

ASUC SENATE MEETING

October 8, 2008

Seventh Week

This regular meeting of the ASUC Senate was called to order by Krystle Pasco at 7:12 p.m. in the ASUC Senate Chamber.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes from the October 1 meeting.

Ms. Dhar said that on page 21, in Appointments, the minutes should state that Ms. Chen asked the question about future involvement in the ASUC, not Ms. Dhar.

Mr. Owens said that on page 44, for SB 45, on the Disability Accommodation Fund, the minutes state that he authored the bill, and should read that Mr. Mairena authored the bill.

Ms. Chen said the minutes state that she moved to amend the amendment sent out by Sen. Cho. But when she made that motion, it was different from what the Senate actually voted on. So basically, that wasn't what she said.

Mr. Owens said that on the roll call vote on page 50, on SB 45, he voted no.

Mr. Tran said that on page 64, the minutes state that Sen. Zuo said a clipboard was passed at the RHA meeting for people to sign up to be interns, and should read that they got a big response for people to sign up to help out with voter registration.

The minutes did not include the amendments to SB 42, Resolution In Support of Students for Social Change. A Resolved Clause was add and the amount was amended, to read as follows:

Begin amendments to SB 42

“Therefore Be It Resolved, that the organization be recognized as “Students for Social Change,” not
"Social for Social Change.

“Be It Further Resolved, that the ASUC allocate \$150 (one hundred fifty dollars) for the items listed
above from the Senate Contingency Fund to Students for Social Change, a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).”

End amendments to SB 42

A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Ude. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING, AS AMENDED, WERE APPROVED WITH NO OBJECTION.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pasco referred the following bills to committee:

- SB 70, In Support of Maintaining Student Safety and Student Experience at California Memorial Stadium, to the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee and the University and External Affairs Committee
- SB 71, In Support of the National Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF), Berkeley Chapter, to the Finance Committee
- SB 72, In Support of STOP the Traffick, to the Finance Committee
- SB 73, In Support of the Asian Political Association's "Rock the Vote Concert," to the Finance Committee
- SB 74, In Support of the Socialist Organizer, to the Finance Committee
- SB 75, In Support of Semana de la Dignidad Rebelde, to the Finance Committee
- SB 76, In Support of Graduate Student Funding, to the Finance Committee, the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, and the University and External Affairs Committee
- SB 77, In Support of Project Rishi, to the Finance Committee
- SB 78, In Support of the Asian American Public Leaders' (AAPL): "Celebration of Asian American Womyn: In Her Shoes," to the Finance Committee
- SB 79, In Support of the Latin American Student Association, to the Finance Committee
- SB 80, In Support of the "Sabor y Sason" Culture Show, to the Finance Committee
- SB 81, In Support of Bear Minimum, to the Finance Committee
- SB 82, In Support of the foundation for International Medical Relief for Children, to the Finance Committee
- SB 83, In Support of Theta Chi, to the Finance Committee
- SB 84, In Support of Pink Ribbon Poetry: A Night of Poetry to Fight Breast Cancer, to the Finance Committee

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Oct. 15)

Ms. Pasco said there were two Special Orders for next week, "Lower Sproul Redevelopment," by Beth Piatnitzka, Associate Director of Physical and Environmental Planning and on "Student Athletics," by Sandy Barbour, the Athletics Director.

Mr. Mairena moved to add a Special Order for Danny Kodmur, on what was required for disabilities, from 8:45 to 9:05. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran. THE MOTION TO HEAR A SPECIAL ORDER FROM 8:45 TO 9:05 NEXT WEEK, FOR DANNY KODMUR, SPEAKING ON WHAT WAS REQUIRED FOR DISABILITIES, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 15 SENATE MEETING, AS AMENDED, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Announcements

Alex Cole-Weiss introduced herself and said she worked with Ms. Winston and was the Director of Environmental Sustainability. There was an information session that day with some student representatives on the Store Operations Board that went very well. But some of her questions about Panda on environmental and financial sustainability were not answered. There were some real concerns regarding the future of this space and the long-term impact of Panda Express. She would commend the SOB for doing the work it's done, but would encourage the Senate to examine this a little bit more and continue to ask tough questions.

Ms. Cole-Weiss said she would also like to draw people to think about their own understanding of sustainability, and who they could ask to find out more, to have a better understanding and context for what the sustainability of this contract would entail. If they didn't quite understand what that meant, it would be difficult to ask tough questions and make an educated decision.

Roll call was taken for attendance.

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

Sheila Chen
Sarah Cho
Meghana Dhar
Mary June Flores
Oscar Mairena
Eddie Nahabet

Christina Oatfield
Tommy Owens
Claudia Rodriguez
Lyell Sakaue
Kifah Shah
Will Smelko

Lisa Tran
Tu Tran
Obiamaka Ude
Stephanie Yang
Yishi Zuo

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Saira Hussain
Tara Raffi

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Moghtader

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC

Report from the UCPD Liaison

Sgt. Tucker said he handed out the most recent Crime Alert, dealing with an armed robbery that occurred on campus 11:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 5 on the pathway east of Giannini Hall. As a reminder, everybody should have received the booklet, "Safety Counts." Copies were available at the Police Department and there was a phone number online to get a copy or copies.

Sgt. Tucker said there's a new service on the Web site dealing with the lost and found function, which was part of the PD's responsibility. There is now an online, searchable table to see if something has been turned in. It will be regularly updated. People will still need to provide evidence that an item was theirs.

Sgt. Tucker said six bike thefts occurred in the past seven days. He'd give some unofficial statistics from the Daily Bulletin, which was also online. There was a rise in the alcohol-related activity. There were six minor possession citations issued, while there were six in all of September. There were three alcohol-related illnesses, as opposed to four in September. There were two driving under the influence, as opposed to two in September. On the other hand, they had seven arrests for drunk in public in September and none so far this month. But there seemed to be an unusually high level of alcohol-centered activity. There were also 11 Code of Student Conduct violations documented at the football game on Saturday.

Mr. Owens asked about the situation in which the armed robbery occurred, such as the lighting and if an iPod was involved. Sgt. Tucker said the only thing he knew was that the person was alone.

Sgt. Tucker said there will be a forum on Thursday night, and the ASUC has invited the UCPD and Lt. Doug Wing, a former representative to the ASUC. Mr. Mairena said it will be held at the Multicultural Center. Also, UCPD was going to participate in ongoing forums, like they had last year.

Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said that regarding building hours and security in Eshleman Hall and MLK Union, the elevators were now working appropriately with card key access. Key access will go away within the week.

The Auxiliary approached the campus about adding locks on all floors and to doors at stairwells. The estimate was \$60,000, a lot of money. The ASUC and the Auxiliary have already spent \$40,000 in improvements for safety in Eshleman, which included new doors in Eshleman, lighting in and around the Student Union, and the elevator card readers. They have asked the UCPD if there was another way to approach the issue of safe access that was more cost effective, and asked about alternative sources of funding for security, due to the special nature of Eshleman Hall.

Mr. Permaul said he was asked about a timeframe for repairing video cameras and didn't have that yet. They're working with the UCPD on an estimate.

Regarding the Daily Californian, the ASUC issued a letter to the paper. The Daily Californian has requested relief from rent for October and for the remainder of the fiscal year, which would amount to over \$40,000. The Auxiliary offered terms to the paper in response to the paper's proposal, but the Daily Cal has still not responded.

Regarding Kaplan Testing, the location Kaplan proposed was the small alcove input Food Court that the Auxiliary had been considering for the restroom location for the Bear's Lair Pub. The alcove was right below the "Bear's Lair Pub" sign. Kaplan would like to take that space and turn it into an office. Kaplan was willing to make a handsome contribution to the ASUC for that space. Mr. Permaul said he was still interested in hearing input from students, particularly from the Senate, about whether they would feel comfortable about yielding that space. The design would be done very nicely, with improvements on the outside where people sit. It would mean the elimination of space where there were about 20 chairs, where people eat in the Food Court. If people had opinions about that, they should send him an e-mail. He'd be glad to walk through the space with people. Before this was taken to the SOB, Mr. Permaul said he wanted to have enough input or whether people thought that would be an appropriate use of the space. It would add commercial revenue and commercial space to the ASUC.

Regarding Campus Link, a meeting is scheduled with the manager of Campus Link to review options regarding leaving the ASUC.

Regarding Panda Express, Mr. Permaul said the amount of information that he thought was erroneous or false being spread about the SOB and the proposal to bring Panda Express and other food venues to the ASUC needed to stop. So that evening he would put the facts into the record so there could be no dispute about them.

In the spring of 2007, Panda Express visited the Berkeley campus and discussed with the ASUC Auxiliary the possibility of coming to the Berkeley campus. That proposal was referred to student government and the Store Operations Board.

In May of 2007, Panda came to the ASUC and met with members of ASUC government, the Senate, and the SOB, to demonstrate, ask what kinds of stipulations students had for businesses coming to the campus, and to answer any questions about Panda Express, including a question about the diversity of the corporate management; and corporate management turned out to be more diverse than most of the corporations in the United States, and certainly far more diverse than management of the Berkeley campus.

During the summer of 2007, Naia Gelateria expressed concern to the Auxiliary that it was having difficulty sustaining its business model, but wanted to remain on the campus. The SOB also wanted small businesses of the ASUC to remain viable. So in September of 2007, Naia proposed to the Board that the Board look for a sublessee to join Naia in its space. The SOB rejected the concept of a sublessee in the Naia space but would entertain Naia bringing another vendor to the ASUC that could help increase foot traffic to the site. Increased foot traffic is a proven method for increased business revenue.

Naia had worked with a major Bay Area retail specialist, Terranomics, and reviewed 32 different businesses, large and small, local and national. One was the Brazil Café. And out of that discussion, the Auxiliary has begun to work with the Brazil Café, which was one of the small businesses they'd bring to the ASUC. And by the way, the Brazil Café had the same kind of menu that other venues in the Bear's Lair Food Court had. So if people were looking for sustainable food options, the Brazil Café would not be one of the venues they would be looking at.

The circumstance for the partner that Naia needed had to have certain characteristics. One was economic strength and financial liquidity, meaning the cash to sustain themselves through the ups and downs of the financial markets, particularly the ones they were going through at that time. Mr. Permaul said he would remind the Senate that three of the ASUC's small businesses have closed in the last year. STA Travel shut its doors in the summer, without announcing it to anyone; and Naia has not been open since the fall, putting them in violation of their contract.

Naia wanted a sublessee who would bring in sales dollars and foot traffic; wanted professionalism and brand, with a recognized brand preferred; good employee working conditions; good environmental health and sanitation; and a good, active marketing program.

In January of 2008, the concept approval for the development of the Student Union commercial activities, which Mr. Permaul said he presented to the Senate at the beginning of the year, and was presented to Executives during the summer, and to student government last year, to generate new overall revenue needed to grow a minimum of 4% a year.

Mr. Permaul said that in four years, by the time students graduate, the ASUC will have to generate 20% more revenue than it currently generates in order to just meet its expenses. That wasn't a small amount of revenue, and had to continue to grow in an ongoing basis. It wasn't about getting into the black and hoping they could stop and wouldn't have to raise more money, but continuing to raise revenues to support student government and its operations over time.

The Auxiliary also laid out the financial crisis that was facing the ASUC.

The Auxiliary has added \$200,000 to revenue projections for the ASUC for next year. That was based on decisions made by the SOB to bring in new businesses. If they don't, the ASUC could run a \$130,000 deficit in the coming fiscal year. The Auxiliary had operating reserves, which come out of revenues that are put aside in order to ensure that the Auxiliary could pay everything from Workmen's Comp. to a sudden downturn in the economy, to meet the requirements of the ASUC. But reserves was a limited pot of money, and once it's gone, it was gone. So the last thing they want to do was to spend those reserves.

In January of 2008 Mr. Permaul said he presented this and at that meeting, ASUC Pres. Nguyen spoke to the need to improve the plan in order to meet the revenue to ensure that the ASUC could meet its obligations. Pres. Nguyen's statement at the meeting, before the Chancellors and the Vice Chancellors, was the decisive statement that had them approve the Auxiliary's commercial plan.

Mr. Permaul said the terms of the letter of intent proposed to Panda included the following: investing between \$500,000 and \$750,000 in the restaurant; relocate CUBS Credit Union and STA Travel; agreed that fryer oil used in the kitchen would be trans-fat free, before the law was passed; agreed to provide vegetarian options on their Berkeley campus menu, which Panda didn't do anywhere else in the nation; use produce from local Northern California farms and growers; pays wages above prevailing local wages and offer benefits to part-time employees, which none of the Auxiliary's other small businesses do; agree to consider a marketing budget and Hass Business School interns; prepared to purchase "food based/recycle containers" for food, based on those used at Housing and Dining and to be a model for other ASUC food businesses; consider purchasing these containers in bulk so that Food Court vendors, who have yet to agree to sustainable food dispensers and utensils, would be able to afford them.

Panda would pay the ASUC a flat rent, and on top of that, will pay commissions to the ASUC as Follett does, on revenues as they exceed established milestones. Finally, and what was the most egregious of the misstatements that have been made in the Daily Cal, and Daily Clog, and other locations, Panda is and was a family-owned Asian food business that started from one restaurant and has grown to the most successful Asian food venue in the nation. Panda's business practices are only equaled in the ASUC by those of the ASUC's Bookstore vendor, Follett.

Mr. Permaul said the nonsense published in the Daily Cal editorial and in the Daily Clog blog needed to be unclogged.

Most importantly, the SOB is a mechanism established by the ASUC and the campus to manage the business affairs of the students in accord with the commercial services agreement and responsible business conduct. The Commercial Development Plan, with all due respect to the representative statement made, is a long-term business model. It was laid out to the Senate, to the Executives, and to the campus great Executive Campus Planning Committee. As for sustainability, it is one of the principles for the redevelopment of Lower Sproul that the entire complex will be green, including the relocation of Auxiliary businesses, putting them in a position to be successful, not only as businesses, but also as models of sustainability.

For those who attend and read the minutes to the SOB, all this information was available.

Mr. Permaul said he was asked to have the minutes from Auxiliary and September, and back to February, and they will have them up soon. He just hasn't had a chance to post them. But he will and will announce it to the Senate when he does that.

Mr. Permaul said he was asked about the ASUC and CLL student advising collaboration. The class will be October 8. He was sure student groups to please register and participate.

Regarding Tully's Coffee, the Auxiliary was continuing to work with the letter of intent. Sen. Shah asked if Tully's would sell its own brand of coffee on the campus. The Auxiliary has asked Tully's to sell its fair-trade brand of coffee with a Cal logo, as Tully's does at the University of Washington. "Oski's Blend," or "Bear Java," or whatever they call it, will be the ASUC's house blend and will be sold through Follett the Tully's to visitors and online. The Auxiliary has been told it will be a huge success, because Cal alumni love Cal products.

Regarding food permits, Mr. Permaul said he was asked about that by Ms. Flores. He was unable to find any additional information of food permits required by student groups, unless they were in conjunction with risk management for liability coverage made by the campus Risk Management Office. If people had an example of such a group requirement, if they could provide it to him, he'd be happy to track it down. He called for any questions.

Begin written report from ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul

October 8, 2008

ASUC Senate: Auxiliary Director
Store Operations Board Report

Written report from ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul (cont'd)

The next meeting of the Store Operations Board is on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers.

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:

The initial estimate for installation of update Trilogy locks that utilize electronic readers on each floor of Eshleman is approximately \$60,000. We have written to UCPD to see if there is an alternative approach that will achieve our ends of building security that comes at a lower cost, and/or alternative funding for campus security that we might be eligible to apply for. The ASUC and the Auxiliary have already spent \$40,000 in improvements related to safety including lighting in and around the Student Union, including new doors on Eshleman and the elevator card readers for access.

Time Frame for Repairing Cameras: I was asked for a time frame at the last meeting for repair of the cameras in Eshleman. UCPD has not provided that information to us yet, but is working on it.

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. We are waiting for a response.

Kaplan's Testing Service:

The location that Kaplan's has proposed is the same small alcove that we were considering for the restroom relocation for the Bear's Lair Pub. Since the campus has rejected that location for restrooms, the notion of taking it and making it into a small office could work with the right design. Therefore Tom Spivey and I will meet with the vendor and request a floor plan. We will also increase our request for rent, considerations for students taking Kaplan test prep courses, and a substantial investment in upgrading the site they wish to use. If they are agreeable, I will come back to you with details after I share them with the Store Operations Board.

Campus Link:

We have set up a meeting with Campus Link to review their options regarding leaving the ASUC.

Panda Express:

The amount of false information being spread about the Store Operations Board and the proposal to bring Panda Express and other new vendors to the ASUC needs to stop, so tonight, I'm going to put the facts into the Senate Record. Here they are:

Written report from ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul (cont'd)

1. In the spring of 2007, Panda Express visited the Berkeley campus and discussed with the ASUC Auxiliary the possibility of coming to the Berkeley campus. That proposal was referred to student government and the Store Operations Board, and in May of 2007, Panda came to the ASUC and met with student members of ASUC government and the Store Operations Board to demonstrate their food, ask what kind of stipulations students had for a business to come to the campus, and to answer any questions about Panda Express.
2. During the summer of 2007, Naia Gelateria expressed concern to the Auxiliary that they were having difficulty sustaining their business model, but wanted to remain on the campus. The Store Operations Board also wanted the small businesses at the ASUC to remain viable, and so in September of 2007 Naia proposed to the Board that it would look for a sublessee to join them in their space. The SOB rejected the concept of a sublessee, but would entertain Naia bringing another vendor to the ASUC that could help increase foot traffic to the site which is the proven method for increased business revenue.
3. Naia had worked with a major Bay Area retail specialist, Terranomics, and had reviewed 32 different businesses, large and small, local and national. The criteria for the partner they needed had to have the following characteristics:
 - Economic Strength and financial liquidity
 - Appeal [“we need a sublessee who will bring in sales dollars and foot traffic”]
 - Professionalism and Brand [“A sublessee with a recognized brand is preferred”]
 - Good employees’ working conditions
 - Good environmental health and sanitation
 - Good marketing [Naia Lounge requires an active marketing program]

In January of 2008, the concept approval for development of the Student Union commercial activities, emphasizing the need for the ASUC to generate new overall revenues at a minimum of 4% per year increases, and its pending crisis in funding its commitments to the campus, was obtained at the Executive Campus Planning Committee. At that meeting, President Van Nguyen spoke to the need to approve the plan in order to generate revenue to ensure that the ASUC could meet its obligations.

4. In spring of 2008, the SOB empowered the ASUC Auxiliary to move forward with the proposal for a Letter of Intent with Panda Express. In August of 2008, the terms for the LOI were approved by the Store Operations Board.
5. The terms of the LOI which were proposed to Panda include the following:
 - Investing between \$500,000 and \$700,000 in the restaurant development.
 - Relocate CUBS Credit Union and the now defunct STA Travel
 - Agreed that fryer oil used in the kitchen would be trans-fat free

Written report from ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul (cont'd)

- Agreed to provide vegetarian options on their Berkeley campus menu
- Use produce that is from local Northern California farms and growers
- Pays wages above the prevailing local wages, offers benefits to part-time employees, and hires students
- Agreed to consider a marketing budget and Hass Business School interns
- Prepared to purchase “food based/recycle containers” for food, and to be a model for other ASUC food businesses
- They would consider purchasing these containers in bulk so that the Food Court vendors, who have yet to agree to sustainable food dispensers and utensils, would be able to afford them.
- Panda will pay the ASUC a flat rent, and on top of that, will pay commissions to the ASUC as Follett does, on revenues as they exceed established milestones.
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The nonsense published in the Daily Cal Editorial and in the Daily Cal Clog, needs to be unclogged. Most importantly, the Store Operations Board is the mechanism established by the ASUC and the campus to manage the business affairs of the students in accord with the Commercial Services Agreement and responsible business conduct. For those who attend and/or read the minutes, that is what they are doing.

5. SOB Minutes and Membership:

I hope to have the minutes from August and September posted soon, along with the names of the members.

6. 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.

7. Tully's Coffee:

We are continuing to work with Tully's Coffee on their Letter of Intent. Senator Shah asked me last week if Tully's would see their own brand of coffee on the campus. We have asked them to sell their “fair trade” coffee with a Cal label on it, as they do at the University of Washington. That coffee, “Oski's Blend” or “Bear Java,” will be the ASUC's house blend and will be sold through Follett and Tully's to visitors and on-line.

8. Food Permits:

Written report from ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul (cont'd)

I have not found any information on additional food permits required by student groups unless they are in conjunction with a risk assessment for liability coverage made by the campus Risk Management Office. If anyone has an example of such a food permit requirement, if they could provide it to me, I will track it down.

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 ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul

Elected Official Announcements

Mr. Mairena said Sgt. Tucker mentioned an ASUC forum. It will be to discuss several issues that have been going on, and how the ASUC could facilitate that process and be a resource for students. It could be for any issues going on, such as with the Black Recruitment and Retention Center, or what happened with Black Wednesday. Last Wednesday people asked Sgt. Tucker about the UCPD harassment that happened. Any concerns could be brought up that students had that the ASUC could help in any way. This was being put on by the Office of the President, by the Directors of Student Services and of Diversity, Adrian Sanchez and Kaitlin Richardson. Mr. Mairena said he was also collaborating on this. It will happen on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the MCC, Heller Lounge.

With Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, Mr. Tran said Senators and interns working on the textbook adoption initiative were going out to faculty and department chairs to present the message of early adoption to them, in 5-10-minute meetings. They're finding that for some departments this has been well received, and department chairs were willing to spread that message to their department. Mr. Tran said they've also talked with the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning, Vice Provost Maslach, to e-mail and talk to department chairs. There were a lot of academic departments, and they only had about a week for the adoption deadline; so Senators could help. If they couldn't talk to all faculty, then students could at least talk to department chairs. The Academic Affairs VP's office made handouts, talking points to talk to faculty about. Students have been well received.

With Ms. Pasco chairing the meeting, Ms. Shah a really cool event was coming together campus, hosted by Students for Justice in Palestine, Law Students for Justice in Palestine, and others, "Israeli Apartheid and International Law." Speakers will be Norman Finkelstein, author of Beyond Chutzpah, and John Dugard, a reporter who's done work on apartheid in South Africa as well as Palestine/Israel. They're

going to talk about the International Court of Justice ruling in 2004 that says the building of the wall was illegal by international law and how Israel has continuously violated this ruling.

Mr. Nahabet said one goal of his was to get feedback from students through a polling system that would either be on BearFACTS or Tele-BEARS, so student opinion could be evaluated in its entirety. Even though current student surveys have incentives, such as iPods, they don't bring in a large response. The Student Systems Policy Committee is in charge of what goes on Tele-BEARS and BearFACTS. The SSPC is meeting on Thursday and Mr. Nahabet said he was on the agenda to present a proposal for a polling system on BearFACTS. This would be a way for the Senate to pose questions to the entire student body and get a response and provide for the student body's opinion as a whole. He would read his talking points and ask every Senator and Executive to for possibly a signature in support of the polling system.

Mr. Nahabet read the following:

Begin talking points for Mr. Nahabet's proposal for a student polling system

Student Systems Policy Committee

Polling System Proposal

- Who we are
 - The Associated Students of the University of California are the elected representatives of the UC Berkeley student body. As the collective voice of the students, we build student power through leadership development and through grassroots campaigns and coalitions. We fight to hold the University, City, State and nation accountable to student needs.
 - The ASUC is funded by a \$55 annual mandatory student fee and revenue from commercial activities.
 - Thus, the ASUC is responsible to every single student on campus.
- The Issue
 - As elected officials, the ASUC has the ability to make decisions that will alter or change student life on campus. Whereas, each Senator and Executive consults and seeks the opinion of their own constituencies, these opinions may not reflect the entire student body.
 - Currently there is no polling system or survey, which, students, overwhelmingly, respond to.
- The Solution: A campus-wide poll executed through Bearfacts

Talking points for Mr. Nahabet's proposal for a student polling system (cont'd)

- All registered students use BearFACTS for its many services. A poll question posed immediately after a student logs in to BearFACTS would provide valuable information giving the ASUC and the University insight into students' opinion in its entirety.
- The Outcome
 - ALL students will have an active say in the way the ASUC and possibly the University will decide to carry out certain tasks. They will see tangible results accomplished through the help of their own opinions. Additionally this will promote ASUC and student government transparency.

Logistics of the Polling System

- The polling system would be used once or twice a semester
- The ASUC Senate would approve of the question that will be stated upon log in to BearFACTS through a 2/3 vote.
- The polling system will only be used as a last resort when the ASUC Senate engage in a heated discussion or controversial bill or issue and have exhausted all other means of obtaining student body opinion

End talking points for a proposal for a student polling system

Logistics of the polling system he'll present were for the polling system to be used once or twice a semester; the ASUC Senate would approve of questions asked on BearFACTS through a two-thirds vote; and that the polling system would only be used as a last resort when the ASUC has exhausted all other means of obtaining the student body's opinion on questions. Also, it would be great if people could come out to the Committee meeting, from 10 a.m. to noon. Mr. Zuo said it will be held in the Registrar's Office. Mr. Nahabet said this was rushed in order to get on the agenda for the meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Owens said the Senate Meeting Length Work Group will meet sometime after the next Senate meeting. He would ask them to not have a 5 a.m. or 7 a.m. meeting that evening, and to keep it short. He'll keep the Senate informed. He thought they could find a lot of time to cut things, perhaps in announcements or Special Orders.

Mr. Mairena moved to go back to Reports from Representatives to the ASUC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Report from the Chancellor's Designee

Mr. Poullard said there's been a lot going on on the campus regarding controversy with civility. There was the Black Wednesday issue, issues between Jewish and Muslim and Palestinian students, between athletes, problems of harassment on campus, and issues of feeling safe on campus. He's gotten student leaders from Tikvah, the Muslim Student Association, Students for Justice In Palestine, the Palestine/Israeli Action Committee, and other interested leaders, as well as Senators, to meet with him next week for the first of what he'd consider to be ongoing conversations to get engaged in the "how" of what happens on the campus, and not the "what." He was hopeful and excited, and hopefully he'll be able to come back to the Senate about what conclusion the committee comes to.

Mr. Poullard said he would like to give some props to EVP Pasco and other student leaders who were at the first Student Advisory Board on Lower Sproul Redevelopment. They had a phenomenal meeting, thinking about envisioning Lower Sproul and how they could move the project forward. The Student Advisory Board will make sure the student voice was always a part of the conversation.

Mr. Poullard said there will be an ecocharette on November 7. They need at least 30 student leaders to help think about how to make Lower Sproul sustainable, green, and socially just, and how to use space to create community. It will be a program from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Student Advisory Board was helping to put this together.

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Yang said she wanted to thank Mr. Nahabet for his e-mail on polling and for being transparent. She wanted to commend the Senators who put on the ASUC Resource Conference on Tuesday. The purpose of the event was good, but she found one problem with it. She and other Senators were not aware that the conference was happening. As an ASUC Senator, she found that very problematic. She was approached by her boss to do a presentation at this event, but unfortunately, Ms. Yang said that because of the last-minute notice, she couldn't attend. When she was asked why she didn't inform her unit ahead of time, and why she didn't know about it, it was embarrassing.

Ms. Yang said she would also like to echo Sen. Flores' e-mail about making sure ASUC events like this were more transparent and more available to everyone. Ms. Yang said if she knew about it, she could have made a presentation on the resources that the CSL had to offer. Making sure the ASUC was a transparent space in whatever they do was a goal for all Senators.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY -- Presentation by Tom Devlin, Director, Career Center

Mr. Devlin introduced himself and said he was pleased to be there to share some perspective on the Career Center, which he considered to be one of the most crucial student services in today's world.

To give some of his background, Mr. Devlin said he's been there about 10 or 11 years. Before that he was Director of the career center at an Ivy League school for about 15 years. He came to Cal to rebuild

the Career Center there. The Career Center is regarded as one of the most comprehensive in the country. If there's a service at another career center, Berkeley probably provides that service.

They work with freshmen all the way through PhDs and recent alumni. They have about 40 staff. One unique thing about the Career Center was the challenge of raising one-third of its operating budget from external resources to provide services to students. They're located on Bancroft Way, about 100 feet from Shattuck Avenue, and like the ASUC, they're housed in a seismically poor building. So in an earthquake, they'd both go down together.

The Career Center provides four broad areas: career counseling, internships, graduate school, and employment. Their counselors are very customized and specialized. For example, each counselor has a liaison to different academic units. They have counselor teams geared, e.g., to the business-minded student, the health area, non-profits, the international and corporate worlds, and for L&S students, who have unique demands. They have a program, "Links to Success," and a team that deals with multiculturalism dealing with units on campus with unique and special teams. Another team deals with engineering, technical, and scientific students.

He would highlight just a couple of services they have. Their Web site is considered rich. Ten years ago they probably had half a million to a million hits a year. That past year they had 102 million hits. Students can schedule appointments for either 45" or 15". They're probably the only Career Center in the country or unit on the campus where a student can schedule an appointment right now on their computer and see a counselor tomorrow or the next day. They provide the classic service of posting jobs, internships, summer jobs, jobs on campus and off-campus. They have about 20 different career fairs in a variety of areas. They focus on graduate school. A lot of it deals with pre-law and pre-med advising. They also provide a wealth of internship opportunities, which was probably their biggest push as it seemed to be the highest need of the student body. In a survey they did, about 80% of the students put that as being highly valuable for their four years there. The Career Center also provides assessment testing for those still figuring out what to do in life or what they want to major in.

Mr. Devlin said the Career Center also does some unique things. They have an externship program every January. About 200 students spend an average of three days shadowing an alumni. They hope to increase that to 400. They've raised some funds so that Pell Grant students would not have financial obstacles in terms of travel or lodging.

He asked for a show of hands of people who have been to the Career Center. Most had. It's changed if they haven't been there lately. About a year ago they remodeled things, and the public area there was probably better than any facility on campus, other than a new building, although that may not be a high bar to exceed.

The Career Center has something called "Career Mail," they could sign up for. About 10,000 people signed up in the first month of school. They have 22,000 subscriptions. If they keep that up, the Career Center will probably send out over 100,000 e-mails to students who request specific career information on a monthly basis.

Mr. Devlin said the Center has a student-advising group that was kind of unique. It's met three times since last spring. Every person who works there, whether they're Work Study, an assistant, or a peer advisor, is on the student advisory group. When they meet, people are responsible to bring someone,

typically a friend who doesn't know much about the Career Center, and they have a focus group. The next subject coming up will deal with internships. They just had one on the Web site.

One thing that was very unique was to allow students to find out what other students in different majors were doing, based on studies for the past eight years. The Center knows every student who has graduated in the past eight years and people could find out what has happened to people who studied in a particular area. The thinking was that if people get educated at Berkeley, they're capable of doing many things, and one's academic major didn't have to dictate what one ends up doing.

Out of 6,000-plus graduates each year at the baccalaureate level, and about 20-25% go to graduate and professional school, not 60-70% as most people believe; about two-thirds go right into the work force; and about 10% go into a variety of things, such as military service, taking a year off, volunteering for a year. These numbers were the pretty stable.

Mr. Devlin said he works there because it's a passion. He thought this was at the heart of the institution, beyond what happened in the classroom: helping people launch their careers, and get clarification. The Career Center had a couple of philosophies. One was to provide first-class customer service, not just good customer service. They also want to use technology to provide people with easy access to information and services 24/7. They're probably one of the finest technological career centers in the country. The more personal service they could provide, the better. The third philosophy was collaboration with academic departments on campus.

In terms of challenges they have, they have three. One was to constantly try and determine what students need and what they want, and trying to change so that could be addressed. That also includes other constituents they deal with, such as employers and graduate students. The second challenge was to raise \$1 million a year to provide these services to students. That took a lot of time and effort, and that was very atypical of career centers. The campus does not support them for everything. And finally, they're a distance away from campus. Every survey and focus group they've done, and every campus they've looked at across the country, points to this. The Career Center was farther away from the central campus than any other career center. Their challenge was to get as close to campus as possible so they become a convenient opportunity to people and a destination. That was his mission there. He thought they've convinced the campus about that, but didn't have enough political leverage to move forward.

Mr. Devlin said that was a brief overview, and he was open to compliments, criticisms, and questions.

Mr. Nahabet asked in what ways the Senate could assist in any form to get a satellite office, for instance. Mr. Devlin said he's probably spoken to the Senate five out of the last six years. In some of those years, the ASUC would raise the issue of the inconvenience of the Career Center's location. There are many needs and what students want accessibility to. The Career Center was a type of place that wasn't hot, or controversial. But he would suggest that Senators bring this to the table, whether it's in conversations with people in California Hall or committees. He's learned that people listen to the student voice.

Mr. Nahabet asked about the offer from the Auxiliary for the Career Center to have a satellite on Sproul. Mr. Devlin said it was attractive to the Career Center to possibly have a satellite office here. But it was unattractive in that even though they're a student-sponsored organization, they'd have to pay rent. They'd have to take that money from other student services. Third, students come in with a broad range of expectations, so they'd almost have to create a mini-career center at a satellite office. Fourth, they didn't think the location was highly visible.

Mr. Owens asked about the Career Center's involvement with alumni, and if they contribute. Mr. Devlin said they've had good discussions with the Cal Alumni Association. The Career Center was good at helping recent graduates. The focus of their counselors was on that first job, and maybe the second job, or maybe a decision to go to grad school, or professional school. So the Career Center kind of defined its help with being within five years out. And at the same time, they're student funded with revenue. Part of the revenue was that they give alumni all of the Career Center's services, the most generous plan probably in the country, for a major University, for \$100. That would then help fund the Career Center. About 3,000 people take part in that. Rather than saying "No" to the alumni, they tell them they can't get this anywhere else for such a fee. For a while, they had grace periods of three months and six months, but they couldn't afford it. They'd lose income and they'd cut service. He would add that the Career Center has eliminated almost every fee they had for students. The only fee they have now is for the letter service, and that hasn't changed since 1999. Students' Reg Fees should support the Center and its activities.

Mr. Devlin asked about the perception on campus of the Career Center, and the one thing they liked or didn't like. Senators gave impressions. Mr. Devlin noted that the Career Center averaged about 50 students a day, and UCLA averages 3-400 students a day. It was out of sight, out of mind.

Mr. Devlin said he appreciated the Senate listening to him and he'd be very happy to come back. If they think there are areas the Career Center needed to improve, they should let him know.

Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Sen. Zuo for proposing the Special Order. This was a part of their Advocacy Agenda, short- and long-term academic resources. She hoped Senators on that Committee took away tangible things the Senate could work on that year.

Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Mr. Devlin for attending. (Applause)

Ms. Chen moved to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nahabet 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. Tran and Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to extend the recess by three minutes was made and was submitted by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Tran moved to go back to Representative to the ASUC Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

Report from the Graduate Assembly Representative

Mr. Daal said he had a sheet with more coffee times with him, and would circulate the schedule. If people wanted to have a brief coffee with him, this was their invitation. Secondly, the Lower Sproul Student Council meeting, its second, is scheduled for Monday, October 13, at 6 p.m. at the GA. Lastly,

he wanted to thank Sens. T. Tran and Yang and others for putting together a bill in support of graduate student funding. It dealt with State funding for GSIs and GSRs. He appreciated that. He believed the bill will be up for consideration next week.

Standing Committee Reports

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Ms. Dhar said SB 39A was approved. Fee waivers were approved for the Sustainability Team, the JSU, Cal Community Music, APL, AVP office, Reach, and Renter's Legal Assistance. The Web master's appointed was approved with a stipend of \$1,000. SB 56 was passed; SB 63A was passed; SB 64 was passed; SB 65 was passed; SB 55 was passed; SB 59 was tabled; SB 62 was tabled; SB 64A was passed; 61 was passed; SB 66A AOP, was amended and passed; 67B was passed; SB 68A was passed; SB 69 was passed; SB 57 failed. All Senators were present except for Finance Officer Chaney and Pres. Winston.

1:00:10

31A was killed; 19 was tabled; 46 was tabled; 51B passed; 39A passed; 56 passed; 63A passed.

Begin written report from the Finance Committee

Fall 2008 Session – week 6
Monday, October 6, 2008
9:00 pm, Senate Chambers, Eshleman Hall

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

- I. ROLL CALL
 - a. All present but Finance Officer Chaney and Pres Winston
 - b. Meeting called to order at 9:20pm
- II. Approval of the Minutes from September 29, 2008
- III. Approval of the Agenda for October 6, 2008
 - a. Added SB 56 and 63 to New Business
- IV. Committee Business
- V. Old Business
 - a. SB #31A - A Bill in Support of the Rotaract Club
 - i. Bill Killed

 Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- b. SB #19 - A Bill in Support of Bear Minimum
 - i. tabled
- c. SB #46 - A Bill in Support of Global Medical Brigades @ Berkeley's Social Responsibility Forum
 - i. Tabled until next week
- d. SB #51B - A Bill in Support of the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum (as amended)
 - i. Amended to add whereas clause to change name to Undergraduate Philosophy Forum not Cal Philosophy Forum
 - ii. Amended \$391 allocated
 - iii. PASSED
- e. SB #39A - A Bill in Support of Black Women's Appreciation (As amended)
 - i. \$700 allocated
 - ii. PASSED

VI. New Business

- a. Waivers
 - i. Sustainability Team
 - 1. Food reimbursement (retroactive) - \$41.38, \$39.72
 - 2. PASSED
 - ii. JSU
 - 1. Flight from Oakland to LA and back - \$300
 - 2. PASSED
 - iii. Cal Community Music
 - 1. Food (retroactive) - \$50
 - 2. PASSED
 - iv. AAPL
 - 1. Facility use - \$1,325
 - 2. PASSED
 - v. AAVP Office
 - 1. Food - \$63.71
 - a. PASSED
 - 2. Food - \$30
 - a. PASSED
 - vi. REACH!
 - 1. Facility - \$700
 - 2. PASSED
 - vii. Renter's legal assistance
 - 1. Food - \$100
 - a. PASSED

b. Appointments

 Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

- i. Webmaster - PASSED with stipend of \$1000
- c. Bills
 - i. SB 56 - A Bill in Support of Wilberforce Abolition project
 - 1. PASSED
 - ii. SB 63A - A Bill in Support of Hermanas Unidas, Inc (As Amended)
 - 1. PASSED
 - iii. SB 64 - A Bill in Support of the Cal Pre-Vet Club
 - 1. PASSED
 - iv. SB 65 - A Bill in Support of Cal Japan Club
 - 1. PASSED
 - v. SB 55 - A Bill in Support of UCBD Beginner's Competition
 - 1. TABLED - members left because it was late
 - vi. SB 59 - A Bill in Support of the Student Human Resource Association
 - 1. Tabled till next week
 - vii. SB 62 - A Bill in Support of Asia Pacific Commerce Association
 - 1. Tabled till next week
 - viii. SB 54A - A Bill in Support of Gutenberg Magazine
 - 1. Amended to allocate \$650
 - 2. PASSED
 - ix. SB 61 - A Bill in Support of Berkeley's Got Talent (FSBC)
 - 1. Tabled till next week
 - x. SB 66B - A Bill in Support of Alpha Omicron Pi's 3rd Annual Strike a Move Presents AOPI's Best Dance Crew Philanthropy Event (as amended)
 - 1. Amended: \$698 allocated
 - 2. Amended: Moghtader added as cosponsor
 - 3. PASSED
 - xi. SB 67B - A Bill In Support of Gamma Phi Beta's Seventh Annual Mr. Gamma Phi Philanthropy Event
 - 1. Amended: \$750 allocated
 - 2. Amended: Senators John Moghtader, Sheila Chen added as cosponsors
 - 3. PASSED
 - xii. SB 68A - A Bill in Support of the Pilipino Association for Health Careers (PAHC) (as amended)
 - 1. Amended: \$700
 - 2. PASSED
 - xiii. SB 69A - A Bill in Support of the 7th Annual Queer Pin@y Conference (as amended)
 - 1. Amended: new budget through email

Written report from the Finance Committee (cont'd)

2. Amended: \$700
3. PASSED

- xiv. SB 57 - A Bill in Opposition to Bring Panda Express to the UC Berkeley Campus
 1. FAILS: 4-3

- VII. Adjournment
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. All present except Pres Winston and Finance Officer Chaney
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 5:26am

End written report from the Finance Committee

Reporting for the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee, Mr. Nahabet said they had full attendance for the first time, meaning the Attorney General and the Solicitor General were present, as were all Senators. SB 57 passed as amended; SB 60 passed.

Begin written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

Con Review Minutes, October 6, 2008

Meeting Began at 9:11pm
Opening Roll Call: All members present

Minutes from meeting #5 approved

Agenda for meeting #6 Approved

Senator Oatfield defined Greenwashing as the act of trying to create an environmentally friendly image when really their sustainability initiatives are not that ecologically responsible. She pointed out that some Senators and the Store Operations Board that have demonstrated greenwashing in her opinion.

Senator Mairena: pointed out that the Senate has received many issues about this issue and to take into account the students when voting on the bill.

Senator Oatfield: added that over 300 students had signed the petition as of the night before, and by the time of this meeting it was probably many more based on the rate that students have been signing the petition.

An informal discussion about why this bill was brought to this committee was had, followed by more informal discussion of the bill and Senator Oatfield addressing many questions about the environmental sustainability concerns raised in the bill.

Written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee (cont'd)

Senator Shah motioned to amend the first two resolved clauses to be whereas clauses
Amendment passed

SB 57 Called to question with Roll call:

Mairena: aye
Nahabet: nay
Oatfield: aye
Owens: nay
Shah: aye
Smelko: nay
Tran: nay

It failed 4 to 3

SB 60 passed

AG report: suggests to amend Disability Access Fund bill to state a monetary amount based on what student groups need or whatever is required to accommodate events. Committee decided to discuss the matter off the floor before bringing back to committee.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed, then Senator Nahabet stalled final roll call for a few minutes to allow Senators Smelko and Owens to come back to the room

Meeting adjourned at 10:27pm

Final roll: Mairena, Shah, Oatfield, Tu Tran, Nahabet, AG Sinanian, SG Hollihan, Owens, Smelko.

End written report from the Constitutional and Procedural Review Committee

Reporting for the University and External Affairs Committee, Ms. Yang said that since Ms. Hussain wasn't present, as Vice Chair she'd make the report. SB 58 passed; SB 60 passed. Sen. Ude was absent.

Reporting for Advocacy Committee #1, Ms. Shah said they weren't able to formally meet that week due to midterms and prior mandatory obligations.

Reporting for Advocacy Committee #2, Ms. Cho said they met on October 6 and all members were present. They heard an update from Mr. Tran, who talked about ASUC study hours. Ms. Cho said that she and Sen. Zuo talked about Tele-BEARS improvements. She and Sen. Zuo talked about a new student

organization focusing on better language courses and labor equity on campus. Sen. Flores met with Vice Chancellor Basri to talk about language courses and endowment. They'll have an update in a few weeks. As for projects, they decided to work on having more study rooms, better online systems, Webcasting, expanding lecture notes, and labor equity and security of employment. They decided that certain Senators will focus on certain projects. Study rooms will be Ms. Tran and Ms. Chen; Mr. Zuo and Ms. Chen will focus on Tele-BEARS and online polls; Mr. Smelko and Mr. Owens will focus on student services such as lecture notes; and Ms. Cho said that she and Ms. Flores will work on labor equity and security of employment.

Reporting for Advocacy Committee #3, Ms. Raffi said they met at 8 o'clock on Monday and changed their meeting space to the EAVP's office because June Jordan was double-booked. Next week they'll convene with suggestions for who to fill the two posts of expert on finances and environmental issues to best address their Advocacy Agenda. They also want to invite the six student members of the SOB to serve on the Committee. All members were present except for Ms. Oatfield, and Ms. Dhar.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go to Elected Official Announcements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection.

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Mr. Nahabet said he would like to say something in response to Sen. Yang's Elected Official Announcement on the Resource Conference. There was definitely some miscommunication with Millicent Morris-Chaney. He agreed the Senate should find a way to improve communication. He would not yield time to questions.

Mr. Mairena said he sent an e-mail on Sunday regarding committees. Since they need to advertise every position in the ASUC, instead of having separate ads and e-mails, they decided at the Services Board Director meeting that it would be best to compile a list. If people were the charge of or chaired any specific search committees, they should let him know so he could include them as a contact person for every one of the available positions in the ASUC. He'll send out an e-mail for people to approve and make an ad for the Daily Cal with all the positions available and with contact information for each committee. Also, if temporary committees haven't met yet, he would ask them to please do so because the majority of positions were time sensitive.

Ms. Oatfield said her Panda Express bill failed in committee, but a lot of students felt that their voices and concerns have not yet been heard through a lot of official channels. A lot of them have taken time to speak about it. When she moved to reconsider the bill and they speak, she would ask Senators to treat them with respect.

Mr. Nahabet asked if people who were going to speak were present at the informational session that was held on Panda. Ms. Oatfield said many were, but not all could make it.

Ms. Raffi moved to return to Elected Official Announcements. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Ms. Raffi said she wanted to introduce two very special guests that evening, her little sisters, who she was embarrassing, Jodie and Liza. They're in high school, and Ms. Raffi said she was really excited to have them there that evening. She was glad this was an exciting night with a lot of people there. If people wanted to talk to them, they should feel free to do so.

Ms. Chen said she's been trying to become more knowledgeable about other holidays and things going on so she wanted to wish everyone a good Yom Kippor.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go to Immediate Consideration. Ms. Pasco said that was out of order since they first had to approve the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Oatfield moved to reconsider SB 57A. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena.

Ms. Pasco said that dead bills could be reconsidered by a majority vote of the Senate.

Mr. Nahabet requested a roll-call vote. The request was seconded by Mr. Tran.

Roll call was taken on the motion to reconsider SB 57, which was failed in committee, In Opposition to Plans to Bring Panda Express to the UC Berkeley Campus:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

WITH THE ROLLS CLOSED, THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER SB 57A PASSED 10-8-0, RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PLANS TO BRING PANDA EXPRESS TO THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following bills and waivers were up for consideration under the Consent Calendar:

SBs 51B; 39, as amended; 56; 63, as amended; 64; 65; 55; 54, as amended; 66B; 67B; 68, as amended; 69, as amended; 60; and 58. Fee waivers included: Sustainability Team: Food reimbursement (retroactive) - \$41.38, \$39.72; JSU: Flight from Oakland to LA and back - \$300; Cal Community Music: Food (retroactive) - \$50; AAPL: Facility use - \$1,325; AAVP Office: Food - \$63.71; Food - \$30; REACH! Facility - \$700; Renter's legal assistance: Food - \$100.

The following bills were removed from the Consent Calendar: SBs 39, as amended; 58; and 68, as amended.

The following bills remained under the Consent Calendar:

SBs 51B; 54, as amended; 55; 56; 60; 63, as amended; 64; 65; 66B; 67B; 69, as amended.

Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion for a two-minute recess. It was so moved and seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, a motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made and seconded by Ms. Oatfield and Ms. Tran.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: SB 51B; SB 54, AS AMENDED; SB 55; SB 56; SB 59; SB 60; SB 63, AS AMENDED; SB 64; SB 65; SB 66B; SB 67B; AND SB 69, AS AMENDED.

THE FOLLOWING FEE WAIVERS WERE APPROVED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

Sustainability Team: Food reimbursement (retroactive) - \$41.38, \$39.72

JSU: Flight from Oakland to LA and back - \$300

Cal Community Music: Food (retroactive) - \$50

AAPL: Facility use - \$1,325

AAVP Office: Food - \$63.71; Food - \$30

REACH! Facility - \$700

Renter's legal assistance: Food - \$100

The following Resolution, SB 51B, as amended in committee, was authored by Rebecca Millsap, Devin Rusky, and Gabe Weiner, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Moghtader:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY FORUM

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum's mission is to encourage community, philosophical inquiry, and academic excellence; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PHILOSOPHY FORUM (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum fosters a lively and active community of Berkeley undergraduates brought together by a common interest in philosophy; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum encourages a campus-wide interest in philosophical inquiry; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum organizes workshops on editing philosophical writing and applying to graduate school;

WHEREAS, hundreds of undergraduate students are majoring in philosophy and many more enroll in philosophy courses; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum last received funding from the ASUC in the 2006-2007 budget and was listed as a second-year group; and

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum has been continually active on campus for many years; and

WHEREAS, the budget this year for the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum goes as follows: Total, \$616;

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

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$391 to the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum from the Senate Contingency Fund.

The following Resolution, SB 54, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Matt Senate, Laura Fettig and Ms. Dhar, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Moghtader and Ms. Oatfield:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GUTENBERG MAGAZINE

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 Gutenberg was founded in April, 2008 and is CLL-sponsored; and

WHEREAS, the Gutenberg is “dedicated to reviving the printed word,” and the founders make it their mission to challenge and inspire print culture as defined since the time of Johannes Gutenberg himself, the inventor of the modern printing press; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GUTENBERG MAGAZINE (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the magazine's primary goal is to encourage the freedom to print; and

WHEREAS, the Gutenberg has about 25 members, all of whom run the magazine by themselves. They are responsible for recruiting writers and illustrators, designing layout, and printing, folding, stapling, and distributing the paper themselves at the Bay Area Alternative Press; and

WHEREAS, the magazine is distributed on campus for free and prints no advertisements; and

WHEREAS, currently, due to the lack of any funds, Gutenberg staff members volunteer approximately 25 hours of their time each in order to design, edit, print, publish, and distribute the magazine; and

WHEREAS, the working budget of the Gutenberg is as follows: Total, \$4,265;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Gutenberg Magazine as a first-year ASUC Publication (PUB).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$650 (six hundred and fifty dollars) from the Senate Contingency fund to sponsor the Gutenberg Magazine.

The following Resolution, SB 55, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Jennifer Yang Ms. Dhar and was co-sponsored by Mr. Smelko and Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UCBD BEGINNER'S COMPETITION

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley Ballroom Dancers is a 4th-year Student Activity Group (SAG) with a spring budget allocation of \$400; and

WHEREAS, UCBD's next event is the Berkeley Beginners' Competition, a student-organized event which will be held in Hearst gym on the UC Berkeley campus on October 18th, 2008 and will be open to beginner and intermediate level amateur ballroom dancers from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, this competition is geared towards introducing the team's newcomers, and their friends and families, to the world of competitive ballroom dancing in a smaller and more familiar environment; and

WHEREAS, it is also open to outside competitors and spectators and runs in the same format as other larger competitions as it will be adjudicated by professional local judges; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UCBD BEGINNER'S COMPETITION (cont'd)

WHEREAS, UCBD wishes to be as accessible as possible to those students from less privileged backgrounds, and will thus be offering free registration on a need-basis; and

WHEREAS, the event is aimed to stir interest in and share the benefits of ballroom dancing with many others across the campus community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the event is as follows: Total, \$1,060;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$205 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the UCBD Beginner's competition.

The following Resolution, SB 56, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Judge Hensley and Ms. Cho:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WILBERFORCE ABOLITION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Wilberforce Abolition Project is a group of students at UC Berkeley who have pledged to fight modern day slavery and human trafficking through raising awareness of the problem on our campus and within our community, and through fundraising for international organizations dedicated to freeing slaves and ending the sale of human beings throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, through the Freedom Store, Wilberforce fundraises and donates all profits toward helping fund International Justice Mission, an organization which links lawyers and law enforcement officials to local officials who plan and conduct raids aimed at freeing slaves, thus contributing to the freedom of many slaves worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Wilberforce Abolition Project cooperates with Residence Hall staffmembers to educate UC Berkeley students, using presentations that focus on topics of human trafficking, sex slavery, and forced bondage, thereby raising awareness to an often overlooked issue; and

WHEREAS, in order to further increase awareness on its issues, the Wilberforce Abolition Project plans to create educational pamphlets presenting fair trade businesses so that students may be aware of the social impacts their consumerist habits have on a wider scale; and

WHEREAS, it is concerned with and advocates the establishment of a more socially responsible campus by also informing school officials and staffmembers who are accountable for University business operations; and

WHEREAS, it is currently self-sustained and has been expanding in the past year with the funding it received as a winner of the Curricular Innovation section of Bears Breaking Boundaries

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE WILBERFORCE ABOLITION PROJECT (cont'd)

Contest of 2007 for the Modern Slavery Course, a Democratic Education course (DE-Cal) which has been actively and openly educating UC Berkeley students and is currently in its third consecutive semester of teaching; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by Campus Life and Leadership as a student group on campus as of the Fall 2007 Semester;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the Wilberforce Abolition Project as a first-year Student-Initiated Service Group (SISG).

The following Resolution, SB 60, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Kaushik Iyer and Mr. Zuo:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, international students add diversity to, and enhance the student experience at, UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the attraction of successful, academically strong international students is critical to strengthening UC Berkeley's reputation abroad; and

WHEREAS, the presence of international students does not adversely impact UC Berkeley's role as a public University servicing the people of California; and

WHEREAS, the campus Administration already recognizes and provides academic credit for some international educational systems (A-levels, International Baccalaureate, et. al.); and

WHEREAS, the educational systems of many countries are comparable to the American system in academic rigor, particularly in mathematics and the sciences; and

WHEREAS, students unable to take AP examinations in their countries find themselves repeating material they have already covered, adding to already overcrowded introductory courses and leading to superfluous usage of time for these students; and

WHEREAS, other comparable universities in the United States recognize a wider range of educational systems; and

WHEREAS, international admission officers are already familiar with world educational systems,

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS (cont'd)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC affirms its support for the international student community here at UC Berkeley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC affirms that the attraction of even stronger international applicants to UC Berkeley is desirable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC recommends that in the short term, more information be provided to international students about ways to petition for course credit.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC recommends that more educational systems be evaluated and recognized for course credit by the campus Administration.

The following Resolution, SB 63, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Cindy Jaramillo and Irene Padilla and was co-sponsored by Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Mairena:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HERMANAS UNIDAS, INC. (HaU)

WHEREAS, in the Spring Semester of 1994, five inspiring young women: Zuleyka Heredia, Ricki Robles, Amelia Schustz, Erica Solorzano and Bernadette Vargas came together to establish one of the first Chicana/Latina groups at the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, these five women recognized the limited amount of support and resources for Chicana/Latinas on the University campus and they resolved to fill the void. These visionary women established the foundation of what has evolved into a recognized organization; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas combines academics, community service and social activities. They unite and support Chicana/Latinas in their quest for higher education, while emphasizing hermanidad; and

WHEREAS, "Poder de la Mujer" is what all hermanas strive to embody, both as individual women and as an organization. The motto also symbolizes the strength and will of each and every hermana in their quest for higher education, the empowerment of their families and communities, as well as equality in education, the workplace and the rest of society; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas, Incorporated is currently recognized as a 3rd year Student Activity Group on campus; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas wishes to be recognized as a Student Initiative Service Group (SISG) because of our devoted hands-on commitment to our community and the empowerment of women; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HERMANAS UNIDAS, INC. (HaU) (cont'd)

WHEREAS, in an academic year Hermanas Unidas will mentor and provide school activities for nearby low-funded elementary school, such as LeConte Elementary School, at no cost to the schools; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas hosts a yearly Christmas Party for foster homes to share with them the joy of the holiday spirit by providing small gifts, a Santa Claus, and many activities; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas once a semester makes lunches for day laborers, with valuable information regarding workers' rights and compensation; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas is continually looking for new opportunities to help our community and network with alumni and community organization; and

WHEREAS, according to the Hermanas Unidas motto of "Poder de la Mujer" we also empower our community by hosting various workshops dealing with a range topics from car maintenance to résumés, graduate school applications, and health awareness etc.; and

WHEREAS, Hermanas Unidas not only wishes to improve current issues in our community, but also through education of our members and community, hopes to guarantee a more prosperous future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Hermanas Unidas, Incorporated be recognized as a 3rd year Student-Initiative Service Group (SISG) for its great devotion and hands-on commitment to the community.

The following Resolution, SB 64, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Tiffany Chui and Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT THE CAL PRE-VET CLUB

WHEREAS, the Cal Pre-Vet Club (CPVC) is the sole student organization dedicated to providing informational networking, hands-on experience, and support for aspiring veterinary students at the University of California, Berkeley. It has existed in its current form for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, CPVC became an active student organization with 40 members, of which 20 are active; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT THE CAL PRE-VET CLUB (cont'd)

WHEREAS, CPVC hosts a variety of events including eight site visits to zoos and universities per semester to allow members to gain first-hand experience and veterinary school consultation. In the near future the group is coordinating with other health-related student groups to hold discussion dinners and health career panels; and

WHEREAS, the budget for CPVC, as of September 28, 2008, is as follows: Estimated Total, \$175.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall recognize Cal Pre-Vet Club as a 1st year Student Activity Group (SAG).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that \$150 (one hundred fifty USD) shall be allocated from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund to Cal Pre-Vet Club.

The following Resolution, SB 65, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Tomoya Saito and Mr. Tran:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CAL JAPAN CLUB

WHEREAS, since 1991, the Cal Japan Club (CJC) has been a major benefactor of the Japanese community at the University of California, continuing to faithfully devote its efforts to promoting Japanese cultural awareness, solidarity, and business opportunities for Cal students; and

WHEREAS, CJC coordinates numerous social events, of which several cater to new students while effectively connecting Cal students to business, professional, and academic opportunities in Japan; and

WHEREAS, the CJC's membership pool includes undergraduates, graduates, faculty, staff, and community members, which total to 211; the organization does not charge membership dues; and

WHEREAS, CJC plans to increase cooperation and collaboration with other student groups such as Nikkei Student Union and coalitions such as the Asian Pacific American Coalition; and

WHEREAS, CJC's budget, as of September 28, 2008, is as follows: Estimated total, \$250.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall recognize Cal Japan Club as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that \$150 (one hundred fifty USD) shall be allocated from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund to Cal Japan Club.

The following Resolution, SB 66, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Misty Ahmadi, Ms. Tran, Ms. Smelko, and Ms. Chen, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Moghtader:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT ALPHA OMICRON PI'S 3rd ANNUAL STRIKE A MOVE PRESENTS
AOΠ'S BEST DANCE CREW PHILANTHROPY EVENT

WHEREAS, Alpha Omicron Pi's Sorority is recognized by the College Panhellenic Association and UC Berkeley's Panhellenic Council, boasting over one hundred years of dedication to community service; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Omicron Pi focuses on raising awareness and funding for its national philanthropy initiative: the Arthritis Foundation (the preeminent and only national organization seeking a comprehensive approach to arthritis); and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Strike a Move Presents AOΠ's Best Dance Crew will be held on October 16, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the International House; as the first philanthropy event of the Greek community for the year, it will feature a dance-off competition involving the Greek community, student groups, and the greater Cal campus community. Alpha Omicron Pi intends to not only proactively involve the Greek community in the planning but also the dance performing organizations as well; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Omicron Pi has consistently increased its philanthropy revenue by 35% since this event's inception. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Arthritis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the budget for the event, as of September 27, 2008, is as follows: Total Expenses, \$2,235.00; Total Revenue, \$1,255.00; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Omicron Pi has sought multiple ways (advertising mainly by e-mail and social networks, aggressively seeking in-kind donations, mobilizing the entire sorority to lend assistance for petty expenses) to reduce its operating and overhead costs for the event in order to maximize proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Alpha Omicron Pi's 3rd Annual Strike a Move Presents AOΠ's Best Dance Crew philanthropy event be considered an ASUC-sponsored event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$698 (six hundred and ninety-eight USD) from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Alpha Omicron Pi for the 3rd Annual Strike a Move Presents AOΠ's Best Dance Crew Philanthropy Event.

The following Resolution, SB 67, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Monica Niblack and Ms. Oatfield, and was co-sponsored by Mr. Moghtader and Ms. Chen:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GAMMA PHI BETA'S SEVENTH ANNUAL MR. GAMMA PHI PHILANTHROPY EVENT

WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is in good standing with the College Panhellenic Association; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority provides growth and leadership opportunities for young women and promotes academic excellence while serving the community; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy is a crucial component of the four pillars through which the Greek Community aims to promote friendship, scholarship, leadership and most importantly, service; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Beta hopes to hold their seventh annual philanthropy event, the Mr. Gamma Phi talent competition on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. in Dwinelle Hall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gamma Phi brings together contestants from a wide variety of student groups, which in past years have included the Asian American Association, Clark Kerr Resident Assistants, Chemistry professors, and IFC fraternities; and

WHEREAS, last year about 500 guests attended Mr. Gamma Phi; and

WHEREAS, last year, over \$4,000 was raised at this event, all of which was donated to Camp Fire USA; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA is one of the nation's leading youth development organizations that hosts after-school camping programs that fosters youth leadership and self-reliance through teambuilding activities and community service projects; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Camp Fire USA is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Phi Beta is committed to learning and leadership and has been supporting Camp Fire USA each year by providing grants to children who otherwise would not be able to attend camp; and

WHEREAS, the budget for this year's Mr. Gamma Phi Competition is: Total, \$1,000.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$750 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) from the Greek Philanthropy Fund to Gamma Phi Beta for its Mr. Gamma Phi Talent Competition.

The following Resolution, SB 69, as amended in committee, was approved under the Consent Calendar and was authored by Rodkyle Paras, Alvin David, and Jenab-i Pareja, and was co-sponsored by Ms. Flores, Mr. Sakaue, and Mr. Mairena:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 7th ANNUAL QUEER PIN@Y CONFERENCE:
"ILLUMINATING THE QUEER DIASPORA"

WHEREAS, the Queer Pin@y Conference, hereto forth known as QPC, is a one-day conference for a projected audience of 400 attendees, to be held in Pauley Ballroom (which is the only on-campus venue that is able to accommodate the needs of this Conference) on November 1st, 2008; and

WHEREAS, QPC is a collaborative event between the Pilipino American Alliance, an ASUC-sponsored Student Activity Group, and the Pilipino Academic Student Services, an ASUC-sponsored Student-Initiated Service Group, that aims to invoke the interests of a wider Pilipino and/or queer community; and

WHEREAS, QPC will utilize workshops, activities, networking, volunteering, a queer arts gallery and a pageant as instruments to engage current political climates, such as the upcoming election and Prop 8; and

WHEREAS, QPC strives to empower and educate participants, planners, and volunteers on Pilipino/queer issues and identities, because such a publicly interactive space to engage these intersections rarely exists; and

WHEREAS, since its inception as an annual UC Systemwide Conference in 1999, it is once again returning to UC Berkeley since its last endorsement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, QPC intends to host a widely ranged audience of not only students, but also community members and professionals of various ages to continue its growth and richness, while further promoting inclusion of CSUs, junior colleges, and high schools; and

WHEREAS, QPC looks forward to the participation of all groups, not just members of the Pilipino community; and

WHEREAS, QPC is a premier opportunity to gather minds and critically articulate diverse perspectives through workshop environments, such that its workshops (at least 30 overall) aim to educate and address historic queer theory as well as contemporary nuanced issues; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to produce an amazing conference proposes an attached budget; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Queer Pin@y Conference as an ASUC-Sponsored Event.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$700 (seven hundred dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Queer Pin@y Conference 2008.

APPOINTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Report from the Finance Officer

Mr. Chaney said he's been working over the summer. An idea that came up last year was to try and migrate the spring budget process online in order to streamline the process and make it a little more efficient and easier for people to use. Mr. Chaney said he was totally in favor of that, as long as paper trails were still kept. He and a Senator from last year have been talking with the IT department to get this up and running. And over the summer they built a beta to get the kinks worked out. A beta should be out, probably for Fi-Comm to test, and then for everybody to test out, sometime in the next couple of weeks, hopefully. To have this fully implemented by the spring budget process would be really cool.

Mr. Chaney said that one feature of having more of the budget process online is that it would track a group's years of standing. This was a really big problem, and some bills that have come before the Senate that year said the last year's budget years of standing for some groups was wrong. Mr. Chaney said people argued a lot last year over what particular groups' years were. Groups themselves don't necessarily keep best track of how long they've been a club. There were also rules in the Constitution that deal with groups' years. So the budget program would track that and track the history of how a group has been funded every year. It will provide more insight into the budget process and hopefully make it more efficient. He'd keep the Senate abreast on this.

Mr. Chaney said the Senate Contingency Fund started out with \$22,280.45 and as of the last meeting, for which he had the minutes, the Contingency Fund currently had \$12,666.45. Mr. Chaney said the Senate was about double the amount that was spent last year at this time. But there have also been almost double the amount of bills. So it kind of evened out. The Senate was basically spending the same amount of money per bill.

Mr. Chaney said that last year he spent a lot of time preaching fiscal conservatism to the Senate and trying to make sure the Senate had money to last for the whole year. A lot of that went above people's heads. So he would ask Senators to be conscious of the amount of money that was left and to understand the Senate had to keep operating. It was nice to offer people money at the beginning of the year, but that could cause a crunch at the end of the year, when funds get tight.

For the Greek Philanthropy Fund, he didn't think a bill has been passed from this Fund, that year. So all the money was still in the Greek Opportunity Fund.

Mr. Mairena asked if he had any records from around this time of the year as to how much the Greek Opportunity Fund was last year. Mr. Chaney said he could e-mail that information out.

Ms. Flores asked about the carryforward fund. Ms. Pasco she would answer that during her report.

Mr. Chaney said that the only thing he could caution was that once they get the funds, they really needed to decide what to do with it. One of the major problems they had last year was that the Senate didn't decide what to do with carryforward until way into the year, and it caused a lot of problems with funding, especially with the Contingency Fund.

The Senate should also take a certain amount of money and set it aside for a rainy day, so that in case they get to the end of the year and there were no funds left. They should leave \$5-10,000 in case something came up that they didn't predict.

Ms. Flores moved to go to Executive Officer reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said it felt really good to see people who look like her in this space. The Senate has already passed a lot of bills, and next week they'll start at SB 85. She appreciated Senators submitting bills, but she would ask them to be mindful of the pace they're on. It was really fast. They were only in the seventh week. She would ask them to think about following through with bills they've already passed. A lot of them were in support of financial bills, but there were a lot of things people referred to in bills, whether it was asking an Officer to write a letter or do a certain task.

Business cards were in the final, formatting stages and will be sent to the printer soon. For interns, Ms. Pasco said she would ask Senators to please contact them. She's been getting e-mails and phone calls from interns who have not been contacted by their Senator or Exec or Director. She would also ask people to please make that first, initial connection with their intern. It was important to show them that they can develop themselves as leaders through the ASUC. They'll hopefully have an intern meeting facilitated by the Vice Chair Vir-Banks.

Regarding office hours, people should make sure they do their office hours. She's received e-mails from students who have been seeking out people. Office hours were posted on the Web site, and people weren't always there. If a student went to a scheduled office hour and a Senator wasn't there, it looked really bad on the ASUC's part in terms of accountability.

Regarding the Lower Sproul ecocharette, it will be on Friday, November 7, from 8:00 to 2:00. This is when folks knowledgeable about sustainability will speak to students about what they could do in terms of environmental sustainability and social justice. The meeting will be limited to 20 or so students. It's being organized by officers and Dean Poullard. If people were interested in attending, they should let her know.

Regarding the Berkeley Student Foundation, members on the Board include Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Yang, Mr. Mairena, Mr. Zuo, Ms. Rodriguez, and Ms. Raffi. There will be a meeting next Wednesday, from 6:00 to 7:00. It will be in the Senate Chamber and Mr. Himmelstein will be coming from Tahoe, where he lives. So people should make sure they attend. There were a lot of things they need to talk about.

Regarding the Advocacy Agenda Standing Committee, Ms. Pasco said they'll convene soon. It includes herself, the President, and chairs of Advocacy Agenda committees.

Ms. Pasco said she would like to go around the room and do a quick check-in on how they thought communication was going so far from the beginning of the meeting, with 10 being the highest. Numbers Senators gave included 6.5, 7, 3, 6, 4, 5, 5, 7, 5, 3, 4, 3, 3, 4, 5. Ms. Pasco said she'll probably do this every other week. She thought it was important to consistently evaluate where communication levels were in the room.

Regarding space allocations, preliminary appeals were due on Friday at 5:00 to herself and Mr. Nahabet, Chair of Con-Review. Regarding the internship DE-Cal, they've talked with Mika, from CLL, about ways to collaborate next semester and get the internship program off the ground. Also, directors in the office were working on the student leadership conference, tentatively scheduled for November 15. They'll ask different leaders from different communities and organizations on the campus to come together and talk about issues they're facing and ways to support each other and build coalitions.

For personal matters, Ms. Pasco said that in one of her classes she's doing research on gender and sexuality and how it's reflected and translated within the prison system. She was specifically doing research on transgenders within the prison system and the issues that community faced. If people knew anyone who has done work within the prison system or with transgenders in those terms, she would ask them to please let her know. She was asking because there was no research on that community and it was really hard to find sources for her paper.

As for carryforward amount, which Senators were dying to know, she read the following letter:

Begin letter from Ms. Stager, Financial Services Manager

TO: Roxanne Winston, ASUC President; Krystle Pasco, ASUC Executive Vice President;
Nathaniel Chaney, ASUC Finance Officer

FR: Marilyn Stager, Financial Services Manager

RE: Fiscal Year-end 6/30/08 Carryforward Balance

The ledgers have been closed out for fiscal year 07/08 and the carryforward balance has been calculated. Because the audits for 06/07 and 07/08 have not been completed, I am reserving funds to offset any audit adjustments that might affect the final carryforward amount. As soon as the final financials and audit adjustments are received, the available balance remaining will be released to you.

The preliminary carryforward at 7/1/08 is \$397,316.50. I am withholding \$97,000 and releasing \$300,316.50 for your immediate use. Please remember that the carryforward is the sum of unspent funds carried forward from many years and is only funded when the revenues received for the year exceed the expenses and reserves set aside for that same year. A prudent use of carryforward funds will insure that funds will be available in subsequent years.

CC: Nadesan Permaul, Executive Director, Janice Crowder, Manager, Office of Student Affairs

End letter from Ms. Stager, Financial Services Manager

Ms. Pasco said she hoped the Senate strived to be fiscally responsible in the allocations it made.

Report from the External Affairs Vice President

Ms. Jirachaikitti yielded time to Meghan Ballard, the Lobby Corps Director. Ms. Ballard said they had a lobby visit last Monday at McNerney's office, and emphasized student veteran issues, since that was his platform and was one of the USSA's Action Agenda items. Other Action Agenda items of the USSA include the federal DREAM Act, which creates passive citizenship for undocumented students; strengthening equal opportunity groups like bridges and the BRRC; free community colleges, although this wasn't so much a California issue since they had very low prices for community colleges. The fourth was student-veteran issues, allowing students called up for active duty in the middle of a semester to finish up that semester before serving. That was something the USSA was exploring that year.

Ms. Ballard said Lobby Corps now has a new extern, a first-year who was very involved and will give updates throughout the year. Also, the office was continuing to have Lobby Corps meetings. They'll talk next week about State legislation and representatives and UCSA Action Agenda items. They meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 in 54 Barrows.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she had the "Youth Voter Guide," where Coalition partners, such as the USSA and other groups working on the youth vote. They wrote ten questions about higher education and sent them to the McCain and Obama campaigns, and the pamphlet had the responses. She also had copies of the "Easy Voter Guide" put out by the Secretary of State. It was pretty vague, so people should still do research. She also had voter registration cards for anybody there who wasn't registered.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said last week she went to the monthly UCSA Board meeting at UC Santa Cruz. It was a good, intense discussion. They discussed campaigns for the year and ended up with a compromise. The issue will be UC affordability and work on undergraduate student fees in light of the budget crisis that year in California and the nation. They'll also work on graduate student research.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said the External Affairs office has 23 interns meeting with staff. Lily Lin, in the office, created a Web site, EAVP.asuc.org. Also, last Thursday there was a big AC Transit voter bus on Bancroft, and they got 60 voter reg cards from it. They also got cards from the My Morning Jacket concert that happened. Last Thursday they got 426 cards from just tabling in one day, which was amazing. They're also working on "The Great Debate" on Thursday night with the Undergrad Political Science Association, Cal Dems, BCR, and the Berkeley Political Review. She wanted to thank Sen. Dhar for help with this. In addition, Vote Coalition meetings were happening every week, Thursday at 5:00 in the Senate lounge.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said she got posters for "The Ultimate College Bowl." They're having a contest, and the campus that registers the most voters nationally will get a free Death Cab for Cutie concert and \$10,000 scholarships for the six top people who register the most voters.

The Ultimate College Bowl Web site shows UC Berkeley in 2nd place for voter registration, behind UC Santa Barbara. At UCSA meetings people give her shit because Berkeley is "the ASUC," while others were ASUC-SB, e.g., or ASUC-SD. And Cal was the original ASUC. Santa Barbara has 4,650 and Berkeley has 3,318. But for more up-to-date numbers, for that week alone they got 311 cards on Monday, 344 on Tuesday, and 394 cards on Wednesday. So they're stepping it up. As of Tuesday afternoon, Santa Barbara had 4,900 and as of that day, Berkeley had 5,140 registered voters, and counting.

(Applause) There are only eight more business days to table. They'll be at sorority meetings and a whole bunch of other events, including being in the Bear's Lair. It was important, especially this year, to make sure all young people vote. She wanted to thank Senators for their help, and would ask them to step it up, as they only had a couple of more days left. Ms. Jirachaikitti said that on Friday they'll film a voter registration commercial video with Cal TV. People need to register every time they move. With no objection, speaking time was extended.

Ms. Jirachaikitti said the Students of Color Conference was coming up in November. If people were interested in attending they should e-mail Brian Pacheco. Also, there will be an All Office Day for the UCSA on Friday, and she'll be in Oakland all day on Friday.

Ms. Yang said the EAVP was amazing.

Report from the Academic Affairs Vice President

Mr. De la Cruz said they just had an All-Staff Meeting. These meetings will be held once a month. They have around 30 interns. Their first ice cream social will be held next Thursday in the Senate lounge. In terms of programs, Directors of Research, which was a DE-Cal, were trying to find out a wide range of research going on in many fields. If people knew of interesting researchers or research going on, they should let him know.

They just held a grant workshop, and about 35-40 individuals attended, from many student groups. AOF, ICF, and PSF have already met with Senators on the grant committees. Groups have received allocations. The office was also using new and innovative ways to publicize grants, using posters, fliers, and informing advisors in departments. They're also approaching Financial Aid, Cal Corps, and other places where students seek information and support for their activities.

Mr. De la Cruz said the Senate allocated \$3,500 for the Public Service Grant to support outreach and community service off-campus. The cap for grants from this source is \$750. They think there will be around ten applicants that year and they already have two or three. Given that, and the new amount of carryforward, he'll submit a new bill for more funding for the Public Service Grant and the Multicultural Fund next week. The MCF only has \$850, as a result of ASUC rules stating that they could only allocate 60% of funds in the Fall Semester. Directors will meet next Monday to discuss the amount available in the EEF for DE-Cals and whether or not it will be sufficient for the anticipated requests.

Mr. De la Cruz said there's already been discussion about accurate information being disseminated to the campus community with regard to Panda Express. At the Resource Conference Fair there was a section about that. He wanted to thank Senators for being active in telling people about grants. But they should talk to people in the office. Unfortunately, none of them were contacted and there was misinformation in the grants packet.

Regarding policy, they're working with the EAVP office on academic rights, as part of "Get To Know Your Rights Week." It was important to know how academic policy has changed over the years. One

example was involuntary psychiatric withdrawal policy of UCOP. Administrators were trying to push a policy that would allow the University to withdraw students from the University, involuntarily, because of quote "behavioral" issues. Students would not have the opportunity to appeal. And students don't really have a voice in this policy.

The Policy Department in the office was thinking of setting up a mentorship program similar to the Undergraduate-Graduate Mentorship Program. It's a great way for grads and undergrads to get together and create a larger campus community. They hope to mimic relationships seen in smaller departments and groups on campus. It was a large campus and their efforts were to make students feel more at home and comfortable. Also, Mr. De la Cruz said he talked with Avis Hinkson, Director of Undergraduate Advising for L&S. They discussed topics such as the early drop deadline, the academic calendar, and student support on academic issues. They hope to partner with L&S and provide workshops during Spring Welcome Week.

Mr. De la Cruz said he had a lot of meetings next week with administrators, including the Vice Chancellor of Equity and Inclusion; CAPRA, to talk about textbook adoption; and the Advisory Council for Undergraduate Education, to talk about safety and free speech. He'll also talk with Vice Chancellor Harry LeGrande to talk about the academic calendar and textbook adoption. If people would like him to bring up specific issues, they should let him know.

Mr. Tran said the Web site states that the EF Grant was up to \$100. If that was changed, he asked why there was no notice. Mr. De la Cruz said that was incorrect information. There's no Web master to change it. Speaking time was extended. Mr. De la Cruz said the amount was actually up to \$200. Mr. Tran said he handed out applications at the Resource Fair and the incorrect amount was on the application as well. Mr. De la Cruz said that will be changed.

Mr. Mairena moved to go back to Representative to the ASUC Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Report from the ASUC SUPERB Representative

Mr. Huynh said the most recent event took place on Monday, with the Shag Deers. They also had a pre-screening of "Synecdoche, New York, a Charlie Kaufman film. The screenwriter was there for a Q&A session. That evening they showed a sneak preview of "Body of Lies," with Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe. On Friday they're showing "Wall-E." Voter registration will be done at the event. They'll have a noon show on Friday and on Monday "Straylight Run" in the Bear's Lair at one of their first big concerts. There will also be a Guitar Hero tournament a Best Buy-sponsored video game challenge on Lower Sproul. Artists coming will include "The Coup," "Immortal Technique," and possibly TRS1. Films coming up include "Tropic Thunder," "Pineapple Express," and "The Dark Night." SUPERB has a big semester and he was extremely excited.

Mr. Mairena moved to go to IC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and failed by hand-vote 9-7-0.

Ms. Shah moved to go to Guest Announcements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zuo and passed with no objection.

Guest Announcements (cont'd)

Melissa Smith introduced herself and said she represented Students for Sustainable Development and she was there to talk about Panda Express. Having Panda on campus flied in the face of a project that multiple student groups were interested in, "The Real Food Challenge." They're working to get 20% of food on campus to come from ecologically sound, humane, fair and community-based sources. A sustainable food system was incredibly important. Nineteen percent of petroleum used in the US goes into food production and transportation. Over the next 50 years, it's predicted that farm production in the Midwest will decrease by 30% and that agricultural production in the South will increase by 50%. That was very unsustainable and was a result of monoculture practices in agriculture.

Panda Express is a large purchaser of food and buys food from monoculture industrial farms. Panda says it would buy some food from Northern California, but that didn't mean it would be local and sustainable. Ten percent of US agricultural production happens in California. Panda could still purchase food in Northern California from big, huge tracts of land that keep losing topsoil and wasting tons of water.

Ms. Smith said she was concerned the Panda Express was giving them empty promises about this that wouldn't necessarily lead to sustainable practices. If Panda was on campus, she wanted to see figures of how much food they buy, where it came from, and what the practices of the farms were. Speaking time was extended.

Ms. Smith said that people have raised the argument that small businesses in Lower Sproul weren't sustainable. The Real Food Challenge was trying to get non-Cal Dining vendors on campus to join the Challenge. If Panda is on campus, these vendors might ask why they should even try. She called for any questions.

Ms. Pasco said the next speaker was Anya Kamenskaya. Ms. Kamenskaya said she was in a group that promotes active participation in the food system through films, lectures, and workshops. The US is an exporter of grain, including soybeans and corn, industries that are heavily subsidized by the government. These crops are grown on hundreds of thousands of acres that use large amounts of fertilizer and pesticides, which run off into water sources and the ocean. The kill life in the soil and in streams and affect farm workers, who can have high rates of cancer. Heavy machinery is used to plant and harvest crops, which contribute to global warming. And the crops are genetically modified because of a need to maximize production and accustom the crops.

Ms. Kamenskaya said that Panda Express uses vegetable oil that's genetically modified. Allowing Panda on campus would mean exposing students to a product that wasn't necessarily proven to be safe. As a campus that prided itself on being sustainable, she didn't think supporting companies that use products with known adverse environmental effects was in their best interests.

Ms. Raffi asked how many restaurants in the Telegraph area, and grocery stores buy food from monoculture fields that use heavy machinery. Ms. Kamenskaya said she would guess the majority of them do. Most places do. It was a huge issue in the country and subsidies play a large part.

Ms. Raffi asked if it was fair to exclude some vendors when the majority of people in the room ate and bought food from restaurants and stores that buy from monoculture fields that use heavy machinery. Speaking time was extended. Ms. Kamenskaya said that was a fair question. But as students who were interested in changing the way food was produced, this was a great stance to take. They have a choice to have different food brought to them to make them healthier.

Mr. Zuo said he would commend the speaker's noble goals. He would ask how she would address the concerns of students who weren't as concerned about the environment and wanted cheap, hasty food. Buying food at a store or restaurant was more expensive than buying in bulk and cooking. People could make lunch at home. Mr. Zuo asked about students who preferred to have first food. Ms. Kamenskaya said she didn't have anything negative to say to those people.

Mr. Zuo said that given the difficulties of businesses in Lower Sproul their inability to stay solvent, he asked how possible it was to get them to switch to buying from local farms. Ms. Kamenskaya said she hasn't approached them, so she didn't know. Cal Dining has been willing to incorporate more sustainably grown food, and if they could do it, small businesses could make similar alliances with farmers and food organizations. Speaking time was extended.

Ms. Cho said that Panda Express has agreed to follow University sustainability policy, and having a large family business do that would be an example for other vendors to follow. Ms. Kamenskaya said she wasn't sure which sustainability policies Panda agreed to other than sourcing food from California. Ms. Cho asked if she would be willing to work with Panda Express to have them follow campus policy. Ms. Kamenskaya said she would be. But the chain has large distribution centers that delivered to individual restaurants. She didn't know if it would be possible to have Panda on campus source its food differently. Speaking time was extended.

Ms. Pasco said the next guest announcement was from Ellen Young, from Jericho! Ms. Young said she wanted to thank the Senate for the funding it gave the group. With that, Jericho will do a workshop on Sunday, October 19. A speaker said they're having shows at 8:00 on Friday, at 145 Dwinelle and on Saturday at 10 Evans. It cost \$3. It will be tons of fun and people could see what Jericho was all about.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Mr. Mairena moved to go to Immediate Consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

Ms. Oatfield moved to go to SB 57A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection.

The following Resolution, SB 57, as amended in committee, as amended by substitution by the author, was authored by Ms. Oatfield and was co-sponsored by Ms. Shah and Ms. Winston:

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PLANS TO BRING PANDA EXPRESS TO THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS

WHEREAS, high quality food produced in an environmentally sustainable manner as well as creative menus are well-known, honored characteristics of the culture of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Panda Express is a large fast food chain with several hundred locations operating throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Environmental Sustainability, Section 1 of the ASUC Constitution reads “The ASUC shall conserve and protect natural resources by adopting environmental sustainability as a policy.” ; and

WHEREAS, Panda Express fries many of its entrées in non-organic soybean oil, which very likely contains GMO (genetically modified organisms). The effects of GMOs on human health and the environment have not been adequately researched but have so far raised significant concerns in the scientific community; and

WHEREAS, Panda Express does not have any sort of reliable track record in terms of using local and organic ingredients in their food; and

WHEREAS, many UC Berkeley students feel uncomfortable having a large fast food chain on their campus for various cultural, political, environmental and health reasons; and

WHEREAS, there are already several locations within a short walking distance from Lower Sproul that provide fast Chinese food meals; and

WHEREAS, Panda Express is not an environmentally sustainable business; and

WHEREAS, Panda Express would not be welcome to our campus by many environmentally and culturally concerned students;

THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC express its opposition to any plans to have a Panda Express on the UC Berkeley campus and work with the Store Operations Board to find alternative food vendors that are both environmentally and financially sustainable for Lower Sproul.

Ms. Raffi moved to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dhar and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, recess was extended by three minutes. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, recess was extended by three minutes.

Back in session, Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of SB 57A.

Ms. Oatfield said she e-mailed out the amended version of the bill. The amendments included the removal of a clause about packaging because she believed Panda could address the issue of disposable packaging and use biodegradable packaging.

Ms. Oatfield said that despite what she heard at the SOB information session that afternoon, she still opposed Panda. She wanted more than vague sustainability promises for people who couldn't even explain what they meant by sustainability standards. She wanted a reliable track record and a company she could trust to feed her fellow students. That's why she wouldn't completely object to Tully's Coffee coming on to campus, because while she tended to dislike large chains on campus, she wasn't narrow minded and realized not all chains were 100% bad all the time. Tully's has demonstrated progress in terms of organics and fair-trade. With Kaplan, she felt that was enough commercialization of the Student Union. She asked if the ASUC was so greedy for money that they had to bring in a greasy, fast food chain to the campus. She wasn't impressed by the fact that Panda was quote "family owned." McDonald's was once a family-owned business, and now egregiously abuses its workers and the global environment. She wanted to bring businesses to campus that were community oriented and upheld strong values, a business that was totally aware of global public health and environmental issues and would try and do something about that rather than profit off of America's addiction to fast, cheap, and unhealthy food.

Ms. Oatfield said the current restaurants in Lower Sproul need help in terms of finances and sustainability standards. She was brainstorming with members of the ASUC Sustainability Team about how to help those restaurants become more environmentally friendly. She was putting so much energy into the Panda issue because it was easier to set sustainability standards before a business came in rather than changing infrastructure after it already came in. Prevention was more successful than cures in fighting an illness. Panda would offer vegetarian options and biodegradable packaging in order to be able to "check-off" sustainability. But other food service providers have thought about sustainability in every step of the way.

Ms. Oatfield said desire for money was a powerful source in their society, and it was tempting to accept an offer from a fast food chain willing to invest half a million dollars in ASUC property and which promised to produce additional revenue. But she would beseech the Senate to not to sell out their moral, social, and political values for monetary profit. Speaking time was extended.

Ms. Oatfield said that when the SOB came to them and did an informal poll, only five Senators said they were excited about Panda. Many people have expressed support for her position for environmental sustainability. The student body looks to them for leadership and the Senate should set a positive example. Compromising their moral values for a fast food chain was not setting a positive example.

There were very few fast-food chains in Berkeley compared to other places because the surrounding community demanded higher quality food. She asked why the University should be an exception.

Ms. Oatfield said she believed there was a happy middle ground. It might take more negotiating and searching. A restaurant on Shattuck, Amanda's opened up a couple of months ago. It was inexpensive and offers fresh and organic ingredients. It had nutritional information on the back of its menu, which was very transparent. Ms. Oatfield said she had a conversation with Amanda, the owner, and asked if she was interesting in expanding to campus; and she was very interested. Ms. Oatfield said she passed along her contact information to Mr. Permaul.

Mr. Nahabet asked if she mentioned that a restaurant moving in would have to pay \$500,000 to renovate the space. Ms. Oatfield said she did, and Amanda said that was a very reasonable amount, an amount she'd expect to open any new restaurant. It didn't surprise her very much at all.

Ms. Rodriguez yielded time to Alex Cole-Weiss. Ms. Cole Weiss said the Panda Express info session had less than 24-hours notice, which was problematic. But it was a great session. Money was a huge issue for the ASUC and the Auxiliary. Panda has agreed to some things, but didn't have a track record. And it was difficult to negotiate these things without any background. If the ASUC chose to support companies that draw upon monoculture for the majority of their food, with maybe a little organic and local food, they'd be supporting a huge system that abuses a huge population, particularly immigrants, who work to support that monoculture. It was problematic to be at an institution where money that was so important to so many progressive groups and projects caused environmental, labor, or health issues to not be considered. People should think what this meant as a precedent for the campus, and she'd ask people to not be deluded by the greed. They can look for alternatives. They had to do something about this about right now, and work to address the world food crisis. People shouldn't believe the myth about "cheap food."

Mr. Zuo said that as someone who grew up eating home-cooked Chinese food, he was not a personal fan of Panda cuisine. But when it came to allowing a restaurant on campus, he did not believe his personal beliefs should come into play. Panda Express and other Chinese food-chain restaurants were highly successful at colleges and universities. People on campus were all adults. It wasn't the Senate's role to govern what people ate, and to impose their personal ideas about the environment upon others. The decision of what to eat should be made by the individual, not the ASUC. He believed in letting students have the option of eating where they want and in letting the market decide. If students want to eat at Panda, it will succeed.

Mr. Zuo said he would ask people to consider both sides of the argument before forming an opinion. Restaurants in the Bear's Lair were losing the ASUC thousands of dollars in potential revenue every year because of the low revenue they generate. That was money that could be used to fund student groups people in the room belong to. The Senate was forced to cut budgets because it was living on limited resources. They could fund groups a lot more money if they were to increase their revenue. He would ask student groups to tell their Senators what groups' values were, and that they wanted the ASUC to provide them with resources they need.

Mr. Zuo said the ASUC went bankrupt in 1998, which led to a drastic loss for the student body. The ASUC lost control of its Bookstore and a lot of its operations. They could not let that happen again. He'd do what he could to protect the students from that. It was the students' responsibility to hold Senators responsible and it was Senators' responsibility to ensure that they acted in the interests of their student groups. The ASUC has looked at ways to increase revenue without having to shut down small mom-and-pops, such as Healthy Heavenly Foods and other restaurants in the Bear's Lair. With revenue from Panda, the ASUC could continue to subsidize small restaurants in the Bear's Lair and help to support student organizations.

Mr. Zuo said it was about finding the right balance between big and small. There were no big chain restaurants in Berkeley. He wasn't saying whether that was good or bad, but thought the Senate should be open to a diversity of big and small.

Mr. Zuo said that Ms. Oatfield brought up the possibility of Amanda's coming to Berkeley, but just because a company was interested in coming there didn't mean it would happen. People have been talking to Panda for two years, and students have been working hard on that. He understood there's a sentiment of antipathy whenever they hear of a big business like Panda coming to campus, but big didn't necessarily equate to bad. With large companies, there's a certain degree of accountability. Panda has agreed to offer healthy food options. Panda is aware of the ASUC's commitment to greening the campus and was eager to work with them in achieving those goals. In the Bear's Lair there's a preponderance of plastic. But the reason no one has made a fuss about that was simply because the restaurants were small. None of them were organic. He believed they should be scrutinized more closely. He supported the environment and thought the campus could lobby Panda to have better environmental practices. People have been trying to talk to the small businesses for years about better practices, and so far they haven't listened. He thought they could get Panda to follow environmental practices far easier than small businesses.

Mr. Zuo said people might be worried about mom-and-pop restaurants going out of business because of Panda, but he thought that argument was fallacious. Small restaurants and a chain like Panda were fundamentally different and cater to different students and to different student tastes. He thought there was room for both on campus. A lot of students, as evidenced by other schools, would rather eat at a restaurant like Panda as compared to small restaurants. He would ask if the Senate was discriminating against those students by not permitting a single chain to come to Berkeley. He opposed Panda from a culinary perspective, but supported its arrival based on a practical, financial, and ideological perspective. He called for any questions.

Ms. Oatfield asked what he thought it meant to be "environmentally sustainable." Mr. Zuo said for restaurants, it should be the use recyclable packaging and locally grown produce. Ms. Oatfield asked what businesses have been successful in the same spot were Panda would be. Mr. Zuo said there was an arcade there in the past. Naia didn't do well there. The SOB, after long hours of deliberation, decided on Panda.

Mr. Sakaue yielded time to Mickie Davis. Ms. Davis said one reason she came to Berkeley was its reputation with the food movement. She's been involved in The Local and have seen first hand how many people were in support of going back to a more sustainable food system. A lot of her friends came to Berkeley because the Dining Commons was so much better than at any other UC, or any other college. So a lot of peoples were in favor of not having Panda there. The ASUC was supposed to represent the students and what students want. So it was upsetting that Panda Express had the potential to be there when it wasn't really wanted by a huge population, and wasn't different from what was already available on Telegraph. She yielded time to Reneé.

Reneé said there were definitely two sides. When he was in high school in Colorado, if someone had asked him if there was a Panda Express on the UC Berkeley campus, he definitely wouldn't have said "no." And the same applied to Austin, Texas, or Olympia, Washington, communities that were known for the things they value, as opposed to landmarks, for instance. He would ask the Senate to think about what set Berkeley apart and made it unique, and why students choose to attend there. He certainly didn't come there for cheap and tasty food. And he didn't think cheap and tasty and organic and sustainable were mutually exclusive. He yielded time.

On a point of order, Ms. Raffi said that under Robert's Rules, they had pro-con speakers for the reason of facilitating debate. She would ask people to keep that in mind.

Mr. Nahabet said speakers mentioned Berkeley's unique character, and he would ask them to think about who defined Berkeley's character. It was the students who live there. If they chose to eat at Panda, that would be a part of Berkeley's character. As to why they're in a possible deficit, the Auxiliary had two vacant positions, and that money was being rolled over to the Senate. Those positions are filled. The ASUC rents out space at a lower value in order keep local businesses there. The ASUC was helping those businesses. Almost everybody was there with a student group. Panda would help the ASUC to allocate more money to student groups. Groups would get more money if Panda came and increased revenues. In a time of State budget crisis and global economic recession, on a micro, macro, or campus level, they were not at a point to consider "alternative" sources. This was the time for Panda.

Ms. Shah said the ASUC was there not to impose ideas on the student body, but to reflect them. Senators were reflecting various student organizations. To address health and environmental concerns was not about inviting in a non-sustainable business and trying to change its practices, but to bring in already sustainable businesses to campus. She couldn't believe that after two years they've come to the conclusion that Panda was the best and the only option, especially when Ms. Oatfield went down to Shattuck and found a restaurant owner with a sustainable business who was interested in coming to campus. Senators shouldn't be tainted by a desperation for business, which is what was being displayed in the room.

Ms. Raffi said she was an environmentalist and believed environmentalism should work hand-in-hand with business. Supporting environmental sustainability was an expensive luxury. It's not as cheap as monoculture food. Countries in poor economic situations didn't have the luxury to attend to environmental issues. Also, it wasn't fair to dismiss the efforts Panda has made. There was talk about having vegetarian dishes and sustainable products. That wasn't enough, but when Panda first got here, those were the issues; and Panda has addressed those needs. So Panda was responding. People chose their dietary lives and didn't give them the right to say they didn't want other types of food there. As for Amanda, anybody could say anything, and more research had to be done. The Auxiliary has done so much research into this. Mr. Permaul has said that a lot of sustainable or small businesses have turned down coming to the campus because they look at the businesses there and don't want to be like that, because people don't eat there. Panda was willing to do this. Supporting small businesses was a big issue. People at the information session that day said they didn't want to lose the small businesses that Berkeley has. But those small businesses were being lost. They're going bankrupt. Panda would bring the necessary foot traffic to enhance business that students care about.

Ms. Raffi said it hurt to hear that businesses were being brought to campus because of greed. It wasn't about greed, and nobody was putting money in their pockets. This was money for everybody in the room. This was how the world worked. She thought that argument was unfair to students people say they represent.

Ms. Raffi said that none of them actually knew what the students want. But they could see what students want by looking at restaurants on Telegraph. Subway Sandwiches and Chipotle are big businesses and have lines out the door. That's because they're what students want. Some students might not want Panda, but she would ask them to ask them if that was what the majority of students want. Panda went from being a small, family-owned business to one of the largest because people want it; and those were people in their age demographic. The Senate needed to address what the students want, not what they as individuals wanted. She called for any questions.

Ms. Oatfield said that after the information session that afternoon, she and other students walked around the area with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. She asked about the point of bringing foot traffic to the area because there's a concrete wall that blocks the view of most of the small businesses. They all agreed that even with a lot of foot traffic, people wouldn't be able to see the small businesses.

Ms. Raffi said Panda would enhance the success of the small businesses because even if they don't like Panda, they'd search for other options. Lower Sproul was an option people overlook. With Panda, if a student hated Panda but their friends ate there, the student would have to look for other options. If there was such strong opposition to Panda, that would bring students to the other small businesses. She just did a case study on malls, so they were on her mind. Malls were successful when they have anchor tenants that bring in people to shop at the other stores. This was the same idea.

Ms. Shah moved to go to SB 39A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed with no objection.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go back to SB 57A. The motion was seconded by Ms. Raffi and failed by hand-vote 8-0-1.

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

Back in session, Ms. Raffi moved to reconsider SB 57A. Ms. Pasco said they were in consideration of SB 57A, In Opposition to Plans to Bring Panda Express to the UC Berkeley Campus.

Ms. Rodriguez said they shouldn't mislead groups on campus by telling them their funding would be cut at some point. Groups didn't know that commercial revenue first goes to cover expenses of the ASUC Auxiliary, and after that goes back to student groups. She yielded time to Adam White.

Mr. White said arguments for moving Panda in seemed to be that students were hungry and poor. He helped with the student food co-operative on Sproul Plaza on Wednesdays and that was a good way to address those problems. Food there costs half what it costs at a grocery store, and it was organic and from small farms. He noted that "panda" was a rat. Last December the SOB had seven out of 11 voting members present and voted to consider the lease for Panda with only four members. So it seemed this should be opened back up, so they could find something more creative. Maybe the commercial space could be used for something besides making revenue. When they find themselves willing to do anything to make money, like with a "Panda plague," they need to step back and think about other ways to fund student groups. He was concerned about Berkeley's reputation going into the future. If the school sold off pieces of itself to British Petroleum or McDonald's, they'd have to worry about the future.

Ms. Raffi said that it was brought up that money first goes to the Auxiliary and then to the ASUC. The Auxiliary was meeting its budget and residuals come to the ASUC. So any money they make at this point on goes directly to the ASUC and student groups. In the past, student leaders were irresponsible and got the ASUC into a lot of trouble. There were a lot of misconceptions about the Auxiliary. People should talk to Mr. Permaul about that, a very intelligent and well-lived man.

Mr. Mairena said that by passing the bill, they wouldn't say Panda wouldn't come to the campus, but that they want the SOB to find alternatives. If there was nothing else to come in, then they'd have a different

discussion. The final Resolved Clause states that the ASUC would work with the SOB to find alternatives.

Mr. Nahabet said that Ms. Oatfield said Amanda would be willing to pay \$500,000 to move into the spot in question. But to say that was disrespectful to the Auxiliary and the SOB who, for two years, has negotiated with Panda. For people who were passionate about this, the Board met once a month, and meetings were open. This wasn't something that happened overnight, and involved two years of input. Additionally, it was mentioned that a vote on Panda occurred at a Board meeting with seven members present. That may have been one meeting, but these meetings had been going on for two years.

Ms. Yang yielded time to Xander Lance. Mr. Lance said he would like to thank people for showing patience and for letting him have a voice. Meetings of the Board were under-publicized and inaccessible. If he had known about this a year ago, he would have made a fuss about it at that time. The Senate was like the Admissions Office, deciding if Panda lived up to Berkeley's "grades" and whether it would contribute to a positive community. He thought Panda would do neither. Naia failed in business, but was a success in other ways, in that he's heard poetry there, a band, and community speakers. He wouldn't hear that at a restaurant. It was a lounge, not Panda Express. An international company with 1,000 stores wouldn't do things the way the Cheese Board does things. When people buy from Panda, they wouldn't buy from other restaurants; so he didn't think it being here would support other restaurants.

Mr. Lance said he didn't feel Panda had any commitment and didn't trust them. Panda said it doesn't put MSG in its food, but actually, according to its Web site, Panda doesn't add MSG at its restaurants. He asked what they thought that meant. His budget for food increased that year over \$1 a day because of the global food crisis, caused, in part, by unsustainable food practices by people such as at Panda. He would trust students to find a far better option much more than he'd trust Panda. He lived and breathed autonomy, and that didn't apply to being on their knees to large, unsustainable companies. He asked if they'd bring a Wal-Mart to students. Panda couldn't be part of a strong community because that wasn't part of its philosophy. He would urge the Senate to protect the ASUC's autonomy financially and politically. (Applause)

Ms. Raffi said she agreed that Naia had a different kind of atmosphere than Panda. But Naia didn't leave because of big business, but because of a lack of big business. Panda would allow Naia to reopen. As for strong community, Panda was actually a very impressive company when it came to supporting the community. She had a list, after ten minutes of research online, of what Panda has done for communities it was in. It's given back millions of dollars and was exceptional in its community involvement. Regarding autonomy, people could read the Panda contract on the 4th floor, and they'd see that it wasn't the ASUC on its knees, but Panda that was on its knees. The contract was notable in the amount of control the ASUC had.

Ms. Oatfield moved to call the question on the amended version of the bill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION OF SB 57, AS MS. OATFIELD E-MAILED, PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 9-5-3.

Ms. Oatfield said that Mr. Nahabet called to her attention that they need to have discussion about alternatives, and the alternate she proposed with Amanda's Restaurant. So she would move to table discussion of SB 57. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez.

THE MOTION TO TABLE SB 57, AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION, PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION, RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PLANS TO BRING PANDA EXPRESS TO THE UC BERKELEY CAMPUS.

Ms. Dhar moved to recess for three minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nahabet and passed by hand-vote 9-8-1. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of SB 39, as amended in committee.

The following Resolution, SB 39, as amended in committee, was authored by Jarvis Givens, Ms. Ude, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK WOMEN'S APPRECIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK WOMEN'S APPRECIATION (cont'd)

WHEREAS, we want to demonstrate how much black women are respected and supported for their experience of womanhood; and

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

WHEREAS, we would love for women in our community to honestly feel appreciated for their experiences and supported in their goals of thriving academically, financially, spiritually, and emotionally. This is also a time to celebrate black motherhood, past, present, and future; and

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

WHEREAS, the line item budget of anticipated expenses as of September 22, 2008 is: Total, \$6,000.00 USD;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$700.00 (seven hundred dollars) from the Greek Opportunity Fund to Black Women's Appreciation.

Jarvis Givens introduced himself and said he was the President of Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Epsilon Chapter. He was representing a larger community that evening, as they could see from all the people there. Black Women's Appreciation has been put on annually by the Fraternity for the past eight years. His Fraternity has been on campus since January 17, 1922, giving service to the community and the general Cal community for 86 years.

Mr. Givens said he'd speak about the purpose of Black Women's Appreciation. On a daily basis, African American women were faced with negative stereotypes and struggles, day in and day out. The negative images in the media were not a good representation of what black womanhood was about, or what it's ever been about.

Mr. Givens said the Black Women's Appreciation program was to highlight the discrepancies and the images shown about black women in people's day-to-day lives and to actually show that the black womanhood they know, and the actual black women they know, live lives that were complete anomalies to the negative stereotypes that were constantly perpetuated. Black Women's Appreciation has been put on for the past eight years and has been extremely successful. It started out at about 25 people in attendance and in the past three years rose to about 300, then 350, then that past year, over 400. And they definitely anticipate a greater number of people this year.

In addition to the growth of the program, it's been an inspiration to other campus communities. Last year the first annual Asian Women Appreciation ceremony was held, and it was sparked by a group of students who came from the Black Women's Appreciation event. They saw the nature of the event and how important it was to have on campus. And he heard a group of students was pioneering Latina Women Appreciation. He thought that was great.

On the Berkeley campus, a lot of people make sure they encourage and accept other cultures, and one way to do that was to tear down the myths of underrepresented women on the campus. The program was

also important. While they're a Greek letter organization, they're also recognized as a Student-Initiated Service Group. In their tenure on campus, they've made an effort to make sure to find out the needs of the campus and meet the needs of the people they were serving. This event was one of those ways. While they have this event to appreciate black women, they recognize the low matriculation rates of African Americans on the campus and the struggle African-American women face on the campus. There weren't enough spaces for them to be accepted or to fit in, or events that were catered towards, or welcoming towards them, as other ethnic groups on campus.

Mr. Givens said it was important to know that the African-American matriculation rate was less than 40%. So this event was necessary to make sure African-American women, as well as all people of color, had a space they could come to and feel like they were being appreciated.

Mr. Givens said they were requesting funds for this event not because they were too lazy to go out and get funds from other places on their own. More, they felt there was an obligation student government had to make sure it met the needs of all the Cal community. This event was one way to hold their student government accountable and make sure it was being representative of all communities on the campus. He would yield time to other people who have been experienced and been impacted by this event. Speaking time was extended by five minutes.

Mr. Givens said he would like to call on Mahasan Chaney, Terance Orme, and Roxanne Winston. Ms. Chaney said she was a third-year and has attended Black Women's Appreciation the previous two years she's been there. She saw this event as a type of retention effort to support communities of color on campus. It was also a cultural celebration of black women and women of color. The cultural climate on the campus can be discouraging at times and can be seen as negative and uninclusive to many communities of color, all of their communities of underrepresented students of color on the campus. They deserve to be heard. She saw the Greek Opportunity Fund as a way to provide funding for an opportunity to increase inclusivity to communities of color. She believed the ASUC was responsible for funding events that matched the students, whether it was 40% of the campus, 10%, or even 3.5% of the campus. That was especially the case when groups work endlessly to promote service work and community outreach. She's from Berkeley and worked at Berkeley High, and students from there attend the event. So the event had a lot of influence. When they acknowledge women like Dominique, who served three and a half years in the residence halls, that not only served black people, or communities of color, but the whole residential community. It was important to recognize people like Sharon, who has committed her summer to working for Cal-SO. These are people they're recognizing, who serve as members of the Associated Students. The Greek Opportunity Fund could allocate a maximum of \$1,500. Asking for \$1,300, out of an event budget of \$6,000, wasn't a lot. It wasn't outlandish and women on campus would appreciate it, and the event deserved it. Speaking time was extended.

Mr. Orme said he wanted to thank them for the opportunity to speak, and wanted to thank the people in attendance. He was a member Alpha Phi Alpha. As a member of the black community and a black fraternity, they feel they haven't been heard, or otherwise he wouldn't be speaking to them. It wasn't just about the money, and the event would happen regardless. They're asking the ASUC to give them the best chance to succeed, and to play a significant role in the success of the event. There was a lot of rhetoric on Monday at Fi-Comm as to why funding for the event was significantly cut. There were 22 GOF groups on campus, and if everyone asked for \$1,500, they could only fund a few events. But it wasn't the job of the ASUC to give everyone equal amounts. The Senate was there to judge events on an individual basis. Speaking time was extended.

Ms. Winston said she was speaking not as the ASUC President, but as a community member and an African-American woman on campus, as she identified herself first and foremost. She was encouraged by the passion people were showing. This was a community event that supported all students. Women were a marginalized community on the campus and it was important for student government to respect that and acknowledge it, and support programs that supported these communities. She's attended Black Women's Appreciation every year she's been there, and it was a lot of fun, getting dressed up and seeing their friends.

But it was more than a social event, and was a recruitment event. Ms. Winston said her roommate worked at the Berkeley Technical Academy and has brought students to the event to see what UC Berkeley was like, and to see that the campus cared about African-American students. It also served as a retention event. This was a hostile campus, and it was important to know there were community members who supported them and understood the struggles they went through on a day-to-day basis. It also served a retention event. This was a hostile campus, and it was important to know there are community members who support them and understand the struggles they go through on a day-to-day basis. Lastly, it was a matriculation event. It was foreign to her that 40% of African-American students graduate. That was ridiculous. Only five African American students graduated from the Haas School of Business last year. This year there will be one. These events ensure that they are on the campus. Everywhere people go, they hear about Berkeley and diversity, and this event was diversity. Alpha Phi Alpha was an organization of seven men, and the event will serve over 400 people. It's a huge endeavor, and they're asking student government for funds to put it on. They're students and they also all have jobs. They're the first group to ask for funding for the Greek Opportunity Fund, even though the event is in December, which shows they're proactive in asking for funding. They've gone to other campus resources to request funding as well. She would ask for the Senate's support. (Applause)

Mr. Mairena moved to fill in the blank. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco called for suggested amounts. Mr. Mairena suggested \$1,500. Mr. Sakaue suggested \$1,300. Ms. Shah suggested \$1,100. Ms. Tran suggested \$1,400. Ms. Ude suggested \$1,350. Mr. Owens suggested \$900. Ms. Rodriguez suggested \$1,000. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$850. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$800. Ms. Rodriguez suggested \$1,200. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$750. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$950. Mr. Zuo suggested \$700.

Ms. Pasco said the first amount was an amendment to \$1,500.

Ms. Ude said she would like to emphasize how important this event was to the community. The amount of money being requested was miniscule compared to the total cost.

Ms. Cho moved to call the question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

The motion to approve the amendment to SB 39A, to \$1,500 passed by hand-vote 9-8-0. The question was called and debate closed. A roll call vote was requested.

Roll call was taken on SB 39, as amended to \$1,500:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

The motion to approve SB 59, as amended, failed 10-4-4. Voting comments were heard.

A motion to reconsider SB 59 was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Mr. Zuo and passed with no objection.

A motion to create a blank was made and seconded and passed with no objection. Ms. Tran suggested \$1,400. Mr. Zuo suggested \$700. Ms. Ude suggested \$1,300. Mr. Owens suggested \$900. Mr. Mairena suggested \$1,000. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$800. Ms. Dhar suggested \$750. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$950. Mr. Sakaue suggested \$1,200. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$850. Ms. Rodriguez suggested \$1,100.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Mr. Zuo and Mr. Owens and failed by hand-vote 8-9-1.

Mr. Nahabet asked what Fi-Comm amend the allocation to. Ms. Pasco said it was \$700.

Ms. Ude said this was a service group, not a philanthropy group, and the event has occurred many times. The group was a SISG.

Mr. Mairena said he would encourage Senators to take into consideration everything they've heard, not just about one particular community, but the entire campus community.

Mr. Owens said the group requested \$1,300, and the amendment was more than the group requested. He brought in a student group that had 25% of its funding cut. He would like to instill equity and fairness there.

A motion to recess for three minutes was made and seconded by Mr. Nahabet and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, the recess was extended by three minutes. Back in session, the recess was extended by five minutes. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, the recess was extended by three minutes.

Back in session, Mr. Nahabet said he would like every Senator who was in support of the event and its goals to raise their hands. He noted that it was unanimous.

Mr. Mairena said it was one thing to say they support this, but another to support the group with financial resources so it could go on. The group last year received \$850 for the event, and had to pay out of pocket. People organizing the event couldn't eat at it because they didn't have enough money. Supporting the event so it could happen in the way it should happen was different from giving moral support.

Ms. Raffi said that as they have been discussing that year, the ASUC was not in the greatest financial situation. While the event last year received \$850, the group's spring budgeting went up from \$584 to \$1,160. So the group has received more money from the ASUC. There were so many great, important, essential causes, and this was one of them. She supported the event and was thrilled it was happening. But if the Senate were to give every group the money it needed to put on these amazing events, it would be many times the budget the Senate had to deal with. It wasn't a question of whether or not the Senate supported the event or the people who put in their time to come there. The Senate appreciated it. It's what made Berkeley the special place it was. It was simply a matter of the ability to fund.

Ms. Ude said the group needed less empty rhetoric and more adequate financial support. For the group's spring budget allocation, the Finance Officer used his discretion in the amount the group received because the group demonstrated a need. She heard a proposal during recess to take half the money the group was allocated in the spring and to sue that for this event. That was essentially telling the group that the work was not important that it would do on the campus and in the community for the rest of the year.

Ms. Cho said that as a representative body, they don't just represent one organization or one community. They represent the community they're from and also the Cal community. People weren't trying to take away money that the group was budgeted, but to direct them to a place where they have resources and can seek other resources. The Senate didn't have all the money it needed and had to be aware of the whole community.

Ms. Shah said Alpha Phi Alpha went to many places to get funding. This was the first time someone was coming for funding from the Greek Opportunity Fund, and the Senate had the capacity to fund this event. When groups get more budgeting in the spring, it was because they've shown the need. And Alpha Phi Alpha has more programming this year than last year. If they ask the group to use a significant portion of spring budgeting for this event, the Senate would essentially be penalizing them. She yielded time to Mr. Givens.

Mr. Givens said he appreciated the Senator having everyone raise their hand in solidarity behind Black Women's Appreciation. But empty promises were no stranger to the people in the room, who have been experiencing them since the day they were born and from the time their ancestors were in this nation. It came down to action. It was hard to believe people were in solidarity while consistently voting against funds and while they were looking at their computer screens and not engaging. People weren't even saying why they were doing the things they were doing; and they were supposed to represent the students. People came out to the Fi-Comm meeting on Monday when they had midterms, and now they were there again on Wednesday. So it was hard to believe people were in genuine solidarity. They weren't showing that by their actions. (Applause) It was disrespectful.

As for the idea that it wasn't in the ASUC's capacity to fund the event, Mr. Givens said they were applying for the Greek Opportunity Fund as a Greek letter organization. They also have another role, the service aspect, and they're a SISG. The service aspect was more important than anything else. The money will be used to support people on the campus. The GOF was allocated for these purposes. The group

shouldn't be penalized for being the first to seek funding from the GOF. They will also have a program on Saturday, and Black Women's Appreciation was only one of many events. To use spring budget for the BWA was to give money and then take it back to put on this event, and that was extremely unfair. They were given more funding last spring because their programming was extremely heavy. This event wasn't the only thing they do in the year. "Save Our Inner City Youth" is a conference they put on in the spring, inviting over 100 inner city youth to come to the campus and feel they have access and that there are people there who look like them, even if they're a small number. (Applause)

Ms. Dhar said she respected everything that was being said, but there was some misperception about how she or others were voting. She saw the ASUC as a stepping-stone for opportunity for multiple groups. They need to promote as many groups as possible. That didn't mean over-funding or under-funding groups, but having equality for all groups. Mr. Givens brought up fairness, which was a fair argument, and had to be taken into account. The ASUC shouldn't be in a position where a student group couldn't get started because the ASUC didn't have \$150. The amount was what the Greek Opportunity Fund could give them, not what the ASUC could give them. The Senate just allocated \$3,500 to the Public Service Fund, and the group did a lot of that kind of work. This Fund would be perfect for this event, and she would personally volunteer her time to help write grants and find other sponsors and funds and ASUC resources. There were other means they could go to without draining the GOF. Other groups need to have the opportunity to make a contribution.

Mr. Sakaue said everyone in the room was part of the Cal community. If the Senate represented all students, they should listen to the people in the room. As for having equality for all groups getting ASUC funding, that assumed that all groups would come to the ASUC with an equal concept. It wasn't an equal playing field in the context in which people live, work, and organize. To say that it would bankrupt the ASUC by allocating differences of \$3-500 was ludicrous. This was the first allocation from the GOF and the Senate just learned the carryforward was six digits. They could afford to give this event an additional \$500.

Ms. Raffi said she was asking people to think how allocating the event the entire amount could conflict with the interests of the student body as a whole. It wasn't about cutting the event, but making sure that all students had equal access to these funds. It wasn't fiscally responsible to fund at \$1,500 because carry-forward was six digits. That wasn't looking at things with everybody in mind, but with this group only. A larger community had a dire need for limited funds. Because of the group's great efforts, it received a \$576 increase. To allocate an additional \$1,400 would be an astronomical number, and tripling a group's budget wasn't equitable for the rest of the students. She would ask people to please not take personally anybody's attempts to not give the group certain amounts, because it wasn't. It was okay to disagree, but they shouldn't insult people on the floor, which was extremely disrespectful.

Ms. Pasco said that for a time check, it was 1:29.

Ms. Shah said she would disagree about this event serving one particular community. The group invited every woman in the Senate to attend, as well as others. She basically looked like nobody in the room and felt that this was her community. She thought they were thinking in the interests of the whole student body. If groups do things for their community, they deserve more money. They shouldn't be penalized because of an increase in the group's spring budget. The group's programming increased.

Mr. Mairena said he found it offensive to the group to say it served one community. In the proposal to celebrate Asian American women, groups were collaborating to put it on, and one of them was Alpha Phi Alpha. So it wasn't just helping its own community. Their community was the Cal community.
(Applause)

A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Shah and failed by hand-vote 13-0-3.

Ms. Cho said that in her previous point she didn't mean this just served one community.

Ms. Oatfield said she mostly represented co-ops and environmentalists. These groups have had discussions over and over about both them tending to be European American, somewhat privileged, and progressive minded. Both communities have discussed over and over how to bring in more diversity. It's stumped them for a long time. If people in this community don't graduate, or feel threatened or uncomfortable, and there weren't that many people in the community, that might explain some of the problems her community has had. The Senate needed to ensure that oppressed minorities felt comfortable and felt a sense of community. That's why she thought the bill was especially important. They should fund the bill as much as they could. She hasn't heard any reasons to not spend this money in this way.

Mr. Owens said he believed people were upset with a lack of cooperation and communication. He was upset too, and that cut both ways. There were 18 Senators in the room, and 18 laptops. Communication went both ways.

Ms. Ude said that Mr. Givens was talking about people looking at computers and not being engaged.

Ms. Yang moved to call the question on the amendment at \$1,400. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO SB 39, at \$1,400, PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 9-6-2.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Flores and passed with no objection.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Mairena and Ms. Tran.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 39, as amended to \$1,400:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection. The motion to approve SB 39, as amended to \$1,400, failed 8-6-4. Voting comments were heard.

Ms. Chen moved to reconsider the bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection.

Mr. Mairena moved to create a blank. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

Ms. Pasco called for suggested amendments. Mr. Mairena suggested \$1,300. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$1,300. Ms. Ude suggested \$1,200. Ms. Rodriguez suggested \$1,100. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$750. Ms. Shah suggested \$1,000. Ms. Yang suggested \$900. Mr. Owens suggested \$950. Ms. Cho suggested \$800.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of amending SB 39 to \$1,300.

Ms. Shah said a lot of people were acting as though this was their money and were being too possessive. It was the students' money. Students pay fees and deserve to be allocated those fees back.

Ms. Chen said that every single other student on campus also paid student fees and it was student government's responsibility to account for the rest of the student body as well. She didn't think anybody didn't support this event, but there were limitations as to what the Senate could do. The group's spring budgeting was increased 60%.

Ms. Ude said the amount of funding for the group increased, but the amount of turnout and the number of people the event reached has increased, as has the programming the group puts on. She yielded time Mr. Givens.

Mr. Givens said it was mentioned that the amount the group budgeted has doubled, and the number of participants coming to the event has doubled over the past two to three years. The maximum allocation from the Greek Opportunity Fund was \$1,500. He asked how Senators determine which programs were worthy of receiving \$1,500. The group was asking for \$1,300.

Ms. Raffi said the point of a cap was not what worthy groups should get, but that no group should get more than that. They want to make sure that under no circumstances were groups left out. Every year groups come to the Senate and get their funding cut by 50%; and groups still come at the end of the year and don't get anything because there's no money. She was passionate about student groups as well, and the increases this group received have been very favorable, and something to be thankful for. To get \$1,300 was almost a 300% increase over last year's budget, and she would ask if that was equitable to other groups.

Ms. Pasco said she would ask the audience and the Senate to please be respectful of everybody speaking. For a time check, it was 1:56.

Ms. Shah said it was highly offensive to say groups should be thankful for funding. Group's can get as much as \$1,500 from the GOF. That was a different way to frame this. As was evident from the number of people in the room, this funding was going to more than just this group.

Mr. Owens said he would ask people to respond to issues and not personalities.

Mr. Tran said he would propose \$800.

Ms. Ude yielded time to Mr. Givens. Mr. Givens said that while Alpha Phi Alpha was the name on the bill, the event was for a greater cause, a larger community. The Senate wasn't just doing the group a favor. Even if the group allocated to this event all the money it received from spring budgeting, that wouldn't make the event happen. In the past, people have consistently paid out of pocket to put on this program.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Ms. Yang and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

The motion to approve the amendment to SB 39 of \$1,300 for failed by hand-vote 9-9-0.

A motion to recess for five minutes was made and seconded by Ms. Tran and Mr. Tran and passed with no objection. Back in session, the recess was extended by two minutes. Back in session, the recess was extended by three minutes. Back in session, the recess was extended by five minutes. Back in session, Ms. Pasco said the Chair would entertain a motion to recess until the discretion of the Chair. It was so moved by Ms. Tran and was seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

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

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of amending SB 39 to \$1,200. A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Mr. Nahabet and Ms. Tran and passed with no objection.

The motion to amend SB 39 to \$1,200 failed by hand-vote 9-9-0.

Mr. Nahabet moved to move out of the blank for amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tran. The motion to move out of the blank failed by hand-vote 9-9-0.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of amending SB 39 to \$1,100.

Ms. Oatfield said she heard off the floor that last year a similar event for Asian-American women got \$1,000 from the Contingency Fund. That was her minimum.

Ms. Raffi said that without understanding all the circumstances of other events that were referred to, they couldn't bring them up. The group was getting funding from other sources.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

The motion to amend SB 39 by \$1,100 failed by hand-vote 9-9-0.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of an amendment of \$1,000. The motion to call the question was made and seconded by Ms. Chen and Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

The motion to amend SB 39 by \$1,000 failed by hand-vote 9-9-0.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of amending SB 39 by \$950. A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Ms. Chen and Mr. Owens and passed with no objection.

The motion to amend SB 39 by \$950 passed by hand-vote 10-7-1.

Mr. Nahabet moved to call the question on the bill as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Owens and Ms. Yang.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 39, as amended to \$950:

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

The motion to approve SB 39, as amended to \$950, failed 8-4-6. Voting comments were heard.

Mr. Mairena moved to reconsider SB 39. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez and passed with no objection.

Mr. Nahabet moved amend the bill to \$900. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO AMEND SB 39 TO \$900 PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

The question was called and debate closed. A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Sakaue and Ms. Rodriguez.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 39, as amended in committee and on the floor, at \$900:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded by Mr. Mairena and Mr. Sakaue and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 39, AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE AND ON THE FLOOR, AT \$900, PASSED 17-0-1, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK WOMEN'S APPRECIATION. Voting comments were heard.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go to Appointments. The motion was seconded and failed by hand-vote 9-8-1.

Mr. Mairena moved to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ude and passed by hand-vote 10-8-0. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, the recess was extended by five minutes. Back in session, the recess was extended by five minutes. Back in session, the recess was extended by one minute.

Back in session, Mr. Sakaue moved to go to Appointments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Raffi and passed with no objection.

Ms. Pasco said that for a time check, it was 3:45.

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Pasco said the first appointment up for consideration was Isaac Miller, for Berkeley Student Cooperative Affairs Officer. Mr. Miller he wanted to wish them a good Yom Kippor. He hoped they had a blessed New Year and that they were all inscribed in the Book of Life. He was really excited about the position. He felt there was a lot of opportunity in connecting the student cooperative community with the larger ASUC. The Berkeley Student Cooperative was a community that was very engaged politically, sustainable in its practices, conscious of a lot of different issues, and which embodied the ideals that the Cal community represents. It's also one of the communities that had the least amount of access to the ASUC or knowledge of its resources. Building a relationship between the two organizations will result in a lot of positive things on both sides. Additionally, there were pressing issues facing the co-ops, in terms of space. Co-ops were experiencing the worst wait-list since the 1970s, when the oil crisis hit. In light of the current economic crisis, there was a real need for affordable housing on campus. Affordable housing was one of the central tenets of the co-op's mission and a need the co-ops fulfill in a unique manner.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE ISAAC MILLER AS THE BERKELEY STUDENT COOPERATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE. (Applause)

Ms. Pasco said the next appointment up for consideration was Fahrzin Hemmati, for ASUC Web master, with a stipend of \$1,000. Mr. Hemmati said he's been messing with computers since he was 6, so he was pretty good with them. His goal with the Web site was to make it easier to update for himself and for future generations. He thought he could get the Webcam going. He called for any questions.

Ms. Oatfield asked if he'll check his e-mails multiple times a day, and asked how often he'd respond to small errors that needed to be upgraded. Mr. Hemmati said he has a program that checks his e-mail every minute, when it's on.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF FAHRZIN HEMMATI AS ASUC WEB MASTER, WITH A STIPEND OF \$1,000, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE-VOTE.

Ms. Pasco said the next appointment was of the Disability Accommodation Fund Selection Committee. Mr. Mairena said this was a committee of five Senators. After this year it will be selected at the first Senate meeting like the rest of the temporary committees. The Committee will select a director, who will be in charge of advertising the fund, disbursing the fund, and will do the application and interview process.

Ms. Pasco called for nominations. Mr. Tran nominated Mr. Mairena. Ms. Cho nominated Mr. Smelko, who respectfully declined. Ms. Chen nominated Ms. Hussain, even though she wasn't present that evening. Ms. Pasco said they could make nominations that evening and have the selection next week. Mr. Mairena said he'd like to get this going. Mr. Sakaue nominated Ms. Rodriguez. Mr. Mairena nominated Ms. Raffi, who respectfully declined. Ms. Dhar nominated Mr. Smelko. Ms. Chen nominated Ms. Cho. Ms. Yang nominated Ms. Shah. Mr. Tran nominated Ms. Hussain by speakerphone, and she respectfully declined.

A motion to close nominations was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION FUND DIRECTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION: MR. MAIRENA, MS. RODRIGUEZ, MR. SMELKO, MS. CHO, AND MS. SHAH.

Mr. Mairena moved to go back to Immediate Consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens and failed by hand-vote 10-7-0.

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

Report from the Attorney General

Mr. Sinanian said that thankfully, the vacant Web master position was just filled. He was looking forward to Mr. Hemmati getting the Web site up to date. The Advocacy Agenda should be posted soon. The Solicitor General wasn't mentioned in the Constitution, so Mr. Sinanian said he'd give it a few more weeks to see how the relationship developed between him and Mr. Hollihan, the Solicitor General. As to what constituted a majority, he was still looking into that. Also, he and Mr. Tran drafted a bill that will address ambiguities and discrepancies presented by umbrella organizations. The ASUC has been dealing with them for decades in an informal manner, but recent events necessitate the need to modify their role.

Mr. Sinanian said that last week he mentioned filing an Advisory Opinion dealing with SB 45, In Support of the Disability Accommodation Fund. He was still researching the issue. Things seemed to be okay for now. There seemed to be enough language in the title to show that it wasn't a precedent. Also, he would

like to get on the mailing list for everything people toss around, including bills, agendas, and minutes. So he would ask to be put on that list. People could ask him about the Panda Express bill if they wanted.

Ms. Dhar asked what his thoughts were on Panda. Mr. Sinanian said the bill applies only to ASUC administrative functions, not to the SOB. It wasn't the ASUC's responsibility to ensure vendors like Panda adhere to environmental sustainability standards. The ASUC could call for environmental standards to be adhered to, but that didn't apply to outside administrative functions.

On a point of order, Mr. Mairena said the Senate added a report from the representative to the Multi-Cultural Greek Council, and that wasn't on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (cont'd)

The following Resolution, SB 68, as amended in committee, was authored by Rosauro Hernandez, Edward Elchico, and Ms. Rodriguez and was co-sponsored by Ms. Tran, Ms. Yang, Ms. Oatfield, Ms. Hussain, and Ms. Shah:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PILIPINO ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH CAREERS (PAHC) MEDICAL MISSION BENEFIT CONCERT

WHEREAS, the Pilipino Association for Health Careers (PAHC) provides all pre-health students with support, resources, and opportunities that facilitate growth as educated and engaged leaders and professionals in the health field; and

WHEREAS, PAHC seeks to educate the greater community about health issues prevalent not only in the various communities at UC Berkeley, but also in the impoverished and under-resourced communities internationally; and

WHEREAS, although PAHC targets Pilipino individuals, the organization actively collaborates with other health organizations on campus and in the Berkeley community because each organization confronts universal health issues and finds their goals similar; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Mission Benefit Concert is a yearly event sponsored by the Pilipino Association for Health Careers that creates a forum for teaching and learning about inadequate and scarce medical care in areas of the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Mission Benefit Concert is in its 11th year and has continuously evolved, touching and bringing together a myriad of people by utilizing and engaging in common interest in the performing arts, music, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, it is our belief, and the belief of many, that adequate health care is a right, not a privilege, and the individuals we strive to help are from an area where basic medical care is

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unattainable, while we, as students, benefit from having this experience and learning about this crisis from our peers; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds from the Medical Mission Benefit Concert will go towards providing free humanitarian relief effort and free medical attention to those who lack proper medical support in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya;

WHEREAS, the Medical Mission Benefit Concert is operated solely by volunteers so that all proceeds raised go directly towards fulfilling health demands, and all artists and talent support the Mission and its cause by performing free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the projected expenses for PAHC Medical Mission Benefit Concert are: Total, \$6,373.45; and

WHEREAS, the Pilipino Association of Health Careers (PAHC) is a 16th-year Student Activity Group (SAG) that continuously retains and outreaches to a pool of community members, students, faculty, staff, and health professionals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize the Pilipino Association of Health Careers (PAHC) Medical Mission Benefit Concert as an ASUC-Sponsored Event;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$700 (seven hundred dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Pilipino Association for Health Careers (PAHC) for the Medical Mission Benefit Concert: Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

Ms. Rodriguez said Edward Elchico and Rosauro Hernandez, the Co-Coordiators, would give the presentation. Mr. Elchico said the Pilipino Association of Health Careers (PAHC) was a 16-year student activity group. It's a social support group for students, particularly those interested in health and educating the greater community on health issues affecting Filipinos and their extended communities. Their annual Medical Mission Benefit Concert was in its 11th year, and has constantly improved over the years.

The Medical Mission is a humanitarian relief effort that provides free health care to those who desperately need it and strives to aid the failing medical situation in the Philippines. They give direct, professional health consulting, teach hygiene and preventative measures, administer medicine, and do various health care procedures for those who can't afford it or didn't have access to it. Last year, within four and a half days and only 216 volunteers, nearly 10,000 people were served through outpatient care; and there were 527 surgeries for free.

Mr. Elchico said all proceeds from the benefit concert go directly to fulfilling the growing demands of the Philippines and account for approximately 20% of the Medical Mission operating budget. The budget includes medical supplies and medication and excludes transportation and housing costs while on the mission. The concert epitomizes the spirit of giving back, which was central to Filipino culture. Artists donate their talents for the concert.

Part of the process of creating change involved education, and this event promoted cultural awareness and activism. They include slide shows before and during the show and have presentations by past Medical Mission volunteers.

The need for medical missions such as this arrived from factors that include minimum government spending on health care and a minimum number of health care workers due to the brain drain. The following were 2004 stats: there is one hospital for every 113,040 people; there is only one doctor for every 24,417 people; there is one nurse for every 22,309 people; there is one dentist for every 578,124 people; there is one midwife for every 722,654 people; 13 million Filipinos have hypertension and half of them don't know they are hypertensive until they suffer complications and receive treatment; 15.2% of Filipinos live in extreme poverty and survive on less than \$1 a day. More recent facts: 90,000 nurses have left to go abroad over the past 10 years; 3,500 physicians have left to go abroad over the past four years to work as nurses; 42 of the poorest cities have no physicians; 85% of the Philippine's trained nurses are working outside of the country.

Mr. Elchico said they want to focus that year on education. They'll have sandwich boards and displays in the lobby. Speaking time was extended by five minutes.

Mr. Hernandez PAHC was allocated \$1,522.99 for that year, the same amount they were allocated last year. It wasn't not enough to support the group's programs. They're barely covering this year's expenses. Funding the event meant they could hardly cover any other programming for the rest of the year. Last year their membership tripled and they've doubled their programming. They increased core positions from six to ten to accommodate the growth. They have experienced a 40% increase in their internship program from the high number they had last year. So their expenditures were increasing. It was difficult to provide students in the organization with resources when the cost of the concert was so high. So they've come to the Senate with the hope of alleviating the high costs of the concert and to support their programming. Core members have spent at least \$1,133 out of pocket already that year for events and programming, and won't be reimbursed. The Coordinator last year spent \$1,004.98 out of his own pocket, and won't be reimbursed.

Mr. Elchico said they have worked to find the most cost-effective venue. They moved the concert to Friday instead of Saturday in order to use the I-House. But due to a scheduling conflict, the I-House backed down. So they have reserved Wheeler Auditorium. It's expensive and wasn't a performance space, and required equipment and decorations to transform a lecture hall into a concert hall. They've used it for four years.

Mr. Hernandez said projected expenses take into account educational displays. That year, for the first time, they're collaborating with Pilipino Academic Student Services, a recruitment and retention organization. PASS will have having Shadow Night, where high school students shadow Cal students; and they'll have an opportunity to come to the concert. Last year they had 350 students, and the year before 170. They expect more this year. Speaking time was extended by five minutes.

Mr. Hernandez said they're also working with other health organizations and other schools. They sell concessions at Cal home games, applied for ASUC grants, held fundraisers, and got donations and sponsorships. They've removed unnecessary expenses and got equipment at discounted prices.

Mr. Elchico said they have exhausted themselves and their financial resources. Mr. Hernandez said the funding from the Contingency Fund will help relieve their workload. Speaking time was extended by three minutes.

Mr. Owens moved to fill in a blank. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rodriguez and passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco called for suggested amounts. Ms. Rodriguez suggested \$1,500. Ms. Ude suggested \$1,400. Ms. Flores suggested \$1,300. Ms. Shah suggested \$1,200. Ms. Dhar suggested \$800. Ms. Flores suggested \$1,100. Mr. Owens suggested \$900. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$750. Ms. Yang suggested \$1,000. Ms. Chen suggested \$700.

Ms. Pasco said the first proposed amendment was for \$1,500.

Mr. Nahabet said concert expenses were about \$6,372 and they'll send \$2,000 to the Philippines. If they took the \$6,000 and sent it to the Philippines, it would be three times the amount they'd have if they held the concert. He understood providing education, but that could be done less expensively.

Ms. Shah said the fundamental goal of the concert that year was education. The event would empower people.

Ms. Flores said every minute of planning the event was educational. It will culminate a yearlong process. They've exhausted all other avenues.

Mr. Nahabet said this might help people grow, but there were other avenues that were more fiscally efficient that might meet the same goals. He supported funding groups that assist communities, and he was going to Honduras to do that during Winter Break. He thought there was a more efficient way to do this. A SUPERB rep told him how expensive it was to hold a concert. He would much rather see the money go straight to the Philippines.

Mr. Sakaue said he thought it was a dangerous precedent for Senators to comment on groups' programming. Senators didn't have the right or authority to do programming for groups. The Senate had to think about the best way to support this organization.

A speaker said the group wanted to reach out to a bigger community and get to them in a different way, by having a concert. This issue affected hospitals, and the US health care system depended on Filipino nurses and health care workers.

Ms. Raffi asked if the goal was to create leadership experiences and educate, or help address the issue of poor health care in the Philippines.

Ms. Yang said that instead of focusing on the outcome, Senators should focus on the process to get there. The Senate should judge how groups spend their money and whether it was efficient, and groups should be able to fund any cause.

Mr. Mairena said the Senate shouldn't tell student groups what types of programming the groups should put on. Even if Senators disagreed with the method, they should support the groups as much as they could.

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A speaker said they took into consideration what Mr. Nahabet said. They're a pre-professional group that teaches how to defend necessary programs like this. It's an opportunity to outreach to perspective high school students and engage them in this issue.

Mr. Nahabet said he wasn't trying to tell the group how to program, and was thinking about this hypothetically.

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

Back in session, Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of the amendment to SB 68 at \$1,500. a motion to call the question passed with no objection.

The motion to approve amending SB 68 to \$1,500 failed by hand-vote 8-8-1.

Ms. Pasco said they were under consideration of amending the bill at \$1,400. With no objection the question was called. The motion to approve the amendment of \$1,400 failed by hand-vote 8-8-2.

Ms. Pasco said the next amendment was \$1,300. With no objection the question was called. The motion to approve the amendment failed by hand-vote 8-8-2.

Ms. Pasco said the next amendment was \$1,200. The motion to approve the amendment failed by hand-vote 8-8-2.

Ms. Pasco said the next amendment was \$1,100.

Ms. Flores said that during recess, people had differences of between \$1-200.

Ms. Raffi said she was very impressed with the event and its goals. But she asked if the main goal was to raise money to help disadvantaged people in the Philippines, or to educate Cal students, or to hold an event. She would be more than happy to support \$1,500 for an event that raised 20% additional to go back to the Philippines. But the event itself costs 300 times the amount that will go to the people. The money would not be used as well as it could be to help people in the Philippines.

Ms. Shah said the goals for the event were clear and were many-fold. The event was about education, holding an event, and serving people, and they weren't exclusive. It was part of a process. The Senate also agreed it shouldn't dictate to groups how to do programming.

Ms. Flores said that as to why \$6,000 couldn't be funded directly to medical care, ASUC grants couldn't be used directly for funding for certain things, but could be used for events. They couldn't allocate money to buy medical supplies, e.g.

With no objection the question was called and debate closed. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT OF SB 68 TO \$1,100 PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 9-8-1.

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With no objection the question was called. A roll call vote was requested.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 68, as amended to \$1,100:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection. The motion to approve SB 68, as amended to \$1,100, failed 8-6-4. Voting comments were heard.

Ms. Chen moved to reconsider SB 68. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Ms. Chen moved to draw a blank. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen moved to reconsider SB 68. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Ms. Chen moved to draw a blank. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens

Ms. Pasco called for suggested amendments. Ms. Chen suggested \$900. Ms. Yang suggested \$1,000. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$850. Mr. Nahabet suggested \$800. Mr. Mairena suggested \$1,050. Ms. Rodriguez suggested \$1,100.

Seeing no further amendments, Ms. Pasco they would consider amending SB 68 to \$1,100.

Ms. Shah moved to add herself as a co-sponsor of the bill. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection.

Ms. Raffi moved to call the question. The motion was seconded and failed by hand-vote 9-8-1.

Mr. Mairena said that if sufficient funds weren't given, people would have to pay out of pocket.

Ms. Yang said the group has done everything possible to put this event on. She yielded time.

Gabby said she was one of the non-Filipinos in PHAC, showing how accepting the group was. She was also one of the few Latinas in science. She felt a price was being put on their goals and dreams. It was problematic to make students dig into their own pockets.

Mr. Nahabet said things were getting heated and he would ask everyone in the room to remember that they were all there for students.

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Ms. Raffi said this would be her last comment because of the looks she got when people spoke to her. If what she was asking was being questioned on a fundamental basis and her arguments weren't being heard, then effectively, there was no purpose in speaking any more. She wished people good luck in aiding people in the Philippines, because they really needed the help.

On a point of personal privilege, Ms. Chen asked the Chair could try to encourage people to direct comments not at previous speakers. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank Ms. Chen.

A motion to call the question was made and seconded by Mr. Owens and Ms. Oatfield and passed with no objection.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO \$1,100 PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 9-7-0.

Mr. Tran said he thought the event would work at \$900. All they'd need was 326 attendees at \$10 each, and they'd get more than that.

Ms. Pasco said that for a time check, it was 6:51 a.m.

Ms. Flores said the \$100 they're arguing over would go a long way.

Ms. Cho moved to recess for one minute. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, the meeting was recessed until the discretion of the Chair. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, Ms. Pasco noted that it was 7:22 a.m.

Ms. Chen moved to amend the amount to \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AT \$1,000 PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

. Chen moved to amend the amount to \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Owens. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT AT \$1,000 PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

Mr. Owens and Ms. Yang requested a roll call vote.

Roll call was taken on the motion to approve SB 68, as amended to \$1,000:

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

A motion to close the rolls was made and seconded and passed with no objection.

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SB 58, In Support of Proposition 2

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 68, AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR, AT \$1,000, PASSED 14-2-2,
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PILIPINO ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH CAREERS (PAHC)
MEDICAL MISSION BENEFIT CONCERT
(Applause) Voting comments were heard.

The following Resolution, SB 58, was authored by Katie Cantrell and was sponsored by Ms. Oatfield:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 2

WHEREAS, on the upcoming November 4 general election ballot, students will have the opportunity to vote on Proposition 2; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 is cited as the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act and would prohibit the cruel confinement of farm animals; and

WHEREAS, it would give 20 million egg-laying chickens and 20,000 pregnant or nursing sows in California enough space to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, and fully extend their limbs; and

WHEREAS, it would provide a standard of living to millions of farm animals so basic that it is difficult to imagine being deprived of those capacities; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 would improve health and food safety for students, as well as the general public, by reducing the high-density animal housing conditions that lead to respiratory problems in workers and the potential for rapid spread of illnesses, such as bird flu, among animals and to the humans working with them; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 would benefit family farms, which do not currently utilize intensive confinement methods, as the main entities affected will be factory farms housing thousands of chickens per barn; and

WHEREAS, it would become enforceable in 2015, giving factory farms several years to transition into the new methods; and

WHEREAS, similar laws have been passed in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, and the European Union; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 is sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States, and supported by the United Farm Workers Union, the California Veterinary Medical Association, the Center for Food Safety, the Sierra Club of California, and the California Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley students uphold a tradition of supporting environmentalism and social justice; and

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 2 (cont'd)

WHEREAS, Proposition 2 would be beneficial for animals, farmers, workers, and the environment, areas which are generally of importance to UC Berkeley students, as well as areas which would directly impact students, such as health and food quality (as shown by the endorsement from the Center for Food Safety);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall support this effort to prevent cruelty to farm animals and grant them basic comforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC expresses its support of Proposition 2.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that ASUC elected officials may reference this bill and assert the ASUC's support of Proposition 2.

Ms. Oatfield said she lives with the author of the bill, Ms. Cantrell, and they're involved in the animal rights movement. They feel that Prop. 2 is a step in the right direction. Various farm animals are in such small cages and other devices that many literally don't have room to turn around and hardly ever get to see daylight. Prop. 2 changes the laws and would give the right to farm animals to turn around. It was a step in the right direction.

Mr. Nahabet asked if they could try and focus more on issues that were student related. He supported the bill but he would ask people to prioritize and deal with issues directly relevant to the Senate.

Mr. Owens said the Senate didn't have the right or the authority to set programming for ASUC events. They also did not have the right to tell voters in California how to vote.

Ms. Oatfield said she respected people saying the Senate should keep discussion relevant to ASUC and student activities. She would be upset if somebody brought some explosive international issue to the floor that the Senate couldn't do much to address. But students look to them as leaders and they're elected representatives of the student body. They're also a State school. And with State propositions, there was a small degree of relevance.

Ms. Dhar said her concern was where things like this issue would end, so every proposition didn't come before the Senate.

The question was called and debate closed.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE SB 58 PASSED BY HAND-VOTE 15-1-1, RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 2.

Mr. Nahabet moved to go to Executive Officer reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mairena and passed with no objection.

Report from the President

Ms. Winston said ending at 7:35 a.m. wasn't good for them, particularly for their health. She would ask them to please put their health as a first priority.

Ms. Winston said she had a meeting with the Chancellor that was interesting. She talked to him about campus climate, the Vote Coalition, and Lower Sproul redevelopment. It was fairly productive. She also talked about the Land Use and Capital Projects Committee. The Chancellor was supportive. The Chancellor was also supportive of the Vote Coalition. But on other issues he wasn't as receptive.

Ms. Winston said she wanted to talk about the hostile climate and things that happened right in front of Eshleman and at the bus stop, and things that have happened to student groups, such as Students for Justice In Palestine. And a few weeks ago UCPD told students they couldn't stand somewhere because they were supposedly driving away business. Those students happened to be black. There's been repeated incidents of students feeling uncomfortable, unsafe, and attacked on the campus. So the office was putting on a community forum with the UCPD, CLL, and student organizations to discuss these issues and figure out how to best address them, and make the safest environment possible.

Ms. Winston said they have a current Finance Officer, Mr. Chaney, and because of that, she's decided not to rush the selection process for a new Finance Officer. So she'll have a second round. Applicants were really good. The second round will be with the Finance Officer. In previous years, Finance Officers haven't been done before October 4.

Ms. Winston said she had information on the composition of different committees and timelines for meetings she goes to. Also, the office has interns. There also was a meeting with the Dean about getting art on campus. There was a community forum that day at the MCC. If people have had an issue with any administrator, they should attend. The Chief of Police will be there.

Ms. Chen moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

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

This meeting adjourned at 7:43 a.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary