

ASUC SENATE MEETING

November 5, 2008

Eleventh 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 29 Senate meeting.

On a point of order, Ms. Raffi the Senate hasn't selected an Elections Council Chair, which was supposed to be done by the eighth meeting, so technically, they were not allowed to do anything else. Ms. Pasco said that was correct and the Senate could not consider New Business, but they could hear reports.

Ms. Hussain said the Selection Committee for the Elections Council Chair has talked with Attorney General Sinanian and if the EC Chair is not assigned by next Wednesday, he'll file a charge against the Senate.

Ms. Raffi asked if they could consider New Business. Ms. Hussain said Mr. Sinanian didn't say anything about that.

Ms. Pasco called for any changes to the minutes.

Ms. Hussain said that on page 58, the minutes should state that she believed the "Triumph of the Gal-lows" exhibit was working with DFA, not the JSU. And on 29, Ms. Hussain said she should be listed as a co-sponsor of SB 101, In Support of the Sikh Students Association.

On a point of parliamentary inquiry, Ms. Chen asked if approving the minutes was considered to be business. If they can't conduct business because the Elections Council Chair hasn't been appointed yet, she asked if it was out of order to approve the minutes. Also, if the Senate wasn't allowed to conduct business because there's been no selection, she asked if the business the Senate conducted at its last two meetings would also not be in order. Ms. Pasco said that was correct.

Ms. Hussain said that she also believed that the Constitution states that if the Elections Council Chair was not appointed by the eighth week, the ASUC President had the opportunity to make an appointment.

Ms. Chen asked if the President has made an appointment. Ms. Pasco said she didn't think so.

Ms. Pasco said that since there were a lot of concerns about whether or not this meeting was in order, if the Senate would like to adjourn the meeting at that time, that was its prerogative.

On a point of information, Ms. Rodriguez said that if the Senate decided to adjourn the meeting, she asked if that meant they wouldn't be able to cancel or postpone the meeting before Thanksgiving because they'd still need to have 15 weeks in the semester, and that wouldn't give them enough time to meet for 15 times, unless they called a Special Meeting.

Ms. Raffi said that if people had any nominations, she asked if the Senate could consider them. Ms. Pasco said the Selection Committee for the ECC was comprised of Ms. Chen, Ms. Ude, Mr. Nahabet, Ms. Hussain, and Mr. Owens.

On a point of information, Ms. Hussain said the Selection Committee has met and sent out an application and they hope to get a candidate by the end of the week, and then interview them and bring them to Fi-Comm on Monday. So they're working on the appointment.

Ms. Chen moved to recess for five minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moghtader and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, roll call was taken for attendance:

MEMBERS LEGALLY PRESENT:

Sheila Chen
Sarah Cho
Meghana Dhar
Mary June Flores
Saira Hussain
Oscar Mairena
John Moghtader

Eddie Nahabet
Christina Oatfield
Tommy Owens
Tara Raffi
Claudia Rodriguez
Lyell Sakaue
Kifah Shah

Will Smelko
Lisa Tran
Tu Tran
Obiamaka Ude
Stephanie Yang
Yishi Zuo

Mr. Mairena moved to meet in a committee of the whole. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah and passed with no objection. This meeting entered into a committee of the whole.

Back in regular session, Ms. Hussain moved to suspend the By-laws. THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE BY-LAWS PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.

On a point of personal privilege, Ms. Chen asked if they needed to specify which By-laws they were suspending. Ms. Pasco said she didn't believe they did.

On a point of order, Mr. Smelko said that technically, a motion to suspend the By-laws took a week to take effect. Ms. Pasco said that Sen. Hussain explained that during the committee of the whole. Ms. Chen asked if the Selection Committee would meet on Friday to consider the opening. Ms. Hussain said they could.

Ms. Pasco said they still need to approve the minutes from October 29. She called for any other changes to the minutes.

On a point of order, Ms. Chen asked if approving minutes business, and therefore not something the Senate could do. Ms. Pasco said they could consider that. She said they would move on.

ANNOUNCEMENTSGuest Announcements

Ms. Pasco said the first announcement was from Alfred Yoon. Mr. Yoon introduced himself and said he was a member of Senate staff. That evening he would like to briefly commemorate the passing the eminent and influential Professor of Statistics and Mathematics, David Freedman. Prof. Freedman was a concerned, honest, and gallant leader on the UC Berkeley campus who persevered to keep the US on a firm statistical foundation. He has been a faculty member since 1962 and served as the Vice Chair and Chair of the Department of Statistics. During his long tenure, his distinguished career shined brilliantly. He published 200 papers, 20 technical reports, and undergraduate texts. He worked for the advancement of science and convocations for various and ground-breaking court cases. Prof. Freedman was a pioneer who applied his knowledge and proficiency in statistical analysis to clarify a wide variety of underlying assumptions of many statistical models. These endeavors were manifested in his broad range of achievements in applied statistics to address important medical, social, and public policy issues. Not only was Prof. Freedman an accomplished individual who left conspicuous marks in various professional fields, but he was also a devoted faculty member who was committed to improving the quality of statistics education. He introduced Applied Statistics to the undergraduate curriculum and established the Statistic Consulting Service to provide real-world experiences to students. Naturally, Prof. Friedman's overarching achievements and teaching left a profound impact upon students as well as faculty.

As a person who successfully represented Berkeley on various stages, as a person who got ever-lasting acknowledgements from the world and from his students, and as a person who realized the importance of education and of social renovation, Prof. Freedman's life must not be left unrecognized by the student body he continuously worked for. Mr. Yoon said he wanted to thank them.

Ms. Pasco said the next Guest Announcement was from Sid Radhakrishnan. Mr. Radhakrishnan introduced himself and said he was there for two reasons. The first was to provide a recap of a project that received Senate funding and secondly, to give the Senate information about an upcoming fundraiser. That past April, SB 118 was passed by the Senate, providing \$230 for his project, Having Hope. This is a project where he cycled from San Francisco to San Diego to raise money for illiterate children in India, specifically children who live in a red-light district in Varanasi. He was particularly inspired by watching the movie, "Born Into Brothels." For those who have not seen that movie, it's a documentary, a narrative that takes the viewer through the lives of children within the red-light district in Calcutta.

Mr. Radhakrishnan said that on his way to San Diego he met one of these children, Avijit Halder, who was born and raised in a red-light district of Calcutta. He is now studying at NYU, in English and Medicine, and they've been friends ever since the day they met in LA.

Mr. Radhakrishnan said Asha Berkeley is having a fundraiser called "Images of India" on Saturday, November 8, at 7 p.m. Mr. Halder will be there and will speak about his own charitable efforts in India. This is someone who lived in brothels and now has almost completed his education at NYU. People will be able to have the distinct privilege of watching him speak.

Mr. Radhakrishnan said that as for what he's learned from this experience, they might know that the election on Tuesday was of particular importance. Mr. Radhakrishnan said he had the honor and privilege of campaigning for Obama in Iowa, and Mr. Radhakrishnan said he strongly believed that his experience in Iowa came from the same motivation he had for doing this project, and that was that personal action mattered and commitment to ideals mattered, and as long as one followed their heart and their passion about certain things, everything else would fall in place.

Mr. Radhakrishnan said he would like to thank them for their attention. He had some fliers for the event. If people needed any more information, he would ask them to please contact Ms. Dhar. (Applause)

Reports from Representatives to the ASUC

Report from the UCPD Liaison

Sgt. Tucker said there was a bit of an impromptu party on Tuesday night on the street. He was very glad there were no problems as a result of that, and no injuries. There was some questionable decision making like riding on top of buses and things like that, things the police don't advocate. There was one arrest, but not for crowd activity. It was an individual with warrants from Sproul Plaza. So the arrest was not related to the celebration.

Sgt. Tucker said he handed out a couple of Crime Alerts. One of them had to do with burglary that occurred at the Clark Kerr campus on the 1st of November, in the middle of the day. Police received e-mails about how another armed robbery might have occurred. But that was not the case. That was simply a rumor. What happened here was that someone left their window open and there was computer equipment easily accessible through that window, from the outside. Someone just reached in. There was no confrontation or firearm. It was not related to a previous incident in any way. So if Senators hear any rumors about that, it wasn't the case. This was a great example of why people need to close their windows and protect their security, and not display their high-priced electronics prominently. But there was no relationship to that prior incident.

Sgt. Tucker said people were probably aware of some problems with the card key system in the elevator. He thought Director Permaul will talk about that. Sgt. Tucker said he wanted to let the Senate know that the UCPD's Crime Prevention Access Unit was working on getting that repair arranged. Apparently a piece of the circuitry is bad and will be replaced under the warranty. It's not a part that was routinely carried by the technicians, but they're trying to get it fixed as soon as possible. It doesn't affect building access by card key, just the elevator, as he understood it.

Sgt. Tucker said the Oregon game was peaceful and wet for people standing out there for a number of hours in the rain. He was sure people who attended the game enjoyed that as well. He believed there were two Student Conduct citations. Two people were ejected, both non-students, and there was one arrest, of a non-student.

Obviously, the next big game was the Big Game, and the police were already planning for that. Sgt. Tucker said he was coming to the Senate to ask for their assistance in reminding everyone who attends the Big Game that not only is it a big event, but it's potentially a very big football game, depending on how well things hopefully go in the next few weeks. People shouldn't discount Stanford just yet, since they had four Conference wins, like the Bears.

Sgt. Tucker said he would ask Senators to remind their constituents about civility and the importance of peaceful behavior and being respectful. If there's some dialogue between Cal and Stanford fans, or other interactions, he would ask them to just make sure they knew where to draw the line. He'd speak to them more about this next week as well. But they're already planning for this event.

On another note, they may or may not know that the first exhibition basketball game was scheduled for Thursday night. It might be worth checking out, Seattle Pacific, at Haas Pavilion.

Sgt. Tucker said that as they may know, there was a WarnMe test. He asked if anybody got a test message that day. Nobody was contacted. Sgt. Tucker said a group of about 2,300 people received a test message, and the test went off without a glitch. About 17,500 people so far have signed up for WarnMe. The test went without a problem. In Wednesday's test, the WarnMe message reached 1,306 telephones, 876 voice mails, about 2,500 e-mails, and about 1,600 text messages. This was just a sample group, but it went well. He called for any questions. Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Report from the ASUC Store Operations Board

Mr. Permaul said he was sorry he missed Senate meetings the last two weeks. He was still recovering from a cold and last week he had to spend with his family as his mother-in-law passed on, and he was at her funeral. She was an old lady, of 88 wonderful years, who has now gone to join her husband in bliss and happiness.

Mr. Permaul said he wanted to ask the Senate first to think about using the campus calendar. Many of them and their student groups already do use it. That year, between August 15 and September 15, 393 student events were posted on the campus calendar, and they're now up to 420 events. The GA has made it mandatory for any student that receives funding from them to use the campus calendar. Mr. Permaul said he wanted to urge the Senate to think about that when it came to spring budgeting. They know how hard it was, on this large campus, to communicate effectively about events and activities. The campus calendar, which the Auxiliary took over in 2007 for students, has now become very successful in terms of its use. But it had the ability to allow RS feeds directly from the calendar to plasma screens. If student groups submit posters with their calendar submissions, those could be flashed on plasma screens continuously. When he visited Washington State that past month, at the Pac-10 managers meeting, they constantly have these RS feeds flashing on plasma screens, and they were tremendously effective. It has boosted attendance at Washington State events, programs, and activities dramatically. So he would encourage Senators to think about, when they get to spring budgeting, to begin to gravitate all student activities to the calendar during the budgeting process.

Regarding The Scholar's Workstation, planning continues for the relocation of The Scholar's Workstation to the Student Union. He hoped that within the next two Senate meetings that he will be able to give them a complete description and timeline. They still have yet to finish the final details of the contract, and they do have to go to the Store Operations Board as well. But he was looking forward to giving the Senate exciting news.

Regarding the Daily Cal's proposal, Mr. Permaul said the Daily Cal has a proposal pending with the SOB to forego approximately \$24,000 in rent the paper would have paid to the ASUC, along with not paying its maintenance and utility payments per week of almost \$1,300. These are real reductions to the ASUC's revenues at that time when other ASUC revenues from their small businesses have been affected. This will be one issue they'll discuss on the SOB meeting on November 18. It was important for Senators to realize that this loss of revenue will have an actual, substantive affect. The Auxiliary had to pay utilities and maintenance. Since the Auxiliary won't be getting those dollars, the money for that will come out of whatever carryforward money the ASUC will use next year.

Regarding the Naia Gelateria lounge, Naia has been closed and the lounge has not been available for use. Mr. Permaul said he was asked by the Senate to go back to Naia Gelateria to see if they could work out something. Naia has tentatively agreed to allow access to that space as long as the Auxiliary provides a building manager/worker for events in the room, so Naia's furniture and equipment doesn't get damaged and there's no loss of equipment. If Senators or their student groups were interested in using the Naia lounge for an event or activity, they should go to the Reservations Office. Use will require a building manager to be present. But there will be access to that space.

Regarding Spring Welcome Week, Mr. Permaul said he was looking forward to the exciting Welcome Week that the ASUC was planning. They're anticipating 5,000 students participating. He would like to strongly encourage them to work with the Auxiliary to let the Auxiliary help them, or provide support, for this activity, both for Spring Welcome Week and the Dance Marathon later in the Spring Semester. The Auxiliary had the ability to bring resources from sponsorships. They also have the ability to work with publicity for such events. And as people have seen, they've been successful with fall Welcome Week, the elections viewing on Tuesday, and with Caltopia, and most importantly, Calapalooza. When they work together, they can produce some wonderful things. So he would encourage those who were planning Spring Welcome Week to think about working with the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary would be delighted to offer support and assistance.

Mr. Permaul said that Sgt. Tucker talked about the elevators. Mr. Permaul said he just wanted to reiterate one thing the Sergeant mentioned. The doors were still working with card keys, and it was the elevators that weren't working with card-key access. People didn't have to worry about that because that feature has been shut down. So people could get to the floors that they need to. The Auxiliary was as frustrated as the PD was that this brand new installation has had these problems. But thank goodness they had a warranty when they needed one.

Regarding Thanksgiving, if the Senate chooses to not have a meeting on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, there were still students who remain, as they were aware, and will want to gain access to the building over those two days and that weekend. Mr. Permaul said that made him nervous because staff won't be there. He's asked Sgt. Tucker to please make sure that the UCPD checks the building. Mr. Permaul said he would ask people to please encourage all of their student groups to make sure that the doors are secured. The loss of a laptop through a window was nothing in comparison to a potential risky

situation in the building for somebody to be assaulted. So he would ask Senators to please make sure that student groups were aware that there was no security in the building and that they will be responsible for making sure it stays safe and sound.

Mr. Permaul said that the election on Tuesday night was an extremely exciting and momentous night in American history. He thought all of them were moved by the speeches of both Sen. McCain and Sen. Obama. They were both men of tremendous integrity and honor and they really represented the United States of America in their respective capacities that he thought bodes well for the future. One thing he was most impressed about Sen. Obama, President-elect Obama, was the way in which he approaches politics. It's the way in which he talks to people and the transparency in his conduct and the way in which he refuses to be baited into political confrontation. Mr. Permaul said he hoped that will be a message that all of them will take.

Talking of political change, in Sacramento, former Cal basketball star, MVP, and graduate, Kevin Johnson, "KJ," was elected Mayor. Mr. Permaul said he and Mr. Johnson were friends and Mr. Permaul said he's known him since he was a student at Cal. Mr. Permaul said he asked Mr. Johnson, before the election, if he was elected, to consider coming back and speaking to the ASUC Senate about his goals and aspirations in Sacramento and in public affairs. With the permission of the Executive Vice President, Mr. Permaul said they could arrange that in the spring. He would love Mr. Johnson to come during a Special Order and speak to the Senate.

Mr. Permaul said that Jesse Arreguin was also elected, to the Berkeley City Council, and former ASUC Senator Igor Tregub, who came to the Senate and spoke to them earlier that year, was elected to the Rent Stabilization Board. It was tremendous to see Cal students involved in public affairs and political action, as the young man who spoke to the Senate earlier. It was have admirable to come and report back to the Senate on the money he received from the Senate last year and the program. As he reported, there was nothing better than being engaged in public service and public action. And Senators were a testament to that, notwithstanding that they occasionally make mistakes with the Constitution.

Mr. Permaul said he hoped all of them were doing well. This was a time of the year when people get sick. People had midterms coming up and they were still trying to do business. He hoped they stayed healthy and got rest. He looked forward to seeing them next week.

Mr. Smelko asked if there was any update on the Eshleman Safety Forum, or the discussion with the UCPD. Mr. Permaul said they just went through a walk-through with the UCPD and they're waiting for the revised estimate. When they get the estimate for the cameras and for the doors, they've asked Capt. Bennett to meet with them. Mr. Permaul said he would send out that information to all of them when it happens.

Ms. Raffi asked if Karyn Houston has made an effort to market the campus calendar through the Web site that many students get. She knew people spoke to Ms. Houston last year about that. Mr. Permaul said he didn't know. Ms. Houston has done a pretty wonderful job of promoting the calendar, but he'd find out. This was the Web site that all admitted students have available, MyBerkeley.

Ms. Raffi said that Ms. Houston expressed interest in doing that. Mr. Permaul said he would follow-up on that, and have a report for the Senate on marketing efforts. He knew there were a lot of questions about why the ASUC Auxiliary even does marketing. He thought it was fair for people to raise that question. He'll come back to the Senate with a PowerPoint Presentation on marketing.

Ms. Shah asked if all of the cameras in Eshleman operating. Mr. Permaul said they're not working. That's the reason they're getting an estimate. The new policy of the UCPD, which he thought was reasonable, was that when there are cameras in a building, they should report back to the Police Department. The ASUC doesn't have 24-hour surveillance, but the Police Department does. Currently, cameras in Eshleman will take pictures, but then they had to be reviewed at a later date. And after two weeks, new images replace whatever images were taken previously. So it's a more tenuous system. That's why the Auxiliary was working to replace it. But it's very expensive to run the recordings to the UCPD. That was one of the reasons they were asking Capt. Bennett to come over and talk to the Auxiliary about how to do the financing for this so it doesn't break the Auxiliary's bank, and they could perhaps find a creative way to do the financing.

Begin written report from ASUC Auxiliary Director Permaul

November 5, 2008

ASUC Senate: Auxiliary Director
Store Operations Board Report

The next meeting of the Store Operations Board is November 18. Among the issues we will be discussing is the request for the Daily Cal to forgo \$24,000 in rent, and over \$1,000 a month in utilities and maintenance costs for the remainder of the year.

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

1. Campus Calendar:

The student campus calendar, that the ASUC Auxiliary assumed responsibility for in 2007, and made broadly available to students this year, is proving to be very successful. Between August 15 and September 15, student groups posted 393 events or activities on the calendar. We are up to 420 events posted currently. The GA has made it mandatory for its student activities to be posted on the student campus calendar. I would urge the Senate to make that a condition of funding for the coming year; all activities and events sponsored by student groups should be posted on the campus calendar. As we move toward a plasma screen system, RSS feeds from the calendar, in the form of poster/graphics can be automatically downloaded to the system. At Washington State University, these posters made a significant impact as you walked through their union, with bright and engaging graphics on the plasma screens advertising programs, activities, and services.

2. ASUC Store Operations Board Meeting:

The Scholar's Work Station

Planning for the relocation of The Scholar's Work Station to the Student Union continues. I hope at one of the next Senate meetings to give you a complete description and timeline.

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

Daily Cal Proposal

The Daily Cal has a proposal pending with the Store Operations Board to forgo approximately \$24,000 in rent to the ASUC, along with maintenance and utility payments of over \$1,300 per month. These are real reductions in the ASUC revenues at a time when other ASUC revenues from our small businesses are affected. This will be one of the issues addressed by the Store Operations Board at the next meeting on November 18.

Naia Gelateria & Lounge

Naia's has agreed to allow the ASUC to have supervised access to the Lounge for events, programs and activities. If student groups would like to use the Lounge, they will need to contact ASUC Reservations, and all activities will require a student Building Maintenance worker to open and close the Lounge use.

3. Spring Welcome Week:

Office of Student Affairs Advisor Jan Crowder will be seeking to work closely with the ASUC on Spring Welcome Week and the Dance Marathon. The Auxiliary can assist the students in getting resources, potential sponsorships, and producing publicity for these events, and we could jointly advance them for the campus. The collaboration with the Office of External Affairs last night for the election results party was I believe a great success.

4. Elevators:

UCPD advised us today that the card key access to the elevators had been temporarily removed because of problems with the equipment. Since this is a new installation, the PD is having the repairs covered under our warranty, but in the meantime the elevators will not require card key access to the floors. The entrance doors to the building are not affected by this, so cards will still be required to gain access to Eshleman after midnight.

5. Political Change:

In the City of Sacramento, former Cal and NBA basketball star Kevin Johnson was elected Mayor. I would, with the permission of the EVP, like to invite Kevin to come and speak to the Senate about his interest in public affairs and his goals as Mayor of Sacramento to the Senate in the spring. In addition, former Cal students Jesse Arreguin was elected to the City Council for District 4, and former ASUC Senator, Igor Tregub who spoke to us earlier this semester, was elected to the City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board. It's good to see Cal students engaged by public affairs and political action.

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

Executive Officer Reports

Report from the Executive Vice President

With Ms. Vir-Banks chairing the meeting, Ms. Pasco said she wanted to do a communications check. It's been two weeks, so she would ask to go around the room and ask people to rank how communication has been in the Senate, from 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. Senators gave the following numbers: 6.7, 7.5, 8, 8, 5, 7, 7, 6, 6, 4, 7, 7, 4, 6, 3, 4, 6.

Ms. Pasco said she thought what she'd do with these numbers was to try and make a conscious effort to speak to people who gave low numbers, like 3 and 4, to see what's been going on for them in terms of communication and how they can maybe support each other in this space. They could have a space to vent and talk critically about what could make communication better for them. She was really concerned about the 3's and 4's.

Ms. Pasco said that lockers were finally available. People's lockers have their name tags and locks on them. She had people's combinations in the front. Since they were going to end the meeting early, people could sign off on them afterwards.

In addition, business cards were also available and people could sign off for them after the meeting as well.

Ms. Pasco said the office had an intern meeting on Tuesday that was really, really good. They have these meetings every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:00. A lot of interns came and they had a really honest dialogue about what happens in the Senate. It was really surprising to hear what the interns had to say. So she would encourage Senators to come to the intern meeting to see what their interns were learning and to also see what they thought about the work Senators were doing. So props to Salma Vir-Banks, Jeremy De Nivea, and David Velasquez for always putting these meetings together. They were amazing. Ms. Pasco said she was blown away.

On Friday the ecocharete will be held on Lower Sproul. She believed some Senators will attend, and she just wanted to remind them. It will be from 8:00 to 2:00 in the Multicultural Center.

Regarding the Web site, Ms. Pasco said that as Senators saw, the Attorney General sent out a warning advising the By-laws to the Web master. She met with the Web master and talked about all the updates that needed to happen. They met that day and Ms. Pasco said she sent Senators all the information that Mr. Hemmati needed to put up on the Web site. And as of an hour ago, he was already done. So she really wanted to give props to Mr. Hemmati for making all the necessary changes she just sent to him at 6:00. But there were still a lot of updates that needed to happen, such as Senators' office hours and locations. Some of them still didn't have those up. If people could all cooperate in this effort to make the Web site as up-to-date as possible, that would be very much appreciated.

In terms of space allocations, Ms. Pasco said they finished that last week. They're currently trying to get all the organizations that were allocated space to sign a space allocation agreement form. That was the

next part of the project, making sure groups knew what they could and could not do in the space. She called for any questions.

Mr. Owens asked about the status of the information on their committee and Senate meeting absences. Ms. Pasco said that was a part of the changes that she needed to make on the Web site. That will be in the next round of information she gives to the Web master. She was currently working on that.

Mr. Nahabet asked if she could provide the Senate with what she thought, from 1 to 10, the communication in the Senate has been. Ms. Pasco said she would say it was 4. It was really interesting to see the Senate at last week's meeting. After Mr. Owens talked about recommendations on how they would compromise and be better about communication, the Senate took steps backward. She was a little disappointed, walking away from last week's meeting. That was just some instructive criticism. Mr. Owens submitted a bill on his recommendations. She would really encourage the Senate to take that into consideration. She really appreciated that. Also, communication was not a linear process, and sometimes people had to take steps backwards in order to move forward. That was something they could always work on.

Report from the Academic Affairs Vice President

With Ms. Pasco chairing the meeting, Mr. De la Cruz said the Educational Opportunity Fund Grant has been updated on the Web site, thanks to the new Web master. As of now, it's \$200 instead of \$100. As of Monday they've received about 200 applications and are continuing to distribute their posters. Mr. De la Cruz said he checked the records from last year and this was definitely an increase number of applications. So the office felt it was doing a really good job of posting, or students really were utilizing grants in this way, which the office was really happy about.

Mr. De la Cruz said the office has received numerous e-mails in response to the campus-wide e-mail about positions open in Student Life, the Academic Senate, and University committees. These students have been contacted and vacancies will be filled by the end of this week. If Senators knew of people who were still interested in becoming a rep, he would ask them to please send the office an e-mail.

Mr. De la Cruz that as part of the Policy Department, they have a program called "Access ASUC," which was run through the OP last year. It will allow the campus community to voice concerns they have and ask questions about the ASUC. These questions are sent by e-mail and then forwarded to either representative Senators or any Senators who could answer them. This really allows students to see if the ASUC does work for them and was accessible, in a small, tangible way.

Mr. De la Cruz said the mentorship program received over 10 applications so far. They sent an e-mail to department heads asking them to notify their students and he sent a notice to his own listservs. They're not only targeting undergrads, although graduate students were really harder to get to apply for this because they're so busy and have so many other commitments. And in all honesty, their benefit from the program was just the knowledge that they were helping out. So even if a kid was new to Berkeley and could use mentorship, grads wouldn't get any incentives in the form of financial incentives. Grad students, personal friends, relatives, or GSIs should be encouraged to apply.

For Spring Welcome Week, Mr. De la Cruz said they organized the event that year around themes for each day. One day will be “Academic Resources,” and the next will be “Services and Activism.” They might hold events indoors because in past years, there's been a lot of problems with the weather. Last year a lot of programs were rained out and had to be moved inside, impromptu. So this year they're planning on that in advance.

Mr. De la Cruz said he would like to request a Special Order for December 10, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., for Tom Kalil, from Bears Breaking Boundaries and Big Ideas at Cal. This is one of the projects that is run through his office, and was also done in cooperation with the ASUC. It's a big financial commitment from the ASUC, which sponsors two categories, Curriculum Innovation and Student Life, at \$10,000 each. So they're asking for about \$20,000 from the ASUC. Because it was such a big commitment, he was scheduling the Special Order because he wanted the Senate to understand this program very well and all it did with students.

Mr. De la Cruz said he had his Cabinet meeting that day and they had a really interesting talk from Nathan Brostrom, the Vice Chancellor of Finance. Mr. Brostrom was actually working at UC Berkeley out of the goodness of his heart. He used to work with JP Morgan, and it was really fortunate he was there. He explained what he was doing to improve the overall budget as a whole, such as cutting down a lot of deficit spending that has been going on. For example, the University subsidizes Cal Athletics by \$9 million, as of a few years ago. This year they were being subsidized at \$6 million. Because the Chancellor saw that as a really large subsidy, he requested that all that money go to scholarships for the athletes. Currently, 370 athletes are under those scholarships, and they have about 750 student athletes. So the \$6 million goes directly to those scholarships.

For other campus business, like University Extension, Summer Session, and Parking and Transportation, they have also been able to no longer be in the red and were actually in the black and making a profit for the school. That was really good and something the Vice Chancellor has been able to implement. He was looking at new and innovative ways to be able to function as efficiently as possible and maintain the excellent education and experience that UC Berkeley offers to students. He called for any questions.

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

Reports from Representatives to the ASUC

Report from the GA President

Mr. Daal said the Lower Sproul Student Council meeting will be on Monday, November 10. It usually meets on Tuesday, but that Tuesday is a holiday. It will be at 6 p.m. He hoped as many Senators attend as possible. The GA will have a meeting on Thursday and Senators were all invited. There will be free food. He called for any questions.

Report from the GA President (cont'd)
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Ms. Chen asked if the GA allocates funding to undergrads, or if there was a possibility of that, or if it wasn't allowed. Mr. Daal said he knew it wasn't written in their By-laws that they don't do that, so it wouldn't be not allowed. He didn't know if they don't do it. The person to ask was Gabe Podesta, the GA's Funding Committee Chair. The GA primarily allocates to graduate students.

Ms. Shah asked if he knew whether the GA allocates grant money to undergrads. Mr. Daal said they have three grants, Diversity, Activism, and the Educational Improvement Grant. He didn't know the answer to that question, whether it was okay for the GA to allocate to undergrads. She was talking about undergrad student groups. Ms. Shah said that was correct. Mr. Daal said he wasn't that close to funding. Ms. Pasco said that seeing no further questions, she would like to thank him very much.

APPOINTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Report from the Attorney General

Mr. Sinanian said people should know about the e-mails going around. There are two issues governing the legal landscape that past week, the selection of the Elections Council Chair and the Web site. Regarding the ECC, he talked to Ms. Hussain, via e-mail, and things were being handled and he was confident that by next Wednesday they'll have an Elections Council Chair. So that seemed to be resolved. Regarding the Web site, Mr. Sinanian said he received a steady stream of e-mails from Ms. Pasco providing all the information that she needed; and that also seemed to be on its way to a resolution, and he would like to thank Ms. Pasco. Everything else seemed fine. Seeing no questions, Ms. Pasco said she would like to thank him for his report.

Report from the Finance Officer

Ms. Batac said she was still in the process of transitioning after having been appointed as Finance Officer. She still had to hear back from Pres. Winston and Finance Officer Chaney. Ms. Winston was out of town. Ms. Batac she'll have updates by next week's Fi-Comm meeting.

Report from the Senate Aide

Ms. Vir-Banks said they had an intern meeting on Tuesday that went very well. They discussed the Senate and interns were asked for feedback about the Senate. They got some interesting reports back from the interns. All of them definitely saw the communication issues within the Senate and she thought Senators should set a good example for the future of the ASUC. She would encourage Senators to

communicate with their interns and meet with them this week and next week and hear what they thought were issues in the Senate. Students had a lot of positive things to say about how bills were debated and talked about block voting, and seeing the interesting party dynamics going on. She thought it was interesting that interns were noticing that. She would ask Senators to please think about that, and would ask them to meet with their interns and discuss the Senate. Ms. Vir-Banks said they're also going to want Senators to give their interns jobs or tasks that will develop leaders, and not just give them copies to make. So she would ask them to give their interns good tasks.

Mr. Velasquez said his take on the meeting was that it went really well. Just the change in the environment of how it went was all over the place. They had good icebreakers. The interns are getting along really well with each other and there was a lot of good networking going on, and interns were getting to know each other. They had a lot of good feedback, and dealt with questions such as whether there were seating arrangements in the Senate. Interns mentioned that a lot of things could be told about the Senate from meetings. They had simple suggestions such as Senators sitting in different seats, closing their laptops, things like that. That was feedback from Senators' own interns. They also talked to interns about interest they might have in the retail program. A lot of interns like accountability and ways to give interns checks and give credit to those who were working. Ms. Vir-Banks said there were people who didn't even know about the Senate. He would encourage a few Senators to explain that to interns next week, and she'll talk about that next week. Ms. Shah and Mr. Nahabet said they were interested in helping with that.

Ms. Chen asked when the next intern meeting will be held. Ms. Vir-Banks said it will be the Tuesday after next, from 5:00 to 6:00, in either the Senate lounge or the Senate Chamber. Ms. Chen asked if the meetings were always Tuesdays. Ms. Vir-Banks said it was, although it will change next semester.

Mr. Nahabet asked if they tried to inform the interns about the realities of the way the Senate did business, such as having laptops up when there was debate going on. He asked if interns knew that some Senators check bills online during debate, so it wasn't as bad as it looked when laptops were up, and that communication sometimes worked better electronically. Ms. Vir-Banks said they did talk about that. They also stressed that Senators were students too, and it was really hard to be a Senator and be a student as well. She definitely brought that up to them.

Ms. Velasquez said that some interns who have had more experience in the ASUC than others explained to the rest about what was going on.

Ms. Chen asked how many interns attended. Ms. Vir-Banks said there were 22. Ms. Chen asked how many total interns the ASUC had. Ms. Vir-Banks said she thought there were 26.

Ms. Flores asked what other things they did during the intern meeting. Ms. Vir-Banks said they made agreements about how they'd operate as a group, as an intern team. They had a DE-Cal question and they also did an icebreaker. They were going to go over propositions, but interns were really vocal so they just continued the discussion about the Senate.

Mr. Mairena asked if there were any notes on the conversation that was going on with the interns. Ms. Vir-Banks said she didn't take any notes, but she could talk to him if he was interested. Mr. Mairena said that if there were notes, he asked if she could forward them. Ms. Vir-Banks said she could send notes out. Ms. Pasco said that just to clarify, the interns had an agreement of confidentiality in their space. So

that was also something to consider. If people wanted to see what happens in that space, she would encourage them to attend intern meetings. Mr. Mairena said he was there.

Ms. Flores asked if Senators would need to notify Ms. Vir-Banks before attending an intern meeting so confidentiality wouldn't be bridged. Ms. Vir-Banks said she thought it would be good for Senators to just come in, and overall, she didn't think people would mind if Senators came in.

Special Committee Reports

Reporting for the Selection Committee for the Services Board Director, Mr. Tran said the Committee's recommendation for the position will be at the meeting around 9:00. He knew the Senate couldn't conduct official business, but if they hear him out, he's been working already, trying to start on his role in the ASUC. Perhaps next week or the following week, when the Senate could conduct official business, he wouldn't have to come back in. He's already made it a priority to attend the Senate meeting that evening. So this was just a request.

Reports from ASUC Representatives

Ms. Rodriguez said she attended the MCGC meeting last Friday at 3 p.m. at MLK. Delegates from ten fraternities and sororities on the Council met. They're discussing a social code. She had a copy she would pass around. The MCGC was working on this with other Councils to make sure it applied to all of them. It's a project they have. A new member, Sigma Lambda Beta was coming in. Their affiliate status will start next semester, but it was interesting to begin the conversation and let them know about the resources were available. She told them that Guest Announcements was something the Senate highly encouraged them to do in order to keep the ASUC in the loop. So the Senate should hear some MCGC groups coming in to report to the Senate.

Ms. Flores said the Academic Opportunity Fund Committee met that day. She and Mr. Zuo went over 20 applications for this Fund. It was a long application. They actually allocated a lot of \$500 applications because they thought the student organizations were very deserving. They'll attend conferences and other leadership summits. The Committee was checking on how much funding was left in the Fund. She thought they've allocated around \$3,000 to date because there were 21 grant applications. Ms. Flores said they'll definitely keep the Senate updated in terms of whether they need to replenish this fund, seeing as students were more apt to apply for grants because of all the publicity and the outreach that all of them were doing. She thought people were doing amazing work at that time.

Ms. Raffi said she wanted to invite Senators and anybody else who attends Senate meetings regularly, to a dinner on Sunday, November 23, with she and Ms. Hussain, at a really good Afghanistani restaurant. It will be at 7:00. She would ask people to please talk to them.

Mr. Mairena moved to adjourn. He asked to rescind his motion.

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

Elected Official Announcements (cont'd)

Mr. Sakaue said Tuesday, Election Day, was really emotional for him because of the presidential and the California elections. It was also an emotional day for a lot of students on the campus. In that light, a few people were feeling a lot of distress, grief, and anger, as a result of Prop. 8. In response, the Gender Equity Resource Center will offer free counseling both that day and on Thursday. He believed the hours on Thursday will be 1:00 to 4:00, at Cesar Chavez Student Center. Mr. Sakaue said he just wanted to request people in the Senate and also request of all people on campus to maintain their commitment to have an inclusive campus with all identities and continue to make their campus and their State a safe and equal place to live.

Ms. Rodriguez said there was an e-mail announcing an ASUC Resources Workshop on the 18th of November, 7:00 to 8:30, in the Senate Chamber. A few Senators were able to meet last week. She sent her last e-mail, and if people haven't responded, she would ask them to please do so. She'll send the agenda to everybody in the Senate and to offices. As for the line-up for the workshop, they need presenters. She would ask Senators to please invite people if Senators could not attend personally. They're also open to changing any information or adding anything Senators felt should be part of the presentation. She would ask people to please take a look at the line-up if they haven't already. She'll send out any new information covering the meeting that day. She'll also send out a bill that will discuss it. Secondly, Ms. Rodriguez said she wanted to give a shout-out to the Daily Cal. The Daily Cal doesn't print on Wednesday, and maybe some of them had a chance to look at the paper that day online. It was really good.

Ms. Rodriguez said she wanted to let everybody know what happened yesterday in terms of helping out the Vote Coalition. EAVP Jirachaikitti wasn't present, but Ms. Rodriguez said she'd make an announcement about it. Ms. Rodriguez said she wanted to commend all Senators who helped out on Tuesday. They were able to call 3,000 Berkeley students to get out the vote. They had a little friendly competition every hour as to who could make the most calls, and she won two hours in a row. They also had a great turnout at the Bear's Lair to viewing of the election results. If people were there, they saw the mass numbers of students, local community members, who really rejoiced together. She thought it was one of the most beautiful sights she's ever seen last night. And she wanted to give props to everybody who helped out with the Vote Coalition. She hoped people voted.

Ms. Pasco said Saturday will be Filipino Empowerment Day. It will be an all-day event, from 9:00 to 5:00. They're inviting students from the Stockton area, and she believed other places, other high schools. It's a collaborative event among Bay Area colleges, such as Stanford, Berkeley, UC Davis, and other colleges in the area, like Pac State and SF State. She would invite Senators to come and learn about her culture. This will be a recruitment event for high school students to empower them to want to pursue higher education, especially within the Filipino community, as Filipinos are an underrepresented

community in higher education and even more so in graduate education. The Academic Affairs Vice President, Mr. De la Cruz, and she will actually facilitate a workshop on Prop. 209 and affirmative action and the affects it's had on the Filipino community, and more specifically, within the educational aspect of affirmative action and Prop. 209. She would invite people to come. It will be on Saturday. She wasn't sure when the workshop they're putting on will be scheduled, but people could attend and find that out, and find out when the other workshops will happen.

Mr. Tran asked where the event will be. Ms. Pasco said she'll e-mail out the details. It will be in 101 Morgan. That's where the main event will take place. But the workshops will take place in other locations. It's entitled "Filipino Empowerment Day."

Ms. Yang said she wanted to thank Sen. Rodriguez for being have visible and transparent with the ASUC Resources Workshop, and Ms. Yang said she looked forward to it.

Ms. Shah said that for the g.dot poker tournament, the buy-in is \$15 and they're also raffling off a free plane ticket to anywhere, worth up to \$700, provided by Jet Blue. The tournament will be on Thursday from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Bank of America Forum at Haas. Also, the Ethnic Studies undergraduate student group Dialogue will meet on Thursday evening from 2:00 to 4:00. There will be free food. If people didn't know much about Ethnic Studies in the first place, they'll celebrate the 40 years it has existed. She would ask people to please attend. It will be at Heller Lounge, in the MCC.

Ms. Chen said that during Fi-Comm they talked about how they have an agenda sent out in terms of the order for bills. She just wanted to let everyone know that if they have a student group that needed special accommodations, Fi-Comm has agreed that the Committee would be more than willing to take those accommodations into consideration and to move people around on the agenda. But she would ask Senators to please try and get that information to the Finance Committee beforehand so it could be incorporated into the agenda at the last minute. They could bring a request up to all of them on the Committee. She thought that everyone was more than willing to accommodate this, especially if there are special circumstances. But it would be more efficient to do it ahead of time. A lot of times student groups come in, and when Senators at the Fi-Comm meeting move things around, student groups don't feel it was a very good experience for them. But she thought they'd understand this. So she would ask Senators to please communicate with Committee members ahead of time. They could let the Chair or Vice Chair know to put the agenda in a particular order.

Ms. Oatfield said that at the last meeting she made some comments about Berkeley students not being as engaged in political activities as much as she would like. She would like to delightfully say that last night she thought she was proven wrong. But she still stood by the overall statement she made the other week. But now, she had a little more hope.

Mr. Tran said that people read about Berkeley in the legendary '60s, and last night kind of felt like that. The energy in the City was great. He wanted to thank everybody for showing his intern who came there some respect. The intern wanted to come there and see what the Senate was like, and it was training for him. So Mr. Tran said he would like thank the Senate for showing him respect. It was appreciated.

Mr. Owens said his bill, SB 146, dealing with Senate efficiency, will come to the floor in two weeks. He would urge them to vote on it favorably. But it wasn't enough that they vote yes, or to put it under CC,

but to actually try to abide by the recommendations that he and other Senators in the Meeting Length Working Group have tried to instill in the Senate. It wouldn't be just a victory if they pass the bill, but it will be a victory if the Senate was more efficient and there was more dialogue on both sides. He would encourage people to strongly consider this bill.

Mr. Owens said he was also thinking about a couple of other projects after this. He would ask Senators to raise their hands if they felt they had a very good or good familiarity with Robert's Rules. He noted that about half the Senators raise their hands. Mr. Owens said he was going to try and have some sort of a Robert's Rules flier, something he could pass out, some things they could sort of try. He thought that was what was slowing the Senate down a little bit, their lack of knowledge of Robert's Rules. So he'll try and join up with some other Senators, people who perhaps know Robert's Rules better than he did, and they'll try to spread the information.

Ms. Shah asked if he had the handout that Ms. Pasco gave out during Senate Training. Mr. Owens said he did. He'll try to add to that.

Mr. Mairena said this wasn't an announcement but to clarify what will happen in terms of their meetings for the next couple of weeks, to see if he had this correct. There was a main motion to suspend the By-laws, which meant that next week they could meet, and consider business at next week's meeting. He thought they could do that if the By-laws were suspended. So at next week's Senate meeting they'll consider business, as normal, they'll appoint the Elections Council Chair, and approve them the week after that. And then everything would be back to normal. He asked if that was correct, and said he just wanted to clarify that with everyone, in case anyone had any confusion about that.

Ms. Dhar moved to recess for two minutes. The motion was seconded and failed by hand-vote 8-8-3.
Mr. Mairena moved to adjourn. He asked to rescind the motion.

Ms. Cho moved to go to Special Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection.

Special Committee Reports (cont'd)

Ms. Cho said the Ethnic Studies Fifth Account met and she wanted to encourage people, if they want to apply, to do so quickly, because they're having their last meeting in two weeks.

Ms. Raffi 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, Mr. Owens moved to extend the recess by three minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Ms. Shah moved to extend the recess by five minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yang and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed. Back in session, Mr. Nahabet moved to extend the recess until the discretion of the Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tran and passed with no objection. This meeting was recessed.

Back in session, reporting for the Selection Committee for the Elections Council Chair, Ms. Hussain said that what they'll do is to suspend the By-laws next week. By the end of the week they'll find somebody to fill the Elections Council Chair position. The nominee will go to Fi-Comm on Monday. Fi-Comm will suspend the By-laws, consider the appointment and the stipend, and the Senate would consider nominee under Appointments. And hopefully, the Senate will never have to worry about suspending the By-laws ever again.

Ms. Raffi moved to go to Elected Official Announcements. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chen and failed by hand-vote 4-8-5.

Ms. Shah moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Flores. Ms. Shah asked to rescind the motion.

On a point of order, Ms. Raffi asked if they could ask questions of the Selection Committee's report. Ms. Hussain moved to go to Special Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tran and passed with no objection.

Special Committee Reports (cont'd)

Ms. Hussain called for any questions for the Selection Committee for the Elections Council Chair. Ms. Raffi asked if she thought that this would put the integrity of the ASUC into question in that they were taking an issue like this that didn't pertain to the overarching business they do, which was to help student groups put on their events, and allowing such a big change in their procedure. She thought suspending the By-laws was a really big deal. To put it bluntly, it made the ASUC look really bad. It undermined the Senate. She said Ms. Hussain made a point about hoping this was the last time they suspend the By-laws, and if the Senate did it now, that would set a precedent. If they could always suspend the By-laws, she would ask why they would take them seriously. Ms. Pasco asked if she was asking a question. Ms. Raffi asked how Ms. Hussain felt about that.

Ms. Hussain said that as an ASUC elected official, she didn't like the fact that they were suspending the rules. But as she said before, they can't consider appointments as it was. They could nominate somebody that evening for Elections Council chair, but they couldn't appoint them next week because they couldn't conduct official business because nobody was appointed. So no matter what, they had to suspend the By-laws to get somebody appointed to the position.

Ms. Hussain moved to reconsider her previous motion to suspend the By-laws. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shah. **THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO SUSPEND THE BY-LAWS PASSED WITH NO OBJECTION.**

Ms. Hussain moved to amend the motion to suspend the By-laws, Title IV, Article 2, Section 3.2 of the By-laws, which state that if the Senate does not appoint an Elections Council Chair by the eighth regular Senate meeting of the Fall Semester, they could not consider any official business until it does so. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tran. The motion to amend passed with no objection. Ms. Pasco said they were now in consideration of the entire motion.

On a point of order, Ms. Chen said that a main motion needed to be available for public notice for a week before the Senate could consider it.

Mr. Sakaue asked if a motion was needed to submit this, and it would be referred to committee. Ms. Pasco said that was correct. Mr. Sakaue asked if this needed a bill number. Ms. Pasco said she didn't think it did.

Ms. Chen asked if Ms. Pasco was sending the motion to suspend the By-laws to Con-Review. Ms. Pasco said she was. She asked the Senate to stand at ease.

Mr. Sakaue said that because this was under the application of the By-laws to not consider New Business, they're considering Sen. Hussain's main motion as not being a bill. So therefore it will be heard next Wednesday as a motion on the floor of the Senate. It will be informally discussed on Monday night at 9 p.m. in the Senate lounge, preferably by members of Con-Review, to air out concerns about suspending the By-laws in service to Senate efficiency. He said this was a clarification in terms of process.

Ms. Pasco said they were still under consideration of Sen. Hussain's motion to suspend the By-laws.

On a point of order, Mr. Mairena asked why the Senate was in consideration of the motion and said they had a week. Ms. Pasco said they voted on the amendment and now they were under consideration of the entire motion. Mr. Mairena said he thought main motions had to be voted on a week later. Mr. Sakaue said it was a main motion but it wouldn't be referred to committee and the Senate wouldn't actually consider it that evening, and would consider it next Wednesday.

Ms. Hussain said that for the sake of efficiency, she would move to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hussain and passed with no objection.

Roll call was taken for attendance. Members present were:

Sheila Chen
Sarah Cho
Meghana Dhar
Mary June Flores
Saira Hussain
Oscar Mairena
John Moghtader

Eddie Nahabet
Christina Oatfield
Tommy Owens
Tara Raffi
Claudia Rodriguez
Lyell Sakaue
Kifah Shah

Will Smelko
Lisa Tran
Tu Tran
Obiamaka Ude
Stephanie Yang
Yishi Zuo

This meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Steven I. Litwak
Recording Secretary