



2008-2009 ASUC Senate

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ASUC REGULAR SENATE MEETING AGENDA

SPRING 2009 SESSION – WEEK 3 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009 7:00PM, SENATE CHAMBERS

SPECIAL ORDER, “A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF GRACE RUALO ASUNCION” 7:30-7:45P
DWIGHT ASUNCION, FORMER ASUC SENATOR

SPECIAL ORDER, “CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER” 7:45-8:15P
LAURA KEELEY-SALDANA, DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

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A Bill in Support of electONIC

Authored by Arthur Yu and Sarah Cho

Sponsored by Senators Sarah Cho, Tu Tran, Sheila Chen, Tara Raffi, and Eddie Nahabet

WHEREAS, electONIC is a student group with a mission to promote universal enjoyment, understanding, and respect for all forms of electronic music, including but not limited to music created by synthesizers, samplers, and computers; and

WHEREAS, in order to uphold its mission, electONIC plans to bring together people who are interested in electronic music, and hopes to inform the UC Berkeley community about electronic music; and

WHEREAS, electronic music is currently a niche taste, and electONIC will help expose this music through speakers such as DJs, musical festivals, and collaborative projects with other student groups; and

WHEREAS, electONIC hopes to provide resources to those who are interested in electronic music as a career by advocating a DJ Decal every semester and the continuation of music production classes; and

WHEREAS, electONIC has been recognized by the Campus Life and Leadership of Student Life as of Fall of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the group's projected operational expenses are as follows:

DESCRIPTION	CHANGE	AMOUNT
Vinyl banner	\$10/sqft * 12 sq ft	(\$120)
Refreshments for Meetings	\$20/event * 4 events	(\$80)
Flyers	\$0.04/b&w * 500 + \$0.40/color * 50	(\$40)
Advertising equipment	\$10 stapler + \$10 tape	(\$20)
Sponsorships or donations	(\$100)	\$100
T-shirt sales	\$3 /shirt * 20	\$60
Sound equipment for events	\$100	(\$100)
	Total Budget Change	(\$300)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize Electronics as a first year Student Activities Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$150 from the Senate Contingency Fund to elecTONIC.

A Bill in Support of For Christ's Sake A Cappella Group

Authored by Joy You, Emily Chen, and Sarah Cho
Sponsored by Senators Sarah Cho, Tu Tran, Sheila Chen, and Tara Raffi

WHEREAS, For Christ's Sake (FCS) is a Christian a Cappella group that seeks to glorify God and share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song; and

WHEREAS, the mission of FCS is to glorify God through song and witness to the Berkeley campus and its surrounding areas only by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, FCS strives to illustrate the words of 2 Samuel 22:50 of the Bible which say, "Therefore I will praise you, oh Lord, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name," in all its activities; and

WHEREAS, throughout its naissance, God has shown His faithfulness to the group by sustaining it during difficult times, growing it in size and spirituality, calling incredible brothers and sisters to His service, providing it with many internally-written arrangements, and allowing the group to sing and tell the Good News at many different events, from church settings to fashion shows; and

WHEREAS, FCS has sustained itself for the past 9 years through fundraisers, donations, and performances without relying on material or financial resources of the ASUC; and

WHEREAS, the group's approximate yearly operational expenses are as follows:

Concert

Lights	\$111.00
Projector	\$250.00
Programs	\$31.00
Food	\$45.00
Fliers	\$10.00

Transportation

Driving to San Joe (x12 times x3 cars) \$216

CD Production

License Fees \$160

TOTAL COST: \$823.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize For Christ's Sake as a first year Student Activities Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$150 from the Senate Contingency Fund to For Christ's Sake.

A Bill in Support of UC Berkeley Early Childhood Education Program

Authored by Director of ECEP Laura Keeley-Saldana, Ameeti Mishra, Lucia Kim, Sarah Cho

Sponsored by Senators Sarah Cho, Tu Tran, Sheila Chen, Tara Raffi, Eddie Nahabet, Saira Hussain, Obiamaka Ude, Claudia Rodriguez, Lyell Sakaue, President Roxanne Winston, and Executive Vice President Krystle Pasco

WHEREAS, the University of California, Berkeley Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP) -- currently operating within Residential and Student Service Programs (RSSP) -- is a nationally accredited program that provides a safe and nurturing environment for children which parents can trust while at work or school, and also provides research-based developmentally appropriate childcare to benefit both the parents and the community; and

WHEREAS, ECEP is a world renowned program which is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young children (NAEYC), which accredits less than 5% of all programs nationwide, and requires that the facilities have higher staff and child ratios, high levels of education for teachers, small group sizes, and other quality indicators, which have fiscal impacts on the programs; and

WHEREAS, ECEP provides research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, and provides the University with countless hours of service to departments such as the Graduate School of Education, School of Psychology, School of Social Welfare, Public Policy, Sociology, IHD, CCYP, and numerous other campus programs; and

WHEREAS, since the addition of new facility in 2007, ECEP serves up to 278 children, ranging from 3 months to 7 years old, in ten programs housed in eight sites; and

WHEREAS, spaces were reduced 7 children this year by, and more reductions are anticipated for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, major challenges facing the program are availability, affordability, and quality of care for its customers, the children and parents, hence a waiting list of over 200 families; and

WHEREAS, the priority list, as of January 2009, categorizes families into two groups, one of students and another of faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, students with the lowest income receive first priority, alongside parents who have attending siblings, whereas students who pay the full fee are waitlisted because they do not receive state funding which must be used before other sources; and

WHEREAS, ECEP addressed the "availability" issue with the opening of the new Haste Street facility, added 74 new slots for University families, increasing number of children that can be served by 35%, the facility originally planned to have an equal distribution of faculty/staff and student children within the center; and

WHEREAS, the full fee charged to faculty and staff is considerably higher than that charged students or allowed under the State subsidy limits; and

WHEREAS, currently the student breakdown consists of 80% children of families which are subsidized by the State, and 20% of parents paying the full fee; and

WHEREAS, currently the program serves more children of the faculty and staff (58%) than children of students (42%), but the goal is to serve equal numbers (50% each) from both populations; and

WHEREAS, with little additional funding from campus, state, and federal sources, ECEP has enrolled more faculty and staff children in the short term to minimize the ongoing operating loss while a fundraising program is developed to help fund the difference; and

WHEREAS, student parents are already paying higher tuition in a high cost of living area, and must also balance the reality of the competing demands of school, work, and family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the University and ECEP must balance the costs of providing a high quality program and the issue of affordability to the customers, making it also difficult with the faculty and staff parents whose parent fees must cover all costs with minimal subsidies; and

WHEREAS, a significant challenge for ECEP is managing labor costs, a function of the adult and child ratios, as well as level of pay, all adherent to Title 5 and Title 22 guidelines provided by the California Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, ECEP can address the “availability” issue by locating a program near or in Albany Village, where there are many children who need childcare; and

WHEREAS, ECEP can address the “affordability” issue by putting on more fundraising efforts, increasing funding from the University, or increasing student fees through a referendum; and

WHEREAS, ECEP will be necessary for the faculty, staff, and students of UC Berkeley regardless of time and changes in university services, and thus should be prevented from constantly running on deficit, but instead should be considered an important aspect of our campus, not only for the faculty, staff, and students who are parents, but also for the community which is affected by parents’ ability to partake in it and an emerging generation to positively affect it;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize the importance and critical situation of the Early Childhood Education Program, having been severely affected by budget cuts, as a collective concern for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate recognize the long-term need for a childcare center in Lower Sproul to increase its visibility and availability, and advocate its establishment as part of the Lower Sproul (Sproul Student Center) development; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate pull this bill during Immediate Consideration for role call; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC President write a letter to Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau, signed by herself and by senators who answered affirmatively during role call, urging him to commit the university to

support low-income students who are negatively affected by increasing fees, and to build a new facility in Albany Village, partially funded by the funding raised from the successful Campaign for Berkeley.

A Bill to Amend the By-Laws to clarify procedures for Recall Elections

Authored By: Senator Christina Oatfield

Sponsored By: Senator Christina Oatfield

WHEREAS...

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT...

A Bill in Support of Adequate Bicycle Parking on Campus

Authored by: Greg Haet and Senator Christina Oatfield

Sponsored by: Senators Christina Oatfield and Sarah Cho

WHEREAS, Based on input from a number of sources, including students, faculty, staff, parking capacity surveys, and recent visual observations, there is currently a severe bicycle parking shortage on campus. Because of the lack of rack parking, bicycles are now commonly observed to be parked in illegal, unsafe, or otherwise inappropriate ways, such as to stair rails, handicap access ramp rails, fences, water or other utility piping, and trees.

WHEREAS, Students and other riders are regularly complaining about the shortage to the Bicycle Committee and have even taken their concerns to the Chancellor.

WHEREAS, The Campus Bicycle Committee is currently in need of an additional \$40,000 to install additional bike parking all over campus.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the ASUC express its support for investing money in more bike parking on campus and urge Vice Chancellor Brostrom to allocate sufficient funding, of \$40,000, for such purposes as soon as possible. Any and all elected officials are encouraged to reference this bill in communication with campus administrators.

A Bill in Support of Kesher Enoshi: Progressives for Activism in Israel

Authored by Senator Raffi and Itamar Haritan

Sponsored by Senators Raffi, Chen, Cho, T. Tran

WHEREAS, Kesher Enoshi is a group of Jewish students and allies who have a strong connection to the land and people of Israel; and

WHEREAS, as human beings, we have a responsibility to stand with others for their human rights; and

WHEREAS, our mission is to engage directly with Israeli civil society, to educate ourselves and others about the day-to-day struggles of people in Israel, and to link their struggles with those on campus and in the wider community; and

WHEREAS, Kesher Enoshi will establish close ties with human rights organizations in the country, learning about their programs and objectives, and contributing human and financial resources to their cause; and

WHEREAS, Kesher Enoshi plans weekly events and meetings to serve the student body; and

WHEREAS, Kesher Enoshi has planned “Eyes on Activism: Celebrating Social Change in Israel Through the Visual Arts” at the Free Speech Movement Café last semester, attended by over 100 people; and

WHEREAS, Kesher Enoshi has planned “For Land and People: Jewish and Arab Initiatives Toward a Sustainable Future,” a benefit dinner raising funds for BUSTAN’s Children’s Power Project and attended by 130 students, faculty, staff and community members; and

WHEREAS, Kesher Enoshi is planning “A Common Tongue: Building Understanding in Israel Through Language” with David Mendelson, academic director of Givat Haviva, a coexistence institute in Israel, on Thursday February 12th, 2009 at 6pm at the Tan Oak room; and

WHEREAS, the budget for startup expenses for Spring 2009 is as follows:

ITEM	COST
Flyers	80
Table	40
Chairs	20
Banner	60
TOTAL	200

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Keshet Enosh: Progressives for Activism in Israel as a first-year Student Activity Group (SAG); and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocate \$200 (two hundred dollars) from the ASUC Senate Contingency Fund

A Bill in Support of Global Water Brigades at Berkeley

**Authored by Helen Yu and Eddie Nahabet
Sponsored by Senator Eddie Nahabet, Senator Sheila Chen, and Senator Tu Tran**

WHEREAS, Global Water Brigades is a program of Global Brigades, Inc., a secular nonprofit based in Los Angeles, California whose mission is to empower students to provide communities in developing nations with sustainable solutions that improve quality of life while respecting local culture; and

WHEREAS, Global Water Brigades is a group of socially conscious students who volunteer to lead projects aimed towards providing clean water access to developing countries through education, infrastructure development, and sanitation measures; and

WHEREAS, Global Water Brigades at Berkeley was recently established in the Fall of 2008; and

WHEREAS, GWB at Berkeley sent 18 students on its Winter 2009 Global Water Brigade to Honduras where they helped to bring clean water solutions to villages by restructuring and rebuilding existing systems, conducting water testing and working closely with a community to evaluate prospective future projects and needs; and

WHEREAS, GWB at Berkeley's budget is:

Table	\$30
Banner	\$125
Flyers/handouts	\$50
Total	\$205

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognize Global Water Brigades at Berkeley as a first year Student Initiated Service Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate allocates \$205 from the Senate contingency fund to Global Water Brigades.

A Bill in Support of Language Matters: Strengthening Asian and Pacific Island Language Education at Berkeley

Authored by Andrew Leong, Jeff Shieh, Michael Ishimoto, Christine Hong, Mary June Flores and Sarah Cho

Sponsored by Senators Sarah Cho, Mary June Flores, Tu Tran, Sheila Chen, Tara Raffi, Obiamaka Ude, Claudia Rodriguez, Lyell Sakaue, President Roxanne Winston, Executive Vice President Krystle Pasco, Academic Affairs Vice and President Carlo De La Cruz

WHEREAS, API language education is crucial to the mission of UC Berkeley as a flagship institution of the Pacific Rim, and undergraduates trained in API languages go on to serve local API communities, contribute to the prosperity of California by building economic ties to Asia, and gain crucial knowledge about Asian and Asian-American cultural life and history; and

WHEREAS, for many undergraduate and graduate heritage speakers, API language education at Berkeley is a crucial, once in a lifetime opportunity to progress in their heritage language from basic proficiency to the higher levels of fluency necessary for serious professional use; and

WHEREAS, the state budget crisis has placed enormous strain on API language education at Berkeley, and languages in high demand, such as Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Hindi, and Tagalog, turn away hundreds of students every year due to an insufficient number of instructors and classes; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2009, API Education and Languages NOW! will be hosting an event called “Language Matters: Strengthening Asian and Pacific Island Language Education at Berkeley” in Heller Lounge of MLK Student Union; and

WHEREAS, this open forum is an attempt to build a dialogue among UC Berkeley students, Bay Area API community organizations, and the UC Berkeley faculty and administration invested in strengthening API language education at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the event has wide support from various campus communities, as evident from the numerous sponsorships by the Office of Equity and Inclusion, Institute for East Asian Studies, Asian Pacific American Student Development center, Department of Asian American Studies, Department of South and Southeast Studies, and Department of Comparative Literature; and

WHEREAS, various community based and grass-roots organizations in the Bay Area are co-sponsoring this event from Filipinos for Affirmative Action, Korean Community Center for the East Bay, among others, which is a testament of the investment and commitment of the local communities to hold a public university accountable to their needs; and

WHEREAS, the event will feature keynote speaker and long-time activist Emeritus Professor of Asian American Studies Ling-Chi Wang, who will speak about the history of API languages at University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, California Assemblywoman Fiona Ma is also expected to attend and participate, indicating representative support of the 12th Assembly District for strengthening API language program at UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, student speakers will discuss the relevance and importance of API languages to their studies, administrators will discuss their commitments to and interests in developing API language education, and local community organizations and stakeholders will stress the importance of API language education at Berkeley as Berkeley serves as a public institution in the state of California and as a key institution within the Greater Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the forum will result in the formation of a task force on API language education aimed at:

- 1) Promoting university recognition of API languages not only as lived local languages both on and off campus within the state of California, particularly in light of the shifting curricular needs of Berkeley's diverse student body, but also as critical global languages;
- 2) Pushing for the creation of minors, majors, and programs of graduate study in API languages and area studies with fair and adequate budgetary support, with due attention to languages that have historically been marginalized within Berkeley's API language curriculum; and
- 3) Establishing job security for instructors of API languages and education.

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

Educational Technology Services (ETS)		\$1,143
Parking for guests		\$100
Paper		
	<i>Fliers</i>	\$200
	<i>Programs</i>	\$300
Interactive activity materials		
	<i>Markers</i>	\$15
	<i>Blue tape</i>	\$6
	<i>Butcher Paper</i>	Supplied by ASUC
Food		\$200
		<u>Total=\$1964</u>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC shall allocate \$1500 from the Senate Contingency fund to “Language Matters: Strengthening Asian and Pacific Island Language Education at Berkeley.”

A Bill in Support of the Berkeley Student Foundation

**Authored by ASUC Lawyer Mark Himmelstein and Executive Vice President Pasco
Sponsored by Executive Vice President Pasco**

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Student Foundation was established by the Associated Students of the University of California in 1999 for the purpose of funding scholarships from private funds for underrepresented minority students at the University of California; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Student Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Student Foundation (BSF) has awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each to many students at the University of California during the past several years; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 33 students at the University of California Berkeley who have received \$1,000 scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year; and

WHEREAS, the funds currently on hand with BSF amount to approximately \$43,000 having been depleted by scholarship awards over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Student Foundation wishes to make additional scholarship awards and ensure that it has sufficient funds to do so; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of the University of California shall make a grant on or about June 30, 2009, of all interest accumulated in its account with Boston Trust & Investment Management Company up to a maximum of \$40,000 per annum for the purpose of funding future scholarships to students attending the University of California, Berkeley through BSF.

A Bill In Support of ASUC Recall Election Dates

**Authored by Claudia Rodriguez
Sponsored by Senator Claudia Rodriguez**

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2008 the ASUC Senate was presented with and accepted a petition of over 1000 student signatures to recall Senator John Moghtader from office; and

WHEREAS, upon acceptance of the recall petition the ASUC Senate set dates for the recall election to take place two meeting dates after the petition receipt date in accordance to the ASUC Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the dates for the recall election were thus selected to be January 26-27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, ASUC Senator John Moghtader filed a suit against the ASUC Senate in regards to the specificity and constitutionality of the recall petition; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council ruled in favor of the recall petition's constitutionality and specificity in ASUC Senate v. Moghtader, allowing for the recall election to continue; and

WHEREAS, the Elections Council was not staffed or prepared to conduct the recall election at the time set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council ruled to allow the ASUC Senate to set new dates for the recall election, provided that these are within 4 full semester weeks or as soon as possible in Omar et al. v ASUC Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Elections Council Chair has made nominations to the Elections Council to carry forward the recall elections at the new dates; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC will hold the recall election on February 23-24, 2009 as previously agreed during the second spring semester 2009 senate meeting; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC Senate shall assist the Elections Council Chair with any necessary preparation for the recall elections to be as cost-efficient as possible

A Bill in Support Berkeley Model United Nations 57th Conference

Authored by Charlene Raman, Danielle Sorbin, and Senator T. Trần
Sponsored by Senator T. Trần, Senator W. Smelko, Senator E. Nahabet, Senator S. Chen, Senator M. Dhar

WHEREAS, Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN) was established in 1952 to provide a sole organization body dedicated to actively planning, promoting, and establishing the annual high school model UN conference the United States; in doing so, BMUN aims to spread awareness of international issues and the spirit of diplomacy through UN simulations by creating an educational experience for high school students, helping them realize their potential for public speaking as well as policy debate; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, BMUN has developed one of the most widely recognize conference of its kind and continues to lead the world stage in toward new methodologies of implementing the conference, suitable for the world's oldest conference which now attracts over 1500 students; and

WHEREAS, over 60 Berkeley undergraduates serve as chairs of 17 committees, putting in countless hours to ensure the most educationally and intellectual stimulating, rewarding experience for the students they serve; and

WHEREAS, BMUN 57 advances the model of a MUN conference this year by “going green”; there event planning process and planned execution serves a model for other organizations to look toward; their practices include: having ample recycling and compost bins at planning events, meetings, and the conference; selling green cateens and displaying a map of nearby water fountains; using extensive digital products to display resolutions and receive position papers electronically; supporting local, eco-friendly restaurants by including a map and promo items; selling items such as hemp T-shirts, and so forth; and

WHEREAS, BMUN's efforts to lead in sustainable conference and event planning requires more funding; there increase from 5 to 15 scholarships to individuals who cannot afford conference requires more funding; their establishment of 3 \$900 scholarships to assist underserved schools like Richmond High requires more funding; all of these efforts were undertaken after Spring budgeting 2008 as a reaction to the economic changes over the last several months; and

WHEREAS, BMUN has partnered with KIVA this year to channel money into micro-credit loans in which KIVA manages; this allows BMUN participants to actually translate what they simulate in the conference to real world action which benefits individuals and companies thousands of miles away; moreover, since the money is a micro-credit loan, the money will continually flow to other individuals in which BMUN can in several years look in retrospect to the see the magnitude of their contribution which is immensely empowering; and

WHEREAS, BMUN 57 will host a series of speakers centering upon global sustainability efforts in order to carry out the secondary goal of this conference; and

WHEREAS, BMUN 57th Conference will be hosted from 2/27/2009 – 3/1/2009 in which the program budget, as of January 31, 2009, is as follows:

Insert Budget

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes the Berkeley Model United Nation's 57th Annual Conference as an ASUC-Sponsored event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$1000 (One thousand USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Berkeley Model United Nations.

A Bill in Support Engineers' Joint Council Engineering for Kids Day

Authored by Winnie Kuo, Katrina Harrison, and Senator T. Trần

**Sponsored by Senator T. Trần, Senator W. Smelko, Senator S. Cho, Senator S. Chen, Senator M. Dhar,
Senator E. Nahabet, Senator T. Raffi, Senator Y. Zuo**

WHEREAS, Engineering for Kids Day (E4K) was launched in the Spring of 2008 as a one-day, Cal engineering community-wide event to outreach and serve local bay area K-8 students by having them come on to campus (Etcheverry, Soda, Cory) to learn from experiments, activities, and hands-on work with undergraduates; and

WHEREAS, UC Berkeley's engineering program is the best in the nation yet access is not always well coupled with excellence; EJC and the engineering community is rolling out E4K as part of its scheduled yearly outreach event to excite, inspire, and connect younger, disadvantaged students to over performing Cal engineers, who wish to serve as good role models; and

WHEREAS, this year, 27 engineering-interest student groups will be participating in the planning and execution of E4K as directed by community leaders and EJC officers; and

WHEREAS, there will 10 different activities which include concepts from: general engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, biomedical engineering, civil engineering, and structural engineering; these activities will be posed in 3 levels of difficulty so the kids will have to undergo challenges to progress and of course win prizes, delve deeper into concepts, and spend more time with Cal undergraduates; and

WHEREAS, E4K is planned for 2/21/2009 to host 120 4th-6th grade students on the Cal campus; and

WHEREAS, the event/program budgets, as of February 1, 2009, are as follows:

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| • Food: | \$800 |
| • Supplies for 10 Activities and 4 Demos | \$625 |
| • Prizes | \$425 |
| • Signage/Flyers/Letters | \$400 |
| • Total | \$2,250 |

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC recognizes Engineering for Kids Day as an ASUC-sponsored event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that \$1025 (One thousand twenty five USD) shall be allocated from the Senate Contingency Fund to Engineering for Kids Day.

A Bill in Support of Disability Awareness Week

**Authored by Oscar Mairena and Alex Ghenis
Sponsored by Senator(s) O. Mairena**

WHEREAS, This year's Disabilities Awareness Week is a collaboration of many groups, including Disabled Student Programming, Disabled Student Union, and the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, The Disabled community or Differently abled community on Berkeley's campus are an integral part of the campus community and this event will only further showcase that fact;

WHEREAS, Many Berkeley students are unaware of the many different types of ability due to lack of dialogue spaces and information;

WHEREAS, Disabled Student Union, one of the key organizers of the event, is a third year ASUC sponsored Student Initiated Service Group;

WHEREAS, The Disabled Student Community is vastly underrepresented on campus due to constant cuts in funding and programming and this event will help to raise awareness around this issue;

WHEREAS, The week's events shall consist of:

3/5 Thurs:

- 1) Josh Blue - 7pm, Wheeler

3/7, Sat:

- 1) Roll 'n' Shoot

3/9, Mon:

- 1) **DSP: Past, Present, and Future - 12pm, Heller
- 2) Are Cripples Screwed? - 7pm, GenEq

3/10, Tues:

- 1) Disability Rights In the Obama administration - 3:30pm, Boalt
- 2) Hidden Disability Panel - 7:00pm, Cheney

3/11, Wed:

- 1) Staff/faculty/ASUC Execs experience disability
- 2) Disability Town Hall: 5pm, Heller

3/12, Thurs:

- 1) Youth event - 4:30, Cheney

3/13, Fri:

- 1) Murderball screening and discussion - 7pm

WHEREAS, the week's budget is:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocates \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) from the Senate Contingency Fund to Disability Awareness Week; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the ASUC allocate \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) from the carry forward account to fund Disability Awareness week.

