

ASUC SENATE MEETING

October 1, 2008

Sixth Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:14 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber. Ms. Pasco said she wanted to welcome all the interns who were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the September 24 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Tran. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 MEETING PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

SB 54, In Support of the Gutenberg Magazine, to the Finance Committee

SB 55, In Support of UCBD Beginner's Competition, to the Finance Committee

SB 56, In Support of the Wilberforce Abolition Project, to the Finance Committee

SB 57, In Opposition to Plans to Bring Panda Express to the UC Berkeley Campus, to the Finance Committee and to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

SB 58, In Support of Proposition 2, to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 59, In Support of the Student Human Resources Association (SHRA), to the Finance Committee

SB 60, In Support of Increased Recognition of International Education System, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and to the University and External Affairs Committee

SB 61, In Support of Berkeley's Got Talent, Hosted by the Freshman-Sophomore Business Club at Berkeley, to the Finance Committee

SB 62, In Support of the Asia Pacific Commerce Association, to the Finance Committee

SB 63, In Support of Hermanas Unidas, Inc. (HaU), to the Finance Committee

SB 64, In Support of the Cal Pre-Vet Club, to the Finance Committee

SB 65, In Support of the Cal Japan Club, to the Finance Committee

SB 66, In Support of Alpha Omicron Psi's 3rd Annual Strike a Move Presents AOP's Best Dance Crew Philanthropy Event, to the Finance Committee

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SB 67, In Support of Gamma Phi Beta's Seventh Annual Mr. Gamma Phi Philanthropy Event, to the Finance Committee

SB 68, In Support of the Pilipino Association for Health Careers (PAHC) Medical Mission Benefit Concert, to the Finance Committee

SB 69, In Support of the 7th Annual Queer Pin@y Conference: Illuminating the Queer Diaspora, to the Finance Committee

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to New Business, and seeing none, said New Business was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Oct. 8)

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the agenda for next week. Mr. Zuo moved to add a Special Order from 8:00 to 8:30, to hear from Tom Devlin, Director of the Career Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO HEAR A SPECIAL ORDER FROM 8:00 TO 8:30, FOR TOM DEVLIN, DIRECTOR OF THE CAREER CENTER, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Nahabet moved to add the Attorney General to Appointed Official Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Ms. Pasco called for any other changes to the agenda. A motion to approve was made and seconded and passed with no objection. THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 8 MEETING WAS APPROVED WITH NO OBJECTION.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

Report from the Faculty Representative

Prof. Lieu said the Student Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate met early that afternoon. They had a short meeting because there was another Senate committee meeting they wanted to run to. The topic of discussion at the meeting that afternoon was on the proposed revision to the way that Student Conduct Code was handled. It's being revised by the Office of Student Affairs, Dean Poullard's office. Eventually, whatever changes are made needed to be approved by the Academic Senate. Dean Poullard's office was working very closely with the Academic Senate on the proposed revisions.

Presently, when a student is accused of academic dishonesty, plagiarism, or other such things, the matter was referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The final manifestation of the charge was to hold a hearing, unless the case was otherwise settled beforehand. The hearing board is comprised of five people, including two faculty, a staffmember, a graduate student, and an undergraduate student. The most radical

revision being proposed was to make the hearing board composed entirely of students. The idea was to somehow make students a little bit more responsible for their own behavior at the University in affairs of academic dishonesty.

Prof. Lieu said he personally thought this was a wonderful idea. When this was first brought up last semester, there was a little bit of negative feedback from some members of the Student Affairs Committee and from some colleagues he talked to about it. But he thought that feeling has softened up, to where faculty members were being a little more open and were a little more receptive to the idea, particularly since a similar scheme is used at most universities. Berkeley was actually the exception rather than the rule. He called for any questions. Seeing no questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for the report.

Roll call was taken for attendance:

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

Sheila Chen	Eddie Nahabet	Will Smelko
Sarah Cho	Christina Oatfield	Lisa Tran
Meghana Dhar	Tommy Owens	Tu Tran
Mary June Flores	Tara Raffi	Obiamaka Ude
Saira Hussain	Claudia Rodriguez	Stephanie Yang
Oscar Mairena	Lyell Sakaue	Yishi Zuo
John Moghtader	Kifah Shah	

Report from the UCPD Liaison

Sgt. Tucker said one Crime Alert he distributed got a lot of attention, robbery/burglary at Clark Kerr, building 17. On Tuesday morning, just before 1 a.m., two people gained entry into building 17 through open window. One person was apparently armed with a handgun and threatened the occupants inside with a gun and demanded property, a laptop and the wallet. They left a dorm room, ran out, and were seen by some witnesses. UCPD officers responded and were there quickly, under two minutes. They searched the area but unfortunately did not find the suspects. Details were in one of the Crime Alerts.

As they could imagine, this has generated a lot of publicity and interest. There have been newspaper stories about it in the Daily Cal and the Chronicle and it was on TV.

Vice Chancellor LeGrande put out a message people may have received, and it could be found on the campus' home page. There was also a link there to a page that included a lot of safety advice and information, not specifically dealing with this crime, but with safety advice in general.

Sgt. Tucker said the Police Department is investigating the crime and their detectives consider this to be one of their highest priorities of the moment. They're looking at anything and everything by law that they can do to follow up. The UCPD was also spending some extra time there on patrol and they're working

with residence hall staff to find ways to secure the area a little bit better and ensure safety and security. In fact, they're encouraging residence halls to remind their staff and their residents about some of the safety and security procedures to take.

Sgt. Tucker said there was another Crime Alert that he didn't print out, but could be found on the UCPD Web site. He had the good fortune of being the on-duty patrol sergeant when this occurred on Friday, the 26th. At about 9:30 a.m. the City of Berkeley responded police to a report of some suspicious people outside the Mechanic's Bank, 2301 Shattuck. Officers found two people hiding in the bushes outside the bank and a third person inside actually casing the bank. "Casing," means that officers believed he was in there looking forward the vulnerabilities, the weak points, preparing to enter with the intent to rob the bank. And in fact, almost comically, the persons outside had masks and gloves. It wasn't funny, but it also wasn't an incredibly well thought out plan. They took off running when they saw the officers. There was a foot chase, and within an hour they had all three suspects in custody. They recovered a rather large knife, 12-inches, and a simulated firearm, and all the masks, gloves, and such. Both University and City officers responded. Two of those persons were juveniles, under 18.

Sgt. Tucker said that following up on his unofficial bike theft statistics, there have been eight since last Wednesday. Also, he finally had some bike statistics in response to a question from two weeks ago. He was having a little trouble with data from 05-06, and couldn't quite explain why. But he was confident of his other numbers. In the calendar year of 2007, 117 bicycle citations issued. Of those, 75 were for violations in the dismount zone, about two-thirds, approximately. Also in 2007, there were three bicycle accidents with injury, none of them in the dismount zone. That means it's effective. In 2008, year-to-date, they've had 51 bicycle citations total, and 31 of those were dismount zone violations. There were five bicycle accidents with injury. None were in the dismount zone. Sgt. Tucker said that hopefully this addressed the question, and if not, they should let him know.

The football game against Colorado State was a fun day. He was glad to see Cal win and he's always glad when the Bears outscore the Police Department in terms of Student Conduct violations. They had 31 violations of the Code of Student Conduct that the PD handled at the student gate. There was one arrest and six non-students were removed from the game for various violations. He called for any questions.

Mr. Sakaue asked if he could clarify what happened last Wednesday with regard to students congregating at the Golden Bear Center. Mr. Poullard said he could respond to that. Last Wednesday a number of students, in particular, Lajuanda Asemota, the Chair of the Black Recruitment and Retention Center, were confronted by a police officer, asking for her ID because they were giving out drinks in an area by a wall, between the Golden Bear and the wall there. She was given a field identification card and she promptly left. She felt the information the officer gave her was erroneous in terms of where one could and could not table; and it turned out that the information was, indeed, erroneous. She went to the Police Department and spoke about this with Sgt. Alberts. Mr. Poullard said he has followed-up with Ms. Asemota and with Chief of Police Victoria Harrison, so he could follow-up with the BRRC and students of color on the campus on how they feel with respect to being harassed by officers on campus. He would like for it to be an annual gathering and maybe even once a semester, of how they have relationships with each other. He noted that the word "how" popped up again; how they have relationships with each other and address issues before they become much bigger. From what he understood, this was not an isolated incident and has gone on over semesters. People have documentation of that, which will be aired with the UCPD, Chief Harrison, along with whoever attends the meeting. They'll also talk about how one files a complaint against an officer, and what the process was for what happened afterwards, and how that was dealt with on the campus. So it was an issue of accountability as well.

Sgt. Tucker said he would apologize and hadn't heard of that incident yet. He'll do a little more research.

Ms. Rodriguez asked how a student would go about filing a complaint. Sgt. Tucker said the information could be found on the Web site. All they had to do was to call or come into the Police Department, or go to other locations, such as the Chancellor's office, in California Hall, or 326 Sproul Hall and talk about what they were concerned about. There were forms available online. The forms could be given to people in person or sent by mail or fax. They ask for a description of what happened. People fill out that paperwork, which then goes to the Internal Affairs unit for review and consideration for investigation.

They try to have investigations done between 30 and 90 days. It depended on the nature of the incident. The Chief and the senior staff of the Police Department make a final determination about what to do in response to the complaint, and if parts of the complaint are sustained. If that doesn't satisfy the complainants, there is also an opportunity to appeal that to the Police Review Board on campus, an oversight committee that has that authority. Sgt. Tucker said that was the process in a nutshell. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. She would encourage Senators, if they had further questions, to speak to Sgt. Tucker off the floor as they had a Special Order at 7:30. Sgt. Tucker said e-mails were also a great opportunity for questions.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Senate Intern Introductions

Ms. Pasco said the Special Order was by Jeremy De Nivea, David Velasquez, and Salma Vir-Banks. Ms. Vir-Banks said this was a mixer. The Senators and the interns they matched up with were written on the board. They'll do an introduction first. Ms. Pasco said this was really informal. A mixer was held.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Presentation by Dean Poullard on "The Social Change Model of Leadership"

Mr. Poullard asked people to close their computers, and to stand up and find a partner, somebody they didn't ordinarily talk to, and talk about with their partner about how they define the term "leadership." Next, he would ask people to find a new partner and talk about, on a scale of 1 to 10, how effective they saw the level of communication at that time in the Senate, and why. Next, he would ask them to find a third partner, and talk about what they observe as being barriers that affect how the Senate delivered effective leadership.

Mr. Poullard asked people to take their seats. He wanted to have some conversation about the lead-in questions. He asked how people defined leadership. One speaker said it was "somebody who takes initiative and has passion and can guide others with that passion." Ms. Oatfield said it was someone who had a broader vision for a project, activity or community. Mr. Moghtader said it was when a person or group of people had a vision and wanted people to help them achieve that vision; and it was also the process of learning from the people one was leading and learning what their visions were, and incorporating that into a grander theme.

Mr. Poullard asked what the common theme was in all of those definitions. Speakers said themes were vision, initiative, inspiration, community, passion, cooperation.

Mr. Poullard said many of them defined qualities of leaders, but they weren't talking about leadership. Leadership was a life-long process. People were always in the process of doing leadership, which meant they were always in the process of creating change. It was always happening. If that's rubric, if leadership was a process, not something static, then it meant they had to always engage others to have that continual movement forward.

Mr. Poullard said the next question people talked about was how effective they assessed the communication that was in the room, from 1 to 10.

Ms. Raffi said she thought it was 0, because people could talk to communicate their ideas, but for communication as a whole, she didn't think the words people put out necessarily influenced or changed people's actions or beliefs. Mr. Tran said he would rate it at 5. There was potential, but also imperfections. He had hope in the ability to improve communications. Mr. Mairena said he would rank communication at 5. They could either go forward or get worse. Ms. Flores said she would rank it 4. Within the Senate they act and communicate differently than when they're outside the Chamber and lack consistent communications and relationships. Ms. Hussain said she would say 2, and would have said 1 before. If they say 0, there was no hope of going forward. She saw hope because that week she was able to have lunch with somebody and chat with five people about different issues she believed will be brought up during this meeting. She saw that as a step forward, so she was very hopeful. Mr. Smelko said he would say 1. He thought communication became impossible when people were scared that their conversation with someone was irrelevant or if people felt hopeless they could have any success. There couldn't be successful communication if people felt that way, or if people were closed minded about their opinions. He thought it would be better for people to give each other a chance to be persuaded, or open to that. Too often people go into discussion not willing to change their mind no matter the other person said, and just talk for the sake of saying they talked to the person.

Mr. Poullard asked people who haven't talked to throw out numbers on what they thought about the Senate's communication effectiveness. Numbers included 4, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 2, 4, 2, 3, 4.

Mr. Poullard said that if their highest score was 5, which occurred three times, they had some work to do. He wanted them to think about how the notion that if they're going to create positive social change and if they're charged as a Senate to think about leadership and move the campus community forward, this was not going to get it done. They have to think about how to effectively change those scores to more 7's, 8's, and 9's.

Mr. Poullard said his last question was what was getting in the way of their ability to have effective communication. He asked what else got in the way of moving the numbers in the proper direction. Ms. Oatfield said she felt it was partisanship. There were distinct political parties and she saw that as a bias and barrier, very often, for making compromises. Mr. Nahabet said block voting was a problem. Both coalitions had the ability to block something. They didn't have the ability to pass something. So one side blocks and then the other side blocks. Ms. Cho said she thought a problem was duplicity, saying one thing and doing another. Ms. Hussain said she thought a problem was the lack of professional conduct, when people bring in their personal biases and constantly discuss issues that didn't necessarily have to do with the topic at hand, or bring up things that happened in the past, perhaps outside the Senate.

Mr. Poullard said they always bring their personal selves to whatever they do. The whole notion of leaving their personal self at home when they come to work was tomfoolery. The issue becomes whether they do that in an intentional way to stop something from happening, or if they do it because they're not as conscious how that might impact the dynamic. Whatever things happen inside the Senate Chamber, in their interactions, it will affect how they lead inside the room.

Ms. Dhar said she thought one thing that got in the way of better communication was microscopic views. They tend to lose perspective of why they are there in the first place, to represent the students and provide organizational support for student groups and the student body as a whole. Mr. Poullard that if they're clear about what the values are, then the difficulty Ms. Dhar mentioned doesn't happen.

Mr. Sakaue said he thought a block to communication was personal stuff and not understanding where other people were coming from. Mr. Poullard said that was not having perspective on others' views.

Ms. Ude said she thought a problem was having a lot of hearing and not enough listening and understanding. Ms. Flores said she thought a problem was the lack of trust.

Mr. Poullard said this was called "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team." The Senate was a team, and it was dysfunctional. The sad reality was that all teams had dysfunction. That would include his management team, his Cabinet team, with his Vice Chancellor; the Senior Cabinet, with the Chancellor. At the core of dysfunction was a lack of trust. "Trust" didn't mean telling one's secrets, but having enough respect for someone to hear them out, and to believe that what was being said was based on a place of being real. "Trust" meant a willingness to engage another person in some good ways. If he didn't have trust, then there was either no conflict, or nasty conflict. That could involve "artificial harmony," where they pretend things are going well and then they leave the room and dog each other. When there's no trust, there's no confidence one will be engaged with honestly. And there's no good collaboration or good results. If the Senate was about creating results for the entire student body, they better get busy building trust.

Mr. Poullard said he distributed information about a leadership model, "The '7 C's' of Leadership." He believed in this model wholeheartedly. There were tons of leadership models, and this was one. The '7 C's' leadership model is what his area, Campus Life and Leadership, used as a guide for all its programs and services. The model was created at UCLA to help students think about how students and how people create positive social change. That was how he defined leadership: Creating positive social change.

The model has three "bubbles" that intersect. The first bubble was about the individual, and to what extent they're conscious of themselves, who they are and what they value. If people didn't know that, they couldn't lead effectively. The second big piece was "congruence." One of the quickest ways to lose face and destroy trust was to say one thing and do something else. That was a lack of congruence. If he says something but his behavior was something else, he's going to lose credibility quickly and break down trust. Not being clear and honest, they talk about that all the time. When one can't have congruence, they might as well hang up their leadership ability.

And the last was "commitment," that to which one was committed to. In the first bubble, it's all about you, an individual. How much one knew themselves, or how congruent or committed one was in their individual work as a person and what they brought to the table. It's who they are and what they bring. They come to the institution with backgrounds, families, religions, class backgrounds, ethnicities, and all of that influenced who they are and how they think about the world. And then they get to Cal and all of a

sudden people ask if that's really who they are, and if they really believed things. They're notorious on the campus for helping students deconstruct things, tear them apart, analyze it, and critique it. They're not so good at helping people put it back together again.

So they take it apart, and then what. What one rebuilds from that relies upon the extent they understand self. For the group, it was figuring out how to do its work. Groups have to think about collaboration.

In a conversation with one of them, Mr. Poullard said he asked about the real difference within all the political parties in the Senate, and how they would really describe the difference. The person told him that they thought the parties were concerned about different things. As they listed the differences, Mr. Poullard said he asked if all Senators should be concerned about those things, regardless of party affiliation. If they weren't, something was wrong.

But that meant they have to figure out how to collaborate effectively across people who may not have their exact values. That was hard to do if one felt they might have to compromise themselves in the process.

Mr. Poullard said that Pres. Nguyen asked him a question one time. Mr. Nguyen said he was surprised when he heard Mr. Poullard say he's never gone home thinking that he compromised his ethical positions. Because Mr. Nguyen had probably seen him make some compromise. But compromise was not giving up who he was. It meant he was thinking about what was best for the broader good, versus what is best for oneself. That was collaboration. It's very hard to do when they're not in congruence with who they are and if they can't think about how somebody else might be affected by what they do and what they say.

Mr. Poullard said the next big piece was from a collaborative place: How do they build common purpose. That was something they have not done in this room. If they're clear about what the Senate valued, collaboration and common purpose became much easier. If they're not clear about what they value, they have drama. And that means revisiting over and over whether people were being congruent with their values. If they say they respect each other, and then cuss each other, or if they say they're sensitive while they're on their computers with somebody talking, he'd say they weren't being congruent.

What behavior happens and how are they accountable when they don't hold true to these values. And then his favorite was controversy with civility. They could disagree with each other and still go have pizza when they're done fighting. That's if they have controversy with civility. That means he doesn't destroy them in the process because he disagrees with them.

Mr. Poullard asked to please write down who they thought on the campus they had the most difficulty with in having controversy with civility. This was the person who got their blood boiling, that didn't allow them to have controversy with civility. He asked Senators to write down those groups of people or individuals. His next question was who, because of that, they completely written off. He asked them to please be honest with themselves, and said no one had to know about this. And then because of that, he asked how that affected their ability to lead, especially in this room, as a Senator. Last but not least, he would ask them to write down what they were going to do to rebuild the relationship. Ultimately, it came back to what one was willing to do, or not do.

Mr. Poullard said he would be very vulnerable in front of all of them. Just so they know, "relationship" equals "grace." When he has rapport with them and a relationship with them, he will extend grace when

things get difficult. He'll cuss them out, but he won't throw them away, or give up on them. If he has no relationship with them, then they are very easily dismissed by him. They get no consideration. If they don't have relationships and grace in this space, what bills would or wouldn't get passed, and what work on behalf of their peers would or wouldn't get done if they did have relationship and grace.

Even there at Cal, Mr. Poullard said he had a very difficult time with groups of people as a black gay man. As he says, they all have baggage, but no more than two carryon. If they have more, they have to check it. He's got more than two bags, but he'll tell them about two. One bag that he has as a person was that he struggled a lot particularly with heterosexual men. He struggled as a gay man. He struggles with homophobic comments, with how he gets mistreated, with words like "faggot," and "sissy," and all that struggle. It makes him unsafe and makes him feel vulnerable and that he can't be his best self all the time.

Mr. Poullard said he couldn't dismiss all his heterosexual allies and brothers. Until he was 33, he had one heterosexual male friend. He worked with them and supervised them, went to lunch with them every once in a while, but they were not his friends. The only ones he trusted, the only people he had community with, were those in his community, because he felt so alienated from others. But if he always did that, it would be a lot of people having conflict with. He struggled with liberal white folks, because he struggles with people not recognizing white-skin privilege in America. He struggles hard.

But he also had to think about who was struggling with him because of who he is and how he shows up. That's where the grace must be extended. He would ask them to think about who they struggle with and why, and what they're going to do in order to address that. It meant going out of their comfort zone to re-engage each other in ways that were real and build trust.

Mr. Yang said it took two people to rebuild a relationship, and asked what one should do if the other person wasn't cooperative. Mr. Poullard said people were only in control of their own behavior, nobody else's. If someone decided to dismiss you, as long as they weren't beating you, you have to decide how to engage them. He gets to decide how he gets to engage someone he felt has completely dismissed them as a person. He could decide to still treat the person with respect, because that's how he wanted to be treated in return. He'll model for the person what he wants. Ultimately, they only have control over their own behavior. You could begin by saying, "I notice we don't have a good relationship, how are we going to get there?" People had repairing to do outside the room. And they know who they were. They could figure it out. It wasn't that difficult. It requires people to be a little vulnerable and a little open, and not closed minded, and hear what might not be their own way of thinking and doing. If they don't do it now, come February and April, there will be more drama.

Mr. Poullard said that at the end of this model is citizenship, and all of them have a responsibility to create an environment on the campus, where all students feel physically and psychologically safe. If one felt safe they do their best work and bring the best of himself to the experience. If he doesn't feel that way, then he's thinking about other things. When he's walking with his boyfriend, when he had one, and holding his hand, depending on where he was, while holding hands, he'd also hold on to his keys between his fingers with his other hand so he could defend himself in case he got jumped. That was an eff'd up world. He's trying to be love but protecting himself at the same time. He's not feeling complete safe. He asked how much more unencumbered he'd be to think, feel, and grow if he didn't have to defend himself. He would ask them to think about who made them put their hand in their pocket to hold their keys, because they all have them. And they should think what they were going to do about it, and how they were going to release them. The choice was theirs. It was their decision whether to build relationship so

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they get to grace so everyone felt safe, and they get to a place where they have excellent results as a Senate. He thought they could do it. (Applause)

Ms. Pasco said she hoped people took something away from that presentation, as she did. If people had any questions they should feel free to talk to Mr. Poullard.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Presentation by Jeff Deutsch, Bookstore Manager, on
Textbook Adoptions

Mr. Deutsch said he would like to thank them very much for allowing him this time. He was there not so much as the Cal Student Store Director, but as an expert on the textbook adoption cycle and how the Senate could perhaps make the cost of textbooks a little bit more affordable.

Mr. Deutsch said he'll talk about the textbook cycle and what the textbook business did to try and keep costs down. The first step was the professor deciding on a book and submitting an adoption. About six weeks into the semester, professors were figuring out what they'll teach the next semester. They submit the books to the Bookstore that they want. This was two to three months before the beginning of the new semester. The Store will start to source it and try and find as many used copies of the book as possible through a nationwide network of wholesale distributors as well as through their own distributor, to get as many used copies as possible that were in the market.

After they do that, they move along in the calendar. Students go through finals and start to sell their books back. The Bookstore buys the books back from students and tries to source them locally as much as possible. But whatever they can't do locally, they'll get back to the distributors. At that point the Store gets as many used books as possible and puts them on the shelves.

Students come back for the new semester, and hopefully there's a used books for them, and hopefully for every student.

At that point, Mr. Deutsch said they go back to the beginning, and the professor decides on the books for the next semester. It's cyclical process that the Bookstore was constantly dealing with, and trying to make sure the professors were engaged.

Where the system broke down was when the Bookstore doesn't know what books a professor wanted to use. If the Store didn't know the title or the edition, it can't begin sourcing it; and the used books market might dry up as other universities acquire those books. And then the students come in and there are no used books for them. So getting adoptions in was the most crucial piece of the puzzle. The Store can't begin to get used books until they know what books to get. That was pretty common sensical.

Mr. Deutsch said that as for some of the issues that go into this, professor had a lot to do, just as students did, and he did. Professors aren't thinking in October what they'll teach in January. More importantly, they're not thinking in April what they're going to teach in September. So there are professors who aren't really aware of the cycle and how it worked. They've got a lot of on their plates. Because of that, the Store might not get those book orders. So what the Store was really trying to do, and help out with the community, was to raise awareness of the importance of the adoption deadline.

Mr. Deutsch said there are three adoption deadlines. The deadline was April 15 every year for the Fall Semester; October 15 every year for the Spring Semester; and March 15 for summer session.

There are some other issues that go into this. If they don't get adoptions in a timely manner, then obviously students come back to sell their books back to the Store, and the Store doesn't know what the title is, , not having timely adoption affects the amount they give to students when students sell their books back. Sometimes it will be pennies on the dollar, and sometimes it's 15%. Those were the best-case scenarios. But the Store can't offer students nearly as much as it could if they knew that book was going to be used. If a student comes in on December 7 and the Store doesn't have an adoption, it comes in on December 8, a student could lose out on getting back 30% of the book's value, possibly. So the buyback piece was really important. When they look at textbook prices, they really have to figure that in as well.

Mr. Deutsch said another lost opportunity was the used books sales that the Store acquires from national resources. Again, books are also used at another university, so that school purchases them. The Store had 4,000 titles to deal with, and Berkeley had one of the most complex and unique title bases. That was a lot of titles, 4,000; and the Store had to handle each one individually, to make sure they get it right. Often times there will need to be questions they have to ask the professor, back and forth, so the Store wants to have about a month to make sure it has all the information absolutely accurate so students get the right book. During that time, if the Store loses that time, then it's not going to be able to really get the adoption entered in.

Mr. Deutsch said that one other issue he really wanted to talk about that was very important that people kind of lose sight of was the sustainability piece of it. They want to buy books from students as much as possible, not only for sustainability reasons, but to make sure that the money stays in the community, when they buy books from students, they're not buying them from somewhere in Chicago or Tennessee, and they don't use all that fuel to get the books across the country. Rather than that, everything was staying local. So that was a big part of it.

The other issue is that the Store might order a Psychology book, and orders 100 copies, because one professor wanted it. A week later they get another order for 100 copies from another professor. That meant they had to do multiple shipments, and more fuel went into it. Those were some of the issues involved.

Mr. Deutsch said he wanted to talk a little about the price of books. They all know how absurdly expensive books are right now. There are a lot of ways they can look at keeping textbook prices down. He wouldn't talk about all of them, and just talk about one of them. He'll talk about adoptions, although there are other ways to do it.

Mr. Deutsch said he wanted people to keep in mind how much a book actually costs them out of pocket. If they purchase a new book for \$60, that's money out of their pocket. However, if the Store had the adoption for the next semester and the student sold the book back to the Store, the Store could give them \$30, if they have the adoption. So essentially, the book really cost them \$30 to purchase. Purchasing it used, the same book at \$60 would be sold by the Store for \$45, 25% off. So they're already saving \$15. But if they have the adoption, the Store will be able to sell them at half-price, \$22.50. In that situation, the student pays \$22.50 for the book. So they could really see how this adds up. And that's just one book. With all the books students use in a semester, they could see how it doesn't matter what they're taking, hard science, soft science, they have a stack of texts, or novels, or one fat textbook with a study guide, it will be the same situation. It will really make a difference in what students can save and how much the books will cost them.

Mr. Deutsch said that was he was bringing up and trying to raise the awareness of how early adoptions save students money. It was that simple. If a professor tells the Store what they want by the deadline, the students save money. He called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked what Senators could do to help this process along and make sure adoptions were adhered to by professors. Mr. Deutsch said Sen. T. Tran has been taking the lead on this. The biggest part of it was raising awareness. There are some ideas that Mr. Tran could share in terms of the campaign itself. Students had to be involved in raising awareness. There's also been a lot of pressure from external sources. The State of California has audited six different schools in California on textbook affordability. Berkeley was included, and didn't look too good. They did okay, but there were definitely opportunities that were identified. So there's definitely a lot of pressure as well from the faculty side, and the Bookstore was trying to work with that side as well as the student side. Awareness was the most important thing.

Ms. Ude asked if there were any plans in the works for certain departments, especially within Letters & Science, that order certain books from particular bookstores that were pertinent to the Department itself, and asked if there were options for students in those departments. Not all books from every department were carried in the Bookstore. She asked if the Store reached out to those other bookstores. Mr. Deutsch said there are definitely professors who prefer Marcus Books, or East Wind, or Ned's. That was fine. Wherever they want to bring the adoptions was fine. The Bookstore shares all of its adoption information with Ned's, but not with the other bookstores since they're not really textbook stores. They kind of specialize in specific departments. But the Store shared all of its information and talks to them about how the process was going. But they weren't really involved in it. He was very open to having them become involved, but that wasn't the case other than sharing the adoptions. The idea behind sharing adoptions was to make sure that no matter where a student shopped, they'd get the cheapest titles possible.

Ms. Raffi asked if another bookstore that a professor preferred could be incorporated into the system. Mr. Deutsch said a professor might want to give the adoption to East Wind Books, e.g., which happens. When that occurs, the Bookstore can't buy that book back or get used books. On the first or second day of class, a student comes in with their syllabus and asks for a copy. The Store rushes out, but at that time the used books are more or less gone, and they have to do a second-day air order of the book. But these were a small percentage of books. But it was an issue. The Cal Student Store wants to be comprehensive in its title base, and in such cases, they just can't, not until a student comes in with the adoption.

Mr. Zuo asked if there was a list of worst offenders among professors, and if students could get in personal contact with them. Mr. Deutsch said the Store did have some data on that. That brought up an important point. The professor was not always the person at fault. A lot of professors give their adoptions to their department secretaries, who pass it along to the Store. Sometimes the secretaries get overwhelmed and it kind of gets lost in the shuffle. But he would never call up any specific person. It really was a systemic problem. And it's not just one department, and certainly not just one professor. But they do have data and could make that available.

Mr. Deutsch said he'll make himself available to anyone. He was right across the way, and if people wanted to talk about this further, or about anything else, or give any feedback at all, he would ask them to please not hesitate at all. He wanted to thank them for their time. (Applause)

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion for a five-minute recess. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Oatfield and Ms. Ude and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in

session, a motion to extend the recess by two minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Mr. Moghtader and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, with Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Ude and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Report from the Graduate Assembly Representative

Mr. Daal said the Graduate Assembly will meet on Thursday. They serve food at 5:00 and the meeting starts at 5:30. Senators were all welcome to attend. Their meetings end promptly at 7:30. Student government has been organizing the Lower Sproul Student Council as a forum for graduate students and undergraduates, to ensure that Lower Sproul information was disseminated from all of the various and numerous Lower Sproul-related groups, and to converge on a student-shared vision of what Lower Sproul should look like, and to start thinking about the types of stipulations they want to put in the language of a referendum, such as student control over particular buildings. This Council met for the first time on Monday night, and Senators attended. They looked forward to having them at future meetings, and it looked like it will be productive. He thought they had something good going there. He called for any questions.

Ms. Oatfield asked when the next meeting will be held. Mr. Daal said the next meeting was yet to be determined. He had to send out a meeting wizard. There was some degree of immediacy because on Tuesday, he, Ms. Pasco, and Ms. Winston learned that they will be asked to give a student vision of the overall Lower Sproul project on Monday. They haven't really gotten to that part yet, but they'll think of something. The Lower Sproul Student Council will meet sometime within the next two weeks.

Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said people will have to start using IDs for the elevators. The west elevator will have key access for two more weeks so those who have not gotten their cards can do so. But after that, people will need an activated card in order to use the elevator after hours. Given the seriousness of the report that Sgt. Tucker gave that evening about armed break-ins, they're still having difficulty securing Eshleman. Doors were still being propped open at night. On Saturday, before the football game and before the building was opened, there were doors propped open in the early morning. The Auxiliary will move as expeditiously as it could toward alarmed doors and card access to each of the floors. So that was coming as well.

Regarding business matters, the Auxiliary issued a letter to the Daily Cal regarding the terms and conditions the Store Operations Board approved for the paper. He wasn't sure the paper will be prepared to accept the SOB's terms. The idea was to keep the ASUC whole and not just give away the value for the rent that the Daily Cal would like to see student government forego.

Kaplan Testing came back to the Auxiliary and made an offer the Auxiliary wasn't expecting. Kaplan would like different space in the ASUC and was willing to pay handsomely for it. He wasn't sure he could support the location Kaplan was proposing, and it really depended on what Kaplan's vision was. The Auxiliary was asking for the proposal in writing, and it will be taken back to the SOB.

The Auxiliary has received no response from Campus Link regarding compliance with campus safety fire policy. So the Auxiliary will begin to initiate formal notice with them.

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to talk about something he saw in the minutes of a Senate meeting as well as from an interview he had with the Daily Cal. He was basically sandbagged by the proposal to have a bill passed by the Senate that would oppose bringing Panda Express to Lower Sproul. No one came to him or spoke to him about it, or raised any questions, or asked if information was correct. That was not a way to be a responsible student government.

Last year, when students came and demanded that the Senate pass a bill in support of the oak tree protesters, the Senate took the reasonable response of asking the campus Administration to present the other side. And after listening to both sides, the Senate chose not to pass a bill in support of the oak trees. A group of students came to the Senate and demanded a bill criticizing the campus for joining with British Petroleum in a research venture. The Senate decided to invite the Vice Chancellor for Research to come before the Senate and speak to them, so they could ask questions and learn the factual information. And after that was done, the Senate did not take the position they were going to take.

Mr. Permaul said it always helped to have at least two sides presented to an issue, or at least as much factual information as possible. If they want people to take student government seriously, they need to do that. He hoped people bear that in mind as they debate the bill.

Mr. Permaul said two years of student work went into the planning of the letter of intent going to Panda Express. It was not done lightly and was done in conjunction with students for separate years; two governments from two different parties, and groups of Senators from different parties. They learned the information and sat with Panda Express. Panda Express is one of the most responsible, family-run businesses in the United States and one of the best employees in the United States. Students were willing to listen to Panda and pose to them serious questions about what the restaurant did in terms of sustainability, organic food options, all kinds of questions. If anybody had come to him, those questions could have been answered.

Mr. Permaul said he just wanted to make sure that they don't leap off the edge of a public policy cliff when engaged in consequential actions. Senators were eligible to sit on the Store Operations Board in closed session as well as open session, and could bring their questions and issues to that group. He wanted to make sure that people think about this process and that they're engaged in that process in an effective manner.

Mr. Permaul said he also wanted to talk about book adoptions. Over the past two years, students who were able to sell their textbooks because of early adoptions basically earned, or saved, \$1.2 million. And that was just with 20% adoptions. If they had 40%, or 60%, they'd be talking about millions of dollars students would save. Senators have already had a long evening, with three Special Orders, but he didn't want them to lose sight of this. The work that Sen. T. Tran and Mr. De la Cruz, and other students were doing was really vital. They only have until October 15 to prepare themselves for next semester.

Finally, the next class on event organization will be on the 8th. This was a collaboration between ASUC and CLL student advising. The first class had 30 students participating and was a wild success. Amanda was still taking reservations for those student groups that would like to get a certificate of training, and to get special consideration for that training. If Senators' groups haven't gone through this yet, October 8 was another deadline. He called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet asked how the Fill the Bus event did. Mr. Permaul said he heard how many pounds of food were collected, but couldn't recall. He'd let them know. The Student Union Director was very pleased with the event, given it was the first time they've done this. They now know there's an interest in Cal alums and their families in coming both pre-game and post-game for activities at the Student Union. So they're already planning for the event for next year. They've also talked to the Cal Alumni Association. They had a food drive, where people built canned artwork on Lower Sproul. There was an idea to merge these two activities and have a better draw of students in conjunction with the Union as well.

Mr. Nahabet asked which floors students would have access to with the key cards. Mr. Permaul said they still have access to all of the floors that they currently do without the card key because they haven't put that system in yet. But it was coming, and they'll eventually have card key access to go to offices on floors, from the hallway once they get out of the elevator. The stairwells will also be alarmed and will send a message to the UCPD when they're propped open.

Ms. Rodriguez asked what the new proposal was for Kaplan. Mr. Permaul said they want to put attach their storefront to the Bear's Lair Food Court. He was very skeptical of that. The space was already small and had a low ceiling. He was worried it might discourage business to the small businesses there. Kaplan has sweetened the pot considerably, including to Cal's Pell Grants recipients who want to take classes. He'll take the proposal back to the Store Operations Board as soon as he understood it fully.

Ms. Hussain said she was trying to find information about the SOB. Mr. Permaul said it's on the ASUC Auxiliary Web site.

Ms. Ude asked in what ways the location Kaplan was proposing would discourage business going to small businesses in the Bear's Lair. Mr. Permaul said Kaplan wanted to put something where the windows are that would block light going in. He was concerned about that. But he hasn't seen what was actually being proposed. The idea was that this was a service that would benefit students, and the Auxiliary wanted to do it in a good manner, and not something that would hurt its businesses.

Ms. Flores asked if there were other dates planned for the event planning workshop. Some student organizations have not been informed yet about this and she was worried about the dissemination of information. Mr. Permaul said he'd assume that if they get a good turnout on October 8, they'll schedule another. But he'll ask that question. He believed the e-mail about the workshop was sent to all ASUC sponsored organizations, all the first they advice on the 4th floor.

Ms. Hussain said she believed the SOB minutes were only posted as of February 2008. Mr. Permaul said he wanted to thank her for that information.

Ms. Shah asked if the camera systems were working in Eshleman. Mr. Permaul said they're having difficulty with the security cameras. They record a period of time, and then record back over. So it was a passive system in that regard. But there's a problem with the Internet feed, and they're having the system serviced. Ms. Shah asked when it will be fixed. Mr. Permaul said he would get back to her on that.

Ms. Rodriguez asked where the money will come from to redeveloping MLK. Mr. Permaul said for the major project, they're having vendors pay for it. The ASUC Auxiliary maintains certain elements called "tenant improvements." They may have to bring electricity or a gas line to a certain area, and the vast bulk of the investment is by vendors who are proposing to make changes. That includes their small businesses. For example, CUBS is proposing to spend up to \$60,000 to relocate to a better site, with greatly improved service capacity for students. That was quite a bit of money for a small business. Panda Express is proposing to spend anywhere from \$500,000 to \$750,000 on its improvements.

Ms. Flores asked if there was a new policy with regard to food permits within MLK. A few organizations have been told they had to get a food permit for meetings if they had food there. Mr. Permaul said he understood that it wasn't food permits, but liability associated with food. If food is served, there might be health and safety requirements on the campus that might require a quote "food permit," but he'd have to know the specifics for the particular event or activity. He asked if she could refine her question next week, and he'd go back and see if he could find out any information about that.

Ms. Oatfield said she felt that she and other student leaders have, in the past year, voiced concern about Panda Express. She was concerned that Mr. Permaul might feel there was a lack of communication. She felt a lot of concerns have been raised. Mr. Permaul his point was that when the Dean talked about communication that evening, he talked about being very clear. "Expressing concern" was not saying that they want to change policy and decisions and votes that have been taken by responsible campus organizations representing students and with student participation over the course of the past two years. Those were two different things. "Concern" was one thing, but rejecting decisions that were already made by students he thought was a different matter. All he was suggesting was that process-wise, if they're leaders, they should be direct and honest with one another, rather than surprising people. He basically works as their business manager, advisor, and represented all of them. It was a problem if he walked in one day to learn that contrary to everything he's been doing for the last year and a half, that a part of student government was taking a direction that was 180-degrees in the opposite of where things were going, something he didn't know about.

Ms. Ude asked if he would be willing to provide information, possibly minutes, on exactly what discussions students were involved in, since there was a misunderstanding about what student voices were actually heard. Mr. Permaul said that some of that was in the SOB minutes. He'd be happy to provide any other information.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go to Appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moghtader and passed with no objection.

Begin written report from Auxiliary Director Permaul

October 10, 2008

ASUC Senate: Auxiliary Director
Store Operations Board Report

The next meeting of the Store Operations Board for October 2008 is to be determined.

Written report from Auxiliary Director Permaul (cont'd)

I have updates for you on issues relating to the business enterprises and services of the ASUC and the Auxiliary:

1. Building Hours and Security for Eshleman Hall and MLK, Jr. Union:

Tonight at midnight, the new card key access to the elevators in Eshleman will begin. The east elevator, or the one on your left as you face them, will be operated by card key immediately. The west elevator, or the one on your right as you face them, will remain available for key access for the next ten working days as we complete the transition. I want to draw your attention to the disturbing reports on armed entry. We are still finding doors in this building propped open by student groups represented in this room. We are continuing to work toward key access on each of the floors to office space, and to put alarms on the stairwell doors that will enunciate if propped open, but in the meantime, safety is in all of our hands.

2. ASUC Business Matters:

The Daily Californian:

The ASUC issued a letter to the Daily Californian offering terms to them regarding their request for relief from rent for the month of October and the remainder of the fiscal year.

Kaplan's Testing Service:

Kaplan's has responded to us that they would like to make another proposal for space at the ASUC, and would significantly enhance their financial commitment. Associate Director Spivey has asked them to put the concept in writing, and we will review it and take it to the Store Operations Board if we feel it is viable.

Campus Link:

We have received no response from Campus Link with regard to being out of compliance with campus fire safety policy. We will begin to initiate formal notice to them this week.

On-line Daily Cal Article about Panda Express:

This past week, the Dean of Students spoke to the Senate about comportment among and between members. Tonight, I want to discuss the protocol for working with the ASUC Auxiliary. For me to read in the Daily Cal, or to receive e-mails that indicate, that members of student government were initiating unilateral actions on their own that affect the business operations without the courtesy of a face-to-face meeting, or a similar presentation to the ASUC Store Operations Board, was deeply disappointing. Student government has the power within the SOB to make consequential decisions, and has been doing so before the current government year. It undermines the credibility of student government when its leaders take lightly the decisions of their predecessors that are both complex and are the product of careful and long planning and negotiations with student leaders, with the Board, with the campus administration, and with private vendors. Moreover, I read statements that were inaccurate and misleading principally because they were uninformed. I hope that you will take these words into consideration tonight when you take under advisement a motion to trivialize the work done over the last year and one-half to help keep one of our small businesses, Naia's Gelateria, in operation, and

Written report from Auxiliary Director Permaul (cont'd)

to generate new revenue for the ASUC in its time of need. If we are picking and choosing which small businesses we support, and how we will enforce rules on businesses, that should occur with consultation in advance, in the forum of the Store Operations Board, and with consistent and correct information. Just for your information, Panda will not be replacing the Gelateria, as was implied in an e-mail sent out in support of a petition against them. That was the most glaring of the inaccuracies.

5. ASUC and CLL Student Advising Collaboration:

The next training for event certification will take place on October 8. Be sure your group has signed up through CLL if they wish to obtain the benefits associated with certification.

Please feel free to send me an e-mail to ask follow up questions. Of course, you are always welcome to write me, or visit during my office hours (Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.), or to schedule a time that would be convenient to you.

Submitted by: Nadesan Permaul, Director of the ASUC Auxiliary

End written report from Auxiliary Director Permaul

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Pasco said the first appointment up for consideration was that of Michael Sinanian for Attorney General, with a stipend of \$1,000.

Mr. Sinanian introduced himself and said he was a new transfer student from Southern California. He's a Philosophy major, pre-law. He has sufficient background in leadership experience. In the community college he attended, he displayed involvement by being in the Honor Society and was a Web master. He was tasked with taking over a very run-down site and spent a lot of time re-doing it, which became the public information for the campus. It was a good opportunity to be involved. He also had experience working as an intern for his Congressman in his district, Brad Sherman, from Sherman Oaks. Mr. Sinanian said he learned a lot about the political system in this country, how legislation works, campaigning, dealing with constituents. He also worked in a policy management firm, filing paperwork and getting experience with legal matters and property management and legal issues. Lastly, as for leadership, in high school he was President of his debate club, the Junior Statesmen of America. He was there four years and he was tasked basically with helping students become good debaters and making sure there would be leadership to take over the post after he left.

For the Attorney General, Mr. Sinanian said he planned to bring a pretty sharp eye and planned to do his best to read the fine print, get close to the Constitution and By-laws, and work with Senators to get bills done that respect the By-laws. With some of the big issues on the ASUC's agenda that year, like Lower

Sproul and keeping student fees down in a time of budget crisis, and other issues, they could easily be tempted to sidestep the By-laws and Constitution. He'd be there to make sure that didn't happen. He also had a number of issues with the Constitution that he'd have on the agenda. He called for any questions.

Ms. Shah asked what issues he had with the Constitution. Mr. Sinanian said he could talk about that their Reports section of the agenda.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE MICHAEL SINANIAN AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, WITH A STIPEND OF \$1,000, PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 19-0-0. (Applause)

Ms. Pasco said the next appointment to consider was of Andrew Hollihan for Solicitor General, with a stipend of \$1,000.

Mr. Hollihan said he was a community college transfer student and had a year to acclimate to the weather and society of Cal. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma, as Mr. Sinanian was. Mr. Hollihan said he was the Interclub Liaison. He was also President of the Philosophy Club and a co-founder of the Student Muslim Association. After transferring to Cal he immediately got involved in the Pre-law fraternities and internships. He works at the Oakland Courthouse as a Pre-Trial Services intern where he gets between 10-13 hours of in-courtroom experience sitting beyond the bench with the judges and district attorneys and public defenders. It's his job to interview recently arrested inmates and determine whether they could be released on their own recognizance, or on the promise to appear. It's a position he was very proud of and hoped he could continue to be a part of after the initial internship period. He's also a research associate for the National Crimes Delinquency, a 100-year-old company, and met with them once a week. He had a position directly under the President of the company, who's writing a textbook on corrections. Mr. Hollihan said the President was using him heavily in a research role. Along with his internships, he's also a member of Phi Alpha Delta, where he held positions of leadership, between Finance and Sergeant-at-Arms, a position he somewhat created, to keep the Pledge Class in line with exams and appointments.

As Solicitor General, Mr. Hollihan said he looked forward to assisting the Attorney General, whom he had extreme confidence in. Mr. Hollihan said he felt that this role was somewhat open and he was interested in finding out where he could carve his niche at Solicitor General, whether that was as a deputy Attorney General or as a lateral position with a different focus. He called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked how he planned to balance all his activities with the position of Attorney General. Mr. Hollihan said that's a question he was very familiar with. Most of his research is done at the Boalt Library or the Law Library, which wouldn't present any conflict. His internship is on Wednesday afternoons. He didn't see any conflict between his current engagements and the Solicitor General position.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ANDREW HOLLIHAN AS SOLICITOR GENERAL, WITH A STIPEND OF \$1,000, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE. (Applause)

Ms. Pasco said the next appointment was of Salma Vir-Banks as Senate Aide, with a stipend of \$1,000. Ms. Vir-Banks introduced herself. Her position as Vice Chair was to support the Chair. She also worked

in Ms. Pasco's office as Senate Affairs Director, working alongside Jeremy De Nivea and David Velasquez, who were there that evening for the intern mixer. Their job was to run and maintain the internship program and any other issues that came through the Senate. She was sort of liaison between the Senate and the rest of the staff of Senate Affairs. She'll also help to run a DE-Cal in the spring on how to retain interns. She wanted internship programs to go smoothly that year. She planned to have check-ins with Senators on what they want out of their internship and also have check-ins with interns.

Within the Senate, Ms. Vir-Banks said she's been there with them for six weeks. Her job was to chair when Ms. Pasco couldn't be there. She times speakers, debates, recesses, and comments. She's also responsible for keeping track of all the amendments and the motions made. As for goals, she wanted to be in and out of there for Senate meetings, and to be efficient. She planned to do that by having a screen she kept that would show amendments and the speakers' list so people could keep track of things and be more efficient.

In terms of experience, she was an RA for bridge that past summer, a program that caters to underprivileged high school students coming into Cal with low EPI scores. Her position was to not only help these students transition into college, but to run, maintain, plan, and facilitate programs. One program she put on was on the ASUC and she had Mr. Mairena speak. A lot of people's interns were a result of that program.

Ms. Vir-Banks said she loves her job, was comfortable with the Senate, and really liked working there with everybody. She called for any questions.

Ms. Cho asked what would happen if she and Ms. Pasco were out of the room during a Senate meeting. Ms. Vir-Banks said she would try not to out of the room if Ms. Pasco couldn't be there. She planned on having an intern, and she'll train that intern to vice chair, hopefully to the point where they could take over if she couldn't be there.

Ms. Chen asked when she planned to start check-ins. Ms. Vir-Banks said she'd send out an e-mail in the next couple of days. She wanted to meet with them once a month. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Ude and Mr. Moghtader and passed with no objection.

Ms. Chen asked if she had a comprehensive knowledge of Robert's Rules to know when things were out of order. Ms. Vir-Banks said she believed she did.

Ms. Ude asked about some of her experiences being in the Senate and assisting the Chair over the past seven weeks. Ms. Vir-Banks said she's learned where her money was going and being in the space has taught her more about being a leader. Part of that was understanding people. Being there has also helped her with her confidence. The position was time consuming and stressful, but she wouldn't trade it for anything at that time. She really enjoyed it, and she's grown a lot in understanding student government and policy.

Ms. Dhar asked what pitfalls she saw in the Senate at that time and what her proposed solutions were. Ms. Vir-Banks said she saw communication as being not a pitfall, but something to work on, something they could change. She thought there needed to be more communication on and off the floor, and maybe even outside the Senate. Ms. Dhar said she was asking about the ASUC as a presence on campus. Ms.

Vir-Banks said there wasn't a lot of transparency. She didn't know about the ASUC her first year as a freshman and that seemed problematic, since she was an active student on campus. She didn't know she could access the space.

Ms. Dhar asked if she planned on getting more involved in the ASUC after that year. Ms. Vir-Banks said she did. She really enjoyed the space and saw it as an avenue for her to be active as a student. She wasn't sure what positions she'd like to hold, maybe chief-of-staff of an Executive. She thought they were privileged to be in a space like this, and to see where their money was going.

Ms. Flores asked about the immediate plans for the interns. Ms. Vir-Banks said she wanted interns to write out personal goals for themselves, including short-term goals for that semester and for personal growth.

Ms. Flores asked about her plans for cross-office interactions and events for all ASUC interns. Ms. Vir-Banks said she planned to have intern mixers for all ASUC interns, and have a potluck dinner. It was important that every office knows each other and that they understand where they're all coming from.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE MS. VIR-BANKS AS SENATE AIDE, WITH A STIPEND OF \$1,000, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE. (Applause)

Report from the External Affairs Vice President

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she had "I Vote" buttons she'd pass around. People could take some and give them to their friends. She also had the "Easy Voter Guide," from the Secretary of State. It was non-partisan and had basic text on candidates and propositions. People should do their own research as well. She would ask people to please take some for themselves and their constituents.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said that last week she went to Washington, D.C. and just got back on Sunday night. It was exciting to be there, especially with all the bail-out talks. They were at the first USSA Board meeting of the year. They talked about different campaigns. The main campaign will be the Vote Campaign, until November 4. The USSA was working on pledge cards to remind people to vote. They'll do a national survey of students and the issues they were interested in. They'll also get more youth voter guides.

For voter registration, the card count was 3,100, which was really exciting. Just from tabling that day they got 173 cards. She wanted to thank Senators who tabled that week, including Sens. Sakaue, Rodriguez, and Zuo. She also wanted to thank Senators who changed their Facebook photos to the voter reg photos, including Sens. Yang, Sakaue, Flores, Rodriguez, Zuo and L. Tran. They also want to recognize Sen. Cho for cards from her community.

They're also working on a new Facebook graphic, with a border that says "I Vote," with people's picture inside. It wasn't too late to table, and if people were interested, they could send Kao Thao an e-mail, the Vote Coalition leader. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they're working hard to get as many cards as possible. They're also working with the Undergraduate Political Science Association and the Berkeley Political Review, with Sen. Dhar. The voter registration bus will be on campus on Thursday.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said the USSA is creating a youth voter guide, with other national youth groups, compiled ten questions, especially the national education agendas, and sent those questions to the presidential campaigns and they sent back answers. So they now have a really cool youth voter guide.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she was going to UC Santa Cruz for the monthly UCSA Board meeting.

As for the office, the Lobby Corps Director, Meghan Ballard, had a lobby visit on Monday at McNerney's office. It went really well, and three people came. They also got two new interns from that lobby visit. They discussed USSA campaigns, especially the GI bill, the federal DREAM Act, equal opportunity, and amendment 46 in Colorado. If people want to talk about that, they should let her know. Ms. Jirachaikitti said the California DREAM Act was vetoed by the Governor. She had some information on that if people would like to know more. She called for any questions.

Ms. Flores asked if the office was doing something with the rally on Friday. Ms. Jirachaikitti said they weren't, not specifically. They have 21 interns and had an intern orientation, and many of them were interested in that and participating. Ms. Flores said that would be a great time to do voter registration. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that was a good idea. They table every day.

Report from the Student Advocate Office

Mr. DeMartini said he would apologize for not coming every week to report, but they haven't had that much to report since they've been in the midst of recruiting. They hired ten new people for the office, eight caseworkers and two for new positions they just created, Publicity/Marketing Chairs of the office. These are positions he and his Chief-of-Staff decided were essential. The main problem in the office every year was just getting their name out there and making sure that every student on campus knew what the SAO is and what they do. These two people will be dedicated to that for the year. The new caseworkers are all awesome. They had their staff retreat that past weekend, so everyone was getting trained and ready to go and to start taking cases in the coming weeks. They've had consistent cases coming in, as always. They've been getting in seven or eight each week, which was a lot. Aside from that, they're also trying to spiff up the office and just bought a new printer, scanner, and copier, and were cleaning up the office so it looked nice and professional when clients come in.

They're planning some outreach efforts, a know-your-rights workshop, going through the student Bill of Rights. He was talking to Ms. Jirachaikitti about crafting a student Bill of Rights that would be UC-wide. Beyond that, the SAO will put on financial aid workshops and residency workshops that will be coming up. Mr. DeMartini said he won't be there next week because of a prior commitment, but one of the staff, the Chief-of-Staff, may be able to give the report.

Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said hopefully they could end earlier than they did last week. People got a chance to meet their interns that evening and she would encourage Senators to

utilize them. Senators were busy, and hopefully some of their work could be delegated to their interns. She wanted to have check-ins with interns to make sure the ASUC was being accountable, and that interns were being accountable.

Ms. Pasco said she'd like to debrief on the presentation Dean Poullard gave on the social change model of leadership. There were a lot of emotional things that came up that they should probably unpack in a discussion. Also, she wanted to thank Senators who submitted feedback for her. She'll definitely take that into consideration and try to improve as they go along.

Regarding the Web master, they had two applications and she did the interviews. She was nominating Farshad Hemmati, with a stipend of \$1,000.

Ms. Pasco said she wanted to remind them to call the people who were closest to them, their families. It's easy to get lost in all the work they do. Her brother just got into a car accident and made her realize that. Lastly, she wanted to say "good luck" on midterms or whatever other academic work they were working on. She called for any questions.

Ms. Hussain asked if her brother was okay. Ms. Pasco said he was. He had major whiplash and cuts to the face. He's a first-year at UC Riverside.

Mr. Zuo asked when they could expect to get business cards and portfolios. Ms. Pasco said her Chief-of-Staff got all the corrections people had and the business cards were ordered. Hopefully they'll come in the next week. For portfolios, they were researching which ones were nicest and most cost effective. They should be getting them pretty soon. They'll be personalized.

Ms. Flores asked if she had any plans in terms of having Senators meet outside the Senate Chamber. Ms. Pasco said she's talked to a few Senators about having a mixer for ASUC elected officials. Mr. Nahabet actually arranged to volunteer for that. They talked about having an ASUC night at Blake's, and build relationships. It would certainly ease up the tension going on in Senate space. Mr. Nahabet said he'd have more information.

Ms. Oatfield asked when they'll get locker assignments. Ms. Pasco said she didn't have access to lockers and display cases, and that was the Secretariat. She's sent e-mails and made phone calls, and Ms. Lemus was working on it.

Mr. Mairena asked how the Secretariat gets their job. Ms. Pasco said the position was in the ASUC Constitution and By-laws. She believed that process actually happened in the last academic year.

Ms. Yang asked if people could recommend their own interns. Ms. Pasco said they could, and the application was on a rolling basis.

Report from the Academic Affairs Vice President

Mr. De la Cruz said directors in the office were working on big events happening next semester, such as the Bookswap and Spring Welcome Week. They'll have early publicity for the Bookswap. They hope

information also spreads by word of mouth. Directors were also working, in collaboration with the Senate, on the textbook adoption campaign. This, and the Bookswap, have a lot in common, and essentially were talking about affordability of higher education and reducing costs to students through policy or an activity like the Bookswap. For Spring Welcome Week, they're already working on sources of funding. They'd like to collaborate with several student organizations to put on a wide range of campus-wide events, and have a truly collaborative event. They're looking at sources of funding like the Student Opportunity Fund and vendors, such as Coca-Cola, Starbucks, and Comcast. He knew how some Senators felt about certain companies and would take that into consideration.

Mr. De la Cruz said they just finalized their interns, and have about 33 interns. That was a large number, but he was trying to ensure that every director had one intern, and build a relationship. That year they're emphasizing interns having a good experience and providing a chance to mentor. They've also established office hours, from 10:00 to 5:00. The whole office will be able to answer questions about grants, not just a select few. They'll try and make sure interns know what to do.

Mr. De la Cruz said applications for grants were coming in, with the most for the Academic Opportunity Fund. The Committee met that day and started to allocate. Many Senators on grants committees have* been contacted, and if not, will soon be, to set up a meeting. These meetings were important because without them grants couldn't be allocated. The grants workshop will be October 8, from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Senate Chamber. Snacks will be provided. Directors will explain each grant. They're advertising by targeting specific clubs and inviting club treasurers to attend.

Mr. de la Cruz said it was his responsibility to attend a lot of meetings, and CAPRA met that day, the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation. They discussed the long-term budget, up to five years. They're looking at a situation where the school will operate with budget cuts for at least the next couple of years. The school is starting to prepare to maintain its excellence while facing those cuts. UC Berkeley actually didn't receive a cut, and received a flat budget, the same amount as the previous year. Cuts were happening because the Regents requested that Cal spend that increased \$200-223 million not on new programs, but to cover recent operational costs and construction. But the budget was flat, and that's why they have a 7% cut across the campus. Finally, he would ask people to please retain themselves and wished them the best of luck in school. He called for any questions.

Ms. Chen asked what increases in operational costs resulted in a \$200 million increase. Mr. De la Cruz said Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost George Breslauer made a presentation to CAPRA that day and said the cost of utilities, water and construction have gone up. There were 143 search committees for new faculty hires last year and 43 have already received an affirmative response. That represents new costs that are factored into this fiscal year.

Ms. Rodriguez asked how Senators could help out with grants publicity. Mr. De la Cruz said he'll e-mail out the blurb and Senators could e-mail it to groups they're affiliated with, or they feel would benefit. They're also trying to publicize the new Public Service Fund, a new grant that was created because of a lot of service groups coming to the Senate.

Ms. Oatfield asked if he could clarify the cause of the 7% budget cut. Mr. De la Cruz said that rather than to target specific programs, like East Asian Languages, it was decided the cut would be across the board. The new 7% fee increase for students that year was factored in, representing \$70 million in new revenue, but it wasn't enough to cover the deficiencies. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to

extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Nahabet and Ms. Dhar and passed with no objection.

Mr. Smelko asked if CAPRA talked about anything the Senate should be aware of over the course of five years. Mr. De la Cruz said he couldn't discuss all the information because of confidentiality. The information given by Mr. Bresslauer could be found on the Web site, or Mr. De la Cruz said people could talk to him. A broad range of possibilities was being considered, from cutting the number of new faculty hires to having faculty start paying a percentage of their benefits, and increasing fees once again. They're also considering putting together an executive committee of administrators to meet every two weeks to talk about having the same operations but functioning on less. One example was to incorporate research facilities, if possible, and figure out how to do more with less.

Ms. Dhar moved to go to Guest Announcements. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jordan Smith introduced himself and said he was the Chair of the Store Operations Board. He wanted to discuss Panda Express and explain the perspective of the SOB. They've been in discussion with Panda for about two years. The Auxiliary was actually approached by one of their small vendors that was in trouble and was looking forward a strategic partner to help. They hired Terranomics, a search firm, which researched about 40 businesses, many of which were local, such as Zachary's and Intermezzo. Panda Express turned out to be the best option for many different reasons. The main reason was that the space being proposed for Panda was not in condition to be a restaurant, so small businesses that were interested couldn't really afford to renovate. Secondly, Panda is a popular restaurant among students.

To give some background on Panda, it's still a family-owned business, owned by the same people who started it 30 years ago, Andrew and Peggy Cherng. Panda is well known for its human resources and its pay. Panda pays wages way above that of any other fast, casual chain of its kind. It also has a large charitable organization, Panda Cares, which emphasizes education in the community in which they're located.

In terms of coming on campus, Mr. Smith said the Board has been pretty clear that there were certain expectations to be there. Obviously this would be a little bit of a change from what the ASUC had. Panda would need to have healthy alternatives in the food that was offered.

Mr. Smith said that in general, the SOB wanted to bring more students into Lower Sproul and bring them a popular restaurant. Further, Panda would serve as an anchor tenant. It would be located where the Naia lounge is. The Board expects the area to get a lot more visibility for all the restaurants there and that people will visit Bear's Lair restaurants they currently may not even know exist. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Chen and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Ms. Dhar said asked about concerns that have been expressed about Panda being a sustainable or responsible business. Mr. Smith said Panda will have to uphold certain standards. Panda really wanted to come to campus and will listen to the ASUC's requests. As for sustainability, he thought Senators and students needed to come to an idea of what they'd like to see so Panda could be approached with them.

Ms. Shah asked if there was a prioritized list of businesses, and asked what the second option was after Panda. Mr. Smith after looking at 40 different businesses, Panda was the only option. There were a bunch of reasons. The space wasn't desirable from a business standpoint that wasn't really aggressive in its build out, and also in terms of the amount of money any restaurant would need to invest to move to that location. Very few restaurants would be able to make enough money to make the kinds of improvements that were needed, and Panda Express has an average volume of about \$1.1 million. At UCLA, it has \$2 million in sales every year. The expectation is that it would gross a lot of money and it significantly increase the revenue to the ASUC, which was in dire need. Currently, if they don't pursue the options they have, there will be a budget deficit of \$130,000. So it was imperative to increase options that increase ASUC revenue. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by five minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Ude and Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Ms. Oatfield asked about the SOB's definition of "healthy." Mr. Smith said he didn't have a strict definition. He thought anyone should have the opportunity to eat what they want and there should be healthy choices in any restaurant in Lower Sproul. He didn't think people's personal tastes should be discounted.

Ms. Oatfield asked about the SOB's interpretation of "sustainability standards." Mr. Smith said he thought that should be something that Senators more knowledgeable should determine. Plastic packaging and to-go containers should be discussed with the current tenants of the Bear's Lair. It was important to prioritize businesses that were already there rather than those that might come there.

Ms. Oatfield asked if the Board considered the way in which Panda Express did or did not fit into the culture of Berkeley. Mr. Smith said they definitely did. It was definitely a step in a slightly different direction. Panda was being considered because of its family roots and its values. The Board didn't seek out a restaurant like McDonald's. When Terranomics approached them, the SOB was very clear about its intentions. The Board came up with a draft of agenda items it wanted to see in any business that was approached. Under the circumstances, it seems like it was actually a pretty good fit. It's always going to be a challenge when bring something new onto campus. They could look at the Bookstore. It had been student-run for years, and now it's run by a major corporation, Follett; and it's done pretty well, and was well run. Just because something may be bigger than a mom 'n pop didn't mean that it couldn't fit into the Berkeley culture.

Ms. Chen asked if this would have a positive effect in the space and with possible redevelopment of Lower Sproul. Mr. Smith said that part of the problem was that people don't go down into Lower Sproul. That was part of the reason why this space wasn't that appealing to a lot of restaurants. Bringing in an anchor tenant that could draw a significant amount of traffic should only increase the visibility of the space and also show what potential that Lower Sproul had. Panda will invest upwards of \$1 million in the space and make it significantly nicer and show the potential for other businesses going down there. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Dhar and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Mr. Zuo said that as there were no large, national restaurant chains on the campus, he asked if there was a need for students to have branded food over mom 'n pop restaurants and have access to fast, casual

restaurants like Panda Express. Mr. Smith said a clear example was Chipotle, which opened on Telegraph. It did a really good job with its marketing and reaching out to students. It's a really big restaurant chain, the fastest growing. There's been a line outside since the day it opened. He thought it shows that students seek out these brands. It serves a purpose for a large amount of students. Just because it's a big business doesn't mean it didn't belong here. Students want it, and he thought it should have a place on campus.

Ms. Dhar asked if could address the concerns with non-organic oil and genetically modified oil. Mr. Smith said he'll contact Panda and see whether GMOs were involved. That said, he didn't have a problem with the statement that Panda doesn't use non-organic oil. But none of the other tenants in the Bear's Lair were organic. So he didn't see why this was being made into a huge issue when there was a potential of bringing them on campus. If that was really a pressing matter, he didn't understand why there hasn't been a focus on their current tenants, to focus them towards being organic. And being organic didn't necessarily appeal to the whole campus. It appeals to a segment of the campus. He didn't think something should not come to the campus because it appeals to some parts. If a lot of students wanted something to come there, that should be taken into consideration.

Ms. Shah asked what other avenues the SOB has sought to look for funds for developing that space rather than from corporate sponsorship. Mr. Smith said they've looked at a bunch of different avenues to increase revenue, anything from working with the 1 Card program, other businesses, small business in particular, like the Brazil Café. They're pursuing as many alternatives as they could that made sense for the student body, and they weren't solely pursuing big business whatsoever. They're pursuing the best opportunities they have, with the constraints they have. It was important to be fiscally responsible and seek out alternative sources of revenue, especially with the increasing number of student groups on campus. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend speaking time by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Dhar and passed with no objection.

Mr. Nahabet asked about the concern that Panda may put the other businesses out of business. Mr. Smith said that Panda would serve as an anchor tenant, which would allow many students to realize all the wonderful options in the Bear's Lair. In one sense it should help their other vendors. Secondly, if Panda Express is deemed as unhealthy, as some people think, that would help Healthy Heavenly Foods, theoretically, if people were looking forward healthy Asian food.

Ms. Raffi asked how Panda Express coming to that spot would help Naia, and asked what was going on with Naia. Mr. Smith said he wasn't fully aware of the current situation with Naia. It's having some trouble. Initially the idea was to take over Naia's lease, and have a sublease, but he wasn't exactly sure of the status. Naia was closed, and that was something they needed to address.

Ms. Rodriguez asked about the status of the Brazil Café proposal. Mr. Smith said the Auxiliary has been trying to get them to campus for a few years. It went back to when Misha Leybovich was President. There's been an outpouring of support, and the Brazil Café really wanted to come to campus. The issue was the question of space that the Café could go into that was usable and affordable. The Board has pursued a few locations, like having one outside MLK, but that wouldn't be approved by the campus. Long term, it could go into one of the spaces in the Bear's Lair.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if that meant that one of the vendors would have to leave. Mr. Smith said at that point it wasn't the Board's intent to kick anyone out. With that said, there are certain contingencies that have been placed on some of the tenants based on improvements being made. If the tenants follow what's

in their contract, they'll continue to be there. Ms. Pasco said speaking time and total time had expired. A motion to extend speaking time by two minutes and total time by five minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if the rent that vendors pay was confidential information. Mr. Smith said he didn't know, but it was significantly below market rates. Essentially their small vendors were being subsidized. It was really a balancing act, and sort of depended on how the Senate felt. They have small businesses that were being subsidized, and the question was whether the Senate would rather have other businesses and more money allocated to student groups or if they'd rather keep those businesses as they are. He would pose that question to Senators to think about. The Board was currently keeping things as is until they heard otherwise. But it was important to note that the space could get much higher rent if they were to pursue other options.

Ms. Rodriguez asked what got paid first from commercial revenue, after which money then went to students. Mr. Smith said Mr. Permaul could better answer, but a certain amount was allocated towards the Auxiliary, no matter what. Ms. Winston said she could answer, and said that first the Auxiliary was paid for. Currently, no money was going back to students, although there's discussion about that. There was more than one way to increase the amount that went back to students, and there were several ways. One was to re-do the Auxiliary budget or to increase revenue generated by businesses. So there were other alternatives. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made by Ms. Dhar and was seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Tran asked how much money went to student groups and how much they expect Panda to generate. Mr. Smith said he didn't know how much went to groups, but he believed the proposed contract was a flat rate of \$3,000 per month plus a percentage based on sales, which would increase in increments. He believed it started at \$7-8,000 and went up. The average volume for Panda was \$1.1 million. He thought a restaurant on campus could approach that the first year and increase in future years. Panda has had 18 straight years of same-store sales increases throughout all its stores.

Ms. Shah asked how Naia Gelateria was brought to campus. Mr. Smith said the space was originally the Bearcade. A survey was done that showed only about 10% of students even knew that the Bearcade existed. So other tenants were pursued. The idea was to bring a local business on to campus, and frankly, it didn't work. That was partially due to the challenges of the space. Ms. Pasco said speaking time and total time had expired. A motion to extend total time by five minutes and speaking time by two minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Shah and Ms. Raffi and passed with no objection.

Mr. Smith said that one benefit of getting a bigger brand name like Panda was that people would visit the space and realize what was down there. That was a problem that Naia had. Also, from his personal opinion, it was tough to have something hidden that was a desert item. But for a highly popular lunch or dinner option, there was more of a chance the space would be successful and better utilized. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank him very much. (Applause)

Ms. Pasco said the next Guest Announcement was from David Kirui, from the External Affairs Office. Mr. Kirui said the Homecoming Fair will occur on Upper Sproul on Saturday, from 8:00 to 12:00, before the football game, and the office will be doing voter registration. They'll have two tables, the Auxiliary table and the office's own table they set up as a Vote Coalition table. He would ask them to please come

out and help out. He also wanted to give an update on Lobby Corps. Meghan Ballard, Lobby Corps Director, couldn't be there, but they had an in-district visit and talked about veterans' rights, the national DREAM Act, and student fees. The first Lobby Corps Commission meeting will be on Thursday, with Sens. Sakaue and Oatfield. A Lobby Corps intern will give updates for Ms. Ballard throughout the year.

Mr. Kirui said External Affairs will hold "coffee talks" every week, beginning Tuesday, October 13, at 5:15, in Heller Lounge. It's a chance for students to become more acclimated with issues that External Affairs was working on. They're thinking of a few ideas for the first meeting, including the presidential election, propositions, possibly a debate or discussion of worker's rights or the DREAM Act. He'll send Ms. Pasco an e-mail to forward to the Senate. On the voter registration concert contest, they have 3,100 registrations, which puts them at 1st place in the contest. They're talking to SUPERB about how to possibly collaborate with the Ultimate College Bowl. A speaker noted that UCSB had 4,000 cards.

Ms. Cho asked about the deadline for voter registration. Mr. Kirui said it's October 20. She asked about tabling. Mr. Kirui said the schedule was online. Also, there's a Vote Coalition meeting on Thursday in the Senate lounge at 5:00.

Ms. Shah moved to recess for three minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Mr. Mairena moved to go to Standing Committee reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed by hand-vote 14-0-0.

Standing Committee Reports

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Dhar said that Sen. Moghtader had a religious holiday and she chaired the meeting. SB 26A was passed as amended; SB 19 was tabled; SB 21B was passed as amended, twice; a fee waiver for a PAA conference was passed; they approved the stipends of the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Vice Chair. SB 45 was tabled; SB 53A was passed as amended; SB 46 was tabled; SB 47 was passed; SB 48A was passed as amended, three times; SB 39 was tabled; SB 42A was passed as amended; SB 50 was passed as amended; SB 49 was passed as amended; SB 41A failed; SB 45 was pulled from the table and was passed with a one-word amendment that was e-mailed out; and finally, SB 51 was tabled.

Begin written report from the Finance Committee

Monday, September 29th, 2008
9:00 pm, Senate Chambers, Eshleman Hall

Chair: Senator Meghana Dhar, Vice Chair: Senator Sarah Cho
Voting Members: Senators Chen, Cho, Dhar, Flores, Moghtader, Rodriguez, and Sakaue
Non-Voting Members: President Winston, EVP Pasco, Finance Officer Chaney

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

Roll call: all present excepting Senator John Moghtader and Finance Officer Chaney

Minutes from 9/22 are approved

Agenda is approved with amendments

Russian Club removed
SB45 moved to bottom of list

Committee Business

Bright line of when accommodations allowed for absences:
Approval of change in schedule a week in advance so we can notify community members
of the changes
Constitution requires 48 hours for Senate meetings; FiComm requires 1 week
Senator Moghtader's absence excused

Old Business:

SB26A – Public Service Fund
Passed with amendments: \$8500 to \$3500

SB19 – Bear Minimum
Tabled

SB21B – Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley
Passed with amendments: \$500 to \$200

Fee Waiver:
PASS: \$925 – Queer Pin@y Conference; Pauley Ballroom
Passed

Appointments

Attorney General - Michael Harry Sinanian
Stipend of \$1000 approved

Solicitor General - Andrew Hollihan
Stipend of \$1000 approved

Vice Chair of Senate - Salma Vir-Banks
Stipend of \$1500 approved

New Business

SB45 – Disable Students Accommodation Fund (DSAF)

Budget is under operations fund as of now; instead of being operations fund, it will be considered a program fund.

Reservations and concerns over the phrase “minimum of \$6,000”

Tabled

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

Taken from table: refer below

SB53A – Hindu Students Council (HSC)

Passed

SB46 – Berkeley’s Social Responsibility Forum

Tabled until next week

SB47 – Asian Americans Reaching Out in the Community

Partnership with Hep B; Jade Ribbon Campaign & Team HBV

Passed

SB48A – FACE AIDS at Berkeley

Amended: “first year SISG”

Amended: “Therefore Be it Resolved” to “Whereas”

Amended: “Therefore Be it Further Resolved” to “Therefore Be it Resolved”

Passed with amendments

SB39 – Black Women’s Appreciation

Tabled

SB42A – Students for Social Change

Passed

SB50 – Queer Straight Alliance

Passed with amendment: \$700 to \$500

Also amended: added “Whereas, the provided funding will supplement both the start-up of the group and the implementation of Ally Week.” Before ‘Therefore Be It Resolved’ clause

SB49 – Nikkei Student Union Culture Show

Passed with amendment: \$1350 to \$900

SB41A – Berkeley Stop the War Coalition

Failed

SB45 (pulled from table) – Disabled Students Accommodation Fund (DSAF)

Passed with amendment

“That the ASUC continue to allocate a minimum of \$6000 per year to the Disabled Students Accommodation Fund” to “That the ASUC is suggested to allocate \$6,000 per year or more to the Disabled Students Accommodation Fund.”

SB51 – Undergraduate Philosophy Forum

Tabled

Committee Business (again)

If student group leader does not show up, Finance Committee may table; if someone is a liaison for the group, s/he should urge representative to show up because bill falls out of Committee after three weeks

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

Present (unspoken roll call): all present except Senator Moghtader, President Winston, EVP Pasco,
Finance Officer Chaney

Meeting adjourned at 1:39am

End written report from the Finance Committee

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Nahabet said that Con-Review made a guideline to pass all bills that were sent to the External Affairs Committee and to Con-Review. A section of the bills state that a message would be sent by the President, or the EVP, or EAVP. Con-Review decided it will pass these bills, but not necessarily passing the bills in their entirety. Rather, they're passing that section of the Resolved Clause stating that they agree the Officer will send a letter if External Affairs and the Senate approve the bill.

As for bills, Mr. Nahabet said Con-Review passed SBs 44, 38, 40, 43, and 52.

Reporting for the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Hussain said the meeting was called to order at 9:09 p.m. They approved SBs 38; 40; 43, as amended; 52. SB 44 failed. All Senators were present except for Ms. Raffi, who had an excused absence on religious grounds. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Begin written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

External Committee Meeting—Monday, September 29, 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:09 pm.

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Sen. Ude, Sen. Yang
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Sen. Zuo, Sen. Ude
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - a. SB 38: Passed by voice-vote
 - b. SB 40:
 - i. Engaged in struggle for fair wages.
 - ii. Starting wage is \$3.50 less than workers at community colleges
 - iii. Last year a bill was passed, and this bill is in order to inform the new Senate about the conditions of the workers. Fact-finders work with AFSCME to find out

 Written report from the University and External Affairs Committee (cont'd)

- iii. executive bonuses and the administration, at the same time, is saying that there is no money for the workers.
 - iv. A year and a half ago, there was a protest for the janitors and they had a strike for a day and they won.
 - v. Have made significant improvements for patient care workers, but not much for service workers. Workers who have been working for 20 years often make the same amount as those that have just started because there is no “step” system.
 - vi. Many workers would like to work somewhere that pays better, but the bad economy and proximity to their residence is what makes them stay.
 - vii. Pres. Yudof is not quite so familiar with the campaign but the Regents, who are familiar, have showed signs of dealing with the issue so AFSCME feels that if they reach out to the President, they can discuss the issue.
 - viii. Workers have been doing their job effectively. Workers in the Res Halls have had to service 4 bathrooms instead of 2. Also, it would help workers to do things like pay for their parking meters, because they don't have special parking for workers.
 - ix. Passes 5-0-0
- c. SB 43:
- i. Cooperation between people and residents of Berkeley is desirable, and will lead to fewer lawsuits.
 - ii. Ideas that are drafted among the university are only presented to the public, but are never asked for input. If there are representatives that are not currently involved in the decision, but having these people during the planning stages is more inclusive.
 - iii. A third party mediation service will be retained in order to finally draft something up. There are fears on both sides that either the committee will be tokenized or that people from the community would block all university decisions
 - iv. Third party mediation service would decide who would be on the committee: city government, neighborhood association, Native Americans, community advocacy organizations
 - v. Amendment Second resolve clause: The mediation service will communicate the details of its work and proposal to the ASUC President, as well as the ASUC Senate, in a letter. Strike the 3rd resolve clause.
 - vi. Amendment passes in 5-0-0
 - vii. Bill passes 4-0-1
- d. SB 44
- i. Hayward Fault most dangerous fault in the state of California. 65% chance of 7.0 earthquake in next 30 years.
 - ii. \$250 million upgrade retrofit/partial rebuild to the stadium.
 - iii. Has not been much public discussion nor student debate about the stadium. Alquist-Priolo says that you can only spend 50% of the value of the stadium on the retrofit.
 - iv. Go to court and get a ruling about the value of the stadium, and Cal will know whether or not it can go forward on the stadium project.
 - v. Some level of financial responsibility because FEMA money might be used to repair stadium in a case of structural damage.
 - vi. Alquist-Priolo has not been argued much in a court of law.
 - vii. 0-2-3 Bill fails

Written report from the University and External Affairs Committee (cont'd)

- e. SB 52
 - i. Passes 5-0-0
- V. Adjourn
 - a. Roll call
 - i. Senator Hussain
 - ii. Senator Raffi (excused absence on religious grounds)
 - iii. Senator Lisa Tran
 - iv. Senator Ude
 - v. Senator Yang
 - vi. Senator Zuo

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm.

End written report from the University and External Affairs Committee

Mr. Mairena moved to go to the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nahabet and passed with no objection.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following Resolutions were up for consideration that evening under the Consent Calendar: SBs 21B, as amended; 26, as amended; 38; 40; 42, as amended; 43, as amended; 45, as amended; 47; 48, as amended; 49, as amended; 50, as amended; 52; and 53, as amended.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion for a three-minute recess. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Nahabet and Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by two minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Nahabet and Ms. Hussain and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by one minute was made and seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, the following bills were removed from the Consent Calendar: SBs 26; 40; 43, as amended; and 45.

Ms. Pasco called for any other changes to the Consent Calendar.

The following Resolutions remained under the Consent Calendar: SBs 21B, as amended; 38; 42, as amended; 47; 48, as amended; 49, as amended; 50, as amended; 52; and 53, as amended.

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Hussain and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: SB 21B, AS AMENDED; SB 38; SB 42, AS AMENDED; SB 47; SB 48, AS AMENDED; SB 49, AS AMENDED; SB 50, AS AMENDED; SB 52; AND SB 53, AS AMENDED. Also approved was a fee waiver for PASS: \$925, Queer Pin@y Conference; Pauley Ballroom.

The following Resolution, SB 21, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Rohan Oberoi and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MELANOMA AWARENESS PROJECT OF BERKELEY

WHEREAS, one in three people in California will develop skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, the melanoma risk is high among adolescents and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the early detection of melanoma can lead to higher than 95% chance of survival; and

WHEREAS, the Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley is an organization that teaches children (primarily middle and high schoolers) about skin cancer/melanoma and how to detect signs of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley is part of the National Melanoma Awareness Project (www.spotaspot.com) which recently created a chapter in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley is to educate the community about the realities of skin cancer, with emphasis on prevention and early detection of melanoma through sun protection and frequent self-screening; and

WHEREAS, the budget of the Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley is as follows: Total, \$500;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley as a first-year ASUC sponsored Student-Initiated Service Group (SISG).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$200 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Melanoma Awareness Project of Berkeley.

The following Resolution, SB 38, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Maxwell Szabo, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Yang, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Zuo, Mr. Sakaue, and EAVP Jirachaikitti:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE FF: THE BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND

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; and

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; and

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

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; and

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

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; and

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; and

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; and

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.

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.

The following Resolution, SB 42, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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: Total, \$530.00 USD;

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

The following Resolution, SB 47, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Ann Long and Ms. Chen:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASIAN AMERICANS REACHING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

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 the surrounding community; and

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; and

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASIAN AMERICANS REACHING OUT IN THE COMMUNITY (cont'd)

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_Total: \$200;

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

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

The following Resolution, SB 48, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Maggie Bronson, FACE AIDS Co-President, and Ms. Ude:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FACE AIDS AT BERKELEY

WHEREAS, the mission of FACE AIDS at Berkeley is to mobilize and inspire college students around the global issue of AIDS in Africa; and

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; and

WHEREAS, accompanied by the pins are the stories of the individuals who made each one, personalizing the AIDS crisis; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the line item budget of anticipated expenses as of September 12, 2008 is: Total, \$230.00 USD;

WHEREAS, 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 RESOLVED, that the \$230 dollars for the items listed above be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to support FACE AIDS at Berkeley, as a first-year SISG.

The following Resolution, SB 49, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Katrina Sherman, Katie Furukawa, Ryan Sadakane and Brian Jocson, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Sakaue, Ms. Tran, and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2008 NIKKEI STUDENT UNION CULTURE SHOW:
(R)EVOLUTIONS

- 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,

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2008 NIKKEI STUDENT UNION CULTURE SHOW:
(R)EVOLUTIONS (cont'd)

which had an audience of approximately 600 people and over 60 participating NSU members in 2007; and the budget is as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$900.00 (nine hundred USD) to the Nikkei Student Union from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 50, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Kevin Torres Franco and Michelle Kim and was co-sponsored by Mr. Sakaue and Mr. Mairena:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

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 and 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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (cont'd)

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: Total Budget, \$3,070; and

WHEREAS, the provided funding will supplement both the start-up of the group and the implementation of Ally Week.

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$500 (five hundred USD) to the Queer Straight Alliance from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 52, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Mr. Tran and Executive Director N. Permaul, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Raffi, AAVP De la Cruz, and Pres. Winston:

RESOLUTION SUGGESTING THE ACADEMIC SENATE'S INVOLVEMENT IN URGING FACULTY COMPLIANCE WITH EARLY TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

WHEREAS, national student PIRGs, the California 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 avenues 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/e-mails directly to faculty, urging them to submit their textbook adoptions list by October 15 (for spring), March 15 (for summer), and April 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

RESOLUTION SUGGESTING THE ACADEMIC SENATE'S INVOLVEMENT IN URGING FACULTY COMPLIANCE WITH EARLY TEXTBOOK ADOPTION (cont'd)

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, grass-roots campaign mobilizing students to appeal to faculty, while working in conjunction with the Academic Senate to encourage early textbook adoption;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate 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 have timely textbook adoptions.

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

Begin SB 52 Letter

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.

RESOLUTION SUGGESTING THE ACADEMIC SENATE'S INVOLVEMENT IN URGING FACULTY COMPLIANCE WITH EARLY TEXTBOOK ADOPTION (cont'd)

SB 52 letter (cont'd)

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: October 15 for the spring, March 15 for the summer, and April 15 for the Fall.

In humble service to the students,

Tu Tran, Bioengineering/Rhetoric 2010	Tara Raffi, Business 2011
Will Smelko, Political Science 2010	Carlo De La Cruz, Art History/Asian Am. Studies 2009
Yishi Zuo, Business 2011	Roxanne Winston, American Studies 2009

End SB 52 Letter

The following Resolution, SB 53, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Aishwarya Jayagopal and Ms. Dhar and was co-sponsored by Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HINDU STUDENTS COUNCIL (HSC)

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

WHEREAS, the Hindu Students Council (HSC) was founded in 1997 and ASUC sponsored from 2002-2006; 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 for publicity or holding any of its own events; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HINDU STUDENTS COUNCIL (HSC) (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the HSC's largest event is the Raas-Garba, which will occur on September 28th and is held in conjunction with Indus, the Indian Students Association, and Satrang; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the HSC this year is as follows: Total, \$150;

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

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.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Immediate Consideration. The motion was seconded and failed by hand-vote 10-7-2. Mr. Mairena said he would like to explain his motion. He moved to recess for 30 seconds. The motion was seconded and passed by hand-vote 14-1-1. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Mr. Owens moved to go to IC, and to consider SB 45. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection. The motion to go to SB 45 was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

The following Resolution, SB 45, as amended in committee, was authored by Mr. Owens and was co-sponsored by Ms. Hussain, EVP Pasco, Mr. Mairena, Ms. Hussain, Ms. Cho, Ms. Ude, Ms. Yang, Ms. Flores, Ms. Tran, and Ms. Raffi:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISABLED STUDENTS ACCOMMODATION FUND (DSAF)

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISABLED STUDENTS ACCOMMODATION FUND (DSAF) (cont'd)

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 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 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 ASUC By-laws, 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 ASUC By-laws be amended to include Title XXVI : Disability Accommodation Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC is suggested to allocate \$6,000 per year or more 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.

Begin SB 45 By-law amendment, Title XXVI

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISABLED STUDENTS ACCOMMODATION FUND (DSAF)
(cont'd)

SB 45 By-law amendment, Title XXVI (cont'd)

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. The ASUC is suggested to allocate \$6,000 per year or more to the 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 two-thirds 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 five 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

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

ARTICLE IV: SPENDING RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 No more than one-third of all available funds will be allocated to Graduate Groups,
- 4.2 No more than two-thirds 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.

End SB 45 By-law amendment, Title XXVI

Mr. Mairena said he would like to change the name of the fund, wherever it appeared, from the "The Disabled Students Accommodation Fund" to "The Disability Accommodation Fund." State law required that anyone who attends an event, even if they weren't a student, to have accommodation.

The bill was amended in committee, to instead of funding "a minimum" of \$6,000, to the ASUC being "suggested to allocate \$6,000 per year or more." He yielded time to Danny Kodmur.

Mr. Kodmur introduced himself and said he worked for Disability Access Services, which was part of the Disabled Students Program. His job was to coordinate disability accommodations for events for sign language, interpreting, or captioning. He had a lot of dealings with the ASUC Accessibility Fund. This Fund is used for events and meetings sponsored by an ASUC or a GA group that need money for interpreting or captioning. Sen. Mairena thought it would be a good idea to make the Fund more official by putting it into the By-laws.

There's been some dispute over the concept of a minimum amount. Mr. Kodmur said he thought they needed to safeguard it by having a minimum amount attached to the Fund. Not every Senate every year will be ethical enough or concerned enough about complying with the law to make sure that money is available. The last year or two, the Fund has definitely been used up every year, so the money would get used and wouldn't just sit there. It's important to also recognize that for all the problems the ASUC had, this was one area where the ASUC was out in front of the University, which doesn't have a centralized fund paying for accommodations. Department are units are responsible for paying things individually, even though it made a lot more sense to have a centralized fund. Also, Sen. Mr. Mairena has suggested having a Special Order in a couple of weeks to discuss these issues further.

Mr. Mairena yielded time to Alex Ghenis. Mr. Ghenis said the Fund could be gone through just through Disability Awareness Week, and at last year's events, every single event was captioned. And 75-80% of those events were attended by people with hearing impairments. He realized everybody supports the bill, and he really appreciated that. He would urge the Senate to strongly consider having a fixed minimum. The ASUC was far ahead of other areas of the University and campuses nationwide. And they need to keep up. A lot of people would like to come to student group events because they don't feel there will be captioning. There's a requirement that events be wheelchair accessible, but there was a low proportion of people in wheelchairs to those with visual or hearing impairments.

Ms. Hussain asked about having the minimum remain for many years. Mr. Ghenis said the By-laws could be amended if need be. They're trying to safeguard it right now. Mr. Kodmur said that if people weren't comfortable with a fixed amount, they could have a formula inserted, as a fixed percentage based on revenue available to student programs. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Hussain and Mr. Zuo and passed with no objection.

Mr. Smelko said that in past years, the Accommodation Fund has gone from \$5,000 to \$6,000. He asked if there's been an attempt to go with a centralized approach with the campus. Mr. Kodmur said a campus fund would only affect academic departments, not ASUC and GA groups. Interpreters work in teams of two, and could run from \$100 an hour to \$350 an hour. Given the number of groups and events on campus, they could run through money pretty quickly.

Mr. Mairena moved to amend the bill back to the original language, to have a minimum of \$6,000, to read as follows:

”Further Resolved, that 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 Disability Accommodation Fund.”

The motion to amend was seconded by Ms. Shah.

Mr. Mairena said the clause in the By-laws was 1.3, “Funding.”

Ms. Oatfield moved to meet in a committee of the whole so people with a concern that a \$6,000 minimum wouldn't be high enough in the future could propose an alternative, such as a formula. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Mairena yielded time to Mr. Ghenis. Mr. Ghenis said he would like to see the fund grow and thought this would set a precedent for that through spring budgeting. The amendment would protect the Fund with a floor and didn't think it would discourage the Senate from giving more in the future.

Mr. Nahabet said the Fund has received \$6,000 for the past four years. He didn't see this Fund as being threatened. The Senate had a turnover, but he didn't think the Fund would be decreased in the future. In addition, nowhere in the Constitution was there stated a minimum amount. There was nothing like that. The Senate wasn't supposed to set its budget through the By-laws. He would ask why they wouldn't also set budgets for every other operation or program. The Accommodation Fund was special and perhaps deserves more than \$6,000; but that should be left up to spring budgeting. He completely supported this Fund. A “minimum amount” could defer efforts to raise the Fund's amount in the future.

Ms. Rodriguez said it wasn't about doing spring budgeting, but ensuring that the Accommodation Fund got funded properly, given the turnover in the Senate.

Ms. Raffi said she supported the intent of the bill, to secure funding, but this could be brought up again and again for other issues that were also important that deserved continuous funding.

Mr. Tran yielded time to Attorney General Sinanian. Mr. Sinanian said that there was nowhere in the Constitution or By-laws that uses the word “minimum” for funding. Every student group has caps and he didn't think the Senate use the word “minimum.” It's not used for any other student group. They might have the Fund amount “adjusted for inflation.”

Ms. Pasco said she would like to enter into a committee of the whole, since the Senate seemed to be seeking information at that point rather than debating. It was so moved and seconded by Ms. Shah and Ms. Flores and failed by hand-vote 9-11-0.

Ms. Pasco said several people didn't want to meet in a committee of the whole because the discussion was off the record. But the Chair would like to point out that Mr. Litwak was being selective on what went into the minutes as the minutes have been consistently too long.

Mr. Mairena said this was a new part of a title in the By-laws and wouldn't apply to other titles. It's not a student group but an Senate fund available to groups for their events. No other ASUC had that. Groups benefit from the Fund because they don't have to pay for its services out of pocket. The amendment would just set a floor to make sure the Fund wasn't cut. It would help the groups, and therefore the ASUC, from getting sued.

Mr. Nahabet asked why they didn't set a minimum for Eshleman Library, e.g., which was also very important.

Ms. Raffi said that because the Senate had to comply with federal law, it would force them to take this Fund into account and to have the amount that was needed.

Mr. Ghenis said that knowing the Senate, in the future somebody will set the amount of the Fund too low. There have been several years where there was no presence of disability community at the Senate. The language would guarantee that nobody in the future would mess this up.

Mr. Nahabet asked if any Senate has decreased the amount in the Accommodation Fund. Mr. Ghenis said he didn't know, but he's heard it has fluctuated between \$5,000 and \$6,000, which made him feel the amount was reduced at one point. Jan Crowder manages the fund and recommended to Sen. Mr. Mairena that they use language to have a minimum of \$6,000; and she's been dealing with this for years.

Ms. Hussain said she believed they should listen to their Attorney General and his advice. That's why they hired him. He didn't think they should have a minimum, so the Senate should come up with a compromise. Right now the Senate was stuck.

Ms. Chen moved to amend the bill to say what Sen. Cho sent out, to have the Resolved Clause read as follows:

"Resolved, that the ASUC continue to allocate a suggested amount of \$6,000 or more per year to the Disabilities Accommodation Fund so that it is compliant with the federal law titled Americans with Disabilities Act."

The motion was seconded. THE MOTION TO APPROVE MS. CHEN'S AMENDMENT PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 10-8-2.

Mr. Mairena moved to amend the Resolved Clause, to strike "suggested amount" with "suggested minimum" of \$6,000. the motion was seconded by Ms. Shah. Mr. Mairena said he would rescind his motion.

Ms. Shah moved to meet in a committee of the whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed by hand-vote 10-9-1. This meeting entered into a committee of the whole.

Back in regular session, Ms. Chen moved to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by five minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Flores and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Shah and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Ude and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Ude and Ms. Yang and passed with no objection. Back in session, Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to recess until the discretion of the Chair. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Pasco noted that it was 1:05 a.m.

Ms. Cho moved to amend the bill according to the e-mail she sent out, to have the first two Resolved Clauses read as follows:

“Be It Resolved, that in order to comply with Title II of the federal law entitled Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the ASUC continue to allocate a suggested minimum of \$6000 per year.

“Further Resolved, that by no means does this suggested minimum set a precedent for the ASUC to place minimums on student group funding, because in this incidence, the stated minimum is created specifically to ensure that the ASUC is in compliance with federal law.”

The motion was seconded. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of SB 45A. Mr. Nahabet moved to call the question. The motion to end debate was seconded by Ms. Yang

Ms. Pasco said that with no objection, Mr. Mairena was sending out an amendment adding co-sponsors of the bill.

Mr. Mairena requested a roll call vote. The request was seconded.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 45A:

YES		NO
Sarah Cho	Claudia Rodriguez	John Moghtader
Meghana Dhar	Lyell Sakaue	Tommy Owens
Mary June Flores	Kifah Shah	
Saira Hussain	Will Smelko	ABSTAIN
Oscar Mairena	Lisa Tran	Sheila Chen
Eddie Nahabet	Tu Tran	
Christina Oatfield	Obiamaka Ude	
Tommy Owens	Stephanie Yang	
Tara Raffi	Yishi Zuo	

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to close the rolls. It was so moved and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 45, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, PASSED 17-2-1, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISABLED STUDENTS ACCOMMODATION FUND (DSAF). Voting comments were heard.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Appointed Official Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Report from the Attorney General

Mr. Sinanian said he wanted to thank everyone for appointing him as well as the Attorney General. The learning curve was high, so he'll contact last year's AG, Alex Kozak, to see if he could get insight into the position and learn from his experience. He'll work closely with Mr. Hollihan, who had extensive knowledge in legal matters. Mr. Sinanian he's looked at the Constitution the By-laws and hasn't seen anything of noticeably objectionable. Article IV, Section 2, talks about publicity posting for a week. Since the Web site hasn't been updated for quite a long time, that was an issue. That could be cause for concern that might have to be rectified in other ways. The last minutes posted were from September 3, and the last agenda was September 10. Also, the Solicitor General wasn't mentioned in the Constitution. In addition, there was an ambiguity as to what constituted a majority of the Senate when it came to a quorum. The Constitution wasn't clear about that, Article III, Section 5. So that was also something he'd look into. The Advocacy Agenda also hasn't been updated, and that was important. Another issue was to clarify the definition of "simple majority" in the Constitution and how that applies to two-thirds rules. He'll see how a simple majority was affected by people who abstain. He'll work with people on Con-Review about that.

As far as what has unfolded in the Senate in the past hour, the Constitution talks about restrictions, and how the ASUC By-laws were to provide restrictions on funding. There was no ambiguity in the word "restriction" if it includes minimums. What the Senate passed was okay, but he believed he'll file an Advisory Opinion with the J-Council to clear up that ambiguity. He called for any questions.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go to Old Business. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

OLD BUSINESS

The following Resolution, SB 22, as amended in committee, was authored by Yuriy Tsurkan and Mr. Nahabet:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN CLUB

WHEREAS, the mission of the Russian Club is to unite the Russian-speaking community at UC Berkeley by promoting social activities, networking, leadership opportunities, and cultural support; and

WHEREAS, members of the Russian Club come from various countries of the former USSR and of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Russian language is one of the strongest cultural and social characteristics of their identity; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN CLUB (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Russian Club has been establishing a warm and welcoming environment for its members so that they can enjoy communicating and interacting with people, whom they share their historical and social heritage with; and

WHEREAS, the following is the budget for the Russian Club: Total, \$529; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the Russian Club as a first-year ASUC sponsored Student Activities Group (SAG).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$150 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Russian Club of Berkeley.

Mr. Nahabet moved to amend the Resolved Clause to state that the ASUC recognizes the Russian Club as an eighth-year student activity group:

"Resolved, that the ASUC recognizes the Russian Club as an eighth-year ASUC sponsored Student Activities Group (SAG)."

The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen. The motion to amend failed by hand-vote 8-8-2.

Ms. Rodriguez said that last time they discussed this, there was a question of this group being funded by the Jewish Student Union, which was ASUC funded. She talked to Millicent Morris-Chaney and the group should be recognized by the name it wanted, but Ms. Morris-Chaney said that in order for a SISG or SAG currently supported by another organization, like the JSU or the EJC, for them to have separate recognition, for whatever year, they'd have to bridge out separately. So the Russian Club would have to do it as a first-year SAG.

Mr. Nahabet said the organization has been in existence for eight years, but hasn't been supported by the ASUC for those eight years. Ms. Rodriguez said the group would have to start off a year one. Mr. Nahabet said that was up to the Senate's discretion. When the bill was originally refused in the Senate, there were \$364 left in the Contingency Fund; and it was March 4, nowhere near the end of the year. It was irresponsible to refuse this group to be sponsored. But that's what happened. So the group went to the JSU and got funded. Because the ASUC funds JSU, and that money goes to the groups under its umbrella, the ASUC did fund the Russian Club. So the group deserved an eighth-year standing.

Mr. Mairena said the group was not recognized by the ASUC during that time. Ms. Morris-Chaney recommended that the group be recognized as a first-year organization, even though they were received money from the JSU, they weren't being recognized as an ASUC-sponsored group.

Ms. Raffi said it was sometime necessary to remove oneself from the exact letter of the law to understand the issue at hand. The group has been funded by ASUC funds and created events with that money for ASUC students. Every cent spent was in strict compliance with ASUC regulations. The JSU enforces strict budgetary compliance to every group it funds, like Fi-Comm. So in essence, they're exactly like every other ASUC student group.

Ms. Rodriguez said that part of Ms. Morris-Chaney's recommendation was that even though the group didn't previously receive funds through the bill it wanted, a few years ago, it could have secured sponsorship, which would have retained the group's years of standing. The group was considered a third-year they looked at bills from 2004 to the present to see if the group deserved the eighth-year standing. But the group hasn't been recognized for the past two years, which would bring them back to being a first-year group. It wasn't being supported as an individual organization, but through the JSU.

Mr. Moghtader said the question was whether the group was sponsored. He believed it was. The JSU was an umbrella group that got more funding than a normal student group would get because the umbrella group is tasked with giving out this money on behalf of the ASUC. The ASUC believes these quote "niche" groups may have a better understanding of the communities they represent and were better served to make allocations. And that also saves time for the ASUC. The just was giving out money on behalf of the ASUC. Events put on by JSU members say "sponsored by the ASUC." The question of sponsorship was at the Senate's discretion.

Mr. Mairena said that in the year in question, the Contingency Fund was replenished with money from carry forward. If the group has been getting funding from the ASUC, but hasn't been sponsored, it should start off as a first-year group. He thought the Senate should recess because they're going around using the same arguments.

Mr. Mairena asked if the Attorney General had some input. Mr. Sinanian said he would have to check the Constitution.

Mr. Tran said the reason the technicality exists was because they're afraid that if the Russian Club had a programs account with the JSU and the ASUC, that would be double dipping. Also he thought it would be a sixth-year not an eighth year. In 2005-6, the group was classified as a third-year.

Ms. Raffi said it was, in effect, a mistake of ASUC Senators to not tell officials of the group that it could lose its standing if it didn't apply for sponsorship. She asked why they wouldn't accept give the group continuity, and said there was no reason not to. It was doing the same as all groups directly sponsored by the ASUC. Maybe there needed to be more specific protocol for umbrella groups and the groups under them. When groups receive requests from the JSU, the requests are taken to Ms. Morris-Chaney to rule whether the requests and the groups adhered to ASUC policy. So the JSU Treasurer was constantly in contact with her, and all JSU groups answered to her.

Mr. Sakaue said there was previous precedent that the Resolution would break. It was important to consider those ramifications. Ms. Rodriguez said that from 99-2000, 2001-2002, there was no funding, which started in 2002.

On a point of information, Mr. Mairena asked about the group's year of standing the last time it was funded. Mr. Nahabet said it was a sixth-year. Mr. Mairena asked what the year of standing was the last time the group was in the ASUC budget. Mr. Nahabet said he believed it was a third-year. He said the Senate considered the European Student Union with the incorrect year when it applied in the spring budget, so the Senate made mistakes. Spring budgeting was not the most reliable source for years of standing, but the information from the 4th floor was correct.

Mr. Nahabet moved to amend the final Resolved Clause to allocate \$300 from the Senate Contingency Fund.

“Finally Resolved, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$300 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Russian Club of Berkeley.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Moghtader.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Mairena said he would prefer to continue the group’s number of years from the last time it was funded, at its fifth year, and to have the group as a sixth year. They went from the ASUC to the JSU and now were back. He didn't think they should count the two years they weren't receiving ASUC funding and continue the years of standing from the last time they were ASUC sponsored.

Ms. Rodriguez said the group should inform Ms. Morris-Chaney about the name change.

Mr. Nahabet sent the following proposed amendment:

"Resolved, that the formerly known Russian Speaking Business and Law Student Association be from here on named the Russian Club.

“Further Resolved, that the ASUC recognizes the Russian Club as an eight-year ASUC sponsored Student Activities Group (SAG).

“Finally Resolved, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$300 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Russian Club of Berkeley.”

Ms. Pasco said that since another Resolution was added, they would vote on the amendments that were just proposed. A motion to approve was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Tran. THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. NAHABET’S AMENDMENTS PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 22, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN CLUB.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (cont'd)

The following Resolution, SB 43, as amended in committee and by the authors, was authored by Matthew Taylor and Ms. Oatfield and was co-sponsored by Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY LAND USE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY LAND USE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE (cont'd)

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 BE IT 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.

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the ASUC requests that UC administration, the City of Berkeley, and the ASUC External Affairs Vice President agree upon an independent, neutral, third party mediation service -- such as East Bay Community Mediation -- which 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. The mediation service will communicate the details of its work and proposal to the ASUC President, as well as the ASUC Senate, in a letter.

BE IT FINALLY 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.

Ms. Oatfield said she sent a corrected bill and added Mr. Tran as a co-sponsor. There was some concern that before passing this, they should solicit more information from University officials. But mediation was not a new concept, and the campus has heard it before. Some administrators were for it and some against it, with a lot of ambivalent positions. The University has had plenty of time to take a stance.

The campus had to create some commission to deal with land use and capital projects that promoted student involvement, and not just input, but to participate in important decisions the campus made. She yielded time to Matthew Taylor.

Mr. Taylor said he appreciated the Senate's time, especially at the late hour. Many communities affected by land-use decisions UC makes don't have real involvement in those decisions. That included students, faculty, staff, neighborhood associations, City government, Native Americans, and wildlife, different communities affected by land-use decisions that have interests and needs relating to those decisions.

Mr. Taylor said that the way the process currently worked, the Administration comes up with an idea and administrators talk about a plan, which is then announced. At that point there's an opportunity, sometimes, depending on the plan, for public comment. He's been to many of those public comment sessions and they were a sham. They do not give an opportunity for the community to be involved in the decision because the decision has already been made. Somebody from the campus sits there and writes down all the comments. Mr. Taylor said he's been at meetings where 80 people were opposed to a project for various reasons and one person was for it, and it had no affect. The decision was already made. That has happened on various projects, some of which were famous for lawsuits and protests, and some that Senators probably never heard of.

The current model for how UC made land-use decisions made people feel alienated because they felt they didn't matter and felt the University didn't care about what community members thought. It damages relationships, and sometimes there are protests and lawsuits. And in at least one case, People's Park, somebody was killed. This problem has been going on for decades, since the founding of the University.

Mr. Taylor said there couldn't be chaos, but there had to be representation from different communities affected by land use, and real involvement, and not tokenized, or rubber stamped by UC saying the community was involved. Some people in the University were afraid of giving up this power. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by three minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Raffi and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Mr. Taylor said people's needs could be met by bringing in a neutral third-party mediation service. He comes from the Peace and Conflict Studies Program and was a trained mediator, and he's seen what neutral third-party mediation could do. It creates a safe forum in which to interact with the mediator who could work out a proposal that addresses everyone's concerns. Mediation was voluntary, so the final outcome would only be established based on the consent of the parties and would be collaborative. The mediator would finalize the list of stakeholders and how they would interface with the committee. This could also help fundraising, because the community's needs would be met. The University could also avoid unnecessary lawsuits, delays, and protests.

Mr. Taylor said there's been some dialogue about this proposal with the University. That process will take dozens of hours of careful dialogue. Moving forward would empower a mediator, someone who wasn't a stakeholder. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by two minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection. Mr. Tran called for any questions.

Mr. Moghtader asked which University officials have supported this proposal. Mr. Taylor said no one has specifically supported this in this exact form. He heard that Nathan Brostrom was open-minded to this and wanted to get into more details. The University released a statement stating that it was committed to creating new ways to involve the public in land-use decisions going forward. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by one minute was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Mr. Zuo asked if he thought the student voice was the most important in these matters. Mr. Taylor said he would hesitate to use a comparative like quote "most" because different projects had different affects on different communities. For some projects, students would be the utmost affected. But a neighbor having to deal with a toxic waste facility next door would be more affected. Ms. Pasco said speaking time had expired. A motion to extend by four minutes was made by Mr. Zuo and was seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Chen asked if Ms. Oatfield has communicated to Mr. Brostrom about this bill. Ms. Oatfield said she and others were in a meeting with Mr. Brostrom and she asked him about this. The bill had not been drafted yet. But she referenced a proposal made to him about a land-use committee. Mr. Brostrom said a similar commission at UCSF had been successful. He thought it would be worthwhile to set up a commission at Berkeley if it could avoid potential lawsuits and protests. Ms. Chen asked if she contacted him after the bill was drafted. Ms. Oatfield said she hadn't.

Mr. Zuo asked if the ASUC should prioritize the interests of the student body above all other community members. Mr. Taylor said every situation was different and unique. It could be that a community member had the most at stake. Blanket statements about what was most important weren't necessarily helpful. Land-use issues by the campus affected more than students.

Ms. Hussain said there was a bunch of different stakeholders involved, and the bill was written by just one of them. The University needed to be in on this as well. The External Affairs Committee was only as effective as the bills that pass through it. If they inform the campus after something transpired, they wouldn't be taken seriously as a Senate. She thought they should table the bill and have the authors get campus input. Also, as a student rep, she would always hold the students' interests to the highest.

Ms. Tran said she thought they should get campus input and table the bill.

Ms. Oatfield said the Senate wasn't in a position to decide things for the University. Before this would become official, all stakeholders will have met. The bill was a way to get the ball rolling. Many specifics of the bill have already been reviewed by the University, and Mr. Brostrom has seen 80% of the text, and almost all the Resolved Clauses. The University hired a mediator because of the conflict with the Student-Athlete High Performance Center. Ms. Oatfield yielded time. Mr. Taylor said the Senate passing the bill would make the formation of committees more likely. There's an entrenched institutional culture that the only people part who were of the process were administrators. The ASUC taking a stand would create political momentum to push this forward. In a mediator's work, everybody had to have consensus.

Mr. Owens said there was an assumption that students speak with one voice. They were a huge melting pot. He was a Senator with the Berkeley College Republicans, and some polls state that 8-10% of the student population was Republican. People who campaigned and voted for him were very much against the tree-sit.

Mr. Zuo said he was very strongly against the University relinquishing control to an outside body. He would suggest another clause that the students would have the most voting power on any committee that was formed.

Ms. Chen said she would suggest tabling the bill so people could meet with Mr. Brostrom and discuss this further.

Ms. Hussain said she wanted to see communication happen before this was brought to the Senate.

Mr. Moghtader said he didn't think they should pass bills to open up lines of communication or to get people to think about something. That wasn't the External Committee's intention. He would first like to see some campus officials sign off on it. He thought a lot more thought had to go into this.

Ms. Oatfield said the University has heard many versions of the bill and has been ambivalent about moving forward.

Mr. Taylor said the land administered by the Regents wasn't owned by the Administration, but was held in trust and administered on behalf of the people of California. But that's not how the land was currently governed. It's run as if it was private land run by administrators. That's how the campus has governed since it was founded. The goal of the bill wasn't to open up communication as there's already been a lot of communication about land use. The goal was for the ASUC to collectively push the boat out and say this was a good idea and to get it moving. There was a lot of ambivalence in the University. The ASUC could create momentum. It was impossible for the University to endorse the bill in total, given its culture. No student has had current access to land-use decisions. The bill would open the door for everyone.

Ms. Hussain said she would suggest that authors and sponsors of the bill discuss it with the University.

Ms. Hussain said moved to table the bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO TABLE SB 43, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 12-2-4, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY LAND USE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE.

The following Resolution, SB 26, as amended in committee, was authored by AAVP De La Cruz and Jessica Luk and was co-sponsored by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Flores:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE FUND

WHEREAS, SB 88 created the Public Service Fund in the spring of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Fund is the only grant that provides funds for students who have repeatedly demonstrated interests and enthusiasm in seeking methods to fulfill the unmet needs of outside communities; and

WHEREAS, these public service efforts may require expenditures for materials, travel costs, and/or housing in order for the successful execution of their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, no funds were allocated to the Public Service Fund during the spring budgeting process of 2008; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE FUND (cont'd)

WHEREAS, there is already significant interest in applying for this fund;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred USD) to the Public Service Fund from the Carry Forward Fund.

Mr. Sakaue moved to amend the bill, to include the amendments he sent out, to add the following clauses:

Begin Mr. Sakaue's amendment:

“Whereas, the Carry Forward Fund ledger has not yet been closed as of October 1st, 2008, so the funds shall be drawn from the Senate Contingency Fund until the Carry Forward ledger is finalized, at which point the Senate Contingency fund shall be immediately replenished by the Carry Forward fund for the exact amount allocated; and

“Therefore Be It Resolved, that the ASUC shall allocate \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred USD) to the Public Service Fund from Senate Contingency Fund; and

“Be It Finally Resolved, that the ASUC shall transfer \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred USD) from Carry Forward to Senate Contingency Fund as soon as the ledger for Carry Forward is finalized.”

End Mr. Sakaue's amendments

The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Mairena.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. SAKAUE'S AMENDMENTS PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 26, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE FUND.

The following Resolution, SB 40, was authored by Romina Keshishyan and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFSCME WORKERS STRIKE

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFSCME WORKERS STRIKE (cont'd)

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, is 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.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFSCME WORKERS STRIKE (cont'd)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mr. Zuo moved to amend the bill, by adding the following as the last Whereas Clause:

“Whereas, it is in the best interests of the UC Berkeley student body for the University to maintain its prestige and excellence by affording its service workers a decent standard of living;”

The motion to amend was seconded by Ms. Hussain. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Owens said the Senate didn't have the authority, nor should they have the power, to set compensation for workers. This was a procedural thing for him, constitutional.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 40, AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR, PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 13-2-2, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AFSCME WORKERS STRIKE.

Mr. Mairena moved to go back to Standing Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

Standing Committee Reports

Ms. Pasco said they would take ten minutes for Advocacy Committees to meet and decide on a standing meeting time and on chairs and vice chairs. This information had to be reported into the minutes that evening. She noted that these meetings were open to students and students needed to know what times meetings were held. There will also be Student-at-large members. There was a breakout into committees.

Back in regular session, Ms. Pasco said that for a time check, it was 3:02 a.m.

Reporting for Advocacy Committee #1, Student Health, Ms. Shah said she was elected Chair and Ms. Tran is Vice Chair. They decided to not use Robert's Rules. Their next meeting is 6:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday in the June Jordan Room.

Reporting for Advocacy Committee #2, Short- and Long-range Academic Resources and Improvement, Ms. Cho said she was Chair and Ms. Flores is Vice Chair. They'll meet at 7:00 in the June Jordan Room on Tuesdays.

Reporting for Advocacy Committee #3, Bringing Responsible Businesses to Lower Sproul, Ms. Raffi said she's the Chair and Mr. Mairena is Vice Chair. They'll meet at 8:00 on Mondays in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. Moghtader asked if these committees were required to meet weekly. Ms. Pasco said they weren't, but they were required to report weekly.

Ms. Chen moved to go to Elected Official Announcements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moghtader and passed with no objection.

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Chen said Project Michelle registered 1,403 people, which was amazing. She wanted to thank Mr. Tran for all the work he's done for the book adoption and creating a movement out of it and pushing it forward. She thought they should recognize the hard work he's put into this.

Mr. Sakaue said that on Friday at 12:30, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom will speak on Sproul in favor of same-sex marriage.

Mr. Owens said that on one side of the podium there were 11 seats, and 9 Senators on the other side. Some people were crammed, so he would ask to spread out the working space. Secondly, the Senate began Immediate Consideration at 11:29 p.m. If they could keep Elected Official Announcements, other announcements, and Special Orders shorter, that would be great, and they could get out of there earlier. If people were interested of thinking of ways to make Senate meetings run smoother, he would ask them to please talk to him or send him an e-mail. He was going to start keeping a record of how long things took and would come to the Senate with recommendations in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Oatfield said her Panda Express bill has already become quite controversial. It was a last minute act to take a stand on something that her constituents were outraged about and would most negatively affect the campus community. She was working with a member of the Sustainability Team to figure out how to help the vendors they already have in Lower Sproul work on issues of plastics and disposables. She would acknowledge that they need a lot of help in terms of sustainability and other matters. But it was easier to prevent an illness than to try and cure one. The proposal was fought by some members of the

SOB and she has expressed her concerns about this with some members of the Board, despite what people might have to say about that. She will contact Senators to discuss the bill. She'll also contact them about the community land use and capital projects committee. She wanted to hear Senators' concerns. She thought the University will want to water down this committee and leave students with as little power as they could get away with. That was her suspicion. She wanted to work with the Senate to make sure the bill passed.

Ms. Rodriguez said she wanted to invite Senators to the Multicultural Center open house on Friday, October 3, from 5:00 to 8:30. There will be free food, entertainment, art, and a lot more. They'd get to mingle with a lot of beautiful people.

Ms. Shah said that Vijay Prashad will give a lecture on October 8 at 5:30 in the Maude Fife Room, 315 Wheeler Hall. He's an author of a plethora of books, including Assassination of the Third World. The lecture is being sponsored by a number of department, including South Asian Studies, African American Studies, East Asian Studies, English, and others. Also, there will be a community memorial will be held to honor the life of Mahmoud Darwish, a Palestinian poet, who died after a complicated heart surgery. It will be held October 3, 7:00 to 9:00, at SF State.

Mr. Nahabet said that if he had to rate that evening's communication, it would be above 5. He was really happy about that and he really hoped to continue with this trend.

Mr. Mairena said he would like to publicly thank Mr. Litwak, who was amazing.

Ms. Flores said she wanted to emphasize the MCC open house. She helped redecorate the space, so there was a lot of room. People should check it out. They made several living room spaces to make people comfortable and really maximize the space.

Ms. Hussain said she agreed with Mr. Nahabet about communicating much better. She was really involved with Peace Not Prejudice Week last year, and it was coming back this year. If anybody was interested in being a part of a planning committee, or if their communities would be interested, the next meeting is Monday from 6:00 to 7:00, location to be determined. If people were interested, they should talk to her. She wanted to reach out to every one of them, in light of all the attacks that have gone on. She would ask people to tell their communities to get involved.

Ms. Cho said next Thursday there will be talks about faith. People talk about religion, which was a subject most people were interested in. The talk will be at Wheeler at 7:00.

Mr. Tran said there are a lot of appointed positions they need to appoint. People have already started, and he wanted to thank people for that.

Special Committee Reports

Reporting for the Berkeley Student Cooperative Affairs Officer Selection Committee, Ms. Oatfield said they're nominating Issac Miller to be the ASUC liaison. He'll be there next week.

Reports from ASUC Representatives

Ms. Flores said the Academic Opportunity Fund met that day for its first meeting. They had 10 applicants and approved their first \$500 grant. She was amazed by the applicant pool and how Berkeley students engage outside the bounds of campus.

Mr. Zuo said on Monday, he Ms. Cho, and Ms. Tran attended the RHA meeting. The RHA got a lot of business done. They will have a "Black Out Battle" to save energy, something they do every year. People from the ASUC introduced themselves and there was a lot of interest. They passed around a clipboard for people to sign up to be interns and there was a big response.

Mr. Tran said the Engineer's Joint Council had a community meeting on Monday and had its first big community event, organized by five organizations. They had 170 people come out, which was a big deal for engineers because most people like to stay in their rooms and study. They're continuing the trend of organizing and collaborating together and making sure they don't reinvent the wheel.

Ms. Hussain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tran

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

Sheila Chen	Eddie Nahabet	Will Smelko
Sarah Cho	Christina Oatfield	Lisa Tran
Meghana Dhar	Tommy Owens	Tu Tran
Mary June Flores	Tara Raffi	Obiamaka Ude
Saira Hussain	Claudia Rodriguez	Stephanie Yang
Oscar Mairena	Lyell Sakaue	Yishi Zuo
John Moghtader	Kifah Shah	

This meeting adjourned at 3:20 a.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary