS,** The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum’s mission is to encourage community, philosophical inquiry, and academic excellence;
- WHEREAS,** The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum fosters a lively and active community of Berkeley undergraduates brought together by a common interest in philosophy;
- WHEREAS,** The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum encourages a campus-wide interest in philosophical inquiry;
- WHEREAS,** The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum organizes workshops on editing philosophical writing and applying to graduate school;
- WHEREAS,** Hundreds of undergraduate students are majoring in philosophy and many more enroll in philosophy courses;
- WHEREAS,** The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum last received funding from the ASUC in the 2006-2007 budget and was listed as a second year group;
- WHEREAS,** The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum has been continually active on campus for many years;
- WHEREAS,** The budget this year for the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum goes as follows:

Item	Quantity	Cost per unit	Total Cost
Banner	2	\$75	\$150
Guest Speaker Fees	4	\$75	\$300
Flyers	100	\$1.50	\$150
Copies	200	\$.08	\$16
TOTAL			\$616

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the ASUC recognize the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum as a fourth year ASUC sponsored student activity group (SAG);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ASUC allocate \$616 to the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum from the Senate Contingency Fund.

A Bill to Suggesting Academic Senate's Involvement in Urging Faculty Compliance with Early Textbook Adoption

Authored by Senator T. Tran, Executive Director N. Permaul

Sponsored by Senator T. Tran, Senator W. Smelko, Senator Y. Zuo, Senator T. Raffi, AAVP C. De La Cruz, President R. Winston

WHEREAS, the national student PIRGs, CA State Assembly, and the Federal Government (College Textbook Affordability Act – Durbin 2008) proactively support regulations and efforts to lower textbook prices, as it is one of the most pragmatic and feasible avenue to lowering the ever-increasing cost of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the ASUC Senate unanimously passed SB 108 in the Spring of 2008 to send letters/emails directly to faculty, urging them to submit their textbook adoptions list by Oct 15 (for spring), Mar 15 (for summer), and Apr 15 (for fall); and

WHEREAS, the faculty early adoption compliance for the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 is slightly below 19% and slightly above 20%, respectively; and

WHEREAS, by meeting the adoption date, faculty allow local bookstores, especially the Cal Student Store to purchase used texts for the following semester and buy used texts back from students at a higher price; hence the students save a great deal of money; and

WHEREAS, the ASUC Senate is dedicated to the continued efforts to serve in the best interests of the students by sustaining the efforts to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, this issue has been determined by the Committee on Student Affairs of the Academic Senate, the ASUC Auxiliary, the Cal Student Store, the office of the AAVP, and several ASUC senators that the best methodology to address this issue is to form a student-initiated, grassroots campaign mobilizing students to appeal to faculty, while working in conjunction with the Academic Senate to encourage early textbook adoption; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate Members continue to recognize the academic and financial impacts on students due to late textbook adoptions, and thus act in good faith to timely inform their communities regarding this issue and how students can act to inform, urge the faculty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC President Winston and Academic Affairs VP De La Cruz will urge, by any means feasible, the campus administration and the Academic Senate to emphasize the importance of timely textbook adoptions to faculty, staff, and students;

BE IT FINALL RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate send a letter to the Committee on Student Affairs of the Academic Senate, with a sample letter as follows:

Dear Chairman Dennis Lieu, PhD

As members of the ASUC Senate, on behalf of the student body, we are writing to you to express our concerns regarding rising textbook costs and how we could mitigate this problem with your help. In the Fall of 2007, students earned \$185,000 by selling their used books back to the ASUC Student Store, and saved \$240,000 through the purchase of used books. In the Spring of 2008, students earned \$220,000 from buy-backs and saved \$200,000 from selling used books.

Professors submitting their textbook lists by the deadlines the previous semester allowed ample time for local bookstores to gather used books from and for students. Without timely reporting from professors, the bookstores are unable to offer high buyback prices since unadopted books

purchased from students would be sent to wholesalers to be circulated to other schools, rather than resold back at Berkeley. Hence, timely reporting allows the bookstores to know what books will be bought so they are more inclined to purchase books at a higher buyback price; concurrently, there is an increased supply of used books which are significantly cheaper. To illustrate the impact of early adoptions, even a 19% adoption rate at UC Berkeley in the Fall of 2007 saved students \$425,000 (buybacks + used books).

I hope you understand our concerns with the high cost of textbooks in addition to rising student fees. We want to help keep UC Berkeley affordable as the top public university, but a large proportion of our students on financial aid are already finding it difficult to afford an education here. This is one tangible, pragmatic method to help students cut expenses.

Based on the proceedings from the 2007-2008 academic year and the continued commitment of the ASUC to serving the students, this Fall the ASUC is launching a student-initiated grassroots campaign to personally appeal to the majority of faculty at Berkeley. Though we are confident in the results of the grass-roots campaign, the effort will not reach full potential without the Academic Senate's role in urging the faculty. As partners in this campaign, we highly recommend that you and the Academic Senate, by any means feasible, to urge the 2000+ faculty members at UC Berkeley to adhere to the early textbook adoption deadlines: Oct 15 for the Spring, Mar 15 for the Summer, and Apr 15 for the Fall.

In humble service to the students,

Tu Tran, Bioengineering/Rhetoric 2010

Will Smelko, Political Science 2010

Yishi Zuo, Business 2011

Tara Raffi, Business 2011

Carlo De La Cruz, Art History/Asian American Studies 2009

Roxanne Winston, American Studies 2009

A Bill In Support of the Hindu Students Council (HSC)

**Authored by Aishwarya Jayagopal and ASUC Senator Meghana Dhar
Sponsored by ASUC Senator Meghana Dhar**

WHEREAS, the ASUC exists to serve the need of students, and one way to fulfill this duty is by providing sponsorship for student organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Hindu Students Council is OSL-sponsored but hasn't received ASUC funding; and

WHEREAS, HSC serves to educate the campus community and the population at large about the practice, philosophy, and history of Hinduism; and

WHEREAS, HSC meets bi-weekly to hold prayer sessions and plan for campus events about Hinduism; and

WHEREAS, HSC currently has no budget to publicity or holding any of its own events; and

WHEREAS, currently, the HSC's largest event is the Raas-Garbha, scheduled for mid-October, which is a dance held by Indus, Indian Students Association, and Satrang; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the HSC this year is as follows:

Item	Cost
\$40	Prayer materials
\$60	Books/Media for use and distribution amongst council
\$50	Publicity - flyers, banners

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Hindu Students Council as a first year ASUC Student Activity Group (SAG); and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$150 (one hundred fifty dollars) from the Senate Contingency fund to sponsor the Hindu Students Council.