



# 2008-2009 ASUC Senate

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## ASUC REGULAR SENATE MEETING AGENDA

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**SPRING 2009 SESSION – WEEK 2**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009**  
**7:00PM, SENATE CHAMBERS**

SPECIAL ORDER, “BEAR’S LAIR VENDORS”  
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7:30-8:00P

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2009

II. NEW BUSINESS

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2009

IV. GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASUC REPORTS

Faculty Representative (Professor Lieu)  
Chancellor’s Representative (Dean Poullard)  
UCPD Representative (Sergeant Tucker)  
Graduate Assembly (GA President Daal)  
ASUC SUPERB Representative (Huynh)  
Alumni Representative

VI. ASUC STORE OPERATIONS BOARD REPORT (Auxiliary Director Permaul)

VII. ELECTED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Standing Committee on Constitutional and Procedural Review (Mairena)  
Standing Committee on University and External Affairs (Lisa Tran)  
Standing Committee on the Advocacy Agenda (Pasco)  
Advocacy Committee on Student Health & Mental/Spiritual Well Being (Shah)  
Advocacy Committee on Academic Resources Improvement & Employment Security (Cho)  
Advocacy Committee on Fiscal, Environmental & Socially Responsible Businesses for Lower Sproul (Raffi)

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

X. APPOINTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance Officer (Batac)  
Attorney General (Sinanian)  
Solicitor General (Hollihan)  
ASUC Lobby Corps Director (Ballard)  
City Affairs Lobbying and Housing Director (An)  
ASUC Webmaster (Hemmati)

Senate Aide (Vir-Banks)  
"From All Perspectives" Show Co-Directors (Patel & Louie)  
Judicial Council Representative (Acting Chair Johal)  
Commissioner of Diversity Affairs (Dolores)  
Public Relations Director (Title I) (Mak)  
Undergraduate Representative to the SOB (Rhoads)  
Elections Council Chair (Liedblad)

#### XI. IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

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Vinit Sukhija, Elections Council Publicity Coordinator (Stipend \$800)  
Lindsay Bailey, Elections Council Poll Coordinator (Stipend \$800)

#### XIV. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

President (Winston)  
Executive Vice President (Pasco)  
External Affairs Vice President (Jirachaikitti)  
Academic Affairs Vice President (De La Cruz)  
Student Advocate (DeMartini)

#### XV. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Disability Accommodation Fund Director Selection Committee (Mairena, Shah, Rodriguez, Cho, Smelko)  
Fundraising Director Selection Committee (Dhar, Rodriguez, Yang, Owens, Tu Tran)  
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Representative to ASUC SUPERB (Sakaue, Smelko, Dhar, Raffi, Rodriguez)  
Representative to the Graduate Assembly (Shah, Cho, Flores, Rodriguez, Yang, Dhar)  
Representative to the Re-Entry and Transfer Students' Association (Mairena)  
Representative to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (Smelko, Moghtader, Ude)  
Representative to the Haas Business School Association (Raffi, Dhar, Zuo)  
Representative to the Berkeley Student Cooperative (Oatfield, Rodriguez)  
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Representative to UC Fall Extension Students (Lisa Tran, Dhar)  
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Representative to the National Pan-Hellenic Council (Ude, Raffi)  
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Representatives to the ASUC Committee for the Academic Opportunity Fund (Zuo, Flores)  
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DWIGHT ASUNCION, FORMER ASUC SENATOR

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SARAH CHO, ASUC SENATOR

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A Bill in Commemoration of Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau and The Associated Students of the University of California

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Authored By Senator Obiamaka Ude

**WHEREAS**, The inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> president, President Barack Hussein Obama occurred on the day of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009,

**WHEREAS**, Chancellor Birgeneau, in collaboration with the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) hosted a viewing of the inaugural ceremony of President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden,

**WHEREAS**, the viewing of the inauguration was a public event for the entire Berkeley community, offering a more convenient, accessible, and warmer alternative to the ceremony in Washington D.C.,

**WHEREAS**, approximately 10,000 people were in attendance of all ages filling Sproul Plaza spilling over into Lower Sproul Plaza,

**WHEREAS**, The significance this event was not only that President Obama is the First African American President in the history of the United States, but also that it is a representation of a great effort towards the realization of many dreams deferred,

**WHEREAS**, The event functioned to televise that the nation is capable of respecting the humanity and existence of all people who make up America, by acknowledging that there is no singular identity in the contribution to the nation's leadership,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC be commemorated for making this page in history possible not only in the electing of President Obama, but through its mobilization and active participation in the 2008 elections regardless of political affiliation making this the second largest youth voter turnout and further marking the rejection of the myth of apathy amongst our generation,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the office of the External Affairs Vice President, be awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation for their diligent and phenomenal efforts towards voter registration during the 2008 election year, without which these events would not be as significant to our campus history

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That ASUC President Roxanne Winston submit a letter of gratitude to the Chancellor and his Office for making this event possible and in addition, and expression of gratitude to the student body for their contribution to these historic events in her next available address to the student body.

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**Bill in Resounding Support for a 24-hour Library on the UC Berkeley Campus**

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**Authored by Senator Raffi and Senator Chen**

**Sponsored by Senator Raffi, Senator Chen, Senator Cho, Senator Dhar, Senator Flores, Senator Hussein, Senator Mairena, Senator Moghtader, Senator Nahabet, Senator Owens, Senator Rodriguez, Senator Sakaue, Senator Shah, Senator Smelko, Senator L. Tran, Senator T. Tran, Senator Ude, Senator Yang, Senator Zuo**

**WHEREAS**, the main goal of any student attending a university is to engage in the promotion of their education; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California, Berkeley, is proud to be one of the premier Universities in the country and boasts a campus climate that facilitates and encourages intellectual development; and

**WHEREAS**, the administration does not currently provide any space on campus that is open 24 hours before the last day of classes; and

**WHEREAS**, this lack of a quiet, safe study environment is detrimental to the ability of students to study effectively for their classes; and

**WHEREAS**, many students have expressed needs informally to their representatives in student government and the administration; and

**WHEREAS**, many students lack a suitable study space at home; and

**WHEREAS**, caf's and other campus and off-campus spaces are also not open 24 hours, nor provide the quiet or privacy that many students require to concentrate; and

**WHEREAS**, although the ASUC provides a 24 hour study space in Eshleman Library after the 10<sup>th</sup> week, it is not large enough to accommodate; and

**WHEREAS**, UCPD has in the past year expanded its security service, Night Owl, to close the gap in night-time safety services; and

**WHEREAS**, Moffitt Library is currently the library open the most hours and requires the least amount of funding and restructuring to accommodate 24 hour service; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC fully support, endorse, and congratulate efforts of the administration to implement a 24-hour library on campus.

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**A Bill in Support of VietHOPE Charity Night**

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**Authored by Linh Pho, John Viet, Trinh Le, Senator Lisa Tran**

**Sponsored by Senator L. Tran, Senator Sakaue, Senator Hussain, Senator Zuo, Senator Yang**

**WHEREAS**, VietHOPE is the recipient of uNAVSA's (Union of North American Vietnamese Student Association) 2008-2009 Collective Philanthropy Project (CPP); and

**WHEREAS**, VietHope will be working with uNAVSA and VSAs (Vietnamese Student Association) around the country to raise money to support the development of the VietHope Youth Development Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the VietHope Youth Development Program will use funds to establish a permanent office in Vietnam, develop a Youth Development Program, and expand the existing University Scholarship Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the charity night will address the issues of education and leadership development in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, we expect 100 attendees to participate in this event; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for VietHOPE Charity Night is as follow:

ITEM	COST
Food/Refreshments	\$250
Publicity (Flyers, Posters, Banner)	\$150
Program	\$150
Decorations (candles, cloth, rose petals, candle holders, flowers)	\$125
Honorarium	\$100
Printing tickets	\$25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800</b>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the VietHOPE Charity Night be recognized as an ASUC-sponsored event; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ASUC allocate \$450 (Four hundred and fifty dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to the VietHOPE Charity Night.

**A Bill to Amend the By-Laws**

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**Authored by Senator John Moghtader  
Sponsored by Senator John Moghtader**

**WHEREAS,** the By-Laws state...

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the By-Laws will be amended to reflect the below changes.

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**A Bill In Support of the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum's  
Donald Davidson Prize in Philosophy**

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**Authored by Rebecca Millsop, Devin Rusky, Marko Stankovic, Senator Meghana Dhar  
Sponsored by Senators Meghana Dhar and John Moghtader**

**WHEREAS**, The Undergraduate Philosophy Forum (UPF) is a 4<sup>th</sup> year Student Activity Group with a Spring Budget allocation of \$300; and

**WHEREAS**, UPF's first event in the Spring semester will be the first annual Donald Davidson Prize in Philosophy, a campus-wide undergraduate essay competition; and

**WHEREAS**, any undergraduate student at UC Berkeley can submit an essay; and

**WHEREAS** the essay can be on any *philosophical* subject, the essays must be 7-10 pages, double-spaced, 12 pt font, and they must be submitted by Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, three graduate students in the philosophy department will decide which three papers should be awarded the prizes, then the winners will be announced on May 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1<sup>st</sup> place essay and be guaranteed publication in *Harvest Moon*, the undergraduate philosophy journal, the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and 3<sup>rd</sup> place essays will get the chance to work with an editor of *Harvest Moon* for potential publication; and

**WHEREAS**, UPF believes that a campus-wide philosophy essay competition will aid us in our goals as a student organization: to foster a lively and active community of Berkeley undergraduates brought together by our interest in philosophy, while encouraging a campus-wide interest in philosophical inquiry; and

**WHEREAS**, this essay competition will also promote academic excellence across campus and expose students from all fields to the joy of philosophical inquiry; and

**WHEREAS**, UPF believes this competition will further the basic mission of the Forum: encourage community, philosophical enquiry, and academic excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget for the event is as follows:

Item	Cost
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Awards	\$500 (1 <sup>st</sup> - \$300; 2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$150; 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$50)
Graduate Student Judges	\$600 (\$200/each)
Publicity (Daily Cal)	\$60
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$1,160

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$1,260 from the Senate Contingency Fund to the UPF Donald Davidson Prize in Philosophy.

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**A Bill In Support of the ASUC Consulting Forum**

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**Authored by Senator Meghana Dhar  
Sponsored by Senators Meghana Dhar, Will Smelko, Eddie Nahabet, Sheila Chen**

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC exists to serve the need of students, and one way to fulfill this duty is by providing services and opportunities to students; and

**WHEREAS**, Consulting is a highly sought-after field for Berkeley students majoring in or interested in business; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26<sup>h</sup>, at 6:30pm, the ASUC will be hosting its first ever consulting forum; and

**WHEREAS**, the forum will be intended to be a service to all students and admission will be free; and

**WHEREAS**, the forum will be unique in that it will offer all attendees to interact directly with recruiters and consultants after the forum for resume critiques and mock interviews; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC will be extending an open invitation to any groups on campus interested in cosponsoring; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget for the event is as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Banner	\$100
Flyers	\$300
Binders for distribution to attendees	\$210
Printing for binder material	\$30
Transportation from SF for panelists	\$245
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$885</b>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC shall allocate \$885 from the Senate Contingency fund to the "ASUC Consulting Forum."

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## A Bill in Support of Alternative Breaks 2009

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Authored by Jessica Liu and Senator T. Trần

Sponsored by Senator T. Trần, Senator E. Nahabet, Senator W. Smelko, Senator S. Chen

**WHEREAS**, Alternative Breaks (8<sup>th</sup> year Student-Initiated Service Group) is a community service-oriented group whereby allowing students to engage in weeklong, service-learning trips in communities outside of the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the student-led, faculty and Cal Corps staff-advised program caters to underserved communities; participating students (about 56) will learn about social issues first hand by working, eating, and living with the people directly impacted by racism, poverty, and other social injustices; and

**WHEREAS**, students not only engage in hands-on learning about how various social issues impact communities, but they will be involved in community issues on a personal level, which equips the participants with the knowledge and leadership tools to make informed impact on their own communities; and

**WHEREAS**, thus far, the aggregate 773 participants came back with new perspectives of themselves and the world around them; their lives were touched by the experience of providing selfless social service and establishing pragmatic means to engage these communities in continued efforts of development, self-sustenance, and progress; and

**WHEREAS**, from March 21 to 29, 2009, the Alternative Breaks group will execute four service trips detailed below:

- **Migrant Farm Workers in Central Valley** (New Trip): Exploring issues of workers' rights, health, food safety, education, and immigration. Work among the migrants in the field, visit organizations supporting migrant population, and volunteer resources within the community. The Central Valley is a vital area of economic importance to the California economy.
- **Healthcare in Camp Kumayeey** (To empower an underserved community): Work in healthcare facilities of the Native American Reservations in San Diego, CA to raise general health awareness. Students will visit high schools to relay information about higher education, preventative healthcare (diabetes, heart disease, fitness, proper dieting), and ways to face the daily obstacles in order strive for a bright future. Participants learn about issues facing Native Americans by becoming part of the community.
- **Rebuilding the Gulf Coast**: With failing institutions, an impoverished populace, and growing disparities prior to the Hurricane, this region now in much need of volunteer services, primarily in rebuilding the infrastructure. Participants will be exposed to the social, economic, and political characteristics of an impoverished region in the United States.
- **The San Diego-Tijuana Border**: The focus is on migration flow across the border (focus on political, economic, social, and human rights aspects). Participants will tour the border crossing, work with a

variety of NGOs assisting migrant day laborers and maquiladoras workers, and develop community projects in the colonias of Tijuana.

**WHEREAS**, the budget for the Alternative Breaks Trips, as of November 2, 2008, is as follows:

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008</b>
<b>Transportation</b>		
<i>New Orleans (14)</i>	Airfare 400x14	\$5,600
	Car Rental 2x500 and Fees	\$1,000
	Gas	\$325
<i>Campo Kumeyaay (14)</i>	Car Rental 2x500	\$1,000
	Gas	\$650
<i>San Diego (14)</i>	Airfare 150x14	\$2,100
	Car Rental 2x500	\$1,000
	Gas	\$325
	Mexico Insurance	\$150
<i>Central Valley</i>	Car Rental 2x500	\$1,000
	Gas	\$650
		<b>\$13,800</b>
<b>Housing</b>		
<i>New Orleans</i>	Housing donations	\$500
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Housing donations	\$100
<i>San Diego</i>	Housing donations	\$200
<i>Central Valley</i>	Housing donations	\$100
		<b>\$900</b>
<b>Food</b>		
<i>New Orleans</i>	Meals and Snacks (14x\$6.50x7)	\$637
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Meals and snacks (14x\$6.50X7)	\$637
<i>San Diego</i>	Meals and snacks(14x\$6.50X7)	\$637
<i>Central Valley</i>	Meals and snacks(14x\$6.50X7)	\$637
		<b>\$2,548</b>
<b>Training Materials</b>		
<i>New Orleans</i>	De-cal supplies	\$50
	thank you cards	\$15
	Service Supplies	\$150
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	De-cal supplies	\$50
	thank you cards	\$15
	Service Supplies	\$150
<i>San Diego</i>	De-cal supplies	\$50
	thank you cards	\$15
	Service Supplies	\$150
<i>Central Valley</i>	De-cal supplies	\$50
	thank you cards	\$15
	Service Supplies	\$150

		<b>\$860</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008</b>
<b>Honoraria</b>		
<i>New Orleans</i>	Guest speaker honorariums	\$150
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Guest speaker honorariums	\$150
<i>San Diego</i>	Guest speaker honorariums	\$150
<i>Central Valley</i>	Guest speaker honorariums	\$150
		<b>\$600</b>
<b>Documentation</b>		
<i>New Orleans</i>	Film/Developing	\$20
	Scrapbook x 14 x \$10	\$140
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Film/Developing	\$20
	Scrapbook x 14 x \$10	\$160
<i>San Diego</i>	Film/Developing	\$20
	Scrapbook x 14 x \$10	\$140
<i>Central Valley</i>	Film/Developing	\$20
	Scrapbook x 14 x \$10	\$140
		<b>\$660</b>
<b>GENERAL OPERATING</b>		
<b>Professional Staff</b>	6 hours/week @\$67,000/year	<b>\$10,050</b>
<b>Student Staff</b>	\$500 stipends/coord	\$1,000
	In-kind AmeriCorps Ed Awards 2@\$1,200 each	\$2,400
<b>Financial Aid Awards</b>	Break Leader Fees Waived	\$1,525
	Financial Aid All Breaks	\$900
<b>General</b>	Training Supplies for Break Leaders	\$467
	First Aid Kits (4 x \$25)	\$125
	Food Coolers (2 x \$25)	\$150
		<b>\$6,567</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES WITH PROF STAFF</b>		<b>\$35,985</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES WITHOUT PROF STAFF</b>		<b>\$25,935</b>

<b>INCOME 2008</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PROJECTED 2008</b>
<b>Participant Fees</b>		
<i>New Orleans (14)</i>	12x200	\$2,400
<i>Campo Kumeyaay (14)</i>	12x125	\$1,500
<i>San Diego (14)</i>	12x200	\$2,400
<i>Central Valley (14)</i>	12x125	\$1,500

**\$7,800**

**ASUC Funding**

<i>New Orleans</i>	Assuming max ammount achieved	
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Spring budgeting 08-09	\$200
<i>San Diego</i>	Contingency 08-09	<b>\$250</b>
<i>Alternative Breaks</i>	Contingency 08-09	<b>\$250</b>
<i>AB Pubs Group</i>	Spring budgeting 08-09	\$750
<i>All Breaks</i>	Pubs Center Funds	\$250
	AOF, PSF, EEF Grants (Projected)	\$1,450
		<b>\$3,150</b>

**Grants/Solicitations (Extra-ASUC)**

<i>New Orleans</i>	Personal Donation (14 x \$50)	\$700
	Alumni Donations	\$250
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Alumni Donations	\$250
	Personal Donation (14 x \$50)	\$700
	prytanean	\$100
<i>San Diego</i>	Alumni Donations	\$250
	auction	\$500
	newman hall	\$500
	Westmoreland	\$1,000
	Personal Donations (14 x \$50)	\$700
	Ethnic Studies Fifth Account	\$250
		<b>\$5,200</b>

**In-Kind**

<i>New Orleans</i>	Food Donations	\$500
<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	Food Donations	\$500
<i>San Diego</i>	Food Donations	\$500
<i>Central Valley</i>	Food Donations	\$500
<i>In-kind AmeriCorps Ed Awards</i>	2@ \$1,200 each	\$2,400
		<b>\$4,400</b>

**Fundraisers**

<i>Cookie Dough</i>	<i>New Orleans</i>	\$1,050
	<i>Campo Kumeyaay</i>	\$1,050
	<i>TJ</i>	\$1,050
	<i>Central Valley</i>	\$1,050
Football Concessions	<i>All</i>	\$1,500
		<b>\$5,700</b>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$26,250**

TOTAL EXPENSES \$35,985

TOTAL INCOME \$26,250

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-\$9,735

**WHEREAS**, Alternative Breaks, since 2001, has continued to develop long-term relationships among Cal students, underserved communities, faculty research, and Cal alumni; their philanthropic efforts culminate in 17 different projects which touched thousands of lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC's funding priority for established, continually successful, expanding, and astoundingly philanthropic projects are of tantamount importance as to new, innovative projects and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the timing of this bill is critical as it can affect the composition of this year's 56 participants, particular students wishing to participate but do not have the financial resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the spring budgeting application for Alternative Breaks in FY 08-09 did not include the expansive aspects of the four trips and thus did not seem to necessitate an increase in allocation; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that \$500 (five hundred USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to the Alternative Breaks Spring 2009 Trips (specific items are highlighted in blue).

## **A Bill in Support of the Magnolia Project**

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**Authored by Joey Guzman, Klara Sputova, Stephanie Stephanie Yang, and Tu Trần  
Sponsored by Senator Yang, Senator T. Trần, Senator Flores, Senator Smelko, Senator Dhar, Senator  
Chen, Senator Cho, Senator Nahabet, Senator Raffi, Senator Zuo**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Magnolia Project (a 3<sup>rd</sup> year SISG) is to raise on-campus awareness of the injustices surrounding Hurricane Katrina and to serve the disenfranchised, low-income communities of the region by providing mini-grants to non-profits in the area, and organizing service trips; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Katrina illuminated many social, economic and racial injustices and we hope that through a service trip to New Orleans students can see the stark inequality throughout the recovery process and connect these issues to the Bay Area (i.e. housing, education, city infrastructure, criminal justice); and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that UC Berkeley, as the number one research University in the country, make a commitment to the survivors of Hurricane Katrina and their struggles across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, from May 29 until June 19, the Magnolia Project will conduct a summer service project in New Orleans, Louisiana and the surrounding Gulf Coast communities for 50 Cal students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Magnolia Project Summer Service Trip is a very unique experience; there is no other university that coordinates three-week service trip of 50 students to the Gulf Coast region; this year, the organization has markedly strived to optimize the student experience which inadvertently leads to increased expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, they had set up several summer internships and made a long-term 10 year commitment to the gulf coast through a UC-NOLA program; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Project's organizational process is very empowering being that they recruit interns to place them in a role to perform, lead, and execute in addition to allowing people to experience the Summer trip; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, they will facilitate a DeCal course, titled "The Legacy of Hurricane Katrina," educating Cal students about the impact of the storm as well as the larger social issues at play.

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Project has established many deep partnerships with on campus entities such as Cal Corps, RHA, HallAss and a bevy of student organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Project has grown every year and made tremendous impact for their philanthropy work; it has been recognized and awarded by Berkeley's Bears Breaking Boundaries, Center for Student Leadership OSKIS Award, and Chancellor's Award for Public Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget for The Magnolia Project’s Summer Service Trip is as follows:

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Lodging	\$5/person/day x 21 days x 50 people	\$5,250
Food	\$5/person/day x 21 days x 50 people	\$5,250
Transportation-Airfare	50 * \$300	\$15,000
Transportation-Vans	\$340/van/week x 7 vans x 3 weeks	\$7,140
Under age 25 driver fee	\$180/driver x 7 drivers	\$1,260
Insurance-Vans	\$40/day/van x 7 vans x 19 days,	\$5,320
Gas	\$300/van/week x 7 vans x 3 weeks,	\$6,300
Speaker Honoraria	3 community speakers * 3 weeks * \$50	\$ 300.00
<b>Return to Campus/Educational Materials</b>		
Follow up with guest speakers, trainers, participants	500 copies * .04 (or stationary)	\$ 20.00
Revenue	\$600/participant x 50	\$30,000
	<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR TRIP</b>	<b>\$15,840</b>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the ASUC recognize the Magnolia Project as a third-year ASUC-sponsored Student Initiated Service Group (SISG); and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC allocate \$1500 (one thousand and five hundred dollars) from contingency to The Magnolia Project.

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## A Bill in Support of the OSKIs 2009

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**Authored by Ms. Amanda Carlton and Senator T. Trần**  
**Sponsored by Senator T. Trần, Senator W. Smelko, Senator E. Nahabet, Senator S. Chen**

**WHEREAS**, UC Berkeley owes its atmosphere for exceptional quality of student life and opportunities to extracurricular activities, thus it is the most noble of actions for the ASUC to continue supporting a student-directed award for student leadership in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC and Campus Life and Leadership are joint planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual OSKIs Leadership Award Ceremony (refer to ASUC By-Laws Titled ASUC Recognition Awards for the OSKI Leadership Award Ceremony); and

**WHEREAS**, quoting the ASUC By-Laws: “The ASUC Recognition Awards shall provide recognition to members of the ASUC in order to encourage students to work diligently inside and outside the classroom and to remember their accomplishments while working with the ASUC. These awards shall be presented at the annual OSKIs Leadership Award Night”; and

**WHEREAS**, award categories has historically been very inclusive in terms of student tenure: “Emerging” to “Outstanding”; breath of events such as cultural, social, service, educational; and of course a diverse handful of student leaders and entities dedicated to various categories of work and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, ASUC Senators will be playing direct roles in organizing this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the OSKIs was allocated \$1,250 in the 08-09 ASUC budget under the Programs lined-item, yet the budget, as of January 25, 2009, is as follows:

[Pending Final Budget]

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC allocate \$1,000 (one thousand USD) from the Carry Forward Account to fund the OSKIs Leadership Award Ceremony 2009.

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## A Bill in Support of Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers

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**Authored by Charlene Kemmerer and Senator T. Trần**  
**Sponsored by Senator T. Trần**

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC consistently supports an inclusive environment ripe with support for students undergoing various hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, 22-30% of college undergraduates are in the first 12 months of grieving the death of a close friend or family member; despite the large number, very few talk about their feelings and universities are often too underfunded to provide the necessary support while these students face risk of decline in academic performance, social anxiety, and in some cases, serious mental illness

**WHEREAS**, Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers at Berkeley (SAMF) is currently a CLL-registered student organization founded in the Fall of 2004; since then, the student group serves on average 20 students each semester in its support group; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of SAMF is to support all college students with an ailing or deceased loved one, empowering all college students to fight back against terminal illness; SAMF aims to achieve its mission by offering peer support, service learning opportunities (college students provide support to teens in the community), faculty mentoring, and community outreach programs to help students cope with psychological, social, and academic difficulties associated with having an ailing or deceased loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMF has and will continue to initiate collaboration and joint programming with other on campus student groups such as Camp Kesem and local organizations such as

**WHEREAS**, SAMF's operational budget for the Spring 2009 semester, as of January 24, 2009, is as follows:

<b>Expenditure Items</b>	
Table and 2 Chairs	\$100
Banner	\$75.91
Awareness Pamphlets (Partially Subsidized)	\$20
Food and Refreshments	\$200
Printing for Posting in Housing Facilities	\$55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450.91</b>

**WHEREAS**, it is critical for SAMF to commence full publicity efforts to increase awareness for its support group in the Spring 2009 semester; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC recognizes Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers as a 1<sup>st</sup> year SISG (student-initiated service group); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that \$195.91 (one hundred ninety five and ninety-one USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Students of Ailing Mothers and Fathers.

**A Bill in Support of Replenishing the  
ASUC Senate Contingency Fund**

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**Authored By Senator Saira Hussain  
Sponsored by Senator Saira Hussain**

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC Senate is currently allocating funds to student organizations for various projects, programs, and activities led by students of the University of California, Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC Senate is running short on funds necessary to continue funding major events and projects hosted by these organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC Senate prioritizes the needs of students financially through the Senate Contingency Fund for allocations specific to programs and events presented in main motions; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASUC Senate would like to continue supporting major efforts throughout this campus;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ dollars) from Carry Forward to the Senate Contingency Fund.

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**A Bill In Support of the Smart Ass Magazine**

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**Authored by Julia Piper and Senator Meghana Dhar**

**Sponsored by Senators Meghana Dhar, Will Smelko, Yishi Zuo, Eddie Nahabet, Sheila Chen, Tara Raffi, Sarah Cho, Tu Tran**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Smart Ass is CLL-sponsored, and is an 8<sup>th</sup> year ASUC-sponsored PUB; and

**WHEREAS,** the Smart Ass' mission is to be "a campus forum for progressive issues and public policy concerns," whose mixture of news, features, commentary, satire, and analysis lend unique insight into Democratic issues relevant on a national, state, and local level; and

**WHEREAS,** the magazine's primary goal is to encourage the freedom of speech and to engage the campus and community in the discussion of Democratic policies and values; and

**WHEREAS,** the Smart Ass has 9 staff members and 15 contributors for the current issue who are working extremely hard to improve all of the publication, including content development, graphic design, layout and production, business management, and aggressive distribution; and

**WHEREAS,** the magazine is distributed on campus for free and prints no advertisements, and is without the support of private donors; and

**WHEREAS,** currently, due to the lack of funds, this ground-breaking, "progressive values" issue of the Smart Ass, as well as the planned Spring issue to be released in late April, cannot be printed, resulting in a recognizable and disturbing gap in political representation via campus publications; and

**WHEREAS,** the working budget of the Smart Ass is as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Winter issue - 24 pgs (1,500 copies)	1	2,130.95
Spring issue - 16 pgs (1,500 copies)	1	1,903.40

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,034.35</b>
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC recognize the Smart Ass Magazine as an 8<sup>th</sup>-year ASUC Publication (PUB); and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ASUC shall allocate \$1,500 from the Senate Contingency fund to sponsor the Smart Ass Magazine.

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**A Bill In Support of Bollywood Berkeley**

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**Authored by Jyothsna Talkad and Senator Meghana Dhar  
Sponsored by Senators Meghana Dhar, Will Smelko, Yishi Zuo, Sheila Chen**

**WHEREAS**, founded almost twenty years ago, Indus has been UC Berkeley's largest South Asian organization on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Indus hosts South Asian cultural and cross-cultural events throughout the year and is responsible for numerous entertaining, educational, and service-oriented events on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, UC Berkeley's Indus will be hosting its eighth annual Hindi Film Dance competition, Bollywood Berkeley, on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Zellerbach Auditorium in Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS**, Bollywood Berkeley is the largest Hindi Film Dance competition in the nation and Indus' largest event during the year; and

**WHEREAS**, eight collegiate level dance teams from across the country will compete for over \$4,000 in prize money

**WHEREAS**, this year, an audience 2000 is expected, making it the largest competition in the university's history; and

**WHEREAS**, more information can be found on the official website, [www.bollywoodberkeley.ucberkeleyindus.com](http://www.bollywoodberkeley.ucberkeleyindus.com); and

**WHEREAS**, the budget is as follows:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC Senate move \$1,000 from Carry Forward fund to fund Bollywood Berkeley.

## **A Bill in Support of Southeast Asian Young Leaders Mentorship Outstanding Student Recognition Program**

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**Authored by Veronica Canilao and Stephanie Yang  
Sponsored by Senator Yang**

**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students of the University of California originally created the Outstanding Student Recognition Program in order to commemorate and acknowledge the commitment to community service demonstrated by University of California, Berkeley students; and

**WHEREAS**, recipients of the Outstanding Student Recognition Scholarship demonstrate characteristics of campus leaders that include, but are not limited to a commitment to community service, a willingness to help peers find self-empowerment, creativity, passion, an ability to provide voice for others, and personal sacrifice in order to benefit peers; and

**WHEREAS**, in Spring 2009, Muttika Chaturabul was awarded with a \$250 (two hundred fifty dollars) scholarship from the ASUC Outstanding Student Recognition Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2008, SB 131: Resolution in Support of the ASUC Outstanding Student Recognition Program passed to allocate \$187.50 (one-hundred eighty seven dollars and fifty cents) to Southeast Asian Young Leaders Mentorship Program from the ASUC Outstanding Student Recognition Program;

**WHEREAS**, due to the long logistical process, the funding did not get transferred over the Southeast Asian Young Leaders Mentorship Program account until June 24, 2008;

**WHEREAS**, the last day to use the reward before it was carry forwarded back to the ASUC was 6 days later on June 30, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the school year had already ended and due to summer vacation, it was too late for the Southeast Asian Young Leaders Mentorship to use the \$187.50 scholarship money it was rewarded;

**WHEREAS**, the \$187.50 scholarship money went back into the ASUC Contingency Fund for the following school year;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC allocate back the \$187.50 (one-hundred eighty seven dollars and fifty cents) to Southeast Asian Young Leaders Mentorship Program from the ASUC Outstanding Student Recognition Program that they were awarded in Spring 2008.

**A Bill in Support of Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Omega's  
School Supply Assembly Philanthropy Event**

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**Authored by Senator MJ. Flores, Benito Delgado-Olso, and Peter Hsiue  
Sponsored by Senator(s) MJ. Flores, C. Rodriguez,**

**WHEREAS,** since 1896, the men of the California Chapter of Delta Upsilon (DU) have played an integral role in the history of the University of California, contributing to the Berkeley campus in the areas of academics, athletics, student government, and the leadership of a wide variety of organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1909, the Berkeley chapter of Alpha Chi Omega (AXO) was established to provide a basis of mutual helpfulness and of congenial fellowship and with the purpose of providing the advancement of the intellectual, social and moral culture of its members; and

**WHEREAS,** both Greek organizations are involved in various on and off campus and community organizations and activities that are committed to academic achievement, philanthropy, community service and the development of leadership and lifelong relationships; and

**WHEREAS,** Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Omega will be helping with the East Bay Community Scholarship Fund's Spring Semester School Supply Drive on January 30-31, 2009 with the goal of distributing two forms of supply packages for K-5 and 6-12 students; and

**WHEREAS,** this supply drive assists low-income Berkeley students fully utilize their primary and secondary education by obtaining the materials needed that are normally out of reach; and

**WHEREAS,** Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Omega will be hosting this joint philanthropic event to engage and have their members participate in the EBCSF's Spring School Supply Drive; and

**WHEREAS,** this event fosters a philanthropic community-building opportunity that allows both organizations to serve and give back to the surrounding external communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the prospective budget is; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the ASUC Senate allocate \$1000 from the Senate Greek Opportunity Fund to Delta Upsilon and Alpha Chi Omega's School Supply Assembly Philanthropy Event.

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## A Bill In Support of Student Commuters at Cal

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**Authored by Senator MJ. Flores**  
**Sponsored by Senator(s) MJ. Flores, C. Rodriguez, K. Shah,**

**WHEREAS**, Student Commuters at Cal is to develop and create a sense of community among former and current commuter students to UC Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS**, to the Student Commuters at Cal a short distance commuter is defined as an individual who travels fifteen minutes or less to reach the UC Berkeley campus, while a long distance commuter is defined as an individual who travels more than fifteen minutes to reach the UC Berkeley campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Student Commuters at Cal is open to all students, faculty, and staff who are previous or current commuters; and

**WHEREAS**, although there is a large population of student commuters currently enrolled in UC Berkeley, they are not given the same opportunities as regular students because of certain barriers such as distance, time, and money; and

**WHEREAS**, the Student Commuters at Cal has hosted several events to outreach, recruit, and increase their member base; and

**WHEREAS**, these events have provided and allowed student commuters to meet and foster new and genuine relationships with each other;

**WHEREAS**, the projected expenses for Spring 2009 is as follows;

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
Printing materials and production; Ink, flyers, labels, brochures,	\$100	\$100
Business Cards	\$50	\$50
Table & Chairs	\$50	\$50
<b>Total:</b>		200.00

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC recognizes Student Commuters at Cal as a 1<sup>st</sup> year Student Activity Group (SAG); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$200.00 from the Senate Contingency Fund to Student Commuters at Cal.

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**A Bill in Support of Replenishing the Academic Opportunity Fund**

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**Authored by Senator(s) Mary June Flores and Yishi Zuo**  
**Sponsored by Senator(s) Mary June Flores and Yishi Zuo and AAVP de la Cruz**

**WHEREAS,** the Academic Opportunity funds travel expense for students; and

**WHEREAS,** academic travel provides students with an opportunity to make a positive impact on the world outside of Cal; and

**WHEREAS,** academic travel also encourages improvement of the Cal community; and

**WHEREAS,** undergraduate applicants can apply for up to \$500 and graduate students can apply for up to \$250; and

**WHEREAS,** certain grants have been shut down and the AOF has received an enormous increase in applicants during Fall 2008 (over 150) compared with that of Fall 2007 (50); and

**WHEREAS,** \$21,450.00 was allocated to the AOF fund in the beginning of Fall 2008, and needs to be replenished for Spring 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** the ASUC AOF Grants Committee cannot allocate more than 60% of the fund within the Fall Session; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the ASUC shall allocate \$12,000 from the Carry Forward Fund to the Academic Opportunity Fund.

**A Bill in Support of an End to Death Sentences in Alameda County**

Authored by Oscar Mairena

Sponsored by Senator Mairena, Rodriguez, Shah

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**WHEREAS**, the Associated Students of the University of California prioritizes public safety of its students and the local community of Alameda County; and

**WHEREAS**, the death penalty has been rejected by a large majority of nations and most major religions;

**WHEREAS**, the death penalty is not used by 14 of our own states; more than 125 innocent people have been freed from death rows across the U.S. after spending years in prison for crimes they did not commit – some coming within days or hours of execution; and

**WHEREAS**, there are racial and geographic disparities in the application of the death penalty;

**WHEREAS**, death penalty cases cost Alameda County taxpayers millions more than permanent incarceration but do not make us safer, while those resources could be better used to solve more crimes or for other effective public safety programs;

**WHEREAS**, Alameda County has historically sent more people to death row than any other Bay Area county, even after adjusting for murder rates and population size;

**WHEREAS** the District Attorney in neighboring San Francisco has chosen to pursue alternatives instead of the death penalty, allowing her to invest resources in proven violence prevention programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the we, the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) call on:

- 1) The District Attorney of Alameda County to stop pursuing the death penalty; and
- 2) The District Attorney and the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County to invest in solving homicides, violence prevention, and effective public safety programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this resolution is sent to the Alameda County Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

Organization: Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC)

Contact Person: Dionne Jirachaikkitti (External Affairs Vice President)

Address: 200 Eshleman Hall #4500

City, State, Zip: Berkeley, CA 94720

Phone & Email: 510.643.9897

Date: February 4, 2009

**Please send completed resolutions to:**

**Alameda County Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (ACCADP)**

**P.O. Box 248**

**Oakland, CA 94604**

**Contact: Delane Sims, [dsims@aclunc.org](mailto:dsims@aclunc.org), 415-621-2493 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays); or  
Natasha Minsker, [nminsker@aclunc.org](mailto:nminsker@aclunc.org), 415-621-2493 (all other days)**

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**A Bill in Support of The Roll n Shoot**

Authored by Oscar Mairena, Mickey Kay and Brittany Murlas  
Sponsored by Senators O. Mairena, S. Cho, W. Smelko, L. Tran, K. Shah

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**WHEREAS**, Berkeley is the birthplace of the Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement.

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Berkeley takes pride in its accessibility and disabled students' programs, however:

**WHEREAS**, the adaptive physical education curriculum at UC Berkeley fails to meet the needs of our disabled student population.

**WHEREAS**, the Roll N' Shoot—a 3-on-3 wheelchair basketball tournament pairing able-bodied UC Berkeley students with wheelchair athletes—will be hosted by the Residence Halls, the Cal Corps Public Service Center, and the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) on Saturday, March 7, 2009;

**WHEREAS**, the Roll N' Shoot will consist of 16 teams, and each team:

- a.) Will play at least 4 games against other student teams.
- b.) Will be coached by a member of the BORP youth wheelchair basketball team.
- c.) Will raise \$250 dollars for their entrance fee, the proceeds of which will go to BORP.

**WHEREAS**, the Roll N' Shoot has the following goals:

- a.) To raise awareness around disability on campus, particularly adaptive sports.
- b.) To fundraise for BORP's youth wheelchair basketball team.
- c.) To increase student dialogue about disability awareness and accommodations.
- d.) To become an annual event, creating:
  - i.) A tradition of engaging, hands-on disability education.
  - ii.) A movement to improve adaptive facilities and sports programs on campus.
  - iii.) Excitement among students to participate in this fun, athletic event.

**WHEREAS**, participation in team sports has been shown to have a positive effect on future life success for able-bodied youth, the benefits of sport are even more dramatic for youth with disabilities.

**WHEREAS**, there is a tragic lack of opportunity to access these kinds of athletic activities to disabled youth that are available to able-bodied people. Adequate adaptive sports and recreation programs are not offered by most schools (including UC Berkeley) or by most city recreation departments.

**WHEREAS**, this lack of sports opportunity for people with disabilities is even more pertinent considering the high rate of secondary health problems (obesity, diabetes and hypertension) amongst people with disabilities regularly suffer as a result of inactivity.

**WHEREAS**, BORP provides disabled youth with the opportunity to regularly exercise in a competitive team setting. This competitive setting helps players develop positive body images, establish healthy living habits, increase their athletic prowess, gain independence, and take responsibility not only for their success in the program, but also for their own success in life.

**WHEREAS**, over the past 10 years:

- a.) 98% of BORP's youth alumni have graduated from high school.
- b.) Over 80% have gone on to college.
- c.) Over 70% are employed.
- d.) These statistics are in sharp contrast with national data on disabled populations, and are particularly impressive given the fact that the majority of **BORP** participants come from low-income households.

**WHEREAS**, the budget for the first annual Cal Roll N' Shoot is as follows:

Item	Cost	Number	Total
Fliers	\$0.49 / color copy	500	\$245.00
T-shirts	\$ 4.90 / shirt	200	\$980.00
Food			
- Burritos	\$5.50	200	\$1,100.00
- Energy bars	\$ 1.70 / bar	200	\$340.00
- Water	\$ 4.49 / 36 bottles	8 packs	\$35.92
Trophies	\$19.99	20	\$399.80
RSF staff fee	\$ 15.00 / hour	7 hours	\$105.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,205.72</b>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC allocate \$1500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to support Roll N' Shoot.

A Bill to Support the Student Lobby Conference and the National Legislative Conference

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**Authored by EAVP Dionne Jirachaikitti, EAVP Chief of Staff Stephanie Puentes, David Kirui, Kortney McBride, Ricardo Gomez, Kao Thao, Selena An**  
**Sponsored by Senators K. Shah, MJ. Flores, L. Sakaue, O. Ude**

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the External Affairs Vice President's office of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) is to hold local, state and national decision makers accountable to student needs including the quality, accessibility, and affordability of education;

**WHEREAS**, the Student Lobby Conference from February 28th-March 1st, 2009 in Sacramento, California, aims to amplify a unified UC voice that demands the continued accessibility, affordability, and quality of the UC system, especially in these times of great economic and political stress, by bringing hundreds of UC students to the state's capitol for direct action, lobbying, education and empowerment to advocate towards those ends, and;

**WHEREAS**, the National Student Legislative Conference from March 21st- March 24th, 2009 in Washington DC will empower students from across the nation by giving them the opportunity to participate in discussion on current issues impacting higher education. At the 40th anniversary of the National Student Legislative Conference students will be able to network with other university and college students from across the country, and learn lobbying and grassroots organizing skills from some of the nation's best leaders on Capitol Hill. Students will also have the opportunity to attend a job fair that has been integrated into the conference schedule to learn about options after graduation;

**WHEREAS**, the National Student Legislative Conference culminates in the National Student Lobby Day, giving students the opportunity to take their voice to Capitol Hill. At no other time will over 600 students have access to federal legislative offices, and have the ability to speak directly to their Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill. On National Student Lobby Day students will also be able to participate in a day of action,, which will allow them to utilize grassroots organizing skills learned throughout the weekend;

**WHEREAS**, the University of California Students' Association (UCSA), the official voice of over 200,000 UC students, has won numerous victories on behalf of UC students in the past, including fee rollbacks, fee freezes, whitelining privileges for UC students, and

was instrumental in establishing the Student Regent as an official voting member of the UC Board of Regents;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Student Association (USSA) is the country's oldest and largest national student association, representing millions of students. USSA has trained thousands of students to win concrete victories on their campuses around issues such as stopping tuition hikes, expanding recruitment and retention programs and improving campus safety. Most recent victories include the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, which increases support for the Pell Grant, simplifies the FAFSA, and preserves programs that improve the lives of many low-income students, such as Trio and GEARUP. USSA was also instrumental in the passage of the College Cost Reduction and Access act; a piece of legislation that has made college affordable for millions of students by reducing interest rates on federal student loans and by calling for income based repayment plans once a student graduates;

**WHEREAS**, the External Affairs office facilitated the ASUC Vote Coalition which registered 10,499 students to vote, an unprecedented number, elevating the political importance of the campus to decision-makers at the local, state and national levels, and; the University of California Student Association, of which the ASUC is a member of, registered 42,000 students to vote around the state, and; the United States Student Association, of which UC Berkeley is affiliated with, registered over 140,000 students to vote, elevating the political importance of the UC system and students nationwide to elected decision-makers at the state and national levels, and;

**WHEREAS**, in order to make the best use of this increased power is to directly lobby the offices of both state and national legislators for the interests of UC Berkeley students, the UC system as a whole, and all students in higher education;

**WHEREAS**, in order to maximize the number of students representing the University of California, Berkeley on the state and national levels and to assure that Cal students have a strong voice in the legislative process at the state and national levels;

**WHEREAS**, the budget of the EAVP at University of California, Berkeley is relatively miniscule when compared to other UC campuses and the EAVP has already spent much of its money last semester to incorporate the unprecedented number of students eager to participate in the political process during the EAVP's involvement at UCSA's UC-systemwide Congress held on our campus, UCSA's system-wide Vote Training held on our campus, voter registration and education campaign, Know Your Rights Week, and the Students of Color Conference;

**WHEREAS**, the University of California, Berkeley is currently ranked the top public research university in the United States and officials of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) have been entrusted with the fiduciary responsibility to

represent the student body of the university.

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact that UC Berkeley is top-ranked, because of budget constraints on the External Affairs Office, in recent years it has not been able to take delegations on par with that of other UCs;

**WHEREAS**, by funding a delegation of students to attend the National Student Legislative Conference in Washington DC and Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento we are giving a voice to the larger student population, ensuring that their presence is felt in the corridors of power at the state and national levels, and upholding the reputation of the University;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ASUC Senate support a delegation to the University of California Student Association (UCSA) Student Lobby Conference (SLC) and the United States Student Association 40th Annual Legislative Conference;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the ASUC Senate move \$9,514.20 from the Carry Forward Fund to fund registration and hotel costs for the Student Lobby Conference (\$5,400) and the United States Student Association's 40th Annual Legislative Conference (\$4,114.20) and transfer those funds to the EAVP account.